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Number of Papers in Journals: 08

Courses taught: Microeconomics, Development economics, Labour economics, International Economics, Research Methodology, Money Banking and Public Finance

Specialization: Development economics, Labour economics, Informal sector, Poverty and inequality

Brief Profile: Dr. Ashish Kumar Meher is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Economics and Development Studies at Central University of Jharkhand, Cheri-Manatu, Ranchi, India. He pursued his M.A. and M.Phil. degrees from the School of Economics, University of Hyderabad. He obtained his Ph.D. (Thesis title: Multidimensional Poverty, Income Generation and Occupational Health Hazards among the Handloom Weavers in Odisha: An Empirical Analysis) from the Department of Economics, School of Social Sciences and Humanities, Central University of Tamil Nadu. He has Qualified UGC NET & JRF in Economics. Prior to joining CUJ, he worked as a regular faculty in the Department of Economics, Manipal University Jaipur. He has published research articles in various reputed National and International journals. His area of interest includes Development economics, Labour economics, Informal sector, Poverty and inequality

Educational Qualification:

Ph.D. Economics (Central University of Tamil Nadu)

M.Phil. Economics (University of Hyderabad)

M.A. Development Economics (University of Hyderabad)

Publications

1. **Meher, A. K., Venkatachalapathy, T. K., Panda, P. K., & Mishra, P. K. (2024).** Multi-dimensional Poverty Among the Handloom Weavers in Odisha, India: Prevalence and Determinants. *Indian Journal of Human Development*, 09737030241288697. (Scopus indexed)
2. **Meher, A. K., & Panda, P. K. (2024).** The Employment and Livelihood Challenge Among the Informal Handloom Weavers During COVID-19 and Lockdown in Odisha, India. *Management and Labour Studies*, 0258042X241238819. (Scopus indexed)

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3. **Meher, A. K.**, Venkatachalapathy, T. K., & Panda, P. K. (2023). Does the Weavers' Cooperative Society Yield Higher Income to the Handloom Weavers? Evidence from Odisha. *Parikalpana - KIIT Journal of Management*, 19(2), 204-216. (UGC care list)
4. Panda, P. K., Varkey, R. S., Ranjan, P., **Meher, A. K.**, & Panda, S. (2023). COVID 19 fatalities burden in Asian countries: An analysis of pattern and determinants. *Social Sciences & Humanities Open*, 7(1), 100378. (Scopus Indexed)
5. **Meher, A. K.** (2022). Plight of the Handloom Industry. *Economic and Political Weekly*, 57(30), 04-05. (Scopus Indexed)
6. **Meher, A. K.** (2021). Impact of COVID-19 and lockdown on the informal sector in India: The case of handloom industry. *Journal of Formal and Informal Sectors*, 1(1), 17-24. (Peer Reviewed)
7. **Meher, A. K.**, & Rout, B. (2020). Rural Economy in Odisha Can Be Revived by the Handloom Industry. *Orissa Economic Journal*, 52(4), 94-108. (UGC Care List)
8. **Meher, A. K.** (2020, December). Socio-Economic Conditions of the SC and OBC Handloom Weavers in Western Odisha: A Study. *Man and Development*, XLII (4), 139-154. (UGC Care List)

Paper Presentation

- Participated in the 65th annual conference of the Odisha Economic Association held physically from 10th-11th February 2024 at Sambalpur University, Odisha and presented our research paper titled "Income Variation and Determinants of Income among the Handloom Weavers in Odisha, India: A Primary Study".
- Participated in the 57th annual conference of The Indian Econometric Society (TIES) held physically from 4th to 6th January 2023 at the University of Hyderabad and presented our research paper titled "Occupational Health Hazards Experienced by the Handloom Weavers in Odisha, India: A Cross-Sectional Study".
- Participated in the international conference on "Public finance, public policy and economic development" organized virtually by the Department of Economics, Pondicherry University from 11th to 12th November 2022 and presented our research paper titled "An analysis of government welfare schemes for the handloom weavers and its effectiveness in Odisha, India".
- Participated in the national seminar on "India's challenges in achieving sustainable development goals: a midterm assessment" organized physically by the Department of Economics, Pondicherry University from 29th to 30th September 2022 and presented our research paper titled "Multidimensional poverty among the handloom weavers in Odisha, India: Prevalence and Determinants".
- Participated in the 62nd annual conference of the Indian Society of Labour Economics held physically from 11th to 13th April 2022 at IIT Roorkee and presented

our research paper titled “The Employment and Livelihood Challenge among the Informal Handloom Weavers during COVID-19 and Lockdown in Odisha, India”.

- Participated in the national seminar on “India’s Economic Development and Self Reliance since 1947” organised by the School of Economics, Hyderabad Central University (University of Hyderabad) from 18th to 19th March 2022 in virtual mode and presented our research paper titled “Handloom Industry for Sustainable Development in the Post COVID-19 in Odisha, India”.
- Participated in the international e-conference on “Microeconomic Impacts of COVID-19 Pandemic” organised by the Center for Academic & Professional Career Development and Research (CAPCDR), Dhaka from 2nd to 3rd October 2021 and presented my research paper titled “Impact of COVID-19 and Lockdown on the Informal Sector in India: The Case of Handloom Industry”.
- Participated in the ICSSR-sponsored International Virtual Conference on “Entrepreneurship and Small Business: Opportunities & Challenges” from 26th to 27th August 2021 organised by the Department of Economics Studies, Central University of Punjab and presented my research paper titled “Impact of COVID-19 Lockdown on the Handloom Industry in India”.
- Participated in the “14th Doctoral Thesis Conference” organised by IBS Hyderabad and IGIDR Mumbai virtually from 06th to 07th May 2021 and presented my Ph.D. research proposal titled “Exploring the Socio-Economic Status, Occupational Health Hazards and Impact of Government Outreach Programs on the Handloom Weavers in Odisha: An Empirical Analysis”.
- Participated in the International Virtual Conference on “Retrospect and Prospects of MSMEs in the post-COVID-19” from 25th to 26th June 2020 organised by the School of Tribal Resource Management, Kalinga Institute of Social Science (KISS), Bhubaneswar and presented our research paper titled “Handloom Industry for the Revival of Indian Economy” which has been published in the conference proceedings with ISBN.
- Participated in the UGC-aided two-day National Seminar on “Perspectives of Sustainable Development Goals in India” at AVC College (Autonomous) Mannampandal, Mayiladuthurai, Tamil Nadu from 6th to 7th March 2020. I presented my research paper titled “Handloom Industry in India and Sustainable Development”.
- Participated in the ICSSR-sponsored two-day International Conference on “Transformation of India into High Growth Economy: Needs Policies Challenges and Opportunities” at Erode Arts & Science College, Erode, Tamil Nadu from 9th to 10th February 2019. I presented my research paper titled “Marketing Strategies of Handloom Weavers: A Case Study of SC and OBC Handloom Weavers in Western Odisha”.

Research Methodology and Capacity Building Workshops

- Actively participated in the ICSSR-sponsored five days capacity building workshop

on "The State, Society and Market: Understanding the Dynamics and Interface" organised in offline mode at Madras Institute of Development Studies (MIDS), Chennai from 21st to 25th March 2022.

- Participated in the ICSSR-sponsored 10-day "Research Methodology Course for Research Scholars in Social Sciences" organised online by the Council for Social Development (CSD), Hyderabad from 24th January 2022 to 4th February 2022.
- Participated in the five-day virtual workshop on "Research Methodology and Hands-on Learning" organised by Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS), deemed to be university, Bhubaneswar from 2nd to 6th August 2021.
- Participated in the ICSSR-sponsored "Ten-Day Online Workshop in Research Methodology for M.Phil., Ph.D. and Postdoctoral Scholars in Social Sciences" organised by Madras Institute of Development Studies (MIDS) from 15th to 26th February 2021.
- Participated in a national workshop on "Challenges to India's Fiscal Federalism" sponsored by the Government of Puducherry on 21st November 2019 at Hotel Atithi, Puducherry.

Membership in Professional Bodies

- Life member of the Odisha Economic Association