

LOYOLA JEEVIKA MIGRANT SERVICES (LJMS), TRIVANDRUM

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Loyola Jeevika Migrant Services (LJMS), Trivandrum is a new initiative of Kerala Jesuit Province, at Loyola Extension service (LES), Loyola college, Sreekariyam, Trivandrum started from first of June 2023. It's ultimate aim is to accompany the distressed migrants in Kerala especially in the south district of Kerala. MAIN (Migrant Assistance and information Network) and Jeevika, Kalady, Migrant Outreach work (MOW), Calicut are part of LJMS, Trivandrum.

The Migrant Assistance and Information Network (MAIN) is the outcome of the felt-need for a concerted, collective and innovative response to reach out to the distress migrant workers; inter- state and intra-state. Being essentially a partnership model, MAIN would work in collaboration with individuals, NGOs / CSOs / CBOs, institutions, religious congregations, dioceses, networks, etc. at various levels. It will work closely with state governments by developing a replicable and sustainable model of Accompanying, Serving and Advocating for the cause of distressed migrants. MAIN visualizes itself becoming a state-run programme eventually to address the issues of distress migrants in the long run across India.

MAIN: An Initiative of the Jesuit Conference of India

Jesuit Conference of India (JCI) is part of the international organisation of Jesuits with remarkable presence in the South Asian countries. Registered as not-for-profit organisation in India, JCI has been engaged in pioneering and exemplary work in areas of education, social development and empowerment. From its very beginning in 1978, JCI has been committed towards working with vulnerable communities by providing quality education for the unreached children in rural and remote areas, supporting youth to be future ready, establishing peace and harmony, working for distressed migrants, rights and entitlements and also responding to disasters and caring the environment.

Vision

Accompanying distress migrants to live with dignity by building a caring humanity

Mission

To accompany, Serve and advocate for distress migrants

Services

MAIN would provide a central helpline system wherein distress migrants/his or her family member/close associate can call to seek critical assistance/information. The team at the Central Hub in Delhi will assess the call received and route the information to the respective State Hub for further action and follow up.

Objectives:

- a) To accompany the distress migrants by setting up a helpline system, which will be a credible rallying first point of contact for distress migrants.
- b) To serve the distress migrants by responding to their distress calls and assisting them with various services, primarily through partners,
- c) To advocate for the causes of distress migrants with all relevant stakeholders, including government, by analysing the distress calls and report generated, gaps in services/entitlements, and also critical challenges being faced by them.

Some kind of distress calls, that we envisage from the migrant workers:

- 1) Industrial Relations/Labour related issues
- 2) Entitlements/Govt. Schemes
- 3) Medical Assistance
- 4) Conflicts/Dispute Settlements

- 5) Counselling services
- 6) Educational Assistance.
- 7) Human Trafficking/Human right violations
- 8) Training and Awareness Generation

We need to understand the context of the labour migrants in the destination states. We have to understand the topic 'INCLUSION' OF THE 'EXCLUDED': 'ACCOMPANYING MIGRANTS'. Let us reemphasize the statement made by Pope Francis on **WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES, 27TH SEPTEMBER, 2020. POPE FRANCIS says we need to *WELCOME, PROTECT, PROMOTE, INTEGRATE.*** The migrants coming from North India to south India, let us have a panoramic view of unorganised labourers in India I various sectors. Speaking about the social inclusion of the labour migrants we need to assert the followings. **Registration and Identity, Political and Civic Inclusion, Labour Market Inclusion, Inclusion of Women Internal Migrants, Educational Inclusion, Inclusion through access to Food, Inclusion through Housing, Public Health Inclusion, Financial Inclusion etc,**

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