Child Trafficking | Bihar | 29 Apr 2024

Why in News?

95 children who were allegedly being **transported from Bihar to Uttar Pradesh illegally** were **rescued** by the **Uttar Pradesh Child Commission.**

- Children were taken to other states to be **kept in madrasas** to **earn donations** on the **basis of religion** is a **violation of the Constitution.**

Key Points

- The children who were rescued were **between the ages of 4-12.** The incident raised concerns surrounding **child trafficking.**
- According to the Chairperson of the National Commission for Protection Of Child Rights, the Constitution of India has given the **right to education** to every child. It is compulsory for every child to go to school.

National Commission for Protection of Child Rights

- The National Commission for Protection of Child Rights **(NCPCR)** was set up in 2007 under the **Commission for Protection of Child Rights Act, 2005.**
- The Commission's Mandate is to **ensure that all Laws, Policies, Programmes, and Administrative Mechanisms** are in consonance with the Child Rights perspective as enshrined in the Constitution of India and also the **UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC).**

Child Trafficking

- It manifests in the form of **domestic labour, forced child labour** across industries, and illegal activities such as **begging, organ trade and commercial sex purposes.**
- In 2021, **the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB)** reported a staggering statistic: an average of **eight children fell victim to trafficking every day in India.** These cases encompassed various forms of exploitation, including forced labor, begging, and sexual exploitation.
- The figures reveal a concerning trend, with **2,834 cases documented in 2018, 2,914 in 2019, and 2,222 in 2020.**
    - It's important to note that these statistics only account for confirmed trafficking cases, excluding instances of missing children.
    - The true extent of the issue may be more profound than these numbers suggest.

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