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ABHA CARD AND DBMS APP REGISTRATION CAMPS

SEPTEMBER- 6,13,14 - 2025

Venue: Madhavaram, Kilpakkam & Kattabakkam

In September 2025, Don Bosco Migrant Services took significant steps toward ensuring healthcare access and digital inclusion for migrant workers by organizing a series of ABHA Card and DBMS App Registration Camps across different locations.

The first camp was held on 6th September at Madhavaram, Chennai, where, with the support of DBMS staff, Sisters, Don Bosco Becchi Brothers, URC Construction Company, and the Metro Rail

Department, 75 migrant workers were successfully registered. This initiative not only provided them with health identity cards but also assured them of access to welfare schemes and healthcare services.

On 13th September, a camp was organized at Kilpakkam Migrant Labour Colony, supported by DBMS staff, Don Bosco Theological Brothers, and the URC Safety Department. Here, 45 workers were enrolled, enabling them to securely store their health records and avail themselves of digital services with ease

Continuing the effort, on 14th September at Kattabakkam, DBMS staff organized another program where 20 migrant workers were guided through ABHA card registration and introduced to the benefits of the DBMS App.

Together, these initiatives reached 140 migrant workers, reflecting Don Bosco Migrant Services' commitment to empowering migrants, improving health access, and promoting digital literacy. Beyond numbers, these camps created spaces of trust and dignity, ensuring that each worker felt cared for and included in the larger vision of health and welfare



EDUCATION AWARENESS PROGRAM

SEPTEMBER - 14 - 2025:

On 14th September 2025, Don Bosco Migrant Services organized a heartfelt program at Kannanthangal with the theme "Importance of Education." The session was supported by Ms. Roshni and Mr. Mohamad and attended by around 25 migrant labourers from the community

The program aimed to highlight how education can transform lives. Many of the participants shared their struggles of balancing work and family responsibilities, often leaving little room to focus on their children's studies. Through interactive discussions, the session emphasized that education is not only a pathway to better opportunities but also a powerful

tool for breaking cycles of poverty and exploitation.

Ms. Roshni encouraged the parents to see education as an investment for their children's dignity and future, while Mr. Mohamad shared practical tips on how families could motivate their children despite hardships. The program created a safe space for participants to reflect on their dreams for their children and the role they play in shaping those dreams.

By the end of the session, there was a visible sense of hope and determination among the participants. Many expressed their resolve to ensure their children's schooling continues without interruption, despite financial or social challenges.

This program served as a reminder that even small steps taken today—sending a child to school, encouraging learning at home—can pave the way for a brighter tomorrow.

Date
September - 14 - 2025

Place
Kannanthangal, Tamil Nadu

Organized by
Don Bosco Migrant Services (DBMS)

Supported by
DBMS Staff, Ms. Roshni (CEAT CSR Manager)
Mr. Mohamad

Participants
25 Migrant Labourers



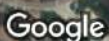
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KARAM FESTIVAL 2025 – CELEBRATING CULTURE BUILDING AWARENESS, AND EMPOWERING MIGRANTS

SEPTEMBER - 21 - 2025:

Venue: Don Bosco Tech Campus, Chennai

Don Bosco Migrant Services (DBMS), in collaboration with the All Assam Youth Welfare Association (AAYWA), joyfully celebrated the 2nd Adivasi Karam Festival at Don Bosco Tech Campus on 21st September 2025. The event drew over 3,000 migrant youth, transforming the campus into a vibrant center of tradition, unity, and cultural pride.

The day began with sacred Karam rituals—symbols of life, fertility, and prosperity—followed by a Holy Mass in Hindi, presided over by Fr. Jeevan and Fr. Simolin. The ceremonial lighting of the lamp marked the official inauguration of the festivities.

Inspirational speeches followed, beginning with Mr. Mathias Tirkey and continuing with traditional dance presentations. Fr. Simolin, Director of DBMS, warmly welcomed participants and showcased the DBMS Migrant Services App, emphasizing its role in youth empowerment. Fr. Sebastin Vanathaiyan, Rector of Don Bosco Tech Campus, highlighted the importance of solidarity and the rights of migrant labourers



MORNING SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

06:00 AM	-	Sacred Karam Rituals
07:30 AM	-	Break
08:30 AM	-	Registration
09:00 AM	-	Holy Mass (Hindi) celebrated by Fr. Jeevan & Fr. Simolin
09:00 AM	-	Lighting of the Lamp
10:15 AM	-	Opening Speech & Welcome
10:30 AM	-	Traditional Dance Performances
11:00 AM	-	Key Speeches by Fr. Simolin, Fr. Sebastin, and the Chief Guest
12:30 PM	-	Afternoon & Evening Highlights onwards – Cultural Programs by Youth Groups Folk Songs, Regional Dances, and the Karam Danc
05:00 PM	-	Closing Ceremony & Vote of Thanks

BUILDING AWARENESS

BUILDING FUTURES

SEPTEMBER - 22 - 2025:

Venue: Don Bosco Migrant Services, Chennai

Don Bosco Migrant Services (DBMS) organized an orientation program on 22nd September 2025 for 40 Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) students from Stella Maris College. The program was designed to bridge the gap between academic learning and field realities, offering students meaningful exposure to the struggles, resilience, and rights of migrant workers.

The main objective of the orientation was to familiarize students with DBMS's mission and interventions, while raising awareness about the socio-economic, health, and legal challenges faced by migrant communities. Fr. Simolin, Director of DBMS, led the session, highlighting the organization's services such as health support through medical camps, educational assistance for migrant children, awareness on safety and hygiene, and legal protection from workplace exploitation. He emphasized DBMS's ongoing commitment to uphold the dignity and empowerment of migrants.

The session encouraged students to reflect on their future roles as social workers and helped them understand



ground-level issues such as housing insecurity, health vulnerabilities, social discrimination, and lack of access to entitlements. Many students noted that this engagement allowed them to connect their classroom knowledge with practical realities, making the experience more personal and transformative. One student remarked that while social issues are studied in class, listening to real cases through DBMS made them feel more committed to their professional calling. Another shared that working with migrants is not just about providing services but about restoring dignity and giving them a voice.

The orientation also strengthened collaboration between Stella Maris College

and DBMS. For students, it provided first-hand field exposure and an opportunity to see the direct impact of social work. For DBMS, it created a pathway to engage with young social workers who may become future advocates and volunteers for migrant welfare. DBMS envisions nurturing a socially conscious generation of professionals committed to justice, compassion, and inclusivity.

The program concluded with an interactive question-and-answer session focusing on migrant entitlements, legal rights, and health initiatives. Students left with a deeper appreciation of the challenges faced by migrant communities, along with renewed motivation to contribute to social justice and community development

DBMS SUPPORTS FOUR-DAY SPORTS FESTIVAL OF UNITY AND YOUTH SPIRIT

SEPTEMBER - 15 & 18 - 2025:

From 15th to 18th September 2025, Don Bosco Migrant Services (DBMS) extended its support to the sports events organized by the Zeme Bau community and the Kuki Students' Organization at St. Bede's Playground. The four-day tournament created a lively and inclusive space where migrant youth and local communities could come together to celebrate unity and camaraderie through sports.

The competitions featured football, volleyball, and several individual games, drawing the participation of over 20 teams. Players displayed enthusiasm, discipline, and teamwork, while the cheering crowds added to the festive spirit. The event was not only a platform for showcasing talent but also a reminder of how sports can build friendships, leadership, and resilience among young people.

In total, more than 600 people participated and witnessed the celebrations, turning the playground into a hub of energy and cultural exchange. The collaboration between Don Bosco Migrant Services and the community organizers highlighted the role of sports in strengthening community ties and promoting the values of participation, inclusivity, and mutual respect.





MIGRANTS SAFE ACCOMMODATION INITIATIVE DBMS COMPANY ENGAGEMENTS

SEPTEMBER - 20,21 - 2025:

From 5th to 30th September 2025, Don Bosco Migrant Services (DBMS) supported a series of company visits and programs in collaboration with the International Organization for Migration (IOM). These engagements were held across major companies including Salcomp (Sriperumbudur), TEPS/Pegatron (Mahindra World City), and Foxconn, aiming to extend welfare services, strengthen partnerships, and directly support migrant workers.

A significant highlight was the video shoot at Salcomp

on 16th September, where DBMS staff facilitated Aadhaar updation and bank linking for workers. This practical assistance not only eased access to essential services but also demonstrated the importance of integrating welfare support into workplace systems. Similarly, on 18th September at Pegatron, a program was organized featuring government online service assistance, a video presentation, local information sharing, and the introduction of the Quizrr app. An Aadhaar services van was also made available, helping workers update addresses, link ac-

counts, and access nearby service centers.

Another impactful initiative took place on 22nd September at the Foxconn dormitory, where a mime performance highlighted the importance of good sleep for health and productivity. The event engaged around 300 workers and included Aadhaar seeding support, Q&A sessions, and a valuable feedback discussion. These programs not only addressed immediate needs but also created spaces for awareness, engagement, and solidarity, reaffirming DBMS's mission of supporting migrants with dignity and practical solutions

Date	Company / Venue	Event / Activity	Key Highlights
05-09-2025	Salcomp, Sriperumbudur	Company visit	Introductory engagement with HR and workers
09-09-2025	TEPS (Pegatron), Mahindra World City	Company visit	Interaction with workers and HR
11-09-2025	TEPS (Pegatron), Mahindra World City	Company visit	Field-level observation
12-09-2025	Salcomp, Sriperumbudur	Company visit	Planning discussions
15-09-2025	Salcomp, Sriperumbudur & Pannur Office	Visit with donors; HR interaction	Briefing at Pannur office; discussion on video shoot plans
16-09-2025	Salcomp, Sriperumbudur	Video shoot with IOM team and donors	Facilitated Aadhaar updation & bank linking; showcased service benefits
18-09-2025	TEPS (Pegatron), Mahindra World City	Support program	Govt online services assistance Video presentation- Local info sharing- Quizrr app intro- Aadhaar services van
19-09-2025	TEPS (Pegatron), Mahindra World City	Company visit	Continued engagement
22-09-2025	Foxconn Dormitory	Awareness program	Mime act on importance of good sleep; ~300 participants; Aadhaar seeding support; Q&A & feedback
23-09-2025	TEPS (Pegatron), Mahindra World City	Company visit	Regular follow-up
25-09-2025	TEPS (Pegatron), Mahindra World City	Company visit	Regular engagement
26-09-2025	Salcomp, Sriperumbudur	Company visit	Worker interaction
29-09-2025	Foxconn	Company visit	Ongoing discussions
30-09-2025	Salcomp, Sriperumbudur	Company visit	Field presence

DBMS HOSTS INTRODUCTION SESSION FOR MIGRANT WORKERS -ALINCHIVAKKAM

SEPTEMBER - 7 - 2025:

Don Bosco Migrant Services (DBMS) conducted an Introduction Session on DBMS Services at a migrants' rented room in Alinchivakkam. The program was organized with the support of DBMS staff and aimed at creating awareness about welfare and support services available to migrants

The session provided a comprehensive overview of the health, education, social entitlements, legal support, and awareness programs of-

ferred by DBMS to migrant workers and their families.

Empowering Migrants

The interactive discussion encouraged participants to raise questions about their rights, access to resources, and safety measures. The DBMS team explained the benefits of the Migrant Services App, enabling workers to easily connect with essential services.

Impact

The program was well-received, with all 27 participants expressing that the information

shared was practical, useful, and timely for improving their welfare.

Quote from the Session:

“Awareness is the first step towards empowerment. DBMS is committed to walking with migrants and ensuring they have access to dignity and opportunities.”

The event reflected DBMS's continued mission of standing beside migrants and building pathways of support, security, and solidarity.



Date
September - 7 - 2025

Venue
Alinchivakkam

Participants
27 migrant beneficiaries

Objective
Awareness on DBMS support services