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Rescue Operations

Rescue Missions which grabbed the columns of official gazettes such as The Telegraph, Times of India and The Jaipur Times
Among many, a few of the rescue operations are recounted as highlights here

Human trafficking is one of the most serious afflictions faced especially by the girls in India. A new initiative has been taken by the Rescue and Relief Foundation to help these unfortunate girls to reunite with their family – Protection program. Rescue Operations has been conducted as a joint collaboration of Rescue and Relief Foundation and Mission Mukti with state police departments, to rescue the victims from different parts of the country.

APRIL

We would like to share our successful rescue operation which made it to the editorials of The Times of India and The Telegraph. 22-year-old woman along with her two-year-old daughter was rescued on Wednesday, (i.e., 29th April) from Essar Pithapatti village in Ballia, Uttar Pradesh with the help of Bengal police, anti-human trafficking unit, Mission Mukti Foundation and Rescue and Relief Foundation.

Trafficked woman, 2-yr-old daughter rescued from UP

Kolkata: A 22-year-old trafficked woman from Canning and her two-year-old daughter were rescued on Wednesday from Essar Pithapatti village in UP's Ballia during a joint operation by Bengal Police, anti-human trafficking unit, Ballia, Mission Mukti Foundation, and Rescue and Relief Foundation. Rubina Bibi from Akra Santoshpur under Mahestala police station had lured the woman by offering her a job with a lu-

crative salary in Bihar. The woman was then forced into 'nautanki', followed by prostitution. When she resisted, she was beaten up, which was videographed. The woman managed to send the video to her mother, who lodged a police complaint last Sunday. Three persons — Rubina, Sujan Jamadar and Hasibul Seikh — were arrested and Ballia court gave them four days' transit remand in Bengal. — **Sudipto Das**

Trafficked mom rescued with child in UP

DEBRAJ MITRA

Calcutta: When a 22-year-old woman from South 24-Parganas went to Uttar Pradesh last week, her two-year-old daughter in tow, she knew she would be working as a cook in a household.

She was allegedly forced to join a dance troupe and beaten up when she refused to engage in prostitution.

A video of the alleged abuse, that the woman got hold of and shared with her family back home, triggered a chain of events that led to her rescue on April 26, within less than a week of her travel to Ballia.

The woman, her daughter and three accused were found during a raid in a house in Isarpitha Patti, a village in Ballia district in Uttar Pradesh, on Wednesday morning.

The accused are Rubina Bibi, Sujan Jamadar and Hasibul Sheikh. They have been arrested.

"The woman was lured with the offer of a job as a cook. Rubina, the prime accused, met the survivor through a relative and befriended her. The survivor took her daughter along because her husband does not live with her," said Kakali Ghosh Kundu, the inspector in charge of Baruiapur women's police station and anti-human trafficking unit.

"The alleged traffickers first forced the survivor to join an orchestra. She performed at a couple of dances at social gatherings. But Rubina and her aides then tried to force her into prostitution. When she refused, she was beaten up and the assault was filmed," said Virender Singh of Mission Mukti Foundation, an NGO that helped the police in the rescue.

"The woman had her phone taken away... But she managed to not only get hold of the phone but got the clip as well, which she sent to her mother's number. She showed great presence of mind," said Ghosh Kundu.

The woman's mother approached the local police station with the clip. An FIR was filed on April 23. By analysing her cellphone tower location, cops tracked her to Isarpitha Patti village in Ballia.

The raid happened on April 26 morning. Members of two NGOs, Mission Mukti Foundation and Rescue and Relief Foundation, and a team of UP and Bengal cops raided the house.

Before the raid, the Mission Mukti Foundation had written to the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights. The panel directed the police superintendent of Ballia to extend all possible support to find the woman and her child.

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MAY

A girl of class 11 who was kidnapped from West Bengal to Pune was successfully rescued. She was exploited and threatened to be sold for prostitution. Rescue and Relief Foundation, along with Mission Mukti, in collaboration with the Pune Police, rescued the girl on 5th May, 2023. This is only achieved by you as comrades standing by our side in this venture.

Another successful rescue operation that made it to the editorials of The Jaipur Times: 31-year-old woman and her little daughter, who went missing from West Bengal since January, were rescued on Saturday morning, (i.e., 3rd May) from Bharatpur. A joint operation by the West Bengal Police along with Bharatpur police arrested the traffickers in accusation of kidnapping and abducting.



WB woman, minor daughter rescued, 1 held

Jaipur: A 31-year-old woman and her minor daughter, who were missing from West Bengal since January this year, were rescued Saturday morning from Bharatpur.

The joint teams of West Bengal and Bharatpur police also arrested the accused, Anshul Choudhary (34) under IPC Sections 363 (kidnapping), and 365 (Kidnapping or abducting with intent secretly and wrongfully to confine person).

SHO (Bhusavar) Madan Lal said that the West Bengal police took the accused with them because the FIR was registered there.

Anti-human trafficking activist Virendra Singh said that the woman's husband had filed a complaint back in January. As per Singh, the accused met with the woman on social media. The accused then kept the woman and her daughter captive and did not let them speak to their family members. The police said that the accused worked as a truck driver and hails from Agra in Uttar Pradesh. new

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In the process of intervention of two missing girls' reports, a big human trafficking racket was unearthed, involving the rescue of 17 minor trafficked girls from Chapra, Bihar. These girls were trafficked from different places such as Orissa, Punjab and West Bengal. A joint operation by Rescue and Relief Foundation, along with Mission Mukti and with the aid of Bihar and West Bengal Police, 5 out of 9 accused were arrested. Special thanks to West Bengal police for making a huge effort in reuniting them with their family.



JUNE

In the midst of darkness, light persists, 4 minor girls were rescued from the hands of evil. One of them made a video of the ordeal situation they were in, and shared it along with Baruipur AHTU. A joint rescue operation by Rescue and Relief Foundation, Mission Mukti along with Bihar police rescued on Tuesday morning from Motihari, Bihar to West Bengal.



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A 19-year-old girl who had been trafficked three years ago from her hometown, i.e., Jalpaiguri, West Bengal to Gurgaon, New Delhi, was rescued on 9th June, 2023. The girl had been lured in disguise of fake promises and was coerced to work as a domestic help in IRS officer's house without receiving a single penny for her service. Somehow the girl managed to inform her family with the help of a woman she had met at a nearby park. As the police were informed, Rescue and Relief Foundation and Mission Mukti, collaboratively with the Superintendent of Police of Jalpaiguri, rescued the girl from IRS officer's house.



Another rescue operation took place on 27th June where a 17-year-old minor girl was rescued from Gurugram, Haryana. The girl was trafficked on the pretext of a love affair via an online platform. The convict had a history of trafficking girls using marriage as a hoax. This joint operation was conducted by Rescue and Relief Foundation, Mission Mukti, West Bengal police and Haryana Police.



Gems

We are proud of our dreamers and we encourage them to dream more so that they achieve those and soar higher . A student of Belghoria Home is fulfilling his dreams of further studies in IISER Bhopal

Achieving a rank of 283 in JAM examination and then getting a chance in both IIT Hyderabad and IISER Mohali, he chose to secure a seat in IISER Mohali. This is a proud moment for all of us to share the news that Gautam Bera from our Belghoria project, is moving forward towards a bright future in life. This accomplishment would not have been possible without your generous support.



Another proud moment for all of us that Moumita Santra, 15-year-old girl from our Keertika Home (POCSO project) has acquired 1st division in class 10 board examination (WBSE). Despite of her parent's demise, she dreams of pursuing geography in her further studies.



Creating OppARTunity

A Sustainable Project, which delivers the need of another

Aritri has been a part of the Rescue family since quite a long time. She is autistic but artistic, and conveys her contentedness through the form of an art which makes others feel happy. She has achieved several awards for her extraordinary performance and talents. Her talent of bed sheet fabric painting and t-shirt designing are quite remarkable and worthy of such recognition. She creates art to make others smile and we create opportunities for children like her, and other children in need, to develop a sustainable project which delivers the need of another.



Sensitization

Raising awareness in renowned Institutes to cater to many more underprivileged and needy

As a mode of sensitization on Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation and Abuse, Talks or Seminars are arranged in various reputed Institutes where renowned faculty members and young scholars and students are made aware on the immensity of this social issue. These past few months we have had the pleasure and opportunity to raise awareness on a larger scale by delivering Talks at some of the prestigious Institutes.

On 27th March, 2023, we have had the privilege of being a part of a Sensitization programme conducted by Centre for Studies in Gender, Culture & Media in collaboration with the Centre for Advanced Studies and delivering a talk at West Bengal State University, Barasat, Kolkata. We are thankful to Director, Prof. Chandrava Chakraborty, for her exceptional assistance and the invitation to be part of the programme.

We were privileged to be given opportunity to deliver a Talk at the National Centre for Biological Sciences (NCBS), Bangalore on 19th May, 2023. We are thankful to the Centre Director of NCBS, L S Shashidhara, for his assistance in conducting the Talk on Sexual Exploitation and Abuse. The talk made way for another possible one on the occasion of Anti-Trafficking Day and we are looking forward to sharing the platform and the humble presence of NCBS faculty members and students.

Another Talk at JNCASR, Bangalore, was arranged as every year, with the assistance and co-operation of the student platform, Dhvani. It was yet again a pleasure to deliver a Talk at the prestigious institute and the response, like always, had been an enormous one with the involvement of not only the faculty members but also the students and the scholars. We thank the student platform, Dhvani and Prof. Uday Kumar Ranga for assisting us in our endeavour.

Thank you

Together, towards a lasting change...

We, the Rescue and Relief Foundation family, are extending our warm regards and gratitude to all the individuals who have been contributing and supporting us. You have been no less than family as you've been with us through thick and thin. Most of the children and beneficiaries we help, might have no connection with their blood family and haven't been privileged enough to see the goodness in life, but they've been blessed to have all of us on board to help and guide them through the rest of their journey of life.

