

Review of: "Alcohol Consumption in Ancient India and the Contemporary Challenges: A Study of Socio-Economic Implications and Anti-Liquor Protests in Tamil Nadu"

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I found this article very interesting as a descriptive account of alcohol in ancient and contemporary India. It contained a lot of interesting insights, particularly regarding the politics of illicit alcohol and prohibition in Tamil Nadu, which I think will be valuable to other scholars conducting research in this area.

The article aims to provide a descriptive account of various issues relating to alcohol in India, and as such does not set out a clear analytical contribution to existing literature.

I had a few suggestions for improvement, which overlap with other reviewers' comments.

First, the article covered a wide range of issues, geographical locations, and time periods - from ancient to contemporary India, from workplace alcohol use to government policy, from domestic violence to the politics of alcohol. This broad coverage limited scope for analytical reflection (but did provide a lot of useful empirical insights). As others have said, the sections on ancient India were not clearly connected to the later sections on contemporary India.

Second, as a result of this breadth of coverage, the structure and flow of the article were hard to follow.

Third, a large number of newspapers were mentioned in the part on Tamil Nadu. These should be referenced properly (ideally with details and links to the specific articles mentioned).

Fourth, the author focuses on the impacts of alcohol on women and the working classes, but does not devote much attention to its impacts on men and the middle/upper classes. Perhaps this decision could be justified more clearly.