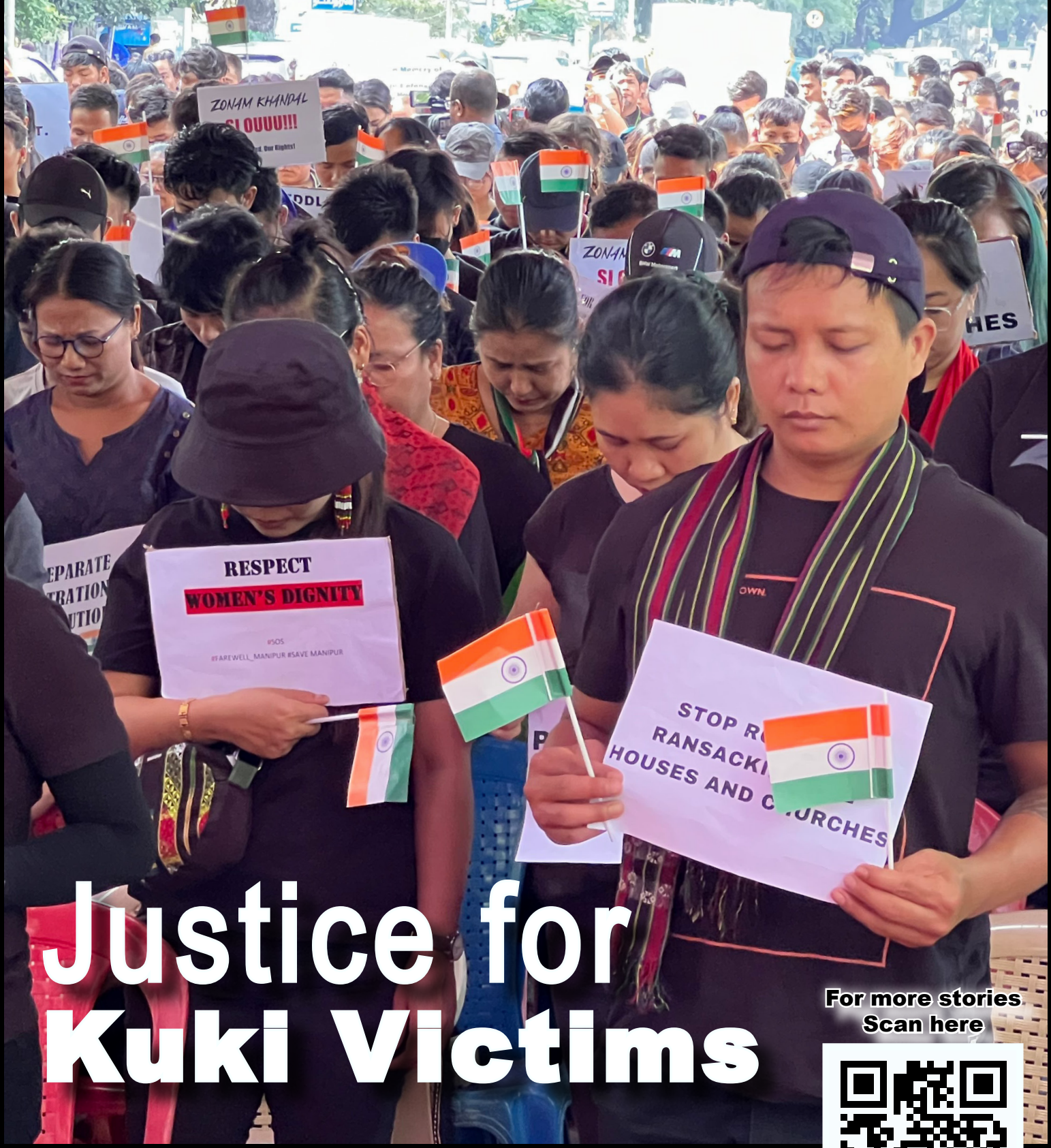


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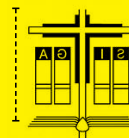
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FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION LABOURS

15 AUGUST, 2023:
VYSARPADI DON BOSCO BEATITUDES

The DBMS organized a football tournament for construction workers in celebration of Independence Day. The teams were divided into Jharkhand FC's, Chennai Express, and Katappa. Since many of the workers were unfamiliar with the game, they did their best to play well. Jharkhand FC's

emerged as the champions, while Chennai Express claimed second place. At the conclusion of the match, refreshments were provided and prizes were awarded to the winners.

The players thoroughly enjoyed the game. We extend our sincere gratitude to Vysarpadi Don Bosco Beatitude fathers, DBMS directors, staff, and participants who all contributed to making the event joyful and successful.



DON BOSCO MIGRANT SERVICE ORGANIZED A FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION WORKERS IN CELEBRATION OF INDEPENDENCE DAY.



INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION AT MANALI



15 AUGUST, 2023:
BURMA NAGAR, MANALI

The At Manali New Town Burma Nagar and Sadiyankuppam, the children of migrants and parents celebrated the Independence day. At the event, there were about 60 kids there. To commemorate the event, dances and songs were performed. On the day, Rev. Fr. Lourdu, Sr. Malliga, and Mrs. Pooja, a teacher at the evening study center, joined hands to deliver the programme. Sincere appreciation to the organizers.



REV. FR. LOURDU, SR. MALLIGA, AND MRS. POOJA, A TEACHER AT THE EVENING STUDY CENTER, JOINED HANDS TO DELIVER



EXTENDING HELP TO KUKI FAMILIES

08 AUGUST, 2023

VELACHERY AND
BESANT NAGAR

Don Bosco Migrant Services demonstrated their unwavering commitment to the welfare of Kuki families residing in Velachery and Besant Nagar areas. Their generous act of providing cookers and utensils has not only eased the daily lives of these families but also served as a testament to the power of community support and compassion.

For many Kuki families, these simple kitchen essentials are more than just tools; they



DBMS HAD HELPED MANY KUKIS FAMILIES TO GET THE HELP FROM THE GENEROUS SOULS

represent the means to cook nutritious meals, create a sense of home, and uphold their cultural traditions. Don Bosco Migrant Services,

through their thoughtful initiative, has not only met a practical need but has also enriched the lives of these families in profound ways.





DEACONS CONCLUDE ENRICHING MIGRATION COURSE WITH DBMS”

07 AUGUST, 2023
POONAMALEE

EThe culmination of each session involved a thoughtful exchange of reflections, gleaned insights, and practical applications. Deacons were urged to introspect on the relevance of their learning in their lives. After each session, the floor was graciously extended to seminarians, fostering engaging discussions. As the program reached its conclusion, the deacons extended their heartfelt appreciation to DBMS for a remarkable course that imparted significant knowledge. The course also held deep meaning, igniting curiosity and fostering empathy towards the intricate subject of migration.

SEMINAR FACILITATORS

Course on Migration for Poonamalee Deacons was held On 7.8.2023, conducted by DBMS as one-day course. Started at 10 in the morning with the themes on

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| 1 Migration- Church Perspective | Fr. Lourdu |
| 2 Internal Migration- A Glance | Fr. Bosco |
| 3 Issues and Challenges of Unorganised workers in Tamilnadu | Mr. Gopal |
| 4 Interstate Migrant workers in Brick kilns and Constructions | Mr. Deepak |
| 5 Interstate Migrant workers in Hospitality Sector | Mr. Augustine |
| 6 Interstate Migrant workers in Manufacturing Sector | Fr. Roshan |



SHINING A LIGHT ON DBMS'S IMPACT IN CHENNAI'S MIGRANT

21 JULY 2023:
ARUMBAKKAM,
TNHB CONSTITUTION SITES.

Three deacons from Province of Dimapur pen down their experiences of time with Bosco Migrant Service (BMS), Chennai. The sojourn with BMS led to the lives of many migrant workers in and around Chennai.

The migrants travel length and breadth to reach part of the country look for the job opportunities. Chennai is one of the hotspot destinations as it houses number of manufacturing industries, construction sites, hospitality sectors and other avenues. Migrants in sites are more in need of assistance. BMS comes in to assists in ways viable. Our experience with BMS saw us various centres of the activities. The first hand experience with migrants shed light to the plight. Factory workers and construction sites often live in a situation of survival. The BMS acts as a bridging body. It comes to rescue the migrants in possible ways. It helps the migrants to connect the government and the culture. It provides holistic development to the workers. It is a kind of moral support in need. It touches all aspects of human growth of the workers. The days with BMS reaches to the homes of migrant workers. We wit-



RANGING FROM SALESPERSON, HOSPITALITY STAFF, SECURITY GUARD, BEAUTY PARLOUR SPA ETC. ARE DOTTED WITH WORKERS FROM NORTH EAST

nessed living conditions, listened to the status, and talked to them. The need of the people is not only work but also care and concern about the welfare. Though BMS's outreach is limited it brings smile

to the people which we believe will continue to spread.

There are numbers of workers from North East India in Chennai. Ranging from salesperson, hospitality staff, security guard, beauty parlour spa etc. are dotted with workers from North East. The working conditions also in general is not appreciative. The working hours are long. The rented place to stay which are not so conducive. Priority is given to work alone and other interests are kept aside. Spiritual needs are neglected as often and do not get off day on Sundays. Migrants are sometimes subjected to exploitation by the landlords and the employers. BMS in some ways come to rescue them by raising voices for them.



CASE INTERVATION AT

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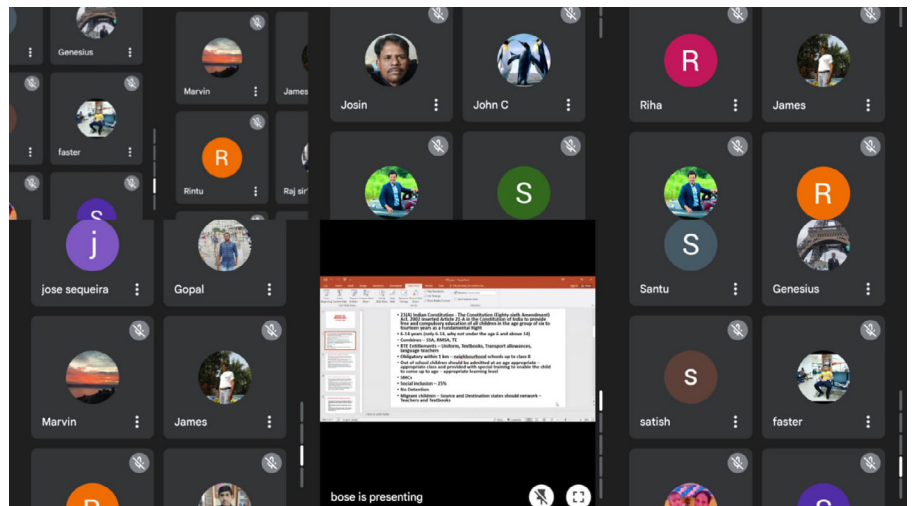


DB4M SPEARHEADS ONLINE CAPACITY BUILDING MEETING

11 AUGUST 2023:
DELHI-ONLINE MEETING

The DB4M had organised online meeting about Capacity Building - Migration started at 10:10am, with many other provinces fathers, sisters and staffs participated. Fr. Bosco from Head Office Delhi coordinated the meeting and shared two important topics on Right to Education and on Migration.

Fr. Bosco provided an overview of capacity building efforts on implementation and its significance in the context of migration and migration-related issues, in-



cluding governance, policy development, right to education, better protection for migrants' rights. Many participants raised questions about their present difficul-

ties regarding the implementation of migrant rights and Fr. Bosco suggested and gave solutions to implement and overcome the issues and challenges.

RIP MIGRANT WORKER

We we sadly report that one of the migrant women experienced a cardiac arrest and passed away. She was admitted to Savita hospital where her death was confirmed. Subsequently, her body was transferred to Sriperumbudur Government Hospital. Unfortunately, the victim's husband and other migrant workers were unsure about the procedures involved in filing a case with the po-



lice. Thankfully, Fr. Roshan and the Ponnammallee Sacred Heart brothers came forward and assisted

in obtaining the body. Initially, plans were made to send the body to Odisha, but after considering the wishes of the workers, arrangements were made for cremation in Sriperumbudur with the help of the local authorities. With the necessary permission from the local authority, the cremation was successfully carried out. The workers expressed their sincere gratitude for the assistance provided.



“DBMS EMPOWERS CONSTRUCTION WORKERS FOR WELLBEING”

5 AUGUST, 2023
VYSARPADI

The DBMS has organised labour welfare program for the construction workers on 5th of August 2023. The event started at 5pm, where 45 workers participated.

DBMS had First aid demonstrations session by Mr. Elangovan. He demonstrated basic first aid techniques to the workers, such as Bleeding control, Fractures, Sprains and strains, Electric shock, Heat exhaustion and heat stroke. The workers also practiced first aid techniques with Mr. Elangovan and ensured that all workers know how to re-

spond effectively in case of emergencies. He gave knowledge about emergency help number to the workers. Mr. Deepak shared on the following topic on Benefits and Coverage. He explained the various benefits and services provided by the construction welfare schemes, such as health insurance, medical check-ups, accident

coverage, disability benefits, and education assistance, etc. The session was preceded by TNCWWB-Enrolment Process, described the steps involved in enrolling the government schemes, the required documents and its benefits. The workers were introduced to Rights and Protections, explained to the educated workers about

THE WORKERS WERE INTRODUCED TO RIGHTS AND PROTECTIONS, EXPLAINED TO THE EDUCATED WORKERS ABOUT THEIR RIGHTS UNDER THE ISM ACT- 1979, AND UNDER BUILDING AND OTHER CONSTRUCTION WORKMEN ACT-1996

their rights under the ISM Act- 1979, and under Building and Other Construction Workmen Act-1996 and how they are protected from exploitation or unfair treatment. The program emphasized the importance of safety guidelines and precautions on construction sites, as well as the resources available to ensure a safe working environment.

The basic objective is informed to workers about the mechanism for addressing complaints or concerns related to their working conditions. The programme highlighted training and skill development opportunities provided by the TNCWWB to enhance their career prospects.

It provided DB4M help line contact number, information and the help by administrators or representatives where workers can reach out for assistance or information. Later on Sr. Madhu shared the topic on Substance Addiction. Most of the workers were affected by the substance addiction, which leads them to destroy their precious life and the families too. She enlightened the workers with many examples about the causes of substance addiction. Finally, we thanked the participants, AE, PM and those who helped to make the event successful. Hope, the labour welfare program may bring positive changes and to have better overall well-being.



NIGHT STUDY STUDENTS WERE TAKEN FOR A DAY OF PICNIC TO QUEENSLAND

13 AUGUST, 2023
POONAMALLEE

Bathed in divine guidance, the day exuded the Almighty's benevolence, magnified by Fr. Xavier

Pakiam's generous financial support. The unwavering dedication of the night study staff was pivotal, guaranteeing flawless event execution and reaffirming their commitment to underprivileged children's welfare.



“PEACE RALLY SUPPORTS JUSTICE FOR MANIPUR”

02 AUGUST, 2023
RR STADIUM, EGMORE

A sizable peace demonstration was conducted at the RR Stadium in Egmore, Chennai, as part of a peaceful solidarity protest for justice for the Kuki-zo tribal victims of Manipur.

To show support for the Kuki-Zomi community in Manipur, which has been devastated by violence, thousands of individuals, including women and men, young people, children, and other NGO's and Unions, took part in a peaceful protest.



Fr. Leo spoke on behalf of DBMS when he pledged support for efforts to provide justice, peace, and support to the impacted families as well as for all Manipur students enrolled in Don Bosco Colleges and Schools throughout India. The rally

began with chants. Finally, he quoted, “We are Indian, while our brethren are in suffering, we always stand in their suffering, though they are far away 3000km geographically but always they are in our hearts,” to end his address.

“VIBRANT VOLLEYBALL UNITES MIGRANT YOUTH”

06 AUGUST, 2023:
MAMBAKKAM,
SRIPERUMBUDUR

On the vibrant morning of August 6th, 2023, a sense of camaraderie and enthusiasm filled the air in Mambakkam as an exciting volleyball friendly match was set to take place. The sun was just beginning to cast its warm glow, creating an inviting atmosphere for the forthcoming sports event. The stage was set for a day of spirited competition and community bonding.

As the clock struck 10:30 AM, the event kicked off with a burst of energy. A diverse group of migrant youth had gathered, their faces reflecting a palpable eagerness to engage in the friendly competition ahead. Volleyball, a game that transcends language and culture, promised to be a unifying force among these young individuals from different walks of life.

To officiate the match, Brother Ashish was invited as the chief umpire, and Brother Sheril stood by as the assistant umpire. Brother David assumed the role of commentator, ready to capture the exhilarating moments of the game and infuse them with his lively commen-



tary. With the official roles in place, the teams were introduced, and the arena echoed with excitement.

Three spirited teams, comprised of migrant workers hailing from Jharkhand, stood poised to engage in friendly rivalry on the volleyball court. As the first match began, the game point was set at 24, reflecting the determination and competitive

spirit of the players. The following matches saw the game point reduced to 15, maintaining an optimal balance between competitiveness and enjoyment.

The players showcased their skills and teamwork as they dove, spiked, and set the ball with precision. Every serve, every block, and every rally demonstrated their dedication to the game.



“COMMISSION PRIORITIZES SOCIAL IMPACT IN MIGRATION”

21 AUGUST, 2023:
PROVINCIAL HOUSE,
KILPAUK

Fr. Simolin provided a comprehensive briefing to the commission, shedding light on the dynamic landscape of migration. His presentation encompassed a range of vital elements: statistics, policy evolution, and the challenges that underscore the ministry’s undertakings. This informational foundation served as a springboard for a robust discussion.

The commission, deeply engaged, delved into an in-depth conversation that encompassed the multifaceted social impacts of migration. Diverse facets like integra-

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tion, cultural diversity, education, healthcare, employment, and social services were scrutinized in order to gain a holistic perspective.

From these discussions emerged a crystallized focus

on imperative aspects that demanded prioritization to strengthen the mission and foster constructive growth. The commission recognized the urgent need to fortify their efforts in areas that hold significant promise for positive change. Integrating migrants seamlessly into the societal fabric, preserving cultural diversity, ensuring equitable access to education and healthcare, enhancing employment opportunities, and expanding social services all emerged as key pillars requiring intensified attention.

As the discussions unfolded, it became evident that these strategic priorities aligned cohesively with the commission’s overarching goals.