

CACL Maharashtra State Meeting – Pune

Matru Schaya Social Welfare Society (MSSWS), Shilonda hosted the Campaign Against Child Labour (CACL) Maharashtra State Meeting in Pune on 6th and 7th November 2025 to strengthen coordination among civil society organisations working on child rights and the elimination of child labour across the state. The meeting provided a platform for dialogue on policy advocacy, community-based child protection mechanisms, and shared experiences addressing child exploitation and vulnerabilities.



A key objective of MSSWS in hosting the meeting was to deepen engagement with the CACL network and initiate the process of establishing a District-Level CACL Chapter in Palghar district. This proposed chapter aims to bring together local NGOs, community groups, and child-focused institutions for coordinated advocacy and action.

Over two days, participants discussed strategies to create child-labour-free communities, challenges faced by migrant children, and the role of Panchayati Raj Institutions and frontline workers in safeguarding children. Sessions also focused on amplifying children's voices in governance, identifying emerging forms of child labour in Maharashtra, and strengthening collective advocacy at district and state levels.



The meeting concluded with clear action points, including reinforcing district-level networking, improving monitoring of government services for vulnerable children, promoting child participation in decision-making, and building capacities of community leaders and service providers.

The CACL Maharashtra State Meeting reinforced the shared commitment of member organisations to work collaboratively towards ensuring dignity, safety, and equal opportunities for all children. For MSSWS, the consultation marked an important step towards building long-term partnerships and advancing plans for a district-level CACL coalition in Palghar.

