



National Seminar

on

Revisiting the Issues in the Indian Unorganised Manufacturing Sector

Venue: Institute of Development Studies, Jaipur

Date: 21-22 March, 2024

Programme Schedule

21 st March, 2024	Day One
09:30 – 10:15	Registration
10:15 – 11:30	Inaugural Session
Welcome Address	Prof. Vinish Kathuria, Director, Institute of Development Studies (IDS), Jaipur
Theme Introduction	Dr. Motilal Mahamallik, Institute of Development Studies, Jaipur
Introducing the Guest:	Prof. Vinish Kathuria, Director, IDS, Jaipur
Keynote Address	<i>‘Issues and Challenges in Measuring the Gross Value Added of the Unorganized Manufacturing Sector as per the New Series of National Accounts’</i> Dr. G. C. Manna, Professor, Institute for Human Development, New Delhi & Former Director General of CSO & NSSO, GoI
Vote of Thanks:	Dr. Varinder Jain, Institute of Development Studies, Jaipur
11:30 – 11:45	Tea/Coffee Break
11.45-13.00	Technical Session I: <i>Small is Beautiful: Examining the Performance of a few Specific Sectors</i>
Session Chair: Prof. Vinish Kathuria, Director, IDS, Jaipur	Title: From “Being Small” to “Achieving Big”: India’s Toy Manufacturing Sector could be a successful case of MSME under the Make in India Initiative Speaker 1: <u>Dr. Ramaa Arun Kumar</u> , ISID, New Delhi Discussant: Mr. Subal Danta, IIT, Hyderabad Title: Role of ICT on Firm Performance: Evidence from Food Processing Industries of India Speaker 2: <u>Mr. Subal Danta</u> , IIT, Hyderabad Discussant: <u>Dr. Ramaa Arun Kumar</u> , ISID, New Delhi
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch Break
14.00-15.45	Technical Session II: <i>The Caste question in Indian Unorganised Enterprises</i>
Session Chair: Dr G. C. Manna, Professor, IHD, New Delhi	Title: Does Caste Matter? Earning gaps in Indian Informal Manufacturing Sector Speaker 3: Dr. Motilal Mahamallik, IDS Jaipur and <u>Dr. Harchand Ram</u> , IIPS, Mumbai Discussant: Dr. Akhil Alha, CSD, New Delhi Title: Dalit Entrepreneurship in Neo-Liberal Period: Evidences from the Ground Speaker 4: <u>Dr. Akhil Alha</u> , CSD, New Delhi Discussant: Dr. Ranjeet Kumar, GIDS, Lucknow Title: Unorganized Manufacturing Enterprises in India: Breaking the Caste-occupation Bonding Speaker 5: Dr. Motilal Mahamallik, IDS, Jaipur and Dr. <u>Ranjeet Kumar</u> , GIDS, Lucknow Discussant: Dr. Harchand Ram, ISID, New Delhi
15.45 – 16:00	Tea/Coffee Break

16.00-17.30	Technical Session III: <i>The Missing Middles and Employment issues in Unorganised Manufacturing Sectors</i>
Session Chair: Dr. Dipti Sharma, MNIT, Jaipur	<p>Title: Unlocking Growth: Addressing the 'Missing Middle' in Indian Manufacturing through Labour Law Reform Title: Does Size Matter?: Investigating the Missing Middle of Indian MSMEs Speaker 6: <u>Dr. Aparna R Hawaldar</u>, Christ University, Bengaluru Discussant: Dr. Indrajit Bairagya, ISEC, Bengaluru</p> <p>Title: Quality of Employment in the Indian Manufacturing Sector: Is it Changing Overtime? Speaker 7: <u>Dr. Indrajit Bairagya</u>, ISEC, Bengaluru Discussant: Dr. Pooja Sharma, University of Delhi</p> <p>Title: Analyzing Impact of Migration, Agglomeration and Urbanization on Inequality: A District-level Analysis Speaker 8: <u>Dr. Pooja Sharma</u>, Daulat Ram College, University of Delhi, Dr. Mahua Paul, ISID, New Delhi and Dr. Anjan Chakrabarti, UGC-HRDC, The University of Burdwan Discussant: Dr. Khushboo Sharma, Researcher, IDS, Jaipur</p> <p>Title: Role of Infrastructure in Regional Economic Growth Speaker 9: <u>Dr. Mahua Paul</u>, ISID, New Delhi and Dr. Pooja Sharma, Daulat Ram College, University of Delhi Discussant: Dr. Nikita Puri, Researcher, IDS, Jaipur</p>

22 nd March 2024	Day Two
9.15 -10.45	Technical Session V: <i>Challenges before the Unorganised Manufacturing Sector</i>
Session Chair: Prof. Kanchan Mathur, Former Professor, IDS, Jaipur	Title: Entrepreneurship Challenges in the Informal Sector of Karnataka: Speaker 10: <u>Dr. K.S. Sujit</u> , Christ University, Bengaluru Discussant: Dr. Nandini, Christ University, Bengaluru Title: Determinants of Value-Added in Indian Informal Sector - Study of Sample States Speaker 11: <u>Dr. Nandini</u> , Christ University, Bengaluru Discussant: Dr. Ramesh Kumar, Koshi College, Munger, Bihar Title: Exploring the Dynamics of the Informal Economy in India: A Comparative Analysis Speaker 12: <u>Dr. Ramesh Kumar</u> , Koshi College, Munger, Bihar Discussant: Dr. K.S. Sujit, Christ University, Bengaluru
10.45 -11.00	Tea/Coffee Break
11.00-13.00 Session Chair: Prof. Rakesh Basant, Former Professor, IIM, Ahmadabad Speaker: Vote of Thanks:	Fourth Prof. Surjit Singh Memorial Lecture on the topic on “Growth without Decent Employment: How can India Escape this Long-Term Trap?” Prof. K. P. Kannan, <i>Former Director, CDS, Trivandrum</i> Dr. Varinder Jain, <i>IDSJ</i>
13.00 - 14.00	Lunch Break
14.15 - 15.45	Panel Discussion: <i>The Emerging Challenges before Unorganised Manufacturing Sectors in India</i>
Moderator:	Prof. Vinish Kathuria, <i>Director, Institute of Development Studies, Jaipur</i>
Panel Members:	Dr G. C. Manna, <i>Professor, Institute for Human Development, New Delhi</i> Prof. K. P. Kannan, <i>Former Director, CDS, Trivandrum</i> Dr. Akhil Alha, <i>CSD, New Delhi</i> Dr. Varinder Jain, <i>IDS, Jaipur</i>
15.45 - 16.00	Tea/Coffee Break
16.00 - 17.30	Technical Session VI: <i>Examining Innovation, Technology, Expansion and Quality in Unorganised Sector</i>
Session Chair: Dr. Motilal Mahamallik, IDS, Jaipur	Title: Women led firms, technology adoption and access to finance in MSMEs Speaker 13: <u>Ms. Jayati Chatterjee</u> , IIT, Chennai and S. Sasidharan, IIT, Chennai Discussant: Dr. Varinder Jain, IDS, Jaipur Title: Vulnerability Exposure in Informal Manufacturing Sector: A Reflection on Conceptual and Analytical Issues Speaker 14: <u>Dr. Varinder Jain</u> , IDS, Jaipur Discussant: Dr. Swati Mehta, Punjab School of Economics, Guru Nanak Dev University (GNDU), Amritsar Title: Nature of Innovative Activities in Manufacturing Clusters of Developing Economies: Challenges and opportunities for India: Speaker 15: <u>Dr. Swati Mehta</u> , Punjab School of Economics, GNDU, Amritsar Discussant: Ms. Jayati Chatterjee, IIT, Chennai
17.30 Dr. Motilal Mahamallik, IDS, Jaipur	Valedictory Session: Summary of Proceeding, Certificate Distribution and Vote of Thanks