**The Truth Untold**

Our embroidered carpets, silk sarees, diamond rings and festivities have one thing in common- the deep, dark stain of child labor. Their bright, positive beautiful faces are so prominent that have blinded the pitch-black, negative ugly face of exploitation. I India, millions of progeny are forced into child labor due to poverty, overpopulation, unemployment etc.

Child labor used to be most ubiquitous in rural areas, but modern times have seen a shift from rural to urban areas. It represents an extremely difficult and complex puzzle which takes a lot of time patience and co-operation to solve. This long course of time inflicts a lot of damage and injury to both child and country. Over burdened debt-trapped parents fail to understand the importance of a normal childhood. This leads to emotional and mental imbalance in a child who is not prepared to undertake rigourous tasks. Basically child labor is employment of children below 14 years in dangerous conditions.

In the 2014 movie Hawa Hawai, the main character works as a tea stall after his father`s death to earn some money. His friends are also engaged in child labor with one working in an embroidery shop for two rupees per hour. Construction sites also hire children to move materials around. Fire cracker factory make children work for long without breaks. I remember stopping for ten on a road trip and seeing a young boy serve tea and wash the empty glasses. Some mine workers use children to reach in small places. Newspaper agencies use young kids to distribute newspaper. Children beg for money at traffic signals. All of these are happening because children are easy to exploit.

Poverty is the leading cause leading to child labor. Parents cant afford education and make their children earn from a tender age. This decision is taken only for scrapping together a living for the poor family. Small children are sent to toil in dangerous locations like factories and mines and in shops as well as domestic help. Lack of affordable schooling leaves poor children helpless and living without studying forces them into child labor. Illiterate parents don’t know the impact of child labor on their off springs. Even unemployment perpetuates the same. Deviation from laws also sustain this monster.

Inspite of the severity of the issue, governments and NGO`s have taken some initiative to uproot the devil. Programs have been launched where children work for a specific duration and study for the rest of the time. Ammendments in laws have been made. Stricter laws also ensure that a certain child works after reaching the correct age. An EFFORT approach must be used to deal with child labor,

E-Education to parents

F-Free for family

F-food for family

O-Opportunity of jobs for parents.

R-Rescue of victims from situations

T-Trust in given help by victims.

Today`s young generation is India`s future. Thus by protecting the progency we are protecting India`s future in all aspects

“Abolish child labour..

Do India a favour”