

Speakers at a participatory discussion Sunday said future of around one and half lakh children is uncertain as they are engaged in risky and hazardous jobs across the city.

They said child labour has become quite widespread as many families rely on the income generated by their children for survival.

They observed employers often prefer to employ children because they are cheaper and considered to be more compliant and obedient than adults.

The children, forced to work, are often exposed to vulnerable situations like trafficking, abuse, violence and exploitation, denials of various types of human and child rights.

The observations came at a seminar styled "Our Responsibilities towards mitigating the hazardous child labour problems" held at Moonlight Garden Community Center in the city.