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INVITATION

Subject- Invitation for written submissions and/or paintings by children for the Children First journal's second issue.

The Second issue of the bi-annual journal "DCPCR's Children First Journal on Children's Lives" is now under preparation and expected to be launched by July 2022. The Journal aims to deepen the discourse by providing a platform for expression to all people engaging with the rights of children in varied capacities regardless of their nationality and socio-economic backgrounds.

The first issue had specially invited children's paintings on the theme of the issue so as to include children's perspectives too in addition to those of other stakeholders'. These were reviewed by a panel of editors and the ones judged as best were included in the Journal. This initiative was greatly appreciated. In continuation of that initiative, for the second issue, DCPCR is now inviting submissions in the form of both Children's paintings and/or Write-ups on the theme "Second Year of Covid-19 Pandemic: Disrupted Childhoods, Disrupted Education". The invitation is open to all children below the age of 18 years from schools, child care institutions, etc. across the country.

The focus of the forthcoming Issue of Children First Journal on Children's Lives is on the 'Second year of the Covid-19 Pandemic' and how it has significantly disrupted childhoods and education of children in the Indian context. It will cover various issues related to children, including issues of education, health and nutrition, child protection, disability, adoption, child labour, violence and abuse, and adolescent issues.

Children are encouraged to share their **write-ups** and/or Paintings on any of the following aspects: :

- Experiences during Covid-19: Challenges and Risks.
- Experiences of online classrooms during Covid-19.
- Suggestions and ideas to create a better learning environment for children during covid-19.
- Any other suggestions and experiences related to Covid-19.

Guidelines for written submissions:

- Word limit: between 400 to 500 words.
- Written submissions may be in the form of poems, stories, articles, essays, etc.
- Written submission should be uploaded in the word document only. *Children can seek assistance from their School Teachers, Parents, Guardians etc. to upload the submission.*
- The write-ups should be the child's original work and not copied from anywhere else. The write-ups should also not have been previously published anywhere else.
- Written submission should be in **Hindi/English**. *The submissions thus received will be reviewed by a panel of reviewers. The best 6 will be published in the next issue of the journal. The selected write-ups, if in Hindi, will be translated into English prior to publication in view of the journal's language policy.*
- The name, age, contact number and institution (if applicable) of the candidate must be mentioned clearly in the mail and the write-up file name must be in the name of the candidate for example- amitsingh.doc

Guidelines for Paintings:

- Children can use drawing paper, art paper or any other type of white paper of A4/A3 size for painting.
- The painting could be ink, watercolour, oil colour or any other medium. Children can submit their high-resolution scanned picture of the painting in .JPEG format.
- The name, age, contact number and institution (if applicable) of the candidate must be mentioned clearly in the mail and the painting file name must be in the name of the candidate for example- amitsingh.jpeg
- It may please be noted that by submitting their work to DCPCR, the children agree that DCPCR can use their entry in its journal or any other publication with due acknowledgement to the child artist along with the name, age and institution of the child.

All submissions will be assessed under two age categories: (i) Under 10 years old
(ii) 11 to 18 years old

All submissions must be made through the email to
<childrenfirst.jocl@gmail.com>

The deadline to submit the paintings/write-ups is 15th April 2022.

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Sd/-

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Via mail to,

Child Care Institutions (CCIs), Delhi via Director, WCD

All Heads of Schools (HoS) in Delhi via Director of Education, GNCTD

All Non-Governmental Organizations in Delhi

All State Commissions for Protection of Child Rights (SCPCRs)

All others concerned.