

**Final Thesis Title: Investigating the Role of Women in Children's Human Capital Development : Evidence from India**

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**Abstract**

This study examines the impact of endogenously determined women intrahousehold status on children's human capital development. We use data from World Bank Living Standard Measurement Survey for two states of India-UP and Bihar. The endogenously determined status measures are female labour supply and domestic violence against women. The issue of endogeneity is addressed by using instrumental variables. We find that women status has a statistically significant effect on the children's health and education. However, the directions of impacts of female labour supply on enrollment are opposite in sign. We explain the reason by finding evidence from the data.