

EMERGING TRENDS OF SEX TRAFFICKING IN NORTH-EAST INDIA AND ITS LEGAL CHALLENGES

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ABSTRACT

One of the most inhuman practices in the twenty-first century is sex trafficking. Sex is a natural phenomenon that is essential for the continuity of the life cycle on this planet. Every living creature within the family of the sexual reproductive system follows the natural way of reproducing offspring through sex. However, the most rational creature of the planet has managed to convert rather transform this natural phenomenon into a man-made commercial venture, like prostitution, pornography, advertisements with sexual imageries, etc., where sex is bought and sold with commercial interest. With such activities, several other activities like abduction, kidnapping, harbouring, rape, abuse, etc., get associated most often to maintain the sex trade. India having a rich cultural tradition is also not an exception rather becomes a major market for the import and export of sex. North-Eastern states of India who remained in isolation for centuries possess several unique socio-political and economic conditions that make the region even more vulnerable against social menaces like sex trafficking. The paper, therefore, analyses the unique conditions of the north-eastern states in India along with the various International, National, and regional laws and policies for understanding the gap between such laws and policies and the actual requirements to meet the unique situations in the north-eastern region to eliminate sex-trafficking from this region.

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