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International e-Conference on
The Challenges and Rehabilitation Avenues
in the Context of Covid-19
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About the Conference:
The Coronavirus pandemic has warped the normal functioning of the whole world. The society is witnessing changes in many aspects and sectors. The day-to-day activities, lifestyle, business etc have been drastically changing due to the lockdown imposed by the countries. This has created an impact, more of negative impact, in the society. There are various aspects which lead to the economy crisis and the consequences are also to be faced. Maintaining good hand and face hygiene, timely and good quality access to health care for the needy, becomes very relevant for carrying out economic and social activities that involve in-person interaction and interface between human beings. The earning for meeting daily needs of the more than 90 per cent of the households of unorganised sector workers is suddenly stopped. Its effects are to be brought to light. The global economy is expected to shrink by over 3 per cent in 2020. The external demand and domestic demand in many countries have gone down. Food price has decreased by 2.6 per cent in 2020. Unemployment levels have risen. Logistic restrictions disrupted the supply chain. This affected the foreign trade and supply of goods. All the countries have responded by offering financial stimulus packages of varying degrees. India included a special package for small and medium sector and a self-reliant strategy. On the other side, a few positive aspects, such as considerable decline in planned travel have caused many regions to experience a large drop in air pollution. And the impacts on the environment include governance-system-controlled investments towards a sustainable energy transition and other goals related to environmental protection. With this background this e-conference devoted to discuss the following sub-themes.

- Lessons from past business cycles
- Health and Hygiene
- Environment (Ecological imbalance, pollution)
- Traditional sectors like Agriculture, arts and crafts
- Hybrid sectors (Wholesale and retail trade, restaurants and eateries, small and medium manufacturing enterprises and transport)
- Modern sectors (information and communication technology, digitisation of education sector, financial services)
- Immigration and migration from other countries and within the state
- External Sector and Macro Economic variables
- Impact of Covid-19 on the economy of households of workers in unorganized sector
- Distress experienced and to be experienced by migrant workers and their families

Call for Papers/Extended Abstract:
The original papers/Extended abstract related to above themes are invited for this conference. Papers other than main themes and relevant to Covid-19 are also welcome. The selected papers are allowed to present in this e-conference.

Registration Fee : No Registration Fee
Registration Link : https://bit.ly/mkudec
Important Dates:
- Abstract Submission: 30-07-2020 (as or before)
- Abstract Acceptance: 02-08-2020
- Full paper/Extended Abstract Submission: 09-08-2020

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Proposed Schedule

Resource Persons of the e-Conference:

Session I: "Covid-19 and Impact on Global Economy"
Prof. Dr. Anbalagan Chinniah,
Samar University, Ethiopia

Session II: "Health Priorities for an Inclusive Post COVID Economy"
Prof. Dr. Brinda Vinayanan,
Madras School of Economics, Chennai

Session III: "Impact of COVID-19 on Tourism sector in India"
Prof. Dr. P. Arinachalam,
Cochin University of Science and Technology, Kerala

Session IV: "Return Migration and Re-migration in the post-COVID"
Prof. Dr. Irulaya Rajan S,
Center for Development Studies, Thiruvananthapuram

Session V: "Covid 19 pandemic and migrants in the Gulf region: What next?"
Prof. Dr. Kapalakotila Amirthalingam,
University of Colombo, Sri Lanka

Session VI: "Covid 19 and Policy Response in India"
Prof. Dr. K. Jothi Swaminathan,
Madras University, Chennai

Prof. Dr. V. Raghu Raman,
Former Professor ICT-Oman

Session VIII: "Sustainability issues and post-Covid scenario"
Prof. Dr. Seema Purushothaman
Azim Premji University, Bengaluru

Session IX: "Rescuing MSMEs in Covid-times"
Prof. Dr. Sangeeta Ghosh
Institute for Studies in Industrial Development, New Delhi

Session X: "Pre-and Post Covid-19: Macro Economic Scenarios for India"
Prof. Dr. Shekadar Banerjee,
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