



Press Release

International Justice Mission Launches Calendar 2021 Which Features Survivors Of Trafficking

Kolkata, 14th December, 2020: International Justice Mission, Kolkata, launched their **Annual Calendar** for 2021. Each month features the story of a survivor of trafficking who has braved the odds and shown resilience. The theme highlights a medium for the voices of those whose battles go unheard.

“A survivor's effort in telling their stories is praiseworthy because such events usually scar people for life, leaving them incapable of harbouring hopes for a better future. What makes it more encouraging is that these champion survivors feel that narrating their struggles will give strength to those who have encountered the same predicament. This is another sort of victory in the fight against human trafficking,” said **Mr Saji Philip, Director of Operations, International Justice Mission, Kolkata.**

The stories may have the common subjects of those rescued from trafficking but their aspirations are diverse: While *Neha is already a supervisor in a tailoring job, *Shefali is keen on building a home and pursuing the life that she always dreamt of. Their struggles and victories will motivate those with similar circumstances to come forward.

“It is overwhelming for me to reach out to so many people through this calendar and I hope my story will encourage others to come forward as well,” said *Ahana.

One of the pages of the calendar has the story of *Saumya who radiates and inspires others with self-confidence. Today, she is studying to complete her higher education with the aim of being a teacher. Since her rescue in 2014 she has taken up several hobbies including singing, painting, dancing and playing chess.

Through this calendar, International Justice Mission, Kolkata, brought together survivors of sex trafficking who showed the courage to dream big. Their aspirations are simple, daring, and inspiring.

**Pseudonym used.*

About International Justice Mission:

International Justice Mission (IJM) is a global organization that protects the poor from violence throughout the developing world. IJM partners with local authorities to rescue victims of violence, bring criminals to justice, restore survivors, and strengthen justice systems. Since 2006, IJM Kolkata has been working alongside government agencies to rescue and rehabilitate victims of sex trafficking, prosecute offenders and train public justice officials.

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