

ILO India response to COVID-19

▶ 3rd update July-August 2020



**The universal ratification of
Convention No. 182 on the Worst
Forms of Child Labour.**

All 187 ILO member States now
committed to protect children all
around the world.
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Setting an August milestone, for the first time in the ILO's history, an International Labour Convention has been ratified by all member States.

Convention No. 182 on the Worst Forms of Child Labour achieved universal ratification

It means that all children now have legal protection against the worst forms of child labour in 187 ILO member countries.

The Government of India had ratified the Convention on the 31 March 2017, making a significant contribution towards achievement of Sustainable Development Goals 2030.

Read more details [here](#).

"Universal ratification of Convention 182 is an historic first. It reflects a global commitment that the worst forms of child labour, such as slavery, sexual exploitation, the use of children in armed conflict or other illicit or hazardous work that compromises children's health, morals or psychological wellbeing, have no place in our society."

Guy Ryder,

Director General, ILO

► Highlights of ILO Global Summit from India

2 July, 2020 Asia-Pacific Regional Event



It is time to rewrite the rules for world of work to turn the adversity into opportunity and India is taking all necessary steps in this direction.

Mr Santosh Kumar Gangwar,
Minister of Labour and
Employment, India



During COVID-19, ensuing productivity and skill development are top priorities and informality is the biggest regional challenge.

Mr Rajeev Dubey, Employer
Governing Body Member

8 July, 2020 Global Leader's Day



Appreciate the fact that while all of us are in the same storm, we are not in the same boat. People working in the informal economy have been the most strongly hit.

Ms Sangita Reddy, President,
Federation of Indian Chambers of
Commerce and Industry (FICCI)



Universal social protection and guarantee of minimum wage are required to build resilience and ensure livelihood recovery among informal sector workers.

Ms Reema Nanavaty, Leader,
SEWA

9 July, 2020 Constituent's Day



ILO has an important role in building confidence and resilience among its constituents to drive recovery from this pandemic.

Mr M S Unnikrishnan,
Chairman Confederation of
Indian Industry (CII)

We have to ensure that most vulnerable are adequately assisted in the recovery process. There is a need to reframe our priority with the aim of strengthening our economy and generating jobs for our workforce. This ILO Global summit has brought us together to discuss the impact of the crisis and share our innovative experiences in dealing with it.

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Employment, India

ILO Global Summit on COVID-19 and the World of Work - Building a better future of work was a high-profile platform for government, employer and worker representatives, and other high-level actors, to address the economic and social impact of the COVID-19 pandemic

275 **98**
Speakers Countries

54 **5**
Heads of States and Governments Heads of International agencies

3 Global Events

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 **COVID-19 and the World of Work**
Building a better future of work
1-2 and 7-9 July 2020

▶ Pillars of ILO's response

1 Stimulating the economy and employment

- ▶ Standing Conference of Public Enterprises (SCOPE) organized a webinar on "ILO's response to the pandemic: Learning and sharing of global practices", on 6 July, 2020. Leaders from Public Sector Enterprises attended the event appreciating ILO's inputs to the response. The event broadcast is [available here](#).
- ▶ Enterprise survey tool: Assessing the needs of enterprises resulting from COVID-19 has been absorbed by Employers' Federation of India (EFI) for dissemination among its members and non-members. This tool has been developed by the ILO Bureau for Employers' Activities (ILO-ACT/EMP) to help employers and business membership organizations (EBMOs) evaluate the needs of enterprises during COVID-19 crisis.

2 Supporting enterprises, jobs and incomes

- ▶ The latest report on global survey of "Employer and business membership organizations: Inside impacts and responses to COVID-19" was released. In a joint effort to understand the real demands and challenges EBMOs are facing, the International Labour Organization - ACTEMP and the International Organisation of Employers (IOE) conducted this global survey of EBMOs.
- ▶ Bureau of Worker's Activities (ACTRAV) held a webinar on ILO Policy Framework on COVID-19 with a focus on Supporting Enterprises, Jobs and Income. Watch the webinar [here](#).
- ▶ The ILO provided inputs to the report prepared by the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) on the "Rehabilitation of Migrant Workers in India" (Internal Migration). The Minister of Skills Development & Entrepreneurship of Government of India released the report during a National Skill Development Leadership Conclave on 10 July, 2020.

3 Protecting workers in the workplace

- ▶ ACTRAV's second webinar focused on Protecting Workers in the Workplace. [Watch here](#).
- ▶ A Training Programme on "Promoting Health and Safety and COVID-prevention in Micro, Small & Home Based Enterprises and Workers in Lower Tiers of Supply Chains" was organized on 16 July, 2020, through ILO's ongoing project - Towards Fair and Sustainable Global Supply Chains.
- ▶ Second of the four-part series on Conversations on Working in Freedom was on "Trafficking in the wake of Covid-19". The event organized 30 July, 2020 on the occasion of World Day Against Trafficking in Persons and had over 2000 views through different channels. The event can be viewed on [ILO YouTube](#).



The ILO's Start and Improve Your Business (SIYB) Training of Trainer provided me practical tips on delivering entrepreneurship trainings more systematically. Cascading the training will help entrepreneurs among refugees to improve their businesses currently affected by the pandemic. We have planned to disseminate the training among Afghan and Chin refugee communities in Delhi.

Ms. Shagul, Program Coordinator, Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) Operational partner of UNHCR, works with refugees in Delhi

▶ ILO experts @ seminars

- ▶ **A Stitch Undone: Impact Of COVID-19 on Women Workers in India's Garment Supply Chains**, organized by Homenet South Asia and IDRC on 7 July, 2020, Bharti Birla, CTA with ILO.
- ▶ **Building Back Better: Towards a Green Recovery of Indian Economy**, organized by PAGE on 6 July, 2020, Kelvin Sergeant, Small Enterprise Development and Job Creation Specialist, ILO
- ▶ **Regional Consultation (Webinar) Evacuation and Repatriation of Migrants in Times of COVID-19**, organized by Ministry of External Affairs, India, 09 July 2020, Dagmar Walter
- ▶ **Panel Discussion: Global and Regional Migration Governance During Covid-19 Pandemic** organised by Diaspora Transnationalism on July 7, 2020, Shabarinath Nair, Regional Migration Expert ILO
- ▶ **The Role of Diplomatic Missions in Assisting Migrants During and Beyond COVID-19** organised by Diaspora Transnationalism on 14 July, 2020, Shabarinath Nair, Regional Migration Expert ILO
- ▶ **GRI South Asia Virtual Regional Summit 2020: Empowering Decisions for a Sustainable Future**, organised on 27, July, 2020, Tsuyoshi Kawakami, Occupational Safety and Health Expert

▶ News coverage

- ▶ **Business Standard: Another Covid-19 wave can result in loss of 340 million jobs: ILO**
- ▶ **Business Today: No return to pre-coronavirus job levels in 2020, global outlook uncertain: ILO**
- ▶ **Deccan Herald: All member states ratify UN child labour convention**
- ▶ **Delhi Post: COVID-19 Calls for Reforms in International Migration Governance**
- ▶ **Times Now: Indian migrant workers in Kuwait: Challenges and opportunities for India**

▶ Plans ahead

- ▶ Third Conversation on Working in Freedom is on labour reforms among women informal workers. Check **event page** for updates
- ▶ A webinar on Future of Work – Opportunities post COVID-19
- ▶ With increased importance for apprenticeship, training during COVID-19 office is in the process of repurposing Start and Improve Your Business (SIYB) module and planning number trainings in intervention states.
- ▶ Workplace Cooperation and Grievance training of suppliers of leading brands is planned to prepare them on COVID-19 preventive measures and control in enterprises.
- ▶ Second Bipartite dialogue on challenges, impact and way forward for MSMEs planned in August.



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has brought the
world of work
to its knees

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