

Editorial

A Message to Our Children: Reflecting on the Year Gone by and Looking Ahead**By Dr. Sunita Reddy***Founder-Chairperson, AIF**Associate Professor, JNU*

As the year comes to a close, it is a time for all of us to pause and reflect. Children are suffering as a result of war, conflict, poverty, neglect and abuse across the world. At the same time, the past year also has been filled with moments that brought both smiles and a sense of achievement for a lot of children in different fields. Here at AIF, we have tried to learn the value of resilience, kindness, and hope together in the year gone by. We believe that it is our responsibility as adults to make the life of children around us happier, peaceful and filled with joy in as many ways as possible.

Through our humble initiative of the Digital Magazine “Childhood Matters”, we have tried to usher in learnings about new things, collating beautiful and thought-provoking stories, articles, and poems etc. through this year. All those who have contributed to various issues have done a commendable job. These stories of hope and encouragement inspire everyone. The recent addition of the new multilingual section in the magazine has contributions from all over the country and it has been received so well. I welcome you all to freely contribute towards it too! Sharing your experiences will enrich our magazine immensely.

As we step into this New Year, let us all carry the lessons we have learnt with us into the future. Let us dream of days filled with laughter, play, and learning. Let us work together to make the world a safer and a happier place for everyone.

The New Year holds endless possibilities. It is a fresh chapter waiting to be written - with your creativity, kindness, and dreams leading the way. Remember, every small effort you make, whether helping a friend, caring for the planet, or reaching for a goal - it all brings us closer to a brighter tomorrow.

Here's to a promising year ahead - a year filled with hope, peace, and opportunities for all the children to shine!

With love and hope
Sunita Reddy

