

Consultation to check crime against child held



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A BTC [level](#) consultation with law enforcement agencies on crime [against](#) children was held at SP office conference hall on Tuesday in Kokrajhar district. The missing [trend](#) of children in Assam has been increasing day by day, of which 1674 children were went missing in 2015, said the Nedan Foundation in Kokrajhar.

The consultation was organised by Nedan foundation,an [NGO](#) working for preventing trafficking of women and [girls](#).Dr LR Bishnoi,additional DGP(BTAD) lighted the lamp to inaugurate the consultation in the presence of Rajen Singh,Kokrajhar SP and police official staffs from four districts of BTAD, SSB officials, State Child Protection Society, health department officers and [NGO](#) organisers.

Dr Bishnoi lauded that initiative initiated from Nedan foundation while bringing awareness among law enforcement agencies and civil society on crime [against](#) children in the region.He said human trafficking is becoming a serious matter for the [state](#),of which BTC region is seeing more cases in the [state](#).

Digambar [Narzary](#), chairman of Nedan Foundation said Assam [state](#) is regarded [as](#) the second highest trafficking zone in the country. Three districts of the four BTAD districts namely-Kokrajhar, Baksa and Chirang have large trafficking cases in today's report. He said Kokrajhar, [heart](#) of BTAD administration is one of the trafficking hubs known [as](#) sixth highest trafficking zone of Assam where highest number of trafficking takes place. He also said that some areas from Kokrajhar, Baksa and Chirang districts have a large number of trafficking cases [as](#) these districts have remote areas situated in the border with Bhutan country. He told that missing of children is increasing day by day in the [state](#) since few years. A total of 1674 children (1029-[girls](#)/645-boys) were went missing in 2015, among them 911 children were traced after strict observation in the [state](#). He said [as](#) per national crime bureau reports, Assam stands first in the nation for human trafficking.

'This is an initiative to create awareness about crime [against](#) children in the region. Children trafficking cases have been increasing day by day in lower Assam region including BTAD districts', [Narzary](#) said.

At least 3-4 cases of reports of missing of children reach in a week through child missing 1098 steps. We are trying to [stop](#) children trafficking in the region. Altogether 72 children were [rescued](#) from neighbouring states and 200 were prevented last year.

He said that the Missing Girl, 1098 is a toll free number through which person could be [rescued](#) in association with police and civil administration. We are getting good response of at-least [7-8](#) cases are reporting with this initiative in Kokrajhar district. We are taking strict step to expand the Missing Girl-1098 project in other districts of BTAD in coming days, Digambar said.

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