

G20 Employment Working Group to focus on three priority areas -Addressing Global Skill Gaps, Gig and Platform Economy, Social Protection and Sustainable Financing of Social Security

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India has assumed the rotating G20 Presidency for the year 2023, beginning from 01st December, 2022. The Ministry of Labour and Employment is conducting meetings of the Employment Working Group of The G20, which will culminate into the G20 Labour and Employment Ministers' Meeting in July, 2023. The three priority areas for the G20 Employment Working Group are-

- a. Addressing Global Skill Gaps
- b. Gig and Platform Economy and Social Protection
- c. Sustainable Financing of Social Security.

The issue notes on these priority issues have been prepared and circulated to all G20 countries. The ILO-UNICEF joint report (Child Labour Global Estimates 2020) highlights broader policy imperative in the form of immediate need to extend social protection for children and their families to mitigate the poverty and economic uncertainty that underpin child labour.

Ministry of Labour & Employment has been implementing National Child Labour Project (NCLP) Scheme for rehabilitation of child labourers through District Project Societies under the chairmanship of the District Magistrate. Under the NCLP scheme, the children in the age group of 9-14 years are rescued / withdrawn from work and enrolled in the NCLP Special Training Centers (STCs), where they are provided with bridge education, vocational training, mid-day meal, stipend, health care, etc. before being mainstreamed into formal education system. NCLP scheme has now been subsumed under Samagara Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) Scheme with effect from 01.04.2021. Henceforth, the rescued child labourers will be mainstreamed into formal education system through STC operational under SSA.

This information was given by the Minister of State for Labour and Employment, Shri Rameswar Teli in a written reply to the Rajya Sabha.

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