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NTUC PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

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July 1, 2017, Kathmandu.

On the occasion of International Cooperatives Day, Nepal Trade Union Congress Cooperatives and Skill Development / Education Department organized the interaction program at NTUC seminar hall, Anamnagar, Kathmandu. The program was chaired by NTUC cooperatives and skill development department Coordinator Mr. Aatma Ram Poudel. NTUC women vice president Ms. Rama Poudel, NTUC Treasurer Mr. Yogendra kumar kunwar, Vice president of FIEUN Mr. Basudev Khatri, President of Nepal Beautician Union Ms. Bhagwati Khadka, President of Nepal Home Based Workers Union Ms. Usha Bhandary, President of Nepal Printing Press and Allied Workers Union Mr. Indramani Upreti, Coordinator of NTUC education department Mr. Khagendra Khatri were special guest during the program.



UNION STATISTICS

Name: Nepal Beautician Union (NBU)

Establishment: August 22, 2003

Membership as of: 9934

District Committees: 42

Area of work: All sectors related to beautician and provide training, organize workshop, trade union education. Make women independent especially the urban areas. Also, coordinate and consult with distributor for the quality and access of the facility in every sector.

NTUC Affiliation: August, 2004

GUF affiliation: UNI

Major issues: Provide skills and training to housewife and empower them to earn. Focus on the unemployed areas of city.

Contribution-based social security bill 2017 passed in Nepal.



July 25, 2017, Kathmandu.

The Legislature-Parliament of Nepal today (24 July 2017) passed the Contribution-based Social Security Bill 2017, without unemployment benefits. Minister for Labor and Employment Farmullah Mansoor had presented the proposal seeking the passage of the bill. When Speaker Onsari Gharti announced whether there was anyone objecting to the bill, majority of the parliamentarians approved it for the passage. Minister Mansoor informed the parliament about various provisions as of basic education, health, use of products, agriculture program, and social help among others.

Taking part in the deliberation on the bill, lawmakers said it was positive that the parliament passed the bill. It would help solve problems facing by the Nepalese Workers in the social security sector.



MIGRATION NEWS

150 Nepali workers arrested in Malaysia



June 6, 2017, Kwalalumpur.

Nearly 150 Nepali workers have been arrested in Malaysia since the authorities launched a crackdown on foreigners working without valid work permit, the Nepali Embassy in Kuala Lumpur has said. The deadline for permit renewal had expired last Friday.

Earlier, the government had set July 30 as the deadline for registering at the Immigration Department.

This move will affect a number of Nepali migrants working in Malaysia, said Kumar Kharel, Deputy Chief of Mission of the Nepali Embassy in Malaysia.

According to the latest data released by the Immigration Department of Malaysia, nearly 100,000 out of the total 485,000 Nepalis currently working in Malaysia are working without valid work permit. The Malaysian authorities estimate there are nearly 600,000 undocumented foreign nationals in the country.

Last February, the Malaysian authorities had announced that the undocumented foreign workers could register themselves at the Immigration Department and apply for an Enforcement Card (E-Card) that would allow them to remain and work in the country.

Source: <http://kathmandupost.ekantipur.com/news/2017-07-06/nearly-150-nepalis-arrested-in-malaysia.html>

Migrant workers will now pay up to Rs 2,500 into welfare fund

July 31, 2017, Kathmandu: Nepalese going abroad for employment will now have to deposit up to Rs 2,500 in the Migrant Workers' Welfare Fund (MWWF), depending on the duration of their work tenure, according to a revised regulation on foreign employment unveiled on Monday.

In January, then PM Dahal had announced that the government would provide Rs 700,000 to 'documented migrants' who die abroad. Kin of migrants who die abroad will get Rs 700,000 from today. The funds will also be used to provide free legal aid to migrants in the labour destinations.



DISTRICT/PROVINCE/AFFILIATES UNION

August 5, 2017, Kathmandu.

Industrial- NTUC affiliate Union address Labour Concern on Social Security Fund here on Saturday at Nepal Trade Union Congress conference room Anamanagar, Kathmandu, Nepal. The 1 day interaction program was chaired by Industrial-NTUC affiliates Union Coordinator and Nepal Carpet Workers Union President Mr. Sabirman B.K. President of Nepal Trade Union Congress, Mr. Khila Nath Dahal was the Chief Guest of the program while NTUC General Secretary Mr. Mahendra Prasad Yadav, Treasurer Mr. Yogendra Kumar Kunwar, Province no. 3 President Mr. Binod Karki, Nepal Factory Workers Union President Mr. Dharendra Singh, Nepal Embroidery, Handicraft, Sewing and Knitting Workers Union President Mr. Tej Prasad Rijal were the special guest during the program.



The program started with the opening speech which was facilitated by Nepal Garment Workers Union General Secretary Mr. Indra Raj Kandel. During this session all the speakers vouched for the achievement of Social Security Fund. They also reminded participants' hurdles and struggle which they have gone through in the process of the Bill. Now, that it has been finally passed by majority vote of the constitution assembly, we have to monitor and evaluate the implementation mechanisms said Binod Karki.

Likewise, Mr Dahal expressed a great excitement about social security fund. It is the victory of all the labours that have thrived for the amendment of social security fund. We will now be able to utilize the facility which is ours. But there is a lot more things that needs to be done and we must be aware of that. Make sure this act will get according to the time and government take initiatives and involve every stakeholder, we must have to be a part of this procedure, he expressed.

Likewise, the closing remarks by the chairman Mr. Sabirman B.K. He aske everyone to put an effort to understand the social security fund. It is for the benefit and upliftment of living standard and basic services of workers. Hence, we have to access this sort of facility which has been achieved with hard struggle he added. The program also presented the brief session about the social security fund. Mr. Yogendra Kumar Kunwar gave the session about social security fund, its importance, relevance in Nepal, process, and so on.

The program was able to keep 70 participants listening which lasted from 1pm to 4pm at NTUC Conference Hall. Industrial- NTUC affiliates union comprised all the informal workers from NTUC. Addressing of the issues like formalizing of informal wrokers were also discussed in the program.



NATIONAL/ INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Liberia: civil society rejects privatization project

July 31, 2017.

Unions and civil society organizations have warned about the devastating effects of the privatization of education on both students and teachers during the launch of a new study on Liberia's PSL project. The conclusion of the study is that this move towards the privatization of the entire primary and pre-primary education system will expose Liberia's public education system to grave risks. It especially finds a striking lack of transparency, sustainability and independent evidence in the development of the PSL project. The study also finds that PSL puts increased power in undemocratic, private institutions, that make decisions with little community input and accountability, resulting in inequalities within communities and regions.



Source: <http://www.ei-ie.org>

Maldives police rough up, arrest journalists covering opposition rally

July 27, 2017.

At least seven journalists – four from Sangu TV and three from Raajje TV – were arrested and a number of others roughed up by the Maldives police on charges of 'obstructing the duties of a law enforcement officer'. The media reported damage to the camera and other equipment while the videos showed that police used excessive and unnecessary force against the journalists reporting the rally organized on the 52nd Independence Day of the Maldives.

The IFJ said: "The IFJ condemns the Maldives police for roughing up and arresting journalists who were carrying out their professional duty of covering the opposition rally in Male. The act is a clear violation of journalists' rights to cover events; and was carried out to intimidate the journalists and stop them from informing the public. The IFJ urges the Maldives government to order the police to respect journalists' rights; and take action against the police officers involved in the act."

Source: <http://www.itf.org.uk>

ILO Convention, C008-Unemployment Indemnity (Shipwreck) Convention, 1920 (No.8)

Convention concerning Unemployment Indemnity in Case of Loss or Foundering of the Ship (Entry into force: 16 Mar 1923) Adoption: Geneva, 2nd ILC session (09 Jul 1920) -Status: Instrument to be revised (Technical Convention)

The General Conference of the International Labour Organisation having been convened at Genoa by the Governing Body of the International Labour Office, on the 15th day of June 1920, and Having decided upon the adoption of certain proposals with regard to the "supervision of articles of agreement; provision of facilities for finding employment for seamen; application to seamen of the Convention and Recommendations adopted at Washington in November last in regard to unemployment and unemployment insurance", which is the second item in the agenda for the Genoa meeting of the Conference, and Having determined that these proposals shall take the form of an international Convention, adopts the following Convention, which may be cited as the Unemployment Indemnity (Shipwreck) Convention, 1920, for ratification by the Members of the International Labour Organisation in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution of the International Labour Organisation



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