



Press Release

Minor Rescued From Rajkot Of Gujarat By CID- AHTU, West Bengal, In Collaboration With International Justice Mission

Kolkata, 13th November, 2020: A 14-year-old girl, trafficked from South 24 Parganas of West Bengal, was rescued last night by CID-Anti Human Trafficking Unit (AHTU), West Bengal, in collaboration with International Justice Mission (IJM) & Mission Mukti Foundation, from Rajkot district of Gujarat.

Traffickers often exploit the vulnerability of the victims by making them believe that there will be better living conditions. In this case, a man who was already married, lured the girl on the pretext of marriage.

The victim girl came to know about his married life only after they landed in Gujarat. He took her to Rajkot district during the first week of October this year. Victim girls are often lured into sexual exploitation through false promise of marriage and job.

Initially a missing report was filed by the girl's family at Jibontala Police Station. The case was forwarded to CID-AHTU for tracking and investigation. Once located, on 12 November, CID-AHTU with IJM's partner organisation Mukti Foundation reached Rajkot and with IJM's support conducted the rescue on the same night. Preliminary inquiries revealed that the man who took the minor has been arrested.

"Traffickers are finding it difficult to sell children for sex within West Bengal as it is more feasible to source them to different parts of the country. The collaborative efforts of Police, Anti-Human Trafficking Club like Asian Sahyogi Sanstha India (ASSI), Directorate of Child Rights & Trafficking (DCRT) and NGOs have helped many trafficked girls from West Bengal to be able to reunite with their families and back home safely," said **Mr. Bumjangan Chiru, Head, Law Enforcement Development, International Justice Mission, Kolkata.**

In the past six months, IJM, Kolkata, has supported Police for inter-state operations in different parts of the country such as Bihar, Maharashtra, Gujarat and Pune.

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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