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Panel



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Dr Dhanya MB is an economist working as Fellow (Faculty) at VV Giri National Labour Institute. She has nearly two decades of research experience in the domain of labour market studies and has done her PhD in Economics on the subject of Self-Employment and Rural Women Empowerment. She is the Coordinator of the Centre for Labour Market Studies and Integrated Labour History Research Programme, two of the major research centres of the V.V. Giri National Labour Institute.

Currently, she is working on a few research projects on a) 'Gig and Platform Workers: Vision 2047', b) BRICS Research Networks Research on 'e formality', and c) ILO's report on Growing Skill Responses in the Changing World of Work: Special Reference to South Asia. She has also authored monographs/reports and also coedited books in the area of Labour Market studies including 'Post Covid-19 Lockdown Scenario of Youth Unemployment in India' (2020); 'Promoting Youth Employment & Entrepreneurship: A Study with Special focus on 'Startups' (2020); 'Quality Employment Generation in Micro and Small enterprises (MSEs) in India: Strategies and way forward' (2018); 'Worker's Rights and Practices in the Contemporary Scenario: an overview' (2014), 'Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work and the informal economy in India' (2013).

She has also been involved in various Ministry of Labour and Employment policy initiatives on various subjects such as Drafting the Draft National Employment Policy (2018-19), Member of the Tripartite Working Group to facilitate the process of the ratification of the ILO Convention No 87 & 98 (2013-14), preparing issue paper on gig and platform economy and social protection for EWG G20 India 2022-23 to mention a few. She represented India (2022) in the BRICS country Labour Research Institute network's seminar hosted by the Chinese Academy of Labour and Social Security, China and delivered a presentation on the Employment and income Policies of India in the context of the post-pandemic period. She also published several research articles in different journals at the national and international levels.

She has been invited as resource person/guest faculty for delivering lectures by various academic institutions like Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), Institute of Economic Growth (IEG), Ambedkar University, Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya National Academy of Social Security (PDNASS), National Institute of Educational Planning & Administration (NEUPA), National Institute of Labour Economics Research and Development (NILERD), National Institute for Career Service (NICS), Institute of Technology and Science (ITS) to mention a few.