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Kailash Satyarthi tells IIM Rohtak students to stand firmly against child abuse

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CHANDIGARH: Child abuse has become an epidemic in our society and the sole reason for this is our reluctance to discuss it openly. This was stated by Nobel laureate Kailash Satyarthi while addressing students at the Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Rohtak on Saturday. Rajya Sabha MP Subhash Chandra was also present on the occasion.

He alleged that schools did not talk about child abuse while teaching adolescents and teenagers other kinds of safety.

“According to a 2016-17 UN report, 53% of children have been victims of sexual harassment before the age of 18 years. The saddest part is that almost 70-80% of sexual harassment cases happen within the family. The victims often do not have the courage to report such incidences. On other occasions, they are discouraged by their parents to do so in the name of

family honour. Instead of shaming the victims, the society should boycott the perpetrators instead,” said Satyarthi.

He urged the students to stand against the menace of child abuse as he had stood against child labour despite several threats and social resistance.