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**AGAINST TRAFFICKING** - The CRI Ajmer annual meeting of Jodhpur, Kota and Ajmer Deanery was held on 8-9, March 2014 at the Pastoral Centre, Madar on the theme “Understanding and responding to the challenges of Human Trafficking” being the International Women’s Day. About hundred religious from seven congregations participated.

Sr. Doris FSMA secretary of CRI Ajmer Unit extended a warm welcome to the participants.

Sr. Jyoti SB and Sr. Rita FMA, the resource persons made alive the sessions by powerpoint presentations, riddles and action songs by the talented participants.

They covered topics like: Human Trafficking – slavery of 21st century, Orange day presentation, Human Trafficking and Prophetic response; and Human Trafficking and Rescue operation.

Sr. Jyoti highlighted the role of women while Sr. Doris prayed for the women reflecting on the role, Mary played in the salvation of the world. The word of God from the Gospel of St. Lk.1:46-55 was read. A PowerPoint presentation on the magnificent gave a fitting conclusion to the prayer.

Sr.Jyoti continued by asking: What is Human Trafficking? Why do the religious of Ajmer want to reflect on the issue of Human Trafficking? Is there Human Trafficking in Rajasthan? What is our God telling us today? What is our response to our God?

She said, “Trafficking is moving objects/persons from one location to the other for profit in an exploitative way. Three most profit making illegal and criminal trafficking activities are: Arms Trafficking, Drug Trafficking and Human Trafficking. Human Trafficking is the fastest growing

criminal enterprise in the world.”

After few video clips on Child labour and Transportation we had a lively interactive group discussion.

Bishop Pius D’Souza in his address wished all religious “Happy Women’s Day and quoted Pope Francis “Without Religious women, Church does not exist”.

Bishop explained the Pastoral Plan of the CCBI and read out the evaluation of Ajmer Deanery and celebrated the Eucharist.

On the occasion of International Women’s Day, CRI Ajmer extended their support to facilitate the income to a needy family by providing the woman with a sewing machine.

Before the end of the session new Office Bearers were elected. Sr. Savina MSA –Mother General thanked the outgoing Office Bearers for their creative contribution and tireless efforts to strengthen the CRI Ajmer Unit.

Sr. Doris FSMA

New Ajmer Secretary

Sr. Sunita MSA - Secretary/Treasurer

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