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Have Conflicts Affected Education? An Assessment from Manipur

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ABSTRACT Study on educational attainment in conflict zone is relatively a new subject in the academic circle. India's north-eastern most state of Manipur is riven by a series of conflict for long and at the same time, education sector seems to be performing well. Past studies in the field gave a mixed result on the causal relation of the two. Keeping the conflicting result in mind, this study tried to explore causal relationship between the two and found that the conflict has a short run effect on education, not in the long run. But, no reverse causality was evident. Further, to understand how education sector is kept unaffected in the midst of the conflict in Manipur, using 107 household survey this paper found that the education sector is protected mainly by a two-pronged strategies: the private tuition and sending children outside the state, backed by the government and public supports.

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