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Gendered Transport Subsidy and its Short Run Effect on Female Employment: Evidence from Delhi's Pink Pass Scheme

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Abstract:

How does gender-specific transport subsidy for urban women affect their participation in the labour force? To answer this question, we study the Government of Delhi's pink pass scheme that made bus travel free for women from October 2019. Using the Time Use Survey of 2019 and employing two alternative difference-in-difference (DID) strategies and a triple difference (DDD) approach, we find women from economically marginalized households experience large and statistically significant increases in paid work and employment at both the intensive and extensive margins. In particular, we observe an increase in time-use on employment ranging from 100 to 165 minutes and an increase in work participation by 15 to 25 percentage points for women in the marginalized group. Our study has important policy insights for addressing supply-side bottlenecks in improving female participation in paid work.

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