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**PRESS RELEASE**  
**TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS HOTLINE**

Trafficking in persons, a form of modern slavery, is the recruitment, transport, transfer of persons using force, fraud or coercion to exploit them for acts of labor or sex. According to the International Labor Organization, human trafficking is the fastest growing organized crime with approximately \$150 billion in annual profits and 40.3 million individuals trapped in slave-like conditions.

The National Agency against Trafficking in Persons (NAATIP) is mandated under the Trafficking in Persons Act, 2007, to receive and investigate reports of activities of trafficking from the public or otherwise coming to its notice or knowledge and to initiate activities and promote strategies to combat trafficking. As per its mandate the agency has now put in place a Toll-Free hotline for the public to report cases of trafficking in persons.

**THE HOTLINE IS 1123**

This development comes at a time when victims of trafficking require now more than ever, facilities that provide access to confidential reporting by a mechanism that allows victims to report abuse without fear of intimidation, stigmatization or re-victimization. The Hotline is reachable 24/7.

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