

Child protection programme initiated in Kokrajhar



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It is a shock and resented breeze among citizens of Assam that every year, at least 50 persons including children have been trafficked from various districts of Lower Assam, which has been becoming a sensitive issue for the society [as](#) children are also not spared from trafficking in today's hi-tech era in the [state](#) of Assam.

A total of 796 children have been repatriated in last 12 years in Assam, who has been trafficked from Lower Assam various districts, after being exploited at various cities in [India](#), besides 60 children are [rescued](#) in Kolkata West Bengal and accommodated 20 children at Nedan Foundation in Kokrajhar so far.

A week long 'Mukhyamantrir Sunali Saisheb Prakaalpa Surakshit Sishu, Surakshit Axom' (Chief Ministers' Golden Child Protection Project, Protection Assam), a [state](#) convergent plan of Action on child [welfare](#) in Assam, an awareness programme, was inaugurated by [Madhav](#) Prasad Sarma, Kokrajhar Deputy Commissioner on Tuesday in Kokrajhar in the huge presence of children from various institutions, teachers, supervisors, ASHA [workers](#), members from various NGOs.

The programme was organised by Child Protection Unit (DCPU), Kokrajhar under ICPS and Nedan Foundation for Assam to make awareness about protection of children from trafficking, child labour, early [marriage](#), substance abuse and alcoholism, witch-hunting, violence [against](#) children and role of [community](#) among society.

[Madhav](#) Prasad Sarma said that the programme has been organized to create awareness about common public and children on child trafficking, child [marriage](#) among society in the [state](#) which was [launched](#) by [state](#) government. It will be helping hand among society while getting information on children protection".

Digambar [Narzary](#), chairman of Nedan Foundation said, “It is one of the positive ways that [state](#) government is responding to the cases of child trafficking in the [state](#). There are many cases of children touching trafficking from Lower Assam districts that Assam is the second position in the case of child trafficking issue. Lower Assam has been devastated with various kinds of conflict and floods that are from most venerable children, most of the children need to be repatriated, who belonged to be from Lower Assam region. At present there are 60 children, who are [rescued](#) Kolkata in West Bengal’.

“There are 796 children repatriated in last 12 years in Assam, who have been trafficked from this region, after being exploited at various cities in [India](#). We have accommodated 20 children in Kokrajhar and we need to have a stay home to give them for living among society”, Digambar added.

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