

## *World Day against Trafficking in Persons - 30 July*



**“ Human Trafficking Steals  
People’s Lives.”**



World Day against Trafficking in Persons is marked every year on July 30 to create awareness around people who are being trafficked and are taken away against their will. It helps to educate others that trafficking in persons is a crime exploiting even women and children for tragic jobs like forced labour and sex. This day gives an opportunity to understand the harms of human trafficking and its impact on the life of the people.

### **HISTORY AND SIGNIFICANCE**

This day was designated by the United Nations General Assembly as a means to combat the issues that are caused due to human trafficking. The day was declared with the aim of raising awareness around the victims of human trafficking. It also helps raise funds for those victims.

The UN wanted to make the trafficked people aware of their protection and rights. Since 2003, the UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) has been working on identifying and saving people from the rackets that kept them captive.

To determine what can be considered human trafficking, the act means, and purpose has to be assessed. The main objective is always exploitation. The methods include deception, coercion, abuse of power, and threats of or use of force. The actual act of human trafficking is through the transporting, recruiting, harbouring, transferring and receiving of persons.

### **THEME 2021**

The theme for this year for the World Day against Trafficking in Persons is ‘Victims’ voices lead the way.’ It highlights the importance of sharing and learning from survivors of human trafficking. The survivors are important factors in the battle against human trafficking.

They have a huge role to play in establishing effective measures to eradicate this crime. They help in identifying and saving victims and supporting them on their way to rehabilitation.

Many victims of human trafficking have had traumatic post-rescue experiences during interviews and legal proceedings. In their attempts to get help, they have experienced ignorance, misunderstanding, victimization and punishment for offences their traffickers had them commit.

## WHY BLUE HEART

The Blue Heart represents the sadness of those who are trafficked, while reminding us of the cold-heartedness of those who buy and sell fellow human beings.



## Celebration Conducted by Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre

1. **Overview:** On 30th July 2021 World Day Against Trafficking in Person was celebrated jointly by Anti Human Trafficking Project: SCAR and Surakshit Saisav Project at Basirhat, in collaboration with Basirhat Police, to raise awareness of the plight of human trafficking victims, and promote and protect their rights.

**Eminent guest** - Sri Surendra Kumar Singh; Inspector in charge (I.C.) Basirhat Police, Sri Kallol Chakraborty; Member of Child Welfare Committee (CWC) of Government, North 24 Parganas, Sri Rajesh Kumar Goshain; Boarder Security Force (BSF) and Disability Allied Law Students Association (DALSA) were present at the event along with Director/ Secretary Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre Sister Monica Suchiang, Project Led Implementer Surakshit Saisav Project Mr. Sanjay Baxla, Child Protection Officer Mr. Anup Biswas, Project Led Implementer Ms. Nabanita Shome Anti Human Trafficking Project: SCAR, Project Assistant Implementer Anti Human Trafficking Project: SCAR Mrs. Sharmistha Guha Archarjee, Ms Pouspi Talikdur organisation staff and the field Animators from each project . They have shared their thoughts on the Day. Also the Trafficking Survivor's, Child Parliament/ Club Leaders and winners of drawing competition on Anti Human Trafficking between 30 children parliament/club were present.

**Preparation:** A drawing competition was organised among child leaders from 30 children parliament/ club on their vision of trafficking in relation to their community. 4 drawing were selected and 4 children received facilitation on 30<sup>th</sup> July Program.



Owing to the theme of the program 1 survivor was facilitated during the program along with eminent guest from different government and law enforcement departments of the Government. The entire programmed Master of ceremony was children club leaders.



- Inauguration of child friendly corner:** On World Day Against Trafficking in person under the Surakshit Saisav Project, a Child Friendly Corner was inaugurated by Sr Monica Suichang the Director/ Secretary of Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre and Sri Surendra Kumar Singh I. c Basirhat in the presence of our eminent guest Sri Rajesh Kumar Goshain, BSF, Sri Kallol Chakraborty Member of Child Welfare Committee (CWC) North 24 pargana and Members from DALSA. A great initiative has been taken in an attempt to protect and save the children from trafficking and providing a Child Friendly Environment where the children are able to speak their concerns.



3. KMWSC family with the Skill Development Project students observed Anti Human Trafficking Day in person at KMWSC office at kolkata with the pledge to dream dare and eradicate Human Trafficking in this era. Join us lets fight together.



4. On world day against trafficking virtual drawing competition was organised with the children parliament members of Red-light project on their reflection of trafficking, child abuse in their community. Owing to the Covid 19 precautions the competition was conducted with the child parliament members and staff through virtual platform.



5. On World Day against trafficking the children from the child parliament of anti human trafficking project at diamond harbour participate in drawing competition reflecting their thoughts on trafficking issues in their community. All safety procedures and protocols were maintained.

