

# COMBATING TRAFFICKING IN INDIA



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Andolan**



*“I refuse to accept that all people sitting here with all their capacities, willingness and capabilities cannot end slavery in all its forms in India”*

Kailash Satyarthi, Nobel Peace Laureate

Founder, Bachpan Bachao Andolan at the inaugural ceremony of National Consultation on Eradication of Bonded Labour

India has made great strides in building a strong policy framework for bonded labour and slavery through initiatives such as the revised Central Sector Scheme for Rehabilitation of Bonded Labourers and proposed rules in the Juvenile Justice Act; However, gaps still remain in implementation, creating institutional framework, ascertaining monitoring parameters and ensuring fixed accountability. To address these issues, key members from 20 states participated in consultations on **Eradication of Bonded Labour** and **Trafficking of Children** on 27th May, 2016 at the Constitution Club in New Delhi, India. Representatives including member of the Legal Services Authority, senior government officials from Ministry of Labour & Employment, Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of Women and Child Development, national level monitoring agencies like NCPCR, along with members of SCPCRs, Labour Commissions, Anti-Human Trafficking Units and other law enforcement agencies, and civil society came together to discussed policy initiatives, field level gaps and comprehensive solutions to put an end to all forms of child labour, bonded labour and slavery in India.



The Consultation was inaugurated by **Shri Kailash Satyarthi**, Nobel Peace Laureate, Shri Shankar Aggarwal, Secretary, Ministry of Labour and Employment and Smt. Stuti Kakkar, Chairperson, NCPCR, along with Sumit, Manish, Raman and Aman, former child labourers rescued by Bachpan Bachao Andolan.



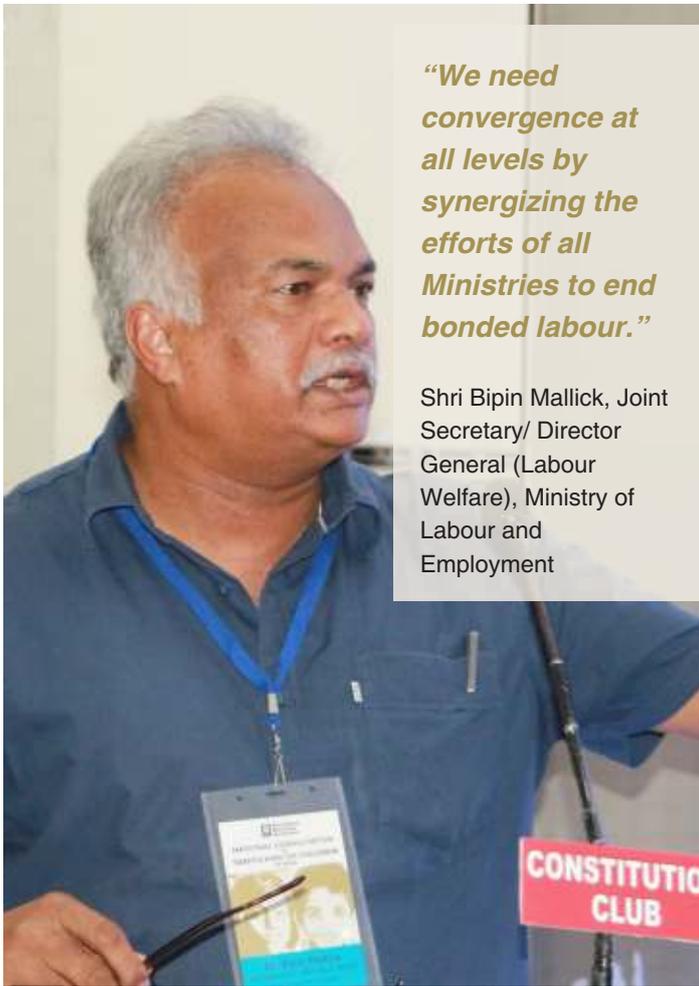
*“Growth will remain meaningless unless it is inclusive and promotes development of marginalised sections of society. We are committed to work with organisations like BBA towards eradicating all forms of exploitation through strong deterrents and rehabilitation mechanisms for victims.”*

Shri Shankar Aggarwal, Secretary, Ministry of Labour and Employment



*“There is no bigger crime than slavery of children... I appeal to everyone sitting here to work together to make childhood safe.”*

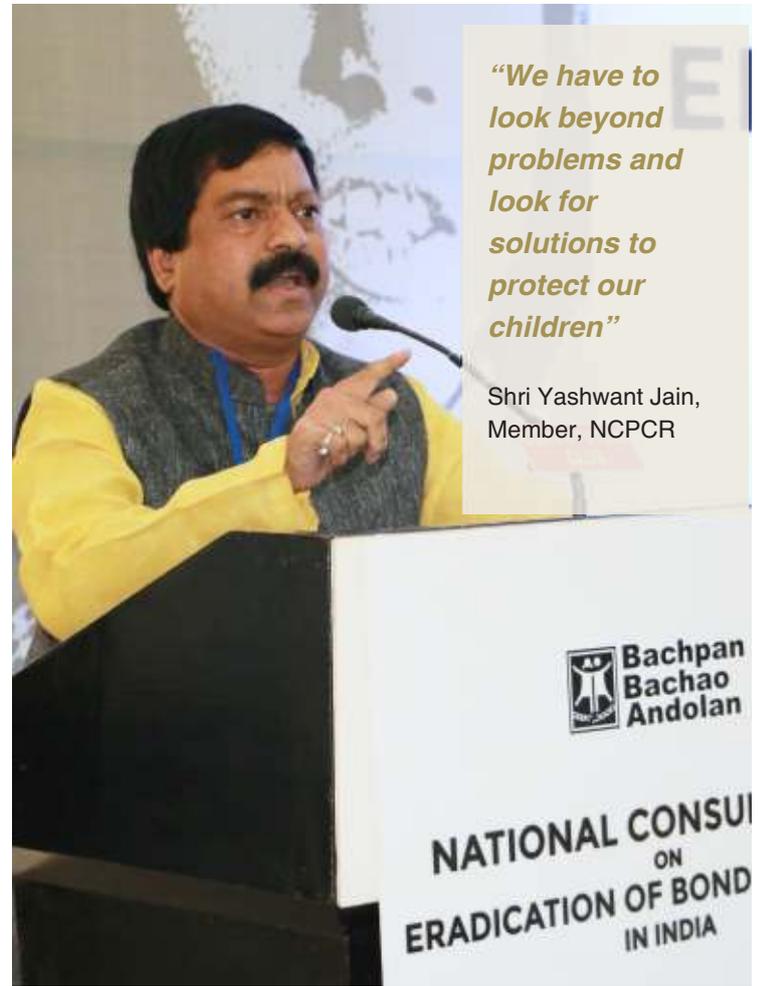
Smt. Stuti Kakkar, Chairperson, NCPCR



*“We need convergence at all levels by synergizing the efforts of all Ministries to end bonded labour.”*

Shri Bipin Mallick, Joint Secretary/ Director General (Labour Welfare), Ministry of Labour and Employment

Shri Bipin Mallick introducing the revised central sector scheme for the rehabilitation of bonded labourers. The new scheme accords Rs. 3 lakhs to a child rescued from trafficking for forced labour or sexual exploitation.



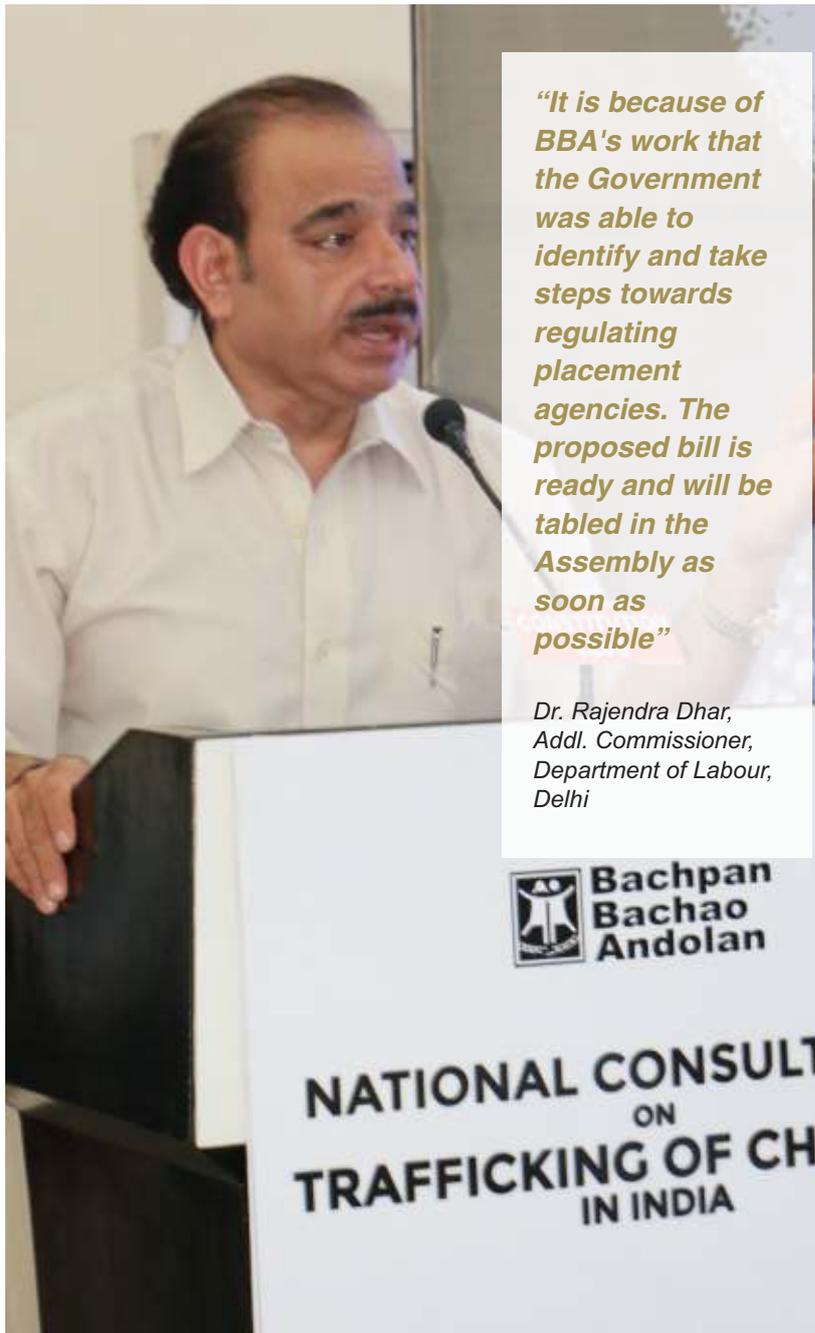
*“We have to look beyond problems and look for solutions to protect our children”*

Shri Yashwant Jain, Member, NCPCR

Shri Yashwant Jain announcing NCPCR’s intent to develop comprehensive guideline on protection of children from trafficking.



Senior officials from the Ministry of Labour & Employment, NCPCR, and representatives from implementation and monitoring agencies, civil society from 20 states taking a pledge to end slavery, all forms of child labour and bonded labour in India with Nobel Laureate Shri Kailash Satyarthi at the National Consultation on Eradication of Bonded Labour in India.



*“It is because of BBA's work that the Government was able to identify and take steps towards regulating placement agencies. The proposed bill is ready and will be tabled in the Assembly as soon as possible”*

*Dr. Rajendra Dhar,  
Addl. Commissioner,  
Department of Labour,  
Delhi*

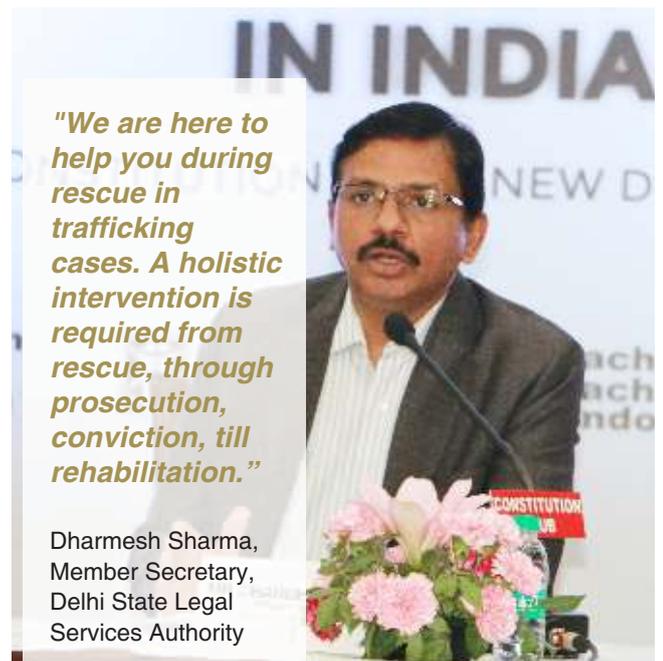
Dr. Rajender Dhar discussing the components of the proposed placement agency bill by the Government of Delhi



*“The Ministry of Home Affairs has taken strong steps to curb trafficking in persons in India”*

*Shri. Vedantam  
Giri, Joint  
Secretary (SR),  
Ministry of Home  
Affairs*

Shri. Vedantam Giri sharing the extensive efforts of the Government of India to combat trafficking.



*“We are here to help you during rescue in trafficking cases. A holistic intervention is required from rescue, through prosecution, conviction, till rehabilitation.”*

*Dharmesh Sharma,  
Member Secretary,  
Delhi State Legal  
Services Authority*

Shri. Dharmesh Sharma stressing the need to establish systems so that repatriation and rehabilitation of children may be expedited, constant feedback from States maybe received and children's education ensured.

**"We are working on a comprehensive bill on Human Trafficking which focuses on prevention, strengthening institutional mechanisms, and holistic rehabilitation"**



Sarada Ali Khan, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Women and Child Development

Smt. Sarada Ali Khan informing that the first draft of the proposed Human Trafficking Bill will be released for public comments on the 30th of May, 2016 and urging the participants to share their comments on the bill and the draft JJ Rules.

**"The Government of India is committed to expediting the enactment of the amended Child Labour Act that prohibits all forms of child labour and bans adolescents from engaging in hazardous labour"**



Dheeraj Kumar, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Labour and Employment

Shri Dheeraj Kumar discussing the proposed amendments to the Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986.

**"Collaborative efforts such as this consultation is important for recognising and plugging gaps in implementation of all Government initiatives. I ask BBA to share all contacts of all present with each other and to take such programs around the country"**



Rajnish Kwatra, Under Secretary, Anti Trafficking Cell, Ministry of Home Affairs

Shri Rajnish Kwatra highlighting the importance of coordination between the center and states through quick and unrestricted communication to ensure that gaps are plugged and new and emerging forms of trafficking is curbed.

**"The consultation has been a success because of the enthusiasm shown by all agencies from the center and state to come to this common platform to discuss and resolve challenges in combating trafficking in India "**



Shri R.S. Chaurasia, Chairperson, BBA

Shri R. S. Chaurasia giving concluding remarks to the Consultation on Trafficking of Children in India and reaffirming BBA's commitment to providing such forums for multi-stakeholder engagement towards ending slavery in India

## FINAL CONSULTATION ON TRAFFICKING OF CHILDREN IN INDIA

CONSTITUTION CLUB, NEW DELHI, INDIA



Sreejith IPS, Crime Branch, Kerala raising concerns about the need for increased awareness of section 370 and 370A of the IPC for prosecution in crimes of trafficking



Member of SCPCR, Uttarakhand sharing challenges in ensuring law enforcement in prevention of trafficking of children



Member of SCPCR, Meghalaya raising the issue of recruitment of children into armed conflict

Officials from Center and State across Ministries, monitoring agencies and representative for civil society raised concerns, flagged implementation road blocks, shared best practices and solutions for protection of children from trafficking and slavery

## Way Forward

- The strong policy framework of the Government of India must be supported by a robust implementation framework, strict monitoring parameters and fixed accountability.
- Measures to address pendency of cases such as paralegals at all police stations, victim-witness protection, victim friendly prosecution, child friendly courts and court procedures must be adopted to secure increased convictions
- Stringent punishments and economic deterrents to prevent crimes as well as to ensure adherence to assigned roles and responsibilities of enforcement agencies should be enacted
- Holistic and time bound prosecution and rehabilitation including social, psychological, economic, and educational support must be ensured to prevent recurrence of crimes.
- Decrease the time lapse in adoption of central level policy framework at the state and district level such as state rules for the Juvenile Justice Act.
- New and emerging forms of trafficking such as trafficking for forced marriage or child labour, or into armed conflict, trafficking through massage parlours or placement agencies or with the use of drugs, etc., should be identified and strategies developed to counter them.
- Increased sensitivity among policy makers and awareness of existing provisions and systems among implementation agencies, monitoring bodies, civil society and vulnerable communities through interventions for awareness generation at the panchayat level, and rights education through schools must be ensured.
- Coordination, sharing of information and unrestricted communication among various agencies at the state level and among district, state and central agencies of the Government must be secured to ensure that solutions are found for gaps and challenges identified. Similar platforms such as this consultation to be provided at the regional level to facilitate the same.



*The Bachpan Bachao Andolan team, 27th May 2016*



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**Kailash Satyarthi praises government's policy on child trafficking**  
 May 29, 2016 | Age Correspondent | Hari Dahiya



Kailash Satyarthi: Nobel laureate Kailash Satyarthi on Friday urged the Central government to take steps to ensure that victims of child trafficking were completely rehabilitated.

**hindustantimes**  
 Trafficking victims to get more relief under new rule

NEW DELHI: In a move which will help in the rehabilitation of trafficking victims, the Central government has issued a guideline saying victims rescued from bonded labour or trafficked children will now be eligible to get compensation under the new rule.

**THE HINDU**  
 Success of initiatives being taken now will hinge on implementation and accountability

The event was organized by Bachpan Bachao Andolan, whose members were held on issues including trafficking of bonded and child labourers, trafficking for sexual exploitation, rehabilitation of victims of trafficking and welfare coordination among agencies.

**'MAKE COMPREHENSIVE ANTI-SLAVERY LAW'**  
 HUGE GAP EXIST IN ANTI-TRAFFICKING POLICY: SATYARTHI

Speaking at a National Consultation on Eradication of Bonded Labour and Trafficking, Kailash Satyarthi said there is a huge gap in the anti-slavery law. He said the government has taken great strides in building policy framework on bonded labour, but the implementation is not effective. He said the government should take steps to ensure that victims of child trafficking are completely rehabilitated.

**THE ECONOMIC TIMES**  
 Politics and Nation  
 Nobel Peace Prize winner Kailash Satyarthi lauds govt for strong policy on bonded labour

**THE FINANCIAL EXPRESS**  
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**BUSINESS INSIDER**  
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**The Statesman**  
 PEOPLE'S PARLIAMENT, ALWAYS IN SESSION  
 Child traffickers must be convicted in 30 days: Satyarthi



Nobel Peace laureate Kailash Satyarthi urged the government to take summary trials in cases of child bonded labour should be concluded within 30 days. The victim must also be rehabilitated.

**REUTERS**  
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