



PENCiL Portal

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The [PENCiL \(Platform for Effective Enforcement for No Child Labour\)](#) portal was launched in 2017 by the Ministry of Labour and Employment to ensure effective enforcement of the provisions of the [Child and Adolescent Labour \(Prohibition and Regulation\) Act, 1986](#).

- **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 Provisions:**
 - **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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CHILD LABOUR

in INDIA

10.1 million Children engaged in work in INDIA

Number of **Children** engaged in work between 5 to 14 years

4.5 million | **5.6 million**
(According to 2011 Census)

• Child Labour most prevalent in:

2.1 M | Uttar Pradesh
1.0 M | Bihar
0.84 M | Rajasthan
0.7 M | Madhya Pradesh
0.72 M | Maharashtra



Child labour constitutes for **13%** of the workforce in INDIA (2011 Census)

	Census report	
	2001	v/s 2011
Rural	11.3 million	↓ 8.1 million
Urban	1.3 million	↑ 2 million

A RECENT CHANGE

Child labour is now invisible because the location of the work has changed from factories to the homes of business owners and workers.

Children are engaged in manual work which includes:



Read More: [Children and Domestic Labour](#)

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