



Awareness campaign
on
**Child protection and human
trafficking
during Sonpur Mela, 2010**

Place: Harihar Kshetra Mela, Sonpur, Bihar

Organized by



Introduction

Protection of children and their rights is the prime concern of any civic society as children are the future of the nation and their development gets the right direction through the way in which their all rights are being fulfilled the government and the community. Being the most vulnerable groups, children and women are being neglected and abuse for various reasons. Trafficking of women and children is one of the most reprehensible and heinous crimes perpetrated against humanity. In spite of various measures taken to prevent trafficking, the problem has only worsened. Trafficking of women and children are being carried out by organizing gangs for commercial sexual exploitation, bonded labour, employment in servitude, in dancing parlors, for pornography etc. The end result is the serious violation of child rights and human rights and pushing them to health hazards, psychiatric and psychological problems.

The Event

Sonpur Mela is the biggest Animal Fair in which people from different corners of the country come for trade of animals and for religious reasons also. It is being organized to celebrate one of the oldest stories of mercy of god on its devotee. Government of Bihar is the prime authority for organizing this fair as there are visit of lakhs of people. The Crime Investigation Department, Bihar Police, Govt. of Bihar is one of the major participants in this fair which displays its achievement and objectives towards the protection of civic society. Being the part of the process of community development with Bihar Police, Jan Jagran Sansthan being the Nodal Agency for ATSEC- Bihar has been taking active part with C.I.D., Bihar in displaying and awareness process for community. Harihar Kshetra Mela is the world's biggest Cattle Fair and biggest mass gathering of rural and urban communities in which people from different corners of the country comes for trade of cattle, animals like cows, oxen, elephants, camels etc and for religious reasons also. It is being organized to celebrate one of the oldest stories of mercy of god on its devotee. Government of Bihar is the prime authority for organizing this fair as there are visit of lakhs of people. The Crime Investigation Department, Bihar Police, Govt. of Bihar is one of the major participants in this fair which displays its achievement and objectives towards the protection of civic society. Being the part of the process of community development with Bihar Police, ATSEC- Bihar has been taking active part with C.I.D., Bihar in displaying and awareness process for community to sensitize and mobilize them on the issues of human trafficking and juvenile care and protection.

In collaboration with Save the Children, Bal Raksha Bharat under the flagship of Bihar Police, Government of Bihar, and ATSEC- Bihar is organizing a full month Awareness campaign at Sonpur Mela to spread the message on Child Protection, safeguarding the child right and Anti-trafficking activities among urban, rural and semi urban and semi rural masses of the state. The opportunity of organizing such awareness campaign helped us to contact and aware a giant and voluminous number of mass at a single platform.

By organizing such campaign we are in the gradual process of succeeding in achieving following objectives of such activities:

1. To make the community aware on issues of child protection from every form of exploitation and human trafficking.
2. To utilize the common platform with different wings of law enforcement agency towards making of a child-friendly environment.
3. Put all important stakeholders under one roof to disseminate the messages of combating human trafficking and juvenile justice.

Activities

1. Stall installation

On dated 23.11. 2010, we have install an Anti human trafficking stall inside the place given by Police department, GoB. Our stall is installed at the main entrance of Mela so



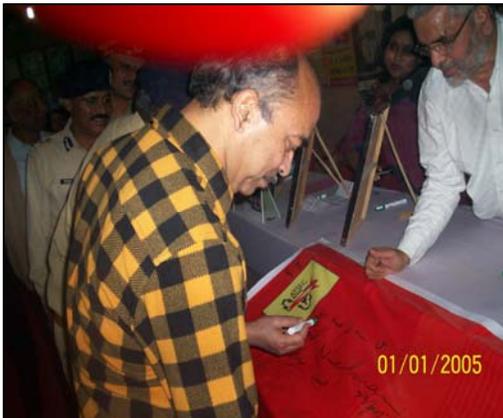
that every visitor could be able to get our message of combating human trafficking. Chief Guest of the ceremony Mr. Nilmani, IPS, DGP, Bihar Police has been inaugurated the stall by the lightening of lamp. At this occasion, Mr. R.B. Sharma, IPS ADGP, CID, Mrs. Preeta Verma, IPS, DIG, Bihar Police, Mr. Praveen Vasistha, IPS, IG, Muzaffarpur,

Mr. A.K. Gupta, IPS, ADGP (building construction) Bihar Police, Mr. Mohit, IPS, SP, Vaishali and many apex police officers were present. Also, Mrs. Nitu Prasad, SPM, Save the Children, Mr. Y.K. Gautam, State Convener, ATSEC- Bihar were actively participated and arrange all the necessary proceedings of the stall on anti-human trafficking at Sonpur Mela, 2010. After the inaugural ceremony, large number of common masses including dignitaries has been viewed our banners, posters and other IEC interventions such as publications on anti human trafficking interventions. Visitors

were also signed and give comments on the signing banners, register on joint action on anti human trafficking initiatives by us. Besides this, we are also distributing handbills on anti human trafficking to visitors at stall.



Mr. Nilmani, IPS, DGP; registration and signature on signing banner



Mr. A.K. Gupta IPS, ADGP, Building construction, Bihar police & Mr. Praveen Vasistha IPS, IG, Muzaffar pur

At the stall following activities are going on the general visitors:

- a. Visitors are viewing the posters, banners and discussing the negative impacts of human trafficking, child rights, and about legal arrangements for these social crimes.
- b. Visitors are also doing registration at our stall and also some are very interested and doing signature at our signing board.
- c. Visitors are also reading the handbills carefully and also discussing the issue concerned.
- d. Leh visitors are also asking questions to our volunteers about human and child trafficking.

e. Police personals are taking very much interest in viewing our stall, banners and posters etc.

In the continuation of Mela in 3rd week, **Mrs. Nisha Jha**, Chairperson, State Commission for Protection of Child Rights, GoB and Mrs. Aparna Singh, Dr. Lalita Singh, Mrs. Shobha Prakash Kushwaha and Mr. Shiv Shankar Pd. Nishad, Members, SCPCR had visited our stall on 08.12.2010 and confers her views. According to her, these initiatives of ATSEC Save the children and Bihar Police is a perfect example of out of box initiatives. She also thanks all organizations to organize and assemble such a live program to sensitize and mobilize common masses on anti human especially child trafficking initiatives as a people movement. At stall, she also talked and discussed few children and women about child trafficking and institutional arrangements for combat child trafficking. Besides this, she



also



ensures us that when ever and what ever, we look for support from Commission; the Commission will be with us for unanimously fought with the trafficking of children and women.



On 11.12.2010, **Mr. Ramdeo Prasad**, Chairman, State Child Labour Commission GoB visited the stall and notifies this effort as an eye opener activity for society and their distinguished citizens. As per him, this action will make community aware on issues, legalities of child protection from every form of exploitation and human trafficking. He also suggests us to utilize this common platform with different wings of law enforcement, Government line departments, NGOs towards making of a child-friendly environment as well need of putting all important stakeholders under one roof to disseminate the messages of combating human trafficking and juvenile justice. As per him, being the part of the process of community development with Save the Children, Bihar Police and ATSEC- Bihar has been taking active part with C.I.D., Bihar in displaying and awareness process for community to sensitize and mobilize them on the issues of human trafficking and juvenile care and protection in the state

Number of visitors at stall in 1st week (registered)	Date
220	23.11.10
84	24.11.10
75	25.11.10
188	26.11.10

Number of registered visitors at stall in 2nd week(27th Novato 05 Dec 2010)	Date
364	27.11.10 (Saturday)
154	28.11.10 (Sunday)
147	29.11.10 (Monday)
130	30.11.10 (Tuesday)
168	01.12.10 (Wednesday)
201	02.12.10 (Thursday)
197	03.12.10 (Friday)
220	04.12.10 (Saturday)
236	05.12.10 (Sunday)
Total: 1817 in second week	

Number of registered visitors at stall in 3rd week(06th Dec to 12 Dec 2010)	Date
167	06.12.10 (Monday)
162	07.12.10 (Tuesday)
195	08.12.10 (Wednesday)
145	09.12.10 (Thursday)
154	10.12.10 (Friday)
144	11.12.10 (Saturday)
159	12.12.10 (Sunday)

Number of registered visitors at stall in 4 th week	Date
149	13.12.10 (Monday)
104	14.12.10 (Tuesday)
91	15.12.10 (Wednesday)
115	16.12.10 (Thursday)
109	17.12.10 (Friday)
128	18.12.10 (Saturday)
124	19.12.10 (Sunday)

2. Nukkad (street) Shows

Our Nukkad team of eight members is performing 2 to 3 Nukkad Shows named “*Salma Ki Kahani*” per day at the Mela. Basically their play is based on the sufferings of a trafficked victim. Salma is a beautiful girl and she is trafficked by his so called boy friend Parvez for the fake commitment for job in films. Later, he sold Salma to fake directors and producers. It was a very successful presentation of professional artists performing street play on such issues of human trafficking. It has been observed that this type of visual representation affects more positively and powerfully. Our Nukkad team is not only performing the play but they are also attracting masses by its message-giving thematic songs based on parody of local Bhojpuri songs. All the Nukkad presentations were performed with a long interval so that different people could be covered by the activity. This group is leading by Mr.Surendra Kumar Vasistha, Narrator and other seven efficient artists. At each play, 250 to 300 hundred people have getting, grasping the message of anti human trafficking. Our Nukkad team is very much successful in attracting people towards our goal of campaign in the Mela.



Name of Nukkad team members:

1. Surendra Kumar Vasistha (Narrator)
2. Ram Ishwar Singh
3. Abhay Kr.
4. Madhu Pandey
5. Murari Kr.
6. Vinod Singh
7. Ranjan Kumar
8. Bablu Kr.

Name of Volunteers at Stall:

1. Ritesh Kumar
2. Muchkund Kumar



Outcome:

1. Till date, around 2000 to 4000 people were informed and aware on the issues of child protection, neglect, abuse and human trafficking.
2. It was also our great success that we found that many people, after watching the performance of Nukkad shows, were engaged in the discussion on subjects like trafficking of girls, girl child education, child marriage, gender discrimination, etc. We have found them in a serious discussion on the topic and they were promising to not neglect education of girl child and to protect them at their best.

Conclusion:

It was a great success as from support of few resources; we have succeeded to cover a huge number of people in just few days in the Mela. It was also felt that such activities could also be performed at different villages where such problems of human trafficking and child protection are residing. In present circumstances we can think about this type of performance in those villages which are affected by flood and child protection is a big issue.

Media corner

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बिहार, बुधवार, 24 नवम्बर, 2010

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सोनपुर मेला

सीआईडी का स्टॉल बना आकर्षण का केंद्र

बिहार प्रविष्ट महिषरथ मेला (सोनपुर) में सीआईडी विभाग का स्टॉल लोगों को आकर्षण का केंद्र बना हुआ है। पुलिस विभाग के द्वारा सोनपुर मेले में 1000 से अधिक स्टॉल लगाए गए हैं। इनमें से सीआईडी का स्टॉल सबसे अधिक आकर्षण का केंद्र बन चुका है।

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