

World Day Against Child Labour - GK

Notes

The World Day against Child Labour is an ILO (International Labour Organisation) sanctioned holiday. It was launched in the year 2002 as an attempt to spread awareness and raise activism against Child Labour. Hundreds of millions of boys and girls are subjected to child labour as per a report by the ILO. They are deprived of basic needs such as Education, Healthcare and Freedom. More than half of these children are exposed to the worst forms of child labour which include working in hazardous work environments and slavery. Read further to know the importance of this day.

What is Child Labour?


Child Labour is any act that leads to the endangerment of a child and deprives children of schooling or adding the burden of work on a child along with schooling. Child Labour violates the International Law against the protection of children which includes: -

- Prohibition against all unconditional forms of activities such as slavery and the use of any child for prostitution or similar activities.
- Prohibition of children from work till they are legally allowed to do that type of work as set by the national legislation. This is in accordance with international standards.

World Day against Child Labour - Facts and Figures

- 218 million children in the age group of 5 and 17 worldwide are employed and 152 million of them are victims of child labour.
- Almost half of the child labour in the world is found in Africa, followed by Asia and the America.
- Statistically, every 1 in 5 children in Africa are victims of Child Labour.
- Among the 152 million, 88 million are boys and 64 million are girls.
- 62% of all children in hazardous work are boys. Boys face a greater risk of being subjected to child labour.
- 71% of the Child Labour is concentrated in Agriculture including Fishing, Forestry, Livestock Herding and Aquaculture.

World Day against Child Labour - Projects against Child Labour

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- Direct Action
 - Legislation and Policy Development
 - Advocacy and Awareness Raising
 - Institutional Development
 - Social Services and Poverty Alleviation.

The magnitude of these projects are being increased every year to have a better and sustainable effect. The IPEC (International Programme for Elimination of Child Labour) has divided these projects into national and global projects. These projects focus on the root level of Child Labour and the worldwide problem of Child Labour respectively.

World Day against Child Labour - Campaigns and Advocacy

- **Music against Child Labour Initiative** - The music against Child Labour initiative was a campaign that was started in 2013. It was made possible with the help of ILO's partnership with various musical institutions. Musicians and Music Education Bodies also play a part in this initiative. It was an important step in the awareness campaign of ILO against Child Labour and to support the World Day against Child Labour.
- **Red Card to Child Labour** - In several Sports, especially Football, a Red Card is liable to exclusion from the field. The ILO and IPEC decided in 2002 to use the Red Card as a symbol to challenge and eliminate Child Labour from its roots.
- **The 'SCREAM' Initiative** - The 'SCREAM' means Supporting Children's Rights through Education, Art and Media. It is an initiative to educate the youth of the world about Child Labour in order to spread awareness about this sensitive topic with the younger generations.

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