

COVID-19 IMPACT ON THE EDUCATION OF GIRLS IN INDIA

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ABSTRACT

The recent COVID19 pandemic had caused a global health emergency which also dragged down the economic development of almost all the countries. Apart from these direct effects of the outbreak, it also caused many serious socio-economic issues in India. The increased dropout rates of girls from schools and widening the gender gap in access to education was one such consequence. Many factors contribute to this increased drop outs such as digital divide, prioritising boy's education, lowered public finance contribution to education sector, forced child marriages, domestic violence, sexual exploitation, and increased domestic chores.

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