

Migrants and Tribal Development Department in Maharashtra

The Tribal Development Department, Government of Maharashtra and Disha Foundation, Nasik have joined efforts to establish a Migration Resource Centre with support from the Revenue, Urban Land Ceiling, Municipal Corporation, and Public Works Departments. The Migration Resource Centre plans to generate data on migrant flows for better informed programmes and policies. It also intends to address migration at both the destination and source.

The Centre has a two-fold approach: firstly, it will facilitate migration to Nashik city during the migration period through livelihood skills building and job linkages, education and health services. Secondly, it will focus on the better implementation of existing government programmes at source villages of migrants in Nashik district, with the goal of reducing distress migration.

This Centre marks the culmination of seven years of advocacy by Disha Foundation to mainstream migration into government policies. The Central Ministry of Tribal Affairs has sanctioned a grant for the construction of the Migration Resource Centre and the Maharashtra state government has financed the programme cost for three years. The land for the construction of the centre has been allotted by the Urban Land Ceiling Department. The Tribal Ministry intends to pilot this initiative in Nashik and, based on the results, hopes to ensure its wider replication at the state and national level.

Source: Disha Foundation (www.dishafoundation.wordpress.com)
Social Inclusion of Internal Migrants in India, UNESCO, 2013