



# ANNUAL REPORT 2023-24



Don Bosco National Forum for the Young at Risk  
New Delhi





## INSTITUTIONS WHO CAN USE

- After-care
- Children Home
- Counselling
- Day Care
- De-Addiction
- Differently Aabled
- Fit / Childcare Home
- HIV/AIDS Affected
- HIV/AIDS Infected
- Hostel
- Leprosy Centre
- Life Skills
- Migrants
- Observation Home
- Old Age Home
- Open Shelter
- Place of Safety
- Reception Unit
- Special Home
- Shakti Sadan
- Study Centre
- VTC / ITI

## COMPONENTS OF HOMELINK DIGI

- Profile
- Call & Rescue - Street Presence
- After-care / Foster Care
- Staff / Volunteers
- Sponsorship
- Organization / Centre
- Events / Project & Program
- Services & Follow-up
- Community Empowerment
- Missing Children: Track & Trace

## HOMELINK DIGI

### (Data Intelligence for Global Interface)

Homelink DIGI is a digital platform that streamlines micro-studies, data driven decision-making and research; promotes network for proficiency publication and enhances services with these features:

- Customizable Tool
- Facial Recognition
- Instant Reporting
- Mobile Application
- Web Application



## BENEFITS OF HOMELINK DIGI

- Single & Multiple Users
- Comprehensive Documentation
- Digital Tracking
- Unlimited Storage
- Data Privacy & Security
- Quick & Easy Access
- Paperless & Eco-Friendly
- Data Analysis & Research
- Increased Productivity & Efficiency

## SERVICES

- Achievement
- Advocacy
- Camps
- Counselling
- CWC / JJB details
- De-Addiction
- Education
- Growth monitoring
- HIV/AIDS
- Home Enquiry
- Home Visit
- Hostel/Boarding
- Individual Care Plan
- Club Interventions
- Job Placement
- Medical
- Menstrual Cycle
- Parent Visit
- Post Restoration
- Room Placements
- Savings
- Scouts & Guides
- Social Investigation Report
- Special Service
- Sports Records
- Visit to Family
- Vocational Training

## WHO CAN BENEFIT?



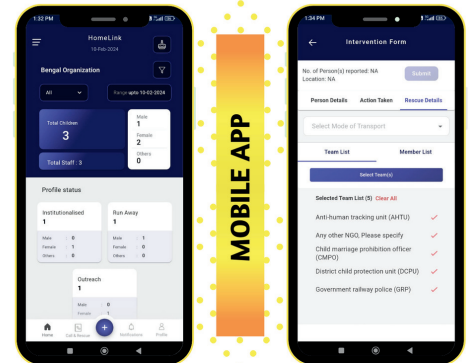
Don Bosco National Forum for the Young at Risk (DB YaR Forum) was established in 2002. Its mission is to reflect, share and coordinate services for South Asia's at-risk children and young people. The DB YaR Forum aims to collaborate with civil society, government and non-governmental organizations to influence relevant policies at the state, national and international levels. We have initiated a data-driven management and intervention planning supported by the latest technologies and practices. Homelink Network is an ongoing initiative to respond effectively to changing needs based on accurate documentation and data analysis. Homelink DIGI will assist in timely and factual monitoring and intervention planning for children and young people at risk. Over the years, Homelink Network has grown - with 90 partners.

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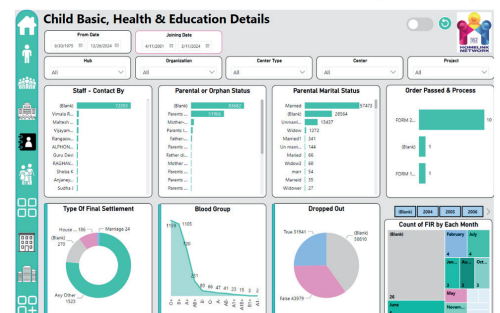
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The mobile application comes with a data entry feature and assists in monitoring and live reporting, making it easily accessible and instantly available for Data accountability.

## POWER BI REPORTS

A Power BI report is a multi-perspective pictorial report that presents various information and findings through charts and graphs. It offers clear visual insights that aid in understanding data, ensuring the effectiveness of service execution with comprehensive strategic planning.





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# DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

I present to you this Annual Report acknowledging our appreciation and thanks to Fr. Joseph Leo, the former National Director of Homelink Network and Joint Secretary of the YaR (Young at Risk) Forum from June 2021 to May 2023. During his tenure, he initiated the requirement study and to update Child MISS (Management Information System and Services) with latest technological development.

Homelink Network is the earliest and longest running programme of Don Bosco National Forum for the Young at Risk (DB YaR Forum). This ecosystem was launched in 2002 to nurture formidable initiatives for the Young at Risk. At the heart of Homelink Network's approach is to establish an effective web-based documentation tool for NGOs providing services to vulnerable and marginalized people and to track and trace the missing children.

Homelink Child MISS ensures appropriate timely response to the needs of the young at risk, based on accurate documentation and data analysis supported by the best of technologies available today.

Homelink DIGI (Data Intelligence for Global Interface) is a digital platform that streamlines micro-studies, data driven decision-making and research; promotes network for proficiency in live reporting and monitoring, easily accessible and instantly available for data accountability. The national and regional (Hub) staffs are enormously contributed for its development.

Homelink Network focuses on transformational and digital changes by building skills and capacities, providing them with technical skills and steering guidance to its partners. It aims to achieve convergence and build robust partnership ecosystem that enables us to advocate for the rights of the children and young people.

Right now, Homelink Network has 8 Hubs and 87 Nodes, who form the network. Membership in Homelink Network with access to DIGI, is open to all organizations who share the ideal of scientific, data-led, collaborative approach to Child Rights and concerns of the Young at Risk. These network partners track the vulnerable children and offer them various services, like education, medication, technical training, life skills, counseling, guidance, etc.

I am extremely happy to express my grateful appreciation for the committed service rendered by our YaR and Homelink Network Partners.

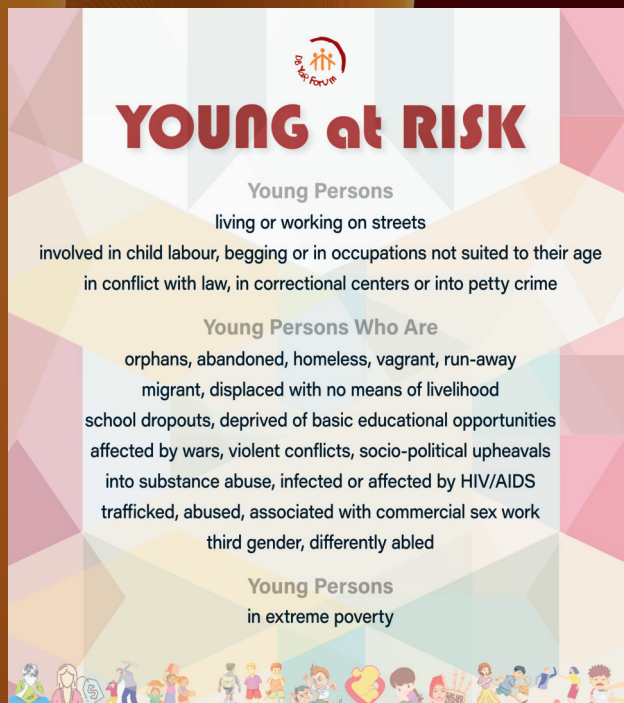


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Joe Prabu SDB  
National Director & Homelink Network



# DON BOSCO NATIONAL FORUM FOR THE YOUNG AT RISK



The Don Bosco National Forum for the Young at Risk (DB YaR Forum) stands as a keystone network in India, passionately committed to safeguarding the welfare, fostering the growth, and upholding the rights of vulnerable children and young adults. With a robust presence of over 80 member institutions spread across 20 states and union territories, DB YaR Forum offers a comprehensive array of services. These include vital initiatives such as street presence, rescue operations, safe shelters, and after-care facilities. DB YaR Forum's unwavering mission revolves around accompanying and protecting these young individuals, ensuring they have access to nurturing environments conducive to their holistic development, active participation, and preservation of their inherent dignity.

The Homelink Network, an initiative launched by the DB YaR Forum in 2002, stands as a beacon of hope for at-risk youth across India. Its primary objective is to deliver timely and precise responses to the multifaceted needs of vulnerable young individuals. Central to its approach is the cultivation of a culture rooted in data-driven decision-making and proactive intervention planning, leveraging cutting-edge technology. This integrated framework empowers stakeholders to monitor real-time trends and anticipate emerging challenges, ensuring swift and targeted support for youth in distress. Spanning 8 strategic Hubs and multiple Nodes nationwide, the Homelink Network functions as a cohesive ecosystem of over 87 member organizations. These entities are intricately connected through the Homelink Child MISS web tool, a robust platform housing comprehensive data on more than 3,98,141 children. This wealth of information serves as the cornerstone for informed decision-making and collaborative efforts aimed at safeguarding the well-being and future prospects of vulnerable youth.





# HOMELINK NETWORK TEAM

## NATIONAL TEAM



Fr. Joseph Prabu  
Homelink National Director



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Technical Manager



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National Data Management  
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## HUB TEAM

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Hub Director



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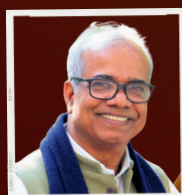


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Hub Coordinator

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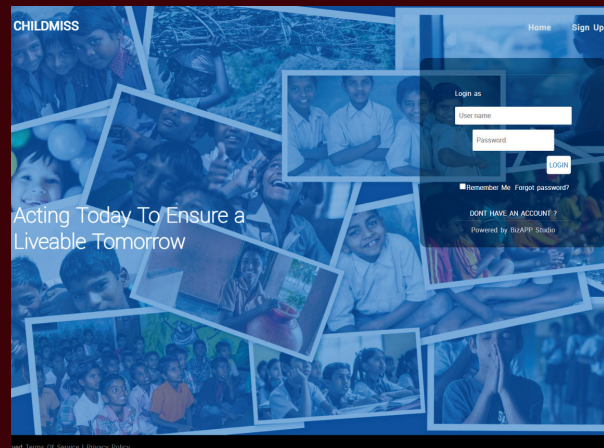


Ms. Jacqueline  
Hub Coordinator

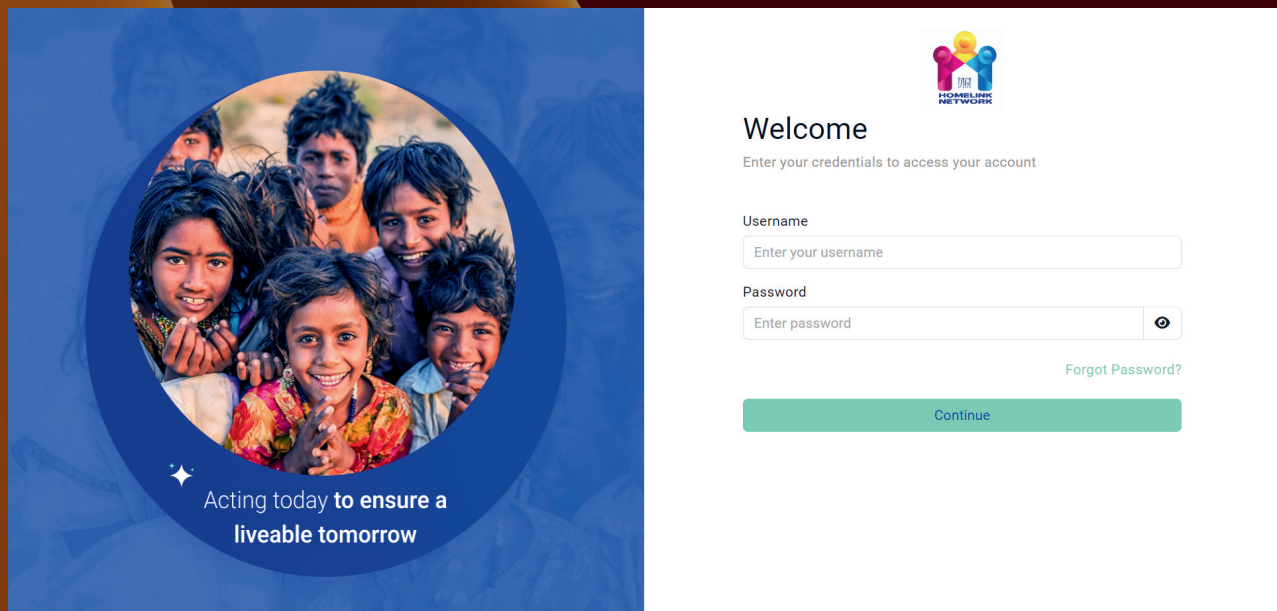


# TRANSITION FROM HOMELINK CHILD MISS TO HOMELINK DIGI

Child MISS (Management Information System and Services) stands as a cornerstone in our mission, offering a robust online platform for managing, monitoring, and reporting services for at-risk youth. With its secure framework and integration with various tools, Child MISS empowers organizations to elevate their efforts through data-driven approaches. Currently utilized by over 87 NGOs, it streamlines service systematic documentation, leading to data analysis and research, fostering a more efficient and impactful response to the needs of vulnerable children.



The transition from Child MISS to Homelink DIGI marks a pivotal moment driven by necessity and significance. In the face of unexpected challenges, including the closure of AppPoint Software Solutions, our commitment to innovation remains unwavering. Through collaboration with Elait IT Technology Services Pvt. Ltd and Cateina Technologies Pvt. Ltd, we embarked on a journey of transformation. Homelink DIGI emerged as a testament to our adaptability and determination to overcome obstacles, ensuring uninterrupted support for at-risk youth and partner organizations.



Beyond technological advancements, Homelink is a Network of organization focussed on the cause of Child Rights. This collaboration embodies unity and determination, reflects our collective dedication to serve those in need. As we embrace Homelink DIGI, we acknowledge the new change with optimism, recognizing its potential to transform lives and build futures. Each upgrade and enhancement symbolize our commitment to making a tangible difference in the lives of vulnerable children and youth. With hearts full of hope and hands joined in solidarity, we embark on this new chapter, driven by a shared vision of creating positive change in our communities.

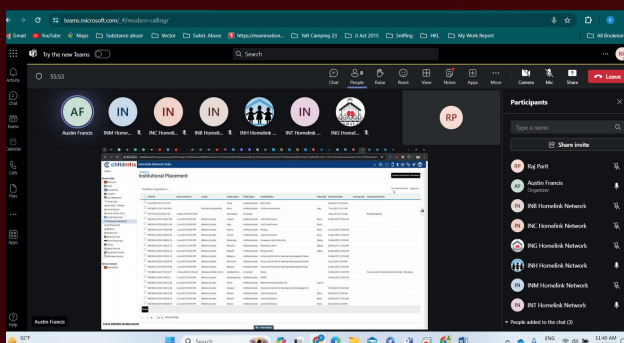
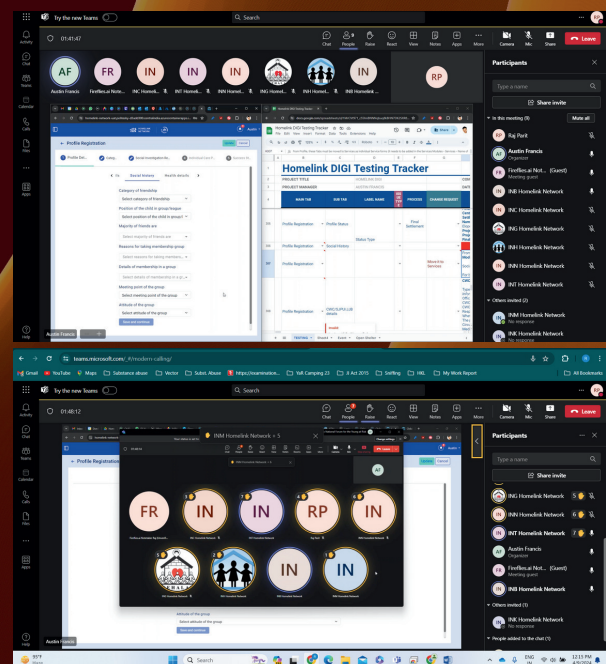


# THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE HOMELINK DIGI

## Data Intelligence for Global Interface - DIGI

Exciting developments are underway with Homelink DIGI (Data Intelligence for Global Interface), marking a significant step forward in our mission to protect vulnerable youth. Currently, we are advancing the integration of the Child PPa (Peoples Protection App) with Facial Recognition API (Application Programming Interface) into our web portal, a crucial advancement in enhancing child protection measures. In parallel, the second phase of testing is in progress, reflecting updated requirements to ensure seamless functionality. Furthermore, substantial steps have been made in rectifying Child MISS data inaccuracies, with over half of the corrections completed and data migration efforts underway. Additionally, the development of Power BI templates is nearing completion, promising enhanced data visualization capabilities and comprehensive reporting functionalities.

Homelink DIGI stands as a beacon of innovation, featuring live dashboards, cloud storage capabilities, and AI integration to bolster productivity and child protection efforts. A notable feature is its seamless integration with the People Protection App (PPa), harnessing biometric and facial recognition technologies to expedite the reunification of missing children with their families. Moreover, DIGI serves as a hub for comprehensive analysis, research initiatives, and digital data storage, signifying a strategic shift towards innovation and broader societal impact within the Homelink Network. These advancements not only streamline operations but also reinforce our commitment to leveraging technology for the betterment of vulnerable youngsters.



Homelink technical team organized virtual sessions to introduce the new web portal, Homelink DIGI, to Hub Coordinators to verify and validate the product development. We conducted over 50 pulse demo data entry testing sessions to ensure seamless functionality, with UAT (User Acceptance Testing) to deliver a polished tool.



# NATIONAL STATISTICS

## CHILD STATUS

Hubs	Children Contacted			Institutionalized			Restoration			In Contact			Out of Contact		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
<b>Bangalore</b>	<b>6567</b>	4738	1829	<b>2,267</b>	1,298	969	<b>4,385</b>	3,956	429	<b>1,006</b>	320	686	<b>690</b>	165	525
<b>Chennai</b>	<b>443</b>	132	311	<b>427</b>	244	183	<b>201</b>	49	152	<b>120</b>	56	64	<b>52</b>	-	52
<b>Coimbatore</b>	<b>2463</b>	1084	1379	<b>367</b>	227	140	<b>1,115</b>	478	637	<b>979</b>	464	515	<b>8</b>	-	8
<b>Delhi</b>	<b>476</b>	366	110	<b>114</b>	101	13	<b>261</b>	260	1	<b>178</b>	74	104	<b>4</b>	3	1
<b>Guwahati</b>	<b>245</b>	126	119	<b>369</b>	213	156	<b>55</b>	32	23	<b>145</b>	62	83	<b>-</b>	-	-
<b>Hyderabad</b>	<b>2588</b>	1384	1204	<b>539</b>	412	127	<b>495</b>	415	80	<b>1,888</b>	807	1,081	<b>8</b>	3	5
<b>Kolkata</b>	<b>1018</b>	449	569	<b>278</b>	149	129	<b>230</b>	137	93	<b>206</b>	103	103	<b>125</b>	57	68
<b>Mumbai</b>	<b>162</b>	162	-	<b>446</b>	403	43	<b>76</b>	76	-	<b>21</b>	21	-	<b>-</b>	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>13962</b>	<b>8441</b>	<b>5521</b>	<b>4,807</b>	<b>3,047</b>	<b>1,760</b>	<b>6,818</b>	<b>5,403</b>	<b>1,415</b>	<b>4,543</b>	<b>1,907</b>	<b>2,636</b>	<b>887</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>659</b>

Children contacted, based on the date of entry recorded in the Child MISS tool at the time of exporting.

The data represents the current statistics of institutionalized children, based on the exported date.

In the financial year 2023-24, a total of 6,814 children have been successfully reunited with their parents/guardians or placed in suitable institutions.

In-contact children include all the children who are reached through community programs and supported by the institutions within the families.

Out-of-contact children represent those who were reached through community programs but are currently not receiving services or support from the network institutions.

A total of 13,962 new data entries have been collected through the Child MISS Web Portal with the assistance of 8 hubs.



# NATIONAL STATISTICS

SERVICES											
Hubs	Total	Camp	Counselling	Education	Parent Visit	Home Visit	Job Placement	Medical	Vocational	HIV/ AIDS	Others
Bangalore	5,349	93	1,543	781	1,459	476	97	416	462	-	22
Chennai	2,864	-	95	237	576	193	1	274	156	1,318	14
Coimbatore	2,280	-	851	-	763	141	-	350	64	-	111
Delhi	1,501	134	872	152	52	11	4	261	7	-	8
Guwahati	1,239	-	579	189	143	118	3	159	-	-	48
Hyderabad	1,801	-	932	156	43	234	2	393	41	-	-
Kolkata	732	-	-	486	64	174	3	-	1	-	4
Mumbai	2,112	-	419	197	498	144	2	748	10	-	94
Total	17,878	227	5,291	2,198	3,598	1,491	112	2,601	741	1,318	301

Data was exported based on the date of entry (date entered) provided in the system.

A total of 17,878 services were documented through Child MISS.

The most frequently utilized service modules in Child MISS are counseling, parent visits, education, and medical.

"Others" includes the services rendered to children that are not presented in the table.



# NATIONAL STATISTICS

## MODULES

Hubs	Total	Missing Children		Caring Community	Caring Community Members	Volunteer	Event Management	Help & Rescue			Others
		Complaint	Traced					Calls	Rescue	Total	
Bangalore	747	57	25	29	171	50	360	23	21	44	11
Chennai	551	-	-	36	245	24	182	-	-	-	64
Coimbatore	1,893	2	1	59	541	112	359	474	336	810	9
Delhi	1,028	3	1	-	-	21	355	629	-	629	19
Guwahati	148	4	-	1	-	81	60	-	-	-	2
Hyderabad	5,145	-	-	-	-	8	5,130	1	-	1	6
Kolkata	1,520	-	-	1	1	4	163	660	679	1,339	12
Mumbai	72	1	-	-	-	2	68	-	-	-	1
Total	11,104	67	27	126	958	302	6,677	1,787	1,036	2,823	124

Data was exported based on the date of entry (date entered) provided in the system.

Child MISS has recorded 11,104 entries in various modules, excluding services, follow-ups, and child profiles (Basic and Further).

The Help and Rescue module was utilized to document the calls received and rescue operations conducted by the organization, resulting in a total of 2,823 entries.

"Others" includes the Sponsorship, Success Story and Project Management modules that are not presented in the table.

Additionally, 3,341 individuals were documented under the Basic Profile (Child Basic) module. This module records only basic details of each individual. In Child MISS, after entering the basic information, the data entry person must complete the further profiles. If these profiles are not completed, the documentation is considered partially complete and categorized under the Basic Profile.



# NATIONAL STATISTICS

FOLLOW- UP							
Hubs	Total	Child Achievement	Education	Parent Visit	Home Visit by Child	CWC	Others
Bangalore	3,653	196	26	157	11	3,242	21
Chennai	64	27	1	-	36	-	-
Coimbatore	31	26	-	-	4	-	1
Delhi	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Guwahati	68	13	-	-	-	55	-
Hyderabad	11	3	-	-	8	-	-
Kolkata	16	16	-	-	-	-	-
Mumbai	1,120	350	756	14	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,963</b>	<b>631</b>	<b>783</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>3,297</b>	<b>22</b>

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Follow-up is an additional module within Child MISS that organizations use to record the progress of the services that have been provided to individual children.

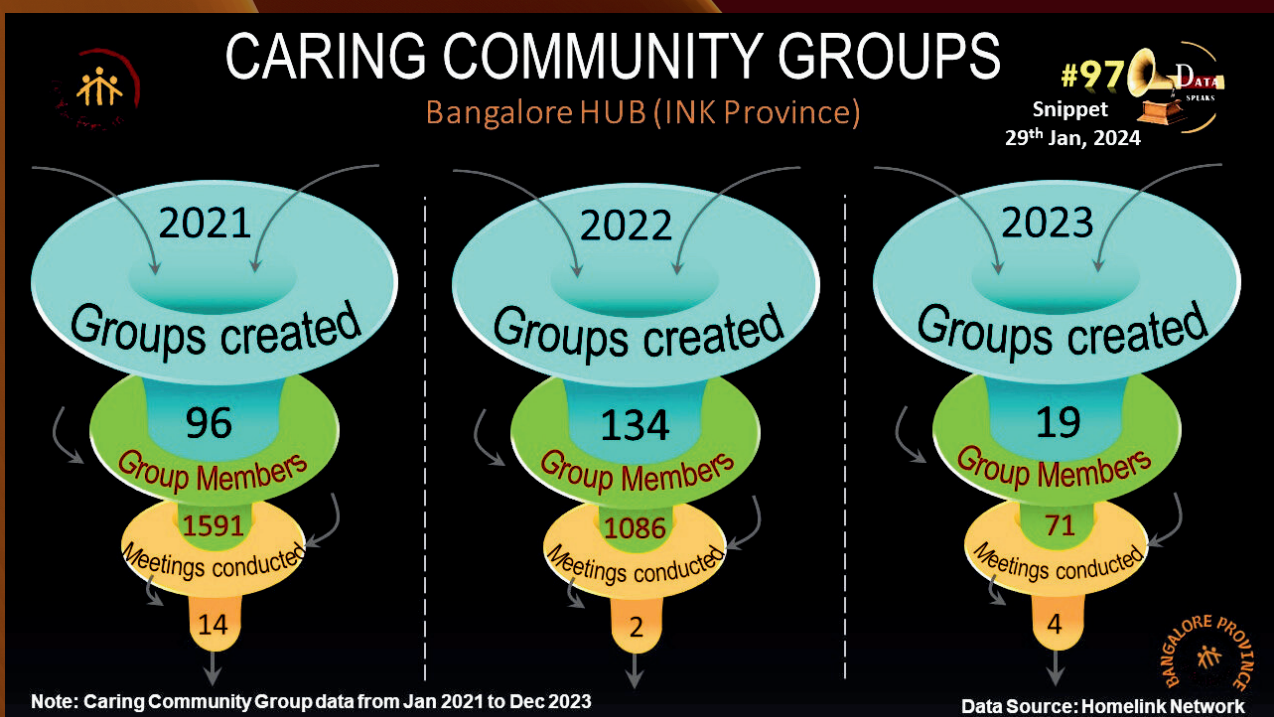
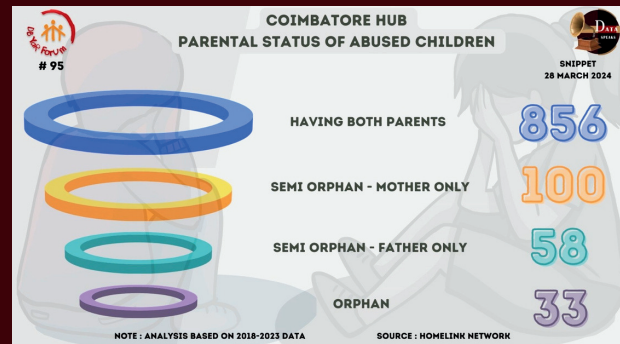
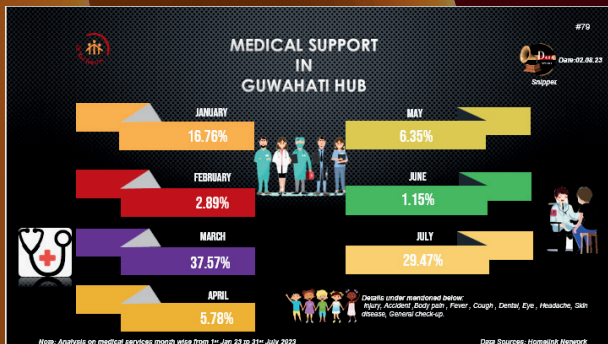
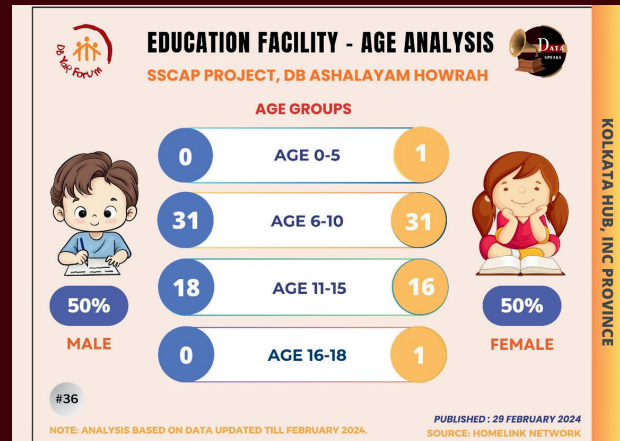
The most frequently utilized follow-up modules in Child MISS were CWC (Child Welfare Committee), Education, Child Achievement, and Vocational Training.

"Others" include the follow-ups made for children such as Camp - 16, Home Placement - 2, Job Placement - 2 and Vocational Training - 2.



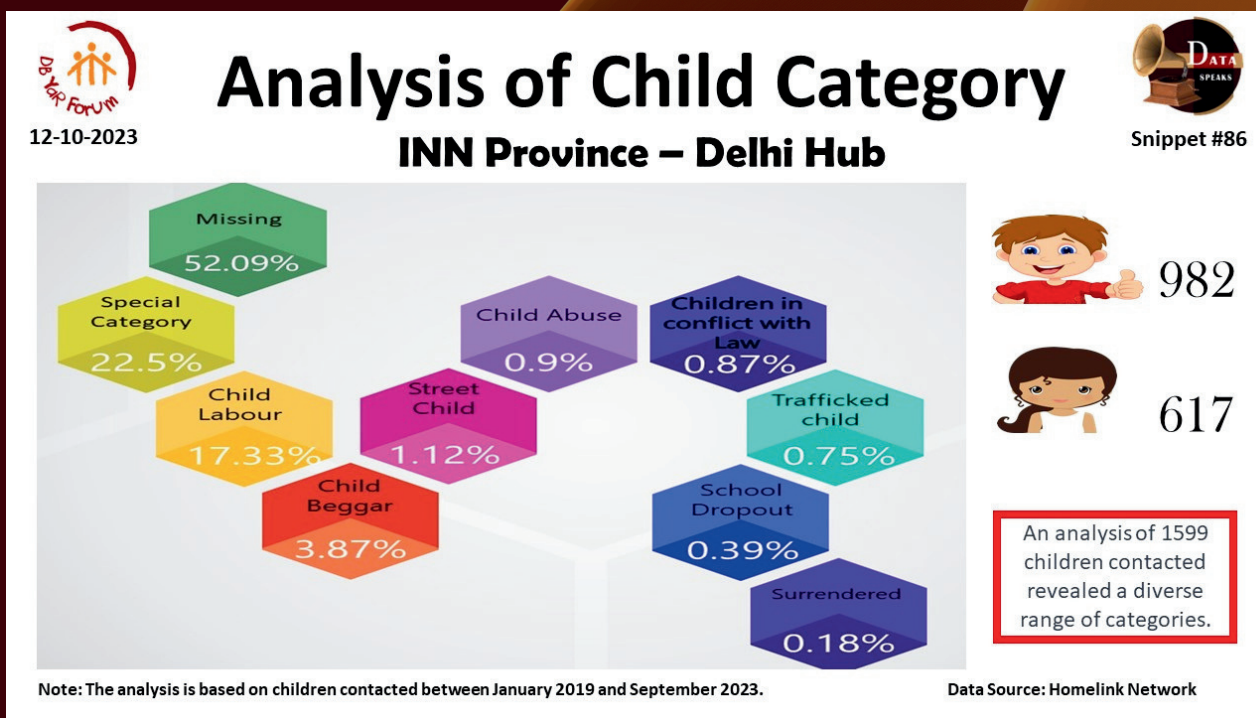
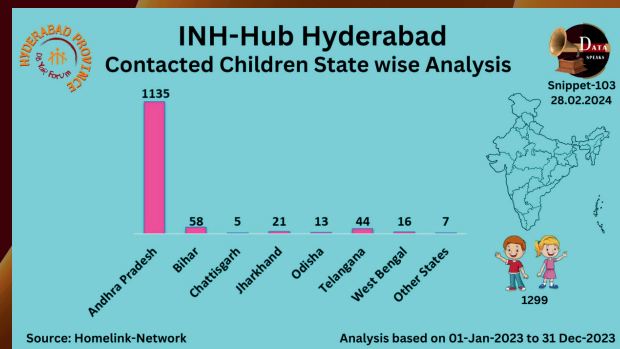
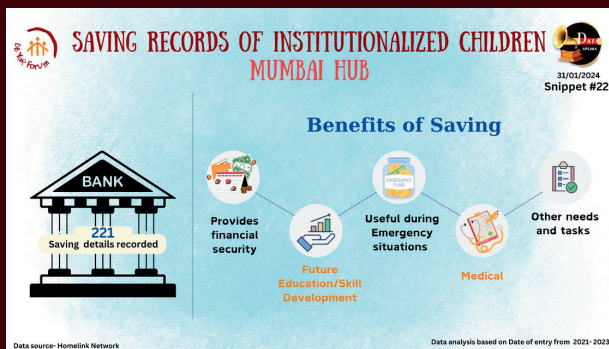
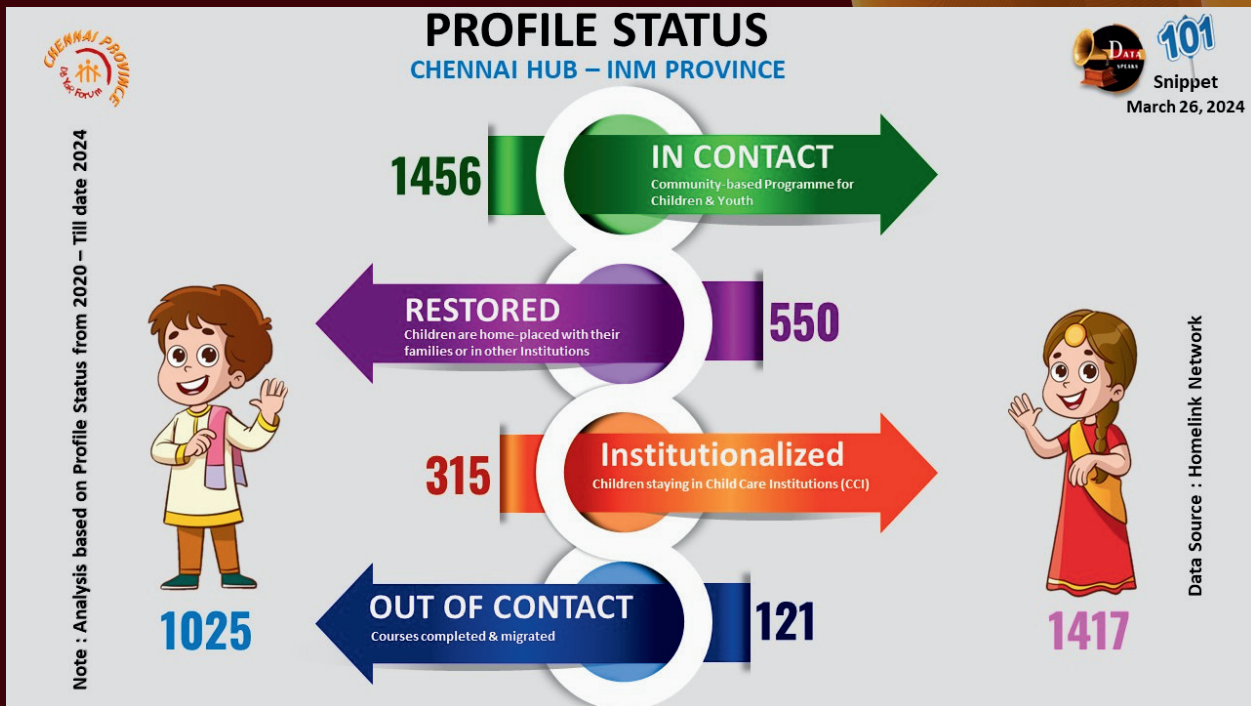
# SNIPPETS

"Data Speaks" represents a groundbreaking effort by the Don Bosco National Forum for Young at Risk and the Homelink Network, championing a culture of data-driven management. Through the utilization of statistical data from the Child MISS tool, it brings attention to the essential work being done to support at-risk youth. These curated insights serve to amplify awareness and acknowledgment of the ongoing endeavors to protect and empower youth across a wider audience.





# SNIPPETS





# LAUNCH OF THE YAR CAMPAIGN

The launch of the YaR Campaign, titled 'Healthy Mind, Healthy Life,' marked a significant milestone in our efforts to promote well-being among children and young adults. Hubs and centers actively promoted and engaged with children and young adults to raise awareness about the campaign. Through various sessions and training programs organized by the Hubs and Provinces, efforts were made to disseminate awareness and empower individuals with knowledge about maintaining a healthy mind and lifestyle.



Every month, a different Hub releases a Flipbook, meticulously aligned with the YaR Campaign's theme, "Healthy Mind, Healthy Life." Crafted with care, these interactive publications offer invaluable insights for caregivers and parents, guiding the nurturing of children and young adults' mental well-being.

The Flipbooks released during the reporting period

Hubs	Topics
Bangalore Hub	Physical Health & Mental Well-being
Chennai Hub	Bullying and Cyberbullying
Coimbatore Hub	Stress Management
Delhi Hub	Anxiety and Depression
Guwahati Hub	Self-Care Practices
The Flipbooks will be released in upcoming months	
Kolkata Hub	Online Safety and Mental Health
Hyderabad Hub	Mindfulness and Meditation
Mumbai Hub	Mental Health Stigma

These efforts underscore each hub's steadfast commitment to promoting mental well-being and addressing societal issues.

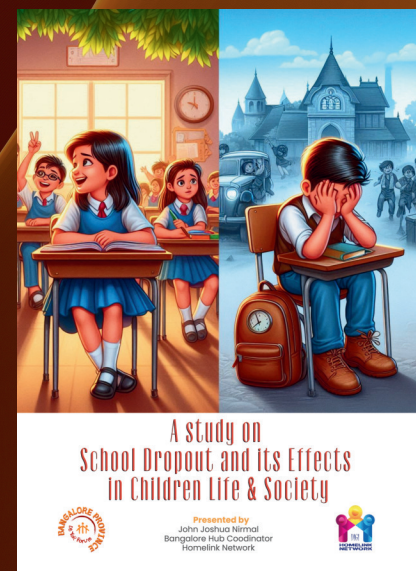
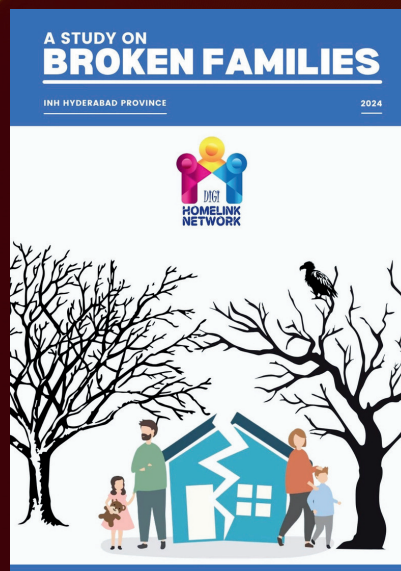
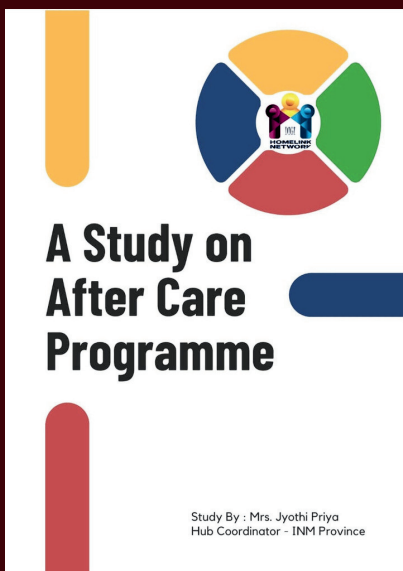


# MINI RESEARCH

Homelink's network of 8 hubs is actively engaged in developing Mini Research initiatives to address pressing issues impacting vulnerable children and young adults. Each hub has meticulously selected a topic of significance to explore into. Currently, in the draft phase, this research is poised to shed light on critical challenges and inform targeted interventions. Here are the chosen topics of respective hubs:

These initiatives signify Homelink's unwavering commitment to understanding and addressing critical issues facing our communities, with each hub playing a vital role in driving positive change and fostering a safer environment for all.

Hubs	Topics
Bangalore Hub	School Dropout and its Effects in Children's Life & Society
Chennai Hub	After-care Programme
Coimbatore Hub	Child Abuse
Delhi Hub	Street Child Beggars
Guwahati Hub	Child Labour
Hyderabad Hub	Broken Families
Kolkata Hub	Impact of Bridge Education on Slum Children
Mumbai Hub	Restored Children





# HOMELINK ADAPTED NEW LOGO

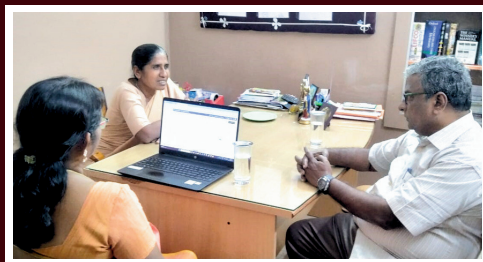


The Homelink Network has embraced a new logo as part of its vision to modernize its approaches and systems. This change reflects our commitment to staying current with technological advancements and enhancing our operational framework. The new tri-colour logo symbolizes a holistic approach to the development of children, communities, and stakeholders, emphasizing our dedication to positive change and technological integration.

In addition, the Homelink DIGI web tool now boasts three new features: Facial Recognition, a customizable web and mobile application, and instant reporting with Power BI. These enhancements significantly strengthen the Homelink Network's capacity to work effectively and manage documentation efficiently.

## VISIT BY HOMELINK NATIONAL DIRECTOR

During this period, the Homelink National Director embarked on impactful visits to all eight Hubs twice in the financial year. These strategic engagements were meticulously planned to foster direct interaction with field teams, providing invaluable opportunities to glean insights into their experiences and challenges pertaining to data entry and report generation. With a keen emphasis on fostering robust capacity building among team members, these visits underscored a steadfast commitment to fostering a culture of continuous improvement and collaborative teamwork in pursuit of data-driven management excellence.





# TRAININGS AND MEETINGS

## NATIONAL TRAINING AND LAUNCH OF HOMELINK DIGI (DATA INTELLIGENCE FOR GLOBAL INTERFACE)



In a motivated stride towards digital empowerment, DB YaR Forum spearheaded a groundbreaking training initiative titled **"Digital Innovation and Social Transformation"** in the fascinating landscapes of Goa, from 17 to 19 January 2024. This transformative event, strategically composed, aimed to strengthen the capabilities of Hub Directors, Coordinators, and esteemed delegates from 11 provinces, propelling them into the digital era with expertise and assurance.



With a resounding call to action, the training, boasted the participation of 30 eager minds, epitomized the convergence of innovation and societal transformation. Facilitated by the visionary Elait team, the developers of DIGI, the sessions served as a crucible for fostering a paradigm shift towards digital prowess and organizational excellence. Through a meticulously curated curriculum, participants were immersed in the art of harnessing digital innovation as a catalyst for tangible social impact, forging a path towards a future marked by empowerment and progress.





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## HOMELINK TRAINING FOR OTHER NGO, PARTNERS AND COLLABORATORS

The Bangalore Hub Coordinator, along with Mr. Austin Francis, the National Deployment Coordinator, have been taking up with WeLive Foundation for the promotion of Homelink DIGI. The management of WeLive Foundation have decided to register with Homelink Network and use the DIGI tool for Aftercare program of young men and women.



Hub Coordinator, Ms. Jyothi Priya, presented the Homelink Documentation system and outlined the broader perspective of Digitalization of Documentation to 32 MSW students from 5 different colleges in Chennai at Marialaya. The coordinator explained the workings of YaR and its services. The digital documentation was well received and appreciated by the students.

During the Silver Jubilee Symposium of Tiruchy province, the Coimbatore Hub Coordinator presented the Homelink Documentation system and the newly developed Homelink DIGI. Around 250 members were present in the event. The active interaction shown by the members' present was significant.



At the NGO meet held at Don Bosco Ashalayam, Delhi, 184 participants from 15 different NGOs were in attendance. Hub Coordinator, briefed the attendees about Homelink DIGI and demonstrated its features. Additionally, the event included engaging activities such as dance performances, singing competitions, drawing competitions, and more.

A program was organized by the CWC Mumbai and the Hub Coordinator, initiated awareness on the importance of digitalization and documentation to enhance the overall productivity of Service delivery. The coordinator elaborated that Homelink DIGI, the upcoming web application, is equipped with modern technology with better intervention strategies.

Additionally, the coordinator presented the Homelink DIGI to the National Coordinator of YaR (Young at Risk) of FMA Sisters (Salesian Sisters of Don Bosco) to take it forward to other FMA YaR Centres in the country.



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## TRAINING ON CHILDREN'S ISSUES

Eight hubs have organized a 16-pulse training session for children and young adults, focusing on promoting "Healthy Mind, Healthy Life" and raising awareness about child rights, digital presence, and safe browsing. Discussions led by representatives emphasized overall well-being. Children participated in award ceremonies and cultural programs to highlight their talents. Additional activities included talks on health and hygiene, interactive sessions, games, and competitions.



Educational activities and community-building initiatives emphasized children's rights, well-being, and self-esteem. The events also featured healthy competitions for children from different villages, awareness rallies, programs focusing on children's issues, and conferences engaging students and youth.





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## HOMELINK TRAINING IN CHENNAI



The Hub Coordinators participated in a two-day (22-23 Sept) training program focused on designing reports with optimal formats and colour combinations to elevate the quality of the reports. This training delved into problem-solving skills, emphasizing the application of technology and digital tools to support children, caretakers, and the community in collaboration with management. The program aimed to enhance the coordinators' ability to create impactful reports while also addressing challenges through innovative technological solutions. By honing these skills, the coordinators are better equipped to contribute to the well-being of children and foster stronger connections with the community. This training signifies a commitment to continuous improvement and the utilization of technology for positive outcomes in the field of social work.

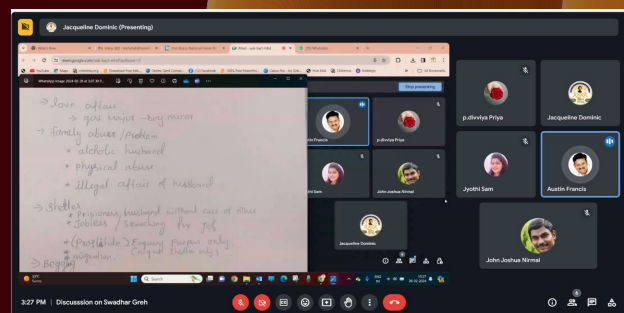
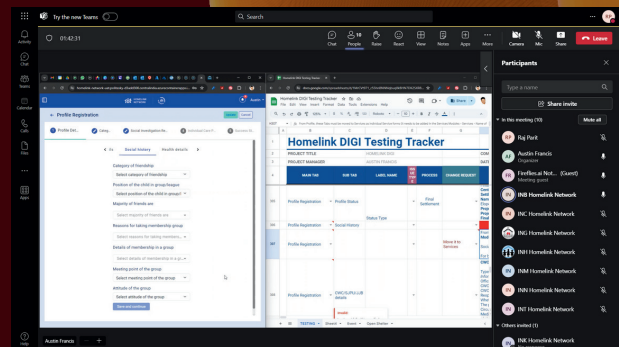




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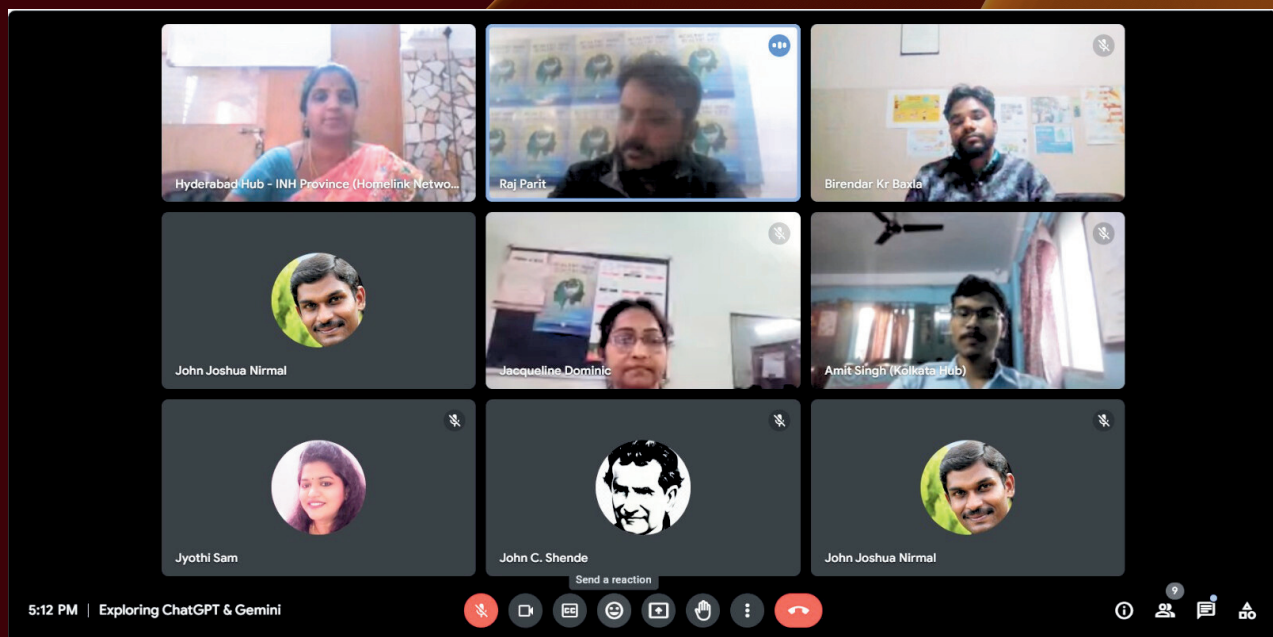
## HOMELINK DIGI DEVELOPMENT REQUIREMENTS

In September 2023, Homelink conducted two half-day virtual training sessions to unveil the new web portal, Homelink DIGI, exclusively for Hub Coordinators and the national team. Led by the Elait Team, developers of the tool, these sessions featured comprehensive presentations on the portal's features and structure. Despite the physical distance, the collaborative approach fostered effective communication, with the Hub team in Chennai and the Elait team virtually presenting. Additionally, over 75 demo data entry testing sessions were meticulously organized by the Homelink National Team to ensure seamless functionality. These sessions, designed for Hub Coordinators, aimed to identify, and address any potential drawbacks before the final release, emphasizing our commitment to delivering a polished and effective tool.



## EXPLORING CHAT GPT & GEMINI

An induction program on AI was conducted for the Hub Coordinators by Mr. Raj Parit, the National Programme Coordinator, aiming to immerse them in the realm of artificial intelligence. The initiative aimed to acquaint them with upcoming technologies and equip them to embrace the future, benefiting partner organizations. Through this program, hub coordinators acquired knowledge and are using AI in various tasks, significantly enhancing efficiency through technological integration.

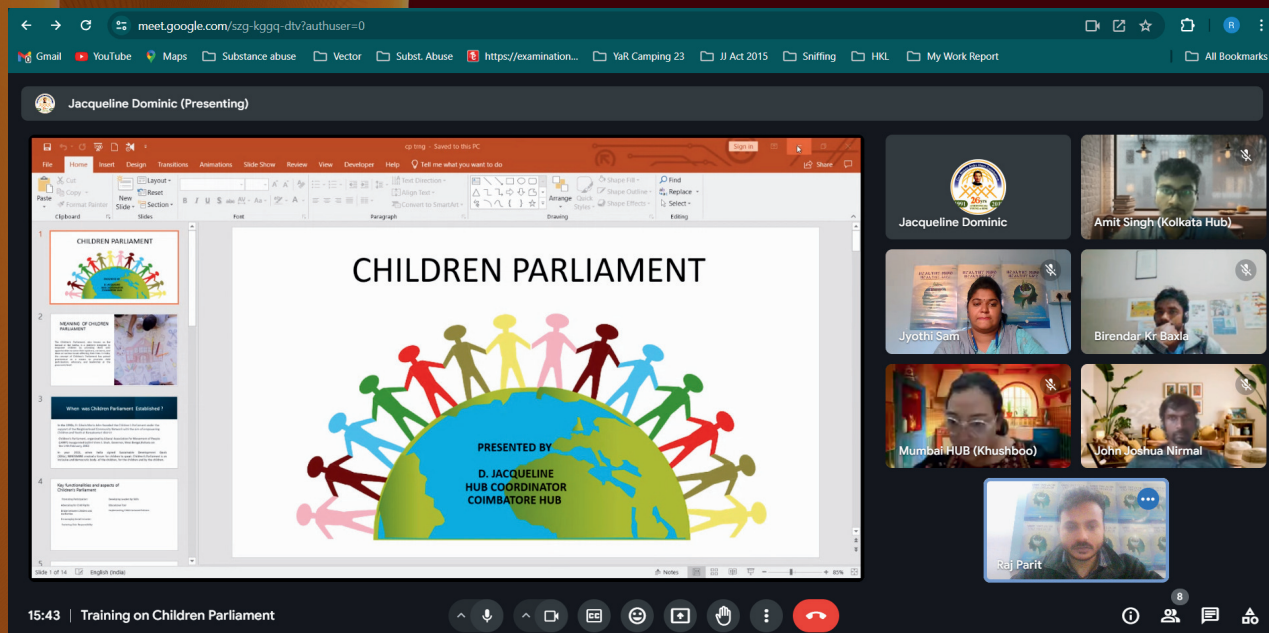




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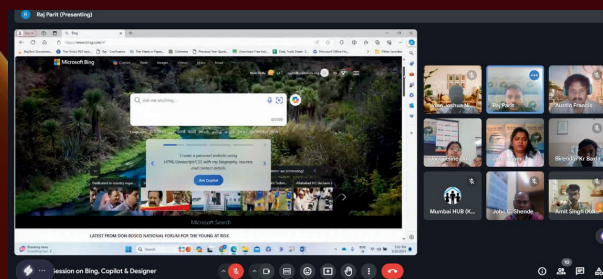
## TRAINING ON CHILDRENS' PARLIAMENT

Ms. Jacqueline, the Hub Coordinator of the Coimbatore Hub, conducted a virtual session on Children's Parliament. The aim was to disseminate knowledge about the concept and facilitate practical implementation.



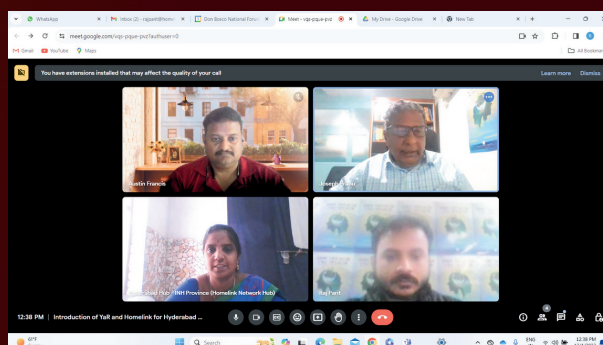
## SESSION ON BING, COPILOT & DESIGNER

A follow-up training session was conducted on Microsoft Bing, Copilot, and Designer to further enhance participants' browsing capabilities using AI. The session also focused on utilizing Bing Image Creator and Designer to create visually appealing images and graphics for reports and analysis presentations.



## INDUCTION TRAINING FOR NEW HUB COORDINATOR

In the financial year 2023-24, two new Hub coordinators, Mr. Amit Singh for the Kolkata Hub, and Ms. Swanra Gowri for the Hyderabad Hub, were appointed. To equip them for their roles, the national team and existing Hub Coordinators conducted comprehensive training covering all aspects of Child MISS and related tools. This training encompassed essential skills such as utilizing infographics, Canva, and Pivot charts, crucial for effective data analysis and enhancing visibility.

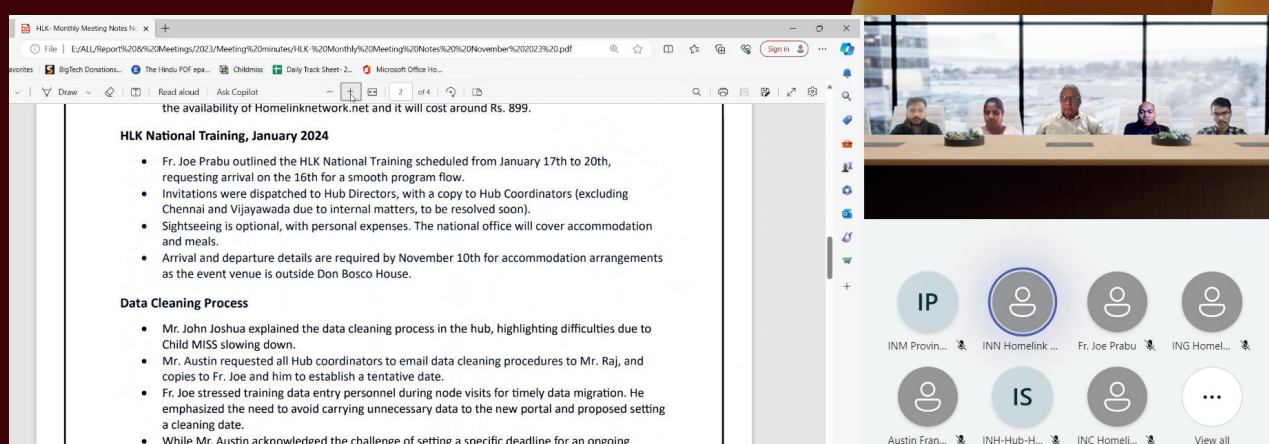
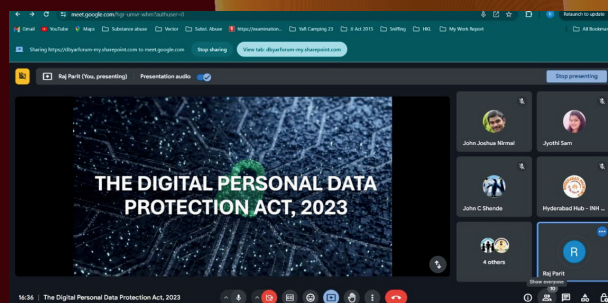




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## DIGITAL PERSONAL DATA PROTECTION ACT, 2023

The Government of India enacted the Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023, to safeguard digital personal data. Mr. Raj Parit provided an overview to the Hub coordinators, sharing best practices for documentation. The Act governs the processing of digital personal data, balancing individual data protection rights with lawful data processing needs. It outlines Data Fiduciaries' obligations in data processing, Data Principals' rights and duties, and imposes financial penalties for breaches of these rights, duties, and obligations.



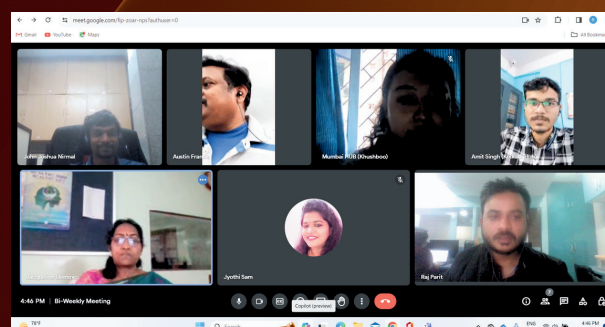
## 11 MONTHLY MEETINGS

Each month, the Homelink Network facilitates evaluations, bringing together the eight hub coordinators and the Homelink National team to review their activities, accomplishments, and future plans. These sessions also serve as platforms to address documentation maintenance and research and analysis by the institutions. In the past year, we successfully conducted eleven monthly meetings.



## 12 BY-MONTHLY MEETINGS

Over the course of the year, the Homelink team convened 12 bi-monthly meetings, focusing on reviewing the activities undertaken in the preceding weeks and strategizing for the weeks ahead. These sessions offered a chance for self-assessment and introspection, ensuring that all activities remained in line with our overarching goals and objectives.





# YAR AWARDS 2023

Homelink Service of Excellence  
Best Hub Coordinator Award  
Mr. Jonnalagadda Prasad  
Coordinator, Hyderabad Hub



Homelink Service of Excellence  
Best Node Award  
BOSCO, Bangalore

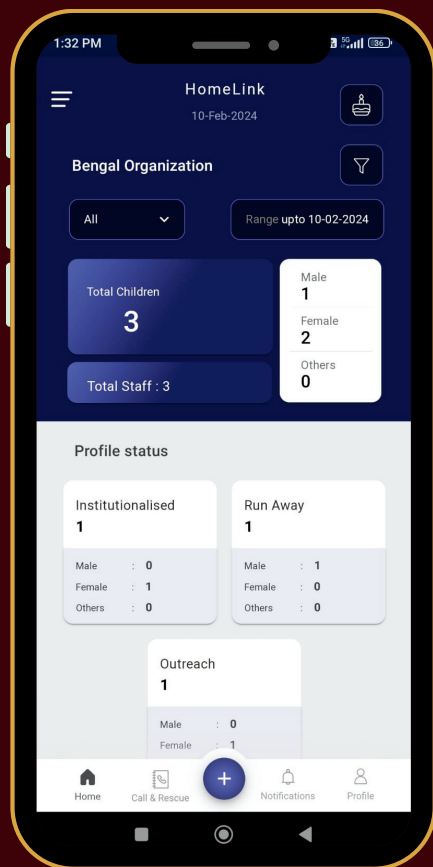


Personalities of DB YaR Forum  
Award

Mr. Aniruddha Bhattacharyya  
CWC Member Howrah  
Former Homelink Hub  
Coordinator - Kolkata Hub -  
Province of Kolkata







## MOBILE APP

The mobile application comes with a data entry feature and assists in monitoring and live reporting, making it easily accessible and instantly available for Data accountability.

**Intervention Form**

No. of Person(s) reported: NA  
Location: NA [Submit]

Person Details | Action Taken | Rescue Details

Select Mode of Transport [v]

Team List | Member List

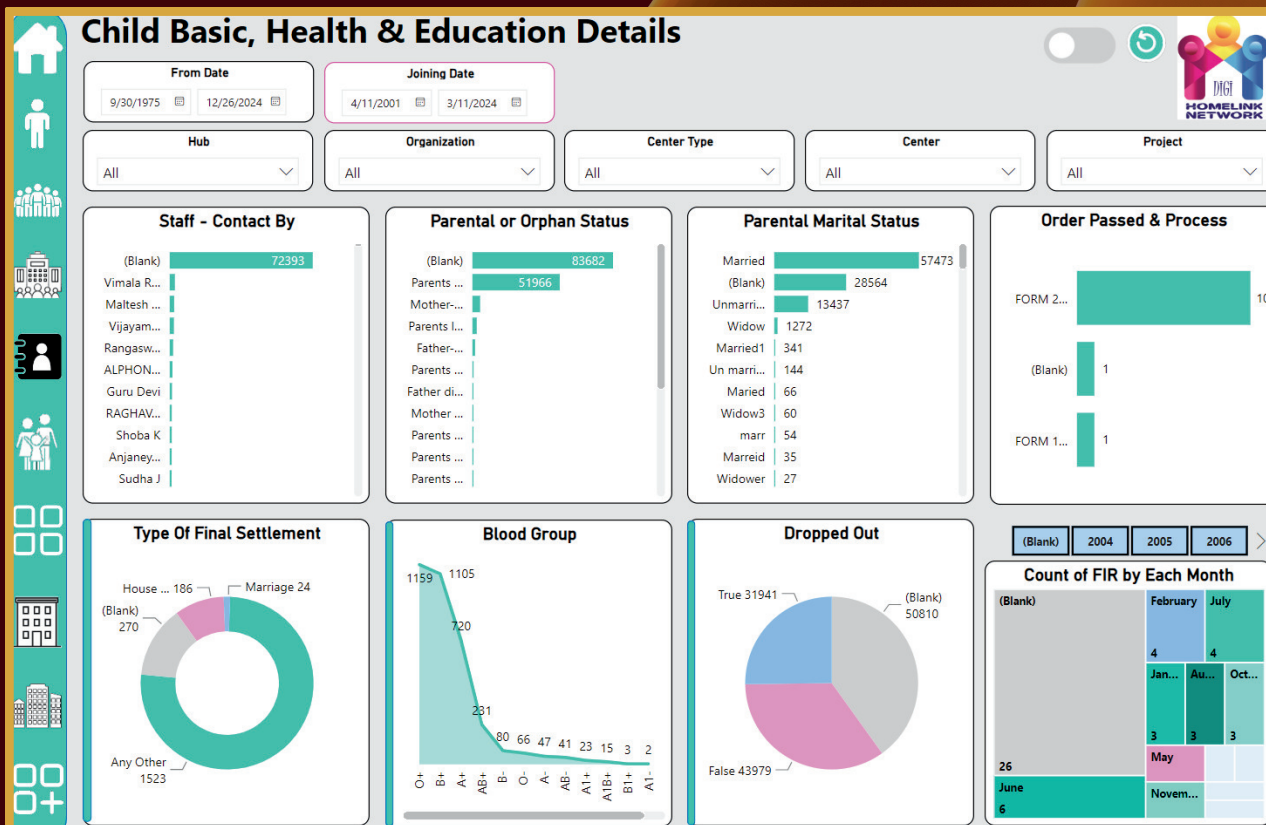
Select Team(s)

Selected Team List (5) **Clear All**

- Anti-human tracking unit (AHTU) ✓
- Any other NGO, Please specify ✓
- Child marriage prohibition officer (CMPPO) ✓
- District child protection unit (DCPU) ✓
- Government railway police (GRP) ✓

## POWER BI REPORTS IN HOMELINK DIGI

A Power BI report is a multi-perspective pictorial report that presents various information and findings through charts and graphs. It offers clear visual insights that aid in understanding data, ensuring the effectiveness of service execution with comprehensive strategic planning.





# HOMELINK NETWORK

Homelink Network is an on going initiative started by DB YaR Forum in 2002, to ensure appropriate, timely and real-time response to the needs of the young at risk, based on accurate documentation and data analysis supported by the best of technologies available today.

## WE WORK TOWARDS

- a. Developing data driven childcare system through documentation, research, and networking
- b. Systematically documenting the systems, processes, and workflow of the organizations
- c. Data led intervention planning in organizations
- d. Data driven advocacy and engagement with stakeholders and government on children's issues
- e. Harnessing current advances in digital technologies in the service of the work with young at risk

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