

**Headline:** Kids visit NSE, Share ideas on how biz can help protect child right

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A group of children shared their ideas on how businesses can ensure protection and promotion of children's rights at the National Stock Exchange on Children's Day. Children from NGOs such as Nine is Mine and Ashramshalas raised their voice for protecting the rights of the world's most vulnerable children, and later also rang the bell at NSE.

The children also presented interpretations of Child Rights and Sustainable Development Goals and what they mean for children. According to the kids, 'all rights are children rights'. While Right To Education is an important right, they feel Right To Information and Freedom of Expression too are important for them.

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Children at the closing bell ceremony at NSE on Tuesday

also a big part of the change we need to bring. We try to learn from them too."

The private sector can play a significant role in ensuring every child has a fair start in life. "There are NGOs coming forward to help us while we are in school but they need to make our future bright by helping us get higher education," said class 10 student Gulam Shah.

"Many students in tribal areas have potential to perform but are not explored properly. The private sector should involve social causes more in tribal areas so that the chil-

dren from the tribal regions like adivasi community gets a platform to show their talent," said student Prakash Mali.

"I never saw Sustainable Development Goals with a perspective of child rights. There are lack of facilities. Giving a facility is not important but looking at what is necessary for the child is. People look at girl child education has a single topic but there are many issues which needs to be explored. The private sector also has limited resources," said Anurag Pratap, CSR Leader, Capgemini Technology Services Limited.

## NSE UNICEF Children's Day Event

A group of 35 children took over the iconic National Stock Exchange on Children's Day to voice their support for protecting the rights of the world's most vulnerable children. These children from leading NGO's such as NineisMine and Ashramshalas along with renowned business leaders comprising of Kumar AnuragPratap, CSR Leader, Capgemini Technology Services India Limited and Mr.Vikram Limaye, MD and CEO, National Stock Exchange introspected and shared ideas on how businesses can ensure protection and promotion of children's rights through an interesting panel discussion.



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### TAKING STOCK OF THE FUTURE GENERATION

# Children 'take over' NSE, ring closing bell

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Children 'took over' the National Stock Exchange (NSE) on Tuesday as part of UNICEF's spotlight on the most pressing challenges faced by the young generation.

The 'KidsTakeOverNSE' event was organised as part of the UNICEF's initiative to celebrate the Children's Day by making them essay high-visibility roles in media, politics, business, sport, and entertainment to highlight challenges faced by them.

"At today's event, children rang the closing bell and took a round of the NSE building accompanied by senior UNICEF and NSE officials," a UNICEF representative said.

Meanwhile, in a release the UN agency said, "A group of 35 children took over the iconic National Stock



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Vikram Limaye, MD & CEO, NSE along with children at the closing bell ceremony at NSE on Children's Day.

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ideas on how businesses can ensure protection and promotion of children's rights through an interesting panel discussion, the release said.

Speaking on the occasion, Henriette Ahrens, Deputy Representative - Programmes, UNICEF India said, "One very important right for children is their right to participate."

"We believe that children are not only the future but also a big part of the change we need to bring. They are the most influential change agents," she said.

The release quoted Limaye as saying: NSE is proud to facilitate the first of #KidsTakeOver in the world in association with UNICEF.

# NSE offers platform to voice opinion

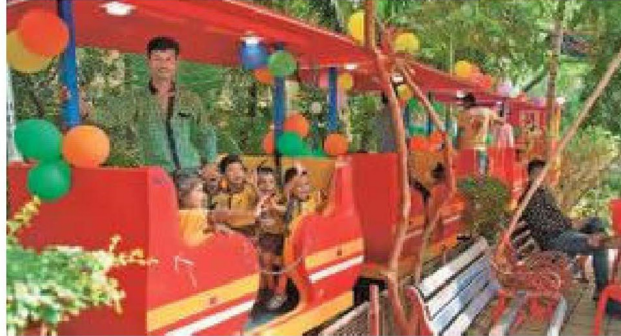
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The National Stock Exchange (NSE) was 'taken over' by a group of 35 children to voice their opinion about protecting child rights on the occasion of Children's Day on Tuesday.

The students, who are attached to various NGOs, were at the '#KidsTakeOverNSE' event organised by the UNICEF to celebrate World Children's Day, which falls on November 20.

Participating in a panel discussion, children from NineIsMine, a campaign of PRATYeK, an NGO, said they believe that the children are not the future of the country, but the present. "We need to be paid attention to, today, and not just tomorrow."

"I am studying in Class X, and my educational expenses will be borne by the



**Leisure on wheel:** Children enjoy a toy train ride at Rajesh Khanna garden in Santacruz on Tuesday. ■VIJAY BATE

government till I complete it. My mother works as a maid and her monthly income is ₹2,500. I do not know who will fund my education when I reach the Standard XI," Gulabsha Khan from Goregaon, who aspires to become an air hostess, said.

Prasad Boraksh, a Class XII student with Adivasi-Ashramshala in Ahemadnagar, said he wants to be an

athlete and play at the state level. "I will need sports equipment and will need to maintain my health. But I do not have enough money for all of that. This keeps bothering me."

Vikram Limaye, managing director and CEO of NSE, said that the NSE recognises the value of investing in children and has identified primary education as one of

the core corporate social responsibility areas. "Our water hygiene and sanitation programme is being implemented in schools. We have impacted 1.7 lakh children through such initiatives."

The first thing to protect the rights of the children, Henriette Ahrens, deputy representative-programmes, UNICEF India, said, is to reach those who are at the bottom of the pit. "From there, we can learn a lot about these children. We need to involve parents, universities, private parties, and the government, in the process."

Kumar Anurag Pratap, CSR leader, Capgemini Technology services India Limited, said, "The CSR is being seen in a new light. Today, you are not just doing charity and helping society, but also creating a social capital."