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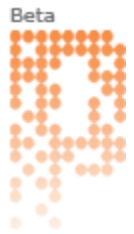


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Helped by education, upper castes earns double than STs

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New Delhi, June 27 (PTI) Negating protagonists of the caste-based census, a new study has revealed that wide income disparity between the upper castes and SC/STs and other backward classes (OBCs) is driven more by urbanisation and education than the caste groups.

ST households accounting for eight per cent of the population of the country gross in just 5.2 per cent of national income, according to the study based on the NCAER data 2004-05.

Likewise, while SC households make up 16.8 per cent of population, they earn just 11.8 per cent of the country's income. A slightly over 41 per cent of OBCs have a claim of 37.7 per cent on the national income.

On the other hand, the upper castes who account for 34.1 per cent of the population apportion 45.4 per cent of the country's income.

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