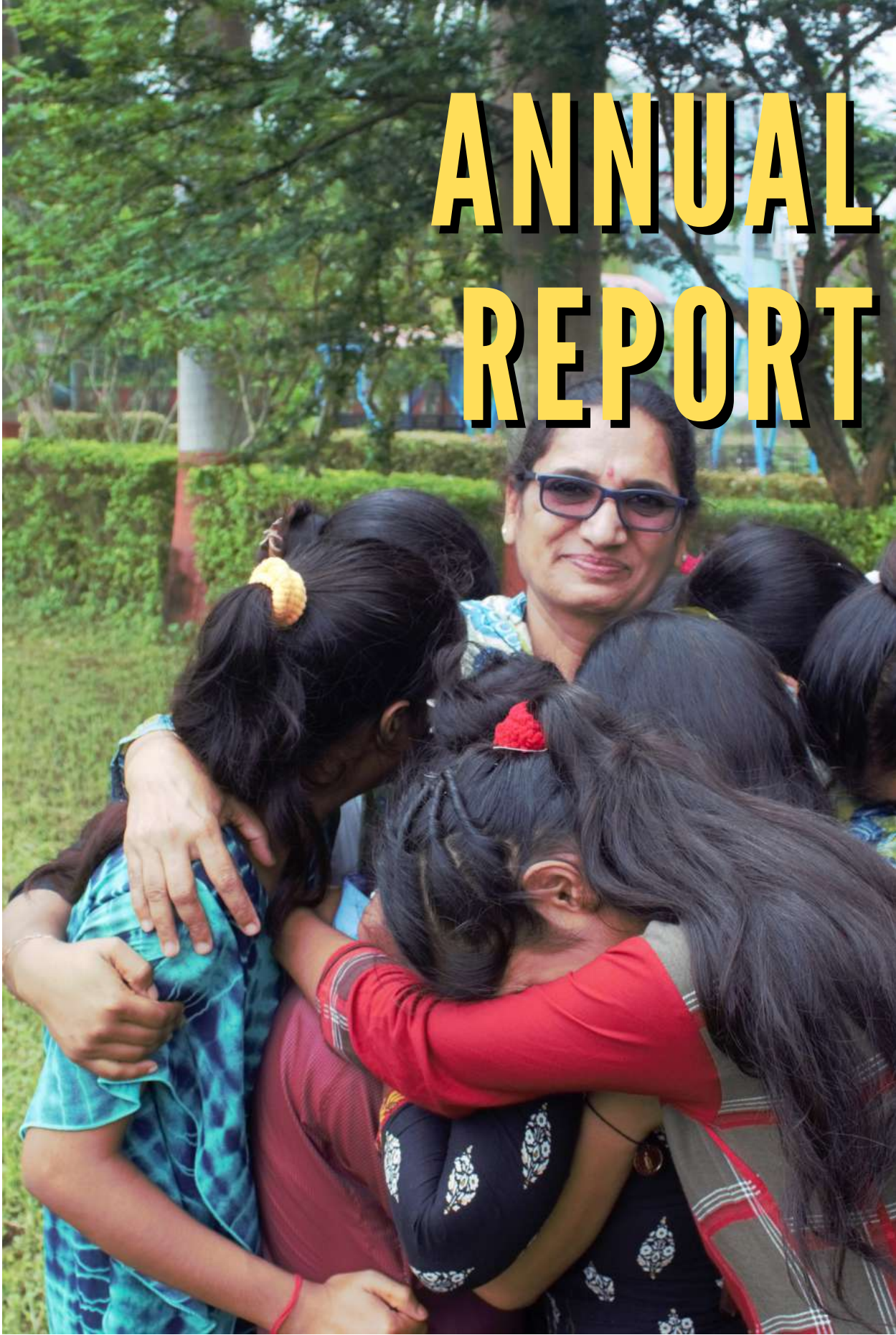


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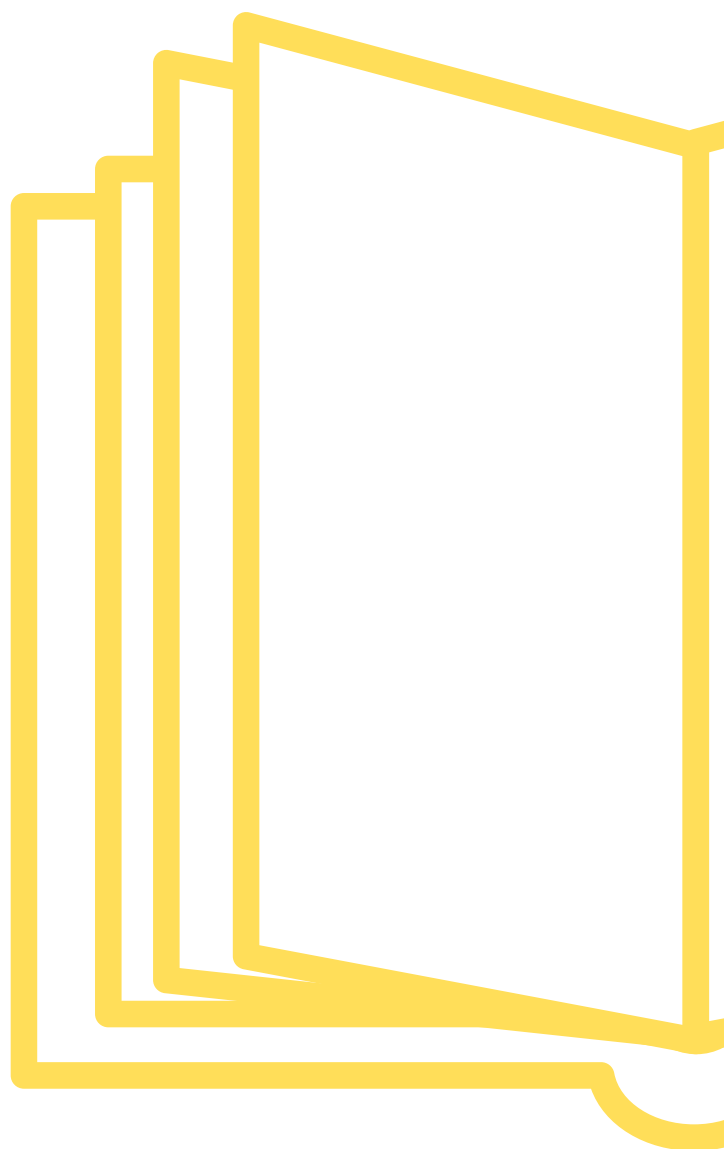


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**2020**

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# HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Slavery is prohibited across the world, yet there are more people enslaved today than any other time in history. In the present world, people are moved from one place to another with the means of force, fraud, deception or coercion for the purpose of exploitation and commercial gain. This movement is known as **Human Trafficking**.

As per the **United Nations**, women and girls constitute a larger number of victims of human trafficking.

**Rescue Foundation** has been working in the field of anti-human trafficking for over two decades and has been dedicating its efforts in combatting trafficking in person for commercial sexual exploitation of women and girls.

THE **GLOBAL SLAVERY INDEX** 2016

Over **45** million people live in modern slavery today.  
**#EndSlavery**



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# ORGANIZATION PROFILE

Rescue Foundation is a result of the love and determination of **Late Mr. Balakrishna Acharya** and his wife **Mrs. Triveni Acharya**. It all started back in the year of 1991, when as a journalist Triveni went into the infamous Red-light Area of Asia, called **Kamatipura** in Mumbai. That was a pivotal moment in her life. She shared that incident with her husband and in time, both decided to work together to save them. Post their first rescue operation, they realized that there are thousands of women and girls who are waiting to be rescued and their journey as crusaders have just begun.

Presently, the organization is headed by Mrs. Triveni Acharya and has successfully **rescued and rehabilitated over 6000 women and girls**. The organization is still going strong and dedicated to **building a world without slavery, one life at a time**

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**Mumbai:** Many survivors of sex trafficking are on the pa-  
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 women from different parts of India, Nepal and Banglade

# AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

Our aim as the protective home is to provide a safe, temporary shelter to victims of trafficking and to help them become empowered individuals. The stay of the survivors in our protective homes is decided by court orders.

Our teams dedicate their efforts:

- To verify the presence of missing girls in brothels/spas/lodges/private residences etc.
- To rescue women/girls forced into prostitution
- To provide safe shelter and nutrition to survivors
- To provide complete physical and mental health care to help them overcome their traumas
- To provide basic literacy, formal/informal education, and marketable skills
- To support survivors with legal aid to seek justice for victims and put perpetrators behind the bars
- To repatriate survivors to join their families and become a part of mainstream society



# LETTER FROM CEO

Dear Friends and Partners,

This is an annual report of hope amidst what has been a challenging year for all of us across the world which started for us from a position where our teams began launching key operations to rescue trafficked children and women across our locations in India. During this period, we started seeing a rising no of cases of COVID-19 across different parts of the world including India. Anticipating a fast-moving pandemic, we decided to set up a crisis management team to manage all our homes. We set up strict controls to ensure compliance with all the health protocols to protect the children and women at our shelter homes from COVID-19. The most inspiring part was when the staff sacrificed by staying to care for the children and women at our homes for extended periods of up to a month away from their own families during the lockdown. The homes were monitored with daily reports and analysis to the management, children's courts and governments to make effective risk management decisions. This has resulted in all the children and women being completely safe from the pandemic throughout this period with not a single case.



During this, period Rescue Foundation (RF) continued to provide multidisciplinary care and protective services at all our homes. In addition, RF provided a range of services to the community throughout the year. This ranged from providing essential food and other utilities to women trapped due to the pandemic in red-light areas, to vulnerable women and children in tribal areas around our homes, to refugees and migrant families fleeing urban areas during the lockdown. Our protective homes also served as shelter and quarantine centers for women & girls rescued from sexual abuse and domestic violence during the lockdown. It has been the most extraordinary time for us as an organization as our staff and girls rallied together to rise to the challenge.

As the pandemic began to ease and the vaccine program is being rolled out Rescue Foundation returned to its core mission of giving freedom to trafficked children and women from exploitation and abuse. In the period of December 2020- January 2021 the teams have undertaken relentless rescue operations across Mumbai, Thane, Pune, and Delhi saving over a hundred trafficked children and women across India.

I share this journey to encourage all of you with what we can all achieve together despite the challenges and adversity that confronts us. None of the above would have been possible without your close partnership with us every step of the way. I wish you all the very best of what lies ahead for all of us as we rebuild society from the ashes of this pandemic. Our journey together continues with exciting breakthroughs waiting for us.

*Triveni Acharya*

# GEOGRAPHICAL PRESENCE

## ASHA KIRAN, KANDIVALI, MUMBAI

Situated in the suburbs of Mumbai, **Asha Kiran** is the head office of **Rescue Foundation**.

Within our home, we cater to the needs of women and girls who were trafficked or in need of care and protection as per the **Immoral Trafficking and Prevention Act** and **Juvenile Justice Care and Protection Act**.



# GEOGRAPHICAL PRESENCE

## BAL ASHA, BOISAR, PALGHAR

Built-in 2007, **Bal Asha** is constructed over 50 Acres of land in Boisar on the outskirts of Mumbai in Palghar District.

The scenic beauty of the home helps our beneficiaries in healing and speedy recovery. With the ample agricultural space, we grow organic fruits and vegetables that are consumed in our Boisar and Mumbai Home.





# GEOGRAPHICAL PRESENCE

## ASHA PURNAM, HADAPSAR, PUNE

**Asha Purnam** is the only shelter home in Pune City that is partially government-funded and is fully equipped to cater to the needs of women and girls rescued from commercial sexual exploitation.

Our home is entrusted by the government officials and positive duty bearers, which is a reason why Asha Purnam receives the maximum number of admissions round the year.



# GEOGRAPHICAL PRESENCE

## ASHA DEEP, KANJHAWALA, DELHI

Since 2011, our team had conducted multiple rescue operations which resulted in saving hundreds of innocent lives. That led to us starting a shelter home in Delhi to provide care and support to the rescued women and girls.

In 2016 foundation stone was laid in Delhi. **Asha Deep** was fully completed and inaugurated on 31st Dec 2017.



  
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*Promoting human rights for  
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SPECIAL HOME FOR GIRLS

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# INVESTIGATIONS AND RESCUE

# HIGHLIGHTS

**32**

**RESCUE OPERATIONS**

**107**

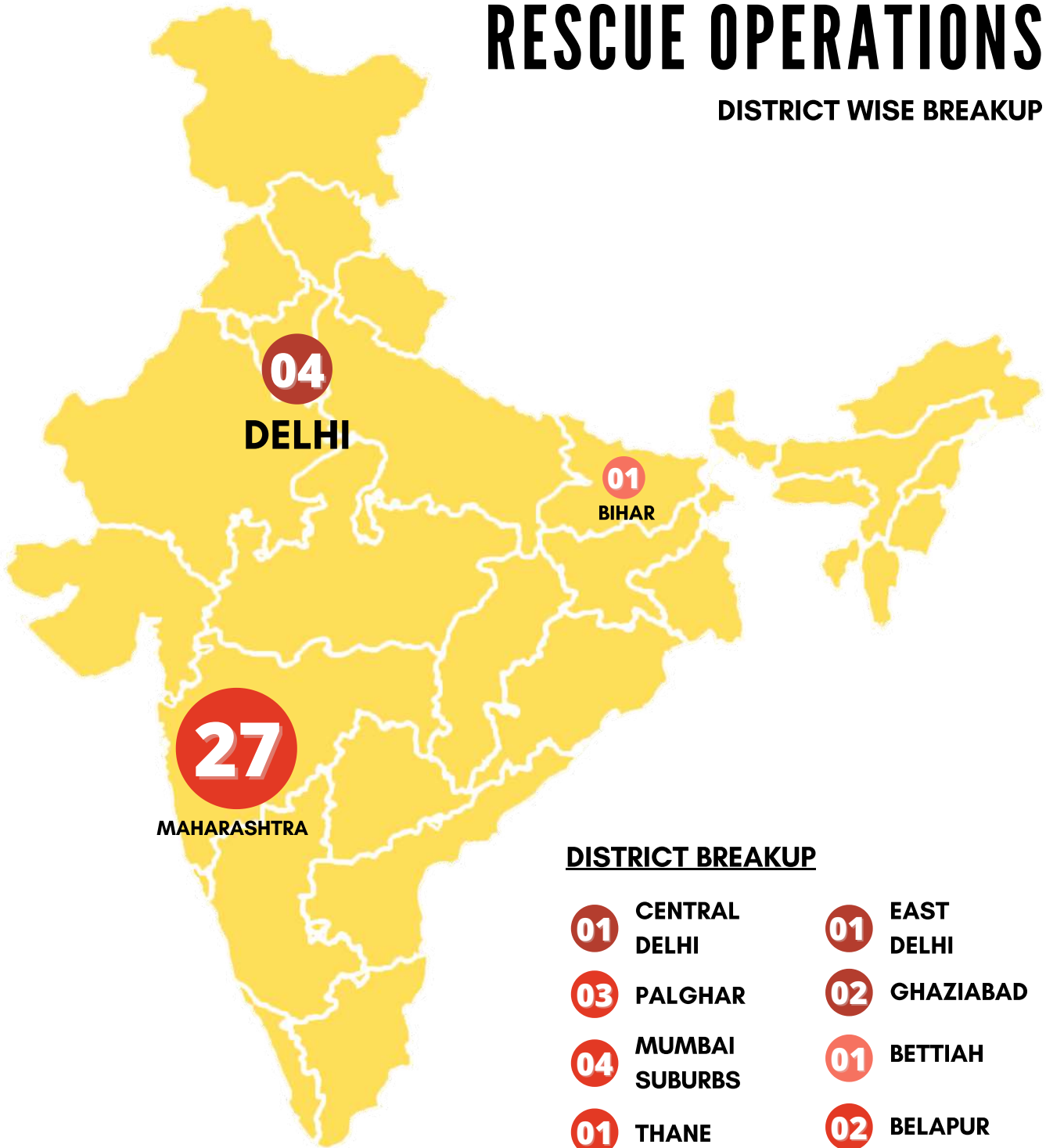
**LIVES SAVED**

**41**

**ACCUSED ARRESTED**

# RESCUE OPERATIONS

## DISTRICT WISE BREAKUP

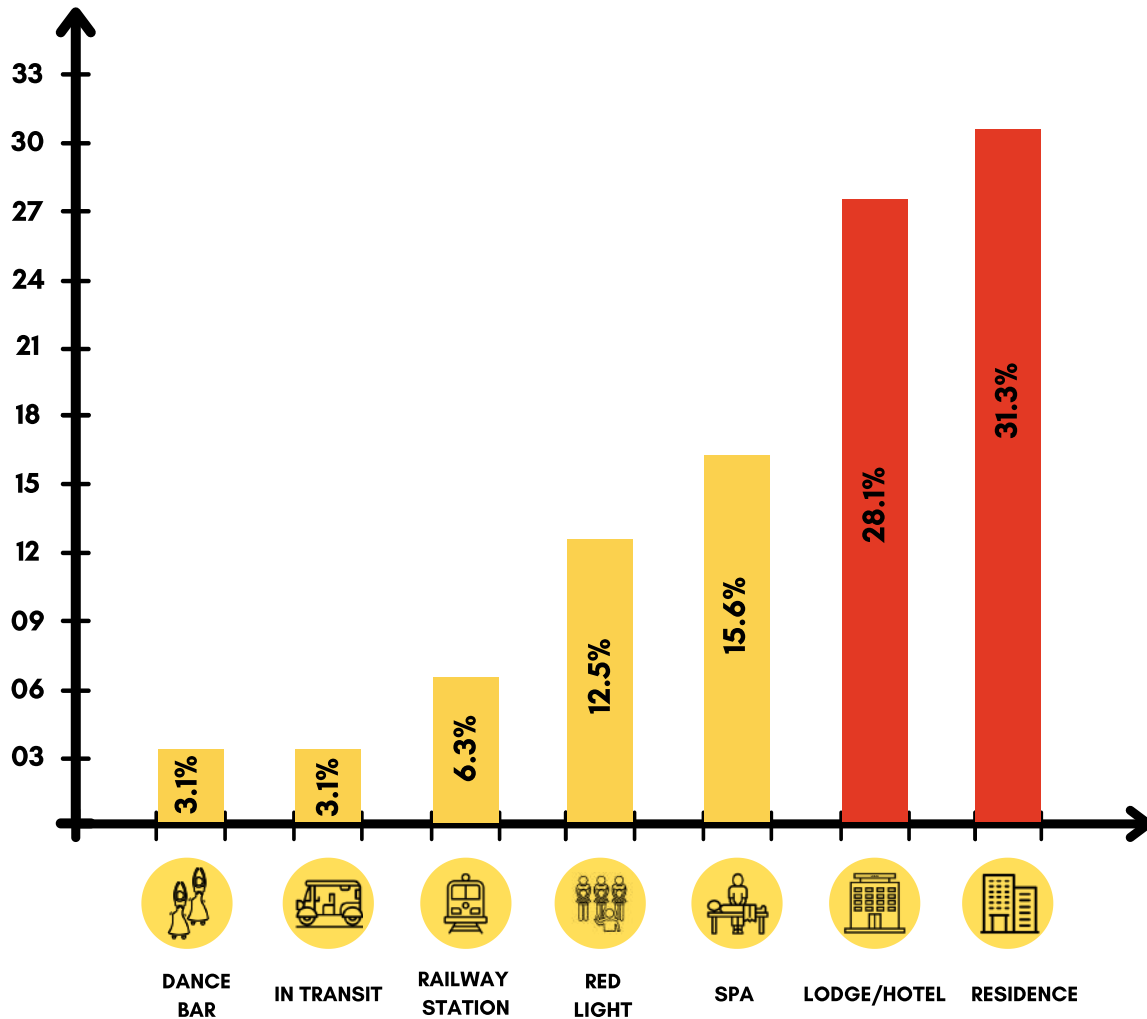


### DISTRICT BREAKUP

- 01 CENTRAL DELHI
- 01 EAST DELHI
- 03 PALGHAR
- 02 GHAZIABAD
- 04 MUMBAI SUBURBS
- 01 BETTIAH
- 01 THANE
- 02 BELAPUR
- 17 PUNE

# RESCUE OPERATIONS

## ESTABLISHMENT WISE BREAKUP

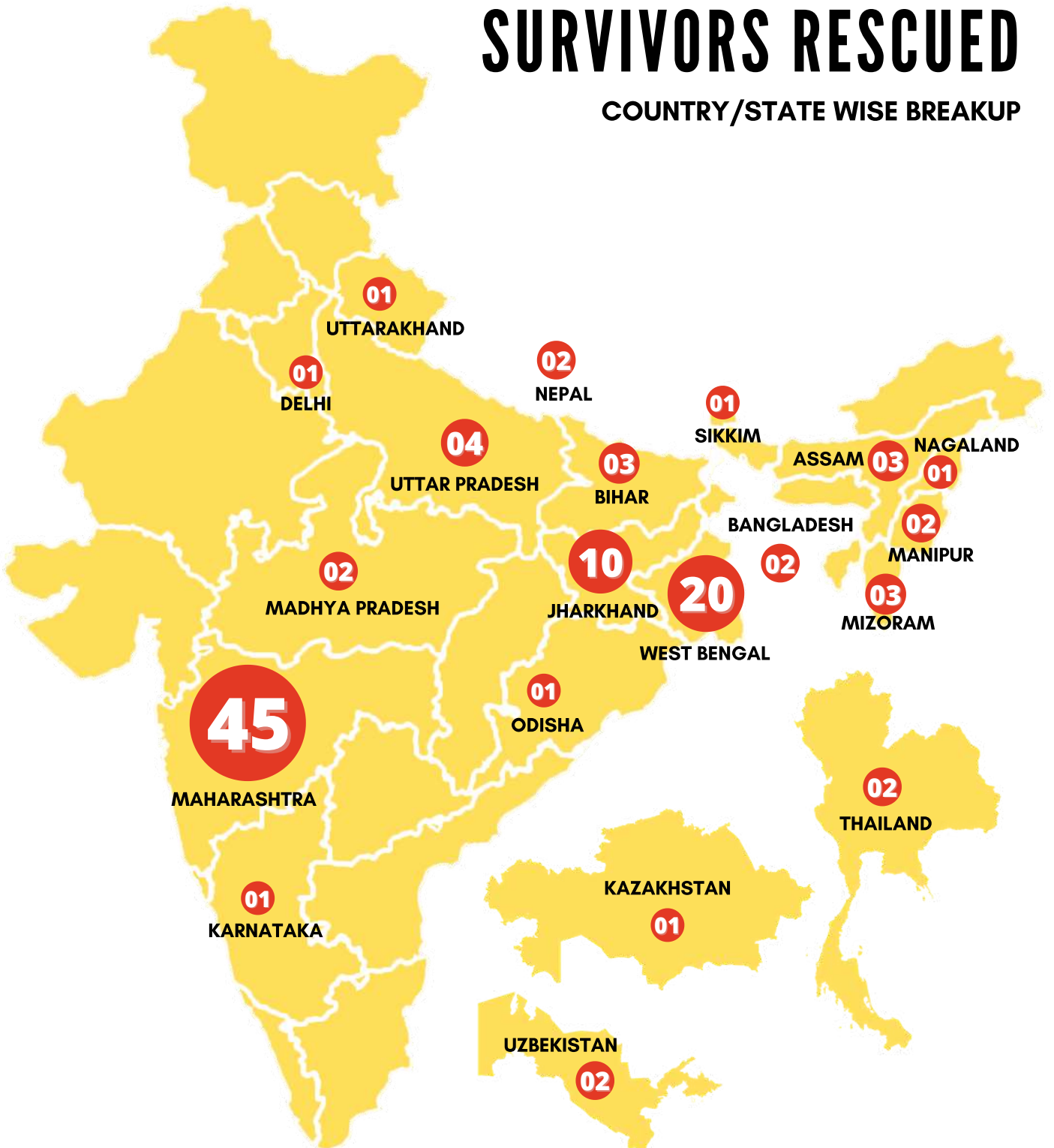


Post the pandemic lockdown, we have witnessed a spike in cases run via escort services that operate out of lodges/hotels or private residences.

- INVESTIGATIONS TEAM

# SURVIVORS RESCUED

COUNTRY/STATE WISE BREAKUP





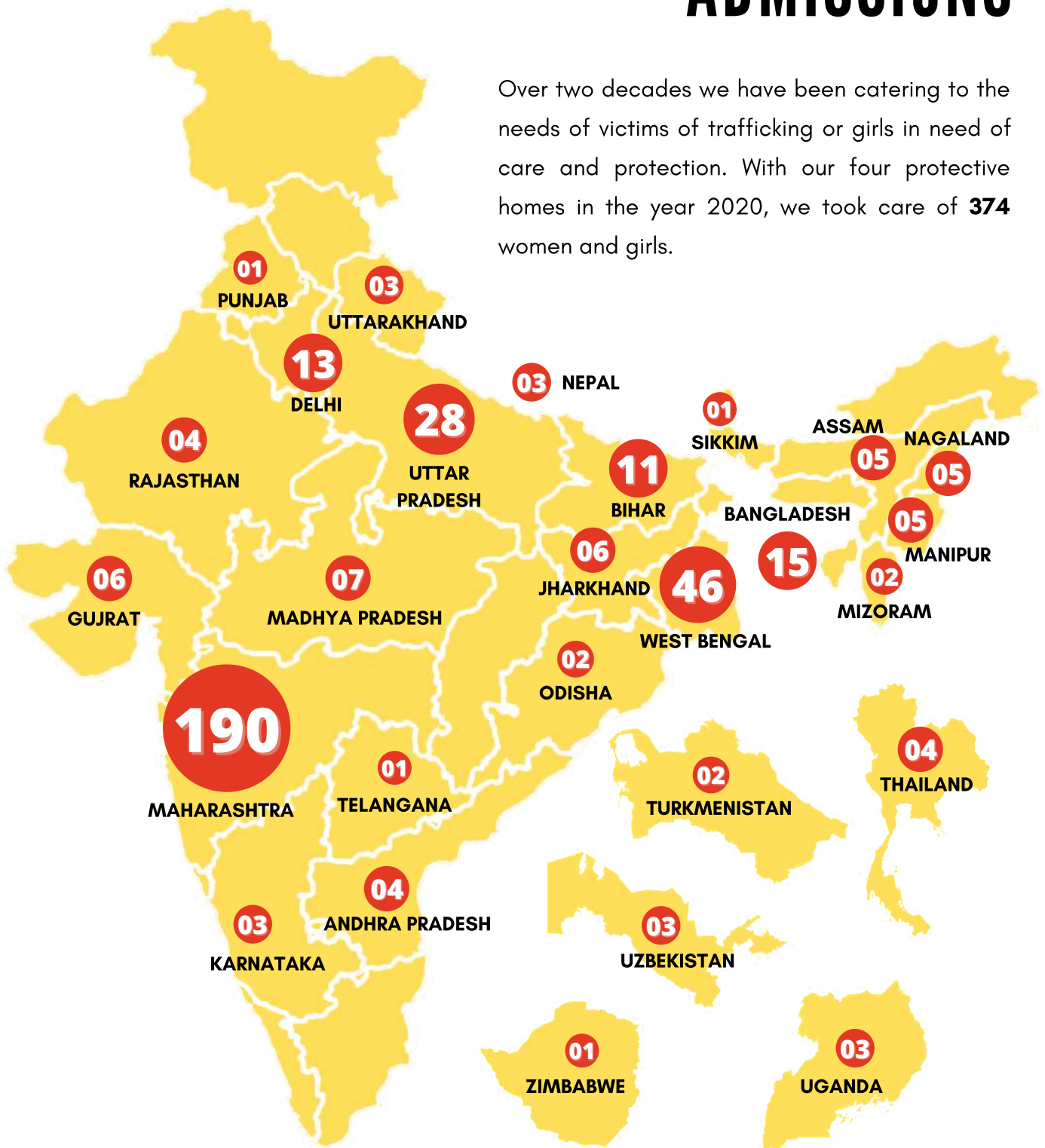




# CARE AND PROTECTION

# ADMISSIONS

Over two decades we have been catering to the needs of victims of trafficking or girls in need of care and protection. With our four protective homes in the year 2020, we took care of **374** women and girls.



# HEALTH CARE

Several studies show that over 80% of women and girls are trafficked for the purpose of sexual exploitation. Women and girls who have been subjected to sexual exploitation undergo a lot of physical and mental trauma which calls for extensive care.

Every woman and girl in our care undergoes extensive medical screening and are provided with necessary assistance when required.



**HOSPITAL VISITS: 284**



**BABIES DELIVERED: 08**



**HEALTH CAMPS: 12**



**PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV+: 09**



**PREGNANT GIRLS: 14**



**COUNSELLING SESSIONS: 484**

**I am grateful to Rescue Foundation, who helped me come out from that bad place and supported me in overcoming my traumas.**

**- SURVIVOR, 18 yrs**

**Soon after the results were out, they all came to see me in my office and shared their big news. The smiles on their faces is a memory I will cherish forever.**

**-TRIVENI ACHARYA**

## EDUCATION

Amongst the many factors which lead to Human Trafficking one of the prominent reason is **lack of education**. Often women and girls who are admitted in our homes were trafficked at a young age. Moreover, coming from vulnerable sections of society, they lack resources to complete their education.

Thus, in our shelter homes, each survivor is provided with opportunities to learn and continue their education through formal/informal education.



**IN-HOUSE SCHOOLING: 170**



**NIOS 10th: 13**



**REGULAR SCHOOLING: 08**



**REGULAR COLLEGE: 02**

# VOCATIONAL TRAININGS

Women and girls in our shelter homes are provided with opportunities to redefine education for themselves. Apart from receiving basic literacy, we also train them in multiple vocational skills.

Post their stay with us, we also assist them with employment opportunities. **Presently six of our girls have received advanced training and now working with partner organizations**



**TAILORING: 89**



**BEAUTY CULTURE: 156**



**COMPUTER: 91**



**YOGA: 116**



**BAG MAKING: 65**



**ZUMBA: 116**



**HANDICRAFT: 98**

**I know that once I go back home, I will be able to find a decent job with the skills I learnt here.**

**- Survivor, 21 yrs**

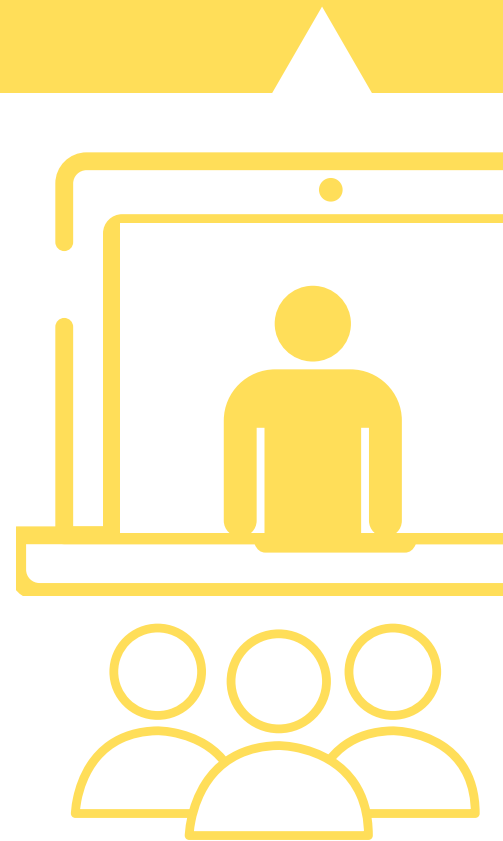
**I believe that such sessions are extremely helpful for our girls, as they get to display their talents and learn new skills. It also helps them in shaping their personalities.**

**- Superintendent**

# SESSIONS

Over the year, we partnered with multiple organizations who conducted sessions for our girls on various topics. They are beneficial for our survivors as it gives them a chance to educate themselves about several issues as well as interact with our trusted volunteers.

With the outbreak of the pandemic, some of the sessions were conducted online, where our volunteers would send us pre-recorded videos. Later in the year we also allowed limited volunteers to visit the home for sessions.



**HEALTHCARE: 10**



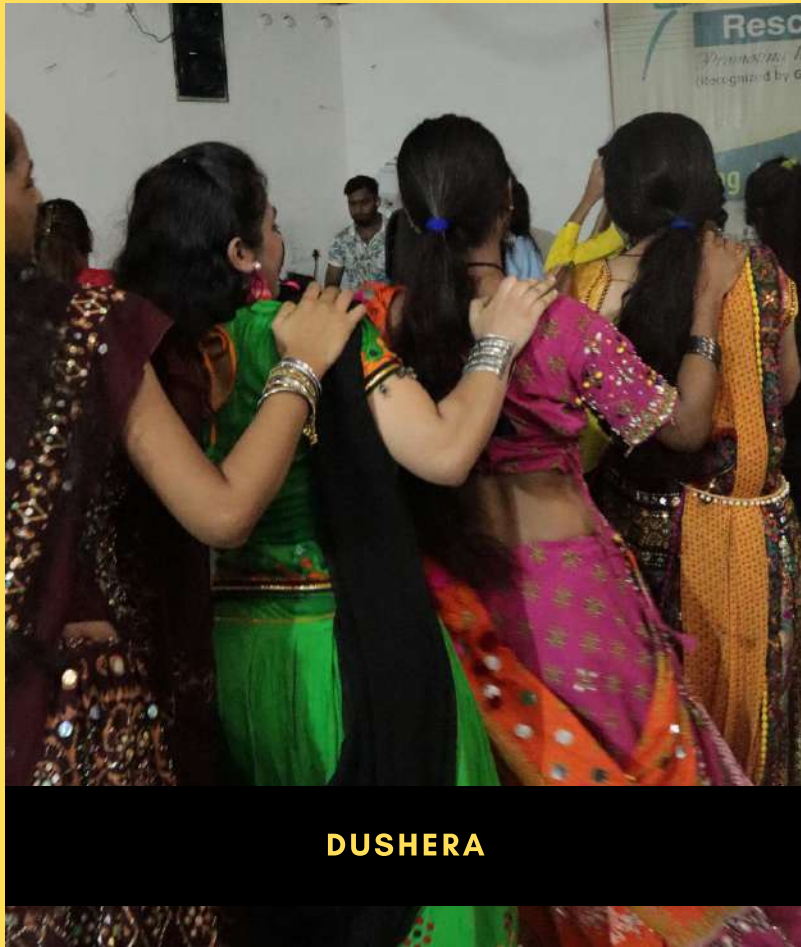
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**MOTIVATIONAL: 03**



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**INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY**



**HOLIKA DAHAN**

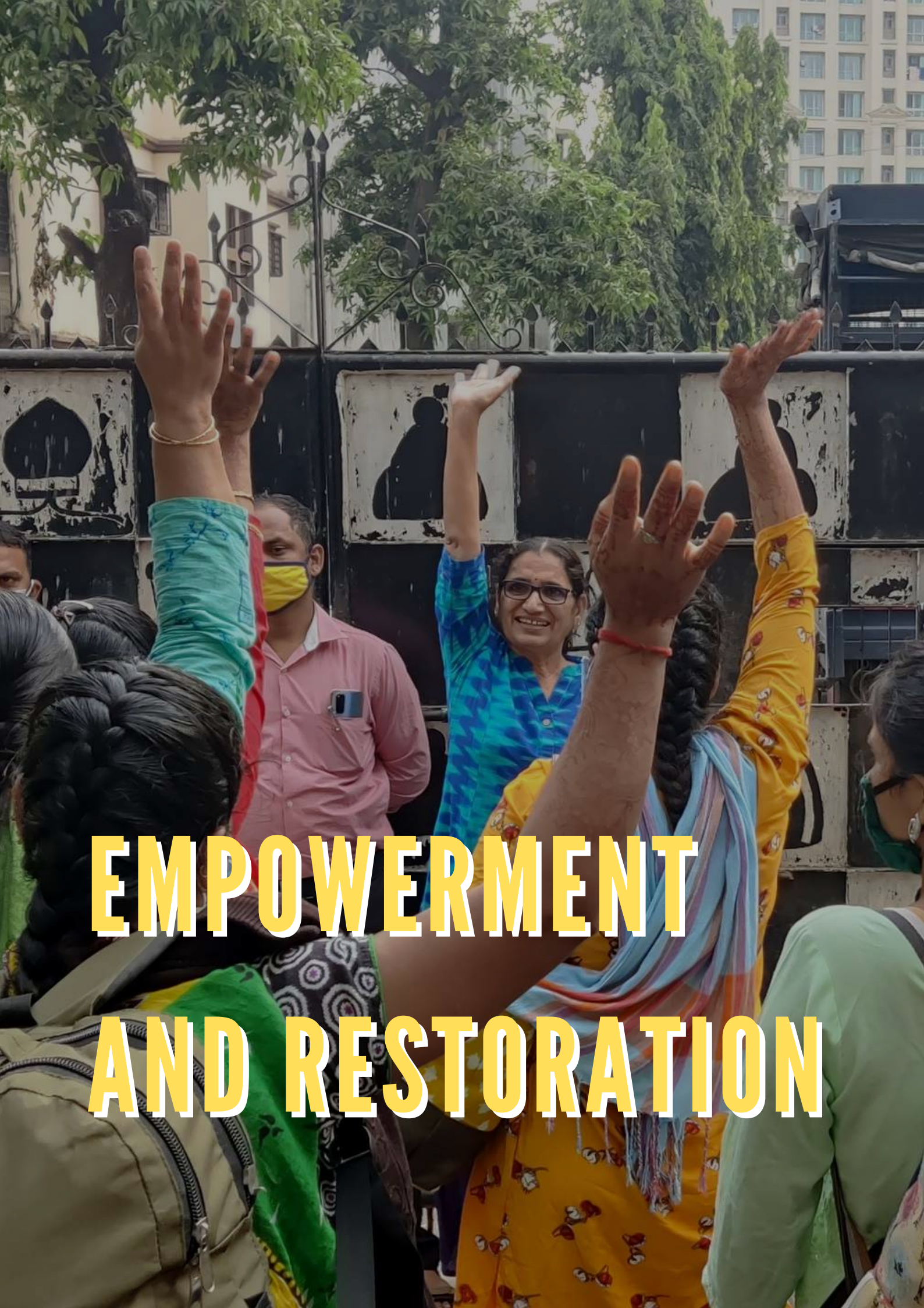


**INDEPENDENCE DAY**



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# EMPOWERMENT AND RESTORATION

# RESTORATION

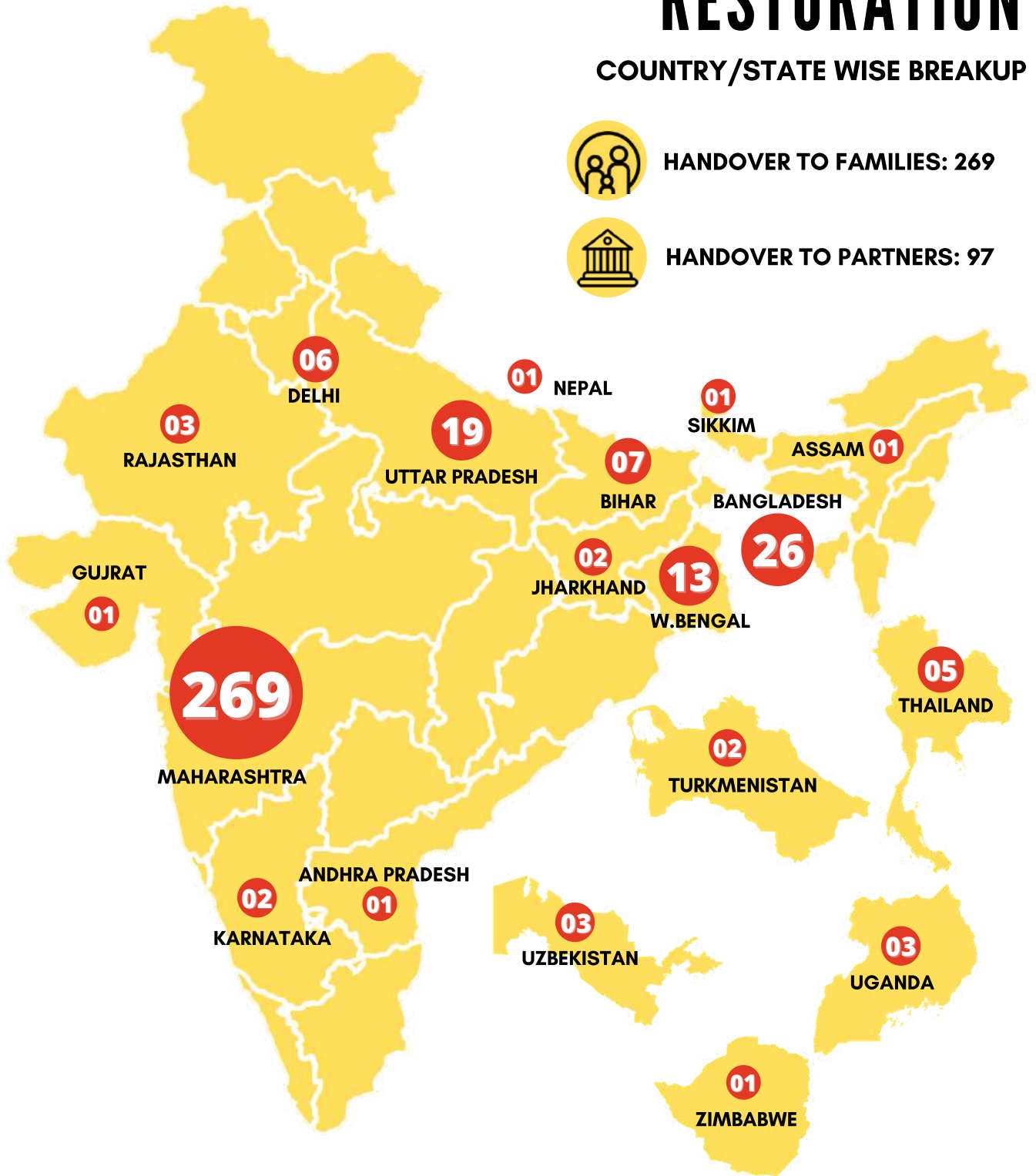
## COUNTRY/STATE WISE BREAKUP



HANDOVER TO FAMILIES: 269



HANDOVER TO PARTNERS: 97





# CASE STUDIES

## TWO TIMELY RESCUES

- **Name: Reshma**
- **Age: 15 years**

Reshma was born and raised in the Bedia community in Rajasthan, one that is well documented to follow prostitution as a tradition. However, she was fortunate to not be pushed into it at an early age but was aware that her aunts and even her mother would often entertain men, she was made to understand that one day, this would be her future too. Reshma would go to school but was forced to drop out because her mother couldn't afford to continue paying for her education, so they moved to Mumbai to their aunt's home. After they moved here, some girls came to her aunt's house who was already working at a dance bar. They convinced her to give it a try and seeing no other options, she agreed, however at the dance bar she wasn't forced into sex.

She worked in the dance bar for almost a year but then the lockdown hit and she had to leave, for over 8 months she and her family didn't earn and they were in a very dire state. One day, Ajit, who was a pimp, reached out to her mother and told her that there were many customers looking for young girls and were willing to pay a lot of money especially she was new.

Her mother agreed to the deal and Set up a meeting with the pimp and clients. Our Investigation team received word that a young girl was being shown so they showed up as a potential customer and they convinced the pimp that they were willing to pay as much money as he wanted. The pimp agreed and bought the girl along and after confirming that she was a child, they stalled for time as the remaining team came with the police. The police arrived, the pimp was arrested and the girl was saved before she could be pushed into the dark world of prostitution.

The screenshot shows a news article from The Times of India. The article title is "A Rajasthan village where prostitution is tradition". The author is Saira Kurup and the date is Jul 9, 2006, 00:02 IST. The article text describes a village in Bharatpur, Rajasthan, where prostitution is a tradition. It mentions that the village is only about 200 km from Delhi and is a microcosm of rural India with ramshackle houses, non-functional primary school, and no healthcare facilities. It also notes that electricity arrived just two years ago. The article is dated July 9, 2006.

# CASE STUDIES

## TWO TIMELY RESCUES

- **Name: Sneha**
- **Age: 11 years**

Sneha lost both of her parents at a very young age and so was living with her grandparents, who were both very old and could barely afford to take care of her. The only earning member was her mother's sister, who was already into prostitution and was also diagnosed with HIV. Fortunately, due to her grandparents' love for her, she was happy and had a good life with them. She had several friends in the neighborhood and lived a child's life since she was only 11 years old. One day there was a birthday party of one of Sneha's friends, she was very excited about the party but at the same time, her aunt had also come and asked her if she wanted to go to another party at a McDonald's.

Sneha refused to go with her aunt because she wanted to attend her friend's party instead and was getting ready for it, but suddenly her friends' party got canceled.

She was very upset about it but her aunt cheered her up by saying that she could still go with her to McDonald's for the other party. Sneha happily agreed and left with her aunt, at McDonald's they met with two men who were giving the party. They asked Sneha to go to the counter and see what she wants, when she left, her aunt started the dealing however one of the men was an undercover operative. The police arrived with our team soon and arrested her aunt and prevented what could have been the loss of childhood for an 11-year-old girl.



**RESCUED GIRLS  
HEARING A STORY**

# CASE STUDY

## LOST IN LOCKDOWN

- **Name: Bhavana**
- **Age: 42 yrs**

Before the lockdown was declared, Bhavana left for Delhi along with her four-year-old daughter to see her husband. When she left her home to travel to Delhi, she boarded the wrong train and reached Maharashtra where she wandered for a few days, where the authorities then admitted her to a local quarantine center.

Finding it difficult to adjust, she often created ruckus in the center, abused and troubled the staff. On special request by the Palghar District Officer, she was admitted to Rescue Foundation's Boisar Shelter home.

- **Intervention:**

When Bhavana and her daughter were admitted to our home, both of them were extremely weak and had poor self-hygiene. As per the protocols, they were kept in isolation for 14 days. However, the staff faced a big challenge as she would scream, abuse, and break furniture too.

They stayed in the shelter home for over 8 months, where they were provided with nutritious food and mental health support. She couldn't give us an address but with the support of the District Officer, our staff was able to locate her home.

Once the travel restrictions were lifted, our caretaker took her back to Bihar to reunite her with her family. During the travel, Bhavana tried running away, abused, and hit the caretaker couple of times. However, she didn't give up and made sure Bhavana and her daughter were handed over to their family safely.





# COVID-19

FIGHTING THE PANDEMIC

# COMMUNITY RELIEF EFFORTS HIGHLIGHTS

**2504**

**RATION KITS DISTRIBUTED**

**2367**

**FOOD KITS DISTRIBUTED**

**OVER  
10000**

**PEOPLE SUPPORTED**



# Our COVID - 19 Relief Efforts

## CASE STUDY 1

### Sarita's Family - Family Members - 11

#### Family Members Details -

- **Husband - Mine Worker**
- **Father in Law - Farm Labor**
- **Mother in Law - Factory Labor**
- **2 Sister in Laws - House Wives**
- **Sisters Husband - Mine Worker**
- **Children - 4**

The breadwinners of the family were all involved in daily wage work, in farms, factories, and mines. Post-Covid, the national lockdown meant that like millions of others, they too lost their jobs and had very little resources at their disposal for survival. As part of our relief drive, Sarita's family was given support at a very timely juncture when they were just about to run out of rations.



# Our COVID - 19 Relief Efforts

## CASE STUDY 2

### **Sita - 100 Yrs old with No Family**

Sita is a 100 years old lady who has no family or known relatives to support her. The community, her neighbors, and others would help support her daily needs however once lockdown hit and the entire village was impacted, there was no one left to support her.

When our team visited her, we found her in a very frail condition, like she hadn't eaten for days. We fed her immediately from our warm food kits and gave her a stock of rations to help her make it through. We even helped her neighbors as well and asked them to continue looking after her and to get in touch with us directly if they needed any help or support for her, or for themselves.





# AWARENESS ADVOCACY & ACHIVEMENTS





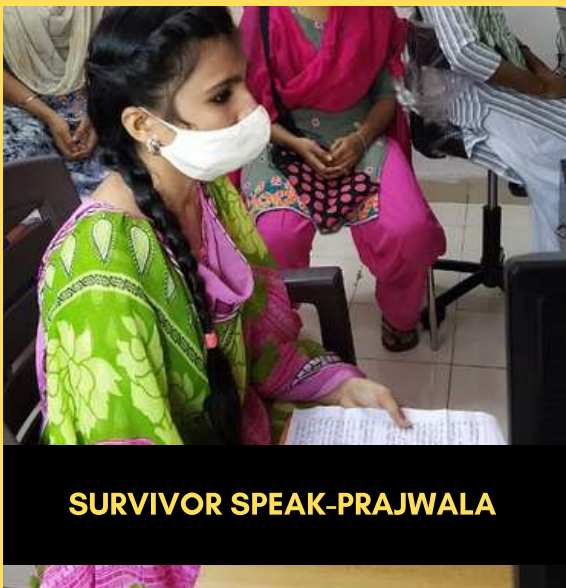
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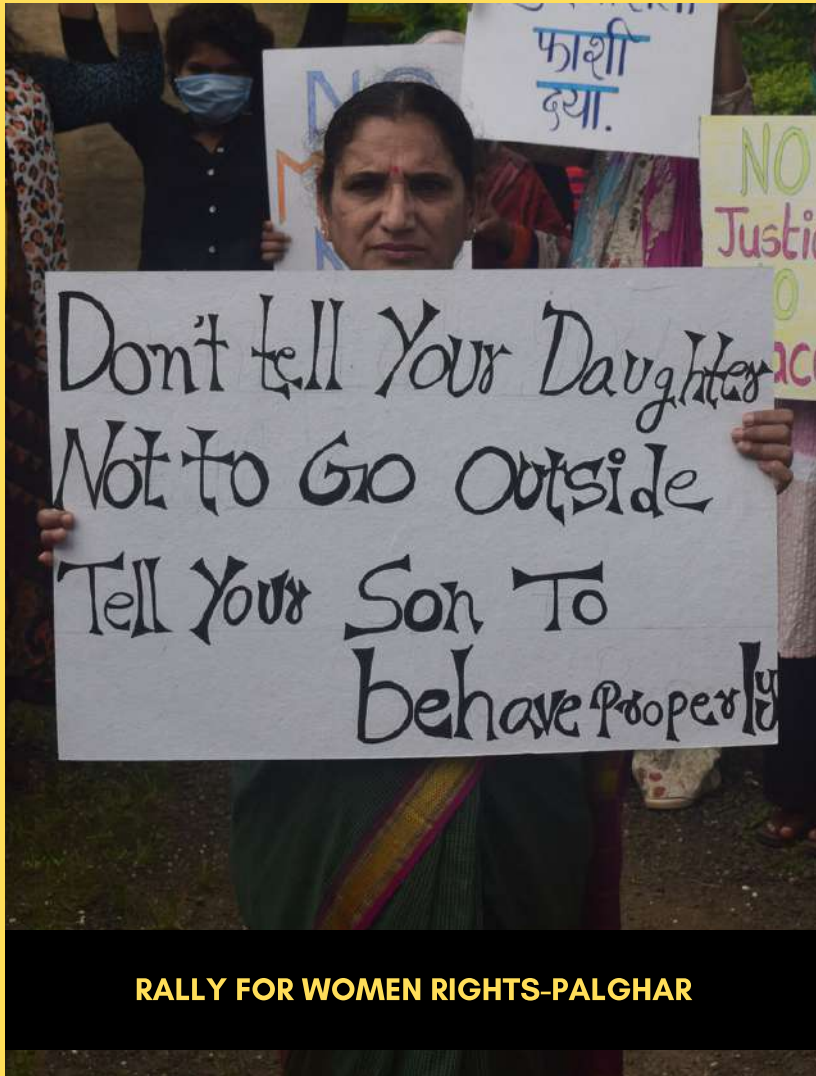
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**COMMUNITY AWARENESS-PUNE**



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### Bangladeshi girl forced into flesh trade allowed to fly back home



**UDGAM WOMEN ACHIEVER'S AWARD**



**TEDx CRCE-MOMENTO**

### Two Turkmenistan nationals return home as Bombay HC directs their repatriation

The two women, who had come to India on student visas and were enrolled in a Pune college, had approached the court after being rescued during an anti-human trafficking raid at a hotel in February.



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