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Reconnect and Rebound: A webinar on migrant workers, employment and economy

Date and Time: 24th June 2020, 11 am

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The world is faced with the unprecedented outbreak of the Coronavirus Disease (or COVID 19) which presents an alarming humanitarian crisis at the wake of a declining world economic outlook. The situation is even more profound in developing countries such as India, which are engaged in tackling issues on multiple fronts including healthcare, employment, migration, behavioural change, safeguarding the vulnerable and juggling economic stimulus with fiscal leverage.

The country has seen a large movement of migrant workers returning to their native States as a result of this pandemic. Moreover, experts feel that migrant workers leaving big cities may not return quickly. This might lead to a situation of jobless workers looking to go back to work in rural areas while businesses crawling back to full capacities and looking for manpower to employ (skilled, semi-skilled or unskilled).

In addition to the previous stimulus, the Prime Minister announced a stimulus package of Rs 20 lakh crore – close to 10% of the Indian GDP on 12th May, 2020 having a mix of fiscal support, monetary support, ease of doing business processes, as well as some fundamental reforms.

This raises the following questions that need to be discussed:

- Can institutional and policy interventions turn the tide of this mismatched labour market to create a flexible, national, labour market that enables labour to find skill indexed jobs that suit their abilities?
- Can these interventions assist to Reconnect the jobless with the jobs and help the economy Rebound faster?
- What role can MSDE play in supporting States/ UTs?

To discuss this, SANKALP Team, Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) and the Center for Public Policy, IIMB brings on board a set of stakeholders who have been closely working on different aspects.

Time	Agenda	Speaker
11:00 am – 11:05 am	Agenda for the Webinar	Prof. Arnab Mukherji, Center for Public Policy, IIM Bangalore
11:05 am – 11:10 am	SANKALP's Perspectives on Skilling	Ms. Deepti Srivastava, Director, SANKALP, MSDE
11:10 am – 11:15 am	Reconnecting with Employment: Approaches at SANKALP	Mr. Maneesh Mishra, Lead Consultant, SANKALP, MSDE
11:15 am – 11:25 am	Key Takeaways from the APU COVID19 Livelihoods Survey	Prof. Amit Basole, Azim Premji University (APU)
11:25 am - 11:35 am	Perspective of Labour Supplier States on returned migrants	Mr. Balamurugan D, CEO sum State Mission Director, Jeevika, Bihar Rural Livelihoods Promotion Society (BRLPS), Bihar
11:35 am – 11:45 am		Mr. Kunal Silku, Mission Director, Uttar Pradesh Skill Development Mission (UPSDM)
11:45 am – 11:55 am	Reconnecting jobs for economic revival	Mr. Supreet Singh Gulati, Mission Director, Gujarat Skill Development Mission (GSDM)
11:55 am – 12:05 pm	Governance of Migration: applying past learning to current reverse migration	Mr. Sanjay Awasthi, Head of Office, International Organization for Migration
12:05 pm - 12:10 pm	Wrap-up and Takeaways	Prof. Sankarshan Basu, Finance and Accounts Area, IIM Bangalore



Prof. Arnab Mukherji is a Professor with the Center for Public Policy at IIM Bangalore. His research and teaching interests are in Public Policy, Governance and Health Policy.



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Prof. Amit Basole is Associate Professor of Economics at Azim Premji University, Bangalore, where he heads the Centre for Sustainable Employment. He is the lead author of State of Working India, an annual report that surveys the Indian labour market.



Mr. Supreet Singh Gulati is currently the Mission Director of the Gujarat Skill Development Mission (GSDM). He is a 2007 batch officer of the Indian Administrative Service, Government of India.



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Mr. Sanjay Awasthi Heads the Office of the International Organization for Migration. He is a senior development professional with cross-sectoral experience in working across Asia and Africa on complex programs that pose development and humanitarian challenges.



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