

Mahima India Leads the Fight Against Child Trafficking with Compassion, Care, and Community Reintegration

Empowering Survivors, Preventing Exploitation, and Rebuilding Futures Across West Bengal and Beyond



kolkata, West bengal Jun 24, 2025 ([Issuewire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - In the heart of West Bengal, where the shadows of human trafficking loom large, *Mahima India* stands as a light of hope, healing, and human dignity. Founded in April 2010, Mahima India has been on the frontlines of the battle against sex trafficking, offering specialized aftercare and rehabilitation to minor survivors who have experienced unimaginable trauma.

Today, Mahima operates a network of **trauma-informed residential care homes** and community outreach programs that serve some of the most marginalized and abused children in India. Through its **holistic approach**—encompassing psychological recovery, education, vocational training, holistic nurturing and family reintegration—Mahima India has transformed the lives of hundreds of survivors.

A Comprehensive Model of Care

Mahima India's core mission centers on **rescue, restoration, and reintegration**. Its [residential care homes](#), also known as *Mahima Homes*, provide a safe haven where survivors receive:

- **Trauma counseling and mental health care** delivered by trained therapists
- **Formal education** support including school admission, tutoring , exam preparation and higher studies

- **Vocational training and skill development**, from tailoring, computing, spoken english to beautician course.
- **Health care access**, including medical check-ups, vaccination/immunization and treatment
- **Emotional support** through arts, journaling and peer groups

In Mahima's care, girls who were once silenced by abuse learn to speak, study, dream, and eventually lead.

Program Highlights Umang- A Journey of Passion and Purpose

"Umang"—meaning *passion and purpose*—is Mahima's pioneering residential care home, dedicated to the long-term rehabilitation of minor survivors of sex trafficking and abuse minor victims. Within its safe, structured, and compassionate environment, girls begin the journey of healing and restoration. Umang empowers them to reclaim their futures, offering opportunities for continued education, meaningful employment, and entrepreneurship.

Umeed – The Journey of Hope

"Umeed" (meaning *Hope*) is Mahima's flagship residential care program. Here, minor survivors of sex trafficking, abuse undergo long-term rehabilitation in a structured, loving environment. Umeed equips them to reclaim their future—whether through continued education, employment, or entrepreneurship.

Upasana – A Journey Toward Healing and Hope

"Upasana"—which signifies *healing and hope*—is Mahima's flagship residential care program located in the southern region of Kolkata. It serves as a safe haven where minor survivors of sex trafficking, abuse embark on a journey of long-term rehabilitation within a structured and nurturing environment. Through this program, *Upasana* empowers each girl to reclaim her future, offering pathways to education, employment, and entrepreneurship

Ashaloy – [Preventive Outreach for At-Risk Children](#)

Operating in high-vulnerability zones around Kolkata, **Ashaloy** provides early intervention for children at risk of trafficking, abuse, and neglect. Through community engagement, education programs, family support, and life skills training, Ashaloy prevents exploitation before it begins.

Ashaneer – A Safe Haven, A New Beginning

Ashaneer is a pioneering initiative by Mahima India, dedicated to supporting children of sex workers and at-risk children in Kolkata's Sonagachi area. It provides a safe and nurturing environment for vulnerable minors. Through holistic care and support, Ashaneer empowers each child to reclaim their future, creating opportunities for education, employment, and entrepreneurship

Repatriation & Reintegration Services

Working with Child Welfare Committees, embassies, and international agencies, Mahima has helped **safely repatriate girls from countries like Nepal and Bangladesh**. Reintegration is carefully assessed and includes follow-up support, vocational training, and regular check-ins.

Transformational Impact

Since 2010, Mahima India has:

- **Rehabilitated over 600 girls** from trafficking and abuse
- **Supported over 200 children** in Sonagachi communities through Ashaloy
- **Facilitated more than 50 successful repatriations** to families across borders
- **Trained 20 frontline workers** in trauma-informed survivor care

Many Mahima alumni are now **artists, counselors and leaders** breaking cycles of poverty and exploitation. Several return to mentor younger survivors, continuing the cycle of healing.

A Broader Fight: Advocacy and Awareness

Mahima India collaborates with national and international stakeholders, including law enforcement, judiciary bodies, NGOs and policymakers. Through **training seminars, public awareness campaigns, and advocacy forums**, Mahima promotes a deeper understanding of trafficking and the urgent need for systemic reforms in survivor care.

Call to Action

The fight against human trafficking is far from over. Every hour, an estimated 8 children go missing in India. Mahima India calls upon individuals, corporations, and global partners to:

- **Sponsor a child's education or care**
- **Fund vocational and skill-building initiatives**
- **Volunteer in program support, training, or awareness drives**
- **Partner through CSR for community outreach or capacity building**

"Every survivor is a story of strength. When we support them, we don't just rescue individuals—we transform generations,"

To learn more or support Mahima's work, please visit www.mahimaindia.net

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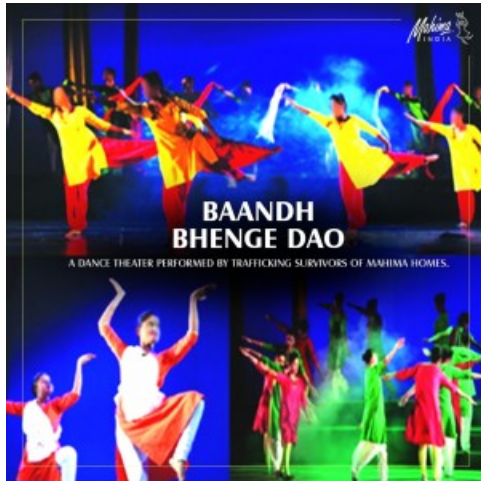
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