

Campaign against human trafficking launched in Udalguri



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The alarming increasing rate of trafficking of children, adolescent girls and women has now been considered to be the most important social problem of not only Udalguri but BTAD districts as well. The small children are being trafficked for engagement in different shops or factories in the hazardous condition despite of the existence of child labor prohibitory acts in the country. By the way of engagement of child labor, the children are most often harassed, abused and even more dragged into street begging by some notorious professionals. The adolescent girls of the poor families are also quite often convinced by the middle man or woman for working as domestic servants in towns and cities at higher rate of payment and are being trafficked. The parents or guardian cannot refrain from temptation. But they can never see or know anything at what situation their children and girls are facing at their work place.

The adolescent girls are also sexually abused at their work place leading them pregnant and nursing mothers. Even more such girls are being murdered after sexual abuse. The women are also allured by the brokers (Dalals) and trafficked to places like Delhi, Gujrat, Mumbai, Agra, Jammu, Kolkata and Siliguri etc. Interception of large numbers of such girls and women at Rangia and New Bongaigaon etc by social organizations like ABSU has proved the seriousness of the problem. The Dalals are said to be paid Rs.25000 in average for each of the girl or woman. Large numbers of bogus placement agencies operating from Delhi, Agra, Mumbai and Kolkata etc. enroll hundreds of agents in Assam to lure girls and women.

Recently an Assam Police team had raided the premises of several such placement agencies in New Delhi and rescued several victims. According to Sekhar Biswas, Officer In-charge, Kalaigaon Police Station (who personally supervised the raid in New Delhi) told this correspondent that brokers of such placement agencies used to shuttle once in month between Assam and New Delhi etc. Moreover all those placement agencies had no valid permission from the government. A few such placement agencies operating from New Delhi are - SS Maid Service; Raj Enterprise; Tania Maid Service; Assami Maid Service; Dipti Enterprise; National Placement service ; Sweta Placement service; Sanjana Maid Service etc. have been continuing their antisocial activities in New Delhi unabated .

Udalguri district administration,headed by Deputy Commissioner S.S Meenakshi Sundaram,IAS,recently convened an emergency meeting at Udalguri on June 23 to discuss the matter.The meeting which was held at the DCs conference Hallwas attended by high level civil and police officials beside ABSU and Bodo Women activists.The Deputy Commissioner who had presided over the meeting directed all civil and police officials of the district to implement the guidelines issued by the BTC Authority to stop illegal trafficking activities in the district.A district level Women Cell was formed with DC,Udalguri as the Chairman; P.K.Mahanta,ADC as the Member Secretary;all ADCs, SP, Addl SP, SDO (Civil)Bhergaon,Joint Director of Health,Superintendent of Excise as the members beside three civilian members namely - Nerkhang Khakhrary(district secretary ABSU); Dipti Daimari,(Bodo women activist) and Jayanta Das (social worker).The meeting decided to form Sub-Divisional,and ICDS project level committees for creating awareness among common people.

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