

Abstract

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Nigerian Financial System

Mercy Ada Anyiwe, Department of Economics and Statistics, University of Benin, Nigeria analyses the credit aggregates of the Nigerian financial system between the years 1970 to 1996 and makes an attempt to ascertain their impact on sectoral output growth. The basic hypothesis of the paper is that the sectoral output growth depends on the financial system's credit. The paper shows that commercial banks' credit has made greater impact on sectoral output in the sample period compared to credits from merchant banks and foreign investors. The government is, therefore, advised to do everything within its power to create a conducive business and socio-political environment for expansion of credit and effective credit transformation into sectoral outputs. The author argues that the government needs to set credit targets for priority sectors which should be based on scientific data. Moreover, it has to attract foreign credit mainly to the production sector, for which it should have a set of concrete policies.

Incarceration, Conditional Deterrence and the Differential Development of Criminal Careers among Canadian Young Offenders

Nicole Smith, Research Analyst, Cameron Strategy Inc., Suite 500 Highstreet House, 933 - 17th Avenue, SW Calgary, AB T2T 5R6, Canada, and Bruce L. Arnold, Professor and Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Sociology, University of Calgary, Calgary, AB T2N 1N4, Canada, using the event history statistical analytic technique, present the findings of a study on the criminal justice system as it relates to Canadian youth. Many Canadian youths are involved in activities that result in contact with the police or other agencies of the criminal justice system. Most tend not to repeat this experience. However, there is a small proportion of youth who continue to be involved in delinquent behaviour, which raises questions regarding what sort of response, might best deter young offenders and what is the deterrent impact of current criminal justice practices. The study looks at knowing not just if these young offenders repeat delinquent acts, but when they might do so.

Fishworkers' Movement in Kerala: Some Conceptual Clarifications

Mathew Aerthayil SJ, Training Coordinator, Indian Social Institute, 24 Benson Road, Bangalore – 560 046, India , reflects over the phenomenon of social movements in the light of the study he had conducted on the fishworkers' movement in Kerala. Named the Kerala Swathantra Malsya Thozhilali Federation (KSMTF), the movement has made remarkable strides in the history of social movements. Not only has it effected perceptible changes in the lives of the fisherfolk but also made its presence felt in the political arena. The long agitations spearheaded by the organisation have given rise to several policy changes at the government level. The author in this paper is concerned more about the conceptual dimensions of a social movement, and therefore he examines it in theoretical terms. KSMTF forms the backdrop of this analysis and he labels it as a social movement in terms of the chosen characteristics.

Decision-Making among Women of Dual Worker Couples in Kerala

Helena Judith P, Principal, Loyola College of Social Sciences, Sreekaryam PO, Trivandrum, Kerala- 695 017, India, writes on women of dual worker couples in Kerala. In the agricultural and pre-industrial age, power and hence decision-making, were invested in the male counterparts. But with the mid-twentieth century, owing to urbanisation, and the subsequent increase in opportunities for education and not farm employment, women have been making more important decisions in areas as diverse as marriage, family size, social relationships, recreation, festivities, education and, more importantly, in areas of finance and investment. Based on the study of 250 women from the area, the author argues that decision- making as a direct function of power increases the likelihood of appropriating desirable solutions and bringing about better adjustment to life situations. The paper examines whether changes have come in the decision making patterns among women in dual worker couples.

Other Papers

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