

SCHEMES FOR THE BETTERMENT OF GIRL CHILD

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(iii) Ujjawala Scheme is implemented by Ministry of Women and Child Development for combating trafficking, with five specific components – Prevention, Rescue, Rehabilitation, Re-Integration and Repatriation (cross-border) of victims of trafficking. The scheme has been conceived primarily for the purpose of preventing trafficking on one hand and rescue and rehabilitation of victims on the other. The scheme provides for rehabilitation of victims by providing food, shelter, counseling, medical care, legal aid and vocational training as well as their reintegration into society.

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