

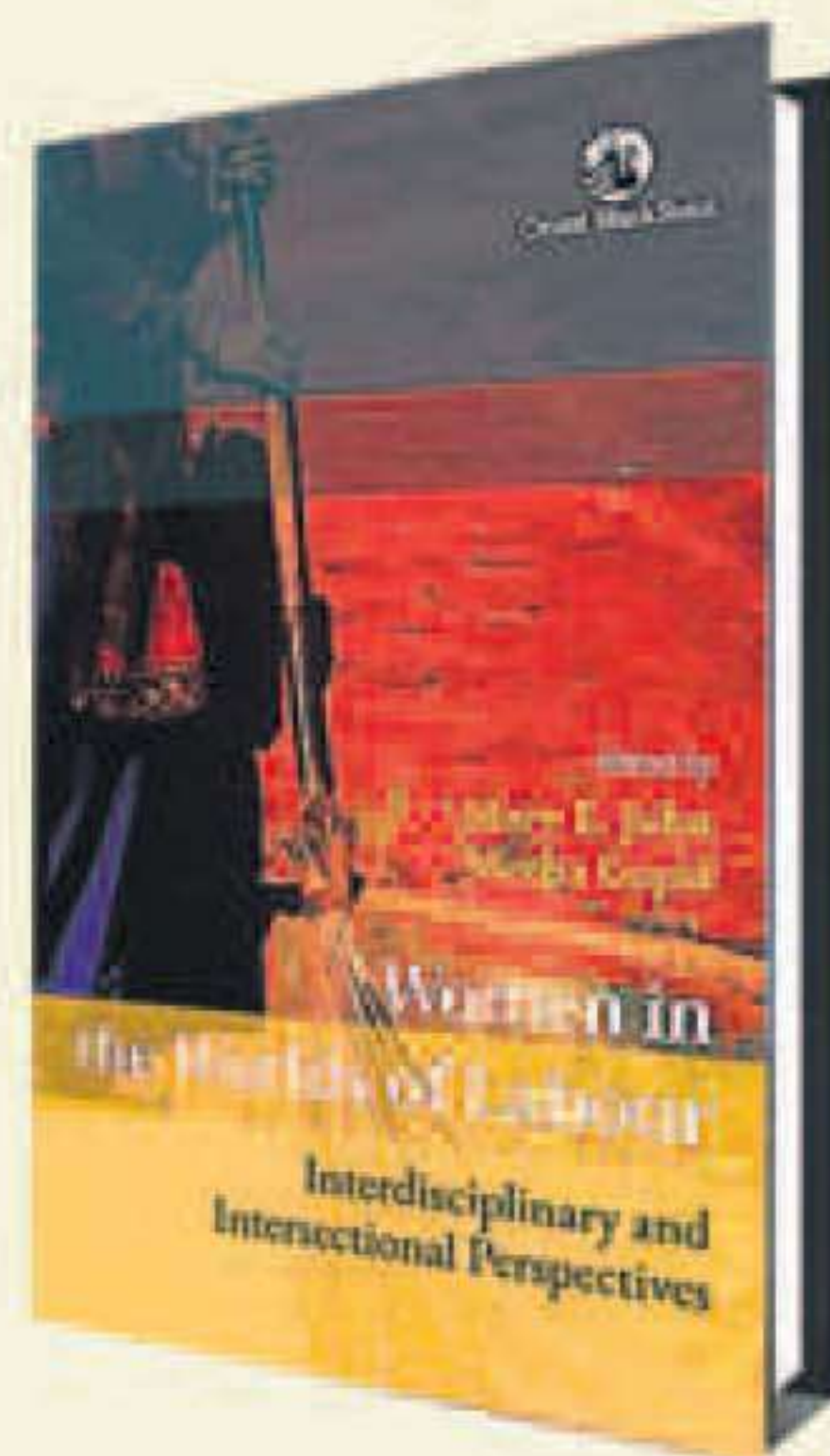
{ EDITOR'S PICK }

HT's editors offer a book recommendation every Saturday, which provides history, context, and helps understand recent news events

LABOUR: THE PURSUIT OF DIGNITY IN INDIA

On September 13, the Tamil Nadu assembly passed the amended Tamil Nadu Shops and Establishments Act, 1947, making it mandatory for commercial establishments to provide employees with seating. It is the second state to do so, a long-standing demand of women workers.

This week, we recommend Mary E John and Meena Gopal (Eds)'s *Women in the Worlds of Labour: Interdisciplinary and Intersectional Perspectives*. How is work defined in India when the formal sector employs less than 6% of the female workforce? What are the theoretical legacies which need further engagement to understand women's struggles better? The book doesn't focus on any one segment of women workers but includes artists, *anganwadi* workers, trade unions, and self-help groups. At a time when women workers are struggling for their basic rights, this book provides clues on why women's workforce participation remains so dismal.



Book Name: Women in the Worlds of Labour
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