

**SATYARTHI
MOVEMENT *for*
GLOBAL
COMPASSION**

Ignite your spark of *Compassion*

A huge fire broke out in the forest. All the animals were running away, including lion, the king of the forest.

Suddenly, he saw a tiny bird rushing straight towards the fire. He asked the bird, “What are you doing?” To the lion’s surprise, the bird replied, “I am going to extinguish the fire.” The lion laughed and said, “How can you do it, keeping just one drop of water in your beak?” But the bird was adamant and said, “I am doing my bit.”

Kailash Satyarthi

Nobel Peace Prize Acceptance Speech, Oslo, 2014



Embracing compassion as a way of life, Satyarthi has inspired millions of people across 140 countries to fight against child slavery and ensure freedom, education, equality and justice for the voiceless and the most marginalised.

Satyarthi Movement for **Global Compassion**

Founded by Nobel Peace Laureate Kailash Satyarthi, **Satyarthi Movement for Global Compassion (SMGC)**, aims to globalise Compassion for justice, equality, peace and sustainability in the world.

Our core principle is that Compassion is not a soft emotion, but a powerful force for transformation.

The Movement brings together individuals and institutions from every walk of life - students, leaders, grassroots activists and global influencers. All united by a shared belief in the power of Compassion to change the world.

**IGNITE.
IMPACT.
INSPIRE.**

“The commitment of people like Kailash and others around him has been extraordinary. And I’m proud to be part of this.”

José Ramos-Horta

President,
Timor-Leste & Nobel Peace
Laureate 1996



Compassion and **Sustainable Development Goals**

In 2015, 17 Sustainable Development Goals were adopted by the United Nations to be achieved by 2030. Today, the SDGs are at serious risk of attainment.

We believe Compassion is the cohesive force that will strengthen the four pillars of the SDGs – People, Planet, Prosperity and Peace and will help accelerate their progress.



The Need for **Compassion**

The world today is fractured by conflict, inequality, and indifference. We urgently need a shift - away from systems built on power and profit, toward ones rooted in humanity and shared responsibility.

To make this shift real, we must connect the world's problem solvers with those facing the most pressing challenges.

When compassion is understood not as sentiment but as mindful problem solving, it becomes a powerful force for leadership, connection, and change.



2 billion people, are living in conflict-affected areas.

(United Nations Press Release, 2022)



More than **345 million people** are facing acute levels of food insecurity.

(World Food Programme, 2023)



More than **216 million people** across six continents may be displaced by 2050 due to climate change.

(United Nations World Migration Report, 2024)



Approximately **280 million people** worldwide suffer from depression.

(World Health Organization Report, 2023)



“We need the power of compassion to heal the world.”

Sumedha Kailash

Co-founder, Satyarthi Movement
for Global Compassion

Our Vision

To advance the Globalisation of Compassion™ to achieve justice, equality, peace and sustainability.

Our Mission

Enhance Satyarthi Compassion Quotient™ in individuals, institutions and society to drive systemic change.

Compassion is the force born from feeling the suffering of others as one's own, that drives mindful action to end that suffering.

Satyarthi Compassion Quotient™ (SCQ) Framework



Awareness



Connectedness



Feeling



Action

The **Satyarthi Compassion Quotient™ (SCQ)** offers a new framework - a measurable way to evaluate and enhance Compassion in individuals, institutions, and entire societies.

Built on decades of grassroots experience and research, we provide a robust, scalable tool to drive meaningful and sustainable impact.



VISION 2030

Scaling Compassion Action

By 2030, SMGC will scale its impact by shaping global norms, influencing policy, and redefining leadership through the Satyarthi Compassion Quotient™ across every sector.

5 MILLION+ LIVES IMPACTED

- **Leaders** 10,000 Youth | 1,00,000 Professionals
- **Institutions** 500 SCQ Certified Companies & Organisations
- **Events** 50 Conclaves | 5,00,000 Attendees
- **Locations** 5 Regional Hubs | 2500 Compassionate Communities



Our **Verticals**



Ignite

Learning and leadership programs anchored in the Satyarthi Compassion Quotient™ (SCQ) with a focus on systemic problem-solving.



Impact

Catalysing grassroots transformation by empowering children, youth, and women with a focus on democratic participation and sustainable impact.



Inspire

Building meaningful discourse through Nobel Laureates, change makers, thought leaders, and community voices to drive urgent, collective action.



1 IGNITE

Satyarthi Fellows

The Satyarthi Fellows is a transformative leadership program that empowers changemakers to lead with compassion and courage. Through immersive training, mentorship, and real-world problem-solving, fellows work at the intersection of social justice, policy, and community action to drive systemic change.

Compassionate Leadership Training

We deliver both short- and long-term experiential training to embed compassion as a core decision-making principle. Our goal is to shape how leaders and practitioners think and act - across government, law and judiciary, education, healthcare, and the corporate world.

Research and Knowledge Creation

We are building a robust repository of research projects that generate evidence-based, actionable insights for everyone to apply within their fields. In collaboration with leading institutions, this research is transformed into practical outputs: reports, toolkits, articles, and audio-visual content designed for real-world advocacy and implementation.

Satyarthi Summer School

The Satyarthi Summer School is an intensive, interdisciplinary program for students to explore the power of compassion in leadership, policy, and social change. Through expert-led sessions and real-world engagement, participants gain the tools to become compassionate changemakers.



2 IMPACT

Compassionate Communities

Compassionate Communities are a living example of how compassion, as mindful problem-solving can drive real, lasting change.

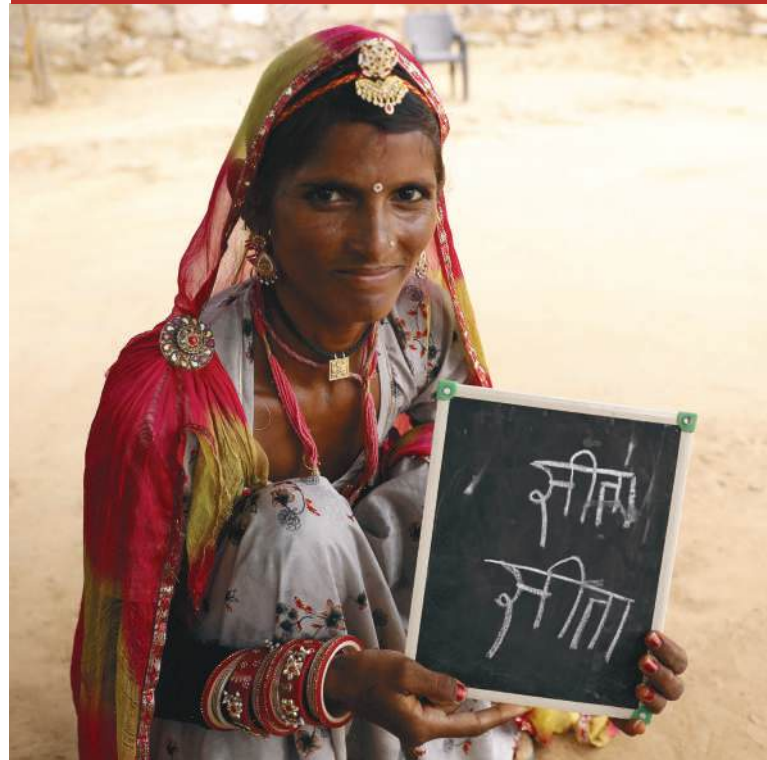
This rights-based, sustainable development model is designed to confront deep-rooted societal challenges and ensure genuine inclusion. Grounded in a participatory, community-driven approach, it empowers local leaders to develop solutions from within, creating long-term impact and systemic transformation.

To date, we've partnered with over 1,400 rural communities, urban slums, traditionally nomadic groups, and indigenous populations to dismantle **structural oppression**, challenge **harmful socio-cultural norms**, **child exploitation**, **youth unemployment**, **gender discrimination**, **climate change** and **lack of access to social protection**. Across every setting, the model advances **universal access to education, healthcare, clean water and social protection** — leaving no one behind.

Power of Democratic Participation

Bal Panchayat is a powerful model of democratic child and youth participation driving grassroots social change. These elected councils of young leaders work alongside local governments to identify, voice, and help resolve critical issues affecting their communities.

Since 2001, 6905 Bal Panchayats have been formed.






2,728,585
Lives Impacted



1,406
Compassionate
Communities



61,247
Lives benefitted
through welfare
schemes and identity
documentation



83,906
Lives benefitted
through
infrastructure support

Across all our models, we focus on **community participation and ownership** to drive lasting social, behavioral, and cultural change. Our key priorities include

- Forming **leadership councils** for **children, youth, and women**
- Ending **child labour, child marriage**, and **all forms of exploitation**
- Ensuring **school enrollment** for all children
- Promoting **adult literacy**
- Expanding **livelihood and economic opportunities** for youth
- Securing access to **social protection schemes**
- Advancing **gender equality and empowerment**
- Embedding a culture of **compassionate problem-solving** in local governance

Satyarathi Youth

Network: The world's first youth-led initiative focused on Compassionate Action, envisioned, developed, and launched by the 2025 class of the Satyarathi Summer School.

Bal Ashram, the Compassion Lab

Bal Ashram is our Compassion Lab — a living testament to the transformative power of compassion. Established in 1998, it is India's first long-term rehabilitation center for children rescued from child labour, trafficking, and exploitation.

Here, children not only heal from trauma and reclaim their childhood, but also rise as powerful voices against oppression and injustice.

More than **1,600 children and youth survivors** from marginalized communities have found safety, strength, and purpose at Bal Ashram.

As a vibrant global community, Bal Ashram has welcomed **thousands of volunteers from over 40 countries**, creating lasting bonds of solidarity.





Bal Ashram provides:

- **Holistic care** that nurtures physical, mental and emotional well-being
- **Bridging learning gaps** through formal and non-formal education
- **Vocational and life skills training** to support self-reliance
- **Leadership development** to empower leaders and changemakers

Alumni of Bal Ashram have gone on to become doctors, lawyers, entrepreneurs, teachers, scientists, and activists. Many have studied at top institutions and spoken on global platforms — including the United Nations General Assembly, national parliaments, and other spaces of influence — carrying forward a message of justice, dignity, and compassion.

Bal Ashram continues to inspire experiential learning, bold dialogue, and youth-led movements, strengthening our mission to advance the Globalisation of Compassion™.

Stories of **Change**

Nirma: From Buffalo Fields to Global Forums

"I never thought school was for girls like me. I used to graze buffaloes and watch others walk to class."

For years, education felt out of reach for Nirma. When she finally joined Class 7, she faced language barriers, sat with much younger students, and struggled to keep up. But with after-hours support from her village teacher and encouragement from our team, Nirma began to believe in herself.

Last year, she went from the fields of Lalpura, Rajasthan, to speaking on a global stage in Armenia, advocating for every child's right to learn, dream, and thrive.

Lata: From Household Duties to Community Leadership

"I was once confined to domestic work. Today, I lead conversations on women's rights and champion girls' education."

Lata's world was once limited to the four walls of her home - her voice unheard, her potential untapped. But joining the Mahila Mandal (Women's Council) changed everything.

What started as silent participation grew into strong leadership. With support and rising confidence, Lata found her voice and now empowers others. She leads on women's rights, girls' education, and local governance - showing that when women rise, communities rise with them.

**Joint study conducted by the Centre for Social & Behaviour Change, Ashoka University, and the Social Innovation Studio (Jan–Aug 2025).*



3 INSPIRE

Laureates and Leaders

Bringing together Nobel Laureates, Heads of State, UN Leaders, and Grassroots Changemakers to find solutions for the world's most pressing challenges to justice, equality, peace and sustainability through the power of compassion.

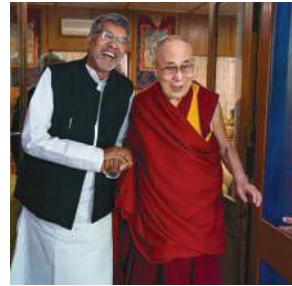
Multi-Sectoral Roundtables

Exclusive roundtable dialogues with leaders from all sectors - judiciary, healthcare professionals, faith leaders, corporate executives, educators, and policymakers to embed compassion as a core value across sectors and systems.

These are high-level solution-oriented forums - shaping policy, influencing change and aligning with global thought leadership.

Global Partnerships for Collective Impact

We collaborate with leading institutions, including UN and government agencies, eminent universities and others to address global challenges through dialogue and innovation, and build a worldwide movement for compassionate leadership and action.



OUR JOURNEY SO FAR

Youth Summit on Human Fraternity and Compassion

Sept–Oct 2023

700+ youth from 15 Indian states and 18 countries united at Bal Ashram to chart a compassionate global future.



Launch of Book of Compassion

July 2024

The book captures a powerful dialogue between Nobel Laureates His Holiness Dalai Lama and Kailash Satyarthi on the role of compassion and leadership in advancing solidarity and equality.



Launch of Compassionate Leadership Academy

Sept 2024

SMGC in collaboration with UNESCO and Harvard, announced the launch of the Compassionate Leadership Academy at the United Nations General Assembly 2024.



Official Launch of Satyarthi Movement for Global Compassion

Mar 2024

The world's largest movement on compassion, SMGC was launched at the Laureates and Leaders Conclave 2024 in the presence of Nobel laureates, former heads of States, former chief justices, faith leaders, and other eminent dignitaries.



First-ever International Roundtable on Developing Compassion Quotient

Aug 2024

Top global scholars, leaders and institutions gathered to attend the first-ever International Dialogue on Developing Compassion Quotient, convened by the SMGC in collaboration with the Centre for Social and Behaviour Change and Ashoka University.



6th National Bal Maha Panchayat (NBMP)

Nov 2024

The 6th NBMP or national-level child parliament united 500+ youth and community members from 7 states. Eleven newly elected members took an oath to eliminate child labour, abuse and exploitation in their communities.



Roundtable discussion on Role of Compassion in Achieving Justice

Nov 2024

SMGC hosted the first-of-its-kind roundtable, bringing together nine sitting judges and six former judges of the Supreme Court of India to deliberate on embedding compassion in the justice system.



'Compassion in Action' Youth Retreat

Dec 2024

The 'Compassion in Action' Youth Retreat offered an immersive and experiential journey into the essence of compassion, empowering young leaders to become catalysts for change.

Satyarthi Summer School

June - July 2025

The world's first-ever immersive learning program on compassionate action brought together 25 youth from 11 countries, culminating in the launch of the Satyarthi Youth Network.



Our **Legacy**

Chronicling the legacy and history of the formation of the Satyarthi Movement for Global Compassion.

The photographs are a testimony to the relentless struggle, courage and sacrifice of millions of people around the world who fought for the freedom and fundamental rights of the most marginalised and invisible people.



A Historic First

The rescue of 15-year-old Sabo and 34 other bonded labourers from a brick kiln in Sirhind, Punjab, by Kailash Satyarthi in 1981 is the first ever documented civil society led rescue initiative in India.



Questioning Untouchability

Doors of the 400-year-old Nathdwara Temple near Udaipur in Rajasthan were firmly shut for people belonging to lower castes for decades. All this however changed on October 2, 1988, when Kailash Satyarthi entered the temple along with people who were so far labelled as “untouchables”.



From Bondage to Freedom

The picture on the left depicts children who were rescued from bondage in 1985. 35 years later, as is shown in the picture on the right, they came down to meet Kailash Satyarthi and Sumedha Kailash and shared their vision for the life ahead.



Compassion Soothes Burns

Eight-year-old Ashraf used to work at the home of a government official. Accusing him of having food meant for his children, the official burnt him with hot iron rods. He was rescued by Kailash Satyarthi and reunited with his family.



Ending the Circus of Exploitation

Despite a brutal attack on Kailash Satyarthi and his associates, a daring operation to rescue exploited Nepalese girls employed in a circus was carried out in Gonda district of Uttar Pradesh in 2004. Following this, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between Bachpan Bachao Andolan and Indian Circus Industry to stop employment and exploitation of children in the circus.



Global March Against Child Labour

Bringing the largely ignored issue of child labour on the global map, Kailash Satyarthi undertook 80,000 km global walk across 103 countries which culminated on June 6, 1998, at the UN headquarters in Geneva. When 36 children, who had once been child labourers, from different parts of the world entered the corridors of the UN headquarters shouting slogans, “Child Labour. Down. Down” it was a watershed moment that led to the universally ratified ILO Convention 182.



Inception Of Bal Ashram

An incredible moment during the Canadian Labour Congress in 1996 when Asmita Satyarthi's powerful speech led to the creation of Bal Ashram.



Education For All

A nationwide 'Shiksha Yatra' (Education March) was launched in Kanyakumari in 2001 demanding free and compulsory education. This culminated in Delhi and paved the way for education being made a fundamental right in India.



India Marches Against Child Sexual Abuse

Over 800,000 people marched across India in 2017 under the leadership of Kailash Satyarthi traversing 11,000 km in 35 days with a clarion call to 'Make India Safe' for its children. More than 250,000 educational institutions and 500 corporate houses also joined in.



Nobel Peace Prize

Conferment of the Nobel Peace Prize on Kailash Satyarthi in recognition of his struggle against the suppression of children and young people on December 10, 2014, was the defining moment for globalizing compassion. He dedicated his Nobel Prize to the nation.



100 Million for 100 Million

Honourable President of India Pranab Mukherjee launched '100 Million for 100 Million' campaign at Rashtrapati Bhavan in Delhi. This global effort was aimed at mobilizing 100 million youth for shaping a better future of 100 million children who are less privileged.



Laureates & Leaders Join Hands

Kailash Satyarthi launched Laureates and Leaders for Children Summit in 2016 at Rashtrapati Bhavan, hosted by the Honourable President of India Pranab Mukherjee.



Light of A Better Tomorrow

Pained by the suffering of millions of young girls who are married off early, Kailash Satyarthi and Sumedha Kailash launched a pan-India 'Child Marriage Free India' campaign which saw spirited participation of 76,000 women across India. Nobel Peace Laureate Leymah Gbowee was also present on the occasion.



Rest In Power

Dhoom Das, Adarsh Kishore and Kalu Kumar are martyrs of our movement for globalizing compassion. They lost their lives in their struggle for rescuing children from slavery and gifting them the joys of freedom.



Globalising Compassion

Born out of four decades of Kailash Satyarthi's revolutionary life and path-breaking endeavors as a social reformer, Satyarthi Movement for Global Compassion is a global movement aimed at igniting Compassion in Action in the world.

Champions of **Change**

Payal Jangid

At just 10 years old, Payal Jangid took a courageous stand and stopped her own child marriage, becoming a strong voice against the exploitation of girls. Since then, she has worked tirelessly to protect and empower other young girls through her activism.

In recognition of her extraordinary leadership and compassion, Payal was awarded the prestigious Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation's Goalkeepers Global Goals Award in 2019.



Devli

At the United Nations General Assembly, Devli boldly challenged world leaders: "If a small girl like me can vow to enrol all children in school, can't all of you end child labour and educate every child?" Her words moved the audience. Queen Rania of Jordan and British Prime Minister Gordon Brown hugged her. Devli's courage sparked a \$450 million pledge was to help educate children worldwide, igniting a global movement for change.

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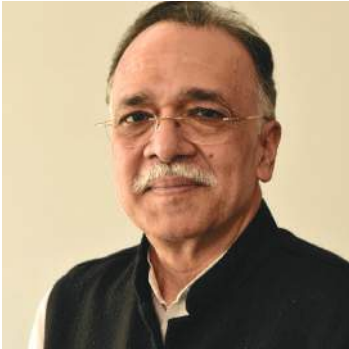
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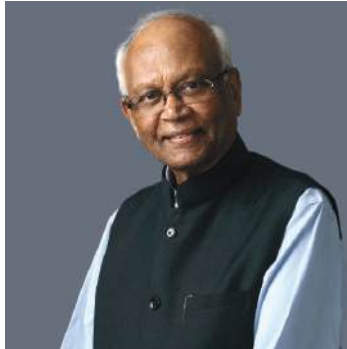
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“Small acts of compassion keep the wheels of our society turning. We need to showcase those so that people know more good people out there.”

Leymah Gbowee
Nobel Peace Laureate 2011

“Compassion and human fraternity mean love in power. When more women are in leadership positions we could resolve the problems that we have as a society.”

Dr. Epsy Campbell Barr
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“It is our collective responsibility to understand compassion and unity among all people.”

Kerry Kennedy
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“Despite encountering multiple hurdles, driven by compassion, I was determined to find a solution for my fellow schoolmates who studied in dimly lit and sweltering conditions.”

Iqra
Youth Leader, SMGC

“We are in midst of a crisis of civilisation. Human connect through compassion is the most powerful way to restore justice, peace and sustainability in the world. Let us globalise compassion and learn how to walk together.”

Kailash Satyarthi

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