

COMBATING COVID-19 PANDEMIC LOCKDOWNS – CONCERNS REGARDING HEALTH AND LIVELIHOOD OF CHIKAN CRAFTS WOMEN

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ABSTRACT

Unprecedented fear psychosis for lives and livelihood has traumatised mankind across the globe and signals undeniable manifestation of hopelessness. C-19 pandemic has infused extreme vulnerability in every strata of society, particularly Daily-wage and Migrant workers. MSME's, readymade garments, chikan craftswomen and entire supply chain have been severely impacted by long lockdowns. This article focuses upon health and livelihood problems of Chikan craftswomen, amidst exploitation by manufactures and middlemen.

Stimulus packages announced by Central and State Governments appear inadequate in mitigating their problems. Trade Bodies and Associations have put forth sector-specific solutions to revive the economy. Unlock 1.0 appears to be spreading the virus in some parts of the nation.

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