

Dr. Ruma Ghosh

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Dr. Ruma Ghosh, Fellow, is a Sociologist by training. She has done Masters from the Centre for the Study of Social Systems, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi and M.Phil and Ph.D in Sociology of Work and Health from the Centre of Social Medicine and Community Health, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. Dr. Ruma Ghosh has been working as a Faculty Member at the V.V.Giri National Labour Institute since 1998 and coordinates the Centre for Labour and Health Studies.

Her professional interest lies in the area of Sociology of Work and Health and she has been primarily concentrating on research in the area of labour in the informal economy with focus on Social Protection, Livelihood and Health security. She has undertaken research projects on important labour issues, some of which have been conducted in collaboration with international organizations such as ILO and UNICEF. Some of the recent studies include: Fisheries based Livelihood – Emerging Issues, Opportunities and Insecurities; Insecurities and Vulnerabilities of Informal Sector Workers – A Study of Street Vendors; Health Insecurities of Workers in Informal Employment - A Study of Existing and Possible Interventions; Study of Migration, Labour Process and Employment in the Informal Sector of Brick Making; Labour Process and Employment Relations in Zardosi & Hathari Units of Varanasi; Evaluation of the National Child Labour Projects in 50 districts for Ministry of Labour; Minimum Wage and Mode of Payment of the Agricultural Workers in Punjab; Study of Home-Based Industry and Child Labour: A Case of Gem Polishing Industry of Jaipur; Study of Home-Based Industry and Child Labour: A case of Glass Bangle Industry of Firozabad; Study on Child labour in the Sports Goods Industry of Jalandhar. She has also coordinated several major research projects including a ILO sponsored major multi-centric study on Home Based Workers in Nine Hazardous Industries of India.

She has presented several papers in National/International Seminars organized by JNU, ILO, UNICEF, IPSA, ICAAP, Global Fund on themes like social and livelihood security, seasonal migration of labour, child labour, health security, HIV/AIDS and its impact on the livelihood of workers. She has a number of research publications in the form of articles, research monographs and edited book.

She has coordinated a number of Seminar/Workshops and Training Programmes on themes such as Social Protection and Livelihood Security, Health Security of Workers in Informal Employment, HIV/AIDS and its Impact on the Livelihood of Worker and has been regularly conducting a Course on Qualitative Research Methods for young teachers and research scholars from Universities and Research Institutions.

As the Coordinator of the Centre for Labour and Health studies, she has been coordinating a UN comprehensive HIV Prevention Programme in the World of Work for the past ten years. She is associated with major professional bodies like Indian Sociological Society, Indian Society of Labour Economics as a Life Member.