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A cross-sectional study of Street Vendors of Kangra: A grass-root reality

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Abstract

Street vendors are an essential part of the unorganized sector. Street vendors include all those who sell goods or services at public places with a temporary built structure. Since, they are unable to get regular jobs in the remuneration-formal field due to their low level of education and skills. They strive to solve their livelihood problems through their own small financial resources. They are the main distribution channels for a large variety of daily consumption products such as fruits vendors, vegetables sellers, and readymade garments hawkers, shoes mending cobblers, household gadgets, stationery, newsletters, and magazines and so on. Probably, they are the most neglected lot of the societies and consequently, gathered less attention from academicians, mainstream media, policy makers, etc. This paper gives a brief snapshot of their working conditions on the streets.

Keywords: *Street Vendors, Livelihood, Occupation, Challenges, Issues*

Introduction

Street vendors are generally destitute group and they are too far from mainstream life, they are subject to exploited time to time by the administration, so in order to fill this gap Central Government and State Government providing the several Schemes and programs for their enhancement.¹ Generally street vendors Section includes the hawkers such as fruits, chanabhatura, juice, fast food vendors etc. street vendors may be migrants or local it include both (Bhowmik, 2012).

There is some important reason to study their current Socio-economic status. What they are getting from Governmental Schemes and Programs, are they getting benefit of street vendors act 2014 and they were supported or harassed by the administration/government.² In order to know the status of their linkage with financial institutions and Hospitals.³ To know the status of their children about the education and also generates the awareness regarding education (Bhowmik, 2014).