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## From the Desk of Chief Editor

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In the era of gigantic scientific and technological strides throughout the world, human and ethical values have been relegated to the back seat. More and more crimes against women, children, and the vulnerable sections, et al. across nations are being reported in the media. A recent study published by the *Global Report on Trafficking in Persons*, released by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) at UN headquarters in New York, presents a record-high number of such cases. On the eve of the World Day against Trafficking in Persons on July 30, United Nations Secretary-General *António Guterres* has stressed that human trafficking is a heinous crime that affects every region of the world, particularly women and children. Children now account for about thirty per cent of those being trafficked, and girls being the easy targets. Celebration of International Days are occasions to make the public aware on issues of concern; to mobilize political will and resources to address global problems; and also to celebrate and reinforce achievements of humanity. The academic institutions, writers, researchers, media organizations, and civil society groups need to be more pro-active and vocal in raising such issues and concerns which can eradicate the evil practices and at the same time reinforce the global efforts to create better tomorrow.

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