ILFAT

INTEGRATED LEADERS FORUM
AGAINST TRAFFICKING

# WHO WE ARE?

ILFAT (Integrated Leaders Forum Against Trafficking) is the first, only, and largest national federation of trafficking survivors in the world. Composed of 2,814 members across 7 states, ILFAT represents the most marginalized people in India, whose socio-economic vulnerability has made them susceptible to trafficking.

Our federation includes individuals who have significantly grown in their leadership journey after having endured intergenerational servitude, bonded labor, child labor, commercial sexual exploitation, sex trafficking, labour trafficking, and coercion into servitude.

# WHY WE FORMED ILFAT?

For far too long, anti-trafficking interventions have been designed by governments, NGOs, and financiers, with minimal input from those most affected—survivors. Prior to ILFAT's formation, survivors from different forms of exploitation had been working in silos, despite having commonalities between their experiences and needs. ILFAT was developed to collectivize these efforts, recognizing the strength in uniting survivors to address these interconnected challenges together.

ILFAT seeks to empower survivors to rebuild their lives and provide a platform for their voices to shape governance and development, so that policy interventions are more inclusive of their needs, and more recognizing of survivors' challenges. They believe that this will be instrumental in preventing human exploitation, and reducing vulnerability at all levels across India.

# 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

Our mission goes beyond immediate rescue and rehabilitation. We are committed to:

1. **Building a powerful national federation** of survivors, representing India's most marginalised populations across caste, gender, and socio-economic lines.

2. **Advocating for restorative, trauma-informed laws** that protect survivors and ensure long-term justice.

3. **Empowering survivors as leaders and decision-makers** in key committees and institutions.

4. **Engaging with the media** to tell the stories of those most often silenced, ensuring that the voices of the vulnerable are heard and acknowledged.

5. **Shifting the narrative** from a narrow criminal justice approach to a holistic, community-centred, and survivor-led anti-trafficking movement.

# WHAT MAKES US UNIQUE ?

Over the past five years, ILFAT's journey has revealed the intricate connections between trafficking and a range of broader social challenges such as migration, gender inequality, healthcare, education, and climate change. These issues, deeply intertwined with the vulnerabilities that fuel trafficking, have shaped our approach to focus beyond just anti-trafficking.

Our firsthand experience provides unique insights into the needs of survivors from diverse parts of the country, along with the various challenges they have faced in their post-trafficking journeys. We wish to convey these insights and experiences to relevant stakeholders and policymakers, and work alongside them to address these intersectional areas, enabling policies that are survivor-inclusive in nature and more effective in driving anti-trafficking interventions.

# JOURNEY

**NOV 2019**

Launched in Delhi with a roundtable with Members of Parliament and journalists and held meetings with the NCW, Ministry of WCD, Niti Aayog, and more.

**JUN 2020**

Raised Rs. 25 Lakhs through a crowdfunding campaign – "Rebuilding Migrant Lives" during the COVID-19 pandemic which was used to help those in severe distress across the country.

**AUG 2020**

Became the first ever survivor-led forum to be included on the Niti Aayog Sub-Committee on Human Trafficking and Bonded Labour.

**MAR 2021**

Recognised as a contributor to the 230th Report on Atrocities and Crimes against Women & Children tabled in the Parliament of India, in which ILFAT's recommendations were included.

**JULY 2021**

Participated in the Survivor Alliance World Congress, an international NGO to discuss barriers to survivor leadership and develop viable solutions.

**OCT 2021**

Members led a panel discussion on human trafficking organized by the Rotary Club and spoke at SEWA CHETNA Conference in Delhi.

**JULY 2022**

Formation of Strategic Alliance Group (SAG), a collaborative alliance of 4 diverse organizations each with unique core competencies, united in purpose to support ILFAT as its backbone agency.

**MAY 2022**

The Leadership Council of ILFAT held its first election to elect a Board of Directors and a Management Committee.

**DEC 2022**

Awarded the Idea Prize 2022 by Agami, for being an initiative that could innovatively transform systems of law and justice.

**APR 2022**

ILFAT partnered with Gender Equality and Disability Working Group at the Civil20 (C20) Summit and our recommendations were shortlisted for inclusion in the C20 Policy Pack.

**DEC 2023**

Incorporated as a Section 8 Company, in the name of Integrated Leaders Forum Against Trafficking.

ILFAT has been acting as a catalyst and convener for sharing expertise, insights, and evidence relevant to human trafficking in India. We have been engaging in policy and law consultation processes as well as with the media to share our findings and experiences in order to strengthen the existing system.

Won several awards including Gold and Silver under categories like Government Relations, NGO Engagement, Non-Profit and Best Public Affairs Campaign from SABRE South Asia Awards, Fulcrum Awards, PR India Awards, and more.

## FEATURED IN

G20 India 2023 · NITI Aayog · Ministry of Women and Child Development · Humans of Bombay · Civil 20 India 2023 · Kalinga Fellowship · TOI · The Hindu · Zee News Studios · India Today · the quint · ThePrint · The Indian Express · Outlook · she the people · News18 · The Week · the better india · Yuvaa

## AWARDS

agamni · SABRE Awards South Asia 2024 · Fulcrum Awards · campaign Asia PR Awards India 2023

# PARTNER WITH ILFAT FOR LASTING IMPACT

ILFAT invites philanthropists, foundations, and impact investors to join us in building a survivor-led movement that addresses the root causes of human trafficking and exploitation.

**Why Now?** India stands at a tipping point. While government initiatives have raised awareness, the systems meant to protect the vulnerable often fall short, leaving survivors without adequate support. With over 8 million people estimated to be trapped in modern-day slavery, urgent action is needed. But real change cannot happen without long-term solutions that come from within the communities most affected.

**Why ILFAT?** We are the first and largest national federation of human trafficking survivors in India. Our grassroots reach and survivor-led approach ensure that we understand the complex realities on the ground. We are uniquely positioned to lead a transformative movement in partnership with committed philanthropists and investors like you.

**By Investing In ILFAT You Will:**

- Empower survivor leadership, transforming them into change-makers.
- Support systemic legal reform that prioritises healing and inclusion.
- Expand ILFAT's reach to impact millions of vulnerable people across India.

*"JOIN US IN CREATING A FUTURE FREE OF EXPLOITATION."*

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***INVEST IN CHANGE.***