

Press Note

Future of Work in India and Young People's Aspirations

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The world of work is undergoing a major process of change. There are several forces transforming it, from the onward march of technology and the impact of climate change to the changing character of production and employment, and demographics to name a few.

At the same time, the youth of India are facing an exciting period of change and new opportunities. With higher levels of education, access to information and awareness of the world around them, young people across the country are seeking to make the transition from school to work and contribute to the country's development through employment and entrepreneurship.

It is necessary to understand and to respond effectively to new challenges in the world of work in order to be able to advance social justice. For this reason, the International Labour Organization's Director-General Guy Ryder has launched the "Future of Work initiative". The initiative seeks to involve ILO's member States fully and universally, but also to reach beyond them to all relevant and interested stakeholders, including youth.

In this context, the Ministry of Labour and Employment, V.V. Giri National Labour Institute and International Labour Organization are organizing an event on "The Future of Work in India and Young People's Aspiration". This event will focus on India's youth and their aspirations in the world of work. It will seek to highlight both challenges in the labour market and how youth can be an agent of change themselves to address them.

The Honourable Minister of Labour and Employment, Shri Bandaru Dattatreya, will be speaking at the event, along with the United Nations Resident Coordinator for India, Shri Yuri Afanasiev, and Secretary, Labour and Employment, Shri Shankar Aggarwal. Young people from different backgrounds will be sharing their views and aspirations.

This event will take place on 10 May 2016, starting at 10:00 a.m., in the Silver Oak Hall, India Habitat Centre, Lodi Road, New Delhi.