

OPERATION MUSKAN BY CRIME BRANCH, ODISHA



BRIEF NOTE ON OPERATION MUSKAN BY CRIME BRANCH, ODISHA

In accordance with orders of Hon'ble Supreme Court all States and union territories were requested by Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India to take part in a dedicated campaign titled "Operation Muskan" to rescue and rehabilitate missing children. In Odisha the operation was launched in two phases. During first phase from 1st to 12th July a campaign was launched to trace missing children within the State. In the second phase from 30th July onwards teams were sent to various States and important cities to trace and rescue missing children of Odisha. The following is the list of teams and their achievement.

Sl. No.	Teams	Destination	No of rescued children
1.	Commissionerate BBSR-Cuttack	Jharkhand-Bihar	06
2.	Central Range, Cuttack	Delhi	09
3.	Southern Range, Berhampur	Andhra Pradesh (Vizag)	13
4.	Southern Range, Berhampur	Telengana	09
5.	Southern Western Range, Koraput	Tamilnadu-Kerala	12
6.	Northern Range, Sambalpur	Chhatisgarh	07
7.	North Central Range, Talcher	Mumbai, Maharashtra	09
8.	Western Range, Rourkela	Gujurat (Surat)	00
9.	Eastern Range, Balasore	Kolkata/West Bengal	22
		Total	87

Rescued children were initially produced before Child Welfare Committee of the concerned states, which passed order for transferring them to Odisha. On arrival in Odisha, the children were again produced before Child Welfare Committee and handed over to officials of W&CD department, Bhubaneswar after due legal formalities.

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