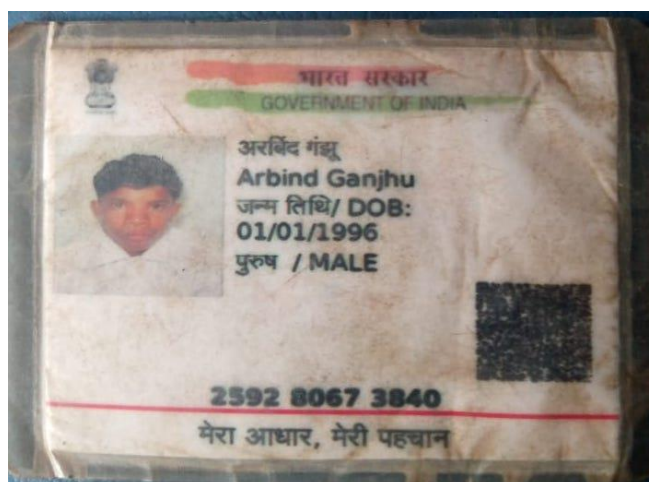


Compassionate Intervention: MAIN's Response to a Migrant Tragedy

On 10th October 2023, an unfortunate incident involving the sudden death of Arbind Ganjhu, a migrant labourer from Jharkhand, took place in Khammam, Andhra Pradesh. The subsequent series of events and interventions headed by CITRA showcases the organization's pivotal role in assisting migrant workers and their families in such tragic circumstances.

Initial Notification:

On the morning of 10-10-2023, , MAIN's Hub CITRA was informed by the Jharkhand labour desk about the death of Arbind Ganjhu, a 27-year-old migrant labourer, in Khammam, Andhra Pradesh. Rajani of CITRA immediately briefed Fr. Vijay and Fr. Yesu, post which she initiated the follow-up process under their guidance.



Immediate Reaction and Information Gathering:

Understanding the gravity of the situation and the impending logistical challenges, Rajani wasted no time. She immediately reached out to Appan, the supervisor overseeing the work site where Arbind had been scheduled to begin his employment. From this conversation, she discerned that the incident location was Khammam in Telangana, near Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh.

Context and Backstory

Arbind Ganjhu, a truck driver by profession, had migrated to Khammam to pursue employment opportunities at the GSR railway track repair and construction company. This new employment venture was facilitated by his friend, Debu, who had been working at GSR and had vouched for Arbind. Alongside Arbind, Arun, another friend, had also migrated for the same job opportunity.

The Fatal Evening

Life took a tragic turn on 9th October 2023. Arbind Ganjhu arrived at Khammam on 9th October 2023 around 8 am. That evening, at approximately 5:30 pm, Arbind began experiencing intense chest pains and overall discomfort. Recognizing the urgency of the situation, Appan, the supervisor, immediately sprang into action, ensuring Arbind received medical attention as quickly as possible. Sadly, fate had other plans. Arbind tragically passed away just as they were about to reach the hospital.



Engagement with Law Enforcement

As is standard in such unfortunate circumstances, the local police were alerted to the death. The police promptly initiated an investigation, and a formal case was registered.

Proactive Steps by CITRA

Understanding the complexities and emotions involved in such scenarios, Rajani personally visited the site on the evening of 10th October. Engaging with various on-site officials, she quickly established a plan of action. Her negotiation came to the fore as she successfully discussed terms with the employer Appan. Demonstrating corporate responsibility, Appan agreed to bear the ambulance costs Rs. 65,000/- for transporting Arbind's body back to Jharkhand. Furthermore,

recognizing the emotional and physical toll on Arun and Debu, who had to accompany the body, an additional sum of Rs. 2000/- was allocated for their sustenance.

Medical and Legal Formalities

Before transportation, a post-mortem was essential to ascertain the cause of death. Conducted at 4 p.m., it marked a significant step in the repatriation process. Subsequently, ensuring a smooth journey for the body, Rajani networked with the 3-town Police SI(Sub Inspectors) to gather all necessary documents, including the FIR copy, death certificate, and other required clearances.



Return to Latehar, Jharkhand

By 7 pm, with all formalities addressed, the ambulance initiated its sad journey to Latehar, Jharkhand, marking the final step in this tragic episode.

Details of the Deceased:

- **Name:** Arvind Ganjhu, (27yrs)
- **Father's Name:** Laxman Ganjhu
- **Origin:** Banvaar village, Post Office: Pedra, Panchayat: Bariyatu, Block: Bariyatu, District: Latehar, Jharkhand, Pin Code: 829202

- **Destination:** Telangana, Khammam, near Vijayawada, Company: GSR
- **Amount Arranged for Transportation:** Rs. 65,000 +2000

Contacts:

- **Companions:** Debu - 9798714651, Arun - 9334702125
- **CITRA Contact:** Rajani(MAIN/Citra & Hyderabad)
- **Family Contacts:** Ajay Ganjhu - 9631649370, Surendra Ganjhu - 9798539429, Deonath Ganjhu - 7061747997

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Conclusion:

CITRA's efficient and compassionate handling of the tragic incident highlights its commitment to the welfare of migrant labourers. While no intervention can fill the void left by such a loss, proactive support in such times can provide consolation to grieving families.