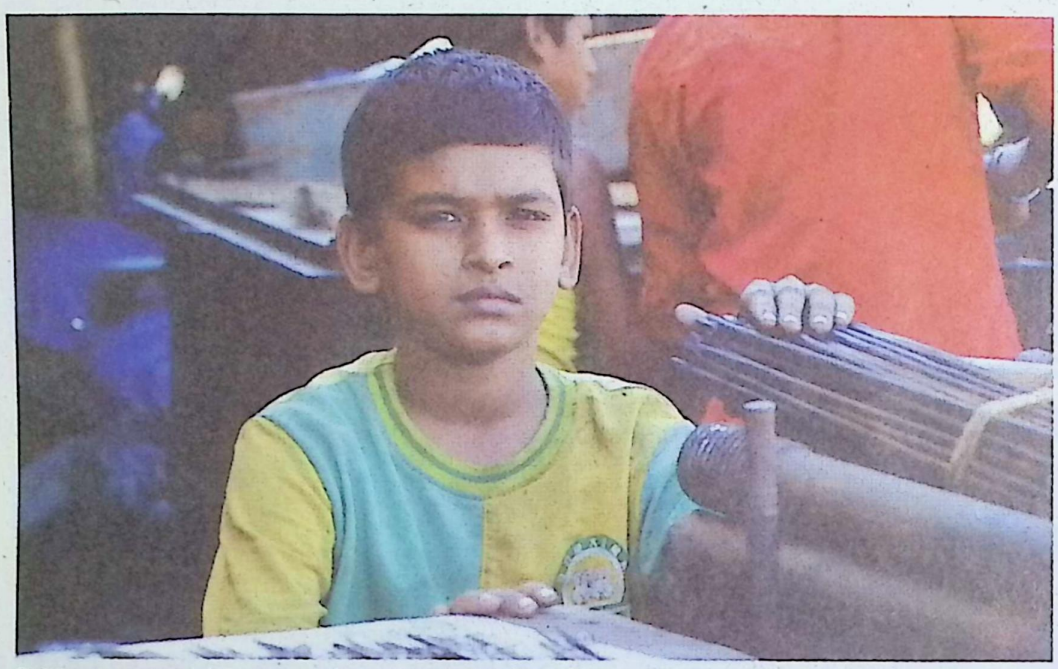


Children have to work to support themselves and their families

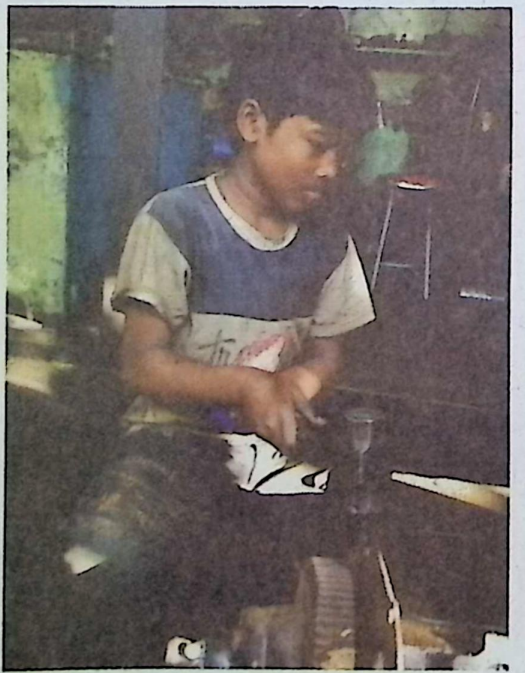
"What do you want to be when you grow up?"

"An auto driver," says 8-year-old Ismail softly, peeping through his ruffled hair on his forehead, with his shy eyes. "I want to own an auto rickshaw," he adds a little more boldly.

"Why?"

"So that I can go wherever I want to," answers Ismail. Ismail is one of the many kids selling chocolates and flowers and also begging on the Gulshan 2 traffic signal point. He has lost the use of one of his legs and moves slowly from one place to another with the help of a make-shift support, built with bamboo and taped up with plastic.

The above is an excerpt from a short



Child Labour

ONE of the major issues that society faces today regarding children is that they are not treated like children. Places where most of them have to work along with adults, many children go through hard labour and have to work in hazardous areas. In many ways, they are treated almost like adults and are exploited when it comes to getting their dues.

Many poor families give up their children to either work as domestic workers in homes or inside factories. This is one of the main reasons behind the increasing dropout rates in schools. After all, realistically, thousands of families in our country still live under the poverty line and depend on their children when it comes to earning. The government is now taking steps to abolish child labour completely.