

V. V. Giri National Labour Institute

Azadi-ka-Amrut-Mahotsav “Workshop Celebrating 20 years of successful interventions for Elimination of Child Labour in Veilpur Mandal, Nizamabad District, Telangana & Awareness Generation on the New Labour Codes on 8th October 2021

As a part of “Azadi-ka-Amrut-Mahotsav”, a Workshop for Celebrating 20 years of successful interventions for Elimination of Child Labour in Veilpur 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, Telangana. Shri Arvind Dharmapuri, Hon’ble MP (LS) Nizamabad Constituency addressed the workshop and said that the Mandal became an example of ‘Child Labour Free Mandal’ in the country due to the hard work of the then authorities. Shri Bajireddy Goverdhan, MLA (Nizamabad Rural) also addressed the participants on the topic. Shri K. Srinivas, Director, Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration, Ms. Rani Kumudini, Special Chief Secretary, Labour Department, Government of Telangana; Dr H Srinivas, DG, VVGNI; Shri Narayan Reddy, District Collector, Nizamabad and Dr. Helen R. Sekar, Senior Fellow, VVGNI also spoke on the occasion.

Earlier, a Curtain Raiser programme was organized on 5th October 2021 at Telangana Bhawan, New Delhi. Smt. M Sathyavathy, Member UPSC & Former Secretary, Ministry of Labour & Employment, GoI; Mr. Ananda Bose, One Man Commission, CACLB, Ministry of Labour & Employment, GoI & former Spl Chief Secretary, Government of Kerala; Shri K.M. Sahni, Spl. Representative of Telangana Government and former Secretary, Ministry of Labour & Employment, Government of India; Dr H Srinivas, DG, VVGNI; Dr. Gaurav Uppal, Resident Commissioner, Telangana Bhawan, New Delhi and Dr Helen Sekar, Sr Fellow, VVGNI attended the meeting.

Velpur mandal became role model 20 years ago in child labour eradication

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JAL Shakti Ministry’s Additional Secretary G Ashok Kumar, who earlier served as Nizamabad District Collector, 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.

A programme was organised at Pragathi Bhavan Conference Hall here on Friday as part of ‘Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav’, the government’s initiative to celebrate and commemorate 75 years of progressive India and its glorious history, people, culture and achievements. Ashok Kumar felicitated local body representatives and officials of the district administration, who served in Velpur zone in 2001.

Ashok Kumar said that 539 child laborers from Velpur mandal were admitted to schools at



Jal Shakti Ministry’s Additional Secretary G Ashok Kumar speaking at a programme at Pragathi Bhavan in Nizamabad on Friday

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.

Nizamabad MP Dharmapuri Arvind said the mandal became an ideal to the country due to the hard work of the authorities.

District Collector Narayana Reddy said the people of the district still remember Ashok Kumar sir as Edepally mandal Ashok, who developed Sagar. It

was he, who explained about the importance of personal toilets, he added. As many as 40 lakh toilets were constructed during the period and lot of work was done on water conservation.

The Collector informed that recognition was given on July 9, 2001 and the declaration as child labor free mandal was on October 2, 2001. Later, giving vote of thanks, the Collector asked the people’s representatives to continue their support to the people of Nizamabad district as compared to other districts.

Director General Dr M Srinivas, National Labor Institute senior Fellow VV Giri, Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration Director K Srinivas and Special CS at State Labor Department Rani Kumudini also spoke. The then CMO Sudhakar Rao shared his experiences from America. Rural MLA Bajireddy Govardhan, Dr Helen R Shekhar, Additional Collector Chitra Mishra, Trainee Assistant Collector Makarand, the then CPO Sheikh Meerza, officials and others were present on the occasion.

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Second Meeting of the Committee constituted for the purpose of **celebrations on the 75th Anniversary of India's Independence**, by the VVG NLI was held on 8th July 2021. The following were present:

Committee Members

1. Dr. Helen R. Sekar, Senior Fellow
2. Shri Harsh Singh Rawat, Administrative officer
3. Dr. Ramya Ranjan Patel, Associate Fellow
4. Shri S. K. Verma, ALIO
5. Shri Beerendra Singh Rawat, Senior Translation Officer
6. Shri Shailesh Kumar, Accounts Officer
7. Shri A. K. Srivastava, Supervisor (Admin)

Highlights of the Discussion:

A meeting started with the recalling the decisions arrived in the meeting held on 7th July 2021 which was chaired by the Director General, VVG NLI wherein the objectives and background towards commemoration of 75 Years Independence by the VVG NLI were discussed in detail.

On the basis of decisions arrived in the previous day meeting, the Committee deliberated on the specific role and responsibilities to be undertaken by the constituents of the Committee involving other faculty members, officials and other staff as per the requirement for initiating and organizing various events relating to the commemoration of 75 Years Independence by the VVG NLI. The Committee also conversed the available facilitating factors, resources and potential participants.

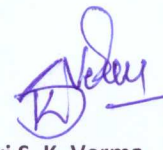
After pondering on the involvement, expertise and experience of conducting various events in the past by the constituents, the Committee arrived at the role-specificity as follows:

Sl. No.	Activities	VVG NLI Employees Volunteered & Assured to Organize the Events
1	Slogan writing	Shri Beerendra Singh Rawat
2	Essay writing on Freedom Fighters	Shri Ramya Ranjal Patel & Shri Beerendra Singh Rawat
3	Organizing Virtual Performance of Cultural Programmes by Individuals / Groups of different age groups	Dr. Helen R. Sekar & Shri Shailesh Kumar
4	Mobilizing participants for consenting for the Performance of Cultural Programmes and recording, Compiling the outcome, and organizing the Presentation of the Documented Audio-visuals	Dr. Helen R. Sekar & Shri Shailesh Kumar
5	Panel Discussion on achievements of Independence India	Dr. Ramya Ranjal Patel
6	Painting competition for children	Shri Beerendra Singh Rawat
7	Elocution on contribution of Freedom fighters	Shri Beerendra Singh Rawat
8	Compilation of Documentaries on Freedom Movement / Freedom Fighters and Screening them in various Training Programmes, Webinars, and other events, etc.	Shri S. K. Verma
9	Preparation of various objects depicting Independence related matters such as Dandi March, Quit India Movement, etc.	Shri S. K. Verma, Dr. Manoj Jatav & Shri Shailesh Kumar
10	KaviSammelan / Poem Recital / Poem Writing	Shri Beerendra Singh Rawat & Shri Vinay Kumar Sharma
11	Publishing a Compendium of Poems and Essays as a Special Issue	Shri Beerendra Singh Rawat
12	Short play / Skit on the theme inviting Professional Artists observing COVID Protocols	Shri Beerendra Singh Rawat
13	Government initiatives and interventions for the welfare, and the empowerment of labour in the Independent India	Shri Ramya Ranjal Patel
14	Role of Trade Union Leaders during the Freedom struggle	Shri Ramya Ranjal Patel

The meeting ended with vote of thanks.


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बच्चों के लिए चित्रकारी प्रतियोगिता (15 अगस्त 2021)
Painting competition for children (15 August 2021)





स्वतंत्रता सेनानियों के योगदान पर भाषण (24 सितम्बर 2021)
Elocution on contribution of Freedom fighters (24 September 2021)



