

## Programme Schedule

**2-Day Workshop**  
**on**

### **Digital Mediation of Urban Labour Markets: The Rise of New Gig Economies in India**

**13-14 December 2024**

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**Venue:** Conference Hall, Visitors Hostel, IISER Mohali

## Day 1: Friday, 13 December 2024

Time	Session/ Title	Speaker
10:00-10:15	Inauguration and Welcome Address	Prof. Anil K. Tripathi, Director, <i>IISER Mohali</i>
10:15-10:25	Introduction to the Department of HSS, IISER Mohali	Dr. Parth R. Chauhan, Head, <i>Dept. of HSS</i>
10:25-10:35	About SPARC Research and Collaboration	Dr. Debdulal Saha, PI, SPARC Project, <i>IISER Mohali</i>
10:35-10:50	General Introduction	All the Participants
<b>10:50-11:00</b>	<b>Tea &amp; Snacks</b>	
11:00-11:30	Research Agenda: Setting the Context	<b>Team, SPARC Project</b> Dr. Debdulal Saha, PI, <i>IISER Mohali</i> Dr. Neeraja Sahasrabudhe, Co-PI, <i>IISER Mohali</i> Dr. Jonathan S. Anjaria, PI (Foreign), <i>University of Brandeis, USA</i> Dr. Lisa Björkman, Co-PI (Foreign), <i>University of Louisville, USA</i>
11:30-13:30	<b>Session-1: Platform Work and Workers</b>	
	<b>Moderator:</b> Dr. Jonathan S. Anjaria	
	Dynamics of Platform Work: Perspectives from the Fairwork India Project	Prof. Balaji Parthasarathy, <i>IIIT Bangalore</i>
	Spatial Politics in Gig Work- Social Hierarchies & Work Practices	Dr. Gayatri Nair, <i>IIIT Delhi</i>
<b>13:30-14:30</b>	<b>Lunch Break</b>	
14:30-16:30	<b>Session-2: Space, Contestation and Legality</b>	
	<b>Moderator:</b> Dr. Lisa Björkman	
	Some Aspects of Regulatory Framework Governing Gig Workers in India	Dr. Anamitra Roy Chowdhury, <i>JNU New Delhi</i>
	Issues of Legality in Platform Economy	Mr. Sangram Tripathy, National Adviser, <i>Indian Federation of App-based Transport Workers (IFAT)</i>
<b>16:30-17:00</b>	<b>Tea &amp; Snacks</b>	

## Day 2: Saturday, 14 December 2024

Time	Session/ Title	Speaker
10:00-11:00	<b>Open Discussion:</b> Methodology, Methods and Challenges in Data Collection	Dr. Debdulal Saha, <i>IISER Mohali</i> Dr. Neeraja Sahasrabudhe, <i>IISER Mohali</i> Dr. Jonathan S. Anjaria, <i>University of Brandeis, USA</i> Dr. Lisa Björkman, <i>University of Louisville, USA</i>
<b>11:00-11:15</b>	<b>Tea &amp; Snacks</b>	
11:15-13:15	<b>Session-3: Wage and Employment</b> <b>Moderator:</b> Dr. Debdulal Saha	
	Insecure Employment and Inadequate Wages in the Gig Economy	Prof. Babu P. Remesh, <i>Ambedkar University Delhi (AUD), New Delhi</i>
	Empowering Gig and Platform Workers: Policy Frameworks for Fairness and Social Security	Mr. Shaik Salauddin, <i>Telangana Gig and Platform Workers' Union (TGPWU), Hyderabad</i>
<b>13:15-14:15</b>	<b>Lunch Break</b>	
14:15-16:30	<b>Panel Discussion:</b> Role of Collective Actions in Organising Gig Workers: Issues, Challenges and Prospect <b>Moderator:</b> Dr. Neeraja Sahasrabudhe	Mr. Sunand, <i>CITU/AIGWU New Delhi</i> Mr. Sangam Tripathy, <i>IFAT</i> Mr. Shaik Salauddin, <i>FIAT, Hyderabad</i>
16:30-16:45	Emerging Themes, Research Questions & Plan	
<b>16:45-17:15</b>	<b>Tea &amp; Snacks</b>	

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