

Impact of the Aspirational District Program on Regional Inequality: A Mobility Matrix Analysis of Health and Nutrition Performance

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Abstract: Aspirational District Program (ADP) has been introduced to address regional inequality in India, after a systematic study revealed pockets of underdevelopment as the reason behind India's falling rank in Human Development Index globally. Health and Nutrition holds significant weightage in the program because of its critical role in enhancing human capital and well-being. This paper tries to understand the impact of ADP on regional inequality through a longitudinal study performed on Health and Nutrition Key Performance Indicators. A multidimensional approach has been used for the purpose of testing ADP's efficacy in reducing regional inequality in health and nutritional outcomes.

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