

## **RESCUE FOUNDATION ANNUAL REPORT 2016**

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#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMAR**

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#### THE ORGANIZATION

Since 21 years 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.

Rescue Foundation, as the name suggests specializes in rescuing the unfortunate victims from the clutches of the anti-social elements in and around the country. We realized that merely rescuing them does not guarantee their reintegration in society. Our experienced investigators successfully manage to conduct in-brothel counseling to explain the benefits of enjoying human rights and obtain their consent to be rescued. But after rescue their trauma overburdens them and their negativity has to be converted to positive attitude so that they can sustain their lives with good health and reintegrate well in respectable society.

Providing necessary facilities, training & medical consultation to about 405 girls becomes a huge task for our organization. We carry out our duties with the help of more than 87 determinant and dedicated staff members & Volunteers spread over our three protective and rehabilitation homes and one office at Delhi-for investigation and rescue.

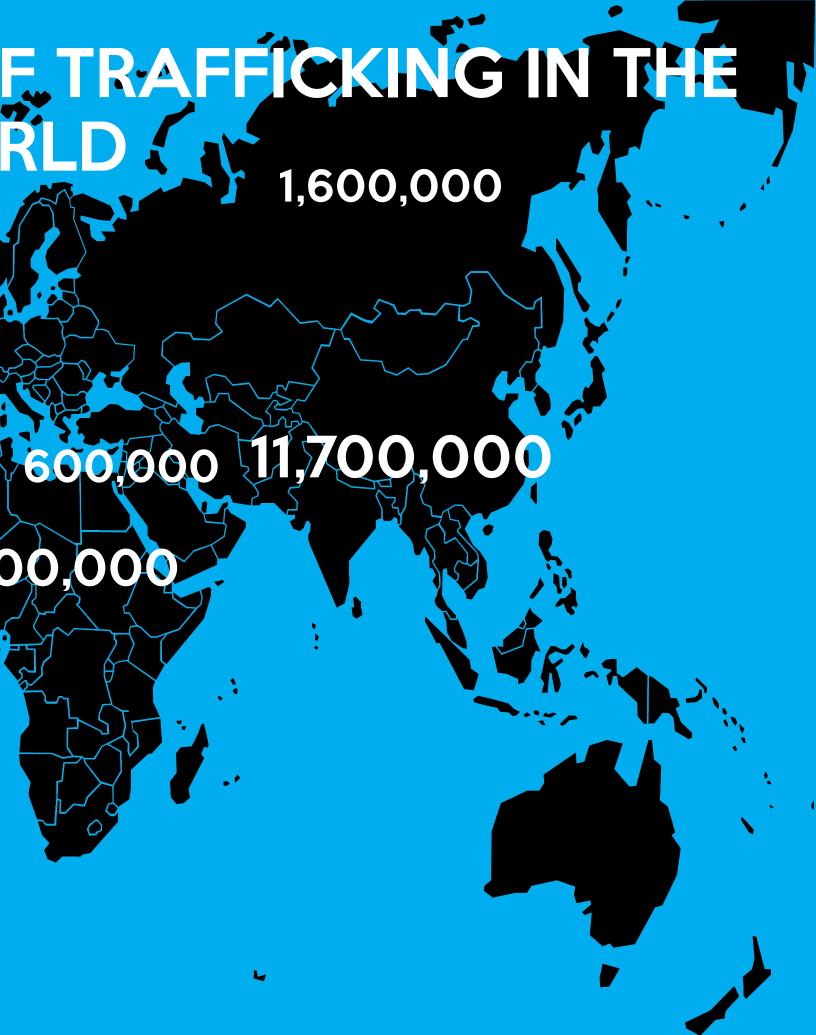
The expertise gained in providing new lives to the young female generation has provided severe encouragement to us for extending our services to other cities like Delhi which have become attractive destinations for trafficking and forced prostitution. The root of the success of Rescue Foundation is the combination of our grass root work and your support. Continuation of our combined efforts will sarely go a long way towards the anti-trafficking measures needed by this region.

# 21 MILLION VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING IN THE WORLD

## 1,500,000

## 1,800,000

3,700,000



Dear Supporters & Well wishers,

There are great challenges. But our resolve is greater.

There is evil which has pushed millions of young girls into the dungeons of flesh trade. But there's also the good. And we're deeply committed to liberating these girls. Our determination has already brought hope to thousands of girls. But we won't stop till we've secured freedom for every single girl trapped in the horrors of sexual exploitation.

To say, that these girls are traumatized would be an understatement. They are subjected to brutal violence. Their bodies are exploited and their souls are crushed every single day. They are not only inflicted with gross physical wounds but also severe mental trauma. It's very common to observe depression and suicidal tendencies in these girls. The fate of children is even worse. If fortunate, they are neglected and left to fend for themselves. But more often than not, these children become the victims of undernourishment and child abuse. However, there's hope. Till the time we have a listening ear willing to lend a helping hand. Your support encourages us help rescue and rehabilitate these troubled beautiful soul who has probably lost everything, including her faith in humanity.

Every support from you will greatly aid our rescue work which is often marred by many challenges like lack of financial support and risks involved. Yet, our team never loses the passion. Because, we know, we can count on you for your continued support and encouragement. There's huge comfort in knowing that you'll help us help and heal these beautiful souls.

Thanking you

Ms. Triveni Acharya, President, **Rescue Foundation.** 

## TOGETHER WE HELPED PROTECT

# 405 GIRLS AND **BABES**



**'Vision without** action is merely a dream. Action without vision just passes the time. Vision with action can change the world." -Joel A. Baker

**Health Care** 

**Psycho-social** Counseling

**Repatriation and** Reintegration

Legal Aid

## Investigation

Rescue

## Admission in **Protective Homes**

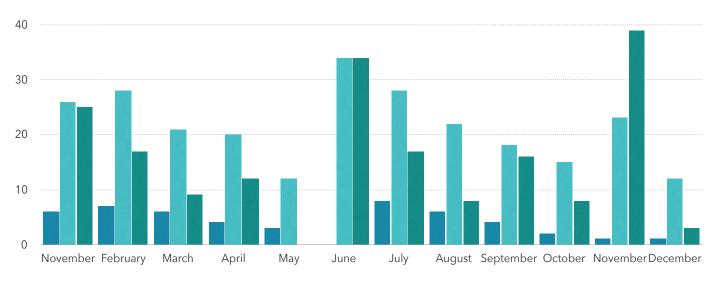
**Vocational Training** 

#### **STATISTICS OF 2016**



#### ANNUAL BREAKDOWN

Month	# of Investigations		# of Rescued Girls	# of Admissions	# of Repatriation
January	26	7	25	34	57
February	28	6	17	66	24
March	21	4	9	59	12
April	20	3	12	50	44
May	12	0	0	29	48
June	34	8	34	43	44
July	28	6	17	37	46
August	22	4	8	19	21
September	18	2	16	21	20
October	15	1	8	6	11
November	23	6	39	25	10
December	12	1	3	16	18
Total	259	48	188	405	355
	# of Rescue R	aids	# of Investiga	tions	# of Rescue



### **MORE: STATISTICS OF 2016**

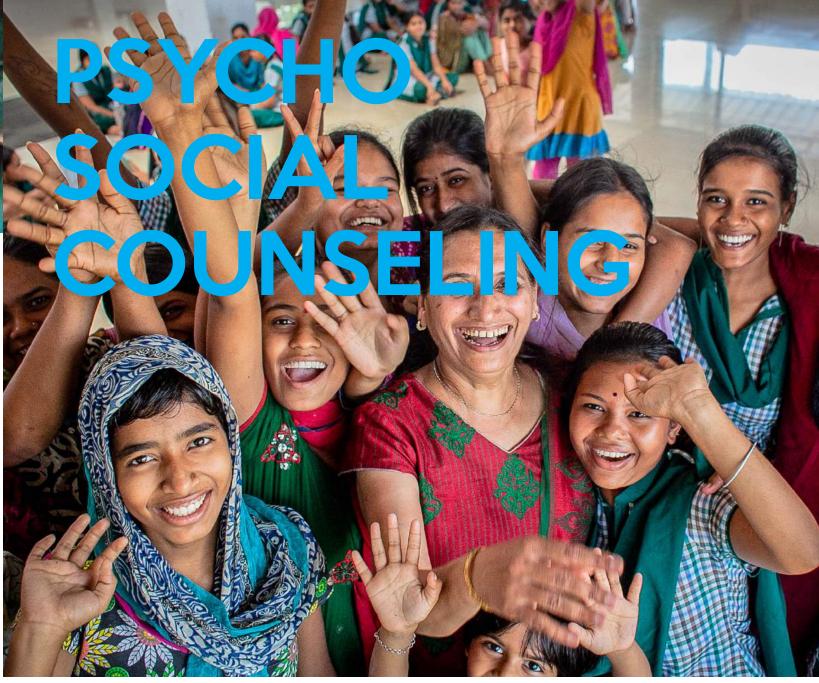
Vocational Training	# of girls who received training	
Informal Education		393
Yoga Class		451
Arts & Crafts		153
Tailoring Class		170
Beauty Parlor		166
Computer Class		99

Medical Treatment	# of girls who received treatment	
General Check Up		391
T.B. Check Up		105
Treatment of S.T.I.		86
Treatment of H.I.V.		15
Hospital Visit		190



RF legal department is an important pillar of the Rescue Foundation. In the year of 2016, members of Legal department had visited in Maharashtra and provided police training and awareness program on the legal issue. RF legal department is constantly followingup with the ministry of Women and Child Development for the new bill of Human Trafficking. Legal department had given suggestion on the Human Trafficking bill. When Hon'ble Minister Mrs. Maneka Gandhi had released new Human Trafficking bill, immediately TV channel called our Advocate and asked to participated in Live TV programme and Rescue Foundation legal department had given suggestions on the new bill. Subsequently RF legal department is frequently meeting Member of Parliament, to make them aware about the importance of this bill to be passes as soon as possible. In the Year of 2016, Legal Department has conducted 4 legal awareness session for the survivors and tried to know their problem and share their legal rights. We hope that this will help them knowing their legal rights, we could the participation was with lot of enthusiasm. In the year of 2016, RF legal department has given legal aid to approximately 624 survivors and our advocate had appeared before court on behalf of survivors. Most of the cases we had personally visited at survivors home and in 85% cases, we have submitted HSR (Home Study Report) RF Legal Department has started best practice took the HSR from the Probation Officer. We have also oppose the bail of many accused in this year, most of the accused are behind the bars. In addition, we have given much more legal session with the survivors for their legal rights. We have also conducted Mock trial with survivors, this is to help them stay firm in the real trail.

Rescue Foundation's Legal team attended an important meeting with the 54th Magistrate and 15th Magistrate Special; ITPA Court, Mumbai, to discuss the issue of orders passed at the Shelter Home. RF's legal team also shared MOU set up between West Bengal and Maharashtra States and urged the Court to consider the same for all the matters related to victims from the state of West Bengal. It was also shared that there is a State Task Force in both states that can take responsibility for matters related trafficking cases. The main agenda of the MOU is to Rescue, Rehabilitation, Repatriation and Reintegration of survivors. RF also had a meeting with the various Public Prosecutor of Special POCSO Court, Mumbai Sessions, on present ITPA proposed Bill of 2016. The meeting was with regard to the Public Prosecutor's suggestions about the legal handover the victims to the parents or guardians. Training was provided to the Public Prosecutors in Kolhapur on The Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, The Protection Of Children from Sexual Offences Act and other relevant provisions of the Indian Penal Code. Case laws were also discussed with the Public Prosecutors. RF succeeded in securing conviction in 8 cases. Followed by a PIL, Mumbai High Court had appointed one Committee headed by retired Judge- justice Dharmadikaree, to study the rehabilitation facilities provided in all the Govt. and non Gov. institutions for women and children and give recommendation. Save the Children India and Rescue Foundation is selected in that Committee which meets every month to plan and implement the recommendations.



In the month of October, Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavior Therapy (TF-CBT) Group Counseling Session completed. It has 6 Months duration and 20 girls attended the said session in two batches. On 9th Smita madam from Ram Krishna Mat conducted a meditation session for the girls. She taught the girls breathing exercises to concentrate on one's breath their by bring the body and mind this helped them overcoming negative emotions. This whole syllabus was base on cognitive scenario. By the Group session called TFCBT. Inthissyllabus–interactivegames; it's about their family relation, society relation, Personality development, bodily changes, healthy sexuality, Relaxation, feelings, thinking, sharing & Self-esteem and trust etc. This counselling session developed self-development within girls & also reduced their guilt depression.

Since these girls are traumatized and have developed trauma, they need to be counselled intricately. One of the volunteers Professor of Psychology University Pune) comes twice a week to conduct group counselling and individual counselling for the girls. She counselled girls and explained to them that they should always view all situations in their life positively.



#### **REPATRIATION OF 10 BANGLADESHI GIRLS**

#### **ON 8TH JANUARY 2016**

Rescue Foundation was happy to repatriate 10 Bangladeshigirlstomotherlandbyhandingthemov er safely to Rights Jessore NGO, from Bangladesh. Rescue Foundation also succeeded in helping its 2 Bangladeshi survivors get justice against their perpetrators, by securing convictions against the2 accused. Because of our efforts we ensursed two accused were convicted and were sentenced to 7yrs of rigorous imprisonment. We see this as a BIG victory, this will definitely create fear into the minds of trafficker. Repatriation In July, our 29 Bangladeshi girls with three children were successfully repatriated to Bangladesh with their travel permits. All these girls departed from Mumbai with 9 staff members of Rescue Foundation and 7 Police escorts. Out of 29 girls, 16 girls were inmates of our Kandivali shelter and 13 girls were inmates of our Boisar Shelter for three years. One Uzbekistani girl was rescued by Police and admitted to our Protective and Rehabilitation home at Pune for rehabilitation in October. She was addicted to smoking, drugs and alcohol. Our psycho-social counselling and health care were intensified for her recovery. As a result of this her violent nature had now changed and made her peaceful. As a result she appreciated the love and affection of Indians especially those at Rescue Foundation. Obtaining travel permits from Bangladesh for repatriation of Bangladeshi girls is a very long drawn affair. After a lot of struggle we are successful in obtaining travel permits for 14 girls and have repatriated these 14 girls with our staff as escort on 26th November 2016. One of the girls repatriated to Bangladesh was Poppy Khatun. She was sheltered at our Kandivali Shelter Home for last 3 years awaiting her travel permit. After severe efforts by the RF team she was finally repatriated to Bangladesh.

#### IMPACT OF OUR VOCATIONAL TRAINING

An exhibition of GIFTEX was arranged by Trade & Technology Exposition Company (I) Pvt. Ltd. At Nehru Centre Mumbai. Rescue Foundation was allotted one stall at the exhibition where a wide variety of handicrafts produced by our talented girls.

Direct contact with corporate clients was established. The first corporate order for 1600 Rakhis was received. Eight dedicated girls were entrusted with the production.

We regularly have jewellery making programme at our centres. We have collaborated with local vendor of synthetic jewellery who provides us with all raw materials. Our girls are trained to assemble jewellery as per their design and the vendor pays daily wages to the girls working on this project. The training they received at Rescue Foundation helps them to take up similar jobs in their areas.



#### CURRENCY CHANGE

Our employees stood in the gue from 5am in the morning to exchange the old currency of our girls. The decision of the government for changing currency has affected us indirectly because as they come their belonging is kept in safe as it is. It was very helpful for us to change the notes of 500 and 1000/- owing to the Aadhar Card Camp that was held where girls were given aadhar cards thus making the process of exchange of notes easy. Approx 7,00,000/- INR was exchanged by us.

Most of the trafficked victims are not literate or are school drop outs. To survive in villages and small cities without education, tailoring it is one of the most useful profession to carry out everywhere. Many times the girls operate their small tailoring shops and lot of them are working in textile factories and earning for thier families. 16 girls from Mumbai home have started their Advanced Tailoring course.

It is an encouraging thing that 4 of our girls are preparing and going to appear for their Grade X examination, which is very important for their higher education. We wish to wish them success in these exams.

#### **CLEANLINESS AWARENESS AT** BOISAR

The superintendent of Boisar conducted a very informative session with all the girls on maintaining high level of cleanliness and hygiene in their rooms and surrounding areas. This session was named 'Positive Reinforcement' and the girls learned a lot from it. Following the session, a Room Cleaning Competition was rolled out between all the girls where the cleanest room occupants would win the competition and would be entitled for a prize.

#### **PAINTING CLASSES**

A substance composed of solid coloring matter suspended in a liquid medium and applied as a protective or decorative coating to various surfaces, or to canvas or other materials in producing a work of art indulges girls not only into self pleasure but also motivates them to brush on larger canvas of their lives and promote their skill into income.



#### DANCE MOVEMENT THERAPY (DMT) PROGRAM

Dance has proven to be a vehicle for learning necessary life-skills, renewing a healthy mindbody relationship, addressing psychosocial issues, and developing new community bonds. For this purpose, On 12th April Dance Movement Therapy program was conducted. M/s. SohiniChakrabarty who is the Director/ Founder of Kolkata 'Sanved' was present in the program. The Dance movement therapy was started from August 2015 to March 2016. Our 12 girls performed in the Dance Movement Therapy program. They distributed certificates to the girls those who have successfully completed it. They realized that how their attitude and their habits changed in a very positive way. The Dance movement therapy was also started for Pune girls for all the benefits it offers.

One of our Partnering Ngo invites our organization to participate in Adventure camp at Bangalore. The camp is expressly designed for girls who are survivors of sex-trafficking (PITA). It's a fantastic chance to give the girls in our home a trip they will remember for a lifetime. Whether recently rescued or rescued years ago, these camps offer hope, encouragement and inspiration to the girls, as they make friends with other girls from the same background. From Rescue Foundation Ms. Leena Jadhav with 13 girls attend the above said camp.

The 6 month Hotel Management certified course is conducted by Youth Career Initiative (YCI). On date 27.06.2016, 7 of our girls attended first round of interviews at J. W. Marriott Sahara Hotel for placements.

Our daughter Maina participated in State level Karate tournament and was selected to represent the entire Palghar district for advanced tournaments. She excelled in Karate after having been trained by Rescue Foundation.

15 girls completed basic computer course. We encourage girls to acquire computer skill to enable them to find jobs as it is an important requisite to work in any business or industry. 15 girls completed English speaking course. Speaking in English is basically essential for all business discussions.

A batch of 10 girls were trained to produced various items like vanity bags, purses, mobile covers etc. which was very much appreciated by girls as they said that they can make a living by producing them where they live after repatriation.



#### MARSHAL ARTS AND **BOXING**

20 of our girls have completed one month's Marshal Arts and boxing course. They were taught every morning by a German volunteer. The girls attended the sessions with great interest.

#### ORGANISATIONAL **ACHIEVEMENTS & EVENTS**

Rescue Foundation has conducted Aadhar Card Camp at Boisar shelter Home for the survivors, By the help of UADAI Officers, altogether 48 Survivors from INDIA will be Benefited by this camp. This will enable many survivors to attain many Government Benefits & will establish their Identity when & where needed. **REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATIONS: 2016 started** with great with new enthusiasm, courage and excitement. Most awaited event of the year at Rescue Foundation – Boisar staff Republic Day, with immense patriotism and pride, along with female cadets from the Police Training Academy (Manor), led by friendly neighbourhood Police Inspector M.I.Patil, who made the girls realise the importance of being law-abiding citizens. The cultural program included singing national songs and dance performances by the RF girls itself. Off course followed by lovely lunch.

#### PARTICIPATIVE FORUMS

Rescue Foundation's President, Mrs. Triveni Acharya was one of the invitees who attended a meeting with the Minister of Women and Child Development, India, on 8th February, at New Delhi.

Rescue Foundation also participated in a 5-day national 'Leadership Development Programme to combat Human Trafficking', at the 'Tata Institute of Social Sciences' (TISS), from 22nd February to 26th February.

This Leadership workshop was to empower individuals to become sustainable leaders to combat human trafficking and related human rights issues. The workshop's curriculum included various aspects relating to the issue of human trafficking.

Rescue Foundation was one of the participants in the Roundtable discussion on 'Trafficking In Persons' at the U.S. Consulate General-Mumbai, Mumbai, on 8th February. The discussion focused on the ways in which NGOs can access the justice system to benefit victims of trafficking in persons. The U.S speaker Kate Mogelescu, is a supervising attorney in the Legal Aid Society's Criminal Defence Practice and also an Adjunct Professor at the City College of New York.

International Women's Day was celebrated at all 3 RF homes, on 8th March.

#### **MUMBAI HOME**

Lions Club volunteers visited RF home and celebrated Women's Day and also distributed toiletries kits to all the girls.

#### **PUNE HOME**

The Social Service branch of the Police visited RF home and addressed the girls before distributing gifts to all the girls.

#### **BOISAR HOME**

The celebrations were sponsored by 'Galaxy Surfactants Ltd. They gave a session on personal hygiene and surrounding hygiene and distributed some gifts on the occasion of Women's Day. The District Child Protection Officer also participated with key colleagues.

Also, a well designed session on Anger & Stress management was conducted by counselling volunteers for the Boisar home girls. Some of the technical exercises that the girls enthusiastically practiced were: Progressive Muscle Relaxation, Deep breathing, Visual imagery and Balloon bursting. This was followed by Psycho-education on Anger Management.

#### HOLI CELEBRATIONS

'Holi' is a spring festival in India and Nepal, also known as the festival of colours or the festival of sharing love. It is an ancient Hindu religious festival where participants play, chase and colour each other with dry powder and colour water, with some carrying water guns and colour water-filled balloons for their water fight and the girls in all the three homes, with lots of fun and excitement.

Rescue Foundation celebrated the 70th Independence Day of India, by Flag Hoisting in presence of the Senior Police Inspector from Manor police station and Rescue Foundation staffs.

The day was celebrated with tremendous joy by 107 girls of Boisar Complex including 25 girls from Mumbai Home. Our president gave a speech on the occasion for motivating girls & talking about how India gained Independence. DAHIHANDI: Birth of Lord Krishna known as "Dahihandi" was celebrated on 25th August. The day was joyfully celebrated by the girls at Rescue Foundation, Boisar. Rescue Foundation arranged and earthen pot filled with curd, butter and prize at a height so that the girls can form a pyramid and break the earthen pot to celebrate the occasion.. All girls enjoyed the celebration very much.

Rakshabandhan is a festival where every year a group of Police Officers from Manor Police Station come to Rescue Foundation home at Boisar where our rescued girls tied rakhis as a band of protection on the hands of the Police Officers. This year also the festival was celebrated happily.





#### MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION

On Dt.10/5/2016 we have celebrated Mother's Day in Rescue foundation Boisar. Our main purpose for celebrating Mother's Day was that to motivate them of caretakers and house mothers who are at present looking after them as their own mothers. So that may also respect them and there may be a healthy atmosphere around.

The girls danced in groups and sang.

After some girls expressed about their mother's love and care, also hearted towards their mothers, for some time they were emotional too. It was a memorable day!

Ganesh Chaturthi is celebrated as the birthday of Lord Ganesha. During the Ganesh Chaturthi festival, idols are made in great numbers out of clay or metal in all sizes. After worshipping them for a few days it is immersed in a water body. Classical music and dance performances, folk dances, poetry recitations and film festivals are a part of the fun-filled event.

As Rescue Foundation rescues many Muslim girls trafficked from Bangladesh we celebrated Eid festival for all girls at our three homes. It is very satisfying to know that all girls of any religion happily participate in all religious festivals irrespective of their individual religion. The only religion for Rescue Foundation is 'humanity'.

On Dt. 12th Sep, 2016 a group Church visited our girls. Father Jacob Kohli from Talasari church, sisters from Mother Teresa Charity convent also had joined them. Our 120 girls participated in the street plays that were conducted and social issues were given to them to enact and girls could prepare it within 10-15 minutes and perform. Our all three homes celebrated Diwali profusely by singing, dancing, greeting, and partying. For our girls, Rescue Foundation is their family and all members of Rescue Foundation, the inmates and the staff are members of one family. This relationship provides them a sense of belonging. The festival spreads happiness all around.

For providing outdoor entertainment to survivors, a picnic was arranged by our Kandivali, Mumbai home on 31st May 2016. The picnic was arranged at Green Hill Resort, Nalasopara which was attended by 50 survivors accompanied by 19 staff members. Such outings are very essential for the mental development of survivors who have undergone severe trauma in their past life. October was a month of festivals. On 1st October, we celebrated 'Navratri', a nine day celebration with devotion and prayers to Goddess Durga. The entire environment at RF was full of devotion, truth, peace and comradeship. It also involved dancing and chanting devotional songs.



#### HEALTHCARE INITIATIVES

Psychological test.: As per PITA act 1956 for girls who are sexually abused Most of our minor girls are in traumatic situation. On 6th Nov 2016 altogether seven girls were taken to Thane civil Hospital for psychological test. From the time they are with us we could see some symptoms in them like fear, silence, anxiety, sadness, grief anger and sleeplessness.

Collaboration with our Partner NGo RF Conducted Medical camp for girls.109 girls were provided with health checkups by Dr. Veda provide medical care to these underprivileged girls. Besides delivering general treatment to the patients, they also delivered free consultation and treatment to the girls in our home. Many specialists and physicians attended the camp. Girls were very happy as they did not have to travel to a hospital for the treatment. Such medical camp has proved to be a big success. On 27th March, Medical counseling was done by Dr.Khytna, to all the girls of Boisar Home and this was very effective and useful information they received for their overall health. On this same day at Boisar Home, 'GayatriYagna' was arranged to be conducted in worship of Goddess Gayatri. This ensures long and healthy life and improvement in the intelligence quotient of the person and spiritual growth and for selfconfidence, self worth and self-advancement. Health & Hygiene Program

This special camp "Health and Hygiene" was organized by Diya team on 14th April. four volunteers carried it forward. Doctors who actively contributed in the camp were Dr.Rajendra, Gynecologist from Palghar, Dr.Nalini, and Gynecologist from Palghar, Dr. Girish Patil, Dentist and Dr. Anita Sharan, Pathologist. Camp was organized keeping in mind our girls hygiene issues and problems. Special thanks to Dr.AvinashPatil, who has helped us in organizing discussing the problems of our girls with doctors.

#### **IN THE NEWS**

RF was in the news when a leading Mumbai newspaper carried an article of the rescue of a young girl who was trafficked and sold in prostitution. This rescue opened up a sex racket which was going on in Bhiwandi area by 3 accused, including a woman. A team comprising Anti Human Trafficking Cell officials and Rescue Foundation members raided a chawl at Bhiwandi Bypass around 11:45 pm on Thursday and rescued the 20-year-old and arrested a trio - a couple and a Bangladeshi national. Though the rescued victim claims to be an adult, the cops suspect her to be a minor.

#### OUR STAFF GOT ATTACKED WITH HOCKEY STICK

On 29th November at 2am a raid was conducted at a dance bar (Night Queen) in Thane, we had a confirmed info about 2 minor girls at the bar. Our BRAVE investigation officer Nitin Mungekar and his driver along with few policemen from local police station conducted the raid. Unfortunately no girls were found due to leak of Information about our Rescue raid. While leaving our team was attacked by 12-15 goons belonging to the bar owner. Nitin & his driver were admitted in the hospital.



A damaged car belonging to an NGO outside Night Queen bar in Thane on Tuesday.

Gang attacks NGO staff who 'raided' dance bar in Thane

#### DIWAKAR SHARMA

A gang of around 15 people attacked an NGO staff who was returning empty handed after conducting 'raid' at Thane-based dance bar, Night Queen, where two minor girls were reportedly trafficked to work. The incident took place on the intervening night of Monday and Tuesday.

The 42 year-old yictim Nitin Mungekar has been admitted to nearby hospital where he is recuperating. He has sustained nijuries on his head, leg and right hand. According to the Mungekar's colleague Ashok, The gang of 15 people came in car and motorcycle, overtook Mungekar's car and assaulted him with workey scitche."

They also damaged Mungekar's car, said

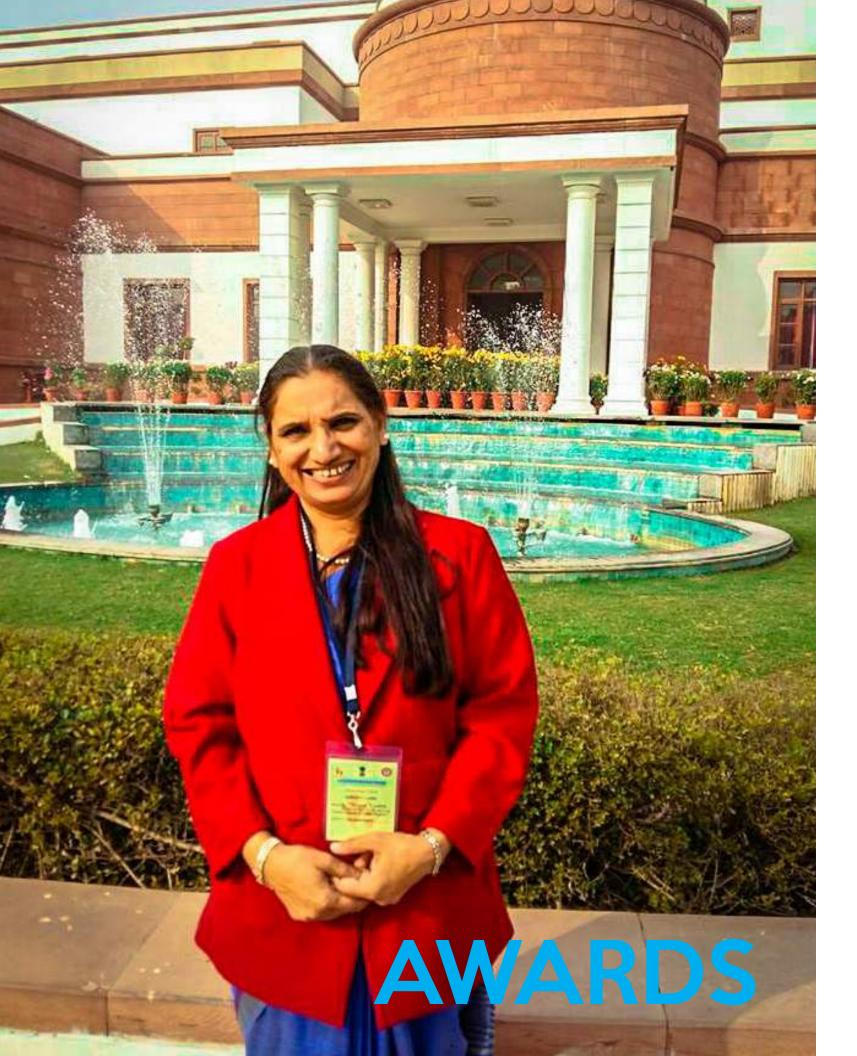


42-year-old victim Nitin Mungekar has been Ashok, who added, "We the Rescue Foundation has been working for the welfare of children and women who are forced into illegal business. We conduct raids only afte we have concrete information about ongoing illega racket."

This happens every tim when we conduct ration with local police station the raid info gets leaked," a leged Ashok. The caagainst unknown persohas been registered Kasarwadali police stati of Thane district.

"Victim's driver lost c trol over the vehicle and the car on divider," said officer from Kasar Wad police station.

However, no arrest been made so far but local police are stud; the CCTV footage of place of crime.



#### **AWARDS**

The President of Rescue Foundation, Mrs Triveni Acharya was felicitated by Diya Foundation at the '21st Century- Women's Century' seminar, on 9th January for her devoted work of rescue.

The Shoorveer Award was jointly presented by celebrities Ms. Ranjan Negi (former Indian Hockey Captain and Women Hockey Coach and Ample Mission's Director AneelMurarka on 28th May 2016. Her bravery coupled with her emotions and affection towards the vulnerable and downtrodden young girls have been the main cause behind her success.

AmeriCares launched the Spirit of Humanity to identify and honor excellence by not-for-profit organizations working for the underprivileged, over the years, Spirit of Humanity has served as a centre of excellence, bringing together leaders across various fields, from the social sector to corporations. Rescue Foundation was also elected by jury to receive the award signifying that the work of Rescue Foundation is being humane to the unfortunate victims of human trafficking.

Rescue Foundation won one of the most prestigious Award, 7th Spirit of Humanity Award.

The famous Indian Merchant Chamber Ladies' Wing, the prestigious ICONIC WOMAN AWARD was presented to RF's dynamic President Ms.Triveni Acharya, by Ms. AmrutaFadnavis : Vice-president of Axis Bank (wife of DevendraFadnavis : Chief Minister Of Maharastra) along with Mr.Vidyasagar Rao : Governor of Maharashtra. The tough lady has indeed emerged as an iconic figure in the world of anti-human traffickers.

#### **ANOTHER FEATHER IN THE CAP**

It's a proud moment for us as Mrs. Triveni Acharya was selected as one of the 100 Women Achievers of India and received an award under the category of "Access to Justice, protecting women and their rights." What glorifies the moment further is to receive it from none other than the First Citizen of our beloved country, our very own President Mr. Pranab Mukherjee. The ministry of Women and Child Development in collaboration with Facebook launched nationwide contest on July 15. It's an honor to see our work recognized in such a noble and kind way.

#### FUTURE DEVELOPMENT

#### **RF Delhi Home**

We are happy to inform that the first stage of Rescue Foundation's new Home in Delhi commenced in March. This is our 4th Protective Home and a much needed one in this geographical region. RF now brings hope & help closer to girls trafficked in Northern India.

#### PROGRESS OF CONSTRUCTION OF OUR NEW PROTECTIVE AND REHABILITATION HOME AT DELHI

After realising the need of a shelter home in Delhi and recommendations by the government, RF'S fourth protective home is under construction with great support from European Donors to buy land and construct new home for 100 girls.

Construction of home started on 19 MARCH 2016 and we shall provide safe custody, complete health care, legal aid and vocational training as 2017 dawns.

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