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**Report on the Anti-Human Trafficking Workshop Held on 23rd September 2024 at
Aliah University, Kolkata**

On the advice of the Honourable Vice Chancellor of Aliah University, an online seminar-cum-workshop on Anti-Human Trafficking was organized on the 23rd of September 2024. This important event focused on discussing the multifaceted issues surrounding human trafficking, particularly those affecting children and women, and explored effective methods for prevention.

The main objective of the workshop was to provide a deep understanding of the challenges posed by human trafficking, especially concerning crimes against children and girls. The workshop aimed to develop actionable strategies to combat such crimes within the community and beyond.

The workshop featured Dr. P. M. Nair IPS (Retd.) an international expert of anti-human trafficking, who was invited to address the audience. His insightful presentation covered the complex dimensions of human trafficking, its underlying causes, and the methods by which it persists in society. He used real-life examples and illustrations to make the audience aware of how trafficking operations unfold, the reasons behind them, and the role that various stakeholders play in both perpetuating and preventing such crimes.

The workshop saw enthusiastic participation from a diverse group, including students, faculty members, and non-teaching staff of Aliah University. The event was highly appreciated by all attendees, who found it to be an enriching learning experience. Participants gained a better understanding of the organized nature of human trafficking and the various forms of exploitation that affect women and children in particular.

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Dr. Nair emphasized the importance of collective action in combating human trafficking. He outlined a clear protocol for individuals, including professors, teachers, non-teaching staff, students, and community members, to follow in order to prevent crimes against children and women. His examples of best practices in preventing trafficking provided practical guidance for the audience. Following his presentation, a question-and-answer session allowed participants to seek clarifications, which Dr. Nair addressed comprehensively.

One of the key outcomes of the workshop was the decision to establish an Anti-Human Trafficking Club at Aliah University. This club aims to extend its efforts beyond the university premises, focusing on protecting the rights of women and children within the larger community where students and teachers reside. The mission is to ensure the safety and dignity of all individuals, especially those vulnerable to exploitation.

Dr. Nair shared a copy of the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) to guide the newly formed club in its activities. Aliah University is proud to be the second university in West Bengal to take such a significant step in setting up an Anti-Human Trafficking Club. The university is committed to taking this mission forward with sincerity, working to safeguard the rights, freedom, and dignity of women and children.

We express our gratitude to the Honourable Chancellor and Governor for their support and for initiating this crucial endeavour to ensure the safety of children. The Governor's message has reached all the universities in the state, inspiring collective action. We are honored to be a part of this important initiative and are committed to working diligently towards a safer and more secure environment for our women and children.

The workshop was a great success, and it marks the beginning of a sustained effort at Aliah University to combat human trafficking and protect the most vulnerable in our community.


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