## Government of Jammu and Kashmir Resident Commission

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Dean - Students Welfare, University of Delhi, New Delhi.

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Subject: Invitation for students to participate in Art Exhibition by children of Kashmir followed by Art Therapy Workshop on April 22nd 2024, Monday, at Office of Resident Commissioner J&K, Prithviraj Road New Delhi from 11 am onwards.

Respected Sir/Madam,

Greetings from the Office of Resident Commissioner J&K.

Climate change is a direct threat to a child's ability to survive, grow, and thrive. Approximately two billion children live in areas where air pollution levels exceed standards set by the World Health Organization (WHO) - causing them to breath toxic air that is putting their health and potentially brain development at risk. Close to 90 per cent of the burden of disease attributable to climate change is borne by children under the age of 5. Climate change also affects a child's ability to learn. Extreme weather events destroy schools and even the transportation infrastructure required to get there. Moreover, extreme heat can affect a child's ability to learn, and exposure to higherthan-average temperatures is associated with fewer years of schooling. The health impacts of climate change also can cause children to not be physically able to go to school.

These were some of the concerns cited by the children of Project Inara while they used paint and crayons to bring alive their perspectives. Project Inara undertaken by NGO Sambhavna CRACR&PD is an Art & Design Skill Hub in Srinagar for the orphan and underprivileged children of Kashmir. . In this project, theatre and art have been used as key tools of training and therapy. Over the period of 4 months, children have created wonderful paintings about Environment conservation.

Under the aegis of Hello Jammu and Kashmir programme of Office of Resident Commissioner J&K, Sambhavna CRACR&PD is bringing and exhibiting this talent and the

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compassion for Mother Earth on April 22 which is internationally commemorated as International Mother Earth Day.

In addition to the exhibition, a special Art Therapy workshop is being organized for college students of the J&K diaspora.

It would be a great motivation for the children of Kashmir if students of the JBK diaspora and staff from your esteemed college could come and participate in the workshop. Please find below the details for your kind reference

Day & Date: Monday, April 22nd 2024

Time:

3pm onwards

Venue:

Office of Resident Commissioner J&K

5 Prithviraj Road, New Delhi

Looking forward to your positive response.

Yours sincerely

Deputy Director (P) J&K Resident Commission