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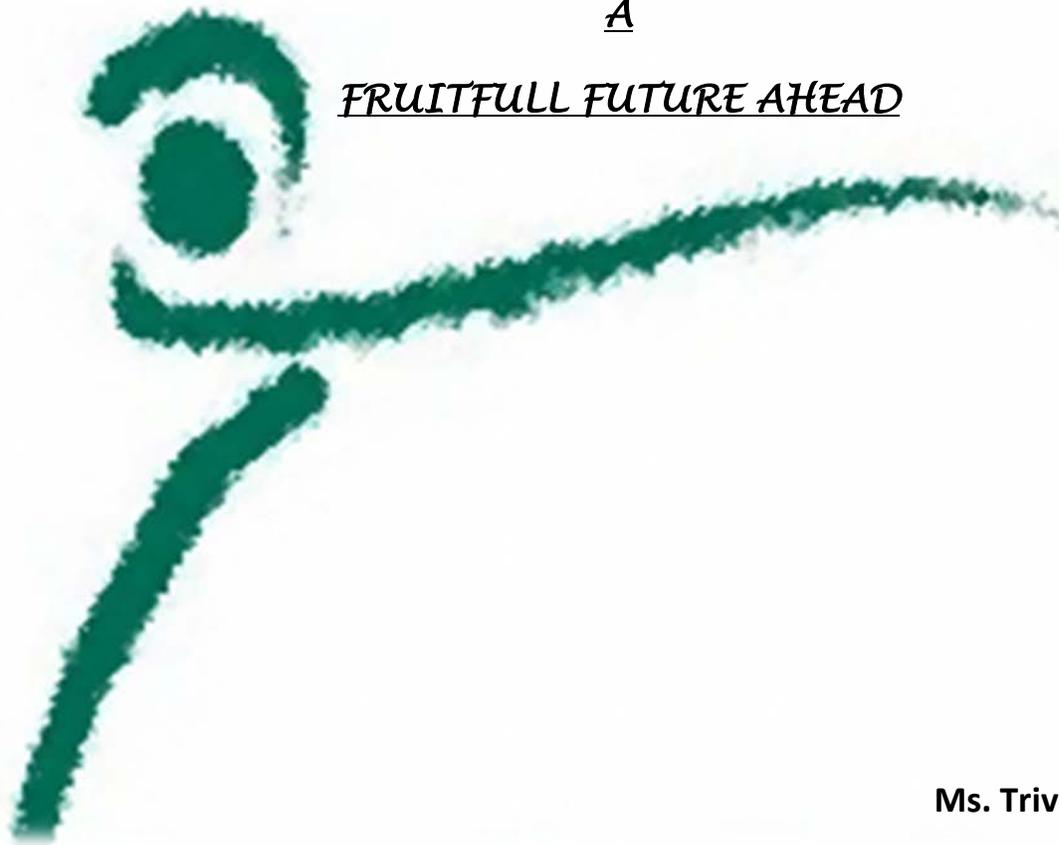
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EVERY EXPLOITED VICTIM

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Ms. Triveni Acharya

President

The prime objective of Rescue Foundation has always been to protect the rights of the trafficked victims. Our mission is to reinstate human rights to victims of human trafficking, trafficked from Bangladesh, Nepal and India who are sexually abused and are sold for forced prostitution.



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✓ Twelve victims Rescued from a Lodge in Ulhasnagar, Maharashtra

Thane : Ulhasnagar, one of the busiest business hub of Thane district in Maharashtra, is known for its manufacturing units of all commodities. Together with the business development, developed the human trafficking and sex slavery. This place has many hotels and lodges to accommodate many visiting clients coming for the business visits. But simultaneously on the pretext of that many lodges and hotels entertain and encourage the human trafficking trade and operate a full fledge brothel inside their hotels. The investigators of Rescue Foundation kept a constant watch on the same. Some months before Rescue Foundation had rescued 6 girls who were held captive and were send for the flesh trade to such hotels. There was a tip off from the investigator of Rescue Foundation, which was personally attended by the President of rescue Foundation. Ms. Triveni Acharya. She called a meeting of the Investigation and Rescue staff to discuss the plan of action for the raid. Nityanand Hotel was the target, Complete reiki was done by the Rescue Foundation staff, decoy customers were send for In Brothel Counseling, after some visits it was confirmed that many girls are forced into the trade, after being trafficked from different parts of India and Bangladesh.

The raid was fixed for the next day that was 2nd of June 2014. The team informed the Joint Commissioner of Police of that jurisdiction, as informing the local Police Personal might leak out the information. Next day three teams were made, each team including two staff of Rescue Foundation, one Women Police Constable and 2 Male Police Personnel. Two decoy customers were send to engage the victims, and monitor the situation while the raid. The raid was conducted, one team covered the front entrance, the other covered the back entrance and the third team first headed to the second floor of the hotel as the hotel was of two floors so all the entry and exit were covered. There were 12 rooms on each floor but all the rooms except the two where the Decoy customers of Rescue Foundation were engaged were empty. There was no trace of the



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victims except the two, the decoy customers said at least twelve victims were shown to them. The manager the pimp all together six people were thoroughly questioned but all in vain. The team came to know that the hotel owner had installed a C.C.T.V camera at the entrance, which covers a very long distance, by which they came to know about the arrival of the Police, and hence hid the victims. Meanwhile a staff of Rescue Foundation was too cynical and doubtful about one room, the room was empty but the fan was on, and below the bed there were many pairs of ladies footwear scattered. It confirmed the doubt that there was something fishy. But even when all the staff of Rescue Foundation were searching the place, nothing was to be found. Then the team started searching in the bathroom, the walls were fully tiled, the ceiling was intact, the team started checking the tiled walls of the said room, and after some effort a vacuum was traced, and when the tiles were broken there was a cavity, hidden cell inside the wall of the bathroom. There were all together 10 victims hidden inside the cell who were found.

Altogether 12 girls were rescued and six victims were arrested and the victims are undergoing psycho social counseling.



The hidden cells cavity in the bathroom of Nityanand hotel



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✓ 12 Victims rescued from Meergunj, Allahabad, U.P.

Uttar Pradesh : Allahabad, one of the education hub of Uttar Pradesh and place of great historical significance, turns to be the capital of sex trade nowadays. Meergunj is one of the most infamous red light, in Uttar Pradesh. The Delhi staff of Rescue Foundation keeps a constant vigil on the area and collects constant information of the new coming girls in the area.

President, Rescue Foundation Ms. Triveni Acharya was informed about the latest situation in the Meergunj area, and she immediately instructed to raid the needed brothel in Meergunj redlight area. A team was send from Mumbai comprising one female staff and the staff from Delhi also arrived in Allahabad. On 10th of June 2014 the team prepared for the Rescue raid. The climate was very dry and hot. The team approached the Senior Superintendent of Police of Allahabad he proved to be too co operative and provided a team of sufficient staff, including female women police staff. The lane of the meergunj (the redlight area of Allahabad) is too narrow and congested. When the team entered, it was havoc in the area. All the brothels got closed and many fled away. The team reached the place of target. The shutters were locked but when the staff of Rescue Foundation broke open the shutter locks, it was found that the shutters were also locked from inside. It cleared that the victims were inside.

The team requested to open up the shutters, but all in vain, than the Police team arranged for a blacksmith who forced open the shutters. The team entered the brothel and found the victims hidden inside a cavity of a flooring which was not too much concealed and hence was not much difficult. 12 victims were rescued and brought to the Women Police cell of Allahabad, from where after completing all the procedure the victims were send to the Government protective home for further rehabilitation, trained counselor of Rescue Foundation regularly visit the home for their psycho social counseling.



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✓ 5 victims rescued from a treacherous hidden cell in Agra, U.P.

Agra : Agra, well known for TajMahal one of the seven wonders of the World and a huge Fort, and a bulging tourist spot, is now iniquitous for its red light area called Kashmiri Bazaar.

The investigators of Rescue Foundation found that many girls are forced into the sex trade here. Especially on brothel which houses many new victims from all over India, is known for its forced prostitution practices in the area. After some visits in that particular brothel by the Investigation staff of Rescue Foundation, it was found that it was not a rumour but fact that it prevails the same way. The team reached Agra and started the reiki of the same brothel on 18th June 2014, and on 19th June, the Rescue Foundation team comprising of Delhi and Mumbai team, approached the Senior Superintendent of Police (S.S.P) of Agra division. He was very helpful and called for teams from the Womens Cell, Anti Human Trafficking Unit and one Circle Officer. This also included many women Police Personnel. As the teams reached the brothel it was seen that the brothel was closed from outside. After breaking up the locks from outside door, it took hell of a struggle to enter the door as it was closed from inside also. After the door opened, the teams started thoroughly searching the place. Biggest problem was that the place was too dark, the electricity connection was disconnected and no one knew where the fuse was?? All the team members were using their mobile assistive lights to search.

Even after the thorough search nothing was found. All were ready to leave the premises thinking nothing is present. By that time a member of Mumbai team of Rescue Foundation saw a huge drum in the small washroom, the drum was empty without water inside, so he doubted about it. When he shifted the drum he found a very small wooden door admeasuring approximately 2 feet, it was too small and compact. When the door was opened and victims started coming out of the cavity. All the staff were astonished to see that there were g girls hidden in that cavity admeasuring approximately 6 feet and height of 3 feet. All the victims were cramped inside and were in a very dilapidated condition. They were in a severe trauma, when they came out all were in tears. As there was no ventilation in that cavity, it was sure that if they were inside for half an hour more. They might have felt unconscious.

Police team appreciated the efforts of the team of Rescue Foundation. The victims were taken to the Women Cell of Police and after the proper procedure and medical checkup the victims were send to the Government Protective home, where the trained Counselors of Rescue Foundation regularly visit them for providing proper Psycho Social Counseling.



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✓ Fundraising visit in Europe a grand success

Mumbai : Rescue Foundation is operating a office in Delhi since many years. The Delhi office conducts rescue operations, not only in Delhi but also in many parts of Western and Eastern U.P. It has always been a problem that after the Rescue raids, the victims are send to the Government Protective home. The facilities available in such homes is tremendously ghastly, there is no proper medical or hyeginic facilities available. No trained counselor visit there. Hence Rescue Foundation sends trained counselors after the Rescue Operations. But unfortunately it is very hard to maintain and provide all the facility to all from far away place like Delhi. Hence the President of Rescue Foundation, Ms. Triveni Acharya decided to open a Protective home in Delhi. this noble idea was discussed with many funding agencies and donors. Some donors were keenly interested in the idea.

She was invited to Germany and Switzerland to share the idea of the same. She accompanying with one of a very able and efficient staff member of Rescue Foundation, visited Germany first. She stayed in Germany for more then 7 days. They met there with many independent donors and funding agencies. As many of the donors were already aware of the work done by Rescue Foundation, they need not had to much elaborate the purpose of the visit. All the donors appreciated the efforts of Rescue Foundation in the field of anti Human Trafficking and invited the idea of a new Protective Home in Delhi. The funders warmly greeted Ms. Triveni Acharya and were eager to extend their support for the new protective home.

After which Ms. Triveni Acharya visited Switzerland to meet some more donors. And it was a pleasant experience that even there they found the same response and saw the donors keenly interested in the new project of starting a new protective home in Delhi. While concluding the 16 days visit to Germany and Switzerland Ms. Triveni Acharya found a very encouraging response from the donors.

✓ Delegates from Nepal Embassy visit the Protective home in Kandivali,

Mumbai: Nepal Embassy share a very cordial relationship, with Rescue Foundation. Recently the delegates from Nepal Embassy visited the Kandivali protective home in Mumbai. Altogether 5 members from Nepal Embassy visited the protective home. Together with the delegates also was the legal advisor with them. The President, Rescue Foundation Ms. Triveni Acharya and the delegates had a very beneficial interaction. The discussion was regarding the changing trend of trafficking from Nepal and also the legal complications arising at Indian



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airports where the Nepali girls are arrested while travelling to Middle East countries, as India is a transit for them. Middle East has become a biggest hub of Nepali girls trafficking. The Nepal embassy departed with lots of hope and confidence from Rescue Foundation. All the delegates appreciated the work done by Rescue Foundation.

✓ Career initiative for three survivors & admission for further studies

Mumbai : Hospitality industry is the rapidly growing industry and has no saturation point what so ever. An appreciable initiative been taken by Youth Career Initiative to provide the venue of Graded hotels for training the survivors and for the placement of them. Rescue Foundation has the record of providing the survivors placement in different employment and accommodating them in group homes. Very recent example of the same is the selection of 3 survivors of Rescue Foundation in a reputed star graded hotel as trainee. They will be initially trained and a stipend will be paid till the end of the training after which depending upon the success of their training they will be placed in the employment.

One of the survivor who is keen in higher studies gained admission in the Graduation in commerce stream in Mumbai. The survivor is very dedicated to studies and we all wish her great success in near future.

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