

LAUREATES & LEADERS FOR CHILDREN SUMMIT 2016

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LAUREATES AND LEADERS INAUGURAL SUMMIT

Kailash Satyarthi convenes Nobel laureates and world leaders to build a child friendly world

On December 10 and 11 at the Presidential Palace (Rashtrapati Bhavan) in New Delhi, India, more than twenty Nobel laureates and world leaders raised their voices with one aim – to protect voiceless and forgotten children everywhere by taking action and working towards a common goal of the eradication of child labor in all its forms and getting all children into schools.

The 2014 Nobel Peace Prize shone the global spotlight on one of the greatest moral challenges of our time, the need to protect and educate every child. Great strides have been made to improve the lives of children and youth, yet big challenges remain as not all enjoy the same basic rights to be safe, healthy, educated and free to be children, to play and to dream.



There are 168 million children who work as laborers, more than half of them in hazardous situations and 5.5 million are caught in slavery. One in seven children does not go to school. In India, every eight minutes a child goes missing. In conflict-ridden countries such as Syria, Palestine and South Sudan, about 21 million children are displaced and face inhumane conditions.

In September 2015, governments around the world adopted a new development agenda, with the announcement of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The SDGs provide the platform to meet and protect children's basic needs and rights while lifting millions out of poverty and ensuring the world's most vulnerable and forgotten citizens share in the economic progress being made.

However, in order to achieve these goals, a new wave of bold leadership, urgency, innovation and collective wisdom is needed. It is with this in mind, that 2014 Nobel Peace Laureate Kailash Satyarthi convened history's first ever summit of Nobel Laureates and World Leaders sharing a common goal of protecting the world's children.

Science has made great progress, diseases have been cured and discoveries have been made in many other fields. However, in the 21st century millions of children languish in slavery denied their right to education and millions are dying of curable diseases. This summit is the first ever platform where these two powerful constituencies – Nobel Laureates and world leaders – can work together on purely child-centric, humanitarian issues at a global and local level.

Informed by conversations during the Summit between youth activists, corporate, government and social leaders, Nobel Laureates and Leaders signed a declaration affirming their commitment to a world where all children are safe, educated and healthy. Real peace, equality and inclusivity will only be achieved once we ensure freedom for all children.

KSCF encourages you to join our efforts by learning more about the Summit's declaration and the Foundation's inspiring advocacy and fundraising objectives for 2017.

