

A vertical strip of colorful, cartoon-style illustrations of children's faces, including boys and girls of various ethnicities, positioned around the top corners of the date box.

**JUNE  
12**



**Today is the  
International Day  
against  
CHILD LABOUR**



**Women & Children's Affairs Division  
Department of Labour**



# Child Labour

"Child Labour" means engagement of a child below 14 years of age in any work with the intent of receiving "Labour"

All adults should accept that the child is an important asset to a family, society and the country at large, who is essentially in need of education blended with love, kindness and equality.

Under the provisions of the Employment of Women, Young persons & Children Act. No. 47 of 1956 enforced by the Department of Labour, employment of a child below 14 years of age is an offence punishable in a court of law.

There is no doubt that even you would have observed on many occasions where our children - deprived of education, being employed in numerous trades with callous regard to laws, regulations and conventions.

Even today, children are employed in the residences of people of all social strata, and also at hotels, garages, carpentry workshops, coir mills, rubber and coconut estates and farms of piggery and poultry.

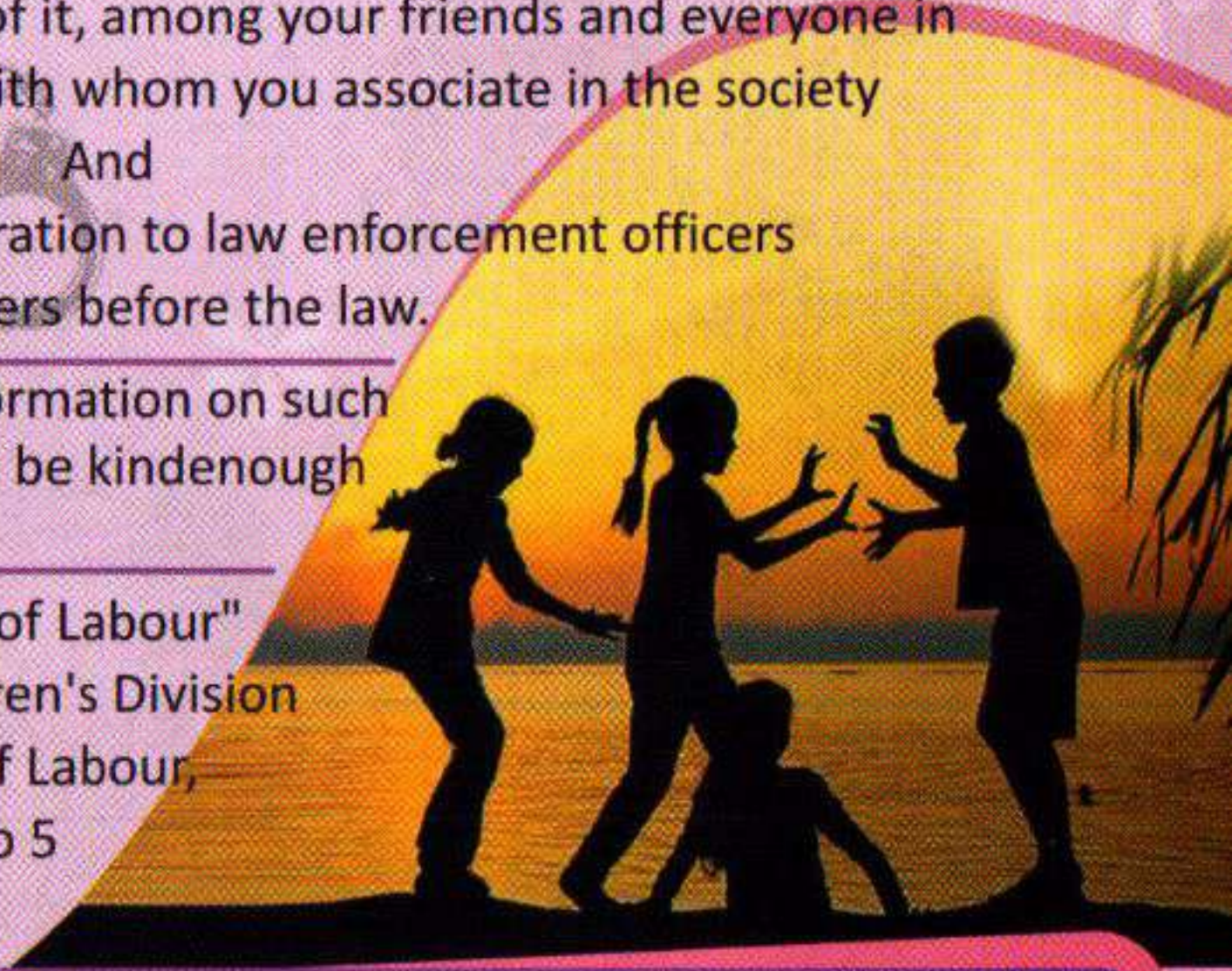


## It is your responsibility

- ◆ To understand that child labour is an offence.
  - ◆ Create awareness of it, among your friends and everyone in your social level, with whom you associate in the society
- And
- ◆ Extend your cooperation to law enforcement officers to bring the offenders before the law.

If you have any information on such child labour, please be kind enough to inform

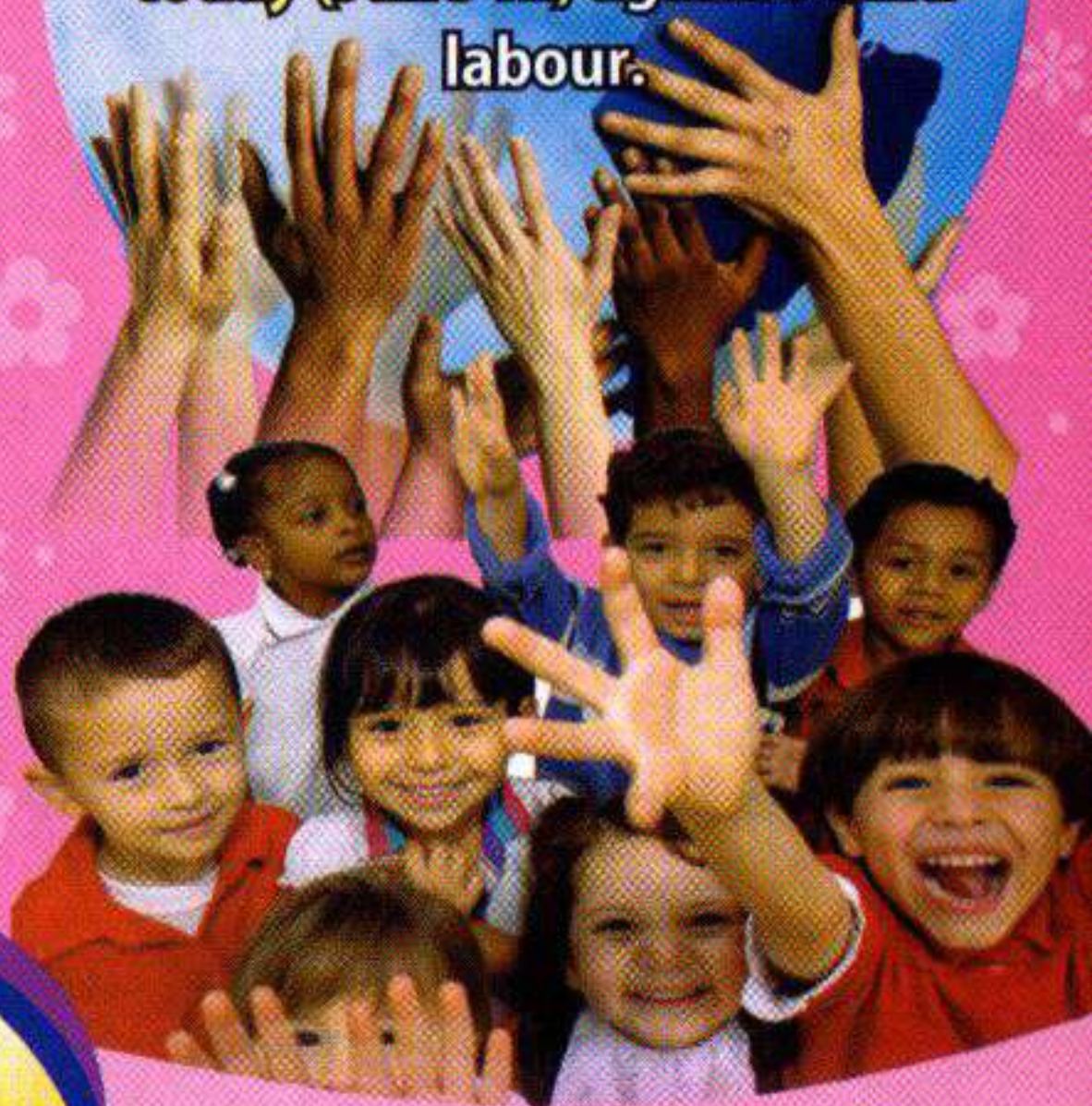
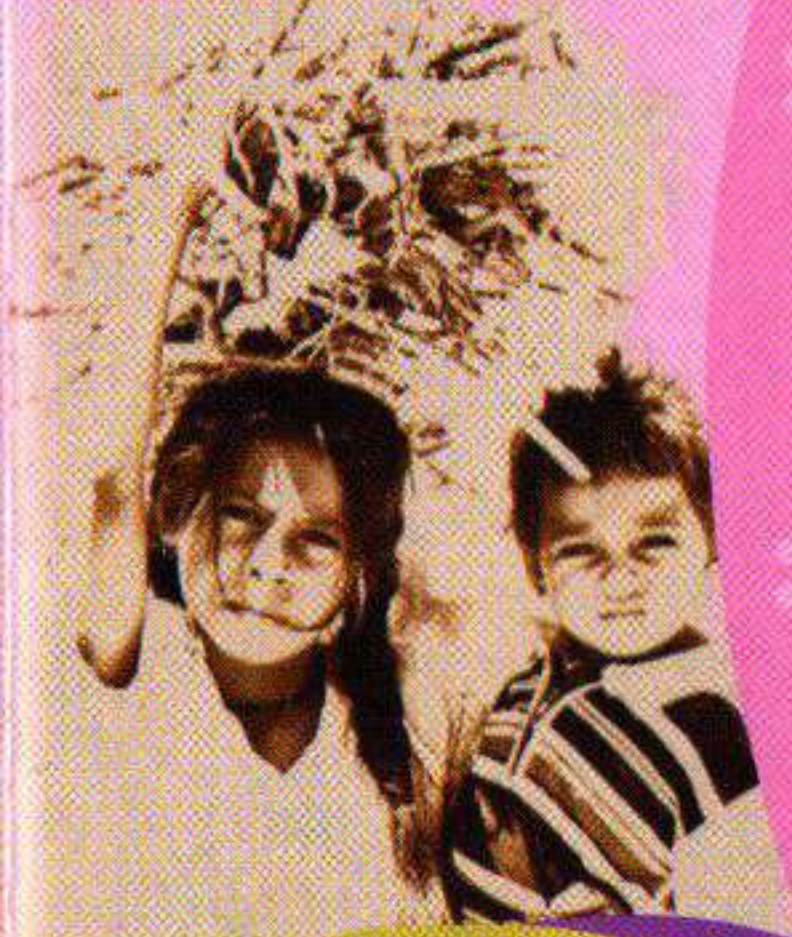
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Colombo 5  
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**Or else inform**  
**The nearest**  
**Labour Office**  
**or**  
**Police Station**

Let us  
act in unison against  
child labour in our country  
when the whole  
world is rallying round  
today (June 12) against child  
labour.



Thank you.



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