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## **Immoral Trafficking of Women: Indian Scenario**

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### **Abstract:**

Human trafficking is the grave form of crime that includes the trafficking of men, women, and children for the purpose of sexual exploitation, forced slavery, begging, marriage, and even for organ trading. This paper discusses the scenario of immoral trafficking of women. It is very sadden that U.N. has listed India in its tier II list as a country who failed in combating the menace of immoral trafficking of women. However, India has witnessed a decline trend in the cases of immoral trafficking of women during 2001 to 2011. But, it cannot be denied that most of the cases of immoral trafficking of women are never reached to the police station for various reasons. The study finds out several socio-economic factors causing the crime of immoral trafficking of women.

**Key words:** Violence, Vulnerable, Prostitute, Marriage, Trafficking etc.

### **❖ Introduction:**

Human trafficking is the grave form of crime that includes the trafficking of men, women, and children for the purpose of sexual exploitation, forced slavery, begging, marriage, and even for organ trading. The United State in Palermo, Italy in 2000 has adopted the protocol to eradicate, suppress and punish immoral trafficking. It is very sadden that U.N. has listed India in its tier II list as a country who failed in combating the menace of immoral trafficking of women.

The condition of women is very poor in India. Women are treated as commodities and even sold and purchased in open market. The country witnessed large scale influx of trafficking of women. The poor women from Nepal, Bangladesh, and poor states of India, are trafficked to the rich areas like Haryana, Punjab, Delhi, Mumbai etc. These women are lured from their homes for the promise of marriage, job but subsequently they are forced to work as prostitute, labour, begging industry, or even more horrific industry of organ trading. This paper makes an attempt to analyze the trend of immoral trafficking of women as well as the socio-economic factors causing the immoral trafficking of women.

### **❖ Data Sources:**

This study mainly depends upon secondary data sources. The foremost sources are Census of India, National Crime Record Bureau, Statistical Abstracts, other Govt. offices data, Newspapers and various reports related to the research topic.



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❖ **Objectives of the Study:**

- To examine the trend of Immoral Trafficking of Women.
- To find out the Causative factors responsible for Immoral Trafficking of Women.

❖ **Result & Discussion:**

Trafficking of women is the ugliest form of abuse and exploitation of human beings. Several women are trafficked every day to some destination or the other and are forced to lead lives of slavery. They survive in brothel, hotels, dance bars, farms, spa centers, and even in the homes as well.

The National Crime Record Bureau data show 50736 cases of immoral trafficking of women during 2001 to 2011 has been recorded in India. It makes 2.6 percent of the total crime against women during 2001 to 2011. However, the country witnessed a decline trend in the cases of trafficking of women. But it is estimated that most of the cases of trafficking of women are seldom reached to the police station. In this situation, this issue of trafficking of women becomes very sensitive one. There are several socio-economic factors which are causing the problem of immoral trafficking of women. We are discussing some of main socio-economic causative factors behind this immoral crime.

(i) **Unemployment-**

Unemployment has become a serious issue in India. The country is struggling in providing employment to its large population. The opportunity of employment lies in big cities of India as well as in foreign countries but the large population resides in rural areas. Thus the women who go outside for the search of employment, become prey of the bad element indulged in trafficking of women. These bad people lured such women by making false promise of providing decent employment. Such women get trapped and are finally pushed to sex industry, brothel etc. In the sexual slavery, they face physical violence as well as mental trauma.

(ii) **Poverty-**

In the poor states of India, poverty is the root cause behind trafficking of women. Despite 60 years of independence, the benefits of economic development have not trickle down to the marginalized section of the society and still a large number of population are living below the poverty line. Thus the local conditions in these poor areas make populations to migrate in search of better condition. Like men, the women to eke out their livelihood moves outside for the search of work. They are misguided and ended up as slave, labour, agriculture labour, drug smuggling, prostitution, begging, and even in organ trading. If they somehow manage to escape, it also does not have any worth because the society doesn't accept them. Eventually they return back to their previous owner or are pushed to the sex industry.



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(iii) **Marriage-**

It is very sadden state that after seven decade of independence, women are still treated as commodity. A large number of women still don't have the right to lead a life with dignity. They don't have the right on their own body; neither can they decide whom they wish to marry. Apart from this, it has been seen that many parents of the poor state sell their daughter for the marriage. The bachelors from the state like Haryana and Punjab, which have very poor sex ratio, approach such parents and buy their daughter for marriage. The purchased brides are often called as 'Mol Ki' meaning 'Purchased Bride' in their society. The purchased brides are not much respected in the society. Thus these purchased brides lead a life of loneliness several hundred kilometres away from their maternal homes.

(iv) **Lack of Awareness-**

Some women are not aware of the evilness of the society. Such women are misguided by the evil people and become prey of trafficking. Some women who developed love affair without knowing the background of those persons are ultimately cheated and are sold in the brothel. Many women developed physical relation with their lover on the name of false promise of marriage. Their lover cheat them and make their MMS clip that shows her in a negative way. Such women become their prey and in order to save their dignity, they become puppets of such cunnings.

(v) **Poor Administration-**

Indian society has been highly masculine. Women find little space in this patriarchal society. The big industrial cities witness huge influx of male population as industrial worker. These men generally left behind their family and come alone in cities. Such persons to satisfy their physical needs visit brothel. There is big supply of commercial sex worker to cater to this demand. Women in such environment become more vulnerable. Women are also sold and purchased in open market in many areas of our country. All this happens under the nose of the administration. It seems that the administration does not take stringent action against such crimes.

❖ **Conclusion:**

In the end it is concluded that the effect of trafficking have serious impact on victims. The cases of this crime might be less in number but the consequences is very grave. Due to social stigma attached to women, such crimes barely reach to the police station. The Indian society has been highly masculine and has a discriminative approach towards womenfolk. It has been seen that there is an inexplicable apathy in the approach of law enforcement agencies when it comes to dealing with immoral trafficking of women. The government should come forward with stringent laws to protect its women from immoral trafficking. Government should launch awareness program that can help in preventing and protecting women from being trafficked. It has been seen that most of the victim women are illiterate and in such ignorance they never realized that they were exploited. Their utter helplessness and social stigma don't allow them to seek help from anyone. There is



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immediate need to change the mental setup of the society as well as a collective efforts with better coordination is needed to combat the menace of women trafficking so that women can also lead a life with dignity.

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