

## **Labour Minister calls for Child Labour free Bhubaneswar City**

“Together we all should work and join hand to end child labour in Bhubaneswar city”, was the message given by S.J. Prafulla Kumar Mallick, Minister Labour and ESI, Steel and Mines, Odisha. While inaugurating a signature campaign through a pledging banner on the occasion of World Day against Child Labour today, Mr. Mallick gave this message to the public by writing this message. The program was organized by People’s Cultural Centre (PECUC) in cooperation with Odisha Alliance for Child Rights, Rotary Club of Heritage Bhubaneswar, and National Action on Coordination group to end violence against children. Amongst others, Bhubaneswar Mayor S.J. Ananta Narayan Jena, S.J. Priyadarshi Mishra, MLA, Ms. Rajalaxmi Das, Ms. Sandhyabati Pradhan, Members, Odisha State Commission for Child Rights, Snehanjali Mohanty, Member, Odisha state commission for women, Olympiad Anuradha Biswal, Rtn Debabrata Panigrahi, many other celebrities joined the program. In pledge banner in which it was mentioned that “I do hereby pledge that I shall not employ any child in my home, office, establishment and worksite. I shall make all efforts to eliminate child labour,” signed by hundreds of people from different works of lives. On this occasion, Mr. Priyadarshi Mishra flagged off the “Walk for Children”, a mini walkathon. This walkathon was participated by a large number of youths. Hundreds of children participated in a special event titled as “Children Together against Child Labour” in which the children showed “red card” to child labour. Colourful cultural programs performed by children to create awareness against employment of children.

“This year world day against child labour focuses on eliminating child labour in supply chains and it requires the commitment of governments, workers and employer’s organizations and enterprises themselves”, told by Ranjan Kumar Mohanty, Secretary, PECUC and Chairman, Odisha Alliance for Child Rights. “The world day is an opportunity to shine a light on what can be done to keep child labour out of supply chains”, he added.