

INDIAN LEADERSHIP FORUM AGAINST TRAFFICKING





WHO ARE WE?

We, the survivors of human trafficking, have formed the Indian Leadership Forum Against Trafficking (ILFAT) – a national platform by the survivors and for the survivors. We have come together from different parts of the country to achieve a shared vision of having a nation free from all forms of human trafficking.

We are rebuilding our life and want to be considered stakeholders in the decision-making process. For long, these decisions have been made without consulting us and understanding our life experiences. We wish to play a participatory role in policy formulation, since these laws and policies are about us and they cannot be without us - our voices and participation. Our aim is to raise awareness around the issue of human trafficking and highlight the various challenges around it.

Presently, we are a group of 2,500 members from West Bengal and Andhra Pradesh. We hope more people will join hands with us in taking forward this forum, which is dedicated to securing the interests of survivors.





VISION

We envision a country free from all forms of trafficking and having a world where no human being is for sale! It is our vision that from those who have struggled through the pain of trafficking, will arise a new generation of leaders who stand for justice and empowerment.

MISSION

- To unite and empower survivor leaders of trafficking through this forum
- To lead and participate actively in revolutionizing the laws, policies and systems that impact us
- To transform public perceptions and to ensure that survivor voices are central to any effort to control and reduce trafficking

WHAT DO WE DO?

This forum is a platform for sharing insights, expertise and evidences relevant to trafficking in India and most importantly bringing our perspective on the table.

Below are the activities we undertake:



RAISING PUBLIC AWARENESS

We raise awareness around the issue of human trafficking and promote discussions pertinent to anti-trafficking



ENGAGING WITH POLICY-MAKERS

We wish to work with legislators, policy makers and implementers, judiciary, think tanks and media in India to learn and share, exactly what needs to happen at a systemic level to end human trafficking



SUPPORTING — VOICES OF SURVIVORS

We impart trainings to empower our members for undertaking constructive dialogue and interacting with several decision makers.



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CREATING NETWORK

Support the development of local survivor networks, and connect existing networks across city, state, and nations



ENSURING CONTINUOUS DIALOGUE

We speak out when governments, civil society members and the citizens at large forget that freedom is one of the most valuable constitutional right of any Indian



ENABLING COLLABORATIONS

Collaborate with a wide range of allies and organizations that have similar advocacy goals and interests of ensuring that survivor voices are central to any anti-trafficking efforts

PROVIDING PLATFORMS

Provide safe spaces and events for survivor leaders to come together, share stories and not feel alone

Voices of our members on the need for change

We feel that a national level forum will create a culture of collaboration and solidarity, which will help understand the diverse problems of the different states and help our battle against trafficking for any form of exploitation and slavery

It was disheartening that the ToP Bill was passed in Lok Sabha, but not Rajya Sabha in 2018; through this national forum we will be able to advocate to the government that millions of survivors dream and hope for a trafficking free India one day

It is important to create awareness amongst general public and other stakeholders, in which media will play an integral role. This will further help government take cognizance of this as a national issue

It is our demand to the government to formulate and enforce stringent laws that will ensure strict punishment for the perpetrators ... That will be justice to us!

This forum will bring TOGETHER victims, survivors and leaders from all over the country...to fight together, to dream together, and to make changes together...that's my faith!

Every survivor in this forum has emerged as a champion in their region, and we feel that together we can create a huge impact in bringing a strong law against trafficking

We are proud to be the part of our National Forum (ILFAT) as it is a Ray of hope for lakhs of survivors with enriched power of empowerment



How can you support us/join the change movement?

Let us join hands, speak out and advocate for implementation of strong anti-trafficking laws. Let us strengthen the voice of this forum by becoming a member today.



