



Special Campaign against Human Trafficking by Haryana Police

Why in News?

According to the information received from the media on 31 March 2023, the Haryana Police will conduct a one-month-long campaign against human trafficking in the entire state in the month of April. Through this, the police aim to raise awareness about human trafficking and encourage people to report any suspicious activity related to human trafficking.

Key Points

- It is known that this campaign will run from April 1 to April 30, 2023.
- The campaign will include various activities like seminars, workshops, street plays and awareness campaigns. Meanwhile, the Haryana Police will work closely with NGOs and other stakeholders to provide rehabilitation to the victims of human trafficking while undertaking rescue operations.
- Haryana Police has urged citizens to immediately report any suspicious activity related to human trafficking to the police on its emergency helpline number 112. The identity of the informer will be kept confidential.
- In the message sent to field units, all SPs and DCPs have been asked to run the campaign. CP and IG/ADG Range will review the progress weekly. The performance of the field units will be reviewed at the end of the month on the number of missing children and adults traced and beggars and laborers rescued.
- In this direction, the police will re-investigate missing person cases and send police teams to shelters and children's homes in neighboring states to see if any of them are living there. Cases of missing children are registered under sections 363-366 IPC, while cases of missing adults are registered under 346 IPC.
- It is noteworthy that Haryana Police traced 3379 missing female and 6340 male adults in the year 2022. Also, 1144 missing boys and 1426 girls were also recovered. In addition, it also freed 41 bonded laborers.
- In the same period, 22 Anti-Human Trafficking Units (AHTUs) of the State Crime Branch traced 316 missing male adults and 373 female adults.
- As per the Supreme Court order, a missing person case is transferred to the State Crime Branch for further investigation if it remains unsolved in the district for more than four months.
- Through the campaign, Haryana Police in collaboration with the Women and Child Welfare Department, other state police and NGOs aims to bring back the smile in the family by reuniting the separated with their loved ones.