

## March against child trafficking to begin from Kolkata

In a bid to build a public campaign against child trafficking, a march involving people from India, Nepal and Bangladesh will kick off from the city Sunday.

Organised by Bachpan Bachao Andolan (BBA) - a save childhood movement - and a host of other non-government organisations, the march will end in [New Delhi](#) March 22 after nearly a month-long campaign to sensitise people about child trafficking, especially of girls who are forced into prostitution.

'Even when we talk here, some child or woman somewhere is being trafficked and physically abused. We cannot afford to just remain lost in our small world. We have to find ways to talk about it and prevent it,' said actor and activist Nandita Das at a press conference here Friday.

'I may be an actor but I fully express my solidarity with this issue,' she added.

The march will span 2,500 km for 20 to 25 days with a billion protesters.

Kailash Satyarthi, chairperson of Global March Against Child Labour and founder of the BBA, said a new law was needed to curb and prosecute the traffickers.

'The objective of this march is to build a mass movement against child trafficking and forced labour. There is no regional protocol to prohibit trafficking. We would march to make the government answerable and people aware,' he said.

Organisations like Women's Interlink Foundation, Apne Aap, Sanlaap and UN agencies like the UN Development Fund for Women, among others, are taking part of the march.

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