**Indira Gandhi National College Ladwa (Dhanora)**

**Economics Department**

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**International Labour Day**

**Historical Prospective**

The significance of May 1st stems from the Haymarket Affair in Chicago, USA, in 1886. During this period, workers across the United States organized strikes and demonstrations to demand an eight-hour workday. On May 4th, a peaceful rally at Haymarket Square turned violent when an unknown individual threw a bomb at the police, leading to chaos and several deaths. Despite the tragedy, the Haymarket Affair became a symbol of workers' sacrifices and their fight for justice.

In 1889, the International Socialist Congress in Paris declared May 1st as International Workers' Day to commemorate the labor movement and the events at Haymarket. The day quickly gained recognition across Europe and later spread globally as a celebration of workers' rights and solidarity.

Over the years, Labour Day has evolved into a platform for addressing modern labour issues, such as workplace equality, job security, and workers' welfare. It serves as a reminder of the historical struggles that led to significant labour reforms and continues to inspire collective action for better working conditions and social justice. Today, May Day is celebrated in various forms, including parades, demonstrations, and cultural events, reflecting its enduring importance in the labour movement.

**Report: -**

The Economics Department of Indira Gandhi National College, Ladwa, celebrated International Labour Day on May 1, 2024, with a meaningful outreach program. A group of 36 economics students, accompanied by their subject teacher, Dr. Yashpal Singh, visited the brick kiln in the village of Budha. As part of the celebration, they distributed sweets, biscuits, and fruits to the laborers and their families. Additionally, the students engaged in conversations with the laborers to understand their living conditions, family sizes, and sources of income, fostering awareness and empathy for the challenges faced by the working class.

**Objective of the program**

1. To honor and recognize the contributions of workers across industries to the development and progress of society, the economy, and the nation.
2. To raise awareness about workers' rights, fair wages, safe working conditions, and social security measures.
3. To promote fair employment practices and discourage exploitation, child labor, and discrimination in workplaces.













