

IGC Bihar Research Presentations - A Discussion

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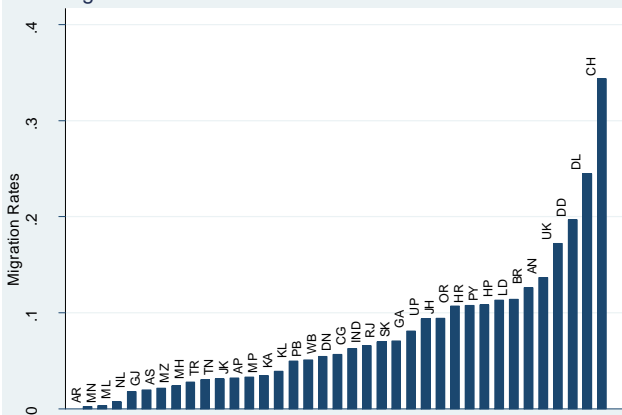
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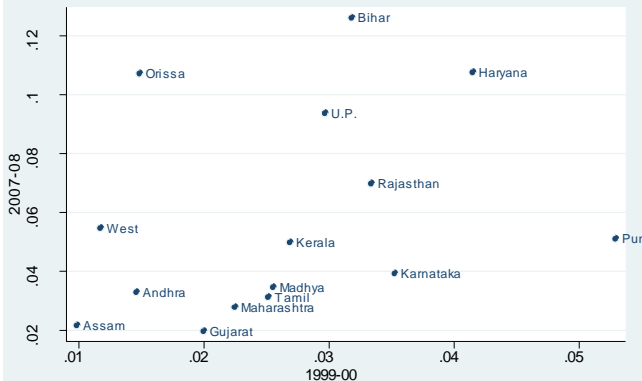
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- What do we know about time trends?

Out Migration Rates to other States for 2007-08



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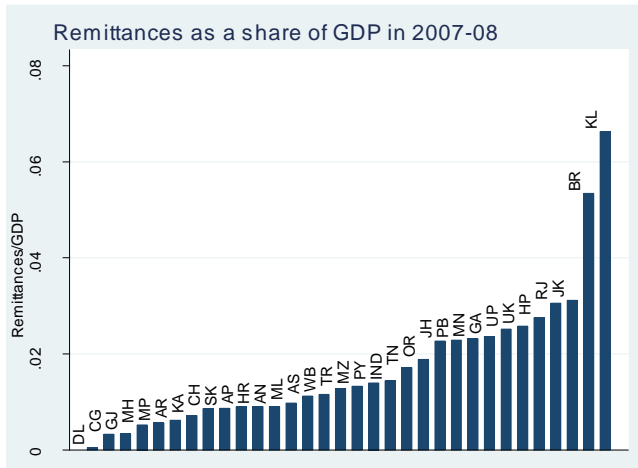
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- What do we learn (or not)?

- Bihar does badly in terms of crime and infrastructure
- Does not do so badly in terms of corruption and taxation (eg Gujarat and Raj respectively)
- Performs less well in skills supply (?) (Neither does Gujarat?)
- Performs less well in Finance (??)
Skepticism: What is the range of values? Are the margins worth making distinctions for?

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- Gujarat's NRI- “entrepreneurship capital”. What would be Bihar's equivalent?

Bihar's tax revenue's

- Tax Revenues have gone from 4.5 to 5.7 as *share* of GDP with latter growing at 11% per year.
- Average state government revenues in the US as share of GDP -5%
- Challenge is to bring in unregistered dealers?
- Is the share of Patna a problem? (non-agriculture, urban)