

Abstract for Job Talk
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This talk is based on PhD research which I am also continuing in with other target groups. My PhD research was about Musahar, their livelihood, gender and migration. Musahar men and women have been working as agricultural wage labourers. At present along with agricultural based work, in absence of work and as per their financial needs, Musahar also migrate for wage work in other states to work based on physical labour.

In this job talk my focus is on the finding about livelihood and migration. This talk will highlight historicity of livelihood and the key sources of survival. Considering the deprivation and marginality of the Musahar community. The study encompassed the everyday subjective experiences and struggle of Musahar men and women in the context of livelihood in society.

The talk describes marginalised historicity of livelihood have followed them in present in various forms and it also reflects in their lives. Traditional practices under the domain of structural inequality, hierarchy and social norms also persists and perpetuate new challenges. At present, social, and cultural hierarchies, inaccessibility of resources, and ignorance have been the significant challenge that has kept the Musahar at the edge of survival.

This study was conducted in Kushinagar district in the Eastern part of Uttar Pradesh. Considering the context, the study followed qualitative methodology along with the phenomenological approach using in-depth interviews, oral history, seasonal calendar and group interview as methods.