Feminist perspective of covid-19 footprints: legal and theoretical investigation of labour law

Perspectiva feminista das pegadas da covid-19: investigação jurídica e teórica do direito do trabalho

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Abstract
The COVID-19 pandemic, declared in March 2020, has profound repercussions on global labor markets. While it has affected individuals across the board, its consequences have not been gender-neutral. This paper provides a feminist perspective on the pandemic's effects on labor, with a focus on how women workers have been disproportionately impacted. The COVID-19 pandemic has starkly illuminated pre-existing gender inequalities within labor markets and labor law systems worldwide. This research presents a feminist analysis of the pandemic's impact on labor, examining both legal and theoretical dimensions. It seeks to elucidate the unique challenges faced by women workers during the pandemic and to propose ways in which labor laws can evolve to address these inequalities. In the present study, initially, the author has attempted to identify the philosophical foundation of the existing

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**Resumo**

A pandemia da COVID-19, declarada em Março de 2020, tem repercussões profundas nos mercados de trabalho globais. Embora tenha afectado indivíduos em todos os níveis, as suas consequências não foram neutras em termos de género. Este artigo apresenta uma perspectiva feminista sobre os efeitos da pandemia no trabalho, com foco na forma como as trabalhadoras foram desproporcionalmente afetadas. A pandemia da COVID-19 iluminou claramente as desigualdades de género pré-existentes nos mercados de trabalho e nos sistemas jurídicos laborais em todo o mundo. Esta pesquisa apresenta uma análise feminista do impacto da pandemia no trabalho, examinando dimensões jurídicas e teóricas. Procura elucidar os desafios únicos enfrentados pelas mulheres trabalhadoras durante a pandemia e propor formas através das quais as leis laborais podem evoluir para abordar estas desigualdades. No presente estudo, inicialmente, a autora procurou identificar o fundamento filosófico da relação existente entre o direito do trabalho e o feminismo. O autor aqui investiga se existe alguma ligação nos estudos filosóficos para resolver os problemas colocados pela nova pandemia. Em segundo lugar, a fim de mostrar a posição agravada das mulheres, é explicada a dimensão de género do trabalho não remunerado. Em seguida, a autora esboça as leis e os pronunciamentos dos tribunais para emancipar a força de trabalho feminina despertados devido à pandemia. Por último, a autora se esforça para apresentar algumas recomendações para resolver as questões do trabalho feminino.


**Introduction**

The social set up labour organisation especially the gender bifurcation of labour has always been an interest area for feminist scholarship (Conaghan, 2017). The investigation
approach in labour law is contemporary and has developed in the 20th century as a separate area of research (Conaghan, 2017). The old approach under the normative regime was cautiously designed and maintained which preferred homogenised hierarchy for workers. Feminist investigation into labour law has blossomed and eventually has transformed itself to become an enriching source which is not confined to any particular nation, discipline and is theoretically vibrant (Fudge, 2013). With the widening of the feminist labour law scholarship the conflicting areas giving rise to many unresolved dilemmas are certain to occur. The contemporary study now looks beyond this intersectional study and combines other emerging problems for giving a relevant study. The COVID-19 pandemic has touched upon every facet of life and the labour sector is one which is widely affected (ILO-OECD, 2020). Interestingly, the virus has troubled the gender division of work.

The COVID-19 pandemic has unleashed devastation throughout the globe and carried everyone to a stop with phenomenal changes in our general public and economy. The repercussion of the lockdown have been problematic and changed the manner by which people plan out their day by day exercises and approach their standard lives. Such effect has anyway not been something similar across every single gathering of people, with the most powerless and minimized gatherings being influenced distinctively because of the all-around existing social disparities. In particular, the lockdown has enlarged the current sexual orientation disparities and restricted the chances for ladies (Kasarla, 2021). One of the manners by which the pandemic has influenced ladies uniquely in contrast to men is through expanded weight of neglected work (Madgavkar, 2020). Inferable from the sexual division of work based on gender and accepted practices of performing homegrown and care work in a family, the weight of neglected work drops lopsidedly on ladies. The pandemic has attempted to fuel the all-around the present nature of neglected work at home based on gender.

The social association of labour, and the division of work based on gender specifically, has for some time been a focal point of women’s activist grant and activism (Jones, 2020). Early women’s activist researchers trample cautiously through territory previously planned, intervened and kept up by a standardizing system which subjected sex worries to those of a homogenized work class, ordered and communicated in the aggregate force of worker’s guilds, thusly secured a connection of inflexible struggle with their entrepreneur partners (Stanford Encyclopaedia, 2016). This bifurcation of mechanical relations pretty much ruled out sex arched intercessions in the field, cultivating an unwelcoming scholarly climate for women’s activist work, hints of which remain today. Women’s activist work law grant has all things considered prospered and now includes summary of research that is multi-
jurisdictional, interdisciplinary and hypothetically assorted (Mukhopadhyay & Singh, 2007). A noteworthy standard of writings has aggregated, spreading over the globe and infiltrating basically every part of work guideline and policy. It is ideal rather to go up against it and evaluate its maximum capacity inside the setting of the more extensive difficulties confronting work law.

In the present study, initially, the author has attempted to identify the philosophical foundation of the existing relation between labour law and feminism. The author here investigates that is there any link in the philosophical studies to resolve the problems posed by the novel pandemic. Secondly, in order to exhibit the worsen position of females Gender dimension of unpaid work is explained. Then, the author sketches the laws and courts pronouncements to emancipate the women labour force aroused due to the pandemic. Lastly, the author endeavours to put forth certain recommendations to resolve the issues of women labour.

**Research Questions**

The present study is premised on the following research question that-

- Whether the existing theoretical and legislative framework are adequate to counter the concerns arising out of the Covid-19 pandemic for women labourers?
- What is the present philosophical justification and basis of feminist approach in labour law?
- What is the Gender dimension of unpaid work and how it has aggravated in the COVID-19 situation?
- What is the present legal framework and judicial responses to combat the women labour related issues in the pandemic?
- What can be adequate measures to counter the menace created by the pandemic for women labour?

**Philosophical Foundation of Feminist Labour Law**

The feminist scholarship contribution in the labour law is a resolved field and the measure of contribution is not the subject matter of the study (Fudge, 2014). It is to be seen what theoretical framework is adopted by feminism to research deeper in the field of industrial laws (Conaghan, 2017). Another established area of convergence between method and knowledge is the connection amid them which is closely entangled (Conaghan, 2000). The question of gender discrimination and sub-ordination is a concomitant part to the feminist
legal scholarship. One of the methodological means which the feminism perspective adopts to look into the knowledge domain from a critical view point (Oakley, 1998). The subversion of women is inscribed in the words of history and undoubtably it shifts the attention of investigation towards the unresolved orthodox fields. The account of feminist legal is critical towards the labour law principles in major areas of knowledge. The approach of feminism is to consider gender as a tool to analyse any existing framework with an intent to view the subject matter through the lens of women (Celis, 2013). The object of this approach is not only to assert the female perspective but to focus on the outcomes which is yielded after such investigation. Looking through the gender angle feminist legal study does not show that it is an important criteria of distinction. Rather it creates a division of labour between male and female. Altogether if there is absence of this division it can create problem and can raise urges for certainty.

The gender investigative tool invokes new dilemmas and requires answering such issues in the area of research. The feminist labour law perspective functions to a) reflects the gender discrimination; b) impair the normative framework; and c) to present historical account (Conaghan, 2017). In above mentioned points the perspective is “philosophically reflective, theoretically-informed, and particularly attentive to the conditions in which knowledge and meaning are produced.” (Conaghan, 2017). The female labour force was in dilapidated condition before the venture of feminism in the labour law (Fudge, 2014). With the evolution of the industrial law many remarkable changes was experienced in Industrial law. The transformation in technology induced production, the evolved management system and liberalisation of labour markets were the old industrial phase based only employment contract, unionisation and countries sovereignty. Many legal scholars have called the static labour law as dead in emergency situations. Similarly, in the time of Covid-19 pandemic the labour laws failed to fulfil the cause for women workers and proved inefficient to handle the menace. The female work force was not given due consideration before the advent of feminist scholarship. The 20th century saw the deterioration of unionisation in the labour arena and this assisted to draw implications for the development of labour law in the latter timeline (Annual Reviews, 2017). The function and contribution which the feminism did, gave two sword implications: positive and negative in labour law. Catena of doubts and dilemmas are eradicated after the advent of feminist labour law. It has viewed the progress of women labour as a catalyst factor for concepts of industrial law (Mazumdar & Neetha, 2020). It has investigated that whether the procedures and principles of labour law stand to fulfil the causes of female labour. The study of feminist labour scholarship have questioned the new emerging concepts to suppress
the labourers on the touchstone of gender and vulnerable groups. It has challenged the traditional boundaries of labour law which demarcated the field of work on the basis of gender. Also, the attempt is made to further stretch the confined boundaries to recognize the unpaid work which generally women do at home. In the corona time, this unpaid labour of women got increased but the existing framework remained incautious of this.

3.1 Gender Dimension of Unpaid Work in Covid

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Table 1. Time spent by gender on unpaid and paid work in India.
*Source of Figure No.1 (Chauhan, 2020)*.

The word neglected work, as provided through the International Labor Organization (ILO) is the “non-compensated work did to support the prosperity and principle tenance of others in a family or the local area, and it incorporates both immediate and roundabout consideration” (Chauhan, 2020). The ILO gauges reflects that time contributed towards neglected work represented ‘16.4 billion hours out of each day, with ladies contributing more than three-fourths of the aggregate’ (ILO, 2018) which is ‘identical to 2.0 billion individuals chipping away at an all-day premise without pay’ (ILO, 2018). In India, ladies spend a normal of 351.9 min/day on neglected work when contrasted with a normal of 51.8 min/day by men (Chandra, 2021). What’s more, information show that time spent on absolute paid and neglected work by ladies in India is 536.6 min/day when contrasted with a normal of 442.3 min/day being spent by men (Insightsonindia, 2021). This suggests that for ladies occupied with paid utilizement, the drudgery of neglected work is high to such an extent that they perform task more than male counterparts. Generally, the information feature the gendered idea of neglected labour and exhibits that the weight of such exercises drops lopsidedly on ladies (Figure 1).

3.2 Burden of Unpaid Household Chores During the Lockdown

At the time of pandemic, 81% of the absolute study populace answered to benefit no ser-indecencies of the homegrown laborers when contrasted with 13% before the lockdown (Chauhan, 2020). Consequently, the homegrown job comprising cooking, clothing, kid care, older consideration prior performed by the homegrown laborers for money, are presently
executed by the family individuals with no compensation. There-front, the weight of neglected work during the lockdown expanded for all. Curiously, no man in the overview populace spent in excess of 70 h on family assignments at the time of pandemic. “It should be further highlighted that during the lockdown, 93% men dedicated up to 28 h/week on unpaid household responsibilities as compared to only 64.9% women. Simultaneously, 35% and 25% women spend more than 28 h/week and 50 h/week respectively on unpaid work during the lockdown as compared to 21% and 8.8% women before the lockdown” (Manikamma, 2021). Consequently, the states of lockdown to avoid the further expanding of the virus has expanded the weight of family work for all, however the duty has expanded generally more and excessively for ladies who were at that point investing more energy in neglected job than male colleagues prior the lockdown.

Fig 1. Gender-wise percentage change in the time spent on unpaid work
Source of Figure No.2(Chauhan, 2020).

The paper features the effect of corona on gender fairness, explicitly on the weight of neglected work for ladies. The researcher reflects that ladies were at that point sharing a higher weight of neglected work, and COVID-19 and the ensuing lockdown has attempted to intensify the current sex imbalances and expanded their weight of neglected work much more (Power, 2020). In several females, conjugal status and business position are the vital determining factor for ladies’ weight of neglected labour wherein considerable hours are devoted on neglected work has expanded the most elevated for wedded ladies and jobless ladies, who were at that point investing the most noteworthy energy in such work even before the lockdown (Ferrant, 2014). For jobless ladies, especially the housewives/homemakers, the over the top weight is because of the insight that a lot of obligation regarding neglected work ought to be more due to not being occupied with everyday work and is more effective in playing out these errands (Chakrabarti, 2021). All things considered, jobless ladies need to play out the neglected homegrown work for all individuals from the family.
For employed ladies, the breakdown of the qualification of the expert and individual lives, the two of which are currently bound to the family, implies that office responsibilities and homegrown obligations are to be satisfied at the same time. This has made time neediness for majority of ladies who imposes chances for participating in utilizement, proficient execution, professional success, and recreation, consequently influencing their general prosperity and strengthening (Singh & Pattnaik, 2020). Be that as it may, there is a beam of expectation in turning around sex jobs in the family work during the pandemic as the two people are searching for sexual orientation balance in performing neglected work, especially when all individuals from the family are occupied with full-time utilizement. At long last, the new standards of work and related strategy, by both the public authority and the private entities must zero in on sexual orientation standardizing, where gender points of view are incorporated into the planning, execution, and checking and assessment of arrangements, as opposed to tending to these worries in disengagement.

### 3.3 Legal Framework for Women Labourers

The legal framework is a resort to emancipate the vulnerable women workforce. In the situation of pandemic, for assurance of effective rights protection and implementation the legal canon need to be sufficiently sharpened. Already when a large sector of labours are engaged in informal sectors where the umbrella of protection is not extended, it is imperative that the legal framework addresses the emerging discrepancies. The legal arena was insufficient to meet the safety and safeguard of female labours even before this ongoing pandemic of COVID-19 (Samantroy & Sarkar, 2020). Now, when the economy is deteriorating pushing the women concerns more down it is frightening that the Indian legal system can win in this situation. The inequality concerns are further widen because at this time the major focus is to revive the economy even at the cost of gender discrimination.

In the present circumstance, there is a need to return to the current enactments with regards to genuine infringement of common liberties just as brutality in homegrown spaces looked during the lockdown, including inappropriate behavior at working environments. The global work principles and their reaction to the emergency can be assessed as they can give rules to nations to run after controlling work market segregation for guaranteeing nice work, admittance to federal retirement aide and advancing sex uniformity. The accessible legitimate arrangements ensuring a portion of the ladies laborers in the casual area are the Building and Other Construction Workers (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Act,
1996, The Inter-State Migrant Workmen (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Act, 1979, The Unorganized Workers’ Social Security Act, 2008 (Jaiswal, 2019). In spite of the fact that the 44 work enactments in the nation are presently coded into four work codes, numerous specialists in the casual are left external their domain because of the foundation situated definition that applies to at least 10 laborers in specific foundations and the holes in implementation (Samantroy & Sarkar, 2020). There is no denying the way that ladies inside the casual economy are the most exceedingly awful victims, regardless of whether in wage business or independent work. The sexual orientation pay hole has stayed a significant space of concern (Samantroy & Sarkar, 2020). Also, there are considerable occasions wherein equivalent compensation standards are abused for instance beedi-production, block fabricating, development exercises, and so on. For comparable sort of work, ladies are normally not as much as payment of other gender labourer.

Ladies laborers are believed to be reliant upon dynamic men specialists, and their pay is considered as optional, best case scenario, advantageous in nature. A few managers, consequently, discover it totally fine paying ladies laborers not exactly their men partners. The Equal Remuneration Act, 1976 is disregarded in such occasions (Kaul, 2017). Likewise, ladies casual areas laborers don’t receive privileges by the provisions of the Maternity Benefit Act, 1961 because the statute is material to units utilizing 10 specialists or more. Notwithstanding, the majority of the casual areas are utilizing under 10 specialists. Additionally, a significant number of ladies casual area laborers are independently employed or in circumstances where business representative relations are beguiled enough not to have a recognizable boss. In such cases, the pertinence of maternity advantage doesn’t emerge. Subsequently, maternity advantage is something which is generally relevant to coordinated area ladies workers. Casual ladies laborers don’t approach it. The clauses of business and states of administration are oppressive contrasted with that of the other gender specialists.

Gross infringement with respect to the ladies casual area laborers is inappropriate behavior at the work environment. The matter is ordinary yet imperceptible as a result of the idea of their job and their working environments (Samantroy & Sarkar, 2020). Safe workplace is something that is absent at numerous casual workspaces. Instances of sexual maltreatment and provocation at the work environment is not gotten sufficient standard consideration or put forth legitimate investigation. The occurrences of inappropriate behavior of ladies laborers in work environments, for example, building locales, casual merchant markets, homegrown specialists at homes, rural fields and little measured plants, go for the most part undetected.
ILO Convention 190 dealing with viciousness and badgering especially in the realm of contribution received in the month of June 2019 perceives that brutality and provocation excessively sway ladies and young ladies and influences business, profitability, wellbeing and security (ILO Convention, 2019). The show has varied inclusion which has application for most division either formal and casual both in country and metropolitan territories. The show takes note of that abusive behavior at home can influence business, efficiency and wellbeing and security, and reaffirms that legislatures, managers and laborers’ associations and work market establishments can add to perceive, react and address the effects of aggressive behavior at home alongside different measures (ILO Convention, 2019). It additionally ponders mental savagery and engages the work inspectorates for compelling execution. In spite of the fact that India has ordered the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013 (POSH), the range of the enactment to ladies in the casual area has been troublesome. Nonetheless, in the POSH Act, 2013, the part of the work office isn’t laid out and subsequently the execution of the enactment gets feeble (Samantroy & Sarkar, 2020).

In more well off nations, a key approach reactions are in order to extend paid debilitated holidays and family holidays benefits. In the US, the government COVID-19 alleviation bundle enacted on March 18th incorporates interestingly paid family benefits and health care holidays during this emergency to really focus on a wiped out or relatives who are in bad health or oneself. This crisis paid leave strategy facilitates to workers who are in required to really focus on kids as their schools are shut. This enactment assists with addressing the requirements of certain specialists who are adjusting care obligations, however practically 50% of the US private area labour force isn’t qualified. Several OECD (Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development) nations are properly in front of the US with respect to paid holidays benefits. In addition to upgrading the strategy reactions to be executed or identified created nations incorporate extended joblessness protection, directed money moves, general essential pay and backing for private companies. In less fortunate nations, the effects of COVID on guardians will be desperate. The ‘social separating’ suggested in created nations will be hard to see in packed families and might be unimaginable for ladies to receive. The pandemic has overarching effects which did not seem to end in recent. Those who are left marginalized who were already vulnerable and maltreated cannot be expected to have equality in its true sense to uphold for them.
3.4 Measures to combat the menace

This section closes with a rundown of multifaceted women's activist strategy suggestions and social activities that middle sex balance especially for underestimated networks.

3.4.1 Put Diverse Women at the Center of COVID-19 Leadership and Decision-making

Elevate ladies to worldwide, public, and nearby authority and dynamic positions. Accomplish sexual orientation equality in political arrangements and variety and diverse portrayal all through all offices and positions of government, organizations, and common society associations. Guarantee different ladies’ portrayal on COVID-19 reaction arranging furthermore, dynamic taskforces. In Latin America, for model, ladies pioneers have set up the “Alliance of Action for the Economic Empowerment of Women” as a component of an entire of-government exertion to expand ladies’ support in the post-pandemic financial recuperation. In Cox’s Bazar, outcast camps with ladies pioneers were more prone to have vote based cycles to incorporate ladies’ voices furthermore, weak individuals in getting sorted out COVID-19 reaction.

3.4.2 Co-create Feminist Policies with Feminists

Ladies in conventional dynamic spaces may not be supporting for ladies or for sexual orientation extraordinary strategies, since they have changing interests and political needs. Work with women’s activists (people) inside and outside of government and associations, including all through strategy execution, to co-make women’s activist strategy reactions to the pandemic. This “co-creation” cycle ought not be a one-time occasion yet rather an iterative and intelligent criticism circle that is continuously more comprehensive after some time—an instrument for guaranteeing ladies and individuals who face social and institutional separation are important for dynamic cycles through the lifecycle of program and strategy plan, execution, what’s more, assessment (Thompson, 2020). Plan arrangements to be extraordinary, rather than duplicating and worsening sex binarisms and man controlled society. This will help forestall reaction against as of now weak networks. Canada, Mexico, Sweden, and France, for instance, have embraced public level women’s activist international strategy reactions to COVID-19, with different nations following after accordingly.
3.4.3 Defend and Support Sexual Health and Reproductive Rights

Backing common society associations who ask the global local area to keep on elevating a reaction to COVID-19 that maintains long-standing responsibilities to wellbeing, human rights, and sex equity. Canada and Malawi are the just nations to date which have expanded sexual and conceiptive wellbeing subsidizing during the pandemic. Sweden has distributed a joint pastoral proclamation, “Securing Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights and Promoting Sexual orientation Responsiveness in the COVID-19 Crisis,” (Glenn, 2020) which may fill in as a model for other people. Canada has reported subsidizing and strategy responsibilities for GBV avoidance and reaction programs, just as sexual and regenerative wellbeing administrations, childcare backing, and subsidizing that explicitly perceives the financial impact of the pandemic on ladies.

3.4.5 Center Women- and Gender- focused Civil Society Organizations

Numerous ladies drove and ladies and sexual orientation centered common society associations are on the bleeding edges as people on call furthermore, regularly hold local area trust, basic social and social networks, and a personal stake in long haul commitment and victory. Hear them out and focus their voices in the creation of new strategy reactions, financing choices, and exploration identified with COVID-19. Co-production of models for decision making that help nearby associations from networks in emergency, especially ladies drove and ladies and gender focused common society associations is vital for ensuring ladies and young ladies are essential for administration and initiative rather than basically subgrantees. In West Africa, ladies in investment funds bunches are sorting out to impart data to one another, particularly the individuals who don't approach cell phones or on the other hand the web. They are likewise arranging to make and sell veils and cleanser, organize handwashing stations in towns also, markets, and to keep markets open. In Palestine, ladies business affiliation individuals were bound to adjust their organizations to COVID-19 real factors than men were.

3.4.6 Fund Gender Research on COVID- 19

Governments and worldwide wellbeing establishments need to command furthermore, store sex research on COVID-19. It is pertinent to study and analyse the effects of corona on
the women labourers by including the women participants to react and respond to the related policy matters. This incorporates gathering sex-disaggregated information on all perspectives of counteraction, mediation, effect, and recuperation. This likewise implies commanding sex investigation as standard exploration practice. Sex examination asks how socially built jobs what's more, characters influence weakness to and encounters of an episode. While the attention is on contrasts between ladies what's more, men and among young ladies and young men, imbalances identified with race, identity, sexuality, citizenship-status, religion, worldwide areas, and so forth are coordinated. To be powerful, strong, what's more, straightforward during emergencies counteraction, intercession, and recuperation, an order and financing for sexual orientation research is required.

3.4.7 Mandate Gender- equitable Work Policies

Pass government and authoritative arrangements for paid maternity, paternity, and parental leave arrangements, combined with adaptable working plans, that engage ladies and men in the working environment, support financial security, add to shutting the sex pay hole, and advantage families. Focus on get back to work for ladies during recuperation. Pass equivalent compensation enactment. Take into consideration ladies and men telecommuting to oversee their time in order to best adjust regenerative and profitable work necessities. Give sex balance preparing to men what's more, young men, and carework sponsorships for those doing the weight of the work. In Togo, for instance, casual laborers, 65 percent of whom are ladies, approach another portable cash-move program to get allows up to 30 percent of the lowest pay permitted by law. Austria, Italy, Portugal, and Slovenia have acquainted a legal right with (part of the way) paid leave for guardians with youngsters under a particular age.

3.4.8 Mandate Safe Return to School Policies, Centering Women and Girl

Schools should open when it is ok for everybody to return. Up to that point, give satisfactory assets and backing to instructors also, understudies gaining from home. Instructive organizations ought to get ready survey and task bundles for youngsters to keep them scholastically drew in and forestall misfortunes furthermore, give direction to guardians on the utilization of the material. Make instructive radio programming fitting for young youngsters. Sponsor childcare for families unfit to make substitute game plans for their kids and urge men to share the weight. Extend free web admittance to increment admittance to
online instructive stages and material also, empower kids to take part in virtual and disability accessible study hall meetings where accessible. Give PCs for all kids who need them to take an interest in online instruction. Receive measures to guarantee they proceed getting food by ensuring it tends to be conveyed or gathered. Give extra monetary and psychological wellness support for families really focusing on youngsters with incapacities. Backing educators to have more modest class measures and give instructing assets to proceed to work securely and adequately from home until it is alright for everybody to get back to class.

**Conclusion**

Through this research it is observed that in two methods the feminism and labour law can be coincided. The first way includes the study of nature and reasons of gender discrimination, mainly highlighting the historical events and the other attempts to explore the contemporary events which can be relevant for labour laws. In all this the major objective remains positive evolution where the advocacy is tended to obtain equal opportunity. Fighting for women labourer emancipation is in aligned with gender justice. Hence, gender justice is also a method to facilitate industrial and labour justice. The brunt of pandemic disproportionately fell on women workers mainly working in the informal sectors. This group was already encountering several challenges in terms of inequality and the crisis aggravated their plight. No legislation or helping hand in form of judicial pronouncement came to rescue. This clearly indicates that the nation failed from both policy and judicial front tackling the problems of the women labour force. The theoretical framework establishing the relation between labour law and feminism when is co-related to the contemporary challenge posed by the novel pandemic is not seeming to be adequate. Therefore, even looking to the philosophical resolution is disappointing and doesn’t exhibit much clarification on the issue. The confusion and the challenge which the intersecting area poses to dual effects: positive and negative effects. As the feminist labour scholarship is one of the critical approach which questions the existing framework and normative priorities. Nevertheless, the aim of opting this critical approach is to achieve worthy objectives and the present research is a work to facilitate feminist legal scholarship as an affirmative step to modern labour law challenges in the light of COVID-19 pandemic.
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