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There are 34 sub-tribes of the Naga & Kuki-Zomi tribes are on the Government list of STs, but the Meiteis are not. Meiteis have been demanding for ST status but are the dominant population in the State & also hold dominance in political representation. The Meitei demand continues to be vehemently opposed by the tribal groups consistently.

For the Meitei community, there is resentment as tribals have been buying land in the Imphal Valley where they live, but they haven't been allowed into the hills.

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A Manipur High Court ruling from April requested the state administration to decide on the matter, ideally within four weeks.

The Manipur high court admitted a review petition seeking to modify.

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LABOUR WELFARE PROGRAMME AT MANALI

7 JULY, 2023: MANALI NEW TOWN, PHASE I - TRINIVA

On July 7, 2023, the Don Bosco Migrants Services organized a Labour Welfare Program at Manali New Town, Phase I - Triniva. The program aimed to provide support and assistance to migrant workers in the area. The event was attended by more than 40 laborers, along with project management staff and individuals working onsite.

The program commenced in the afternoon with a brief introduction of the participants. The attendees were shown a demonstration of the stages of the first aid approach and basic skills to handle workplace injuries. The objective is to equip the workers with essential knowledge to handle unwarranted injuries effectively.

Deepak shared information about the various initiatives undertaken by Tamil Nadu Government. He highlighted the government's efforts to establish a common platform for addressing the challenges faced by migrant workers and communities. Additionally, he discussed the importance of first aid and emphasized the significance in ensuring workers safety and well-being.

The majority of the participants were construction workers from states such as Orissa, Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh,



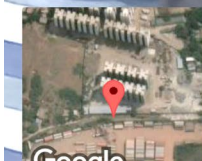
Labourers being demonstrated on the How's of First-Aid .

and other northern states. They were encouraged to avail themselves of basic facilities such as updating their Aadhaar information, linking it to banks, and providing a valid mobile number. These steps aimed to facilitate better access to government schemes and services. .

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PARTICIPANT ENGAGEMENT

The program received a positive response from the attendees for the information. The workers were actively participated, displayed a keen interest in registering themselves online and availing the platforms and opportunities provided. The program facilitated a platform for workers to voice their concerns and seek assistance from Don Bosco Migrants Services.



CONCLUSION

The Labour Welfare Program conducted by Don Bosco Migrants Services proved to be an informative and engaging event for the migrant workers in Manali New Town. The sessions on first aid,

government initiatives, and basic facilities were well-received by the participants. The program has successfully encouraged workers to register online and take advantage of the platforms and opportu-

nities available to them. Don Bosco Migrants Services demonstrated their commitment to the welfare of laborers and provided valuable support to the migrant worker community in the area.

EMPOWERING MINDS EMBRACING RIGHTS

Commemorating the lives and work of two esteemed social activists and human rights advocates, Fr. Stan Swamy and Fr. Antonysami. Both individuals in their unique position dedicated their lives to fighting for the rights of Tribals and Adivasis working in the remotest parts of India. This report reflects on their contributions and the impact they made on the lives of marginalized communities. Furthermore, it highlights the inspiration they continue to provide for endeavoring to lay out harmony, equity, and compromise among different networks.

Fr. Stan Swamy and Fr. Antonysami, were each widely recognized for their tireless efforts in championing the rights of the Adivasi community. Through the work, they intend to address the systemic and institutionalized injustices faced by marginalized groups and foster a society based on equality, dignity and respect.

Their Work, dedicated to raising awareness about the struggles faced by the most vulnerable communities among the tribals and

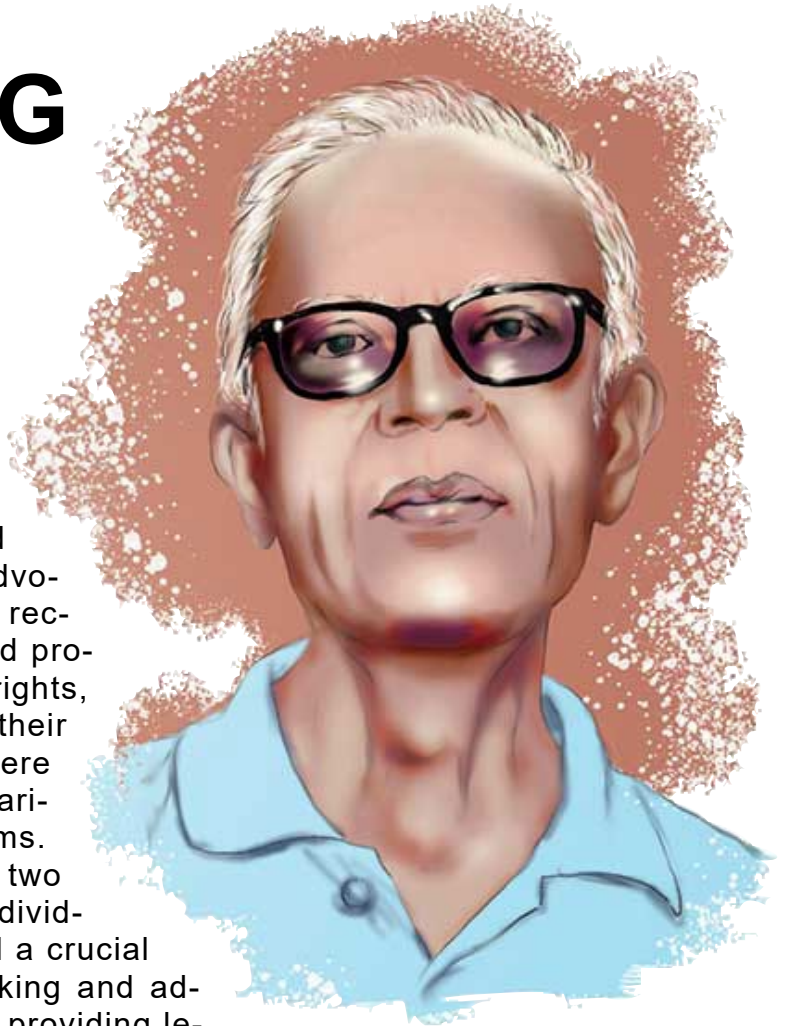
adivasis, involved tirelessly advocating for recognition and protection of rights, ensuring their voices were heard at various platforms.

These two towering individuals played a crucial role in seeking and advocating to providing legal aid to the marginalized communities they served, worked diligently to challenge unfair policies and laws that hindered the progress and well-being of the Adivasi population. They believed in the power of peace and reconciliation to bridge divides among different communities. They actively facilitated dialogues, mediations, and community-building initiatives to promote understanding and harmony.

Today, Fr. Stan Swamy's and Fr. Antonysami legacy lives on, serving as a source of inspiration for social workers, activists, Human Rights advocates and individuals striving for a just and inclu-

sive society. Their selfless dedication, unwavering commitment, and fearlessness in the face of adversity continue to motivate and guide future generations.

Their lives were a testament to the power of advocating for human rights and fighting for the rights of marginalized communities. Their work serves as a reminder of the importance of upholding principles such as peace, justice, and reconciliation. By remembering their sacrifices, we can draw inspiration to continue their noble endeavours and work towards a nation that embraces equality, respect, and dignity for all.



LABOUR WELFARE PROGRAMME ARUMBAKKAM TNHB

DATE: 21 JULY 2023:
ARUMBAKKAM,
TNHB CONSTITUTION SITES.

The event began at 2pm, in the event about 65 workers were participated both male and female. The programme started with the event of small ice-breaking activities by IND brothers.

Labour Laws and registration was elaborated by Mr. Deepak. He explained the BOCW Act -1996 and Registration under tncwwb and the benefits of it. Interaction session recelas that neither they registered under ISM nor tncwwb. Awareness about registration is explained to the participants. The participants are ignorant of their basic rights and are exploited.

Later on Mr. Md. Elangovan disseminated about



First aid and PPE. Explanation and Instructions were given in the purpose and use of the FIRST AID. As we know that construction safety training is a mandatory training program for construction workers to ensure safety and well-being while performing their duties.

The next session is shared by Miss. Rajlaxmi about the substance addiction, effects of substance abuse and how to prevent it. she added

that Substance abuse can cause health issues and serious problems with family, friends, money.

She elaborated the dangers of substance addiction.

The programme winded with vote of thanks to TNHB, Triniva Department, participants and the resource persons with a photograph. The programme will bring positive change to the Labourers to improve their working conditions and social security.



CASE INTERVENTION AT PHOENIX MALL IN CHENNAI

Since around a year ago, Mr. Bony Boss Gonmei has held the positions of manager and hair stylist at Natural Saloon in Phoenix Mall.

I received a call from Bony and Joyce on May 27, and they talked about the problems. On May 24, HR, Mr. John, gave them a call and broke the news that they had been fired due to false accusations. Additionally, he stated that there was a cash shortage at the cash counter because Bony Boss Gonmei had drunk alcohol in the saloon. Joyce Gachui, a lady They were fired the following day after asking about the proof but receiving no response from HR. He intimidated them into accepting the accusations.

On May 27, 2023, Bony and Joyce called us. They claimed that after dealing with their problems, things was going smoothly until they unexpectedly received a call from HR. On May 24, 2023, (Mr. John) invited them to the office at the company's headquarters in Nungambakkam, Chennai. When they arrived at the workplace, HR informed them that they had drunk alcohol at the saloon, according to Bony Boss Gonmei, and that there was a cash shortfall, according to Mrs. Joyce



Gachui. She claimed that it was very difficult and painful to obtain these kind of false accusations from HR.

They informed HR that these requests were incorrect, and he was asked if there was any supporting documentation, but he withheld it from them. However, HR fired them from their jobs that very day. They were even intimidated by HR, who said that if they didn't accept the accusation and remain silent, Tamil Nadu would put their names on a blacklist, making it impossible for them to get employment elsewhere.

On May 26, 2023, Mr. Bony Boss Gonmei was in the Phoenix mall looking for new opportunities after they lost their jobs, but he received a call from Mrs. Vandana, the Natural Saloon's Incharge Lady, telling him to leave the mall right now.

They told HR that these REQUESTED are wrong and requested the HR if there is any evidence but he did not reveal to them. But HR terminated them from job on the same day itself. HR threatened even told them to accept the allegation and keep quiet or else their names will be black listed in Tamil

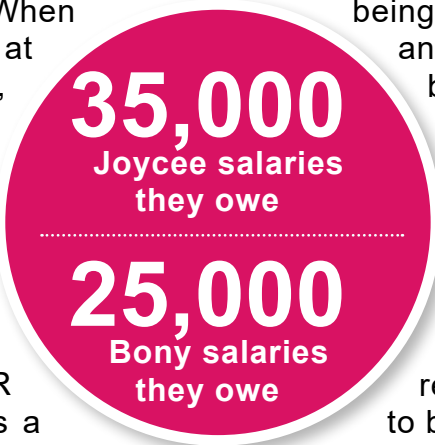
Nadu so that they don't even get any job anywhere else. Since they lost the job Mr. Bony Boss Gonmei was in the Phoenix mall looking out for other opportunity on 26th May 2023 but he got a called from Natural saloon Incharge lady Mrs Vandana and ordering him to leave the mall immediately.

She was labelled a thief by Mr. John. When she arrived at the workplace, he didn't immediately call her Joycee. She complained that it hurts so much to hear my HR refer to her as a thief for no apparent reason. Even with the full team, the aforementioned accusations have not been properly investigated or discussed. They lose their employment abruptly and for no good cause, leaving them defenceless

Also to Mrs. Joycee Gachui, who was warned not to come to work but claimed to be at home and not even leave the house that day while claiming to have CCTV evidence of her visit to Phoenix Mall. With no income to support the family and no job, they are in a desperate situation. They lose their jobs abruptly, without justification, without being paid a salary, and without even being given a warning period. They are defenceless. The family is run by them. In Chennai, they have children, rent to pay, food to buy, etc.

They still owe salaries:-

35k Joycee and Bony - 25k Mr. John from HR met with Mr. Augustine and Mr. Deepak at the corporate office to discuss the problems, and he was prepared to settle their salary and employment terms as well.



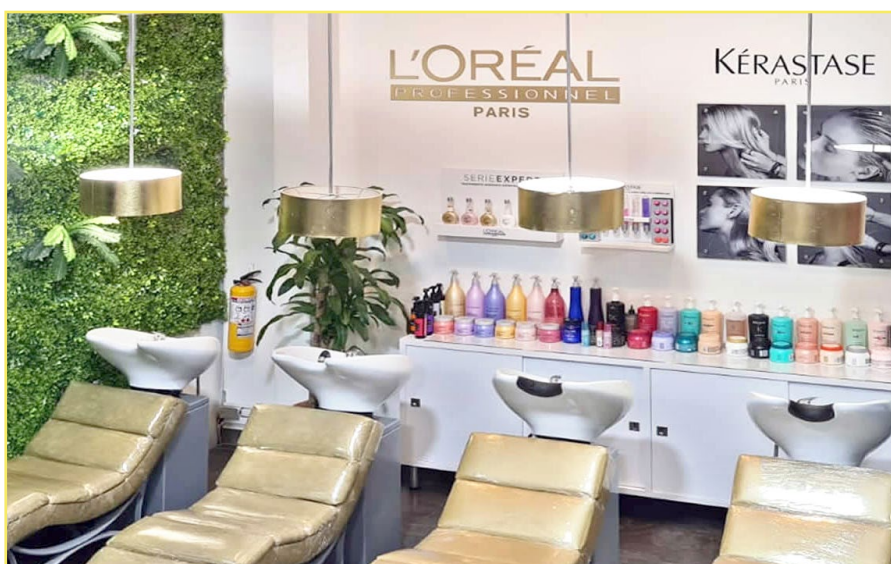
DBMS SCIOAL INTERVENTIONS

- Evening study teacher animation
- NETWorking with other NGOs at slum evicted places
- Addring the case of a missing labour from west bengal
- Meeting attented on violence of occupational helath and safety in con- stration sides

ADMISSION GIVEN

FOR AFFECTED STUDENTS FROM MINPURE STATE

1. DON BOSCO Arts and science college, Chennai
2. Stella mary's college, Chennai
3. Rosary med. school, Chennai





VOICES FOR THE VOICELESS

12-15 JULY, 2023: SALESIAN PROVINCIAL HOUSE, NEW DELHI

Young people across South Asia met up at the VOICES occasion, a stage that intensifies their voices on squeezing social and private matters. All through the occasion, the members shared individual stories and bits of knowledge, revealing insight into the difficulties of migration, unemployment, digital addiction and substance addiction affecting the youth.

VOICES was inaugurated at the South Asian level at the Don Bosco Headquarters, Delhi, on July 12, morning in Northeast traditional cultural by welcoming the participants, singing welcome songs, washing of

hands, putting kumkum on foreheads, bouquet of flowers, and honoring Adivasi shawl. Father Ernest, the coordinator of Voices, Father Harris Pakkam, Director of ANS, Rome, and in charge of the Social Communication sector in the South Asia region, Father Davis Manipramben, Provincial of Delhi Province greeted the voices participants.

During the VOICES event, several young individuals opened up about their ex-

periences with substance addiction, highlighting its pervasive presence across various regions. Their stories underscored the need for effective measures to tackle addiction and promote rehabilitation programmes, each participant got 15 minutes to view and share, John Melwin, a music teacher from Hyderabad, recalled the sad story of his cousin-brother who became an addict. He opined that youngsters use drugs to charge their pas-

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sion. Anoopraj, Coordinator of the DREAM Project (Drug Rehabilitation Education And Mentoring) in the state of Kerala, projected that there are 60 million drug addicts in India in the age group of 10-15 years. Citing case studies, he stated that the reasons for drug abuse are depression, behavioural personality disorders, physical issues, anti-social engagements and different kinds of physical abuse that demand ways to overcome such trauma.

A video presentation of Dilip Nandhanan from Trichy, Tamil Nadu, disturbed the participants as he shared his plight with drug usage, relapse and rehab. Anmol Kujur, a student of Political Science and Aman Ekka, both from Jharkhand, presented various sides of drug abuse. Father Dickson Eugene, a communication delegate from Bangalore Province, coordinated the discussion.

Unemployment emerged as another concern discussed at VOICES. Young speakers shared their struggles in finding suitable job opportunities, expressing their frustration and anxiety over the scarcity of employment prospects. Presenting the theme, Father Arvind Khalko, a delegate from Kolkata Province, indicated that 15.39 million are affected post-covid. Viman Fernando from Sri Lanka narrated the scenario of unemployment. He pointed



out that the irrelevant education system, lack of skill enhancement and knowledge and slow economic growth have led to unemployment in Sri Lanka. Kishan Kisku hailing from an agricultural background in Bengal, said,

“Poor education is the root cause of unemployment”. Adani Chamikho from Guwahati tabled several reasons for unemployment as the high population rate, geographical remoteness and connectivity challenges, skill gaps and mismatched education, insurgency and political instability affecting economic development, fewer trade opportunities and migration of skilled youth.

Ronald Roy, a job placement officer from Kolkata, described the mindset of young people leading to unemployment. He said that young people unable to meet the targets demanded at the workplace drop out of jobs.



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WEST BENGAL WOMEN DIED AT KMC HOSPITAL

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West Bengal Women Died At KMC Hospital, Chennai on 20th May 2023

Don Bosco Migrant services received a call from one of the migrant workers from West Bengal on 20th May 2023 stating that 52 years old lady who worked as a domestic worker in Arumbakkam was admitted at KMC Hospital Chennai for treatment on 19th May 2023 as she was not well. But she died on the next day during the treatment. As requested from West Bengal, we accepted to help them in legal process.

Mr. Augustine (DBMS) staff was appointed to investigate the issue. Arrived at the KMC hospital and enquired about the death at RMO office, it was reported that there is no record of female death instead they gave an-



other registration number (AR/No.2804628) of an unknown 24 years old dead body whose native language is Hindi. I tried to investigate the issue in the police station which situated inside the JMC hospital as per the RMO instructions. The same answer was given by the police officials that there is no such female death record. The police directed me to V5 police station which is in Thirumangalam near Anna Nagar or to contact at (044-23452744). I had a desire to check the deceased body at Mortuary, I happened to see 3 people 2 male and 1 female. (Mr. Deepak and Miss. Belkis) They were discussing the entire issue in Hindi. I enquired about the dead person and they were also present there for help.

When I enquired about the details of the diseased person Mr. Deepak didn't disclose anything. He refused to give the details and got my contact number and left the place. He revealed that he had booked the flight ticket to send the body once the legal process completed. But the body went to her native place on 21st may 2023 itself. It sounds so good from him. But he said (Mr. Deepak) that Assam Belkis is the deceased granddaughter from West Bengal and oth-



DOMESTIC WORKER IN AR-UMBAKKAM WAS ADMITTED AT KMC HOSPITAL CHENNAI FOR TREATMENT ON 19TH MAY 2023 AS SHE WAS NOT WELL. BUT SHE DIED ON THE NEXT DAY DURING THE TREATMENT.

er person did not even disclose his name.

I went to the RMO police station (G-6 Kilpuak police station) and enquire about the female deceased body of Marginal Bibi from Tegharia Bishnupur East, North 24 Praganas, West Bengal. Then I found out that name was registered wrongly as Mrs. Margitha in the death report. When I asked them to correct the name, RMO said it has to be done only by her son and daughter.

So I asked Mr. Deepak for the contact information for the deceased's s i b -

lings, but he refused to provide it to me. Finally, a priest from West Bengal who is aware of the situation informed us that Mr. Deepak is the perpetrator even though the family member doesn't know him. He is the unregistered contractor, and we discovered that he is in charge of everything. Additionally, Mr. Deepak informs us that many more ladies are still employed, including Mrs. Margina Bibi (dead), who worked at Ar-umbakkam's IVF facility. He simply admitted this, refusing to even give his employer's phone number. Mr. Deepak had full authority over her grandchild. This manner, even migrant worker is working as an unregistered contractor in Tamil Nadu.

MIGRANT CHILDREN IN ARENARY



Fr. Roshan visited Arenary village on 7th of July 2023. There he found four children not attending school, when he investigated the parents he came to know that they are not aware of the place where the school is located. They doesn't have important documents like Aadhar Card, Birth Certificate and blood certificate. Fr. Roshan visited Arenary School and met head mistress of the school.

So he suggested the teacher that an awareness program based on the importance on education to the parents, children and migrants will help the parents to send the children to the school.

MIGRANT CHILDREN IN MAMBAKKAM

He visited Mambakkam village on 9th of July 2023, where he found migrant children without going to school. They have no documents to get admitted in school. He also assured them to help them to get Aadhar Card in Sriperumbudur. The parents are not worried about the kids education. The priority is to make money to live. There is no plans for the future of the children. It is very pathetic to see the children at home not admitted in school.



CRICKET GAMES

Fr. Roshan with OMI brothers visited Mambakkam village on 12th of July 2023 in Sriperumbudur. The migrant workers from Odisha were playing cricket. The team had participated in cricket match and had some interaction with the migrants. It was a nice experience when explained the mission and vision to the migrants. The people were happy that there was a moral support by us. Guaranteed them that many awareness program will help them to live a safe and better life.



MOBILIZING PEOPLE

Fr. Roshan and his team call up people on 15th July for de addiction program in Mambakkam. The migrants were met and informed about the awareness program which is to be held on 16th July. The migrants from Odisha were greeted in a friendly way and accepted to attend the programme.



DE ADDICTION PROGRAM

De addiction program was held on 16th of July 2023 in Mambakkam. There were about 30 to 40 people participated in de addiction program. All participants were very happy about the way organization of the program. MC and Welcome speech was given by Bro David.



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AWARENESS PROGRAM

An awareness program was conducted to the migrant workers in Mambakkam village on 22nd July 2023 at 5.00pm. Fr.Roshan, Mr. Kishore and three brothers from OMI congregation joined to give awareness about safe stay. Safety is very important for life, so in the work place one needs to use helmet, hand gloves, and other safety instruments for the safety and precaution from any diseases. A small introduction was given about the team belong to Don Bosco Migrants Service, Mambakkam. The objective

of Don Bosco Migrants service is to service for the most distressed migrants in Tamilnadu. Assurance was given to help the migrants if contact the team to sort out any issues related to health, salary, and locality. The meeting comprises about 50 -60 people. The migrants interacted well and shared the problems faced and living conditions of the livelihood. Even though the workers had to go for night shift, the hospitality and interaction was good. It made the team energetic about future programmes.

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WOMEN'S WELFARE PROGRAMME

Today, we had a Women's welfare program at Perumpaakam at 5. 30 pm. There were 30 women participated in this program. Fr. Simolin was the chief guest of this program. He emphasized different new ventures especially tailoring. Then he explained about the importance of the women's self-help groups and E-centre. The discussion led to initiating a union for the workers. Pros and cons of starting a union was discussed. Mr. Gopal and night school teachers coordinated this program. Finally, tea and snacks were provided to the participants.



DE ADDICTION PROGRAMME

Yoday Don Bosco migrant service conducted a de addiction program in Kilecheri. There were about 50 to 60 people were gathered for the program. De addiction talk was given Bro. Ashish. Safety talk was given by Sir Kishore and Labour welfare talk given by Fr Roshan. It was well organised by us and many appreciated us. They also gave a beautiful talk on de addiction program. Many promised and said no to alcohol and drugs. At last we distributed cake for all the migrant workers.



INAUGURATION OF NIGHT SCHOOL



Today we had the inauguration day of Night School Centers at 10 am at Perumpakam. There were 64 children who participated in this function from three different night school centers. The night school teacher Ms. Retta welcomed the gathering. The students from 19th Block exhibited their talents through dance and singing. The annual report was presented by a student. Bro. Amuthan gave a motivational

talk on the life story of Don Bosco and exhorted the students to manifest their talents through different platforms. Bro. Servin invited all the students to learn extracurricular activities. He assured his presence on Saturday and Sunday to take spoken English class. Some party games and action songs were conducted by Bros. Sahaya Raj and Rogan. The day came to a close by thanking the participants.

