



Press Release

Webnair on Migrant Workers in Bihar

A webnair was organised by Society for Empowerment on **Migrant Workers in Bihar** on 30th May 2020 at Patna.

The Webnair was chaired by Professor emeritus Chairman, Dr. S. Narayan and was coordinated by Shri Bhairab Lal Das. The webnair on Migrant workers in Bihar was also addressed by Mrs Rajani Sharma Journalist News 18, Shri A V Sinha I.AS retired, Professor Mitasri Mitra, Ravishankar Vidyalaya Raipur, and Dr Savidhi from SFE .

Shri Bhairab Lal Das introduced the participants and detailed the importance of subject and its relevance in contemporary Indian scenarios.

Professor Narayan while addressing the webnair shed light on the classification of the migrant labour, their reason for migration and reverse migration in the Covid-19 scenario. He also said that labour has important role in the development of the country and they have also played active role in the Independence Movement. Gandhiji also started his Satyagrah in India on labour issue and involved labourers, in Champaran Movement and also in freedom movements. He further, stated that, the lopsided development in the country is responsible for such a huge labour migration. Migrant's Human Rights are blatantly violated, yet neither NHRC nor any SHRC took any notice of such violations. Development policy, plan, and programmes executed after independence of the country to achieve holistic development has led to Differential Development, Deprivatory Development, Discriminatory Development. We should have Long term, Midterm and short Development policy for holistic development of the labourer. To overcome such crisis in future the Government should constitute a Commission for Migrant workers, having a defined scope of their upliftment, which to maintain a data base of all the migrants. The same may be use for their skill development, social development etc. To meet the challenges of covid-19 we should also propagate our traditional and tribal knowledge to prevent and cure from Covid-19or Corana virus..

Shri A V Sinha I.AS retired, spoke on role of bureaucrats and police in fighting against Corana and has said that the information and training of the administration (bureaucrats/ police) along with Disaster Mitigating tool is required on ongoing basis. The present system is in stress, however they have performed in the limited resources.

Professor Mitra spoke on biological aspects of fighting with Covid -19.

Mrs. Rajani Sharma highlighted the role of journalism in fighting pandemics. She said that the local media is highlighting the plight of the migrant labours and due to continuous coverage on the migrant labour plights, the government has taken note of the issues and is taking necessary steps. However, a lot needs to be done.

Dr Savidhi detailed role of psychological counselling of the labour and their family.

The webnair ended with vote of thanks to the chair.

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