

deprived young children are seen on the streets every day, most of the time going without proper meals. To them, the Universal Children's Day would make very little sense. Even then, this year, organisations and individuals took time out to make them feel like the children that they really are.

Universal Children's Day was established in 1954. On November 20, the UN General Assembly adopted the 'Declaration of the rights of the children' in 1959, and then later on in 1989. Hence, every year, this day is celebrated on November 20. In countries like India however, children's day is celebrated on November 14, observing the birth anniversary of the country's first Prime Minister Pundit Jawaharlal Nehru. He was said to have had a special place for children and had done a lot for the development of children in India.

> One should not wait for the Universal Children's Day to address this issue and spend some time thinking about it. A shout out to the youth out there to build a better and a stronger nation, act now.



This year, the Jaago Foundation had a treat for the children on the streets. They decided to celebrate Universal Children's Day on November 11, instead of November 20, since the city would be almost empty of people due to Eid-Ul-Adha celebrations. The foundation picked up at least a thousand children from 18 traffic signal points in Dhaka city and decided to give them a day off. These children usually spend their days selling flowers, chocolates and other items on the traffic signal points, earning around 80-100 takas a day, if they are lucky. Last week, however, these