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**National Seminar
on
“Changing Characteristics of the Indian Labour Market: Issues
and Challenges in the backdrop of Covid-19”**

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India is now recognized as one of the fastest growing economies of the world. India's labour market has also witnessed significant improvements in terms of key labour market performances which has been acknowledged by the ILO. However, there are several pressing issues and challenges ahead in the Indian labour market that demands extensive public debate and sustained policy focus. The release of the much-awaited Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS), 2017-18 has sparked debate among social scientists on the trajectories of the key labour market indicators, that require intense deliberation owing to the rapidly changing landscape of the world of work. The matter assumes urgency in the Covid situation and its impact on the economy at all fronts- the pandemic has aggravated problems of returned migrants and safety in the countryside. Technological advancements have spurred employment avenues that have multiplied the complexities of the changing world of work and require considerable up-skilling. This has enhanced the already widening skill mismatch in the labour force. It is argued that, if left unattended, the digital economy might widen labour market inequalities.

Interested scholars and functionaries are invited to contribute papers for the seminar on any of the following or related issues:

1. Impact of covid on labour markets and labour absorption. Labour movement- role of migration and commuting on livelihoods- pre- and post-Covid scenario.
2. Informal economy- magnitude, sectoral pattern and challenges.
3. Unemployment and skill mis-match in labour market- national and state scenarios.
4. Structural transformation and dynamics of rural labour market-impact of RNFS, plurality of occupations on rural economy.
5. Women in Indian labour market-measurement aspects, labour market discrimination, time-use surveys to capture women's' economic activities. Feminization of farm work.

6. Technological advancements and changing world of work- platform, gig, digital economy, global production linkages and value chains. Entrepreneurship, innovations and skills.
7. New labour codes as enablers and their role in welfare, enforcement issues.

Last date of submission of full papers is May 31st, 2022 through email (smrutirekha@spiesr.ac.in; smrutirekha25@gmail.com).

The authors of the papers selected for presentation will be informed latest by June 15th, 2022.

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