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Abstract & Research Scope

With the development and increasing need for technology – and the explosive growth of cyberspace, particularly during the pandemic – cybercrime trends have seen a **significant and alarming rise**. Among the most serious of these are cyber-based human trafficking and modern slavery.

Cyber-crimes encompass a broad range of criminal activities including financial fraud, sexual abuse, and trafficking. This research paper examines how digital platforms have become instruments of exploitation, enabling traffickers to identify, groom, and control victims at unprecedented scale.

Research Focus Areas:

- Impact of social media platforms on the spread of human trafficking
- Current scenario of cyber-based modern slavery
- Safeguard mechanisms in present statutes and policies
- Way-forward strategies to mitigate the issue

Keywords: Cyber-crimes, Cyber Laws, Modern Slavery, Human Trafficking, Social Media Platforms


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The Pandemic Accelerant



COVID-19 as a Catalyst

The pandemic period marked a **watershed moment** in the evolution of cyber-based trafficking. As physical movement was restricted and economic hardship intensified, both traffickers and victims migrated further into digital spaces.

- **Increased online time** expanded the pool of reachable victims dramatically
- **Economic desperation** made fraudulent job offers and false promises more persuasive
- **Reduced physical oversight** allowed trafficking networks to operate with less risk of detection
- **Surge in digital dependency** normalized online relationships, lowering victims' guard
- **Weakened institutional responses** as law enforcement resources were redirected to pandemic management

The pandemic thus served as a force multiplier for cyber-enabled trafficking, accelerating trends that were already underway and embedding them more deeply into criminal infrastructure.

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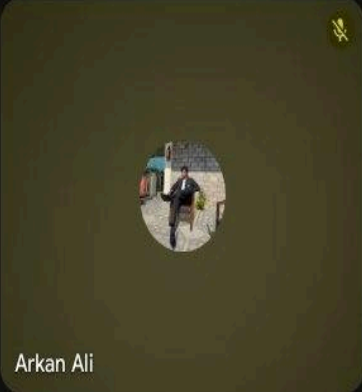
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