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Dr. Sanjukta Maharana's book on child labour launched

Composing realistic books based on social problems is essential - DashBenhur

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Realistic literature is more effective, acceptable and popular than fictional literature. It easily touches the hearts of people. Various burning problems of society must find a place in literature. Such literature can melt even the hardest of hearts and can play a decisive role in showing people the right path, said prominent literary figure and social reformer Shri Dash Benhur.

The launching ceremony of Dr. Sanjukta Maharana's book "Abolishing Child Labour and Pro-active Government Initiatives" was organized at the conference hall of the Labour Commissioner's office. Releasing the book, Shri Benhur said that Child labour remains one of the most pressing social challenges worldwide, particularly in developing nations. It refers to the employment of children in work that deprives them of their childhood, education, and dignity, and is often harmful to their physical and mental development. Despite legislative measures and international conventions, millions of children continue to work in hazardous industries, agriculture, domestic labour, and informal sectors. Abolishing child labour is not only a moral imperative but also a socio-economic necessity for building an equitable and progressive society. Research-based book on the real problems of child labor and their solutions is a perfect example of realistic literature. It is necessary for all members of society to make determined efforts towards the eradication of child labor, said Shri Dash Benhur.

Shri Indramani Tripathi, Labour Commissioner, Odisha joined as an eminent Guest and said that the government is taking many steps to eliminate child labour. But the abolition of child labour is not the sole responsibility of governments but a collective duty of society. Proactive policies, strict enforcement, social awareness, and empowerment of families are the cornerstones of this battle. Every child deserves the right to learn, play, and dream, rather than toil in factories and fields. By eradicating child labour, we pave the way for a more humane, just, and prosperous future, said Shri Tripathi.

Former Joint Labour Commissioner Shri Pradeep Mohapatra expressed Dr. Maharana's book as research-based and commendable. Shri Samarendra Bhutia, OSD, SCSTRTI, reviewed the book. He highlighted various aspects of Dr. Maharana's research and said that the reality of this research can make our labour policy more effective.

Author Dr. Sanjukta Maharana depicted the inspiration and experience behind writing this book. She dedicated the book to her parents and expressed her gratitude to all the individuals who supported her during her research. She especially expressed her immense gratitude for the guidance and inspiration of her professor Dr. Ratnawali.

The programme was moderated by columnist and literary figure Dr. Dwitichandra Sahu. Tribal researcher Dr. Paramanand Patel, Additional Secretary, Information and Public Relations Department Smt. Bishnupriya Sahu and Executive Director, Odisha Mining Corporation Talat Affrin were present on the occasion.

This book will be a guide for policy makers, administrators, social workers and countless volunteers in the field of child labor prevention and child rights protection.



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