

# Children's gathering held on Bangabandhu's birthday

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To mark the 99th birth anniversary of Father of Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and the National Children day, JJS arranged a children's gathering in Khulna on Sunday at CSS Ava center.

The Mayor of Khulna City Corporation, Talukder Abdul Khaleque was present as the chief guest in the program. The program was chaired by ATM Zakir Hossain, Executive Director, JJS Md Kafil Uddin, Chief of Field Office, UNICEF, Khulna, and Diruba Kabir Lipi, member of child protection committee, ward No. 15 of KCC were present at the program as a special guests.

In the program representative of children living in the street and member of adolescent club and children and youth of

different wards of KCC delivered their group wise presentation on the problems they face and recommendations for solutions. KCC Mayor agreed the identified problems and said that Government and Non-Government Organization are working for protection of the children. Our Government has taken a lot of plans and actions for improving the condition of children of our country.

He said that drug addiction is one of the biggest problems for Khulna city. He declared, "Within 2 months the Khulna city will be drug free city". The chief guest also said that under the banner of CDC, funded by UNDP, we are trying to open schools for the disadvantaged children as well as children living in the street. He also said that all these children are the future of nation and they should follow the father of nation's sprit.