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Towards Well-being: An Anthropological Study of Migrant Women Labourers in Delhi

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ABSTRACT Well-being is a multifactorial concept based on several parameters. Through this study social well-being of migrant workers is sought and its reliance on physical and economic well-being. This study is conducted on female labour at construction sites, the population being migrant. The study is a multi-sited ethnography where the fieldwork is done at a destination site (Delhi) and one of the sites of origin (village Khadowara, Uttar Pradesh). It is a qualitative study based on the narratives of people. Through this paper, the aim is to understand the local conception of well-being and negotiation adopted by the people. This paper reveals how meanings are given to well-being and approaches that people adopt to ensure it. The paper unravels that well-being exists in interaction shaped by culture.