

# ANNUAL REPORT 2018



**NEDAN FOUNDATION**

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*“Working in the area of trafficking is like fighting with capitalism without arms. Life is always in danger. Our mission today is to create zero child trafficking in the area of Indo-Bhutan border”*

*-Digambar Narzary  
Chairperson,  
NEDAN  
Foundation*

## From the Chairperson Desk

Dear Friends,

I would like to thank you for the joy you have brought to under-privileged people through your support of NEDAN Foundation. Your steadfast magnanimity enabled us to complete our 14th year of service in 2017. I feel privileged to share Organization’s one year report with you.

Since its inception 2003 more than 15 programs in North East, India have shed light to most under-privilege section of the society particularly children and women affected by conflict. NEDAN Foundation work directly with conflict affected children and women in four Districts of BTC and with partner organization in eight states of North East.

NEDAN try filling up the huge disparity in providing direct services to children and women in conflict / emergency situation keeping in mind the Plan of Action under World Fit for Children Declaration - Ensuring children affected by disasters receive timely and effectively humanitarian assistance. The children constitute (0-18) 40% of total population of Assam. The protecting the rights of children is a big challenge in Assam and North East. Assam has witness repeated number of emergency situations, both man made and natural calamities. Both the calamities has deep rooted impact in the lives of the affected populations. Therefore, special social measures need to be created for restoring the human existence and particularly protecting children and their equitable access to basic services.

NEDAN has been a focal point of all my quest for the last 23 years of my professionalism. And it has also become the culmination of my dreams. Since, its inception in 2003, we have greatly tirelessly works for our programs and built long lasting relationships with our communities in the root. Along the way, I have discovered that people have an innate desire to do good.

2017 is the ONE DECADE journey of NEDAN and let us celebrate by addressing the vast challenges and the opportunities that remain in North East India and else where. Thousands of people aspire for progress and together we can help them realize their dreams.

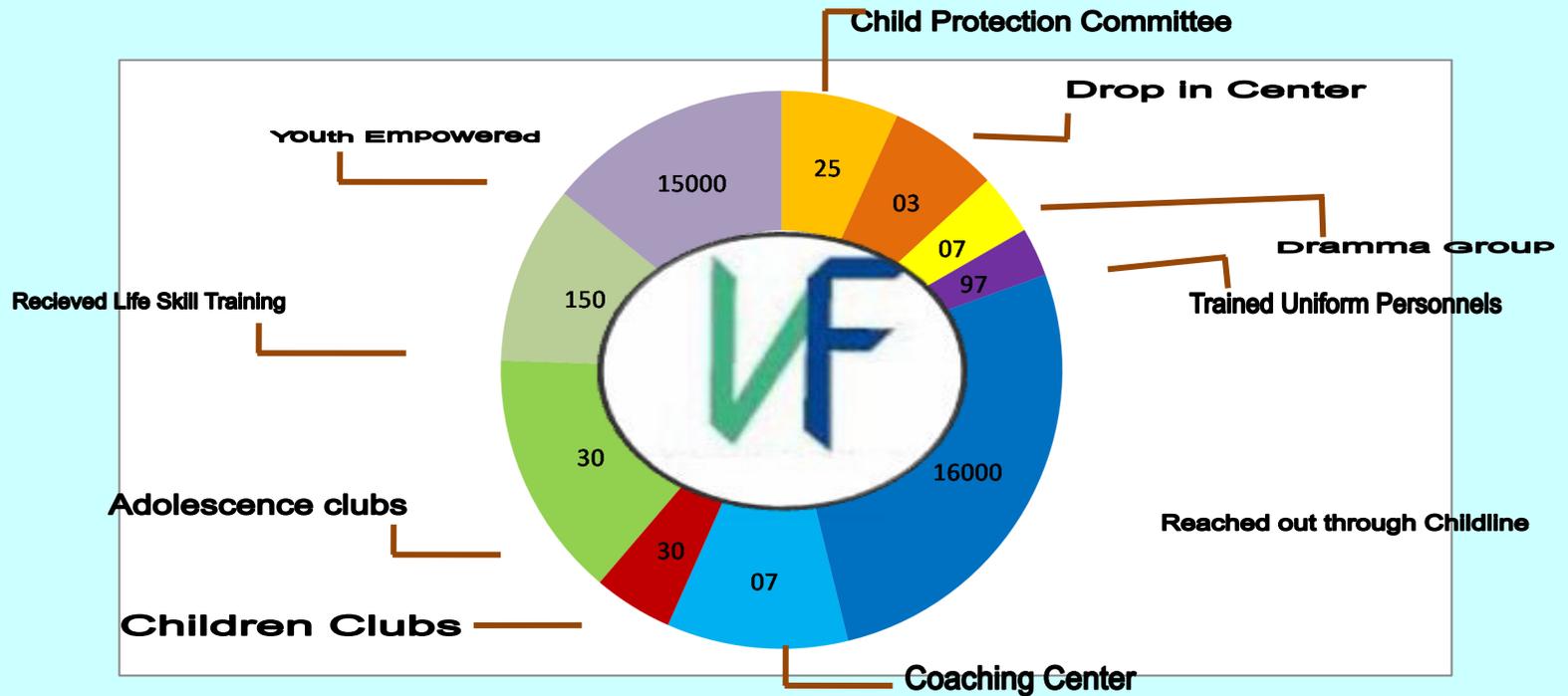
As a Chairperson of the Organization I express my gratitude to all those who believed on us and continuously supporting us till we reach our mission.



# OUR IMPACT IN 2017-2018



# ENDING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND CHILDREN IN FOUR DISTRICTS OF BTC



Youth Empowered



Drama Group



Children Club



Childline Reached Out



Adolescence Club



Trained Uniform Personnels



# NEDAN FOUNDATION



## INCEPTION OF NEDAN FOUNDATION

NEDAN FOUNDATION is a Public Charitable Trust organization which was merged through a common vision shared by trained Social Work Professionals to work with the poorest and voiceless ethnic communities living in the far flung un-reached villages of North Eastern Region of India. The crusade of underdevelopment in North East Region and to protect girls and women from various types of atrocities like domestic violence, human trafficking, child prostitution, child labor, child marriage and other forms of exploitation. A group of socially committed Social Work Professionals from Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Mumbai together formed NEDAN on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2003. The meaning of NEDAN in Bodo language denotes “Open Space”.



NEDAN’s special focus has been on protection of human rights violation, Combating Cross Border Human Trafficking, Child Protection & RTE, Protecting and Preventing Children form exploitative situation through CHILDLINE 1098, rescuing women and girls being lured, re-integrating the survivors with families and creating alternative livelihood.

NEDAN also actively works to find justice for the victimized girls and women by engaging legal battles. It has advocated on the trafficking issues as worst form of human rights violation with its strong advocacy strategies from local to nation, regional and international levels.

NEDAN is however truly open space to all girls and women, whether married or unmarried who are being exploited, victims of conflict and whose



# CROSS BORDER HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Human Trafficking is growing because it is the easiest source of earning huge sum of money. Human Trafficking violates the very fundamental right of a person to live with dignity. Women and children are sold, kidnapped, forced to work as bonded labor, sex trade which is in huge rise in the entire North East Region. The UN defines, "human trafficking as an act of recruiting, transporting, harboring or receiving a person through use of force, coercion or other means, for the purpose of exploiting them." This definition clearly states there are false promises, lies or an act of force involved in human traffick-

ing.

According to UNDP Report 300000 to 450000 people are trafficked within Asia each year, of which more than half take place in South Asia. Women and children, particularly girls are trafficked within country boundaries to other countries within region and across region beyond South Asia.

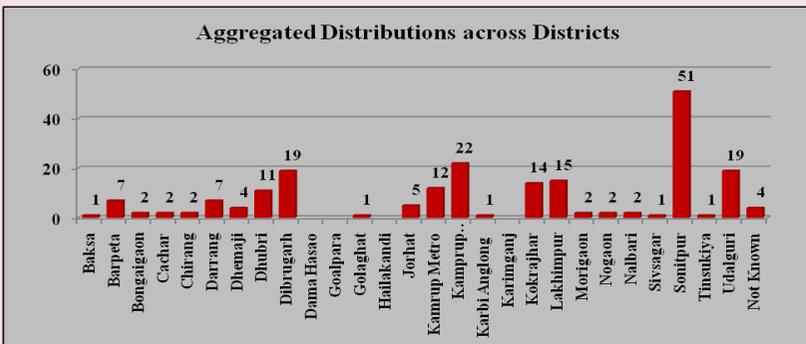
Trafficking in human beings, more so in women and children are one of the most fastest growing forms of criminal activity, next only to drugs and weapons trade, generating unaccountable profits annually.

NEDAN Foundation being a pioneer in combating human trafficking has been able to rescued 876 trafficked survivors from the year 2004 to march 2017 with the help of uniform personnel, student union bodies and anti human trafficking partners organization. Hence NEDAN Foundation has experienced transforming the lives and mending the shattered dreams of the voiceless survivors of human trafficking.

Human trafficking in Assam or say the entire North East is alarming. It has been in existence since the early day but gradually the human trafficking is increasing with great speed. Assam is being ranked as one of the eight Indian states with regard to Child Trafficking (UNODC, REPORT 2013). The Bodoland Territorial Council, (BTC).

Assam has various problems like huge IDP, Poverty, Unemployment, Forced migration, Ethnic Conflict and Natural Disasters. Ethnic conflict related to IDP is one of the important factors contrib-

uting to underdevelopment, aggravated vulnerability, and rise of human trafficking in the North East region as a whole. The North East Region has witnessed ethnic conflict as one of the factors contributing to underdevelopment, aggravated vulnerability, rise of human trafficking in the region. The conflict situation enhanced the vulnerability of ethnic group and exposed them to worst forms of violence including sexual exploitation .



The four BTC (Bodoland Territorial Council) districts of Assam namely Kokrajhar, Baksa, Udalguri and Chirang also have the large trafficking cases reported today. Kokrajhar is one of the trafficking hubs known as 6<sup>th</sup> highest trafficking zone of Assam where highest no. of trafficking takes place. **The recently published report of Assam State Commission for Protection of Child Rights revealed that, since 2012 to the month of October, 2014, a total of 4754 child are still untraced in the State.**



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NEDAN Foundation also reached out to larger section of the society with a greater impact and such a building regional collaboration, Strengthening North East Region network (NENFAT), rescue and repatriation of trafficked survivors, creating alternative livelihood for survivors and potential girls, training and capacity building of uniformed personals, strengthening cross border vigilance committee members, building youth forces as trafficking safety net, promoting higher education as early prevention of girls trafficking, transit shelter for rescued minor survivors and social entrepreneurship for mother of trafficked survivors and largely displaced communities sensitization as greater outcome. NEDAN could also able to intervene many vulnerable areas where there was increased trafficking rate; potential girls were being prevented from being trafficked and survivors of human trafficking were given a ray of hope to move forward in life by erasing all the past pain, tortures and hardships. Although human trafficking is often a hidden crime it is one of the fastest growing criminal enterprises because it holds relatively low risk with high profit potential. Accurate statistics are difficult to obtain but researchers estimate that more than 80% of trafficking victims are female. Over 50% of human trafficking victims are children.

**In Assam according to the print media (sentinel) every day four kids go missing, while the majority of missing children are girls. Therefore NEDAN Foundation took part in the campaign through creating stencils of the girl's silhouette and painting it in Kokrajhar and Gossaigaon town using the hash tag 'every8minutes', 'missing girls' and 'NEDAN Foundation' Kokrajhar to create awareness on Missing Girls on July, 2016.**



**The above Graph indicates the missing and traced of a girls child from the year 2010-2015.**



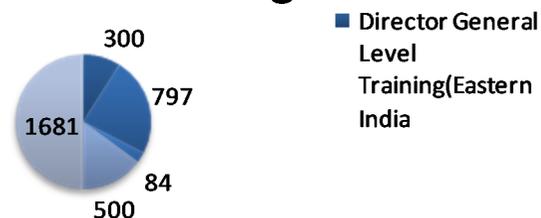
# CROSS BORDER HUMAN TRAFFICKING

## Training on Cross Border Human Trafficking for uniform personnel :

NEDAN Foundation being the state coordinating agency and member of Anti Human Trafficking (AHTU) in National and state level have trained more than 1500 uniform personnel in the past three years since the inception of the project. Due to NEDAN Foundation constant advocacy and close coordination, Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has directed the involvement of Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) as the member of Anti Human Trafficking Unit (AHTU) guarding the 700 km porous border with Bhutan. Similarly NEDAN being the national member on rescuing cross border trafficked survivors and closely working with CBI Anti Human Trafficking Unit could able to push govt. of India to sign a pack on Rescue, repatriation and reintegration for India with Bangladesh on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2015.



## Data on Uniform Personnel Trainings



The Pie chart data indicates the number of Uniform Personnel's being trained by NEDAN Foundation since the initiation of DKA project till date. A total number of 1681 uniform personnel comprising of 300 number of Director General level training, total number of 797 SSB troops, 84 no. of AHTU personnel and 500 no. of BSF troops have been trained on combating human trafficking .

## Regional, National and State level Collaboration on combating Cross Border Human Trafficking:

In the regional level, NEDAN Foundation has drafted a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for law enforcement agencies of Bhutan with the section of cross border Rescue, Repatriation and Reintegration. NEDAN has also established a strong network with the Bhutan's National Commission for Women and Children (NCWC), Royal Bhutan Police-Crime Branch, Immigration department of Bhutan, Labor department, Bhutan Overseas Employment department and CSOs partner organization who work for the protection of children. Through the close collaboration, NEDAN has been able to intervene for the cross border trafficking cases and repatriated them to respective state, districts and villages. Besides, **NEDAN is also regional action forum core working member on Recovery and Reintegration of trafficked survivors with South Asian and Central Asian. countries.**



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In the national level, NEDAN is a focal agency for reporting of children rights violations and missing children of North East region to NACG and SAIEVAC an Apex Body of SAARC. NEDAN also became a national campaigner on missing children on **“Every 8 Minutes” Child Goes Missing in India**” which is the first campaign of its kind that aims to stop child trafficking and related children missing in India. We work with our anti child trafficking partners across India to end this modern day slavery. From prevention, to rescue, to healing – the slow journey begins towards bringing the life back into these children’s eyes. Through the initiative NEDAN could able to report the numbers of missing children and prevented those children from being further trafficked. In this regard NEDAN also collaborated with the Childline-1098 which is a toll free number for reporting the cases of missing, trafficking, children in vulnerable situation, runaway children, child labor, and children facing abuse below 18 years in Bodoland Territorial Council (BTC) Assam.

## Formation and Strengthening of Trafficked Survivors Network Forum

The formation of the Trafficked Survivors Network Forum has enhanced the trafficked survivor’s members to raise voice and fight for their entitlement rights. The members of the forum became a role model for the potential and vulnerable girls in the NEDAN’s interventions areas/districts for their tremendous work in preventing trafficking in the region. The survivors were also imparted more than 20 in house trainings on life skill education and capacity building programs. The interaction with DC and SP with the forum members has been first of each kind in the region. NEDAN has also appointed empowered survivors as full time staff and make them continue their study through Open University.

To Strengthen Survivors Network Forum meeting was held on 18th March 2017 at NEDAN Secretariat, Kokrajhar. During the meeting survivors were made aware about the existing schemes like the victim compensation fund for trafficked survivors through DLSA and said that the compensation will be paid on the basis of case that have suffered loss or injury during the crime and also stated that the compensation will be transfer only in the bank account of the victim. In addition, the Chairperson said about the compensation given by the BTC, Joint Secretary Social welfare Department to the victims survived from various crimes. On this regard all survivors need to open a Saving Bank Account and whoever does not have bank account were asked to open as soon as possible.



# CROSS BORDER HUMAN TRAFFICKING

## Strengthening and Building North East Network Against Trafficking Partners:

NEDAN has formed and strengthened the partners of North East Network Forum Against Trafficking (NENFAT). In the North East Level, with the support of the existing DKA support. The forum provided a platform for the partner organizations working against human trafficking which resulted in bringing out more burning issues and hence took action in preventing the modern day's slavery taking place in the 8 North Eastern states of India by replicating the models followed by the different states. NEDAN is in a process of drafting a North East Region's inter-state level Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) on raid, rescue and repatriation within North East Region for time bound justice deliveries for children rescued within the eight states along with the collaboration of the core members of the NENFAT. The respective State Child Protection Society of eight states and govt. statutory body such as State Commission for Protection of Child Rights and State Women Commission of eight states has started working on the draft Interstate SOP after the first level consultation organized by NEDAN in Dec. 2014. **NEDAN Foundation has a total number of 43 CSOs** partner organizations in the forum working against human trafficking including 8 State Child Protection Society, 5 State Child Protection Commission and 8 State Women Commission.



## In the State level and Bodoland Territorial Council (BTC) level:

NEDAN closely coordinate with the State Government, State statutory bodies comprising of Assam State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (ASCPCR), State Child Protection Society, and C.I.D. Headquarter, 14 Districts Anti Human Trafficking Police Unit, AH-TU, BTC Administration, District Administration, Social Welfare Department, Child Welfare Committees, and other Uniform Personnel and Railway Police has indeed helped NEDAN to advocate for the rights of the children, prevented children and adults from being trafficked and goes missing. NEDAN maintains the data management system (Individual case studies, templates on rescue, repatriated data) which gets updated depending on the cases we receive and also shares updated data of children being trafficked, missing, repatriated and restored with the C.I.D. headquarter based in Guwahati, Assam State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (ASCPCR), State Child Protection Society, Child Welfare Committees and concerned Uniform Personnel District Anti Human Trafficking Officers.

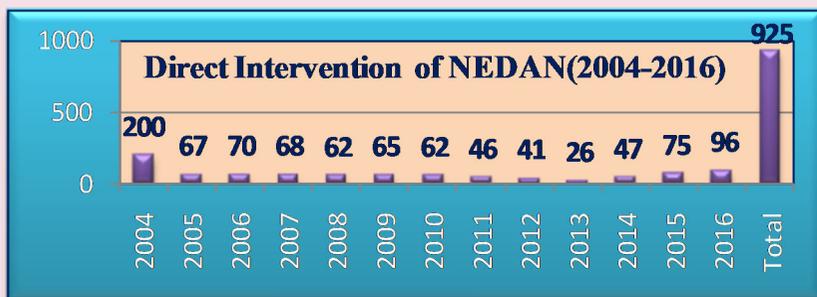


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## Rescue and Repatriation

NEDAN Foundation also involved in direct intervention of rescuing children and girls from exploitative situations. NEDAN has rescued 18 persons from human trafficking and prevented and detained 78 children from the BTC region from April 2016 to March, 2017. It has been successful in preventing 55 children from Saralpara who were on the outset to have been taken to other States with the promise of providing free education. Consequently an urgent school was required in that area and therefore, NEDAN through consolidation of Assam State Commission for Protection of Child Right (ASCPCR) and with the permission of Deputy Commissioner, Kokrajhar and SSB has set up Community model school in Saralpara, Kokrajhar. This school is in the process of mainstreaming with SSA (Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan), a program of Right to Education Act, 2009.

On 2nd August, 2016, 26, including 6 minor girls were rescued from Mumbai- Boune Lokmanya Tilak Express train at New Bongaigaon; On 17th August, 2016, One tribal girl who was trafficked one year back was send back home from Delhi due to her serious health condition due to exploitation- leading to the tracing of other two girls, trafficked together. On September 4, 2016, 12 persons including young girls were rescued from Down Kamakhya-Dekargaon Intercity Express at Rangia Railway Station, reveals the activities of human trafficking currently functioning vigorously in the State of Assam. Human trafficking has gained momentum in Assam, especially in the lower Assam Districts during the last few years. The recent study by UNICEF shows Kokrajhar, Udalguri, Baksa, Sonitpur, Dhemaji, Lakhimpur and Kamrup as the most affected Districts in Assam. According to National Crime Records Bureau, last year there were 1494 human trafficking cases registered in Assam but still many cases are unreported and unknown. The report also shows an increase in Human Trafficking by 25.8 percent in the country. This atrocity, implicates the layers of exploitation girls have been undergoing since ages.



*The given graph indicates the year wise number of trafficked children and adults being directly rescued and restored to families by NEDAN and it also shows the grim situation of Human Trafficking*

NEDAN's random checking with the help of Railway police, uniform personnel, labor union, department of labor and student union bodies in the rail line, bus stands, taxi stands which connects North East India, border areas and displaced locations though the community vigilance committees have prevented number of vulnerable minor and major girls from being lured by the agents to the main cities with the false promises of lucrative job. Through this initiative NEDAN have restored number of trafficked survivors back with their family members. NEDAN was able to sensitized and reached out more than 30,000 youths on the issues of human trafficking through the "Youth Against Human Trafficking Movement" and girls movement on gender based violence through "International Day of Girl Child Day" program, and thus it resulted in lessening the rate of trafficking.



## Recovery and Reintegration of Survivors at Destination Girls Home



The Destination Girls Home is the institutional care facility for minor girls registered under sub section 1 of section 41 Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection) Act, 2015. They are survivors of trafficking, child marriage, kidnapping, forced domestic labour and sexual slavery. The children and the young girls at the Destination Girl's Home are provided with aid to complete their formal education, mental and physical health support, legal aid, skills building in Information Technology and trainings to access rehabilitation and finally reintegration to the main stream society. The home provides a provision for temporary stay to trafficked minor survivors till they attempted to get back on their feet or make major transition. Apart from their daily class schedules, they also have a separate daily routine combine with extra co-curricular activities and in house life skill education, IT empowerment, awareness programs through enacting skits and leadership trainings. The trafficked survivors learned and lead relatively independent life before being integrated to the families. Survivors are constantly kept under the supervision of a guide who provides guidance, mentorship, monitors their behaviour and helps identify and work with them who are in need of further psycho-social support. The expert staff ensures that the survivors do not feel it as just an institute, but a home away from home. Group and individual counselling is also provided on regular basis to the survivors by the NEDAN's counsellor. NEDAN's Destination Girl's Home accommodates 25 rescued minor girls who does not have social support system.

*No child should ever be left behind! No child deserves to be taken from their family and left crying in the night.*



*She survived human trafficking: Her Story*



## Digital Study Hall

*Providing online learning opportunities for the children of Destination Girls Home and access the available resources for learning and excelling IT skill and building self confidence.*



NEDAN Foundation took initiative to build skills on Information Technology in order to make the tribal adolescent girls equip in modern technology as in today's world it is a need of an hour. With that aim in mind, NEDAN initiated imparting IT skills to identified school and college drop-out girls and hence launched Information Technology on 5th of July/ 2014 and imparted one month free summer course to the most vulnerable girls. This was further extended to three months, six months courses. Keeping in mind the Chief Minister of Assam vision in building "Digital Assam" in the line of "Digital India Programme" to transform Assam into a digitally empowered society and knowledge economy; NEDAN's idea of imparting IT skills among the underprivileged adolescent tribal girls has gained more momentum. The initiation of Digital Study Hall is to reach out all deprived children and survivors of human trafficking, riot and conflict related displaced children. This initiative will provide better learning and community based recovery and reintegration of mainstreaming girls

in Destination Girls' Home. It will be open learning space for children who are at various hardships such as trauma, fear, distress, disorders to overcome. NEDAN Foundation is the pioneer in combating human trafficking in the region. As a right based institute. Destination Girls' Home is registered under Juvenile Justice Act, 2015, Govt. of Assam. In Destination Girls' Home, NEDAN Foundation gave space to the trafficked survivors, domestic workers rescued and dropout girls who were highly vulnerable of being trafficked. The home serves as complete recovery and reintegration for the residents of the Home till the age of 18. The Foundation Stone of Digital Study Hall was laid on the auspicious occasion of Assam State Child Protection Day on 4th March, 2016. The Digital Study Hall will provide online learning opportunities for the children of Destination Girls' Home and access the available resources for learning and excelling IT skill and building self confidence. It shall act as web repository that would collect education contents, and connect learners and teaching staff across time and space, so staff in urban schools and volunteers (potentially from overseas) can contribute in a way that allows them to make flexible time and location commitments. These components would enable wide variety of digital education "workflows", such as lecture capture and replay, homework, collection and feedback, question-answer sessions. This system will solve end-to-end education problems. Digital Study Hall is also for After Care girls. This would thus enhance the never-ending learning process through capacity building and skill up-gradation, to make these underprivileged girls digitally equipped to face the modern competitive world.

### My Clip:

NEDAN Foundation has also incorporated My Clip Application and this My Clip, Social work Management Software has been integrated for the smooth management of projects. On this regard two staffs from NEDAN Foundation has undergone 3 days intensive training on the management of the application on the month of July 2016 at Guwahati, as the training programme was organized by DKA support team Jorhat, Assam. My Clip stands for My Continuous Learning and Improvement of Projects. My CLIP is a cloud based application which is used by Human services organizations to manage their projects and teams through a web based interface. The application has several modules which helps agencies to measure the change that is brought to society through their efforts, with a click of button.

The application help to maintain records of various activities, programs and plans that needs to be executed on time scheduled. And therefore expected results can be obtained by applying this application in social work. While writing annual report it becomes very convenient to complete the work with the availability of data on the application. After the data's are uploaded in the application by the users, it can also be edited and deleted whenever required or the user thinks of doing so. As a web based application it brings transference of work with the donors and thus builds confidence and trust in the work execution.



## One Stop Centre

*To provide immediate care and support, women affected by violence in private and public spaces within the family, community and at the workplace*

NEDAN Foundation also took the initiative of running a central government scheme 'One Stop Centre' at Kokrajhar District, (BTC) as it was inaugurated on 26th Jan. 2017 by the Chief of BTC, Hagrama Mohilary and the main implementing agency will be Social Welfare Department, Kokrajhar.



As Gender Based Violence (GBV) is a global health, human rights and development issue that transcends geography, class, culture, age, race and religion to affect every community and country in every corner of the world. One Stop Centres (OSC) are intended to support women affected by violence, in private and public spaces, within the family, community and at the workplace. Women facing physical, sexual, emotional, psychological and economic abuse, irrespective of age, class, caste, education status, marital status, race and culture will be facilitated with support and redressed. Aggrieved women facing any kind of violence due to attempted sexual harassment, sexual assault, domestic violence, trafficking, honour related crimes, acid attacks or witch-hunting who have reached out or been referred to the OSC will be provided with specialized services.

**The Centres will be integrated with a Women Helpline to facilitate access to following services:** Emergency Response and Rescue Services - OSC will provide rescue and referral services to the women affected by violence. For this, linkages will be developed with existing mechanisms such as National Health Mission (NHM), 108 service, police (PCR Van) so that the woman affected by violence can ei-

ther be rescued from the location and referred to the nearest medical facility (Public/ Private) or shelter home. Women affected by violence would be referred to the nearest Hospital for medical aid/examination which would be undertaken as per the guidelines and protocols developed by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

## Bulk SMS System

*We have made it easy for you Register and SMS us regarding any child related issues at "NEDANK space your text messages to 6262642222"*

NEDAN has been trying to explore in combating human trafficking by registering the adolescence contacts. The registered contact in NEDAN's website shall be given the Virtual number SMS system whereby they could report by sending SMS to given number on any unwanted situation like human trafficking, child marriage, child labour, child in critical situation and other related crimes committed against children taking place in their areas. On receiving any such SMS information the situation could be dealt immediately and in effective manner. NEDAN Foundation has 15000 adolescence club members and they have the facilities of imparting information regarding any child related issues. This facilities will be available for those members who can access internet and can get registered with NEDAN through a link website by providing required details manually.



### Workings of Bulk SMS system.

Any valuable information can be circulated to all the registered members. So, that they can react in real time. Any official related information circulated to all the office staff, Taking on project activities information are circulated to all the project members and field workers, New updates in project activities can be informed to all the project members and field workers in real time. This system will help us in cost efficient and time efficient. Reply to any SMS received will be done by bulk SMS system and immediate action will be taken to the only number that is registered with NEDAN.



# Child Protection

The main aims of ensuring protective learning environment for the children and adolescents in 25 displaced locations through evidence based advocacy under Kokrajhar district of BTC, Assam. In the backdrop of the discussed scenario of children, NEDAN has made best of its efforts to initiate a process of breaking the vicious cycle of insecurity for children in 25 displaced project locations in three blocks- Titaguri, Dotma and Kochugaon. The three most displaced temporary resettlement vulnerable populations of Baganpara, New Raikungbari, Bodo displaced population, Kochugaon, Shikarapur and Bharat Nwgwr, Ultapani, Soralpara Adivasi and Bodo mixed and Ultapani and New Bahsbari resettlement which falls under Kokrajhar district and it has highest number of residents in the aftermath of 1996-98 and 2014 ethnic conflict mostly Adivasi and Bodos displaced population in a deforested location where there is no presence of the Government. In Ultapani and Soralpara locations total no. of households were surveyed as 529nos (680) children from the age group of 6 to 18 years have been found.



## Key Objective Deliverables

- ◆ To enable children from displaced communities to have equitable access to quality education and ensure their right to education across 25 locations in Kokrajhar BTC Assam..
- ◆ To establish and strengthen community based child- centered models of intervention to ensure a protective environment for children affected by ethnic conflict across 25 locations of Kokrajhar.
- ◆ Mainstreaming all out of school children to formal neighborhood schools across 25 locations.
- ◆ Providing Supplementary Coaching for Metric and HS students for final exam.
- ◆ To impart Information Technology skills for drop out adolescents and rescued trafficked survivors.
- ◆ Organize a BTC level consultation with all concerned District and BTC level decision makers on right to education and its implementation.
- ◆ Quarterly review & planning meetings with District and BTC administration on Right to Education and its implementation.
- ◆ 15000 Boys and Girls from communities affected by ethnic conflict and displacement are collectivized and empowered to take decisions and act as change agents.
- ◆ Strengthening of community based collective and institutions for children's rights to development and protection..

We have to make sure that every child has a fair chance to survive and thrive. The goal of leaving no one behind on the road to 2030 requires a continued effort to meaningfully engage children and young people as "torch bearers" of change.



## Key Results / Accomplishments

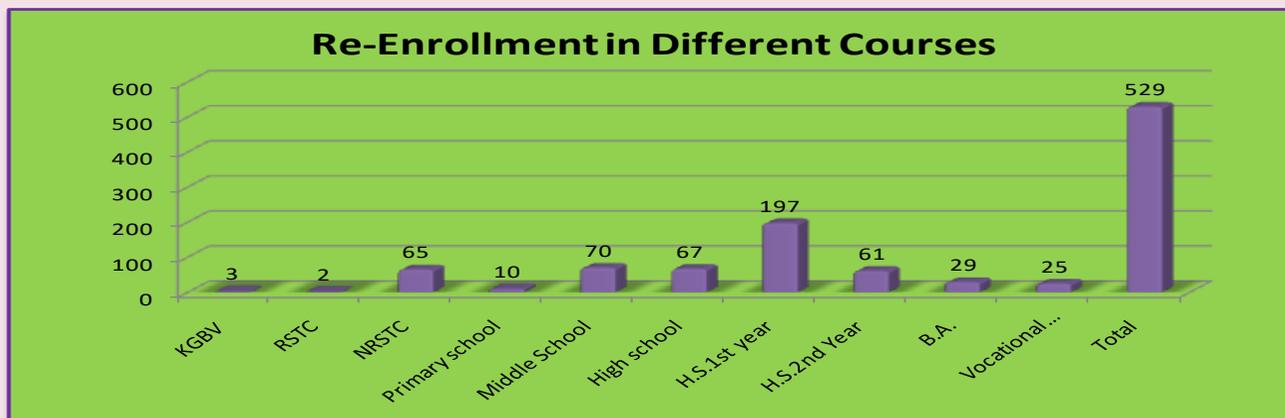
- ◆ Mainstreaming all out of school children to formal neighborhood schools across 25 locations.
- ◆ Formed and strengthened Community based child protection committee.
- ◆ Creating Child Friendly Environment
- ◆ Youth Empowerment
- ◆ Child Social Activist
- ◆ 15000 Boys and Girls from communities affected by ethnic conflict and displacement are collectivized and empowered to take decisions and act as change agents.



# Child Protection Intervention

**Mainstreaming all out of school children to formal neighborhood schools across 25 Displaced locations** Countless children are not getting their entitlement such as Free and Compulsory Education yet because those children are exists with those community are related to conflict displacement and ethnic violence. There is no mechanism and promotion policy in BTC administration. As example Saralpara under Dotma Block where groups of communities are residing from many years back. As demography brought out by NEDAN Bodo, Adivasi and Nepali communities were residing into Saralpara. And there are more and more locations which are having similar issues such as Kochugaon, Bishmuri, and UItapani. These locations are being excluded from new education policy such as under RTE Act 2009. The implementation of free and compulsory education has been failing to those above mentioned locations; because these locations are under Forest act and rule. So forest doesn't allow establish any institution including school. In 25 displaced locations we found out the total dropout children in 2016. Total drop out in 3 blocks are 164 of which 97 are boys and 61 are girls.

Psycho social support activities are given in every location like football, volley ball, ludo and included drama, dance and drawing.



As per the above graph NEDAN has re- enrolled the out of school children; the total no of re- enrollment is out of which 3 children is in KGBV, 2 children are in RSTC, 65 children are in NRSTC, 10 children are in different primary school (both Govt. and Venture school), 70 children are in middle school and 67 adolescents are in different nearest high school, 197 student are in H.S 1st Year, 61 student are in H.S. 2nd Year, 29 students are in B.A. and moreover 25 children (both boys and girls) are over age, so they are re-enroll to Amguri Vocational Training centre for their Livelihood.

## Acronyms :

**KGBV= Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya**

**RSTC= Residential Special Training Center**

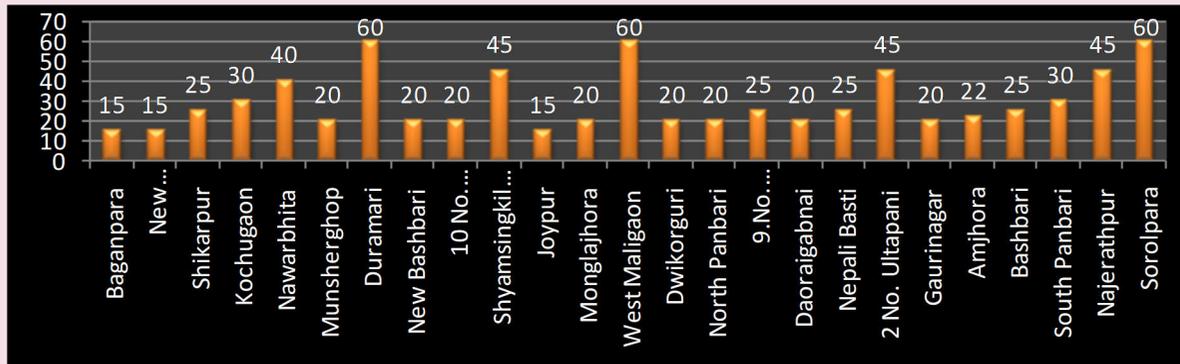
**NRSTC= Non Residential Special Training Center**



# Child Protection Intervention

## Community based Child Protection Committee (CPC)

This is an initial initiative that NEDAN has taken up. The locations and community that NEDAN is dealing or working for child protection and RTE were unrecognized yet within the government plan of action. So truly we can consider it as most backward and socially excluded society or community. They are lacking behind knowledge, education and other necessity knowledge as well as parents are bound to raise their children in such an environment. For the protection mechanism knowledge on children's need care of children are discuss through the training, workshop and through discussion they have improved of minimum knowledge of children along with issues pertaining to atrocities against children and its protection mechanism. Giving a minimum knowledge about child related acts and schemes such as Right To Education (RTE), Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS) and other child welfare schemes, because it is very much important to them aware and indeed it will help them to raise voices for their rights against those schemes which are not functional in respective place. Oriented results will only be achieved by letting community people to play a major role and social activist for the protection of children and promoting to their own expectations and ideal goals. Child Protection Committee has played an active role along with NEDAN's advocacy on "re-enrolling drop out children into nearest school to pursue their education entities". The CPC members of 25 displaced location started working on their problems with NEDAN initiative (child related) such as RTE failure, ICPS implementation and other child welfare schemes to political agenda through workshop and consultation with respective stakeholders. To ensure a protective and learning environment for children and adolescents, NEDAN has also tried converging with different activities at the project intervention areas. To enhance the capacity of CPC members the capacity building workshop is regularly organized every month at the respective village.



The shown graphs indicates the members of Child Protection Committees in 25 displaced locations which falls under Kokrajhar District.

## Creating Child Friendly Environment

Children from community are gone beyond vulnerable situation being exploited by their own entities. As every single Child should get the education rights through RTE act 2009, as education is the most powerful weapon which can change the future of a single child. Due to lack of education system in particular areas NEDAN has created a children club where children have the platform to demand their basic and exhibit their talent in different parts. The inmates of the relief camp especially children have been deprived of the basic amenities, lack of health care system, no mid-day meal including lack of educational facilities for children. There is no such good space for the children in the relief camps where they can get good environment to play, learn, and grow. So NEDAN strongly felt that all the parents/guardian role is very important to be part of the community's child protection committee looking into the dynamic of the communities and policy in the areas. NEDAN main objective is to strengthen their analysis and critical thinking in life skill and by supporting children through Psycho- social activities to the children and young adolescents peer groups; the optic is to bringing them into individual to society that letting them to realize importance of society.



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## Youth Empowerment

In order to strengthened the power of youth NEDAN organized INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY with the theme of “Youth Against Human Trafficking” Youths from various schools, colleges and university from Kokrajhar District has taken active participation with the objective of youth can play an important role in solving various problems. The programme is organized in order to make the youth aware of the serious issue of human trafficking in the region. And NEDAN Foundation has been observing International Youth day Programme since 2011. The rising figure of Assam is shocking and this has to be checked by making the youth aware, working with the community and also in co-ordination with the administration. Youth has a very important role to play in curbing this heinous crime. Youth have the power to do or undo a thing. NEDAN Foundation has always taken the initiative to empower young people to be in a position to shape tomorrows India and will continue to make our society free of slavery.

NEDAN also aims at empowering 500 plus Adolescent by giving them life skill education training through which they can deal with positive thinking. In these times of great social changes brought by the vast technological and scientific advancements made by mankind, the need to empower the upcoming generation, particularly the Adolescent to make informed choices and take decisions in life to assumes great significance.



## Child Social Activist

NEDAN has been working with children and adolescent from different displaced locations. NEDAN is able to bring out child social activists from such an area where there is no good education institution, no transportation, no electricity etc. But NEDAN has made them realize about their rights and now they can go anywhere and talk about their life story how much they have struggle for education.

### Testimonies



*“I am born and brought up in relief camp, I was drop out from school at class 10 . Because my parents cannot effort for further study, my parents has made me to work as a domestic worker. Through community survey NEDAN team came to know about my story, as soon as they came and met me for my further study with the help of NEDAN I have continued my study and also passed in HSLC. Now I am in H.S. 1st year. Even I got lot of training from NEDAN and now I have got the courage to give speech in public”*

**- Ms. Mungli Hasda**



*“My name is Rukmini Gwaola and I am 11 years old girl. My mother died when I was very young and my father did not admit me to school, instead he kept me as a domestic worker far away from my hometown, where I have to work morning to till late night. One day through CHILDLINE one concern person dialed (1098) and inform about my struggle to CHILDLINE. CHILDLINE rescued me and NEDAN team came to know about my story. Now I am residing at Destination Girl’s home run by NEDAN, where I got so many new friends and got opportunity to go to school. Now I am studying in class II.*

**- Ms. Rukmini Gwoala**



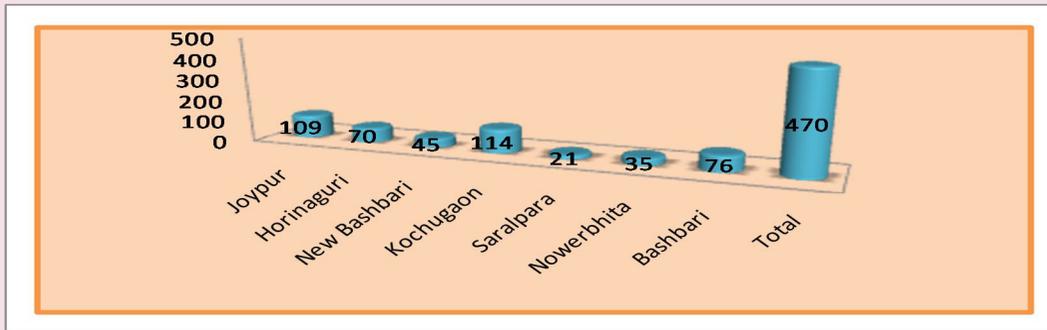
# Child Protection Intervention

## *Providing Supplementary Coaching for Metric and HS students for final exam*

NEDAN has been working on the Rights of Children since 2010. NEDAN has empowered children and adolescents from different locations of BTC Assam. NEDAN has selected the most vulnerable areas affected by the ethnic conflict. NEDAN has selected 25 displaced location affected by the ethnic conflict in 3 blocks i.e. Kochugaon Block, Dotma Block, Titaguri Block. The 25 displaced areas were highly affected by the conflict were many of the houses and schools were burnt down were most of the children and adolescent cannot go to schools regularly. For such incidents, lots of children and adolescent drop out, trafficked, child labor, child marriage and forced migration etc. In the Conflict the women and children are the most vulnerable.

NEDAN foundation has provided supplementary coaching classes for the H.S and Metric candidates in five project location for the three months which is most conflict affected areas under Kokrajhar District. Three subjects Mathematics, English and Science were taught by the external tutors hired for five different locations. In supplementary coaching classes the Library boxes, Text books, Model Questions, Suggestion Books, pens etc needed materials were provided to five different locations.

*The diagram of supplementary coaching class are given below*



**15000 Boys and Girls from communities affected by ethnic conflict and displacement are collectivized and empowered to take decisions and act as change agents**

NEDAN has been creating a open space for the adolescent's boys and girls for a learning as well as platform to express and interact with policy makers for their quality education rights and other entitlement rights. Many rally and street play has been organized by the team of NEDAN in many locations on right to education, child marriage, child labour and child trafficking issues. All the 25 locations have adolescents clubs established and monthly meetings are organized to empower them. There are 15000 plus adolescents members associated with NEDAN on accessing quality education and implementation of RTE in District of Kokrajhar and BTC as a whole.

The structure session are organized monthly amongst the respective adolescents clubs members on issues pertaining to School Dropouts, Child Marriage, Child Labor and Child Trafficking which is indeed rampant in the District. The identified member of adolescents are selected from all the functioning 25 club members and given a Life Skills Education at Weaving Destination Livelihood campus training centre of NEDAN. Besides, adolescents are also taken for an exposure visit every year. Through these collective voices, NEDAN could able to make policy makers responding to youth demand for over all development of children and youth in the areas. The adolescent's empowerment also work as safety net group in the community to response the child rights violations taking place in the areas.



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## Every 8 Minutes Child Goes Missing in India Campaign

Based on Government of India's statistic, 'Every 8 Minutes a child goes missing in India. According to NCRB data, girls and women are the main targets of immoral trafficking in India, making up 76% of human trafficking cases nationwide over a decade. Trafficking of minor girls surged 14 times over the last decade and increased 65% in 2014. Human trafficking is a fast growing industry and has expanded to almost every state in India and 75-80% of human trafficking is for sex. There are 20 million prostitutes, 35% of these are under 18 (according to Human Rights Watch) and 1 million child prostitutes in India.

Therefore NEDAN Foundation took part in the campaign through creating stencils of the girl's silhouette and painting it in Kokrajhar and Gossaigaon town using the hash tag 'every8minutes', 'missing girls' and 'NEDAN Foundation' in Kokrajhar to create awareness on Missing Girls on 30th of July, 2016. NEDAN Foundation carried out the campaign with the children from the conflict affected area, where 300 plus children and adolescents took part in the campaign to bring awareness on violence against women. Apart from that poster campaign was also carried out in the town to bring awareness on Trafficking.

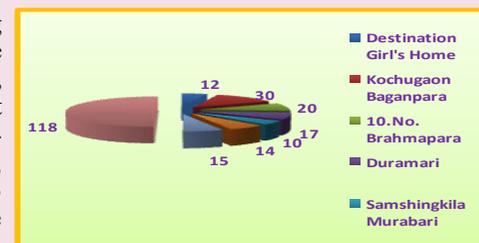


## Reaching out through Theatre & Drama

Street theatre plays a vital role in educating the masses through enacting plays on society related evil issues. Human trafficking is one of those issues that rattle people even when they are unable to understand its actual shape and scope. So, it is important to educate the displaced vulnerable community and enable them to be aware of the modern day's slavery and its evil effects through the means of different forms of media.



To spread awareness about Child Protection, Human Trafficking and issues concerning children among the communities, the members of Trafficked Survivors Network Forum and Adolescents Clubs came forward and put their joint effort in combating and sensitizing individuals and communities on human trafficking and missing children through the medium of street theatre across the Kojrajhar District of Bodoland Territorial Council (BTC), Assam. The empowered forum and club member uses street theatre as a medium to engage the public to confront important social issues that remain unaddressed. In doing so, the empowered trafficked survivors indirectly forces individuals and communities to seek solutions to their own problems. The main purpose is to prevent the alarming rate of human trafficking cases in the vulnerable areas and engage the members of trafficked survivors in a positive manner.



The above graph indicates the total drama group in different location.



## *Imparting Information Technology Skills*

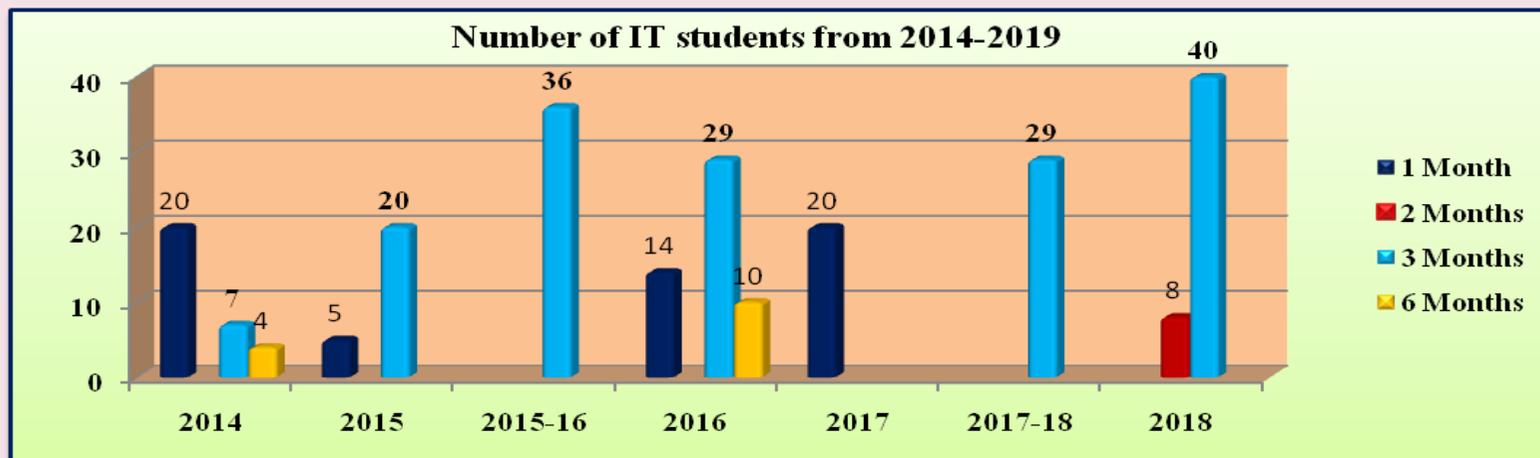
Delivering and building of IT (Information and Technology) skills is one of the initiative taken by NEDAN Foundation. which can make the tribal adolescent girls equip in modern technology as in today's world it is a need of an hour. With that aim in mind, NEDAN initiated imparting IT skills to identified school and college drop-out girls. We launched Information Technology on 5th of July/ 2014 and imparted one month free summer course to the most vulnerable girls. This was further extended to three months, six months course.

Certificates were issued to the qualified girls after the completion of the course. The trainees were also imparted English voice learning through I.T in order to compete with others for employment at Bodoland Territorial Council (BTC). The I.T Skills substantiated the trainees for getting job in Bodoland Territorial Council. BTC hires only employees equipped in computer knowledge for 3rd grade and 4th grade jobs. So NEDAN trained them according to the requirement and they eligible for the mentioned jobs.



**The graph shown below indicates the total number of girls being trained on I.T Skills from the year 2014 till 2018**

The above graph shows the total number of girls being imparted Information Technology Skill program from the year 2014 to 2018



*“Every girl deserves to take part in creating the technology that will change our world, and change who runs it”*

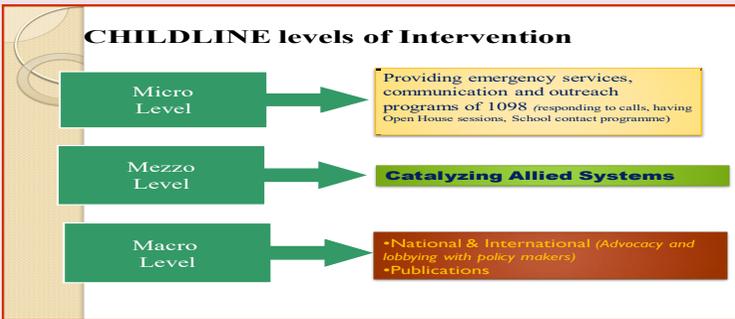
- Malala Yousafzai



# CHILDLINE 1098



CHILDLINE is India's first 24 hour, free, emergency phone service for children in need of aid and assistance. Whether you are a concerned adult or a child, you can dial 1098, the toll free number to access our services. We are not only respond to the emergency needs of children, but also link them to services for their long-term care and rehabilitation. CHILDLINE was first initiated in Mumbai in the year of 1996 as a pilot project which is now operational in 282 cities across 31 states/UTs in India. CHILDLINE Kokrajhar is effective from 1st of July 2015. It covers the entire District of Kokrajhar consisting of three sub divisions- Kokrajhar, Gossaigaon and Porbhotjhora. Kokrajhar District has four blocks-Titaguri, Dotma, Kochugaon and Hatidhura having a total populations 8, 85,000 and another floating population of 1,50,000. CHILDLINE Kokrajhar aims at reaching to every child in distress who need immediate support and fight for the rights of the children. CHILDLINE will respond to each caller and provide the necessary assistance. CHILDLINE Kokrajhar will also reach to the nearest neighboring/adjacent districts in case of

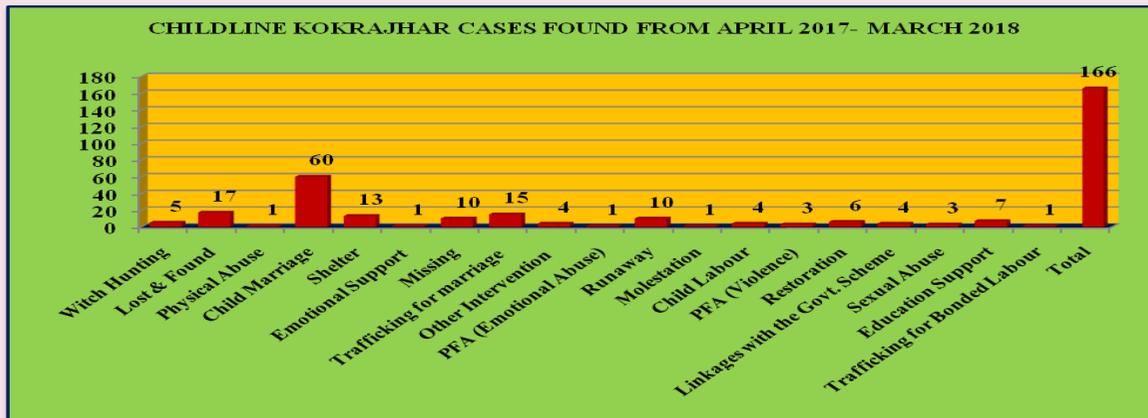


emergency and provide the necessary care and support required for the child.

CHILDLINE Kokrajhar was launched in 2015 with the collaboration of NEDAN Foundation, Kokrajhar and is operational since July, 2015. NEDAN Foundation is the collaborative organization in running the CHILDLINE project in the District of Kokrajhar. NEDAN Foundation since its inception in 2004 has been working towards providing better and safer environment for children and their rights. NEDAN is also core working group member of Regional Action Forum on Recovery and Reintegration a conglomeration of CSOs experts for protection of children from CSA and related Child Trafficking issues.

CHILDLINE Kokrajhar envisages creating safe environment for overall holistic development of children and adolescents. In order to make Kokrajhar a child friendly District

we need support from Allied Systems (Police, Health Care, Juvenile Justice, Transport, Legal, Education, Media, and Political) and community people at large. Details of the project has been shared and discussed with key persons and there has been a positive response and support to carry out activities.



The Graph shows the case found through Childline Kokrajhar-1098



## CHILDLINE 1098



Since then CHILDLINE in order to make the people aware of the 1098 service has continuously and rigorously carried out outreach programs at different localities, villages, bus stands, auto stands and also sensitizing people on issues like child marriage, child labour, child trafficking and child sexual abuse. We have also made aware of CHILDLINE 1098 on events such as Internal Youth Day, International Girl Child Day and Children's Day. CHILDLINE Kokrajhar covers the entire district of Kokrajhar consisting of three sub divisions- Kokrajhar, Gossaigaon and Porbhotjhora. Kokrajhar District has five blocks-Kokrajhar, Dotma, Kochugaon, Gossaigaon and Hatidhura. CHILDLINE Kokrajhar aims at reaching to every child in distress who need immediate support and fight for the rights of the children. It responds to each caller and provides the necessary assistance in all kinds of emergency situations.



As CHILDLINE cannot work alone in order to make the voices of children heard. It needs a joint effort and tries to involve all those who are already involved in caring for the child. CHILDLINE works in collaboration with the Allied Systems (Police, Health Care, Juvenile Justice, Transport, Legal, Education, Media, and Political), other NGOs and community people at large.

### Impact

- ♦ Build rapport with the District administration, police officials, social welfare department and media.
- ♦ Could reach out in 30 locations –17000+ people are aware of CHILDLINE.
- ♦ Put up posters, banners of 1098 at Railway Station, Market Place, Bus Stand, Auto Stand, Police Stations, etc.
- ♦ Children are empowered to dial 1098 themselves and save themselves from exploitative situation.
- ♦ Intervened 166 cases so far and provide long term support to children.
- ♦ Referral and case management services established for children who



## *Livelihood and Social Entrepreneurship*

The internally displaced population areas of Kokrajhar District do not have enough land to meet their food requirements. Most of them are vulnerable women, mothers of trafficked survivors, school drop outs and domestic child laborer. Four out of five households have no food security for at least three to four months a year.

The aim is to improve vulnerable women and girls' access to resources, such as land, water, farm inputs and farming services, weaving skills and to ensure more efficient use of these resources. It is designed to:

- ◆ Empower the trafficked survivors and vulnerable women and girls to organize themselves and their production in a more effective way.
- ◆ Improve the way service providers respond to villagers' needs.
- ◆ Reduce the hunger gap and improve dietary, financial independent and nutritional status by investing in production and income-generating activities.
- ◆ Help keep the survivors and vulnerable women and girls better informed about market linkages on various social enterprises and agricultural information on cash crops.

Through this livelihood initiative, NEDAN has witnessed more adolescent girls completing their Secondary Education and more rural women engaging in economically productive activities as these are critical steps to reducing rural poverty, school drop-out rates, trafficking in Kokrajhar District. It also promotes the active participation of the vulnerable groups in village-level processes, particularly the poorest groups, including landless trafficked survivors, households headed by vulnerable women and families affected modern slavery.

### **Social Entrepreneurship Development for Young Survivors and Mother of Minor Survivors**

NEDAN Foundation trained 229 mothers and survivors on the basis of the cascade module prepared by the IIM Kazikhode. They were trained on different important modules like– what is Social Enterprise, Need Identification, Generating Ideas & Assessing Viability of Social Enterprise, Challenges of Social Enterprise and Marketing & E-Marketing, Accounting for Social Enterprise followed by Legal and Policy Issues, Project Management etc. As in every year Social Entrepreneurship Development training benefitted the survivors and mothers of trafficked survivors in running their social enterprises smoothly. Thus through the trainings, the survivors and mothers of trafficked survivors successfully ran and benefitted from their various support activities like piggery farm, shops, enterprises, vegetable vendors, tailoring units and beauticians. Through the profit, mothers of trafficked survivors re-enrolled their daughters to formal educational institutions and the out of school trafficked survivors became economically independent and freed themselves from the vicious cycle of exploitation and being re-trafficked.



# Livelihood and Social Entrepreneurship

## Empowerment of women to Sustain Better Livelihoods

### Livelihood Creation through Weaving

The Weaving Destination Livelihood Campus was established in 2008 by NEDAN Foundation and today it's being recognized as an income generation program for the vulnerable tribal women. Weaving Destination (WD), a weaving production unit, has been started as social enterprise in the Bodo land Territorial Council in the State of Assam, North East, India, which is a post-conflict area as well as prone to flooding. WD has been set up by involving vulnerable indigenous women including women living with HIV, survivors of human trafficking and female migrant returnees who are highly vulnerable to re-trafficking, social exclusion and impoverishment. WD capitalizes and enhances the inherent inborn skill of Bodo women in weaving, and is committed to convert traditional weaving skills into income-earning opportunity for women and girls. The Weaving Destination livelihood campus established, NEDAN Foundation gave space to the trafficked survivors, domestic workers and dropout girls who were highly vulnerable of being trafficked and hence they became financially independent. The weaving finished products by those potential girls, survivors and women have also reached globally apart from local, state and national level.



This indigenous woman made exclusive products of hand-woven fin-

### Home based weaving for the mothers of trafficked survivors at Indo Bhutan Border, Saralpara-Kokrajhar



est organic Eri silk and high chemical free cotton fabric are promoted online in a small way ([www.etsy.com/uk/shop/WeavingDestination](http://www.etsy.com/uk/shop/WeavingDestination)) from Edinburgh, Scotland, UK targeting European communities. All the initiatives enhanced the survivors economically and liberated them from slavery. In offline products are also sold through One World Shop Scotland, Textile Library, UK, UN Gift Shop, Bangkok, and Tribes Shop, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Govt. of India. ([www.weavingdestination.com](http://www.weavingdestination.com)).



## *Livelihood and Social Entrepreneurship*

Most vulnerable women, mothers of trafficked survivors, school drop outs and domestic child laborers in the internally displaced population areas of Kokrajhar district do not have enough land to meet their food requirements. Four out of five households have no food security for at least three to four months a year. The aim of the proposed project is to improve vulnerable women and girls' access to resources, such as land, water, farm inputs and farming services, weaving skills and to ensure more efficient use of these resources. It is designed to empower the survivors and mothers of trafficked survivors to organize themselves and their weaved products in a more effective way. A group of 10 women mothers of trafficked survivors are being supported in setting up their home based weavings at their respective places. Payment is made directly to the women based on the finished products they weave financial independent and nutritional status by investing in production and income generating activities. Weaving has enhanced their financial stability and better informed about market linkages on various social enterprises .



### **Organic ginger cultivation by families of human trafficked survivors**

The families of the trafficked survivors are being supported by NEDAN to adopt organic ginger cultivation in order to enhance their financial stability and raise their standard of living. Organic farming is an alternative agricultural system which originated early in the 20th Century in reaction to rapidly changing farming practices. Organic agriculture continues to be developed by various Organic Agriculture organizations today. The families rely on fertilizers of organic origin such as compost, manure, green manure, and bone meal and place emphasis on techniques such as crop rotation, companion planting. Biological pest control, mixed cropping and the fostering of insect predators are also encouraged. Generally, although there are exceptions, organic standards are designed to allow the use of naturally occurring substances while prohibiting or strictly limiting synthetic substances. At the initial stage NEDAN supported the families by building the market linkages for the organic ginger supply.

As consumers have become more health conscious, the demand for organic crops are rapidly rising in the Bodoland Territorial Council areas and hence looking into the elasticity of demand NEDAN initiated the farming with the sole purpose of enabling the families to be financially independent. Products are being supplied and sold with the present market rate in bulk by the families to the buyers.



# *Livelihood and Social Entrepreneurship*

## **Livelihood Creation through Vegetable Vending**

Most of the vulnerable women, mothers of trafficked survivors, school drop outs and domestic child labourer in the internally displaced population areas of Kokrajhar District do not have enough land to meet their food requirements. During the women social entrepreneurship training out of 29 participants' women, ten women are come up to set up vegetable vendor. They were very much motivated with the concept of social enterprise, which they were not attending it earlier. So after seeing and observing their interest NEDAN Foundation came up with their vision to helped to those women to set up their own vendors at local market places. In this group most of the women are hailing from poor backward family and rescued from trafficking. So, the main purpose of supporting those vulnerable tribal women is to empower and self-earner to fulfill her family needs and they may able to support their children's for education. In the beginning, the capital amount was given to each person for purchasing raw materials. After getting support from NEDAN Foundation those poor women were able to earn minimum income for their livelihood and they became empowered, where they are able to support their children through their little income as well as they are able to look after their own family.



*Training them to be Economically independent*



## *Livelihood and Social Entrepreneurship*



### **Providing Tailoring Training for better Livelihood:**

The identified girls school dropout and returnees domestic workers are hailing from the various displace location of Kokrajhar District. Those girls were enrolled in vocational training centre for six months tailoring course. The main purpose of the providing tailoring course is to make them empower and to make self- supportive individuals and secured with their future by providing livelihood support. After completion of six month tailoring training course, NEDAN Foundation will provide support to set up Entrepreneurs for the individual development at their local places

### **Cattle (Goat) Farming for supplementary income and improvement of living standards.**

Emerging as one of the solutions to solve the problem of unemployment in the community the livestock sector has proved significant with round the year employment generation particularly in rural areas. The families of the traf-ficked survivors are been supported by NEDAN Foundation to purchase Goat for the purpose of goat farming at their individual's home. At present, a group of four girls were taken the initiative of goat rearing at their respective homes. They keep and maintains properly day to day. In the later stage, they will be selling the goats at a market rate in their weekly local markets. Most of the people prefer goat meat and has a huge domestic demand. Along with meat production, goats are also very suitable for milk, fiber and skin production. Goat has a great and important contribution in the rural economy. The profit earned by selling goats, that potential girl will be purchasing more numbers of goats which will be helping them to expand their business and more income generate. The main purpose of cattle farming is to support and supplement their income and improve their living standards.



*“Somebody once said, educate a women and you will educate a family. I am saying, empower a woman to become an entrepreneurs. Women entrepreneurship is the need of the nation right now. It's the surest and quickest way to make India a superpower”*

*- ishwas Mudagal*



## *Advocacy — Land Right & RTE*

Advocacy wing (on child issues) is one of the most core optic for NEDAN Foundation. NEDAN has brought up many issues and ground challenges to inclusive development and political agendas. NEDAN believed on advocating all ground issues and hardships to political agenda; through which we could draw the line towards change and empowerment. Through this advocacy wings NEDAN also usually conducts various consultation with BTC duty bearers, District duty bearers, Block level duty bearers and Police Personnel. With the help of those consultations we could able to discuss various issues of children and adolescents with concern stakeholders also it helped us to plan out effective child protection mechanism to deals with children on respective issues.

### **Block Level Orientation**

NEDAN Foundation has a very close working network with Block level duty Bearers on Education Department such as BEEO officials.



NEDAN Foundation is working closely with three Block called Kokrajhar, Dotma and Kochugaon which are also known as backward in the field of education and RTE implementation. Through the NEDAN's initiative, consultation along with community participants now implementation is taking place. For the successful result in Baganpara under Kochugaon block which is also known as forest encroacher there is no such provision to establish education institutions, but for the effort that NEDAN has putted now children from Baganpara and nearby villages can access education through NRSTC.

NEDAN has also very close working diagram with Block Level officials for protection of children such as submitting drop out list to respective Block Elementary Education Officer seeking the alternatives for drop out children, recommendation of schools in new locations where no schools are form yet. NEDAN usually conducts consultation with each respective block once in a year to understand ground reality and challenges faced by children and their future.

### **Outcomes:**

- ◆ *Bringing the ground issues of the Children and their futurity.*
- ◆ *Community capacity building towards child issues RTE implementation.*
- ◆ *Working together in ground identification of out school children and re- enrolling into RTE rule.*
- ◆ *Training and workshop with SMC.*



# Advocacy — Land Right & RTE

## Successful advocacy on securing land entitlement for the forest encroacher displaced villages of Kachugaon, Indo Bhutan border-Kokrajhar

The advocacy for securing land entitlement rights for forest encroacher villages in three blocks of **Kokrajhar** i.e. Dotma block, Titaguri block and Kachugaon block is working towards the proper initiative with the main aims of building strong advocacy with **BTC** and **Assam** state government for securing land entitlement for forest encroachers villages to ensure children's to education through the government education and forest authorities. **NEDAN's** initiative in ensuring protective learning environment for the children and adolescence through evidence based advocacy under **Kokrajhar** district of **BTC, Assam**. In the backdrop of the discussed scenario of children, **NEDAN** has made the best of its effort to initiate a process of breaking the vicious cycle of insecurity for children in three blocks- Titaguri, Dotma and Kachugaon. The three most displaced temporary resettlement vulnerable populations of Kachugaon, Titaguri and Dotma block is the huge and largest area of encroachment in **Kokrajhar** district under **BTAD** areas. The location where we are working for securing land entitlement rights for forest encroacher villages is no presence of the Government. The villagers are facing lots of problems where there is no primary schools, no electricity facility and no available of drinking water. Children are mostly suffered and being vulnerable in such situation. The village mapping and compilation report with forest encroacher communities has been done in three blocks of Kokrajhar. Submission of application to **Divisional Forest Officer** of Kochugaon, **Kokrajhar** and Dotma to find out the statement showing encroachment statement data status in the refuge area has been done through the forest division.

### Sample of land holding certificate for school establishment in forest village under Kachugaon Forest Division

**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**  
Statement of status of School established in Forest Village under Kachugaon Forest Division, Gossalgau.

Memo No. (23/1)/NOC/ 3393-95      Dated Gossalgau the 22/6-2017

Sl. No.	School Sl.No.	Name of School	Area of land allotted	Area occupied	Under Occupation since	Date on which land document issued	Document attached	Remarks
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
		Nobinagar Baganpara L.P.School Will- Nobinagar FV P.O.- Kachugaon Dist- Kokrajhar, BTG, Assam	Nobinagar FV under Sanfai Range, Kachugaon	2 Bighas	25/01/2005	02.03.2017	1.L.H.C.- Yes 2.Dag-Yes 3.Chita or Dag No- 28 4.B-yes	Enclosed Photo copy attached document.

This is to certify that as per Govt. of India guidelines vide No.F.No.-11-9/98-FC, FC Division, dt.d.03/01/2005 General approval is accorded for Schools for areas of less than 1 Ha, and the School mentioned above have been occupying a area mentioned against the name ( column No.5) before 01.01.2006. The Dag No. is entered against in Jamabandi Register in respective Range. Thus this statement may be treated as certificate as land document for all purpose of provincialisation of Schools. The Forest Department do not have any objection with regard to provincialisation of Schools under Kachugaon Division undersigned.

Divisional Forest Officer,  
Kachugaon Division.

Copy to the Range Officer Sanfai Range, Kachugaon for information and necessary action  
Copy to the President/ Secretary Nobinagar Baganpara L.P. School for information.

### Govt. Approved List of NRSTCs in Three Different Blocks of Kokrajhar District

MEMO NO. PMA 41/200/372-A  
Copy No. 1

The Deputy Commissioner to concerned District for information and necessary action to

- The Mission Director, S.A. Assam, Government for further information.
- The Principal Secretary, BTC, Kokrajhar for a copy of all information.
- The Joint Secretary, Finance (E.C-III) Department, Dispur for information.
- The Director of Elementary Education, Dispur for information.

SSECH immediately. It is also requested to send a copy of the Department of teachers in the newly established Lower Primary and attached (copy) to the schools by observing all necessary



## Advocacy — Land Right & RTE

### BTC Level Consultation with all concerned District and BTC level decision makers on Right to Education and its Implementation

The BTC high level consultation was also being conducted to share on the gravity of children drop out from vulnerable displaced locations. The non implementation of RTE in encroacher forest areas under all the three blocks were strongly advocated with policy makers giving example of RTE rights violation during the BTC level consultation . The BEEO of all the three blocks invited NEDAN to submit the entire identified drop out children for re-enrollment in respective areas. Subsequently the identified 400 drop out children was re-enrolled in respective areas. As the efforts are getting more intense the cases of violence, exploitation, abuse and never school attended children being reported by the families and the community members not only in intervention areas but BTC as a whole. 2015-16 years education budget in five education blocks of Kokrajhar, SSA has recommended 20 more new schools and 15 up-gradations of schools being recommended and approval will be notified by govt. of Assam soon. The intense advocacy is needed to bring such issues in the notice of the BTC administration for providing access to quality education need in the areas.



Being a strong advocacy based organization on RTE non implementation in Kokrajhar; it is very much privilege for NEDAN to understand in- depth or more deeply on issues faced by children in present generation situated by conflict and riots related displacement. NEDAN foundation had organized the District level orientation cum training with duty bearers on child protection schemes and legislation on quarterly basis.

This workshop is mainly for better understanding of RTE act and Integrated Child Protection Schemes and its implantation in ground level. Bringing

### Quarterly review & planning meetings with District and BTC administration on Right to Education, ICPS and its implementation in forest Encroacher villages

the issues that children have to confronts with various issues and trauma, fear, neglect, abuse, exploitation, molestation and pornography. So NEDAN's vision and optic is that in order to reduce those issues workshop and training is really prominence to empower their (stakeholder's) knowledge and capacity to re- think on child issues. Through this program we come to know each other about the working nature and challenges also get to know alternative way of overcoming from the challenges. This program is mainly for building the capacity of all stakeholders on child protection schemes and RTE act implementation.

#### Outcomes:

- ♦ *Advocated the children needs and their own entitlement rights from forest .*
- ♦ *School recommended for encroacher having a land rights to access.*
- ♦ *Community taking their own responsibility for enabling their children into development agenda.*
- ♦ *Come out with one optic to solve out the children's issues such as re- enrolling children in various schools RSTC, NRSTC, KGBV, RMSA and RTE rule.*
- ♦ *Celebration of Children's events along with District Administration.*
- ♦ *School sanctioned (11 nos) in Lungsung areas recommended by NEDAN Foundation.*



## Advocacy — Land Right & RTE

### Bodoland Territorial Council level Consultation on Issues related to Children with Uniform Personnel

NEDAN Foundation is an institution which always focuses on Child Rights Violation and Children Vulnerabilities. Since the journey NEDAN has took up responsibility of responding to the children who are at transitional age; they are more victims living in BTC. NEDAN Foundation usually organize every year One day BTC level Consultation with the Uniform personnel on “Law Enforcement Response to Child Protection Concerns in BTC” for the 4 Districts of Bodoland Territorial Council (BTC). Such consultation is also very much helpful to both NEDAN and Police personnel. For NEDAN it is a privilege that they could able to bring such stakeholders for empowering their knowledge on Child Protection and responding to children with specific law enforcement. NEDAN has built up the relationship with the uniform personnel to deal with having law at their hands to ensure protective and effective mechanism system towards children development and for the uniform personnel through this consultation they are well informed and trained on Juvenile Justice Act and POCSO Act and also mechanism system to deal with children if such case been found.



#### Outcomes:

- ◆ *Figured out the children missing and trafficked from BTC*
- ◆ *Highlighted the present issues of children living in the backward and remote areas (Forest encroacher)*
- ◆ *Understood the important mechanism system for law enforcement towards children welfare.*
- ◆ *Discussed on optic and vision of JJ Act 2000 and POCSO Act 2012.*
- ◆ *Gathered the knowledge on dealing with children with such laws and protective mechanism.*
- ◆ *Build up working relationship with police personnel for effective mechanism on child rights violations and protecting them from risks zone.*
- ◆ *Come across to work together on children issues such as trafficking, rescuing, repatriation/ rehabilitation and re-integration.*

**"Premature pregnancy and motherhood are an inevitable consequence of child marriage. Girls under 15 are five times more likely to die during pregnancy and childbirth than women in their twenties."**

State of the World's Children 2007, UNICEF



# Existing Mechanisms to Combat Trafficking

## CHILD Protection & Child Rights: National Mechanisms

- ◆ The Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act 2012
- ◆ The Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009
- ◆ Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2000
- ◆ Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986
- ◆ The Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Amendment Act, 2016
- ◆ Child Labour Act Amendment 2006
- ◆ Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act, 1976
- ◆ Factories Act, 1948
- ◆ Infant Milk Substitutes, Feeding Bottles and Infant Foods
- ◆ Pre-natal Diagnostic Techniques Act, 1994
- ◆ Persons with Disabilities Act, 1995
- ◆ Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006
- ◆ Immoral Traffic Prevention Act, 1986
- ◆ Guardians and Wards Act, 1890
- ◆ Right to Food Legislation and Children

## Women Related Legislation

- ◆ The sexual harassment of women at workplace Prevention Prohibition, and Redressal Act 2013
- ◆ The Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace, (Prevention, Prohibition, and Redressal Act 2013, Rules
- ◆ Handbook on Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace
- ◆ National Commission for Women Act
- ◆ The Commission of Sati Prevention Act and rules
- ◆ Dowry Prohibition Rules
- ◆ Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961
- ◆ Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005
- ◆ The Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005 Rules
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## Child Related Policies:

- ◆ The National Policy for Children, 2013
- ◆ National Policy on Education, 1986
- ◆ National Policy on Child Labour, 1987
- ◆ National Nutrition Policy, 1993
- ◆ National Health Policy, 2002
- ◆ National Charter for Children, 2003
- ◆ National Plan of Action, 2005

## Conventions:

- ◆ The Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women - CEDAW, 1979 (Article 6).
- ◆ The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child - UNCRC, 1989
- ◆ The ILO Convention of 1999 to address worst forms of child labour, including the sale and trafficking of children
- ◆ UN Protocol to prevent, suppress and punish trafficking in person especially of women and children, December 2000
- ◆ SAARC Convention & SAIEVAC



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