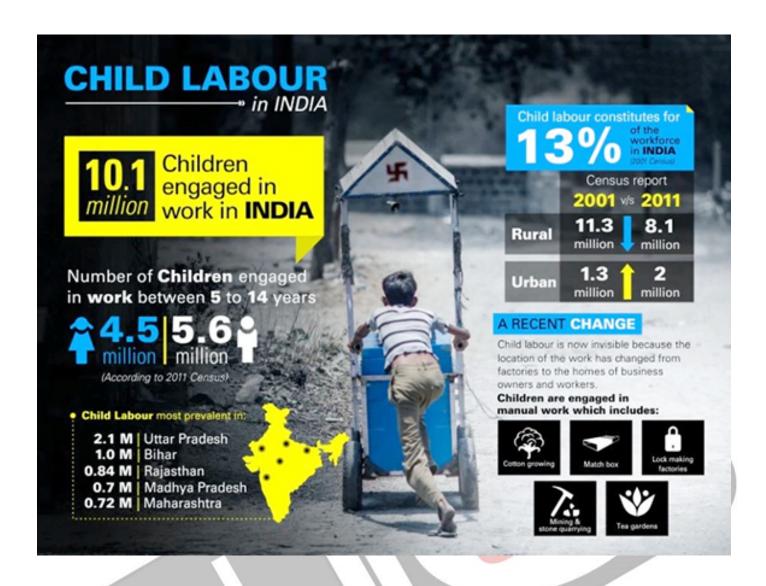


PENCIL Portal

Source: PIB

The <u>PENCIL</u> (<u>Platform for Effective Enforcement for No Child Labour</u>) portal was launched in 2017 by the Ministry of Labour and Employment to ensure effective enforcement of the provisions of the <u>Child and Adolescent Labour</u> (<u>Prohibition and Regulation</u>) <u>Act</u>, <u>1986</u>.

- Five key components of the portal include:
 - Central Government
 - State Government
 - District Project Societies
 - Child Tracking System
 - Complaint Corner
- Other Initiatives to Curb Child Labour:
 - Child Labour: Constitutional And Legal Provsions:
 - **Article 24** states that a child under 14 years cannot be employed to perform any hazardous work.
 - Article 39 states that "the health and strength of workers, men and women, and the tender age of children are not abused".
 - Right to Education Act (2009)
 - Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act (1986)
 - The Factories Act (1948)
 - National Policy on Child Labour (1987)
- International Conventions that India has Ratified:
 - Minimum Age Convention, 1973
 - UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) of 1989
 - The Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999.



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