



National Conference on Combating Human Trafficking

Why in News?

Recently, the Chairperson of [the National Human Rights Commission \(NHRC\)](#), inaugurated a day-long **National Conference on 'Combating [Human Trafficking](#) in the Digital Era'**.

The Commission organized the event in collaboration with Hidayatullah National Law University, Raipur, Chhattisgarh.

Key Points

- **About the Conference:**
 - The conference **examined the increasing exploitation of digital technologies in human trafficking.**
 - Discussions focused on the role of the **internet, social media, [cryptocurrency](#)**, and other online tools in facilitating trafficking crimes.
 - Experts deliberated on preventive measures involving technology, law enforcement agencies, and community participation.
- **Keynote Address by the Chairman:**
 - The Chairman highlighted various forms of digital trafficking, including **sexual exploitation, labor exploitation, organ trafficking, and forced marriage.**
 - He elaborated on recruitment strategies such as:
 - Active Recruitment ("Hook Fishing") – Direct targeting of victims online.
 - Passive Recruitment ("Net Fishing") – Using digital platforms to attract potential victims.
 - He emphasized the **need for public awareness, stronger regulatory frameworks, and technological solutions** to counter digital exploitation.
- **Key Recommendations:**
 - Amend the [Immoral Traffic \(Prevention\) Act \(ITPA\)](#) to clearly differentiate between child and adult trafficking and explicitly include cyber trafficking.
 - Establish **formal linkages between the ITPA and the IT Act** to address digital trafficking-related legal gaps.
 - Increase public awareness on self-reporting portals like the [Centralized Complaint and Prevention of Women and Children \(CCPWC\)](#) for improved public participation.
 - Enhance training and resources for [Anti-Human Trafficking Units \(AHTUs\)](#) to tackle trafficking in the digital era.
 - Improve data collection mechanisms to systematically track human trafficking cases across different categories for informed policymaking.
 - Strengthen community engagement to encourage local communities to actively participate in preventing and reporting trafficking crimes.

National Human Rights Commission (NHRC)

- **About:**
 - It ensures the **protection of [rights related to life, liberty](#)**, equality, and dignity of individuals.

- Rights guaranteed by the Indian Constitution and international covenants enforceable by Indian courts.
- **Establishment:**
 - **Established on 12th October 1993**, under [the Protection of Human Rights Act \(PHRA\), 1993.](#)
 - **Amended by** the Protection of Human Rights (Amendment) Act, 2006, and Human Rights (Amendment) Act, 2019.
 - Established in conformity with the Paris Principles, adopted for promoting and protecting human rights.

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