

PRESS NOTE

Rachakonda AHTU (Anti-Human Trafficking Unit) Coordination meeting with stakeholders and NGOs organised for synergy amongst partners working for cause

A convergence meeting has been organized today in CP Office Rachakonda by CP Rachakonda Sri Mahesh Bhagwat IPS with Anti-Human Trafficking Unit, Rachakonda and all stakeholders.

CP Mahesh Bhagwat in his introductory speech said that the AHTU in Rachakonda was formed under the scheme of Ministry of Home Affairs to set up AHTU under the Nirbhaya Fund with focus on trafficking crimes against women and children.

He stated that on the occasion of “**World Day Against Trafficking in Persons**” observed on 30-07-2020, AHTU was formed in Rachakonda under Sri Chandra Sekhar Inspector and that his team under the supervision of Sri Surender Reddy Addl DCP SOT has done a commendable job with nearly 29 human trafficking cases cracked rescuing over 109 victims and apprehending 76 accused.

Further he elaborately mentioned the role of each stakeholder in the fight against human trafficking and thanked each one of them for their cooperation with AHTU Rachakonda and solicited continuation of such coordination in the field amongst all the stake holders. He particularly introduced the office of protector of immigrants (POE) and TOMCOM who are less in notice but are crucial in tackling the problem.

CP Rachakonda expressed his gratitude to the NGOs like Prajwala of Dr Sunita Krishnan, Bachpan Bachao Andolan Telangana unit, Aide et Action, Ankuram, Spandana, the departments of Revenue, Labour, Women and Child Welfare, DCPU, SERP, Health, Childline of the Medchal Malkajgiri, Rangareddy and Yadadri Bhongir districts.

He stressed that only when all function in tandem, not only rescue, but rehabilitation and restoration can be done to tackle the problem of Human trafficking in a wholistic manner.

Sri G. Uday Kumar, Secretary District Legal Services Authority, Rangareddy District has enlightened the gathering on the victim compensation and legal assistance available. He suggested that mini anganwadis be set up where atleast 20 children are found to be living in work sites.

Sunita Krishnan, Padmasree awardee for her work in human trafficking addressing the stakeholders stated that human trafficking is a big problem, not only in India. But in India, 92 percent crime is interstate and intra state. She acclaimed the work of AHTU in prevention, protection and rehabilitation. She specially mentioned the quick action in tracing missing persons by Rachakonda Police, the work site schools towards prevention, rehabilitation and protection of child labour in brick kilns and working with NGOs. She commended the strategy of Rachakonda Police under CP Mahesh Bhagwat in implementing the laws strictly and fully utilizing the legal provisions citing

that most cases of PD Act on traffickers have been booked in Rachakonda and also most instances of seizure of brothel houses in Rachakonda.

Sri Narender Reddy, Sri Raji reddy and Smt B. Jayasree the newly appointed Chairpersons of Child Welfare Committees of RangaReddy, Malkjgiri Medchal and Yadadri Bhongir districts have also participated in the session.

Several suggestions to be worked on were put forth during the open discussion like according Police station status to AHTU, working with AHTUs in other states, awareness on schemes by Government of Telangana, daily monitoring of trafficking cases, rehabilitation to empower victims to depose against crime and criminals to make Rachakonda and Telangana trafficking free.

Smt Padma from SERP, Sri Mukesh Kaushik from Protector of ikmmigrant office, Smt Naga Bahrati from TOMCOM, Sri Venkateswarlu from BBA, Smt Padmavathi of Sakhi center have all spoken on the occasion.

The convergence meeting has been a pathbreaking session in bringing together the all line departments and other agencies working in the Human Trafficking domain. Addl CP G Sudhir Babu IPS given opening remarks and Addl DCP Admin Shilpavalee coordinated.

Performance of AHTU since its inception :

HUMAN TRAFFICKING CASES

Sl.No.	Year	No. of Cases Registered	Traffickers		Customers	Victims Rescued	
			Male	Female		Majors	Minors
1	2016	64	38	47	92	101	3
2	2017	88	87	55	75	121	0
3	2018	72	102	150	59	78	37
4	2019	47	20	33	186	116	61
5	2020	19	11	14	28	30	0
6	2021	10	03	04	22	16	36
Total		300	261	303	462	462	137

Yadadri Human Trafficking Racket busted: She Teams & Yadagirgutta Police conducted raids on the houses of Trafficking Organizers and rescued 34 minor girl children & 12 major girls and they were shifted to Prajwala Rescue Home and Shishu Gruha.

Seizure of brothel houses: As many as 115 brothel houses were seized in Commissionerate i.e., 24 brothel houses in 2016, 14 in 2017, 38 in 2018, 24 in 2019 and 15 in 2020 after obtaining orders from concerned MROs and RDOs.

P.D Act: A total of 76 PD act cases were invoked i.e., 35 in 2018, 12 persons in 2019, 15 in 2020 and 4 cases this year so far.

During operation Smile and Muskan conducted from 2017 to 2021, (2369) children were rescued. Of them, 1853 are boys and 516 are girls. (Within State Boys: 908, Girls: 219) & (Outside State Boys: 945, Girls: 297).

After formation of AHTU in Rachakonda, following traffickers were arrested and the victims rescued:

Head	Registered Cases	Apprehended Cases	Rescued Victims
SEX Trafficking	18	48	32
Labour Trafficking	11	28	77
Total	29	76	109

Of the 32 victims rescued from sex trafficking 31 were adults and **one was a minor victim (Belongs to Bangladesh)**. The victims belonged to Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh, Karnataka and Bangladesh.

The meeting was conducted by Sri Mahesh M.Bhagwat IPS., C.P Rachakonda. Sri G.Sudheer Babu IPS, Addl.C.P Rachakonda, DCP LB Nagar Sri Sanpreet Singh IPS, DCP Malkajgiri Ms Rakshita Murthy IPS., DCP Bhongir Sri Narayana Reddy, DCP Crimes Sri P.Yadagiri, Addl.DCP Admin Smt K.Shilpavalli, Addl.DCP SOT Sri J.Surender Reddy, all ACPs of Rachakonda, Inspector AHTU Sri K.Chandra Shekar, Inspectors SOT, WPS, NGOs Prajwala, Sakhi, Spandana, Ankuram, Aide-et action, Bachpan Bachao Andolan, Rachakonda Security Council and stake holders of other departments Revenue, Labour, Women & Child Welfare, Health, SERP, DCPU, Childline, DPO, Legal, TOMCOM, POE have attended the meeting.







