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Nagpur Police Bust Human Trafficking Ring

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Police in Nagpur have uncovered a human trafficking operation during a raid at a local hotel. The establishment, located in a commercial district, was allegedly being used as a front for a prostitution ring. Two women were rescued, and one person was arrested in connection with the case.

The raid was carried out by the city's Social Security Branch, following a tip-off about illegal activities taking place inside the hotel. Officers initially arrived in plain clothes to verify the

intelligence. After confirming the presence of suspicious activity, they moved in and detained the accused.

According to authorities, the two women found at the site were being held against their will and forced into sex work. They have since been moved to a safe location and are receiving medical attention and psychological support. The Nagpur police are collaborating with local welfare agencies to assist in the victims' rehabilitation.

The individual arrested has not yet been publicly named. He faces charges under the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) as well as the Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956 (ITPA). Investigators are examining whether the suspect is linked to a larger trafficking network operating across Maharashtra or other parts of India.

The Police Commissioner's office confirmed that digital evidence, including mobile phone records and CCTV footage from the hotel, has been seized and is undergoing forensic analysis. Additional arrests may follow as the investigation progresses.

"Trafficking is a grave violation of human rights. Our department is committed to identifying and dismantling such rackets," said a senior official involved in the case. He added that the police are stepping up surveillance of hotels, guest houses, and online platforms suspected of hosting illegal operations.

Human trafficking remains a serious concern in many parts of India, particularly involving women and minors lured under false promises of jobs, education, or marriage. Once trafficked, victims often face extreme abuse and find it difficult to access legal or psychological assistance.

Women's rights groups have praised the swift police response but emphasized the need for stronger prevention strategies and speedier prosecutions. "Raids are only the first step. The real impact lies in getting convictions and providing long-term support to survivors," said a spokesperson from a Nagpur-based NGO.

The case underscores the continuing challenge of trafficking networks hiding behind seemingly legitimate businesses and highlights the need for better oversight and victim protection mechanisms. Authorities expect further developments in the coming days as leads from the initial arrest are pursued