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COVID 19 AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN IN EASTERN INDIA

WEBINAR 1



COVID, Migration and Women Workers in Eastern India

📅 July 30 Friday ⌚ 4:00 - 5:30 pm IST ▶ On ZOOM

SPEAKERS AND PANELLISTS



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Her work centres around defining approaches and implementing strategies to improve the lives of girls and women by empowering them with skills to build better lives. The successful "What Women Want" campaign was conceived and implemented in India under her leadership and she guides the global "What Women Want" campaign as the global co-chair.

Dr. Gogoi is a member of various task forces and advisory boards. She holds a PhD (International Politics), from Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi and a Post graduate diploma in Journalism.



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Mr Menon has done notable work under MGNREGS and convergence of agriculture and allied sector schemes. Several of his e-governance initiatives, like Mid-Day Meal Online Monitoring System and Digital Land Record Room, has been recognised as state models. He has been a recipient of PM's award for excellence in Public Administration for implementation of Priority Schemes.





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MR. BHASKAR CHAKRAVORTY is a development professional having more than 13 years of experience working on range of development issues. At present, he is pursuing a PhD at Warwick Institute for Employment Research (IER) and is a Chancellor's International Scholar (CIS) at the university. Previously, he completed a MA in Development Studies with a specialization in Poverty Studies and the Econometric Evaluation of Development Policies from International Institute of Social Studies (ISS), Erasmus University Rotterdam. He was awarded the prestigious Joint Japan World Bank Graduate Scholarship (JJ/WBGSP) for undertaking the MA program.



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His fields of interest are development economics, labour economics, public economics and political economy. His current research is on internal migration, public employment and social programs both in developing and developed countries. He is also a research affiliate with the Centre for Economic Policy Research (CEPR) and Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL). Professor Clément has undertaken extensive research on the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MNREGA).



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Writer of 8 books and over 50 articles in national and international journals, Dr Kujur has presented more than 20 papers in international seminars and over 25 papers in national seminars.

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MR. JOHNSON TOPNO works with Phia Foundation as a Regional Head of Programme, Jharkhand. He holds an MBA degree in Rural Management from Xavier Institute of Social Service (XISS), Ranchi. He has previously worked as a State Manager for the PACS - DFID programme in India. A committed development professional, Mr Topno has over two decades of experience of working with communities.

He has been instrumental in setting and operationalizing the State Migrant Control Room during Covid 19 lockdown response on behalf of the Department of Labour, Employment, Training and Skill Development, Government of Jharkhand.

Moreover, he brought back more than 1 million migrant labour citizens during the lockdown period last year and has been working on the issue in the second wave as well.



DR NEHA WADHAWAN holds a PhD in international politics from JNU, New Delhi and her research interests centre on issues of mobility, gender and citizenship in South Asia. She has carried out extensive research on gender and labour migration with a focus on domestic workers in and from India and Nepal over the past 15 years.

She has worked with the Government of India and Nepal in different capacities to inform policy making on socio-economic development and labour migration and taught at the School of Development Studies, Ambedkar University, Delhi. Currently based in New Delhi, she works at the International Labour Organization (ILO) as National Project Coordinator of the Work in Freedom Programme.



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PROFESSOR PRIYA DESHINGKAR is a Professor of Migration and Development at the School of Global Studies, University of Sussex. Professor Deshingkar is well recognized for south-south migration research and policy analysis. She provided expert advice to the Indian Ministry of Urban Affairs on migration-related issues in the wake of Covid-19 and is currently participating in the policy dialogue on the new draft Migrant Labour Policy.

Priya is also working with the University of Addis Ababa, The James P Grant School of Public Health, BRAC University, Dhaka and the Post-Partum Support Network in Nigeria on a Wellcome funded project on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Mental Health among mobile populations.



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