

Press Release

Spouse's higher status or income disturbs men: UK researcher

Patna, 9 September. The Asian Development Research Institute (ADRI) organised a lecture online on Thursday, entitled “Don't Cross the Line: Bounding the Causal Effect of Hypergamy Violation on Domestic Violence in India”. Dr. Punarjit Roy Chowdhury, a faculty at the University of Nottingham, UK, delivered the lecture. Smt. Harjot Kaur Bamhrah, Managing Director at WDC Bihar, chaired the session.

In his lecture, Dr. Roy Chowdhury presented his research findings on whether violation of hypergamy - which occurs when the wife's economic status equals or exceeds that of her husband's - causally affects domestic violence.

Dr Roy Chowdhury's research shows a very disturbing trend. He says that “violation of hypergamy leads to a significant increase in domestic violence, and this violation is likely to undermine patriarchal beliefs and norms about gender roles, and might increase men's likelihood of using domestic violence as an instrument to sabotage their wives' labor market prospects.”

In the expert's opinion, the policies that empower women might paradoxically increase women's exposure to domestic violence.

The lecture was attended by scholars and academics from Patna and other places in the country.

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