



Press Release

Minor Rescued From Saran District Of Bihar By International Justice Mission & Mission Mukti Foundation, In Collaboration With Bihar Police

Kolkata, 9th November, 2020: A 14-year-old girl, kidnapped from North 24 Parganas, West Bengal was rescued by **International Justice Mission & Mission Mukti Foundation**, in collaboration with Bihar Police from Saran District of Bihar yesterday.

A local boy known to the girl brought her to Barasat on the pretext of taking her out. She was rather kidnapped and sold her to a lady who later took her to Saran district in Bihar. She was made to join a dance troupe where they took advantage of her. Preliminary inquiries revealed that the lady who took her to Bihar has been arrested along with the owner of the dance troupe. Kolkata Police along with the victim's father are on the way to bring her back to Kolkata.

“This year we have noticed that post lockdown kidnapping or trafficking cases are on the rise. A tip off from our sources followed by the cooperation of the Bihar Police led to the rescue of the minor and arrest of the woman who purchased her. The victim's acquaintance will be arrested only after recording 164 section IPC of the victim”, said **Mr Saji Philip, Director of Operations, International Justice Mission, Kolkata**.

IJM has supported the partner organization - Mission Mukti Foundation in taking forward this rescue operation.

About International Justice Mission:

International Justice Mission (IJM) is a global organization that protects the poor from violence throughout the developing world. IJM partners with local authorities to rescue victims of violence, bring criminals to justice, restore survivors, and strengthen justice systems. Since 2006, IJM Kolkata has been working alongside government agencies to rescue and rehabilitate victims of sex trafficking, prosecute offenders and train public justice officials.

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