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### CELEBRATING NAVARATRI FESTIVAL

Navaratri is a 9 days festival for Goddess Durga & Goddess Amba, (the Power).

Navaratri or Navadurga Parva happens to be the most auspicious and unique period of devotional sadhanas and worship of Shakti (the sublime, ultimate, absolute creative energy) of the Divine conceptualized as the Mother Goddess-Durga, whose worship dates back to prehistoric times before the dawn of the Vedic age.

Navaratri is celebrated in different ways throughout India. In North India, all three Navaratris are celebrated with much fervor by fasting on all nine days and worshiping the Mother Goddess in her different forms. The Chaitra Navratri culminates in Ram Navami and the Sharad Navaratri culminates in Durga Puja and Dussehra. The Dussehra of Kullu in Himachal Pradesh is particularly famous in the North. Navratri festival in Gujarat is one of the main festivals. Garba is a dance which people perform on all nine nights, after the Durga Pooja, in groups accompanied by live orchestra or devotional songs.

In Western India, particularly in the state of Gujarat and Mumbai, Navratri is celebrated with the famous Garba and Dandiya-Raas dance. Since the past few years, the Government of Gujarat has been organising the "Navratri Festival Celebrations" on a regular basis for the nine days of Navratri Festival in Gujarat. People from all over Gujarat and even abroad come to participate in the nine-day celebration. It is also popular throughout India and among Indian communities around the world

During Navratri, some devotees of Durga observe a fast and prayers are offered for the protection of health and prosperity. Devotees avoid meat, grains, wheat and onion during this fast. Grains are usually avoided since it is believed that during the period of Navratri and seasonal change, grains attract and absorb lots of negative energies from the surrounding and therefore there is a need to avoid eating anything which is produced from grains for the purification of Navratri to be successful. Navratri is also a period of introspection and purification, and is traditionally an auspicious and religious time for starting new ventures.





## 'RESCUE FOUNDATION' – RESCUES

### *The Rescue raid Operation Freedom:*

*It was a grand success for Rescue Foundation where our three offices' teams conducted 8 different rescue operations, in September 2014.*

- RR 28 -Operation Freedom in Mira Road, Thane, Maharashtra- 13th Sept -05 Girls (05 Major) Rescued-02 Accused Arrested.
- RR 29-Operation Freedom in Nawada, New Delhi-15th Sept- 19 Girls (09 Minor 10 Major) Rescued.
- RR 30 -Operation Freedom in Budhwarpath Red-Light Area, Pune-16th Sept -04 Girl (04 Major) Rescued.
- RR 31-Operation Freedom in Atish Bar and Abhisek Guesthouse in Bhiwandi, Maharashtra-16th September 18 (05 Minor and 13 Major) Girls\_Rescued-08 Accused Arrested.
- RR 32 -Operation Freedom in Budhwarpath Red-Light Area, Pune-18th September -01 Girl (01 Minor) Rescued-00 Accused Arrested.
- RR 33 -Operation Freedom in Budhwarpath Red-Light Area, Pune-18th September -03 Girl (01 Minor 02 Major) Rescued-02 Accused Arrested.
- RR 34 -Operation Freedom in G.B.Road Red-Light Area,\_Delhi- 19th September -01 Girl (01 Major) Rescued-03 Accused Arrested.
- RR 35 -Operation Freedom in Kamathipura Red-Light , Mumbai, Maharashtra-22nd September -10 Girls (03 Minor and 07 Major) Rescued-04 Accused Arrested.

**Moreover, after rescued from G B Road red-light area, Delhi, the survivors got compensation as trafficked girl. In the history of RF, we are succeeding to get compensation by Hon'ble Delhi Court....**

- **No of Rescued Girls: 61**
- **No of Girls Repatriated: 32**



Rescue Raids by our Rescue Team.







The five S's of sports training are: stamina, speed, strength, skill, and spirit; but the greatest of these is spirit. Girls at Rescue Foundation have demonstrated that they have developed high spirit because it's not the will to win that matters—everyone has that. It's the will to prepare to win that matters.

One of our girl athletes Miss **Maina** excelled in karate Women's category and even after having succeeded so many times, she has now excelled in state level competition. She has proved that persistence can change failure into extraordinary achievement.



Rescue Foundation in Media

Work of Rescue Foundation was appreciated by the media, as can be seen by the articles published by them in the daily news papers which says that the dignity & identity of the unfortunate trafficked girls is regained by their association with Rescue Foundation.

Media reconfirms Ms. Triveni Acharya's words that our society needs young social engineers, to rid the nation of human trafficking. She invites the young people of the nation to employ their skills in combating human trafficking and saving lives of unfortunate girls. The difficult work of Rescue Foundation can be replenished if the population at large becomes totally aware of the inhuman practices of traffickers & brothel keepers.

The appreciative works of Mrs. Triveni Acharya may be strengthened by the young engineers. Their technical as well as social, humanitarian resources can be employed to save innocent lives.



There has been a striking difference in the attitude of parents in accepting the trafficked girls involved in commercial sexual exploitation. Earlier the family never used to accept them in spite of the fact that it was not their fault to have involved themselves in sexual activities. Due to wide spread creation of awareness, today families readily accept girls. Thus repatriation is an occasion to rejoice. Girls go home after months; sometime after years. Rescue Foundation repatriated 32 girls to their families.



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