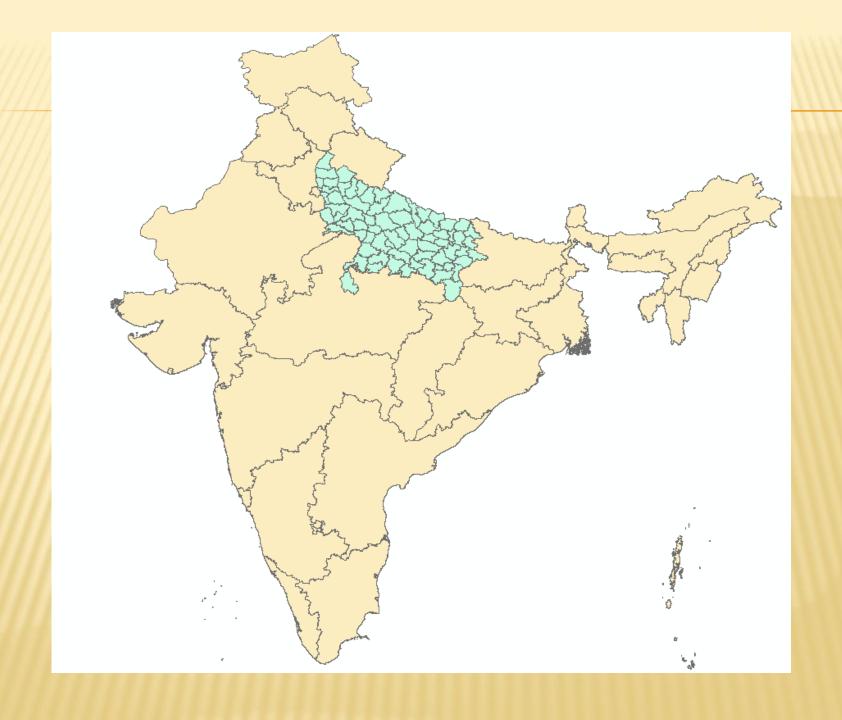
FACTORS AFFECTING FEMALE LITERACY IN THE INDIAN STATE OF UTTAR PRADESH

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MOTIVATION

- Newspaper article: Lack of toilets in some areas might be a significant factor in female illiteracy
- × 2010-11 Indian Census Results
- Detailed study of the north Indian states

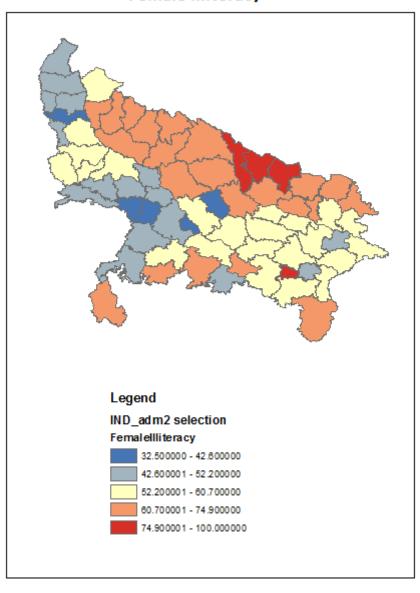
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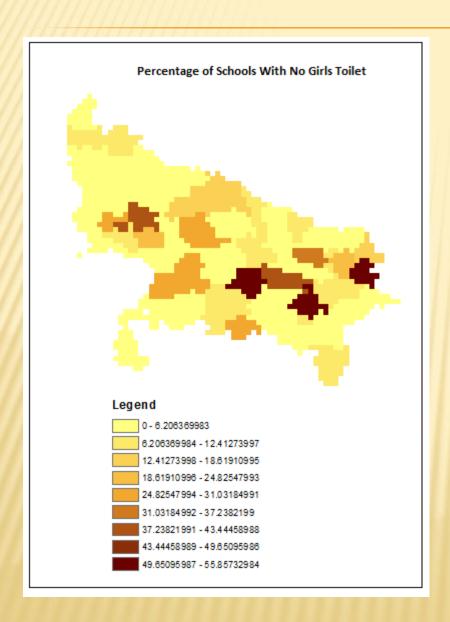
- Strong correlation between high female illiteracy and independent factors:
 - + Percentage of schools with no female toilets
 - + Percentage of poor households
 - + Percentage of schools with no female teachers
 - + Percentage of underage females married

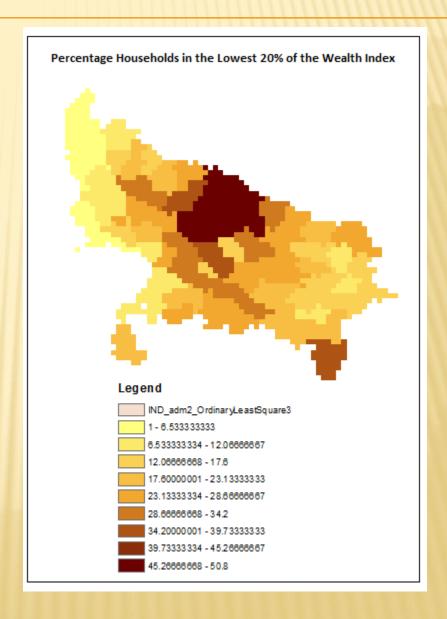
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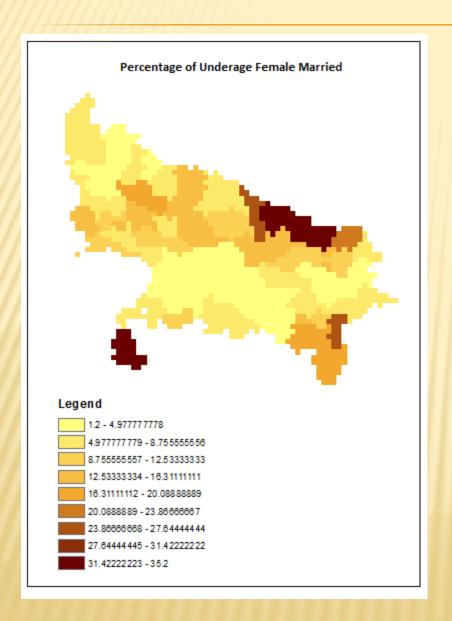
- * http://www.censusindia.gov.in
 - + Poverty data
 - + Underage marriage data
- http://www.diva-gis.org/gdata
 - + Polygon Features of India
- <u>http://www.dise.in</u> District Information System for Education India
 - + Illiteracy data
 - + School toilet facility data
 - + School teachers data

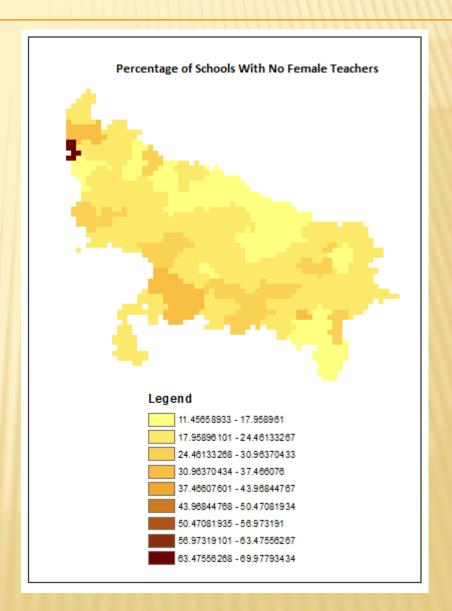












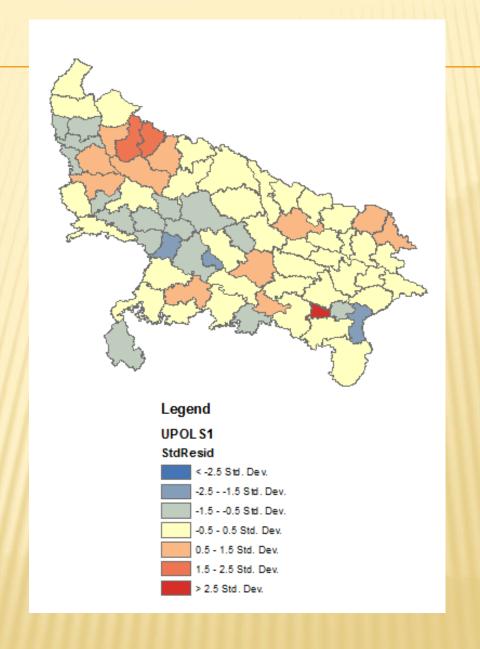
ORDINARY LEAST SQUARE

× Performed OLS on the data accumulated

×	Variable -	Coefficients	T values

+ Poverty:	0.282644	3.009131

- + Underage Marriage: 0.704547 5.179301
- + No Female Toilets: 0.007325 0.093093
- + No Female Teachers: 0.145660 1.061927



CONCLUSION

- Significant correlation
- Female illiteracy is more correlated to poverty, underage marriage and lack of female teachers than lack of female toilets