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From the Director General's Desk

Holistic education for children and elimination of child labour are inextricably linked and education is a key element in the prevention of child labour. International organizations, including UNICEF, the World Bank, UNESCO, and the G8 Education Task Force, through their varied Conventions, Recommendations and other instruments endeavour that good quality free and compulsory education is a key element to the prevention of child labour.

The Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act 2009 (RTE Act), through its enforcement, strives to achieve universal enrolment for the children in the age group of six to fourteen years and has attained remarkable quantitative expansion in every sphere of elementary education.

The National Child Labour Project Societies are required that the children enrolled at the Special Training Centres (STCs) of NCLP Scheme be mainstreamed in accordance with NCLP guidelines and if any child has been enrolled after 31st March 2021 in any STC functional under NCLP, he/she be mainstreamed or shifted to STCs functional under Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA). This is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme of the Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Education, Government of India. This scheme is implemented through a single State Implementation Society (SIS) at the State/Union Territory level.

The major objectives of the SSA Scheme are to provide quality education and enhancing learning outcomes of students; bridging social and gender gaps in school education; ensuring equity and inclusion at all levels of school education; ensuring minimum standards in schooling provisions; promoting vocationalization of education; etc. Under the scheme, Special Training Centre (STCs) are also operated in each District wherein bridge education is provided to 'out of school' children. Hostel facilities are provided under the SSA scheme to meet the educational needs of children belong to migrant families, who having no permanent home in the place of their destination. Provision of hostel facility may increase, both enrolment and retention rate of children in schools.

The education sector has great potential to contribute to the prevention and elimination of child labour. As mandated in Child and Adolescent Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Act, 1986, the State Governments are required to continue to identify and rescue child labour and after completion of the necessary formalities, they are to be mainstreamed through SSA either directly to schools or through Special Training Centre, operated in the District under SSA Scheme.

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Activities of National Resource Centre on Child Labour towards Prevention and Elimination of Child Labour

On-line Orientation Training Programme on “Ensuring Legal Services & Effective Rehabilitation of Rescued Child Labour, Bonded Labour and other Trafficked Labour”

On-line Orientation Training Programme on “Ensuring Legal Services & Effective Rehabilitation of Rescued Child Labour, Bonded Labour and other Trafficked Labour” was conducted during 24th to 26th November 2021. The objectives of this On-Line Training Programme were to discuss the aspects of Standard operating Procedures relating to Rescue and Post-rescue and the ways of contributing to strong prosecution; to discuss the importance of reducing vulnerability to labour exploitation, effective and timely rehabilitation of the rescued victims; to discuss NCLP Scheme and Central Sector Scheme on Bonded Labour Rehabilitation (2016) and share the best practices from different States of the country; to identify major gaps in rehabilitation process and discuss role of Stakeholders, Social partners including the SLSA, to bridge the gaps; and to strengthen knowledge of participants of NALSA (Legal Services to the Workers in the Unorganized

Sector) Scheme, 2015. There were 69 participants attending the programme. They were from the District Muzaffarpur of Bihar; Districts Ranchi and Pakur of Jharkhand; District Bangalore of Karnataka; Districts Jabalpur and Ujjain of Madhya Pradesh; District Mumbai of Maharashtra; District East Khasi Hills of Meghalaya; District Amritsar of Punjab; District Puri of Odisha; District West Sikkim of Sikkim; Districts Mahabubnagar and Khammam of Telangana; District South Tripura of Tripura; Districts Bulandshahar and Agra of Uttar Pradesh; North, South and East Delhi. These participants represented the District Legal Aid Officers and Para Legal Volunteers, Officials of line Departments of the state Governments dealing with Child Labour and Bonded Labour Rehabilitation and Social Welfare Department. Dr. Helen R. Sekar, Senior Fellow, is the Course Director of the programme.

Online Training Programme on Code on Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions, 2020

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their implications for Labour and to share good practices and discuss the role and responsibilities of various stakeholders and social partners in ensuring compliance of occupational safety and health standards at the workplaces. The programme was attended by the Officers and Officials working under Labour and ESI Department of Odisha State and other stakeholders. Opening Remarks were given by Dr. N. Thirumala Naik, Labour Commissioner, Government of Odisha and Keynote Address by Shri Ashok Kumar Panda, Director, SLI, & Addl. Secretary, Govt. of Odisha. The Director General, VVGNI, Inaugurated the programme. Dr. Helen R. Sekar, Senior Fellow, is the Course Director of the programme.

Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav

Workshop on Role of Trade Union Leaders during the Freedom Struggle



As a part of the Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav, Workshop on Role of Trade Union Leaders during the Freedom Struggle was organized on 16th December 2021. The objectives of the Workshop were to discuss on the trade union movement during British rule, the involvement of national leaders in the trade union movement and the historical role of trade union leaders in India's freedom movement. The

workshop was attended by the experts, trade union leaders, and practitioners working in trade union movements and labour issues, including scholars from academia, government (Ministries concerned), State Commissions on Women, international organizations, and other organizations. Out of the total 79 participants, 54 participated online and 25 through offline.

Events of the National Child Labour Projects from different Districts of the Country

National Child Labour Project (NCLP), Jalandhar, Punjab



Children's Day Celebration



Medical Check-up Camp



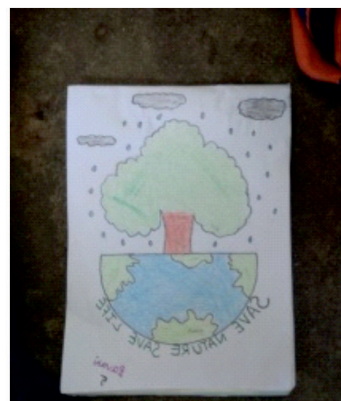
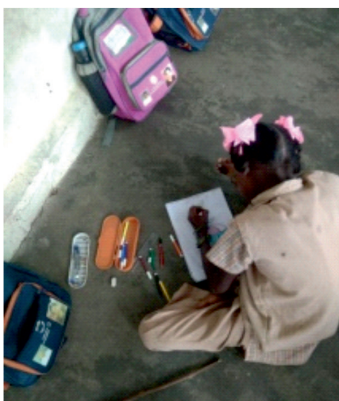
शहीद अजीत सिंह नौजवान सोसायटी की तरफ से संचालित नेशनल चाइल्ड लेबर स्कूल उपकार नगर में अध्यापक दिवस मनाया गया। प्रधान दीपक महेदू ने कहा कि अध्यापक समाज के मार्गदर्शक होते हैं। बच्चों ने गीत गाकर व पेंटिंग बना कर अपनी भावनाएं व्यक्त की। इस मौके पर ऋचा यादव, रेणुका, अंजलि, आर्यन आदि मौजूद थे • विज्ञिति

Distribution of the Woolen Jackets



Teachers Day Celebrations

Function organized on the Occasion of Children's Day by STCs



Drawing Competition

Poem

"We will Rule the Sky"

Our jolly minds are
Cooler than moon, softer than flower,
Don't underestimate us
Just because we're child labour.

We must study daily at
NCLP and RTE Centers,
Education & Mid Day Meals
Will be provided to us for sure.

At the end of every month
Stipend will come to our pockets,
Teachers will give us
Note books, pencils & slates.

Parents will get Government's
Poverty Alleviation programme,
BPL card, welfare scheme
Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana
We want to play and study
Please don't exploit us,
We are also human beings
Give back our childhood to us.

We want to fly high
Like every child wants to be,
We will rule the sky
One day the world will see.

Samir Kumar Nanda
Programme Manager,
NCLP, Deogarh, Odisha

National Child Labour Project (NCLP), Erode, Tamil Nadu



Sponsored 10 Thermal Scanners to NCLP Special Training Centres



Competitions for STC Students and Prize Distribution



Inauguration of Awareness Programme



Display of Vocational Training Outcome by NCLP

National Child Labour Project (NCLP), Kanchipuram, Tamil Nadu



Health Check-up Camp



Pre-Vocational Training Camp



Drawing Competition

National Child Labour Project (NCLP), Kanchipuram, Tamil Nadu



Operation Smile- 2021

National Child Labour Project (NCLP), Vellore, Tamil Nadu



Distribution of Free Text Books

National Child Labour Project (NCLP), Khammam, Telangana





Children's Day Celebrations



New model legal services Camp attend Judge, DC, CP, and all district officer's. NCLP arrange the stall at Thallda mandal Khammam district Telangana





Legal Service Stall Organised by NCLP



Vaccination Camp Organised by NCLP, Khammam, Telangana

National Child Labour Project (NCLP), 24 Parganas, West Bengal



Azadi-ka-Amrut-Mahotsav

Workshop for Celebrating 20 years of successful interventions for Elimination of Child Labour in Velpur Mandal, Nizamabad District & Awareness Generation on the Labour Codes

As a part of Azadi-ka-Amrut-Mahotsav, a Workshop for Celebrating 20 Years of Successful Interventions for Elimination of Child Labour in Velpur Mandal, Nizamabad District & Awareness Generation on the Labour Codes was organized by V. V. Giri National Labour Institute on 8th October 2021 at Pragathi Hall, Collectorate, in Nizamabad.



Prior to the Workshop, Curtain Raiser programme was organized by the VVG NLI on 5th October 2021 at Telangana Bhawan, New Delhi. Dr. H. Srinivas, IRPS and Director General, VVG NLI extended a warm welcome and informed that the issue of Child Labour occupies a prominent place in the agenda of Training, Research, and other activities of the VVG NLI and the Institute provides an interactive forum for different social partners and stakeholders and also provides technical support in their Task of Prevention and Elimination of Child Labour through different Interventions. Dr. H. Srinivas praised the untiring efforts of Mr. G. Asok Kumar, the then District Collector of Nizamabad District towards prevention and elimination of child labour. Ms. Sathyavathy, Member UPSC and Former Secretary, Ministry of Labour & Employment, Government of India; Mr. Ananda Bose, One Man Commission, CACLB, Ministry of Labour & Employment, Government of India and former Spl CS, Government of Kerala; Mr. KM Sahni, Spl. Representative of Telangana Government and former Secretary, Ministry of Labour & Employment, Government of India; and, Dr. Gaurav Uppal, Resident Commissioner, Telangana Bhawan, New Delhi, appreciated the intensive 90 days drive in Velpur Mandal, started by Mr. G. Asok Kumar on July 9, 2001. This was the starting point of a long-drawn battle to eliminate not just child labour but also restrict hunger and malnutrition and take children to the schools. The drive saw that all children in the age-group of 5-15 years were enrolled in appropriate schools. They were given books, uniforms and other facilities to study. On 2nd October, 2001, Velpur was declared as a child-labour free Mandal and the efforts continue to sustain over 2 decades because of the coordinated efforts of the community with their arduous task.

Azadi-ka-Amrut-Mahotsav “Workshop for Celebrating 20 years of successful interventions for Elimination of Child Labour in Velpur Mandal, Nizamabad District & Awareness Generation on the Labour Codes was conducted on 8th October 2021 at Nizamabad. Dr. H. Srinivas, Director General, V. V. Giri National Labor Institute, set the context of the Workshop, highlighting the importance of addressing the issue of child

labour and effective enforcement of related legislation. Dr. H. Srinivas further mentioned that the VVG NLI has been organizing training programmes on a large scale for attitudinal change and towards developing capabilities of various target groups on the issue of Child labour and awareness generation on various provisions of all the four Labour Codes passed by the parliament.

Hon’ble MP (Lok Sabha) Nizamabad Constituency, Shri Arvind Dharmapuri addressed the workshop where he said that the Mandal became an ideal to the country due to the hard work of the authorities. Shri Bajireddy Goverdhan, Ex. MLA Armoor, MLA (Nizamabad Rural), Chairperson TSRTC, also addressed the participants on the topic.

Shri K. Srinivas, Director, Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration, and Ms. Rani Kumudini, Special Chief Secretary, Labour Department, Government of Telangana, Shri Narayan Reddy, District Collector, Nizamabad, Dr. Helen R. Sekar, Senior Fellow, V.V.Giri National Labour Institute, also addressed the Workshop. Dr. Mahaveer Jain, Senior Fellow (Retd.), the then CMO Sudhakar Rao and elected representatives of PRIs from Nizamabad District shared his experiences.

There was a Technical Session on “Successful Interventions for Elimination of Child Labour and cent percent Enrolment & Retention of Children in Schools in Velpur Mandal, Nizamabad District: Sharing of Experience” in which Dr. Helen R Sekar, Senior Fellow, VVG NLI, gave the Introduction and Background, Shri G. Asok Kumar, (Ex DC., Nizamabad), Addl. Secretary, MJS, Govt. of India, shared his experience where he said that 539 child laborers from Velpur Mandal were admitted to schools at that time. Stating that children below 15 years should be enrolled in school and not to put to work, he said the country’s development depends on the future of the children and children are important to the country. Stating that Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao is also focusing on education, he said opening of residential schools across the State on the same day was a testament to KCR’s commitment. It’s a good development that BC, Minority, SC and ST welfare education Institutions are being started, he lauded. Shri G. Ashok Kumar, also recalled that Velpur Mandal was declared as the first Mandal to completely eradicate child labor in the country in 2001. This was possible only with the government encouragement, commitment of the authorities, VDCs and the cooperation of people’s representatives, he added. He felicitated local body representatives and officials of the District Administration, who served in Velpur zone in 2001.

While proposing vote of thanks to the dignitaries and participants, Shri Narayan Reddy, District Collector, Nizamabad, conveyed special gratitude to Dr. H. Srinivas, Director General, V. V. Giri National Labor Institute, for organizing the Workshop and also setting the context and addressing the participants of the Workshop. While concluding Shri Narayan Reddy, asked the people of Nizamabad and elected representatives to continue their support.