

# HUMAN TRAFFICKING

## What is 'human trafficking'?

Google describes it as the illegal trade of human beings for the purposes of reproductive slavery, commercial sexual exploitation, forced labor, or a modern-day form of slavery.

Just that? Or does it have something more to it? Well how brief Google might define it to be, but human trafficking is increasing day by day and its side effects are many. The problem lies much deeper. It is not just slavery, way more than that.

Slavery and trafficking have a lot of similarities in between them as well as lot of differences. Slavery ended a hundred years ago. When slavery was on. Not much was done to stop it. Same is with human trafficking. Not much is being done to stop it.

Both the term arose out of different situations. At that time people thought that the people with darker skin colour must treated differently just because they look a bit different from the fair skinned people. Now also human trafficking occur because some people think people with less money or people having financial crisis can be messed with. They can be used in any way they want.

The main reason for human trafficking is corruption. The 'pimps' pay the police, the government for running their business smoothly. The government also take no steps to stop such brothels where women are treated in any way possible

And not just women. Trafficking also attacks girls and boys. It is shameful to see how someone just successfully exploits someone to earn a livelihood. In some countries human trafficking is seen as a social evil and in some countries like the Middle Eastern countries it is seen as a business.

In India trafficking rate is quite high in fact. The ratio of women to men is gradually dropping. Still the people have no awakening. Still nothing is being done to stop it

Human trafficking is quite prevalent in the parts of Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Haryana where the ratio of men to women drops sharply.

## How does human trafficking happen?

The members of the trafficking gang put their eyes on some stray girl or boy playing on the roads, or maybe a kid from a household. Then they are befriended or given greed that they'll be given whatever they want, be it money, toys or food only if they come. In case of grown up people usually the offer of a job is given. And once they agree they are smuggled to other places without their knowing. Then they are sold to dealers like items or goods. The goods in turn hold an auction where they are bought by different brothels or slavery enforcing institutes. Sometimes the process isn't even this smooth. A child or a woman is just kidnapped then and there. They are made unconscious and transported. And once someone enters this market it is practically impossible to get out of it until death. It efforts are made to get out of it, the gang members make it sure that that person doesn't survive. This they do so that their news doesn't spread and their illegal business doesn't get caught. Human life is nothing to them. They are toys. If one gets broken they'll buy a new one next day.

Many movies have been made about this growing problem and people are trying to make masses aware of this growing problem. Movies like 'Nh6' starring Anushka Sharma and 'Highway' starring Alia Bhatt have been centered on these problems. This movies huge fame good critic review for upholding such a topic.

Little boys are made to work in factories. They are made to do high physical labour at such a small age. This is something beyond their capacity. And if they can't they are beaten up. Even kids die. The living conditions of such places are even worse. The people are not given their pay. The food they are offered are not even up to the mark and lack nutrition. They are made to live in dirty places cloggy as it is. They are mistreated and beaten up. Sometimes the women get raped by the gang members only if they disagree to do what the members ask them for. Medical attention is a farfetched thing here. The people don't realize that by this they are snatching away the wonderful childhood from a child, a mother from a child, and a child from her mother. In fact the children are made to consume drugs and soon they become addicted to harmful drugs. Drugs are a common factor in such areas.

It seems like a different world from the dreams of perfect country that we see. With such social evils how can a country survive?

It is sad to state that some political parties and the government also support such businesses. In fact some of them even frequent such places. They are bribed. And they themselves make use of the opportunity that they are getting. Votes are all that matters. The pimps make it sure that nothing hinders the shameless buying and selling of humans that they do.

But good is happening on the other side as well. Different NGO's and government organizations are working to eradicate this social evil. The social workers visit such areas and offer peace, assistance, food, clothing and money to such people. In from places police even raid such brothels and help to stop them. The kids and the women that are recovered from there are sent to correction homes and orphanages. In certain cases the government even offers them jobs where they can work without shame. There are even such stories where an entire gang of such human trafficking members where caught red- handed because of a little kid who managed to escape those walls of hell.

More efforts are needed to be made to get over this social evil. More awareness needs to be made to make people know about the dangers that looms about them every minute and every second. How can a country develop if a part of its residents are rotting behind dark corners and nooks?

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