World against Child Labour

According to the World Health Organization (WHO), around 152 million children between the ages 5-17 are engaged in Child Labour. Of these, 72 million are engaged in even more hazardous forms of work. The COVID-19 crisis can push more children into child labour. Hence, it has become imperative to address this issue to prevent vulnerable children from getting trapped. On the occasion of World against Child Labour on 12th June 2020, CHILDLINE organized several initiatives to spread awareness about child labour and its consequences. Here's a sneak peek into the CHILDLINE's initiatives across the country.

In Karnataka, "World against Child Labour” day was observed by CHILDLINE Bidar, Belagavi, Kalaburagi, Yadagiri, Dakshina Kannada, Uttara Kannada, Ramanagara, Bagalakote, Chamarajanagara, Gadag, Bengaluru Rural, Hassan, Chikkaballapura, Dharwad, Mandya, and Shivamogga in collaboration with District Administration, Labour Department, District Legal Service Authority(DLSA), Zilla Panchayat, Education Department and Police Department. Through their activities they reached out to nearly 25000 adults, 1522 children and 300 officials. Various CHILDLINE teams went door to door to spread awareness, organized drawing competition for the children of child care institutions with live discussions on FM radio and phone and also held an online session with the CHILDLINE volunteers. In districts of Kodagu, Belagavi, Mandya, Bengaluru Rural, Hassan and Yadagiri and Shivamogga an awareness vehicle was designed with all information about COVID-19, Child Labour Act, CHILDLINE 1098 services and district administration.

In Haryana, CHILDLINE Mahender Garh initiated an online campaign on World against Child Labour Day. The team circulated the poster of “SAY NO TO CHILD LABOUR” through different social media platforms Like Facebook, Instagram and WhatsApp. Teams also put up the child labour awareness posters on different shops across districts in collaboration with the Market Committee. CHILDLINE Ambala organized digital awareness and Poster Making competition in which nearly 40 children participated. CHILDLINE Hisar conducted Corner Meetings, Counseling Sessions, online sessions and awareness through social media, along with putting up Anti-child Labour stickers at shops. Local people participated in these activities and took an oath that they will never violate child rights. CHILDLINE Faridabad organized an online meeting in partnership with Deputy Commissioner of Police (State Crime Branch), Sub Divisional Magistrate – Ballabgarh, District Child Protection Officer, Chairperson – Child Welfare Committee and Director of Navsrishti Collab Organization. CHILDLINE Panipat organized awareness activities for migrants and slum dwellers.

In Chhattisgarh, CHILDLINE Bemetara, Dhamtari Kondagaon and Baloda Bazar conducted surveys to detect cases of child labour in partnership with the local district administration. CHILDLINE Mahasamund organized activities in collaboration with the police and ICPS (Integrated Child Protection Scheme) department. CHILDLINE Bilaspur honored the day with activities in collaboration with the police, ICPS and labour department. CHILDLINE Raigarh conducted a signature campaign among locals.

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