



# Annual Report 2025-26

# DON BOSCO FOR MIGRANTS



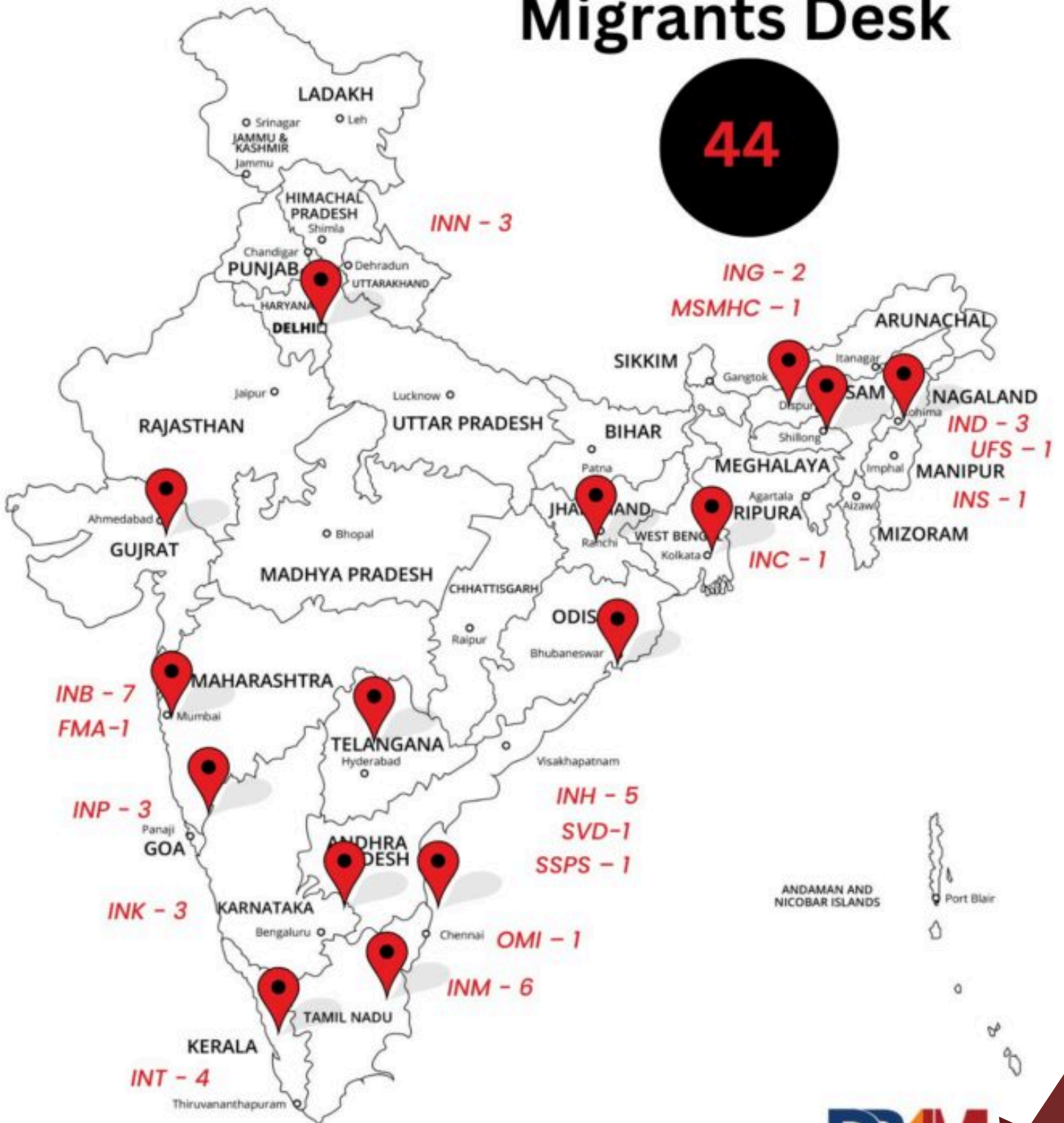
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## Migrants Desk

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# MESSAGE'S FROM DIRECTOR DESK

Dear Friends,  
Greetings to you all.

I am happy to present the Annual Report 2025–2026 of Don Bosco for Migrants (DB4M), which brings together the activities and programmes carried out through the Province Migrant Desks, the National Migrant Desk, as well as our collaborators and network partners across India. This report is a reflection of our shared commitment and collective efforts in responding to the realities of migration in our country.

Throughout the year, our work has been centred on accompanying distressed informal young migrants at both source and destination locations. We have remained closely engaged with those working in sectors such as construction, brick kilns, loading and unloading, textiles, domestic work, gig and platform services, spa and salon work, housekeeping, and other vulnerable forms of informal employment. Our presence has extended to the spaces where migrants live and struggle—metropolitan worksites, slums, under bridges, marketplaces, bus stands, and migrant-prone source villages—walking alongside them in their daily challenges and hopes.

Our approach continues to be collaborative and mission-oriented. We work in partnership with network organisations and government bodies to advocate for safe and dignified migration. At the same time, we strive to strengthen the implementation of legal frameworks for informal labour and to ensure access to basic rights and entitlements such as shelter, healthcare, education, food security, safety, and labour protections. By fostering stronger linkages between source and destination areas, we seek to empower migrants and contribute to building systems that uphold justice and human dignity.

This report captures the breadth of our engagements across the year, reflecting our efforts in national coordination and system strengthening, facilitating access to entitlements and labour registration, promoting health and safety, advancing advocacy initiatives, and building capacities through training and formation programmes. It also highlights our work in migration and mission formation, the observance of International Migrants Day and other significant occasions, strengthening source–destination linkages, engaging in multi-network consultations, and contributing to research and documentation.

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I express my sincere gratitude to all our Province migrant desks Salesians, staff and volunteers, National migrant workers platform partners and collaborators, who have stood with us in this mission. Your support and solidarity have been vital in enhancing the dignity and well-being of distressed informal young migrants across India.

Let us continue to journey together with migrants, renewing our commitment to promote safe, dignified, and just migration for all.



Fr. Francis Bosco

Director

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## National Coordination and Systems Strengthening

### Helpline volunteers inaugural planning meeting for the new academic year on 2 June 2025

The DB4M year formally began with the Inaugural National Online Meeting on 3 June 2025, bringing together 24 coordinators and migrant desk in-charges. The meeting aligned provincial calendars, clarified leadership roles, and standardised digital systems including helpline reporting formats, KoBo-based data tools, and structured WhatsApp coordination groups. Language-wise allocation of helpline telecallers ensured multilingual national coverage.

- Helpline volunteers planning meeting for the new academic year on 2 June 2025
- National Migrant Religious Cell – National CRI, Delhi, online meet, September 5<sup>th</sup> 2025, Delhi
- INS YaR commission online meet, September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025
- Networks Interaction with Rector Major, February 10-11, 2026, SPCI, Dwarka
- SPCSA 2026 Assembly and Council, DBI, Gauhati, March 2-4, 2026
- ING Migrant commission meet, Bosco Reach out, March 5, 2026.



## Entitlements and Labour Registration Drives

From Ambedkar Jayanti (14 April) to May Day (1 May 2025), DB4M coordinated a large-scale EShram Registration and Entitlements Campaign across the Andhra Pradesh–Telangana corridor in partnership with PARA, labour departments, and local administrations. Activities included staff orientation by Assistant Labour Officers, brickkiln owner sensitisation, railway-station awareness with RPF/GRP and Childline, and onsite mass registrations. Over 1,400 migrant workers were registered, including 753 registrations across Atreyapuram, Alamuru, Kothapeta, and Ravulapalem blocks.

In INB Province, a Documentation Camp was conducted at Belapur in collaboration with YWCA. Over 120 migrants accessed services including generation of 57 ABHA cards and 49 Ayushman Bharat cards. Community members requested that such camps be conducted regularly.



## Health & Safety,

A Free Medical Camp was organised on 25 April 2025 at a brickkiln site in Nallakunta, Warangal, serving over 300 migrant workers with consultations, medicines, and awareness on hygiene and heat stress.

Bosco Boys Home at Borivali, Mumbai, under Project Suraksha – Migrant Desk, in collaboration with SPARK Foundation and NIIT Foundation, organised a free health camp along with E-Shram, ABHA, and Ayushman Bharat Card registration on January 20, 2026 at Sai Baba Mandir, Gali No. 12, Ganpat Patil Nagar, Dahisar 80 people had benefited from free healthcare services, while approximately 20 individuals were successfully registered for E-Shram, ABHA, and Ayushman Bharat cards, strengthening their access to long-term health and social security benefits.

Medical camp by Rotary club smart city 24.1.2026 – eye camp – Turbe migrant community 45 members benefitted, General medical also – 23 members benefitted, Documentation camp – 45 adhaar cards and 7 ayushman cards were registered



## Advocacy

**On World Day Against Child Labour** (11 June 2025), DB4M released an advocacy note calling for formal school enrolment of migrant children, strengthened Anganwadis, revival of Childline 1098, and effective use of education platforms.

**On International Domestic Workers' Day** (16 June 2025), DB4M highlighted the invisibility of domestic workers and advocated for ratification of ILO Convention 189, minimum wages, social protection, and regulation of placement agencies.

**Shram Shakti Niti online meet** on 26, October 2025, Labour policy for the central government was taken for discussion. There were 40 people present for the online meeting.

### **National Tripartite Discussion**

on issues of Domestic workers, Delhi, Nov, 13th 2025. Domestic workers public hearing was present before the ILO in charges and Labour department secretary, Delhi. Beginning it was the sharing of the domestic workers, then trade unions and the organisation who are involved for the labour were shared. It was a good gathering. There were 90 people present for the meeting in Delhi.



**Report Launch, Migrant Bonded Labour in India, 28<sup>th</sup> Nov, 2025, Press Club, Delhi.** Mr.Nirmal released the report on the bonded labourers who were released in brick kilns. There were sharings of the bonded labourers who were released, then organisations and labour movements who were involved in rescuing were shared. It was good gathering in discussing and highlighting the bonded labour and migrant issues. There were 60 people present in the meeting.



**Four Labour Codes (December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025)** DB4M conducted a national online consultation on the Four Labour Codes with 78 participants from across India, focusing on the implications for informal, migrant, and unorganized workers. The session featured expert inputs from Prof. Babu Mathew (National Law School of India University, Bengaluru) and was moderated by Fr. Prakash Louis (Patna).

The consultation reviewed the four codes—Industrial Relations, Wages, Social Security, and Occupational Safety and Health (OSH)—and highlighted concerns regarding the dilution of labour protections, restrictions on the right to strike, limited social security coverage for informal and gig workers, and weakened occupational safety standards.

**MNREGA Vs VB-G RAM G Act, 2025, (December 22, 2025)** DB4M participated in a national online consultation on the proposed shift from MGNREGA to the VB-G RAM G Act, 2025, with the participation of over 63 participants, economists, trade union leaders, and civil society representatives from across India. The webinar critically examined the implications of the new law for rural employment, livelihoods, and the constitutional Right to Work by Annie Raja, National Federation of Indian Women, CPI, Activist, Jean Dreze. Economist and Activist, Richa, NREGA Sangarhs Morch, UP, Ashish Ranjan, Jan Jargan Shakthi Sangathan, Bihar NAPM, Nikhil Dey, MKSS, Rajasthan, NSM.

Follow-up actions agreed upon included strengthening public awareness, engaging with state governments, supporting workers' movements, and participating in advocacy platforms to defend the Right to Work and rural livelihoods.

### **Migrant Voting Rights / SIR Registration**

Consultation with Mr. Devasagayam, IAS retired, Bangalore January 27<sup>th</sup> 2026, SIR – Inclusion or deletion of migrant workers (December 12, 2025, DB Nest, Tiruppur), The Migrant Ministry meeting was held on 12 December 2025 at Don Bosco Nest, Tiruppur, with 25 participants, to address key challenges faced by migrant communities. Discussions focused on migrant inclusion in Special Intensive Revision (SIR), strengthening pastoral strategies, and reinforcing collective commitment to accompany migrant families and children. Key demands included government funding for migrant children's education in destination states, special voting booths for migrants, and travel support to enable migrants to exercise their voting rights. The meeting featured inputs from Fr Bosco SDB (National Delegate for Migrant Ministry), Adv. Bala Murugan (PUCL), Mr Aloysius (SAVE), and Fr Felix SDB (INT Local Delegate). The session concluded with a renewed commitment to coordinated action for migrant welfare.

## Capacity Building and Training Initiatives

### Key capacity-building programmes included:

Teachers' Capacity Building on Safe Migration (April, 3, 2025, Khobong, Arunachal Pradesh), Don Bosco School, Khobong, organised an awareness and capacity-building session on safe migration and trafficking prevention on 3 April 2025, with 18 teachers and 35 participated. The session was led by



Mr Lawrence Dhanwar and Fr Blasius Tete SDB, who highlighted the risks of irregular migration, common trafficking traps, and the importance of legal pathways. Teachers were encouraged to identify at-risk students and guide families toward safe migration choices. Participants were also oriented on the National Migrant Support Helpline (96423 72372) and urged to share the helpline widely as a key preventive and protection measure.

National Convening of Worker Movements (Delhi, May 2025), The National Convening of Worker Movements, organised by GIPSWU and ISWA with support from the Working Peoples' Charter Network, was held in Delhi from 12–14 May 2025, bringing together representatives from 80 organisations and trade unions across India. The convening united gig and platform workers with agricultural, construction, domestic, sanitation, waste pickers, scheme workers, and other informal sector workers to share struggles, build solidarity, and develop common demands. The meeting reaffirmed a collective commitment to joint action for workers' rights, fair wages, social security, and dignified work.



CCBI Youth consultation, June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Bangalore. Fr. Francis Bosco, animated the CCBI youth animators of the church, religious congregations and the youth animators of the groups across India in Bangalore. There were 80 participants involved actively in the meeting.



Bengaluru Capacity Building Programme (18–19 July 2025), A two-day Capacity Building Training for staff working with distressed internal migrants was held on 18–19 July 2025 at Bosco Mane, Chamrajpet, Bengaluru, with 17 participants from various Salesian provinces. The training covered key issues such as informal migrant work, documentation and migrant resource centres, women domestic workers, gig economy challenges, bonded labour, garment workers, and labour rights. Inputs were led by Fr Francis Bosco SDB (National Director, DB4M) along with experts from civil society and labour rights organisations. Province-wise sharing and action planning for 2025–26 focused on priority sectors including construction, sugarcane, brick kilns, domestic work, and gig workers, strengthening coordinated migrant support across provinces.



### Safe Migration Awareness for Youth in Doomni, Assam (260+ youth)

DB4M Helpline Tele Callers Capacity Building Programme Held in Goa, Don Bosco for Migrants (DB4M) organised a two-day Capacity Building Programme for Migrant Helpline Tele Callers on 26–27 September 2025 at the Blessed Sacrament, Alto Bambolim, near Goa Medical College, Goa, with 13 participants from various Salesian provinces and partner networks. Under the leadership of Fr Francis Bosco SDB, the programme focused on strengthening helpline responses for distressed internal migrants. Key sessions covered migrant -

- vulnerabilities, labour rights and social security, domestic workers, wage theft redressal, and the rights of migrant women and children, with inputs from experts and practitioners. The programme concluded with a call for empathetic, well-documented helpline interventions and stronger coordination with government departments, police, and civil society to ensure protection, justice, and dignity for migrant workers.

Meghalaya CSOs Consultation (3 October 2025), The Salesians of Don Bosco, Shillong Province (INS), organised an Awareness Meeting on Migrant Ministry and Meghalaya CSO Consultation on 3 October 2025 at the Don Bosco Provincial House, with 25 participants from Church and civil society organisations. Fr Francis Bosco SDB, Director for Migrant Ministry, South Asia, was the resource person and



highlighted the challenges of internal migration and the need for coordinated efforts to promote safe migration and protect migrant rights in Meghalaya. Participants shared inputs on strengthening migrant services in the state. The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks and fellowship lunch.

Scaffolding Workshop, Mumbai (15 October 2025), Suraksha Migrant Desk, Matunga, under Don Bosco Balprafulta, organised the “Scaffolding” staff capacitation workshop on 15 October 2025 at the Don Bosco Provincial House, Matunga, with around 62 participants from NGOs, agencies, and religious congregations working with migrant communities. Fr Sunil Pinto SDB and Fr Francis Bosco SDB (DB4M) highlighted the need for solidarity, networking, and stronger systems to protect migrant workers’ rights and social security. Key technical sessions on labour rights, legal safeguards, gig workers, and social welfare schemes were led by Prof. Dr Suman Kalani, Adv. Sudha Bharadwaj, Adv. Uday Amonkar, and Mr Chetan Wagh. The workshop concluded with a renewed commitment to collaboration for dignified work and improved protection of migrant workers.

Odisha Consultation: Pilgrims of Hope (5 December 2025, Muniguda), The one-day consultation “Pilgrims of Hope: Journeying with Odisha Informal and Migrant Workers” was held on 5 December 2025 at Don Bosco Muniguda, with around 70 participants from parishes of the Rayagada Diocese, including catechists and parish council members. The consultation was animated by Fr Francis Bosco (DB4M Director), along with Fr Wilson SDB, Fr Promod SDB, and Fr Kumud, focusing on the migration challenges faced by Odia workers and the Church’s pastoral responsibility at source areas. Sessions highlighted the need for awareness, documentation, access to entitlements, and source–destination coordination. Group discussions emphasized village-level planning, protection

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Kadal Conclave, Ocean Economy and its challenges, (January 7, 2026, Kollam Kerala). FCDP, Fr. Saji the director convened the gathering. There were many cooperatives and unions who were working for the Kerala fishermen and the ocean economy. Church leaders and Kerala political parties were present for the meeting. Fr. Francis Bosco shared the concerns of the migrant fishermen and ocean economy in the meeting, urged all too also include their challenges in their struggles. There were more than 150 people gathered for the meeting.



National Seminar on The Human Face of Migration: Psychosocial Challenges, Opportunities and Strategies, 22–24 January 2026, Angadikadavu, DBAS College, Kerala, The National Seminar on “The Human Face of Migration: Psychosocial Challenges, Opportunities and Strategies” was held from 22–24 January 2026, with around 150 participants from academic institutions, government, civil society, and migrant-focused organisations. Fr Francis Bosco presented a keynote paper highlighting the psychosocial realities of internal migration in India, focusing on insecurity, exclusion, documentation barriers, poor housing, disrupted education, and stigma affecting migrant families. The seminar also featured contributions from Dr Fr Joy Ullattil (HOD & Manager, DBASC), Dr Fr Francis Karackat (Principal, DBASC), Mrs. Jayasree K. (District Labour Officer), and Prof. S. Irudayarajan, bringing academic, policy, and administrative perspectives on migration and labour. The seminar concluded with a call for a rights-based, psychosocial and multi-stakeholder approach to promote dignity, protection, and inclusion of migrant workers and their families.



### **Talitha Kum Capacity Enhancement Workshop (Feb 19–21, 2026, Jharna, Ranchi)**

A three-day capacity enhancement workshop was organized by Talitha Kum for women religious, focusing on migration and human trafficking. Around 35 participants from Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Odisha, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Bihar, and Delhi took part. Fr. Francis Bosco and Prakash Louis served as facilitators. The workshop covered themes such as Religious Life and Mission today, the situation of migrants and trafficked persons, and strategies for organizing, networking, and advocacy. On February 22, participants joined the Holy Eucharist, and further engagements included interaction with youth and a meeting convened with Church leadership and key stakeholders. The discussions strengthened collaboration and initiated steps toward building networks and possible source–destination linkages through state-level coordination.



## **SMDV Legal Aid Training for Migrant Workers, INB Province – Vadodara, Gujarat (February 21, 2026)**



SMDV (Suraksha Migrant Desk Vadodara) conducted a Legal Aid Training on 21st February 2026 at Don Bosco Snehalya, Vadodara, with the participation of 26 migrant workers. The training aimed to empower migrants to address challenges such as unpaid wages, unsafe working conditions, and lack of documentation. The session focused on creating awareness about fundamental labour rights, the importance of identity documents, and workplace safety. Participants were provided with practical guidance on handling common issues and were oriented on accessing health services and legal support systems.

To strengthen ongoing support, a dedicated WhatsApp group was formed, and the migrant helpline number was shared, ensuring continuous communication and assistance. Overall, the training was effective in equipping migrant workers with essential knowledge to safeguard their rights while also fostering a stronger sense of community and connection with SMDV.

### **Cluster Meeting on Documentation & Rights for Migrant Workers (Feb 22, 2026)**

A cluster-level meeting was organized at Shelter Don Bosco, Matunga, Mumbai, on February 22, 2026, by SMD Matunga, bringing together 17 migrant workers. The session, conducted in collaboration with documentation expert Mr. Chetan Wagh, focused on essential identity documents



and access to welfare schemes. Participants received practical guidance on Aadhaar, PAN, ration cards, and key certificates, along with information on BOCW registration and its benefits, including insurance, education support, and social security measures. IEC materials and attendance cards were distributed to support continued engagement.

The programme also included individual legal aid support, where workers facing wage-related issues received guidance from the team. The meeting concluded with a shared meal, fostering a sense of community. The initiative helped strengthen awareness among migrant workers on their rights, entitlements, and access to essential services.

## Introductory Meeting with Migrant Workers at Darukhana (March 15, 2026)

The SMD Matunga team conducted an introductory meeting with 16 loading and unloading migrant workers at the Darukhana Industrial Area, Reay Road, Mumbai, on March 15, 2026. The session focused on understanding workers' conditions and introducing support services. Discussions covered access to identity documents such as Aadhaar, PAN, and eShram cards, with on-the-spot registration support provided to two workers. The team also highlighted upcoming health camps, workplace safety measures, and the importance of collectivization among workers. Legal aid support was emphasized, addressing issues like wage theft, unfair fines, and access to compensation. Workers actively shared their challenges, and guidance along with helpline support was offered.



A key concern raised was the rising cost of food, as many workers depend on nearby eateries and are currently affected by supply disruptions, leading to increased daily expenses. The meeting helped build rapport with workers and identified key areas for continued support in documentation, health, and rights advocacy.

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The Caritas India organized a National Conclave on Safe and Dignified Migration at the Integration Social Initiative (ISI), New Delhi, bringing together government officials, Church leaders, NGOs, and migration experts to address migrant rights, protection, and policy frameworks. The conclave covered key themes such as migration trends, legal protections, social security, safe mobility, inter-state coordination, and multi-stakeholder collaboration.

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## ING, Awareness on Migrant workers( March 21, 2026, Assam)

The Don Bosco Bharosa Migrant Desk of Bosco Reach Out conducted an awareness programme on migrant workers for teachers and village leaders on 21 March 2026 at the Don Bosco Vocational Centre, Amguri, Kokrajhar district, Assam. Trainees of the vocational training centre also participated. Fr. Ignatius Gari, Executive Director of Bosco Reach Out, led the session, creating awareness on safe migration practices.

These programmes strengthened pastoral, legal, and organisational capacities across provinces.



## Migration and Mission

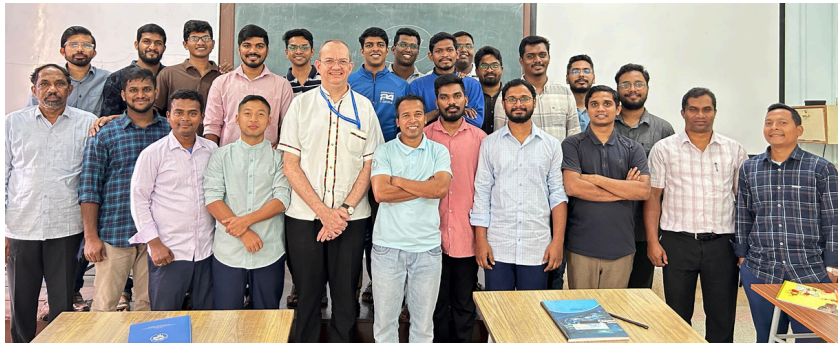
**Past Pupils online meet , June 22<sup>nd</sup> , 2025, Hyderabad, INH**

**Shillong Rectors & Leaders animation of Migrant Ministry, 29<sup>th</sup>, October 2025:**

An awareness programme on the Migrant Ministry of the Salesians of Don Bosco, Shillong Province (INS) was successfully conducted on 29th October at the Don Bosco Provincial House, Mawlai, Shillong, entitled "Creating an Awareness on Migrant Ministry of the Salesians of Don Bosco, Shillong Province (INS)."

**KJC – Migrants Deacons Pastoral Care Course (June 16–17, 2026):**

A pastoral care course for deacons was conducted with inputs from Fr. Edwardo (Scalabrinian), Fr. Deepu Mathew SDB, Fr. Frank Minj (Migrant Secretary, Bangalore Diocese), and Fr. Sameer Minj (ISI Migrant Desk).



Fr. Francis Bosco animated the sessions, focusing on the CCBI Migrant Framework, the biblical theme of God journeying with His people, Catholic Social Teaching on migration, and migrant pastoral care.

**Nashik – Divyadaan Salesian Institute of Philosophy (October 13–14):** A two-day workshop on Migrant Ministry was conducted by Fr. Francis Bosco SDB, Director of DB4M. The workshop highlighted the socio-economic realities of migrants and the Church's pastoral response, including migrant help desks, legal aid, and shelter services. Guest speakers shared perspectives on gender, labour sectors, and structural causes of migration. Sessions on legal literacy and child protection strengthened Salesian engagement in advocacy and accompaniment of vulnerable young migrants.



**INK – CCBI & KRLCBC Migrant Seminar:** CCBI and KRLCBC organized a two-day national seminar on migrants, coordinated by Fr. Jaison V., CCBI Secretary for Migrants. The Bishop of Vijayapuram, Rt. Rev. Sebastian Thekkethecheril, addressed the gathering, with migrant commission heads from various dioceses in attendance. Fr. Francis Bosco shared the Salesian approach to migrant ministry, which was highly appreciated, especially the presence of 44 Salesian migrant coordinating desks across India.



**INS Migrant Ministry – Migrant Desk & Weekend apostolate (Theologate):**

A planning meeting between DB4M and the INS Migrant Team was held on February 30, 2026, in the presence of Fr. Provincial (INS), Fr. Alexius Dkhar (Migrant In-charge, INS), Bro. Bosco, and Fr. Shampang (INS YaR Delegate).



The meeting focused on scaling up the Migrant Help Desk across the Shillong Province by organizing it into four zones. It was also proposed to shift the help desks to parishes or youth centres to ensure more effective functioning and accessibility. Budget planning for the initiative was also discussed and outlined during the meeting.

On March 1, 2026, DB4M, along with Fr. Alexius Dkhar and Fr. Shampang, interacted with the theologians of the Sacred Heart Seminary in Shillong. The session noted that the theologians are actively engaged in weekend apostolate across 32 centres. The migrant ministry was discussed in detail, and an action plan was proposed, emphasizing the registration of outgoing and incoming migrants both at the local level and with government systems. Strategies for follow-up and accompaniment of migrants at destination points were also deliberated.

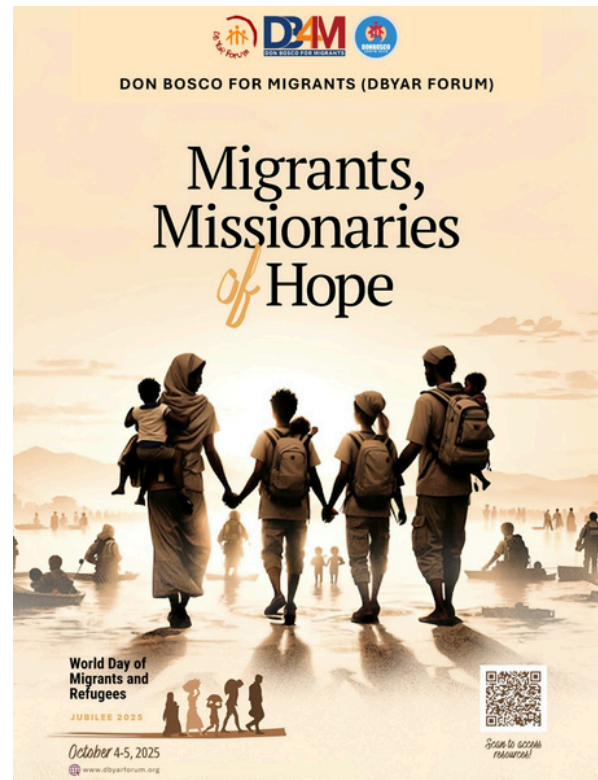
## Festivals, Int Migrant days – Pastoral care & Campaign

### Major cultural and youth mobilisation initiatives included:

- Migrants Youth Mela, Tiruppur (25 May 2025, 1,000+ youth)
- First Adivasi Karam Festival, Tiruppur (14 September 2025, 4,000+ participants)
- Karam Festival, Benolim, Panjim(28, September 2025, 100+ participants)
- Dandiya Dhamaal for migrant women,(Auxilium school, Wadala, FMA sisters, 200 + girls)
- Chat Pooja celebrated, Ennamula market area 27<sup>th</sup> October 2025, 60 children
- Monthly pastoral accompaniment of Garo migrant youth in Mumbai( 350 Garo youth)
- Naya kani festival celebrated at Burari Parish migrants, 50 participants
- May Day was observed across multiple states with awareness on wages, health, and labour rights, including programmes in Rajahmundry, Warangal (110 migrant families and 80 children), OMR Chennai (460 migrants), and Vadodara. In Vadodara, a health camp at Don Bosco Snehalaya reached 33 migrants.



- World Day of Migrant and Refugees celebration – September 15<sup>th</sup>, Delhi, Cathedral, 90 participants
- Migrant Day was celebrated in Vadodara with 172 migrants through health camps, rights awareness, and cultural programmes. The Suraksha Migrants Desk, Vadodara, was recognised as the Best Social Organisation Serving Migrants by the Hon. Minister for Education & Tribal Development, Gujarat.
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- The First Christmas and New Year Gathering for Young People working or studying outside Meghalaya who came for holidays was organised on 20th December, 2025 at the Don Bosco Youth Centre, Laitumkhrach, Shillong. This first-of-its kind initiative aimed at fostering fellowship, pastoral accompaniment, and awareness of the Migrants Ministry among young people on the move. 20 people were present.
- The Pongal festival (Makar Sankranti, January 25<sup>th</sup> 2026, celebrated at Kammattipadam, Kochi with the migrants from Tamilnadu, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh Mumbai etc. Fr. Abhilash Palakudiyil SDB, the DB4 Migrant Coordinator was present for the Pongal festival. The migrants were given sweets and after which there was a DJ party for the migrant workers. 50 people were present.
- The Migrant Day Celebration (Borivelli, September 5<sup>th</sup>) was organized successfully with the objective of promoting health awareness, migrant rights, and social integration among migrant communities. The program included health camps, awareness sessions, entertainment activities, cultural performances, and distribution of clothes. A dental check-up camp was organized, in which 32 participants received dental consultation and basic oral health guidance. A homeopathy camp was also conducted, where 65 participants availed homeopathic consultation and medicines.



- On 14th January, 2026, DB CARES organized a fun-filled Sports Day for the children of Bhim Nagar Gorai, Borivali, at Rajababa Ground. The event saw enthusiastic participation from the kids, who enjoyed a variety of sports activities, including cricket, badminton, kho-kho, and running. 25 children were present.
- On 8th January, 2026, Bhim Nagar Gorai 1, 25 children made the kite for the Makarsanka. They are very happy and enjoyed the activities during the class.



- Awareness Programme on the Occasion of International Migrants Day organised on 18 December 2025, Brick Kiln Industry, \*Choppella Village, Alamuru Mandal, konasima district, Andhra Pradesh. an awareness programme was jointly organized by Don Bosco for Migrants and PARA at the Brick Kiln Industry in Choppella on 18th December 2025. There were 40 people present.
- International Women’s Day Celebration, SMDV Migrant Desk, INB Province – Vadodara, Gujarat.SMDV (Suraksha Migrant Desk Vadodara) celebrated International Women’s Day on 16th March 2026 at Don Bosco Snehalaya, Vadodara. The programme focused on creating awareness among migrant women women about their rights, safety, and access to legal support services. The event was graced by Mrs. Hiriben from the SHE Team, Advocate Bhumika Patel, and Fr. Christopher. Mrs. Hiriben highlighted the role of the SHE Team in ensuring women’s safety and encouraged participants to report cases of harassment and violence without fear. Advocate Bhumika Patel provided valuable inputs on women’s rights and explained the procedures to access free legal aid and services. Fr. Christopher motivated the participants by emphasizing dignity, equality, and unity.



# Source–Destination Linkages and Church Engagement

## Kerala Source–Destination Immersion (29–30 November 2025)

Immersion visits were conducted across 3 key locations (Angamaly, Perumbavoor, and nearby industrial clusters), engaging with migrant communities and institutions. Key issues identified included health care access, wage disputes, education of migrant children, documentation, and pastoral care. The Palluruthy Salesian Migrant Shelter was documented as a replicable best-practice model for migrant accompaniment and source–destination coordination. There were 10 organisations present.



## **Bengaluru – North-East Migrant Engagement (IND & ING Provinces)**

Joint source–destination linkage programs were organized by the Salesian Migrant Desks of Guwahati and Bengaluru, bringing together 186 migrant workers from Satgaon, Assam, at Bosco Mane, Bengaluru. The program included Holy Eucharist, animation sessions, and rights awareness in the migrants' own language. Focus areas included migrant rights and safety, access to free skill training, child protection, and promotion of education for migrant children. A system of monthly follow-up gatherings was institutionalized to ensure sustained pastoral, social, and rights-based support.



## **Mumbai – Pastoral Care for Garo Migrant Youth (INB Province)**

The Suraksha Migrant Desk assumed pastoral responsibility for over 350 Garo migrant youth from Meghalaya residing in Mumbai. Monthly Eucharistic, formative, and recreational gatherings were established at Don Bosco Matunga, ensuring continuity of spiritual care and community support. This transition strengthened Salesian accompaniment for a large and vulnerable migrant youth population in the destination city.



## **Jharkhand Adivasi Migrants – Source Linkages Visit (March 26–27, 2026)**

A meaningful two-day visit to Jharkhand brought together DB4M teams from across India to understand the realities of Adivasi migrant communities at the source. The team engaged with grassroots organizations, government officials, and Church networks—exploring migrant registration systems, welfare initiatives, and community challenges that drive migration. Visits to villages, schools, and social action centres deepened the understanding of lived realities. A key highlight was the strong call for collaboration between source and destination centres to ensure safe, dignified, and rights-based migration. Grateful to all partners, especially the local Salesians and Jesuit teams, for their support and hospitality. Strengthening source–destination linkages remains central to building a better future for migrants.



## **Chhattisgarh Source Visit – Kunkuri, Jokbala, Jumaikala & Jharsuguda (March 28–31, 2026)**

An awareness programme on the challenges faced by Adivasi migrants and the importance of pre-departure counselling was organized in Kunkuri, Jumaikala, and Jokbala in Chhattisgarh from March 28–31, 2026. With the support of Fr. Joe D'Souza, Founder of the Disciples of Christ Congregation, the sisters and brothers of the congregation were animated on March 28, 2026, at Kunkuri. The session focused on equipping them to better accompany and guide migrants at the source level.

On March 29, 2026 (Palm Sunday), awareness sessions were conducted for the parishioners of Jumaikala and Jokbala at the end of the Holy Mass. The faithful were sensitized to the challenges faced by Adivasi migrants at destination points and the importance of pre-departure counselling, safe migration practices, and continued accompaniment.

## Multi-Network Consultations and Strategic Engagement

National Migration Systems Consultation – Loyola College ,On 5<sup>th</sup> November, 2025, A landmark multi-stakeholder consultation proposed the establishment of a National Nodal Agency for Migration, systematised SIR registration, Migrant Welfare Boards, transit-point help desks, Panchayat/ULB migration registers, a Migrants Journal, and certified migration studies courses, strengthening institutional and policy frameworks for migrant governance. There were 60 people present for the meeting.



Sugarcane Migrant Workers – North Karnataka (Jan 28 – Feb 1, 2026), In collaboration with Spandana NGO, Sugarcane Workers Sangh, Construction Workers Sangh, and CITU, field visits were conducted in Kalburgi, Dharwad, and Belgaum, covering migrant worksites and sugar mills. The team engaged with migrant workers and held consultations with the Deputy Labour Officer, Belgaum, focusing on children’s education and registration of sugarcane migrant workers, strengthening access to labour protections and welfare schemes. There were 10 people accompanied and more than 25 people interviewed.

Sugarcane Migrant workers in EID Parry, Nellikuppam, Cuddalore , November 9–10, 2025, Mr,Chandan and Fr.Francis Bosco, and Selvi, one stop counsellor met the workers, agents, farmers and the staff of the the factory on the challenges and issues of sugarcane cutters. There were 3 people accompanied and more than 20 sugarcane workers met.



Railway Porters – Borivali Station (20 October 2025), A consultation with 11 migrant porters was held at Borivali Railway Station to raise awareness on government welfare schemes, including e-Shram, ABHA, and Ayushman Bharat. As a direct outcome, 6 porters were successfully registered for Ayushman Bharat, and their cards were downloaded and distributed on the spot, with support from TISS students.



National Convention for Migrant Workers – Hyderabad (16–17 August 2025), Over 85 representatives from across India participated in a national convention addressing systemic inequalities, domestic workers' rights, gig economy vulnerabilities, and compulsory migrant registration. Cardinal



Anthony Poola released "Jesus the Distressed Migrant Today", affirming migrants as the hope of the Church. A National Migrant Workers Platform was formed to strengthen coordinated advocacy for migrant rights across India.

National Jubilee of Migrants – Velankanni (6–8 November 2025), Delegates from 14 ecclesiastical regions reflected on migrants as “Pilgrims of Hope,” with inputs from Cardinal Michael Czerny and testimonies from migrants. More than 1,500 migrants gathered at Velankanni, Thanjavur, for reflection, sharing, networking, and collective action for migrant justice. The November 6–8 program that addressed the theme “Migrants: Pilgrims of Hope in the Heart of Mary,” was organized by the Conference of Catholic Bishops of India in collaboration with Caritas India and the Scalabrini International Migration Network. Jesuit Cardinal Michael Czerny, prefect of the Dicastery for Integral Human Development, opened the program with a call to cultivate a “culture of integration” within the Church and society.

## NATIONAL CONVENING OF WORKER MOVEMENTS



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ITO, New Delhi

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## Research on Migration and Livelihood

Don Bosco for Migrants (DB4M) successfully completing a focused research study across the INM, INT, and INB Provinces to document the living and working conditions of internal migrant workers in brick kilns, textile units, and waste-picking sectors, under the theme Migration and Livelihood. The study generated field-level evidence on drivers of migration, recruitment practices, occupational health risks, food insecurity, and experiences of discrimination.

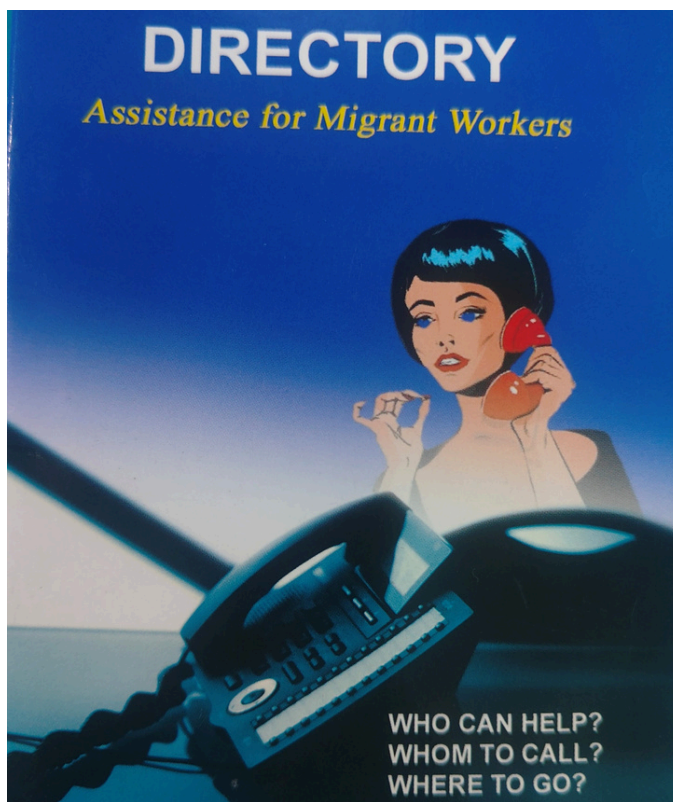
450 migrants Data collection was carried out using a mobile-based KoBoTool questionnaire, ensuring standardized, real-time data capture across all study locations. Two dedicated staff members coordinated and implemented the field research process. The study has strengthened DB4M's evidence base for advocacy, programme design, and policy engagement, and the findings are being compiled for dissemination and integration into future migrant welfare interventions.

## Migrant Sector Case Studies

DB4M is producing sector-based video case studies on brick kiln, garment, and waste-picking sectors to support sensitisation and advocacy. Don Bosco for Migrants (DB4M) is documenting video case studies on brick kiln, garment, and waste-picking sectors, focusing on the challenges faced by young migrant workers. The provinces, with their media teams, are preparing these three sector-based videos to highlight migrant realities and support sensitisation, advocacy, and awareness efforts.

## Migrant Referral Directory

Don Bosco for Migrants (DB4M) is preparing a pocket-sized Migrant Referral Directory containing contact details of religious congregations, Church institutions, trade unions, NGOs, and well-wishers. This directory is designed to assist internal young migrants at destination areas, especially during emergencies, for immediate support, referrals, and help with registration on government portals and access to services. The directory will serve as a practical accompaniment tool for migrants on the move.



# International Lobbying & Advocacy

## Migrant Forum for Asia (MFA)

Effective communication and storytelling to shape migration policy and narratives, 28, August 2025

Resist, Reclaim, Realise... a global campaign on the road to IMRF, 25<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Return and Readmission, Is it a triple win or failure of the Development and Human Rights Agenda?, 28<sup>th</sup> January, 2026



International Migrant Workers Day

## International Dialogue on Accompanying Migrants

**18 Dec 2025**

**zoom**

7:00 am (Los Angeles)  
4:00 pm (Rome)  
8:30 pm (Delhi)

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## International Organization for Migration (IOM)

Online meeting on Identifying capacity needs to enhance registration support for returnee migrants, Sept 11, 2025.

National consultation and capacity building workshop: Enhancing Reintegration outcomes for Indian returnee survivors of overseas trafficking and modern slavery, 24-25 February, 2026 IOM, Delhi

The banner is divided into several sections. At the top left, a dark blue box contains the text 'GRASSROOTS FORUM ON MIGRATION GOVERNANCE: MOBILIZING FOR IMRF 2026' in white. To its right, a red box contains the date and time: '26 MARCH 2026 THURSDAY 10:00-11:30 PM MANILA (GMT +8)'. Below these, a large orange box features a red circle with the number '10' and the title 'Migration in Times of Crisis: Advocacy and Policy Priorities for the IMRF'. At the bottom, a row of colorful icons depicts diverse people. On the right, a dark blue box provides registration information: 'Register and join us: https://bit.ly/47pw0q3' and a QR code.

### IOM Workshop – Brief Report (February 24–25, 2026)

The International Organization for Migration (IOM) conducted a two-day workshop on developing a survivor-centric reintegration approach for Indian returnees of overseas trafficking. DB4M participated as a key stakeholder, contributing insights on sustainable livelihood support.

Fr. Christopher, SDB (Project Coordinator, DB4M Vadodara Centre), represented DB4M and moderated Thematic Session 3: Economic Reintegration. The discussions focused on market linkages, targeted skill development, self-employment opportunities, and strengthening state support systems for effective reintegration.



## Helpline Strengthening and Legal Empowerment

On May 30, 2025, a 16-year-old girl from Baghjan Tea Estate, Dum Duma (Tinsukia, Assam) was rescued from forced domestic labour in Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh. She had been trafficked by a local agent who allegedly received ₹20,000 from the employer. The minor managed to send distress messages through a mobile phone, alerting well-wishers. Acting promptly, Dum Duma Police and the Child Welfare Committee (CWC), Itanagar conducted a joint rescue operation. The girl has been safely reunited with her family and is receiving necessary care and support.

On 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2025, Binaya Dungdung from Odisha, working in Mumbai, suffered a mental breakdown at Lokmanya Tilak Railway Station while trying to return home due to health issues. Taken to Khira Nagar Police Station without identification, he later went missing on 18 March 2025. The Migrant Helpline team traced him, informed his parents, and safely accompanied him back home.

On, 5<sup>th</sup> July, 2025, A migrant woman Deepti Kola, she has been removed from her job, Hyderabad Kacheguda railway station she need a help urgent. Working in a household in Hyderabad was neglected and later forced out by her employer when she asked to return to her native place. She contacted Fr. Francis Bosco, who alerted the DB4M team. With timely intervention, the team settled the issue, secured her pending salary, and arranged her safe return to Delhi. She also informed about 2–3 other migrant girls in distress and was guided to connect them with the DB4M helpline.



On 3<sup>rd</sup> April, A missing case of Dungdung was reported by his family member, Paulina, from Surat Railway Station. She has been advised to contact the DB4M National Helpline, and his brother was also instructed to call the helpline for immediate follow-up.

On 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2025, a girl who had gone to Hosur (near Bangalore) with her father and a companion for work in a metal company has been missing for the past 8 days. A nearby co-worker, who was in contact with her, is now not responding to calls. The matter has been reported for urgent follow-up.

#DonBosco4Migrants

## Don Bosco For Migrants

# All India Helpline

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**REV. FR. BIJU MICHAEL SDB**  
REGIONAL COUNCILLOR  
SOUTH ASIA

SATURDAY, 1 MAY 2021  
6:30 PM

Trafficking Case of Jyoti Nayak (16) and Sumita Nayak (19) 22–24 June 2025 | Badaun, Uttar Pradesh, Jyoti and Sumita from Malkangiri, Odisha, were lured by a known acquaintance to Uttar Pradesh after attending a wedding in December 2024. They were later arrested along with traffickers in a drug-related case and jailed for three months. After bail, the traffickers demanded ₹2, 60,000 from their poor families, keeping the girls under their control in Badaun. With the intervention of Fr. Francis Bosco (DB4M), legal support from Advocate Colin Gonsalves and Advocate Atul, and the courageous effort of the parents, a rescue operation was initiated on 22 June 2025. Despite initial resistance from local police, persistent follow-up led to a midnight search in Masoodpura village. On 23 June, with police support and help from local villagers, the team successfully rescued both girls from the traffickers' custody. They were brought safely to Delhi and later reunited with their families in Odisha.

Rajiv Kandulana, a resident of Dumerta, PO Bandmunda, Sundergarh district, Odisha, who had gone to Chennai for work with his friend Arun Kumar Pradhan (Mob: 943780XXXX), has been missing since 30 March 2025. He was last seen near HDFC ATM, Athipattu Road, NCTPS Road, Attipattu Padu Nagar, Chennai. On April 25, 2025, DB4M Team rescued the missing person.

Sarwan Gond, a young tribal migrant worker from Odisha, died on 15 April while digging a borewell in Maharashtra. He was buried on his family's land on 16 April after villagers refused cemetery burial.

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On 3<sup>rd</sup>, April, 2025, Stanish reported a wage theft issue. After DB4M intervention, the employer responded and assured payment of the pending wages. The worker confirmed follow-up and expressed gratitude for the support. Further action will be taken if dues are not cleared.

A girl, Veronica, who had gone to Hosur (near Bangalore) with her father for work in a metal company went missing after 8 days. A co-worker who was in contact with her later became unreachable. With timely intervention, DB4M traced and rescued her, ensuring her safe return home to her parents and relatives.





On 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2025, Mr. Sudarshan reported that Mahanada, a worker at Bharat Laxmi, Tripur, met with an accident outside the company premises. The company denied responsibility, and he was admitted to a private hospital that demanded ₹40,000 and refused discharge without payment. DB4M intervened in the matter, and the issue was successfully resolved, ensuring the worker's release and necessary support.

On 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2025, Mahendra from Gordoma, Odisha, who had been reported missing, was suspected to have died in a train accident in Nedumbassery, Kerala. At Aluva Government Hospital, the body was found in a decomposed condition and initially unidentified, as fellow Odisha migrants were unable and afraid to confirm identification. There was a possibility of linking the missing complaint with the unidentified body. For confirmation, siblings were advised to come for a DNA test, which would take additional time. Due to the body's condition, airlifting was not feasible and burial in Kerala was required. With the coordinated support of DB4M, Mr. Binoy Peter (CMID team), and local friends, the process was facilitated, and the matter was handled with dignity and necessary assistance to the family.

On 31, October, 2025, Sanjeet Ekka, from Chhattisgarh, was arrested and locked in the Coimbatore jail for more than 5 months, is finally out of jail on bail. His sureties (and his uncle Simon Lakra went to release him. Mr. Josin (mig desk Coimbatore) and salesians along with their lawyers did all the necessary process for bailing out Sanjeet. Big thanks to Fr. Bosco Delhi and Coimbatore team. Thanks to all who waited for Sanjit's bail. Thanks to all who looked for the happy conclusion of the episode

On 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2025, Karan Kumar Majhi, a Catholic youth from Assam, is sickly and anemic and requires 2 units of blood (any group) urgently in preparation for an upcoming surgery at CMC Vellore. Blood was arranged to the friends in Vellore.



AK Lungkinliu, from Utopia Ward No. 1, Tamenglong District, Manipur, has been missing since 6 March 2025. She informed her parents that she was leaving Imphal for Bangalore, after which her phone was switched off. Occasionally it rings but calls are not answered. DB4M have found out that she was in Bangalore.

A 20-year-old boy from Ukhrul District, Manipur (Tangkhul community) died by suicide at his residence in Anna Nagar, Chennai on 15 March 2025 around 5:00 a.m. He had been staying with his sister and brother-in-law for the past year and was helping care for their two children. He was found hanging by his brother-in-law and immediately taken to MGM Hospital, Anna Nagar, where doctors declared him dead. The body was later shifted to KMC Hospital for post-mortem.

Radhika Oraon Baghwar (17 years), daughter of Fuldeo Oraon, from Rajabhat Tea Garden, Kalchini, Alipurduar District, West Bengal, was reported missing on 25 March 2025. Her mother, Shanti Oraon, filed a complaint at Kalchini Police Station after she did not return home and could not be traced. With coordinated efforts, she was successfully tracked and safely reunited with her family. The case has been resolved.

Mr. Kurniawan Kamei and Mr. Njeanlung Gonmei, staff members at Nandhana Palace Restaurant, Chrompet, Chennai, were assaulted by the restaurant captain in the early hours of 30 March 2025 while resting in the staff room. The captain allegedly attacked them without provocation, causing injuries. The matter was taken up for intervention. The victims were provided support, compensation was demanded and secured, and they were reinstated in their jobs. The issue has been resolved through mediation.

Oded's case, one who was in jail, involved in the murder, allowed conditional bail, went back to Manipur, and police went and arrested him. His case was coming to the end on March 20<sup>th</sup> 2025. Advocate Thyagu followed up the case and he was finally proved innocent and released from jail.

A complaint was submitted to the Police Officer on 21/11/2024 by Jagmohan Bhagat regarding a missing worker, Pratap (22 years), residing near Patas Road, Udunpulya (A Cabin area). Pratap left on 16/11/2024, informing that he was going to his native place in Odisha. However, he has not reached home and has not returned to his workplace. His mobile phone is switched off, and there has been no contact with him. With the assistance of DB4M the worker was tracked

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On March 16, 2026, Sikandar is handed over to his brothers family in Coimbatore. We are grateful to Mr Josin DB4M who contacted and once we reached up to the family in Gaya, Bihar we were able to hand over the boy. Working on relocation of another child from Coimbatore to Bettiah, Bihar.

Jai Mazdur
Jai Yuva

## From MNREGA to GRAM G Act 2025

### In the name of Viksit Bharat Vinash of Rural Poor

For nearly 20 years, the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) has shaped how rural employment support works in India – offering wage work close to home, creating village-level assets, and providing income during lean agricultural seasons.

WEBINAR

22nd, Monday, December, 2025

6.00 to 7.30 pm

Initiators of the narratives:

1. Annie Raja, National Federation of Indian Women, CPI and Activist
2. Jean Dreze, Economist, Social Scientist and Activist
3. Richa, NREGA Sangharsh Morch (NSM), Sitapur, UP
4. Ashish Ranjan, Jan Jagran Shakti Sangathan, Bihar, NAPM
5. Nikhil Dey, MKSS Rajasthan, NSM

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Kranti Bibar, son of Mihir Bibar from Hirapur, Jarpa, Chandrapur, and a migrant worker in Ernakulam, passed away on the night of March 18, 2026, under initially unknown circumstances. He was working as a helper at Mama Restaurant in Petta. According to his roommate, Kranti was found dead in his room around 10:00 PM, and the police conducted an inquiry. The body was kept at Tripunithura Taluk Hospital, where his younger brother and relatives were present for postmortem procedures. Later updates indicated that the death is suspected to be a suicide, pending official confirmation after inquest and postmortem.

The employer has extended support and agreed to bear the expenses for repatriation. Following the postmortem, arrangements have been made to transport the body by flight from Kochi to his native place.

A young migrant girl Merry mallick, from Aligonda, Rayagada, currently working in Goa, sought to return home due to her father's ill health. However, the employer and agent initially did not respond to her request.

Following the intervention of Fr. Marvin from the Goa Province, who visited the workplace and spoke with the employer, steps were taken to address the situation. The girl's relatives are now in the process of bringing her back home, with arrangements being made to settle her pending wages and benefits.



On March 17, 2026, Raj Kumar was successfully relocated from Don Bosco Anbu illam, Coimbatore to his family in Jogapatti, Bihar, after follow-up with the Child Welfare Committee (CWC) Bettiah. He has now been reunited with his mother and sister. Sr. Saroj and Mr. Kalam visited the family on April 2 and facilitated key entitlements, including a disability pension, Aadhaar card, school admission, and family counselling. Thanks to their dedicated follow-up, the family is now supported and stable.

On March 21, 2026, A migrant youth from Sonpur Parish under the Cuttack-Bhubaneswar Archdiocese was injured in an accident in Kerala. He was reportedly hit by an ambulance while walking near his workplace in Vytila, Ernakulam district. He sustained multiple fractures in his leg and hand, along with a suspected head injury, and was shifted from Ernakulam Medical College to Kottayam Medical College for further treatment. DBM Migrant Ministry has been sought to aid his recovery.



# DB4M Impact Summary 2025–2026

## Entitlements & Documentation

- 1,400+ migrant workers registered under EShram
- 753 registrations across 4 AP blocks
- 120+ migrants accessed documentation services (Belapur)
- 57 ABHA cards generated
- 49 Ayushman Bharat cards issued
- 45 Aadhaar cards processed
- 7 additional Ayushman Bharat cards registered
- 6 railway porters enrolled in Ayushman Bharat
- 300+ migrants served at Warangal medical camp
- 80 migrants received healthcare (Mumbai)
- 45 beneficiaries (Eye Camp – Turbe)
- 23 beneficiaries (General Medical – Turbe)
- 32 dental consultations (Borivali)
- 65 homeopathy consultations (Borivali)

## Capacity Building & Consultations

- 24 national coordinators (Inaugural meeting)
- 80 organisations (National Worker Convening)
- 78 participants (Four Labour Codes Consultation)
- 63+ participants (MNREGA Consultation)
- 90 participants (Domestic Workers National Hearing)
- 60 participants (Bonded Labour Report Launch)
- 85 representatives (National Migrant Convention – Hyderabad)
- 150+ participants (Kadal Conclave)
- 150 participants (National Migration Seminar – Kerala)
- 62 participants (Scaffolding Workshop – Mumbai)
- 70 participants (Odisha Consultation)
- 25 participants (Meghalaya CSO Consultation)
- 13 Helpline telecallers trained
- 17 provincial staff trained (Bengaluru)

## Research & Data

- 450 migrant workers surveyed (Brick kiln, textile, waste-picking sectors)
- 8 dedicated staff coordinated field research

## Cultural Mobilisation & Pastoral Care

- 1,000+ youth (Migrants Youth Mela – Tiruppur)
- 4,000+ participants (Adivasi Karam Festival – Tiruppur)
- 350 Garo migrant youth receiving monthly pastoral care (Mumbai)
- 186 North-East migrants engaged (Bengaluru)
- 172 migrants (Vadodara Migrant Day)
- 1,500+ migrants (National Jubilee – Velankanni)
- 200+ migrant women (Dandiya Dhamaal)

## Multi-Network & Global Engagement

- 60 participants (National Migration Systems Consultation)
- 80 participants (Global Online Dialogue – International Migrants Day)
- 30 stakeholders (Meghalaya Networking Meeting)

## Overall Reach

10,000+ migrants, youth, workers, and stakeholders directly engaged through registrations, health services, research, training, consultations, advocacy platforms, and pastoral programmes during 2025–2026.

The year 2025–2026 marked a significant strengthening of DB4M's national systems, pastoral outreach, advocacy, and evidence-based programming. Through collective efforts, DB4M continues to stand with internal young migrants as companions, advocates, and partners in their journey toward dignity, rights, and hope.





**To empower** young, distressed internal migrants in India by bridging the socio-political and economic gaps faced by unorganized and migrant workers, ensuring that their journey from source to destination is marked by dignity, safety, and opportunity.

**We envision a future**

where every young unorganised and migrant worker in India has guaranteed access to decent work, humane living conditions, and essential social securities, advocated and supported by the Indian government and civil society.

**In Collaboration with**

- International Labour Organization (ILO)
- International Organization for Migration (IOM)
- Migrant Forum for Asia (MFA)
- International Catholic Migration Centre (ICMC)
- Scalabrini Migration Centre (SMC)

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**To empower Young Distressed Internal Migrants in India**  
 Through advocacy, partnerships, and on-ground interventions.



**we aim to build a just and inclusive society for all migrant workers**



**History**

Don Bosco for Migrants (DB4M) is a migrant rights and research based Salesian organisation, **launched** its mission in **2015**, responding to the growing need to support young distressed migrant workers in India.

By **2016**, a **structured framework** was developed to focus on vulnerable internal young migrant laborers, specifically targeting those in temporary, seasonal, and short-term work, including construction, brick kilns, housekeeping, domestic services, agriculture, and other labor-intensive sectors.

**All India Toll Free Helpline** for Distressed Migrants was launched in 2019. It supports major Indian languages like Hindi, Tamil, Telugu, Bengali, Oriya, Assamese, Gujarati, Manipuri, Kannada, Konkani, and English.

In **2024**, DB4M established **45 collaborative migrant help desks** in key source states, such as Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Odisha, Assam, Nagaland, Manipur, and West Bengal, as well as in major destination states, including Delhi, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Goa, Karnataka, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, and Tamil Nadu.

**We assist in**

- Registration in Government Portals
- National Migrant Helpline
- Legal Aid
- Decent Living and Working Conditions
- Young Workers
- Ration Assistance
- Education Services
- Healthcare Services
- Worship and Festivals
- Get-Togethers and Social Events
- Emergency Support
- Accident and Death Comompepnresnastaiotinon
- Research, Survey, Database, and Documentation
- Source and Destination Linkages
- Trade Union Assistance
- Governmental Linkages
- Open Shelters
- Transport Meetings
- Rail, Bus & Market Shelter and Rental Assistance

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**Collaboration is a cornerstone of DB4M's approach.**

It partners with **religious organizations**, including the CCBI, CBOI, Jesuits, OMIs, SVDS, SSPS, and MSMHC, which collectively support a network of 45 migrant help desks nationwide.

Additionally, DB4M works with **unorganised workers trade unions** like HMS, UWF, NFUMW, and NDWF and coordinates with **government departments**—labor, education, health, civil supplies, women and child services—to advance the welfare and rights of migrant workers in India.

**On the international front**, DB4M collaborates with leading global organizations, including the International Labour Organization (ILO), International Organization for Migration (IOM), Migrant Forum for Asia (MFA), International Catholic Migration Centre (ICMC), and Scalabrini Migration Centre (SMC).

Together, these partnerships enable DB4M to engage in advocacy and lobbying for legal frameworks that support and protect young migrant workers in India, advancing their rights and ensuring their dignity.



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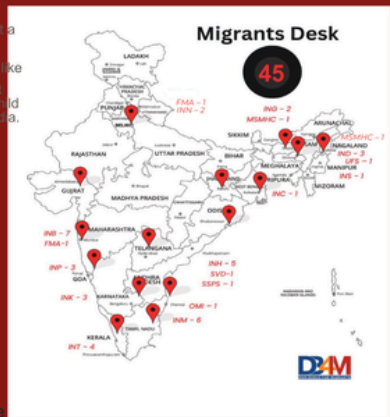
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**The 2030 Agenda promises to enhance the decent work and social dialogue.**

**Protecting** their rights and dignity means responding to humanitarian needs and advancing sustainable development



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