



WITHERED CHILDHOOD

These children, aged between five and twelve, toil from daybreak to dusk in this rope factory under the Buriganga Bridge at Aganagar, Keraniganj. Exposed to various health hazards, they have to sprint or walk fast [when they are out of breath] between two pillars 33-foot apart to maintain production. The children also handle coiling ropes, carrying huge sacks of bobbins, rotating wheels and gluing. Poverty snatches their childhood while we speak of "Child Rights".

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