



Celebration of '63rd Workers Education Day' on 16th of September, 2021, at the Maharashtra Sadan, Kasturba Gandhi Marg, New Delhi

A grand program was organised at the Maharashtra Sadan, Kasturba Gandhi Marg, New Delhi on 16th of September, 2021 to mark the 63th Workers Education Day. Workers Education Day is celebrated to mark the foundation day of Workers Education in India under the aegis of the Ministry of Labour and Employment, Govt. of India.



Smt Anuradha Prasad, Special Secretary, Ministry of Labour and Employment, Govt. of India was the Chief Guest while Smt Sibani Swin, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Labour and Employment, Govt. of India was the Special Guest. Shri Virjesh Upadhyay, Chairman, DTNBWED and Shri Harsh Vaidya, Director General, DTNBWED also graced the occasion. The celebration was attended by 200 delegates representing the Trade Unions, Social organisations, industries and Departments of Government from New Delhi, Ghaziabad and Faridabad Regions.



Distinguished personalities including Shri Hiranmany Pandya, President, *Bhartiya Mazdoor Sangh*, Sri Shiv Gopal Mishra, General Secretary, *All India Railwaymen's Federation*, Sri Saji Narayan, Ex President, *Bhartiya Mazdoor Sangh*, Shri Surender Lal, General Secretary, *Hind Mazdoor Sabha*, Haryana State Council, Dr. Onkar

Sharma, Dy Chief Labour Commissioner (Central) & Additional Director of the Board, Sri Rahul Bhagat, Director, Ministry of Labour and Employment, Sri Atul Kumar Singh, Under Secretary, Ministry of Labour & Employment were present on the occasion.



Shri Harsh Vaidya, Director General of the Board welcomed the guests and said that the Workers Education day is celebrated throughout the country in a befitting manner and briefed about the achievements of the Board during the previous years. He said the principal function of the Board is to build capacities among the workers in the organised, unorganised as well as in the rural sectors through its unique pedagogy and

objective oriented workers education programs. He highlighted the contribution of the Board in empowering the trade union leadership, in creating harmonious industrial relations, in imbibing a positive attitude among the partners of production, at the same time, in socio-economic uplift of most marginalised section of workers in the unorganised and rural sectors. He reiterated the the new initiatives undertaken by the Board during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ms. Sibani Swain, Additional Secretary/Financial Advisor in her address stressed that workers education is a medium that enables the workers through its effective curriculums. She threw a light on recently launched E-Shram Portal for the benefit of the workers. She informed that about eighty lakhs workers from the informal sector have already registered themselves to the *E-Shram* Portal and said that



the mission of the Government of India is to get the last worker register to the Portal. She appealed that, the Board has to enable and assist the workers to get themselves registered to the Portal and avail the benefits of the schemes as launched by the Government through its effective Workers Education programs.



Shri Virjesh Upadhyay, Chairman in his address said that conventional education and Workers Education are two distinct streams of education. Workers Education is engaged in enhancing the participation of the workers in society and country at large. He opined that the strength of the Board lies with participation of Trade unions, representatives of the Management of the industries and

other organizations who directly contribute to the enrichment of the activities of the Board. He further said that the Board has taken up a highly ambitious initiative to make the workers employable throughout their work life by enriching their skill and performance through exposure to appropriate course.

Smt Anuradha Prasad, Special Secretary, Ministry of Labour and Employment, Govt of India said that 'DTNBWED' is having wide field level experience in educating workers in organised, unorganised as well as in the rural sectors. She added that with the change of time and advent of new technologies the activities of the Board needs to be upgraded. Adoption of digital mode is single most important among them. A large number of workers could be benefited at the same with the adoption of digital modes in workers education. She said, with the implementation of the Labour codes the coverage of workers under various schemes would increase many fold. She reiterated that spread of Covid-19 and subsequent restrictions forced millions of migrant workers to leave their place of work. She informed that the Honourable Minister of Labour & Employment, Govt. of India has also desired to improve upon the responsibilities of the Board.





Sri Rahul Bhagat, Director, Ministry of Labour and Employment, read the message of Sri Bhupendra Yadav, Honourable Minister, Labour and Employment, Govt. of India from the dais. In his message the Honourable Minister said that the Board should draw inspirations from the life and works of Sri Dattopant Thengadi Ji. He said that the Govt. of India under the able leadership of Shri Narendra Modi

Ji is sensitive to the needs of the workers and determined to provide maximum benefits to the working community of the country. In this situation it becomes the responsibility of Board work to enable the workers to avail the benefits of the Schemes of the Govt. in force and to be launched in future through physical as well as digital modes.



Sri Rameswar Teli, Honourable Minister of State, Ministry of Labour and Employment in his video message congratulated the officers, employees and persons associated to the Board on the occasion of Workers Education Day and said that the Board does a noble task to the benefit of the workers and it be enhanced as per the need of the time.

The function concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Shri P.K. Moon, Deputy Director (HQ) I/c.