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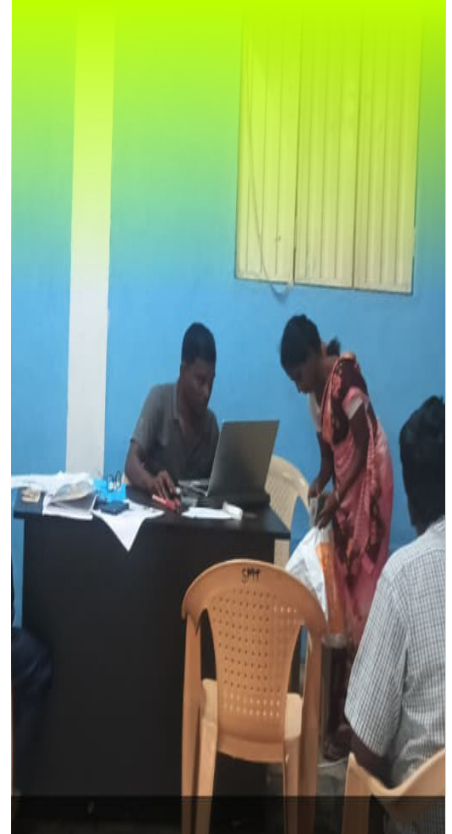


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DBMS CONDUCTS AWARENESS SESSION ON ABHA, E-SHRAM AND WELFARE SCHEMES

DECEMBER - 13 - 2025:

Don Bosco Migrant Services (DBMS) organized an awareness and registration programme on 13 December 2025 at Vadamangalam SSP Company to educate migrant workers about essential government welfare schemes and digital support systems. The programme aimed to enhance awareness and accessibility of services that contribute to the social and economic security of migrant workers.

Focus on ABHA, e-Shram and DBMS App

The session focused on introducing participants to key initiatives such as the ABHA (Ayushman Bharat Health Account), e-Shram registration, and the DBMS mobile applica-

tion. These platforms were explained in a simple and practical manner to help workers understand their importance in accessing healthcare benefits, employment-related support, and welfare services.

Participation and Registration Outcome

A total of 35 migrant workers actively participated in the programme. With the assistance of the DBMS team, 12 beneficiaries were successfully registered during the session. Participants showed keen interest and actively engaged by asking questions and seeking clarification regarding digital access and benefits.

Chief Guest and Institutional Support

The programme was graced by Mr. Chinna Rasu, HR Man-

ager of RCCL Company, who attended as the Chief Guest. He appreciated the initiative taken by DBMS and emphasized the importance of awareness, documentation, and digital inclusion for migrant workers. His presence added encouragement and credibility to the programme.

Outcome and Impact

The programme significantly contributed to improving awareness among migrant workers about government welfare schemes and digital platforms. It strengthened their ability to access essential services and reflected DBMS's continued commitment to empowering migrant communities through information, outreach, and inclusive support mechanisms.



INTRODUCTORY SESSION ON DBMS AND IOM SERVICES PILLAI CHATTIRAM

DECEMBER - 14 - 2025:

On 14 December 2025, Don Bosco Migrant Services (DBMS) conducted an introductory awareness session on DBMS and IOM services at Pillai Chattiram, Tamil Nadu, aimed at empowering migrant youth with information about available support systems and welfare initiatives. The programme was organized by the DBMS staff and targeted migrant young boys and girls, who often face challenges in accessing institutional support due to limited awareness, mobility constraints, and lack of documentation.

The session welcomed around 20 participants, who actively engaged with the facilitators to understand the various services provided by DBMS and the International Organization for Migration (IOM). The programme provided detailed insights into the objectives, scope, and activities of DBMS and IOM, including support for education, health, legal assistance, and welfare schemes for migrant workers and their families. Participants were informed about ways to access these services, report grievances, and participate in programmes aimed at improving their well-being and social inclusion.



The session was highly interactive, with participants encouraged to ask questions, share their experiences, and provide feedback on their challenges and needs. This engagement helped the facilitators address practical concerns, clarify doubts, and provide guidance on accessing specific services such as healthcare support, skill development programmes, and awareness about rights and entitlements. The participants expressed that the session was informative and useful, enabling them to better understand the role of DBMS and IOM in supporting migrant communities and how to benefit from available resources effectively.

In addition to raising awareness, the programme also emphasized capacity-building and empowerment, helping partic-

ipants gain confidence in approaching institutions for assistance. The structured session ensured that all participants could follow the discussion, actively engage, and take away actionable information to support their personal and professional development.

Overall, the introductory session at Pillai Chattiram was a successful initiative that strengthened the link between migrant youth and support services, promoted knowledge about institutional assistance, and reinforced DBMS's commitment to empowering migrant communities through awareness, guidance, and sustained engagement. The programme marked a meaningful step toward creating informed, resilient, and self-reliant migrant youth who are better equipped to navigate social, educational, and welfare opportunities.



INAUGURATION OF THE DBMS CLIMB LEARNING UNIT AT KAVARAIPETTAI



DECEMBER - 08 - 2025:

In a spirit of hope, commitment, and renewed dedication to the young, Don Bosco Migrant Services (DBMS) joyfully inaugurated the CLIMB – Creating Learning, Inclusion & Motivation for Brighter Futures Learning Unit at Don Bosco Kavaraipettai. The inauguration was meaningfully aligned with the commemoration of the day on which St. John Bosco began his mission for the young, making the occasion both symbolic and inspiring.



The newly established CLIMB Learning Unit is envisioned as a nurturing space that responds to the educational and developmental needs

of migrant children. Through structured academic support, practical learning activities, and interactive sessions, the programme aims to strengthen foundational learning, encourage curiosity, and foster confidence among children who often face educational disruptions due to migration. The initiative seeks not only to support academic growth but also to promote holistic development by creating a safe, inclusive, and child-friendly learning environment.

Special care was taken to ensure the well-being of every child participating in the programme. Nutritious meals and refreshments were provided, enabling the children to engage actively and joyfully in the learning process. This

gesture reflected DBMS's commitment to upholding the dignity, health, and overall well-being of each child, recognizing that learning flourishes best when basic needs are met with care and compassion.

The successful inauguration of the CLIMB Learning Unit was made possible through the generous support and collaboration of Don Bosco Anbu Illam, Kavaraipettai. Their partnership and encouragement played a vital role in bringing this meaningful initiative to life. The event marked not only the beginning of an educational programme but also a renewed commitment to shaping brighter futures for migrant children through care, inclusion, and empowerment.



FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT FOR MIGRANT YOUTH PROMOTING HEALTH, UNITY, AND WELL-BEING

DECEMBER - 07 - 2025:

Don Bosco Migrant Services (DBMS) organized a Football Tournament at Pannur with the aim of promoting physical fitness, mental well-being, and social integration among migrant youth from Kanchipuram, Chengalpattu, and Thiruvallur districts. The initiative was designed to encourage healthy lifestyles, teamwork, and positive engagement among young migrants who often face demanding work conditions.

Participation and Team Representation

The tournament witnessed enthusiastic participation from eight teams representing different migrant communities across the three

districts. The players displayed great enthusiasm, discipline, and sportsmanship throughout the matches, creating an atmosphere of unity and mutual respect among participants from diverse backgrounds.

Promotion of Health and Sportsmanship

Through this sporting event, DBMS aimed to promote the importance of physical fitness and mental well-being among migrant youth. The tournament provided a healthy platform for recreation, stress relief, and positive interaction, reinforcing the value of sports as a tool for personal and social development.

Support and Encouragement from Management

The event was graced by the presence of Rev. Fr. John-

son, SDB, who appreciated the initiative and encouraged the participants to pursue healthy and disciplined lifestyles. His words of motivation inspired the players and highlighted the importance of sports in building confidence, teamwork, and leadership qualities.

Awards and Recognition

At the conclusion of the tournament, the winning team was honoured with a trophy and a cash prize in recognition of their outstanding performance. All participating teams were appreciated for their active involvement and sportsmanlike spirit. The successful organization of the event was made possible through the dedicated efforts of Fr. Simolin and the DBMS team, whose coordination ensured the smooth conduct of the programme.



UNORGANISED LABOUR WELFARE BOARD REGISTRATION CAMP PERUMBAKKAM

DECEMBER - 03 - 2025:

On 03 December 2025, Don Bosco Migrant Services (DBMS) successfully organized an Unorganised Labour Welfare Board Registration Camp at Perumbakkam with the primary objective of facilitating access to government welfare schemes for unorganised sector workers. The camp was conducted as part of DBMS's continued commitment to promoting the rights, dignity, and social security of migrant and unorganised labourers who often remain excluded from formal welfare mechanisms due to lack of awareness, documentation, or access to institutional support. The initiative aimed to bridge this gap by providing on-the-spot assistance for registration under the relevant Labour Welfare Boards.

The camp witnessed active participation from local workers engaged in various informal occupations. A total of 10 labourers were successfully registered during the programme. Among them, 7 workers were enrolled under the Construction Workers Welfare Board, while 3 workers were registered under the General Labour category. The DBMS team extended comprehensive support throughout

the process, including verification of documents, guidance on eligibility criteria, assistance in filling application forms, and clarification on the benefits available under the respective welfare schemes. Special attention was given to ensuring that the workers clearly understood their entitlements, such as access to health benefits, educational assistance for children, financial support during emergencies, and other social security provisions offered by the government.

In addition to registration, the camp served as an awareness platform where workers were informed about the importance of being registered under the welfare boards and how such registration contributes to long-term social and economic security. The interaction

between the DBMS team and the beneficiaries helped build trust and encouraged workers to actively engage with government-supported welfare mechanisms. The smooth coordination and participation reflected the growing need for such outreach initiatives among unorganised labour communities.

Overall, the Unorganised Labour Welfare Board Registration Camp at Perumbakkam was a meaningful and impactful initiative that strengthened DBMS's ongoing efforts to support vulnerable labour groups. The programme not only facilitated access to essential welfare benefits but also reinforced DBMS's commitment to empowering unorganised workers through awareness, advocacy, and sustained community engagement.



AWARENESS PROGRAMMES FOR MIGRANT WORKERS

DECEMBER - 14 - 2025:

On 14 December 2025, Don Bosco Migrant Services (DBMS) conducted two awareness programmes for migrant workers in Mambakkam Village and Kattabakkam, aimed at educating participants about DBMS services, government welfare schemes, and opportunities for engagement in social and recreational activities. Both programmes were organized by DBMS with the support of its staff and targeted migrant workers to enhance their awareness, access to welfare schemes, and overall well-being.

Programme at Panchayat Office, Mambakkam Village

The first programme was held at the Panchayat Office, Mambakkam Village, with 18 participants. Permission to conduct the session was obtained from the Panchayat President before gathering the migrant workers. The session began with an introduction to Don Bosco Migrant Services, highlighting its initiatives and work done for migrant communities over the past few months. Activities such as football tournaments, medical camps at villages and construction sites, and awareness programmes on HIV/AIDS, menstrual hygiene, children's education, and other social issues were shared to help participants understand the range of DBMS support.



Subsequently, participants were informed about ABHA Card and e-Shram Card schemes and related Aadhaar-linked services offered by DBMS. Participants who did not have these cards were informed about upcoming camps for registration and assistance. The programme also included an interactive session with the youth to discuss the importance of sports. Most participants expressed interest in cricket, while other games such as volleyball, kabaddi, and football were suggested for regular practice. The session concluded with guidance on the Don Bosco pocket calendar, including instructions on scanning QR codes, accessing videos, registering on the DBMS app, and using it for support. Pocket calendars were distributed to all participants.

Programme at Kattabakkam

On the same day, DBMS conducted an ABHA Card registration-focused awareness session at Kattabakkam, attended by 15 migrant workers. Organized by Pankracius Baghwar and supported by the DBMS staff, the programme provided detailed

information about ABHA Card registration, its benefits, and digital access to healthcare services. Participants were guided on registration procedures, and interactive discussions were held to clarify doubts. The session aimed to ensure that all participants understood the importance of obtaining an ABHA Card for healthcare access and could take steps to complete their registration with DBMS assistance.

Conclusion

Both programmes conducted on 14 December 2025 were successful in raising awareness about DBMS services, ABHA Card, e-Shram Card, and related welfare schemes. They also provided an opportunity for migrant youth to engage in discussions about sports and recreational activities, contributing to their holistic development. These initiatives reflect DBMS's continued commitment to empowering migrant workers through education, awareness, and access to essential services, ensuring their inclusion and well-being within the community.



CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS CONDUCTED DBMS

During December 2025, Don Bosco Migrant Services (DBMS), Chennai, organized a series of Christmas celebrations across multiple locations to bring joy, togetherness, and festive cheer to children, youth, and migrant communities. These events were designed to promote community bonding, inclusivity, and the spirit of sharing during the holiday season.

13 December 2025 – Kannagi Nagar, Ezhil Nagar, Perumbakkam Evening Study Center

The first celebration was conducted for 72 children at the Evening Study Center in Kannagi Nagar, Ezhil Nagar, and Perumbakkam. The programme was organized by DBMS, Chennai, and graced by Thiru. Srinivasan Murthi, Father Gabriel, Ms. Thenmozhi, and Ms. Sangeetha from TNUHD CPA as chief guests. Special thanks were extended to Father Arokiya Dass, DBMS teachers, and staff for coordinating the event. The celebration included engaging activities, games, and refreshments, concluding with snacks and cake, ensuring a memorable festive experience for the children.

14 December 2025 – Anna Nagar, Mettupalayam (Thiruvallur)

On 14 December, DBMS conducted an-

other Christmas celebration in Anna Nagar, Mettupalayam, benefiting 30 children. The programme was supported by Theological Brothers and teachers, who helped organize interactive activities and festive games. The session concluded with snacks and cake, creating a joyful and inclusive atmosphere for all participants.

18 December 2025 – Don Bosco Anbu Illam, Kavaraipettai

The celebration at Don Bosco Anbu Illam, Kavaraipettai, was attended by 84 beneficiaries. The programme focused on spreading joy and fostering a sense of community. Snacks, lunch, water bottles, cakes, and chocolates were provided to ensure the comfort and happiness of all attendees. The event included meaningful interactions and fun-filled activities, successfully creating a warm and festive environment that enhanced togetherness and the spirit of sharing.

20 December 2025 – Manali Burma Nagar & Sadayan Kuppam

On 20 December, DBMS organized Christmas celebrations for 40 children and youth in Manali Burma Nagar and Sadayan Kuppam. The events included games, refreshments, and community engagement activities, allowing participants to experience the festive spirit in a lively and joyful setting.

21 December 2025 – Sriperambathur (Irular Community)

The final community celebration was conducted at Sriperambathur for the Irular community, benefiting 20 participants. The programme was attended by Fr. Thomas, Fr. Arokiya Dass, DBMS staff, and the Panchayat leader, who ensured the smooth conduct of the event. Activities, gifts, and refreshments were provided, creating a festive and inclusive environment that encouraged interaction and community bonding.

23 December 2025 – Staff Christmas Celebration, Don Bosco Anbu Illam, Kodungaiyur

On 23 December, DBMS organized a staff Christmas celebration at Don Bosco Anbu Illam, Kodungaiyur. The programme included a holy mass, gift sharing, and festive activities. Fr. Simolin, Director of DBMS, distributed gifts, calendars, and cakes to the staff. The celebration concluded with a community lunch, fostering camaraderie and festive cheer among the team.

Conclusion

DBMS Christmas celebrations in December 2025 successfully spread joy, unity, and inclusivity through engaging activities, gifts, and fellowship, creating lasting memories and supporting holistic well-being of migrant communities.





