GENDER ISSUES IN INDIAN AGRICULTURE- THE CASE OF MISPLACED SIGNIFICANCE OF BENEFICIARIES

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Abstract

The Indian society is marked by the juxtaposition of traditional stratification structures integrated with forces of modernity and globalization. Today India has to control the situation stirred by climatic fluctuations too. However the inertia of tradition still is intact with schemes which are complete mismatch to the social template whether it is regarding the existing monolith of gender, class and status inequalities. The article studies how the old frameworks with regard to land rights among the tribal people namely tribal women stands as a formidable obstacle too in the practice of climate smart agriculture practices. However their present status regarding the ownership, control and use of land shows that the cultural inertia is overpowering and stands in the way of them practising farming. India has made all the right moves by way of agricultural policies and gender policies but how much are the real issues pertaining to gender being addressed in Indian agricultural scenario. The research has been undertaken in the revenue (block) Pallahara- an area with a large number of tribal people- of Angul district of Odisha , a state with a large population of tribal communities of India. It is a case of misplaced significance of the rightful beneficiaries. As men are moving out of this sector, women agriculturists need to be equipped pronto to face the climatic ire successfully.