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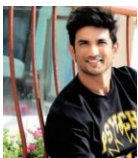
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Indian Philanthropic Community comes together to support 10 million+ migrant workers



Indian Philanthropic Community comes together to support 10 million+ migrant workers and launches the Migrants Resilience Collaborative platform (MRC)

Aimed towards support safety, security and mobility of migrant workers and their families across districts and cities across India

Focus on jobs in the construction and textile sector

Steering Council to comprise of foremost philanthropists and industry leaders from various sectors - Vidya Shah, CEO, EdelGive Foundation, Anu Aga, Former Chairperson, Thermax Limited, Rati Forbes, Director, Forbes Marshall Group, Arun Maira, Former Member, Planning Commission of India, Kumar Gera, Chairman, Gera Developments Pvt. Ltd, Ashif Shaikh, Co-Founder, Jan Sahas, Lalita Vadia, Former migrant worker

Mumbai, August, 2020: India's leading philanthropists have come together to introduce the Migrants Resilience Collaborative (MRC), India's largest grassroots-led multi-stakeholder collaborative of nonprofit, philanthropic, and private sector actors committed to ensuring safety, security, and mobility for vulnerable migrant families across India. Launched by Ashif Shaikh, Founder, Jan Sahas, a leading NGO who has been working with migrant communities for the last decade to ensure their social protection and safe migration, the MRC has an aim to reach out to over 10 million+ migrant workers and their families in 100 districts across India over the next 5 years.

Committed towards delivering social security entitlement, providing access to responsible recruitment and strengthening tracking, worker protections, welfare and redressal, the MRC has a Steering Committee comprising of some of India's leading philanthropists and leaders with cross-sector experience across sectors like Ashif Shaikh, Co-Founder, Jan Sahas, Vidya Shah, CEO, EdelGive Foundation, Anu Aga, Former Chairperson, Thermax Limited, Rati Forbes, Director, Forbes Marshall Group, Arun Maira, Former Member, Planning Commission of India, Kumar Gera, Chairman, Gera Developments Pvt. Ltd, Ashif Shaikh, Co-Founder, Jan Sahas, Lalita Vadia, Former migrant worker

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Jan Sahas, along with strategic partners- Global Development Incubator and EdelGive Foundation, is working with a wide range of partners and advisors to strengthen the MRC to implement. The strategic partners will provide support to the collaborative strategy, design and governance; program strategy and design; fund external stakeholder engagement and partner management.

'While the civil society, philanthropies, private and Govt. sector coalesced to provide relief to migrant community, there is a crying need to transition from relief to focus needs of migrant workers to build medium to long-term resilience as the country progresses on the long road to economic recovery and the possibility of multiple waves of COVID. endeavor to address these needs.' - Ashif Shaikh, Co-Founder, Jan Sahas.

'In the wake of the on-going pandemic, it has become critical to address the long road to recovery and resilience we foresee, particularly for communities such as migrant workers who are most vulnerable to such calamities. Through the Migrant Resilience Collaborative, we will enable access to entitlements and responsible recruitment for our migrant workers, strengthening initiatives towards their welfare and protection. At EdelGive Foundation, we are committed to supporting the collaborative and urge others to join us in our mission to support this community further.' - Vidya Shah, CEO, EdelGive Foundation.

'Economists consider workers as commodities in 'labour markets'---to be bought and sold at a price. And employers sadly treat them only as resources-to be used and discarded when no longer required. This must change because workers are human beings with citizens' rights and dignity.' - Arun Maira (Former Member Planning Commission)

In last few months, Jan Sahas has facilitated relief for >1 million families across 19 states working with 40+ CBOs and 40+ donors; contributed >1 million of the 4 million work for Govt's skill mapping initiative and facilitated BOCW registration for >58,000 workers.

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