

Mottukal

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International Day Against Child Labour -2025

World Day Against Child Labour 2025 was observed on 12 June with the theme *“Progress is clear, but there’s more to do: let’s speed up efforts.”* The day underscored the ongoing global challenge of eradicating child labour, despite notable progress over the years. As of 2024, approximately 138 million children remained engaged in child labour, including 54 million in hazardous work. Although this marks a reduction compared to previous decades, the pace of decline remains insufficient to achieve the global target of ending child labour by 2025. Experts continue to stress the urgent need for greater investment in quality education, social protection, and sustainable livelihoods to ensure that children do not return to work.

To mark this occasion, Mottukal (Buds) – Good Shepherd Convent, Chennai organized awareness programmes in three slum communities—Sudhanthira Nagar, Pushpa Nagar, and Ice House—in collaboration with the District Child Protection Unit (DCPU) – South Chennai and Triplicane Municipality. Motivational talks, signature campaigns, and a street drama on the theme *‘Right to Education’* powerfully illustrated the persistent vulnerabilities that force children into labour and emphasized the shared responsibility of society to end it.

This day serves as a strong call to action for government authorities, civil society, and local communities to reaffirm their commitment to eliminating child labour in all its forms. Through sustained awareness, effective rehabilitation, and increased access to education, we can transform unsafe environments into safe, nurturing spaces where every child can learn, grow, and dream.





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