Disparities of Women Development in Uttar Pradesh: A Factor Analysis Approach
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Abstract

In this paper an attempt has been made to construct a composite index of overall level of women’s status in different districts for the year 2001 to identify the relatively developed and backward districts in terms of women’s overall development. The method is based on the well-known statistical technique of factor analysis by which we essentially find out the principal component of the group consisting of various indicators in descending order of their importance. The analysis reveals that the conditions of women in the eastern region are relatively better than in rest of the State. Many districts of Western Uttar Pradesh, which is an economically more developed region, occupy lower rank in terms of composite index of women development.