

Author of the week

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru



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Children's day is celebrated on the 14th November every year. As a tribute Children's Day is celebrated on the first Prime Minister of India, Jawaharlal Nehru's birthday. Lovingly called 'Chacha Nehru' which means Uncle Nehru by the kids, Jawaharlal Nehru gave emphasis to the significance of giving love and affection to children, who are the bright future of India. The main purpose of this day is to encourage the welfare of children all over the country.

His Childhood was privilege; he was tutored at home and then studied in England at Harrow School and Trinity College, Cambridge. He was admitted to English Bar and returned to India very westernized. He married Kamala Kaul in year 1916. And in 1917 their only child Indira was born.

The first ever Children's day was celebrated in 1954. The idea of a universal Children's Day was suggested by Mr. V.K. Krishna Menon and it adopted by the United Nations General Assembly. At first it was celebrated universally in the month of October.

After 1959, November 20th was chosen as Children's day as it marked the anniversary day when the Declaration of the Child Rights was adopted by the U.N. General Assembly. In 1989 the Convention on the Rights of the Child was also signed on the same date. However, in India, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru's birthday was declared as Children's Day and is celebrated annually to cherish his love and attachment for children.

Children's day is celebrated all over India to honor children and Jawaharlal Nehru on his birthday. There are many functions, events and programmes organized in schools and other organization. Many government departments, corporate institutions and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) announce various schemes and organize a variety of competitions and events for the children. Many schools have cultural programmes in which teachers get involved and perform for the students. Special television and radio programmes are aired for children on this day. For children, this is a day of joy, freedom and to engage in fun. Children's film festivals are also organized on this day.



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