

Present Condition of Child Workers in Guwahati City

The broad objective of the research study was to find out the condition of child labours in Guwahati City. On behalf of the Commission Dr. Renu Devi, Former Dean Faculty of Arts, Gauhati University, Assam conducted the study. The researcher selected 100 samples from Lakhra, Fancy Bazar, Krishna Nagar (Zoo Road), Silpukhuri, Ganeshguri, Panbazar, Uzan Bazar, Railway Station of Guwahati City.

Some of the major findings of the study are:

- The study showed that 90 percent of the child labours migrated from rural areas of Assam, Bihar, Orissa, West Bengal.
- It was found that many of the child labours who migrated to Guwahati City due to communal conflicts and armed struggle in their villages.
- Most of child labours are subjected to social insecurity and mental stress in the city.
- They are subjected to economic exploitation, ill treatment and job insecurity.
- Place of work is unhealthy and unhygienic.

Some of the important suggestions:

- Keeping in mind the role of non-formal education and vocational training in elimination of child labour more such centres should be established.
- As elimination of child labour needs multi prolonged approach, coordination, collaboration and cooperation among stake holders is indispensable.
- Proper monitoring of various policies and programmes of the government relating to elimination of Child labours.