

The Influencer Bulletin

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Your support to the Influencers journey is ensuring women and girls' freedom from violence and discrimination, access to legal justice, grassroots leadership, rights & entitlements along with economic independence. This issue brings you updates from another one of our I-Witness visits and Breakthrough India's campaign against on-screen gender-based violence. Read more about Sanjog's work towards building grassroots leadership and also, join us as we celebrate ANANDI and Milaan's work on empowering women.

I-Witness : One year of *The Influencers*

To commemorate and celebrate one year of the launch of *The Influencers*, EdelGive Foundation organised a screening of a recently released Hindi film, *Thappad* on Sunday, **1st March**. The film dismantled myths around violence being restricted to a certain class and beautifully brought out existing perspectives to the act of 'just one slap'. Inspiring myriad reflections and subjective responses about violence, forms consent and agency, it traces the journey from endurance to dignity.

Even as *Thappad* was generating waves through its attempt to create awareness on various fronts on violence against women, our partner **Breakthrough India** launched a campaign against on-screen gender-based violence. The campaign demands films to have disclaimers for depicting any form of violence against women. Endorsed by the *Thappad* team, the disclaimer is an attempt to make 'Bollywood' more responsible towards its role in shaping mass attitudes and not normalise acts of violence shown against women.



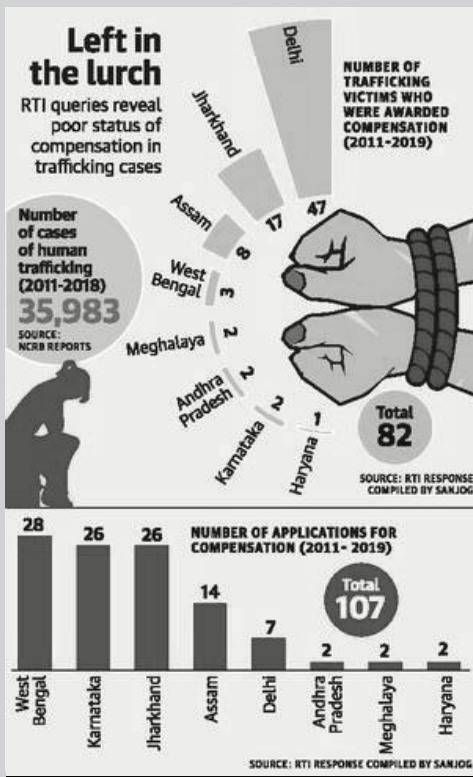
Grassroot Leadership

‘Only 82 trafficking survivors awarded relief in last 8 years’

Sanjog’s recent report titled **‘Uncompensate Victims’** underlines the current poor status of compensation awarded to survivors of human trafficking in India. Backed by information gathered through Right to Information (RTI) queries garnered from 25 States and 7 Union territories, the report highlights that following the national outrage in 2012 after the unfortunate Nirbhaya gang-rape and murder, only 0.2% of all survivors of human trafficking received the compensation announced by government since then.

The study suggests grave inconsistencies in data by the legal services, lack of awareness on compensation with victims and low initiative and investment by legal services authority, further deterring survivors’ access to compensation.

[Read more](#)



Congratulations!

We are proud to share that **Milaan** in partnership with Oculus, Malala Fund and Little Giant Wolf launched a VR Film **Girl Icon** that portrays the journey of Rani. Screened across several film festivals around the globe, the movie featured in Forbes magazine as amongst the Top 50 Extended Reality (XR) experiences of 2019!

[Click here to watch it now!](#)



In lieu of International Women’s Day, Press Information Bureau felicitated and celebrated **ANANDI’s** work on empowering women through their awareness dissemination activities using Information, Communication and Technology (ICT). Their noteworthy and innovative tool *“Daana Kothi Khali Kyun”* (Why is my grain bin empty), demonstrating the income-expense outflow and potential of social protection entitlements as part of household poverty reduction strategy, piqued the interest in many.

