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# AWARENESS & DIGITAL SERVICES OUTREACH AT GOVINDAMEDU BOYS' HOSTEL



**JUNE - 08- 2025:**

The program commenced promptly at 11 am with a warm welcome extended to the chief guest by Assistant Director Fr. Arokia Doss SDB.

### Service Overview

An informative session was presented by Ms. Flora and Ms. Vandana, in collaboration with Mr. Gopal and Mr. Karthick. They delivered succinct explanations of three key services:

- E governance
- Screening Videos
- Know Your City

### App Demonstration

A live demonstration of the Quizrr app followed, showcasing its features and illustrating how it functions to benefit migrants and stakeholders.

### Vote of Thanks

Mr. Pankracius Baghwar offered a heartfelt vote of thanks, extending gratitude to all participants, speakers, and guests for their presence and contributions.

### Conclusion

The program concluded on a positive and inclusive note with the distribution of snacks to the migrant attendees—fostering communal spirit and goodwill.



## GUESTS OF HONOUR

- **Sir Franklin**  
(Owner)
- **Ma'am Martha Mary**  
In addition, dignitaries in attendance included
- **Sir Illaya Raja**  
(Business Development Head)
- **Mr. Lenin Kumar**  
(Supervisor)
- **Mr. Aravind**  
(Migrant Leader)
- **Ms. Shalini**  
(Accountant)
- Representatives from the IOM team, namely **Ma'am Priyadarshika** and **Sir Amit**
- **Fr. Arokia Doss**  
Assistant Director, And our esteemed



# ABHA REGISTRATION MIGRANT SERVICES ORIENTATION

**JUNE- 17 - 2025:**

**O**n 17 June 2025, a collaborative session was held at L&T Company in Neevalur Village, Kanchipuram DK, focusing on empowering migrant labourers through digital health inclusion and service awareness. The initiative aimed to facilitate the registration of migrant workers for the ABHA (Ayushman Bharat Health Account) card and introduce them to the services offered by Don Bosco Migrant Services (DBMS) and the International Organization for Migration (IOM).

In the morning session, a dedicated team comprising Sir Gopal, Mr. Karthick, Mr. Prankacius, Ms. Vandana, and [Your Name] assisted 45 migrant labourers in registering for their

14-digit ABHA health IDs and the Migrant Services app. This process involved guiding participants through ID verification, form completion, and application submission, ensuring they gained access to essential digital health tools.

The afternoon session featured an orientation led by Ms. Vandana, attended by 38 labourers, where key topics included e-governance, the “Know Your City” initiative, and video screenings. The session also provided clarity on the distinctions between ABHA cards (digital health records) and Ayushman Bharat cards (insurance coverage), enabling participants to understand their respective benefits and usage.

DBMS’s support mechanisms were thoroughly intro-

duced, encompassing awareness campaigns, help desks, healthcare facilitation, and legal aid. These services aim to enhance the well-being and rights of migrant workers, ensuring they have access to necessary resources and support.

Special acknowledgment is due to Sr. Shivanesh and the entire team for their exceptional coordination and assistance throughout the day. Their efforts were instrumental in the successful execution of this initiative.

This event marks a significant step towards digital inclusion and service awareness for migrant communities, fostering both empowerment and proactive engagement with available resources.

## LAUNCH OF MOBILE WORKER RESOURCE CENTRE VAN AT MAHINDRA WORLD CITY



**JUNE- 04 - 2025:**

**O**n 4th June 2025, a collaborative initiative between Don Bosco Migrant Services (DBMS) and the International Organization for Migration (IOM) culminated in the launch of the Mobile Worker Resource Centre (MWRC) Van at Mahindra World City, Chennai. This event aimed to enhance access to e-governance services and provide vital information to migrant workers across various industrial sectors.

### **Morning Session – Pannur Office Visit:**

The day commenced with

a visit to the Pannur office, where the IOM team engaged in discussions with DBMS staff regarding ongoing programs and the strategic deployment of the MWRC Van in different companies. Ma'am Priya provided insights into e-governance services, highlighting platforms such as Bhuvan-Aadhaar Centers and the CSC Locator, which facilitate digital access for migrant communities.

A brief presentation was delivered by the Quizzer team, introducing the Quizzer app, a tool designed to enhance digital literacy and engagement among workers.

### **Afternoon Session – MWRC Van Launch at Mahindra World City:**

Following the morning discussions, the team proceeded to Mahindra World City for the inaugural launch of the MWRC Van. The launch event featured a comprehensive overview by Ma'am Priya, detailing the services offered by the MWRC Van, including:

- Access to e-governance services
- Information video screenings
- “Know Your City” orientation

These services aim to empower migrant workers with

essential knowledge and resources to navigate their rights and opportunities.

During the event, informational handbooks and pamphlets were distributed to migrant laborers, providing details on bus routes and information about central and Tamil Nadu government schemes, thereby enhancing their access to public services.

### Post-Launch Reflection and Future Plans:

Upon the successful completion of the launch, the team convened for a brief discussion to reflect on the day's achievements and express appreciation for the successful implementation of the MWRC Van. Plans for the upcoming community visit program were also deliberated, aiming to extend outreach and support to a broader segment of the migrant workforce.

### Conclusion:

The 4th June 2025 launch of the MWRC Van at Mahindra World City marks a significant milestone in DBMS and IOM's ongoing efforts to integrate migrant workers into the digital ecosystem and provide them with essential services. This initiative underscores the commitment to fostering inclusive growth and ensuring that migrant communities have the tools and information needed to thrive in their environments.





## INTERNATIONAL LABOUR DAY CELEBRATION AT KOSAPPUR MIGRANT SHELTER

**MAY - 01- 2025:**

**O**n the occasion of International Labour Day, Don Bosco Migrant Services organized a heartfelt celebration at the Migrant Shelter in Kosappur to honour and appreciate the invaluable contributions of the shelter labourers.

The event aimed to recognize the dignity of labour and express gratitude for the tireless efforts of the workers who play a crucial role in maintaining the shelter. A short reflection was shared, emphasizing the significance of their work and their essential role in society. The reflection served as a reminder that every form of labour holds value and de-

serves respect.

The celebration included light refreshments and moments of fellowship, creating an atmosphere of unity and appreciation. It provided an opportunity for the workers to feel recognized and celebrated for their daily contributions.

The event concluded with a heartfelt message of thanks and encouragement, reaffirming the commitment of Don Bosco Migrant Services to support and stand by the labourers in their journey.

This celebration served as a meaningful gesture to uplift the spirit of the workers and highlight the importance of their dignity, dedication, and hard work.



## SPREADING AWARENESS AND CELEBRATING WORKERS INTERNATIONAL WORKERS' DAY ON OMR, CHENNAI



### MAY - 01 - 2025: OMR REGION, CHENNAI

On the bright morning of May 1, 2025, the OMR region of Chennai witnessed a spirited gathering as Don Bosco Migrant Services hosted an awareness program marking International Workers' Day. The event brought together 460 migrant workers, creating a space not only for celebration but also for education and empowerment.

The day began with a warm welcome and quickly moved into a session led by Ms. Sara, an active member of the Unorganised Workers' Union. She passionately addressed the crowd, highlighting the importance of personal hygiene, environmental cleanliness, and workplace safety—fundamental aspects that often go

overlooked in the daily grind of labour-intensive jobs. Her talk resonated deeply with the workers, encouraging many to reflect on how small, consistent efforts can lead to healthier and safer lives.

Following this, Sister Madhu took the stage to shed light on another pressing issue—documentation and legal awareness for migrant workers. Her insightful talk included practical advice on how to maintain proper work documents and emphasized the importance of responsible conduct at the workplace. Her approachable tone and clear examples made the topic accessible to all attendees, sparking curiosity and engagement.

Adding a festive flavour to the occasion, a group of local children delivered a colorful dance performance, which

was met with enthusiastic applause. The cultural segment served as a reminder that celebration and education can go hand in hand, and it brought smiles to many faces in the crowd.

As the event drew to a close, the spirit of International Workers' Day was honoured through greetings of solidarity and appreciation. Participants were treated to refreshments, including sweets and soft drinks, rounding off the day on a joyful note.

This year's celebration in OMR was more than just an event—it was a reaffirmation of dignity, awareness, and unity among workers. It left behind a lasting impact, empowering attendees with knowledge and recognition that they so rightly deserve.



## STAFF RETREAT AT VAGAMON

**JUNE - 27,29 - 2025:**

From 27 to 29 June 2025, the staff and tuition teachers of Don Bosco Migrant Services embarked on a rejuvenating retreat to Vagamon, a scenic hill station nestled in the Western Ghats of Kerala. Known for its lush pine forests, mist-shrouded meadows, and cascading waterfalls, Vagamon offered a serene and adventurous setting for the team to unwind and strengthen their bonds.

### Activities and Experiences:

Over the three-day retreat, the team explored the natural beauty of Vagamon, immersing themselves in its tranquil environment. A highlight of the retreat was an exhilarating off-road jeep safari that traversed the Uluppuni region, passing through the Kapakkanam tunnel and visiting hidden water-

falls. This adventure provided misty forest rides and cinematic landscapes, offering a unique perspective of the hill station's beauty.

The group also visited the Alponsama Memorial, a site embraced by nature, and discovered hidden waterfalls tucked within the Western Ghats. These excursions allowed the team to connect with nature, reflect, and rejuvenate before returning to their mission.

### Impact and Reflection:

The retreat fostered camaraderie among the staff and tuition teachers, providing them with an opportunity to relax and bond outside the work environment. The serene surroundings of Vagamon offered a perfect backdrop for reflection and rejuvenation, ensuring the team

returned with renewed energy and a deeper connection with nature.

### Acknowledgements:

A heartfelt thanks to all participants for their enthusiasm and participation, and to the organizers for planning and coordinating the retreat. Their collective efforts ensured a memorable and impactful experience for all involved.

### Conclusion:

The 27–29 June 2025 retreat to Vagamon was a successful initiative that provided the Don Bosco Migrant Services staff and tuition teachers with an opportunity to unwind, strengthen relationships, and connect with nature. Such retreats play a vital role in fostering a cohesive and motivated team, ultimately enhancing the services provided to the migrant community.

# DON BOSCO MIGRANT SPORTS TOURNAMENT



## **JUNE - 26 - 2025:**

**O**n 26 June 2025, Don Bosco Migrant Services (DBMS) organized a one-day Football and Volleyball Tournament aimed at fostering team spirit and promoting healthy competition among migrant participants in Chennai. The event provided an opportunity for migrants to engage in recreational activities, build camaraderie, and showcase their sporting talents.

### **Football Tournament:**

The football tournament featured 16 teams representing various migrant communities. After a series of competitive matches, Kuki FC emerged as the champions, while Rongmei Football Club secured the runners-up position. The matches were characterized by spirited play and

sportsmanship, reflecting the vibrant athletic spirit within the migrant community.

### **Volleyball Tournament:**

In the volleyball segment, 8 teams competed for the title. Tangkhul FC clinched the championship, with Maram Volleyball Club finishing as runners-up. The games were marked by enthusiastic participation and competitive play, highlighting the importance of sports in community building.

### **Community Impact:**

The tournament was well-received by participants and spectators alike, serving as a testament to the power of sports in uniting diverse communities. It provided an opportunity for migrants to engage in healthy competition, strengthen bonds, and promote a sense of belonging within the community.

### **Acknowledgements:**

A heartfelt thanks to all participants, organizers, and supporters for their contributions to the success of the event. Their collective efforts ensured a memorable and impactful day, reinforcing DBMS's commitment to empowering migrants through community engagement and recreational activities.

### **Conclusion:**

The 26 June 2025 Community Sports Tournament successfully promoted unity, health, and well-being among migrant communities in Chennai. It underscored the importance of inclusive events in fostering a sense of belonging and community among migrants, aligning with DBMS's mission to support and uplift marginalized populations.

# NGO DISCUSSION ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

**MAY - 31 - 2025:**  
**COMMISSIONER OF POLICE**  
**OFFICE, TAMBARAM CITY**

A staff member from Don Bosco Migrant Services participated in a multi-stakeholder meeting on May 31, 2025, convened at the Tambaram City Commissioner of Police Office. The meeting brought together representatives from local NGOs, government departments, and officials from the Tamil Nadu Urban Habitat Development Board (TNUHDB) at Perumbakkam to discuss ongoing public health challenges and collaborative development strategies.

## Objectives of the Meeting

- To identify and assess current public health challenges in the region.
- To explore opportunities for collaboration between NGOs and government bodies.
- To develop strategies for enhanced community engagement in public health initiatives.

## Key Discussion Points

The meeting focused on the following areas:

- Sanitation: Addressing gaps in sanitation infrastructure and service delivery.
- Disease Prevention:



tion: Enhancing preventive healthcare measures and early intervention programs.

- Health Education: Promoting awareness campaigns and educational initiatives targeting vulnerable communities.

## Action Items and Outcomes

Several actionable steps were agreed upon during the discussion:

- Submission of Project Proposals: NGOs were requested to prepare and submit detailed proposals outlining their planned interventions.
- Stakeholder Identification: Efforts will be made to map and involve relevant stakeholders, including local leaders, health workers, and community-based organizations.
- Community Outreach Plan: A comprehensive out-

reach strategy will be developed to ensure meaningful participation and ownership by the local communities.

## Next Steps

A follow-up meeting will be scheduled to review submitted proposals, assess progress made on the outlined action items, and refine the implementation strategy based on stakeholder feedback.

## Conclusion

The meeting provided a productive platform for dialogue and partnership between NGOs and government agencies. Don Bosco Migrant Services reaffirms its commitment to supporting sustainable public health initiatives through collaborative action, community involvement, and targeted service delivery.

## FREE GENERAL MEDICAL CAMP FOR MIGRANT LABOURERS



**JUNE - 20 - 2025:**

### Purpose & Collaborators

Don Bosco Migrant Service (DBMS), in collaboration with Wockhardt Foundation and L&T Safety Manager, Thiru Apalaniappan, organized a free general medical camp to deliver essential health care services to migrant labourers in Chennai.

### Camp Setup & Arrangements

- Two convenient locations were selected to ensure wide access.
- The camp team comprised medical staff provided by Wockhardt Foundation, DBMS volunteers, and logistics support led by L&T Safety Manager, Thiru Apalaniappan.

### Service Provision

Migrant labourers received the following services at no cost:

- Blood pressure measurement

- Blood sugar level screening
- Distribution of general medicines and health consultations

### Beneficiaries & Coverage

A total of 70 migrant labourers accessed the services across both locations, reflecting strong community outreach.

### Key Partners Acknowledged

- Wockhardt Foundation, for providing medical personnel and logistics
- Mr. Apalaniappan (L&T

Safety), for coordinating safety measures and on-site support

- DBMS team, for organizing registrations, assisting medical staff, and managing camp logistics

### Conclusion & Appreciation

The medical camp successfully enhanced healthcare access for migrant communities in Chennai. DBMS extends sincere appreciation to Wockhardt Foundation, Mr. Apalaniappan, and all team members whose collective effort ensured smooth execution and meaningful impact



- Dr. Radhakrishnan Salai (10:00 AM – 12:30 PM)
- Koyambedu Nedikuneam Ariya (2:00 PM – 3:30 PM)

## ORIENTATION ON ABHA & E SHRAM CARDS



**JUNE - 20 - 2025:**  
**L&T COMPANY (NEEVALUR VILLAGE, KANCHIPURAM DK)**

### Event Overview

Organizers: Don Bosco Migrant Services (DBMS) & International Organization for Migration (IOM)

### Purpose:

- To inform migrant labourers about ABHA (Ayushman Bharat Health Account) and e Shram Card benefits and registration processes
- To introduce DBMS and IOM support services to the attendees

### Key Attendee Information

- Participants: 43 migrant labourers
- Attendance: Confirmed list with basic demo-

graphic notes (age range, workplace location, etc.) (template.net)

### Outcomes & Feedback

- Excellent engagement: Participants asked questions and shared relevant experiences
- High intent: Several expressed plans to apply for both ABHA and e Shram Cards
- Participant feedback indicated clarity and usefulness of the information shared.

### Acknowledgements

With gratitude, DBMS acknowledges:

- DBMS Team: Especially Mr. Gopal and Ms. Flora

- IOM Representative: Mr. Prankacius
- L&T Company: For providing the venue and logistical support

### Recommendations for Improvement

- On site Registration Support: Organize follow-up clinics for direct registration assistance
- Printed Resources: Provide brochures in local languages summarizing card benefits and application steps
- Refreshers: Plan periodic sessions to support continued card use and answer follow-up questions

### Lessons Learned

Drawing from standard event-report templates:

- Maintain a clear structure with purpose, agenda, outcomes, and recommendations
- Capture participant demographics and attendance insights for future targeting

- Document feedback and actionable next steps to measure impact and plan follow-up

### Conclusion

The orientation effectively delivered essential knowl-

edge on government-issued welfare cards and support systems to 43 migrant labourers. Strong engagement and follow-up readiness suggest the initiative successfully advanced migrant empowerment

### Agenda & Session Flow

Time	Segment	Facilitator	Description
10:00–10:10	Opening Remarks	[Host Name]	Welcome message; program outline
10:10–10:30	ABHA Card Presentation	DBMS Team	Explained digital health ID: usage, registration, and advantages
10:30–10:50	e Shram Card Presentation	DBMS Team	Covered card benefits: social security, welfare access
10:50–11:20	DBMS Service Introduction	Ms. Flora	Shared about DBMS health camps, legal aid, migrant support
11:20–11:50	IOM Service Presentation	Mr. Prankacius	Described IOM assistance: safe migration, crisis help
11:50–12:10	Interactive Q&A Session	Ms. Flora & Mr. Prankacius	Participants asked practical questions; facilitators clarified
12:10–12:15	Closing Remarks & Follow-Up Plan	[Host Name]	Summarized action items; shared next steps

