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## Confederation of Young Leaders, Assam

# UN75 Dialogue on International Day of the Girl Child

11<sup>th</sup> October 2020

## OVERVIEW

Confederation of Young Leaders (CYL) is collaborating with the **United Nations** in contributing towards the **#UN75 Consultations** on the occasion of the 75th Anniversary of the UN. To mark its **75th anniversary** in 2020, the United Nations has launched the biggest-ever global conversation on the role of global cooperation in building the future we want. As a constituent part of the **National Team** to lead various initiatives under the **UN75 Consultations** across the country through **Confederation of Young Leaders (CYL)**, CYL Assam has been working with hundreds of young people to shape the public discourse around the United Nations and contribute to the conversation around the future of the United Nations.

Therefore, on the 11<sup>th</sup> of October 2020, CYL Assam would like to organize a dialogue in collaboration with the **Chandrababha Saikiani Centre for Women's Studies, Tezpur University** on the eve of the **International Day of the Girl Child** on the topic '**The Menace of Women Trafficking- Perspectives, Measures and Interventions**'.

## GOALS

1. To initiate a well-researched dialogue on the social evil of women trafficking by taking into account its many networks; policy-related loopholes, institutional barriers and shortcomings.
2. Gather views and suggestions from people under the banner of the UN75 initiative about what the United Nations should do with regard to this issue and other such issues of global concern that the world is currently facing.

## BRIEFING ON THE SUBJECT MATTER-

Women trafficking and sexual exploitation has been a matter of grave international concern since long. The United Nations in its vision for the future, cites the target of 'eliminating all forms of violence against women and girls in the public and private spheres, including trafficking and

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sexual and other types of exploitation’ under its Sustainable Development Goal 5 of Gender Equality. The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crimes states that the main form of human trafficking has generally been sexual exploitation, with most of the victims being women and female children in trafficking. Also, 20% of all trafficking victims worldwide are children, with the vicious circle closing in all the more on the girl child. The Trafficking in Persons Report of 2017 places India in Tier 2 in the world which implies that it is one of those countries whose governments do not fully comply with the Trafficking Victim’s Protection Act’s minimum standards, but continues to make efforts to bring itself into compliance with those standards. This directly brings to light the immense work yet to be done with regard to the issue in order to successfully combat the problem of trafficking in India; where according to the National Crime Records Bureau, a total of 5264 cases of human trafficking were reported in India in 2018, where 64% were women and 48% were below 18 years old. It is important to highlight too, that Assam happens to be one the hotspots for trafficking in women and children besides the states of Bihar, Maharashtra, Telangana and many others.

This dialogue thus, in conversation with **Dr. Madhurima Goswami, The Head of Chandraprabha Saikiani Centre for Women’s Studies, Tezpur University** aims to get into the depths of trafficking as a social evil ; by exploring the many other inherent aspects including transportation, forced labour or exploitation and malpractices very akin to slavery involved in it. This dialogue, taking cognizance of the fact that Dr. Goswami is an expert researcher in Gender Studies, wishes to gain a better perspective on the many nitty-gritties, obstacles and challenges in combating women trafficking by engaging in an interactive dialogue on her research conducted on girl-trafficking in Sonitpur district of Assam; so as to explore and reflect better on how to use such findings towards effective eradication.

## **SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE EVENT-**

The dialogue will be organized according to the guidelines given by the UN75 toolkit, the link for which can be found below. It will be a UN- registered event and after the event, the organizers will be filling up a feedback form summarizing the viewpoints that have been obtained from the dialogue. The dialogue will begin with an introductory remark from the moderator; following which, the Invited Speaker for the event shall deliver her insights and observations on the issue concerned. The same shall be followed by a **general question answer round**, welcoming questions from the participants in the event.

Post the general question-answer round, the floor will be opened up for a **focused question-answer round** centering on the possible strategic mechanisms, actions and interventions to be taken up and put into place by the United Nations, with regards to the issue of

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Women Trafficking and other such general issues of global concern. The structure of this conversation would be such that certain questions would be posed around the theme of global cooperation and the obstacles to achieving it, the issues that the globe is currently facing such as populism, cyber warfare, climate change, pandemic, human rights crisis etc. There would be an attempt to reach out to the views that the participants hold about these themes and their probable solutions and what the UN can do about it.

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Toolkit: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1io-DhcqSdnVzkCBV6w9VVFIMNP6UnAT5/view?usp=sharing>

This dialogue will act as an opportunity for the audience to make its voice heard and also act as an active agent in determining the direction of future course of action.

Thus, we look forward to collaborating with the **Chandraprabha Saikiani Centre for Women's Studies, Tezpur University** for this dialogue, to contribute towards working for a better future together.

Best Wishes!

Warm Regards,

**Confederation of Young Leaders, Assam**

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