

**REPORT ON**

**“State Level Consultation on Migration issue”**

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**Patna, Bihar**



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Engage where you can, confront you must

**Introduction-:**

With ongoing structural changes and consequent changing patterns of rural economy as a whole the nature and pattern of migration also changing over time. The increasing

rate of migrating people has become a concerning issue of development sector and also seeks attention of the government. The labourer class are the major part and portion of the population of migrants who change their living place from birth place due to forced or willingly reasons. The whole family suffer from the problem like women trafficking, child labourer, and socio-economic insecurity.

With reference to this, one day state level consultation was organised by Lok Vikas Sansthan in the state of Bihar to share the present perspective and views regarding migration in various regions. The participants were civil society organisations who worked on the burning issue of migration, there were 24 representatives from different organisation who shared their experiences and gave brief concept about the status of migration in their work areas.

The Chief Guest for the programme Mr Ram Chandra Chaudhary, Sarvodaya Leader and freedom fighter, threw light upon the reasons behind migration which according to him in keeping with the present situation are capitalism, inward looking bureaucracy, spiralling population growth, unawareness, lack of opportunities, corruption and glaring loopholes within the existing system of governance. The participants in the consultation, heads of various NGOs, also added information to the root cause of Migration.

Each participant shared his experience and discussed the ways to solve out this problem. Building pressure on government, unity among organisation working in same work area, situation analysis, awareness creation and combining government projects with migration issue were some of the recommendation that were suggested by the participants.

Mr Narender Kumar, Executive Director, IPAC, optimistically emphasised on the facts that can solve the problem like, a) Morality and ideology still stand upright in our system and the recent change in the Lok Sabha stand testimony to the fact that there is an opportunity for the CSO's to demand for change in the current acts, programmes and policies on migration. b.) The registration of the migrant population should be separated from the general population census of India for identification so that a clear picture of migrants' population is prepared and government schemes and plans can be change accordingly. c) There is a need to develop a framework wherein an opportunity would be given to a migrant labourer similar to any literate migrant.

After a layout was prepared, all the organisations present headed toward a consensus of creating a forum at the state level which would further take up the plan of action in the state and build a collective inter-state network which will vis-à-vis build a political pressure. Five people from the group were identified as members of a committee which will further take up this action of intervention.

Therefore, this consultation became the first initiative to step forward in concrete form and give a result oriented action plan to the state partners so that migration may not become severe problem.