

## Street Vendors (an Unorganised Entity): Issues, Problems and Challenges in selected areas of Bangalore City

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### ABSTRACT

*The existence of street vendors laid its footprints during from the ancient times. In all civilizations, there is the existence of merchants travelling from kingdom to kingdom to sell their goods for something in return. In the present day context, the practice of vendors has been spread from large-scale transactions by exchanging of goods between the neighbouring countries to small-scale transactions by selling the goods from home to home. In this global time, we find that street vendors are seldom treated with the same measure of dignity and tolerance. They are embattled by urban authorities and police force in the metropolitan areas as illegitimate traders, the urban middle class complains frequently pausing on the way, how these vendors construct metropolitan existence of their business by blocking the pavements for unnecessary reasons, generate traffic trouble and also slot in into disruptive activities. The advent of information technology to Bangalore city has been associated with infestation of infrastructure projects. While it is essential for a city to have good infrastructure, these projects have been given the green signal with no in-depth thought or analysis on the effects these would have to the environment and people and the city at large. Urban poor has been most affected by such magnanimous projects, with most times them not even being recognised by the Government. This paper has been written to educate and sensitise people and communities likewise on the problems faced today by street vendors of Bangalore city.*

**KEYWORDS:** Street vendors, Government, Working conditions, Infrastructure development.

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