

HOW TO ENSURE RESPECTFUL RETURN FOR MIGRANTS

Webinar May 20, 2020 Time 12:00-1:30 pm

Context: An atmosphere of fear is currently prevailing all across the country due to the Covid 19 epidemic. The situation of unorganised labour and migrant workers who have come to cities to work is particularly pitiful. They are facing starvation and absolute pennilessness. On the one hand they have no employment and on the other there is a great deal of fear of contracting the virus. In this situation of absolute helplessness migrants only want to return home as soon as possible. In the face of the calamity this is but a natural response.

As the migrants undertake the long and difficult journey home they are subjected to many experiences of humiliation and violation of human rights. In many places even after reaching home to their villages they are on the receiving end of other forms of violence and stigma. There are villages where the returning migrants are facing rights violations and are being treated in a way that is against constitutional norms.

Objective of the Webinar: A panel of experts who are working at the ground level in different states will discuss the following important questions during the webinar and try to find solutions:

1. Problems and violations being faced in their villages by Migrant Workers who are returning home from cities across India
2. The immediate and long-term impact of these stigmatizing behaviours on the migrants' personal lives, on their families and on the community
3. Immediate steps that are required to ensure respectful treatment and protection of rights of the migrants who have returned
4. Steps that can be taken to ensure there is social solidarity and cohesion in village communities at this time and development of strong coping mechanisms and resilience to deal fearlessly with the calamity

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1. Anchita Ghatak, Director, Parichiti, West Bengal
2. Shri Nasiruddin Haider Khan, journalist and human rights advocate
3. Shri Gautam Sagar, Director, Sahayogini Sansthan, Jharkhand
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5. Shri Sushil Sharma, Director, HARD Sansthan, Madhya Pradesh
6. Shri Nasim Ansari, Director, Tarun Chetna, Uttar Pradesh

The webinar will be moderated by Shri Satish Kumar Singh, CHSJ, Delhi and Shri Rajdev Chaturvedi, Gramin Purnarnirman Sansthan, Uttar Pradesh

Webinar organisers:

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