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A golden chance to work with Kailash!

The Nobel laureate, during his visit to IIT-Gn on Aug 4, had delivered a talk on Bachpan Bachao Andolan

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Satyarthi is a human rights activist from India who has been at the forefront of the global movement to end child slavery and exploitative child labor since 1980 when he gave up a lucrative career as an Electrical Engineer for initiating crusade against Child Servitude. As an activist, he has led the rescue of over 78,500 child slaves and developed a successful model for their education and rehabilitation. He has been the architect of the single largest civil society for the most exploited children, which is a worldwide coalition of NGOs, Teachers' Union and Trade Unions.

Indian Institute of Technology, Gandhinagar (IIT-Gn) students are likely to intern at Kailash Satyarthi's 'Bal Ashram' in Jaipur. The Nobel laureate was at IIT-Gn in August, delivering a talk 'Engineers can fight social injustice better - a personal story' as part of the Foundation Programme'14. While at the campus, Satyarthi met with IIT-Gn director, Sudhir Jain where they both possible collaboration between the college and

Satyarthi's organization Bal Ashram. Jain said "We are in discussion with Satyarthi about our students interning at the Ashram, near Jaipur."

The Nobel laureate, during his visit to IIT-Gn on August 4 had delivered a talk about his introduction to activism and his organisation 'Bachpan Bachao Andolan' (BBA).

Satyarthi shared many pictures and videos to showcase the rescue missions that he and his organisation had undertaken over the years. IIT professor Pratik Mutha, who had organised the talk said, "Through the span of his career Satyarthi has rescued over 80,000 children around the globe. He had already been nominated for Nobel Peace Prize twice before, for his work, but in spite of the achievements, his demeanor at the lecture was humble."

The students identified with Satyarthi because his background was very similar to those present in the audience. IIT student, Akash Keshav Singh who had interacted with Satyarthi said, "Despite him being a social activist we could identify with him as we felt we had many things in common, including an engineering background and middle class upbringing."

After the lecture, Satyarthi interacted with members of Nyasa – IIT-Gn's community outreach programme for underprivileged children. "Satyarthi showed a lot of appreciation for our programme Nyasa on children of construction workers." He spent time giving volunteers advice on management of the out-reach programme. Satyarthi also spent some time talking and playing with construction worker's children, who are students of Nyasa.

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