**BACKROUND GUIDE**

**AIPPM**

**AGENDA-**

**DISCUSSING THE PROCESS OF OPENING THE LOCKDOWNAND AND STABILISING THE ECONOMY**

**LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE BOARD**

In these tough times everyone is stuck and bored in their house. Almost everyone wants a way out of this pandemic and lockdown. AIPPM is an interesting platform to express your ideas and solutions on how to open this lockdown in a secure way and undo the economic slowdown that is currently happening in our country. With this background guide we hope to provide a fair base to all the members. Remember that this background guide is not a research. We hope that you would accumulate facts, cases along with your own innovative interpretations and solutions. Since this topic is fairly new we expect that you come up solutions that are practical and that would mitigate the effects of virus in the future.

All the best and happy researching……

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**Introduction**

Due to the increasing risk of Covid-19 in the world, India imposed a nationwide lockdown from 22 of March.

All services except essential services were doomed shut.

Lockdown was accompanied by Prime Minister Modi’s “tasks” like Thali talli bajao and deep jalao@9pm.

During the lockdown all manufacturing services came to a halt leading to an economic slowdown to the already suffering economy of India.

Then there were the migrant workers that demanded to go back to their villages adding to the governments problems.

Till now it is unclear whether the Lockdown was an effect strategy for India as cases are still on the rise

With UNLOCK 1.0 the government provided relaxations with the still rising cases of Covid-19.

**Paranoia amongst citizens**

India being one of the most religious country in the world, Corona has created a mindset of Paranoia and Fear amongst the already extremely superstitious people of the country.

Corona is being seen as a sin by the community, which has resulted in discrimination, rejection and bullying f Corona patients as well as doctors and nursing staff.

 Patients and doctors are being viewed with suspicion and are being neglected by the society.

Elitist and classist behavior still prevails in the society and people are considering lower class workers like maids, repair men etc as the main carriers of the virus because they don’t live in big homes and societies like them.

**ECONOMIC SLOWDOWN**

With the halting of production during lockdown and to working with just 30% of the workforce the manufacturing industries have come to hit a big rock.

Workers leaving towns in fear of corona and the loss of lively hoods have resulted in the decline of the available workforce in any industry.

Import and export markets have also been impacted. The stock exchanges have also been impacted heavily witnessing downfall in capitalization as never before the 2008 economic crisis.

With the uncertainty prevailing on the availability of a vaccine or a cure, the future of India’s economy is not looking promising.

There is a need for solutions that would allow the manufacturing and door to door services to increase while keeping the corona virus in check.

**MIGRANT LABOURERS**

Migrant daily wage workers were really hard hit by the lockdown, raising the question about the planning of the lockdown. They were in extreme hardship, walking to their hometowns on empty stomachs and those who remained were also faced by starvation.

They protested and there was violation of social distancing norms in many instances. They were sent back to their villages by organizing special shramik trains and buses .

This has increased the spread of the virus in the rural places. Also another problem is going to be bringing this manual labor back from their villages to work in the city.

This has led to shortage of workers in various important industries. If the production halt continues, then it would become impossible for the companies to pay the labor as they themselves won’t be generating any money.

**CENTER STATE COMMUNICATION**

There is still lack of communication and specification of jurisdiction between the center and the stated regarding the movement of people from one state to another.

Police still continue to deny and harass even those with valid passes and doctors going for duty in various states.

Many govt. sanctioned busses were denied entry into states carrying migrant workers. Politics also came into play In this issue.

Opening of the lockdown would require establishing more strong communication and unified jurisdiction amongst the states and with the center as well.

 Quarantine centers also have a very poor condition in some states and the rules of self quarantine are not clearly laid out as well.

**Some MOD session topic suggestions from the executive board-**

1. Layout for opening the lockdown
2. Lockdown: was it necessary or not
3. Establishing SOP’s for opening factories, malls etc
4. Discussing the possibility of herd immunity to open the lockdown.
5. How to make India Aatmanirbhar in all aspects.
6. How to increase production at present availability of resources.