

Every rescued child to get ₹25k for rehab: Nitish

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Patna: Every rescued child worker of the state will get Rs 25,000 from the CM's relief fund as part of rehabilitation. The amount will be in the form of fixed deposit, CM Nitish Kumar announced at a function on Sunday to mark the World Day Against Child Labour. The state government, in association with the Unicef and The Times of India, also launched Web-based Child Labour Tracking System (CLTS) and media campaign to spread awareness against child labour.

"We cannot deny children their childhood. Child labour, especially child domestic labour, must end," the CM said and added, "There are several schemes to help the school-going children. We have done a lot against child labour, but there is still much to do to prevent children from becoming child labour. The gaps might be created by officials dealing with the issues. Poverty and lack of education are the two major aspects due to which children are forced to child labour." The CM said a committee would be constituted to execute all the government welfare plans. Chief secreta-

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Some children, who were rescued by different groups of social workers, handed over a charter of demands to the CM. "I have accepted their demands in principle and the committee will now prepare the government action plan and will also provide funds to the rescued children."

The charter of demands included schools with hostel facility for rescued children in every district, an environment of respect and not apathy and vocational trainings to them to secure their future.