



PEACE IN ONESELF, PEACE IN THE WORLD

Sub: The Peace Gong Article Writing & Poster making Competition on Peace & Conflict Resolution

Dear Principal,

Greetings!

Ahimsa Trust, New Delhi and the Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore Foundation, New Delhi is initiating **The Peace Gong Article Writing & Poster making Competition on Conflict Resolution for school students.** The aim of the competition is to promote critical thinking abilities amongst children on non-violent methods of resolving conflicts; understand the causes and impact of conflicts in their own communities and how resolution of these conflicts leads to a culture of peace.

Context of the Competition: Even as the world is hungering for peace, we find conflicts at different levels which affect not only individuals, but families, communities and nations. Conflicts can be resolved in either way violently or non-violently. Resolving conflicts non-violently is the basis of building a culture of peace.

The Organizers: Ahimsa Trust aims at creating peace and harmony within oneself, one's family and in society. It aims to spread the ethics of peace and non-violence through alliances and programmes.

Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore Foundation is a think tank of academicians and practitioners. As part of its media and information literacy initiative, it brings out The Peace Gong, the children's newspaper. The Peace Gong aims to build bridges of friendship amongst children of the world promoting peace and non-violence.

As the aim is to encourage students from different regions, this competition is being organized with different partner organizations. These include **IGNOU Institute For Vocational Education & Training (IIVET), Shillong; Arushi, Bhopal; People's Institute for Development and Training, New Delhi; Surovi Shishu Panchayat, Assam; Yuvsatta, Chandigarh; M S Panwar Institute of Communications and Management, Solan.**

International Partner: Radijojo World Children's Media Network

Article Writing Competition:

- a. Theme: **Resolving conflict in your community through non-violence**
- b. Age Group: Group 1 : 12-14 years of age
Group 2 : 15-18 years of age
(only school children eligible for competition)
- c. Maximum Word limit :
For Group 1: Word limit is 400 words; article cannot be a work of fiction
Group 2: Word limit is 800 words; article cannot be a work of fiction

Students should look at the following points while developing their article:

1. Your perspective of any conflict situation in your society/community
2. Analyse this conflict situation briefly- its causes and effects
3. Influences of different kinds like media on the conflict
4. Your own perspective on how to resolve this conflict through non-violence
5. Relate how resolution of this conflict can lead to a culture of peace in your society
6. How do you think children can contribute to a culture of peace

Poster Making Competition

Theme: Peace in oneself, Peace in the World

Age Group: Group 1 : 12-14 years of age

Group 2: 15-18 years of age

Poster Format: A3 size

How to submit:

Articles can be sent through email at peacegongcompetitions@gmail.com or to Prof T K Thomas, B 3, Navbharat Times Apartments, Mayur Vihar Phase-1, Delhi- 91.

Posters must be sent to Prof T K Thomas, B 3, Navbharat Times Apartments, Mayur Vihar Phase-1, Delhi- 91.

The entries should be complete in all respect with name of the student, class/grade/section, and name of the school/educational institution, address, email id and website if there is any.

The entries can be sent till November 14, 2012. November 14 is celebrated as Children's Day.

All participants will be given certificates. Different Prizes, books and other recognition will be given to the winners in both categories. **The winning entries will be featured in a special edition of The Peace Gong, the children's newspaper on conflict resolution.** A book and an eBook on the best of entries will also be published by the organizers.

There will be a special jury to be nominated by the Organizers to determine the winners.

Details of the competitions are available at: www.ahimsatrust.org and <http://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Peace-Gong/187829521307498>. Any query related to the competitions can be addressed to Prof T K Thomas, peacegongcompetitions@gmail.com.

Looking forward to your early confirmation to participate in this unique exercise to promote thinking abilities in children on nonviolence and conflict resolution.



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