



# National Conference on Combating Human Trafficking

## Why in News?

Recently, the Chairperson of [the National Human Rights Commission \(NHRC\)](#), inaugurated a day-long **National Conference on 'Combating Human Trafficking in the Digital Era'**.

The Commission organized the event in collaboration with Hidayatullah National Law University, Raipur, Chhattisgarh.

## Key Points

- **About the Conference:**
  - The conference **examined the increasing exploitation of digital technologies in human trafficking.**
  - Discussions focused on the role of the **internet, social media, [cryptocurrency](#)**, and other online tools in facilitating trafficking crimes.
  - Experts deliberated on preventive measures involving technology, law enforcement agencies, and community participation.
- **Keynote Address by the Chairman:**
  - The Chairman highlighted various forms of digital trafficking, including **sexual exploitation, labor exploitation, organ trafficking, and forced marriage.**
  - He elaborated on recruitment strategies such as:
    - Active Recruitment ("Hook Fishing") - Direct targeting of victims online.
    - Passive Recruitment ("Net Fishing") - Using digital platforms to attract potential victims.
  - He emphasized the **need for public awareness, stronger regulatory frameworks, and technological solutions** to counter digital exploitation.
- **Key Recommendations:**
  - Amend the [Immoral Traffic \(Prevention\) Act \(ITPA\)](#) to clearly differentiate between child and adult trafficking and explicitly include cyber trafficking.
  - Establish **formal linkages between the ITPA and the IT Act** to address digital trafficking-related legal gaps.
  - Increase public awareness on self-reporting portals like the [Centralized Complaint and Prevention of Women and Children \(CCPWC\)](#) for improved public participation.
  - Enhance training and resources for [Anti-Human Trafficking Units \(AHTUs\)](#) to tackle trafficking in the digital era.
  - Improve data collection mechanisms to systematically track human trafficking cases across different categories for informed policymaking.
  - Strengthen community engagement to encourage local communities to actively participate in preventing and reporting trafficking crimes.

## National Human Rights Commission (NHRC)

- **About:**
  - It ensures the **protection of [rights related to life, liberty](#)**, equality, and dignity of individuals.

- Rights guaranteed by the Indian Constitution and international covenants enforceable by Indian courts.
- **Establishment:**
  - **Established on 12<sup>th</sup> October 1993**, under [the Protection of Human Rights Act \(PHRA\), 1993](#).
  - **Amended by** the Protection of Human Rights (Amendment) Act, 2006, and Human Rights (Amendment) Act, 2019.
  - Established in conformity with the Paris Principles, adopted for promoting and protecting human rights.

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