



# HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Challenges and Initiatives



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This book provides a glimpse of a grave social issue that has plagued nations all over the globe. Trafficking in persons at present is a social debacle. It is an organized industry that is operating in the underground economy worldwide. Both the developed and the underdeveloped world are plagued by the shackles of trafficking of women and children. The international borders have become highly permeable so that human beings are routed from one nation to another as commodities and then used in illegal activities like prostitution, bonded labor, forced slavery and illegal servitude. Thus, human trafficking poses serious challenges in myriad forms. The sex industry is one of the prime destinations of the trafficked victims. Mostly women from a fragile economic background are taken into an alluring trap with promises of legitimate employment, safe and secured future. Children are attracted with hopes of luxurious life, education facilities etc. They are ignorant of their fate and actually land in illegal servitude, sex trade, crime groups etc. The governments of the destination countries and international bodies are aware of the severe threats of such practice of trafficking human beings and have taken several initiatives on this front. The book tries to throw light on such anti-trafficking initiatives adopted in various regions with special reference to USA, Africa, South Asia, United Kingdom and India. It aims at stirring social and public awareness of a social debacle, because it is only the combined efforts of the masses, policy makers and international agencies that can put an end to such a social malpractice.



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## OVERVIEW

With social change and industrialization, the transnational organized crime of human trafficking has been plaguing the world and no country around the globe appears to be free from its impact. People between one to two million are trafficked each year, the majority of which comprises women and children. Disregard and disrespect towards the human population is the prime reason that has led to the initiation and expansion of the crime of human trafficking, which perhaps serves only one purpose – the generation of illegal revenue. Tracing the root of the problem we can go as far back as the Spanish conquest and the colonial days when mostly they served historical interest. However, standing in this century, we observe that it has grown to the range of an industry, where flesh trade crosses national boundaries. Earlier human trafficking referred only to commercial sexual exploitation of women and girls but now, due to the under reporting of the crime as well as lack of proper and genuine initiatives to curb it, there has been a dimensional increase in the form of human trafficking. Today, human trafficking is not restricted only to commercial sexual exploitation of human beings but also comprises forced labour,



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