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# INVITATION & CALL FOR PAPERS

*One-Day International Conference*

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**“Economic Advocacy for  
Micro, Small and Medium  
Enterprises (MSMEs)  
Post Covid 19”**

**APRIL 30, 2021**

VENUE: KRG Hall, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan  
Race Course Road, Bangalore

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## **Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR), Bangalore**

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## **Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Bangalore**

Bhavan is the brain-child of Dr. K.M. Munshi, a visionary who dreamt of moulding every Indian into an ethical citizen rooted in the rich ethical values of this great nation. Founded in 1938, it had its objectives of promoting and propagating Indian Values and Culture spanning Literature, Music, Dance and other fine arts. The Bangalore Centre of Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan was bloomed in 1965 and enjoys an enviable reputation in the service of arts, education and culture.

## About the Conference

MSMEs are considered to be the catalyst of socio-economic development, innovation and employment in many countries. The recent report by the World Bank posits that MSMEs represent 90% of the businesses and creates job for more than 50% of the population worldwide. The government around the world is placing high priority to these enterprises as there is a surge in global workforce and about 600 million jobs would be needed in another decade. MSMEs contribute to around 35 per cent of GDP in developing countries and around 50 per cent in developed countries.

The Covid-19 pandemic has exerted tremendous impact on the global economic front. The MSMEs are not an exception. Owing to their limited financial resources, borrowing capacity and disproportionate presence in economic space they demand a stimulus package from the government world-wide. Social distancing measures and transport disruptions have added to the problems in the current period. Surveys report that the disruption caused by the Covid-19 pandemic has resulted in the fall of revenue streams by 20-50% and MSMEs have faced the maximum heat, mainly due to acute liquidity crunch.

The WTO has projected that the global trade in goods is set to decline steeply between 13 per cent and 32 per cent in 2020 as countries across the world are battling with the Covid-19 pandemic. The existing bottlenecks and current crisis undermine the progress of MSMEs towards inclusive trade. The governments across the world have roped in an urgent incentive package as the current crisis has severely hit the MSMEs. These immediate relief measures help to restore the confidence in the sector which has taken a beating due to a flurry of disruptions.

## Against this backdrop, this Conference aims to

- Deliberate on the efficacy of the stimulus packages provided by the Governments of different Nations
- Unfold the measures to strengthen the capacity and resilience of MSMEs in mitigating the adverse impact of Covid-19 pandemic
- Facilitate discussion on an intermediate impact assessment of the disruption and nail a set of priority policies and measures for their rejuvenation in countries across the World
- Address the policies and measures needed to circumvent a widening digital divide as a result of Covid-19 impacts

## Target Audience

- **INDUSTRY EXPERTS**
- **ACADEMICIANS, RESEARCH SCHOLARS AND PG STUDENTS**
- **NGOs**
- **MICROFINANCE INSTITUTIONS**
- **POLICY MAKERS**
- **ECONOMISTS**

## Important Dates

LAST DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACT: MARCH 01, 2021

LAST DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF FULL PAPER: MARCH 10, 2021

DATE OF FINAL REGISTRATION: APRIL 20, 2021

DATE OF CONFERENCE: APRIL 30 , 2021

CONFERENCE MAIL ID FOR SENDING PAPERS :[icr2021som@gmail.com](mailto:icr2021som@gmail.com)

## Call for Papers and Suggested Themes

Original papers on the following indicative topics, but not limited to, are welcome to be submitted for the conference:

- Challenges and Prospects of MSMEs
- Energizing Entrepreneurship Post Covid-19
- Inclusive Trade and Pandemic related Challenges for MSMEs
- Building Global Competitiveness through MSMEs
- Make in India: Growth Opportunities for MSMEs
- Digital Transformation for MSMEs
- Supply Chain Management Practices of MSMEs Post Covid-19
- Innovative Solutions for MSMEs Resurgence Post Covid-19
- Global Initiatives towards Economic Resurgence of MSMEs
- Infrastructural Bottlenecks and Capacity Building Measures for MSMEs

## Guidelines for the Authors

The participants interested in presenting technical papers must submit the abstract of the paper not exceeding 150 words in English, which will be scrutinized by the editorial committee before their acceptance for presentation. The abstract should contain author(s) name(s), affiliation, full postal address, email id, phone number along with the title of the paper in the front page.

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