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on

Education as a Vehicle for Social Transformation:  
How to Promote Dignity, Unity and Transcend Humiliation

At

**15<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of Human Dignity and Humiliation Studies  
ISTANBUL, TURKEY-2010**



**CERTIFICATE**

The largest school by pupils is the  
City Montessori School,  
Lucknow, India,  
which had a record enrolment of  
32,114 pupils on 5 February 2008,  
for the 2007-08 academic year



GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS LTD

CITY MONTESSORI  
SCHOOL, LUCKNOW,  
INDIA IS THE WORLD'S  
LARGEST PRIVATE  
SCHOOL IN A SINGLE  
CITY, RECOGNISED BY  
THE GUINNESS BOOK OF  
WORLD RECORDS WITH  
OVER 38000 CHILDREN.

## UNESCO PRIZE FOR PEACE EDUCATION - 2002



CITY MONTESSORI SCHOOL  
IS A SCHOOL  
WITH  
A DIFFERENCE





**THEY MUST PROVIDE  
MEANINGFUL EDUCATION,  
SPIRITUAL DIRECTION,  
RIGHT GUIDANCE AND  
EFFECTIVE LEADERSHIP TO  
THE STUDENTS, PARENTS  
AND THE SOCIETY AT LARGE.**

**SCHOOLS MUST BE  
CONCERNED WITH  
THE AFFAIRS  
OF THE AGE.**

**EDUCATION  
IS A  
VEHICLE  
FOR  
SOCIAL  
TRANSFORMATION**

**CMS CONSIDERS ITSELF AS  
THE SELF APPOINTED  
ADVOCATE AND CUSTODIAN OF  
THE DIGNITY, WELFARE AND  
RIGHTS OF THE WORLD'S TWO  
BILLION CHILDREN AND THE  
GENERATIONS BORN AND YET  
TO BE BORN**

AS A MATTER OF FACT, RIGHT THROUGH HISTORY, CHILDREN HAVE BEEN ABUSED AND EXPLOITED. THEY SUFFER FROM HUNGER AND HOMELESSNESS AND WORK IN HARMFUL CONDITIONS.

HIGH INFANT MORTALITY, DEFICIENT HEALTH CARE AND LIMITED OPPORTUNITIES FOR BASIC EDUCATION ARE SOME OTHER SERIOUS ISSUES WHICH NEED TO BE ADDRESSED.

THE PRESENT WORLD SCENARIO OF INTERNATIONAL LAWLESSNESS ALSO PRESENTS A GRIM PICTURE. THE CONTINUED STOCKPILING OF WARHEADS AND NUCLEAR WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION BY WORLD LEADERS EVEN WHEN CHILDREN ARE DYING FOR WANT OF WATER, FOOD AND MALNUTRITION COUPLED WITH INACTION ON VITAL ECONOMIC PROBLEMS LIKE GLOBAL WARMING ARE MAKING THE THINGS EVEN WORSE.



## HOW THE WORLD TREATS ITS CHILDREN

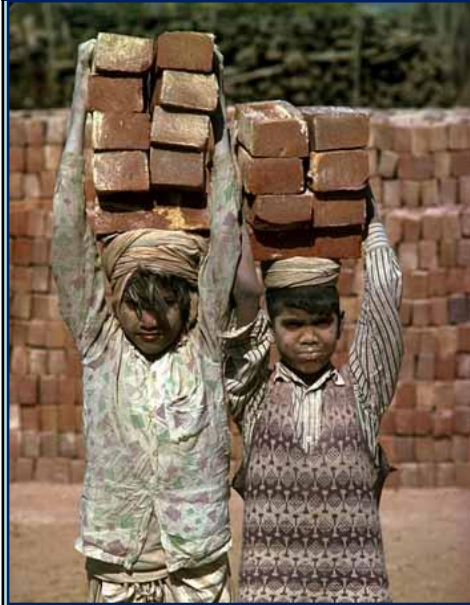


**SOME BASIC FACTS AND  
FIGURES ON THE STATE OF  
OUR WORLD'S TWO BILLION  
CHILDREN- HOW THEY ARE  
BEING DENIED OF THEIR BASIC  
RIGHTS AND HUMAN DIGNITY.**

**-A SURVEY DONE BY CMS**



## HAZARDOUS CHILD LABOUR



ALL WORK IS  
PROHIBITED FOR  
CHILDREN UNDER 12.  
AROUND 240 MILLION  
CHILDREN BETWEEN  
THE AGES OF 5 AND 14  
WORK AND FOR 3 OUT  
OF 4 OF THEM, THIS  
WORK IS HARMFUL FOR  
THEIR SAFETY OR  
HEALTH.

# **MALNOURISHMENT AND LACK OF MEDICAL CARE**



**NEARLY 10 MILLION CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF FIVE DIE EVERY YEAR- MORE THAN 1000 EVERY HOUR. ALMOST ALL OF THESE CHILDREN COULD SURVIVE AND THRIVE WITH ACCESS TO SIMPLE, AFFORDABLE INTERVENTIONS.**

**ABOUT 20 MILLION CHILDREN WORLDWIDE ARE SEVERELY MALNOURISHED, WHICH LEAVES THEM MORE VULNERABLE TO ILLNESS AND EARLY DEATH.**

## **SUBJECTED TO EXTREME POVERTY**



**MORE THAN HALF OF  
THE WORLD'S CHILDREN  
LIVE IN POVERTY.  
THERE IS LACK OF  
FOOD AND THEY DO  
NOT HAVE THEIR BASIC  
RIGHT TO CLEAN  
WATER, HYGIENE AND  
HEALTH CARE.**

# DISCRIMINATION



**ALL CHILDREN ARE EQUAL. ALL  
CHILDREN HAVE THE SAME RIGHTS  
AND SHOULD NOT BE  
DISCRIMINATED AGAINST. NOBODY  
SHOULD TREAT THEM BADLY  
BECAUSE OF THEIR APPEARANCE,  
THEIR SKIN COLOUR, THEIR  
GENDER, THEIR LANGUAGE, THEIR  
RELIGION AND THEIR OPINIONS.**



# FACTS ABOUT CHILD SOLDIERS



CHILDREN ARE USED AS  
COMBATANTS,  
MESSENGERS, SPIES,  
PORTERS, COOKS AND  
GIRLS IN PARTICULAR ARE  
FORCED TO PERFORM  
SEXUAL SERVICES,  
DEPRIVING THEM OF THEIR  
CHILDHOOD, RIGHTS AND  
HUMAN DIGNITY.

# FACTS ABOUT CHILDREN OF CONFLICT



**1.5 BILLION CHILDREN, TWO  
THIRD OF THE WORLD'S  
CHILD POPULATION LIVE IN  
THE 42 COUNTRIES  
AFFECTED BY VIOLENT,  
HIGH -INTENSITY  
CONFLICT.**

# WAR RIDDEN GENERATION



OVER THE LAST 15 YEARS AT LEAST 2  
MILLION CHILDREN HAVE BEEN KILLED IN  
WAR.

6 MILLION HAVE SUFFERED SERIOUS  
PHYSICAL INJURIES.

10 MILLIONS HAVE SUFFERED SERIOUS  
PSYCHOLOGICAL HARM.

1 MILLION HAVE LOST OR BECOME  
SEPARATED FROM THEIR PARENTS.

AT LEAST 25 MILLION CHILDREN HAVE HAD  
TO FLEE THEIR HOMES OR COUNTRIES.



# CHILD TRAFFICKING



ACCORDING TO LATEST  
ESTIMATES SOME 1.2 MILLION  
CHILDREN ARE TRAFFICKED  
WORLDWIDE EVERY YEAR. THE  
MOST COMMON FORM OF  
HUMAN TRAFFICKING IS SEXUAL  
EXPLOITATION. THE VICTIMS ARE  
PREDOMINANTLY WOMEN AND  
GIRLS.

# CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES



CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES ARE  
AMONG THE MOST VULNERABLE TO  
HUMILIATION IN THE WORLD. IN MANY  
COUNTRIES THEY ARE NOT ALLOWED  
TO GO TO SCHOOL. MANY ARE  
TREATED LIKE INFERIOR BEINGS AND  
ARE KEPT HIDDEN AWAY. THERE ARE  
110 MILLION CHILDREN WITH  
DISABILITIES IN THE WORLD.

# CHILDREN DENIED THE RIGHT TO IDENTITY



FROM THE DAY A CHILD IS BORN HE/ SHE  
HAS THE RIGHT TO HAVE A NAME AND TO  
BE REGISTERED AS A CITIZEN OF HIS/ HER  
HOME COUNTRY. EVERY YEAR, 136 MILLION  
CHILDREN ARE BORN AND AROUND 48  
MILLION OF THESE CHILDREN ARE NEVER  
REGISTERED. THERE IS NO DOCUMENTAL  
PROOF THAT THEY EXIST.

## STREET CHILDREN



FOR 60 MILLION CHILDREN, THE STREETS ARE  
THEIR ONLY HOME

## CHILD MARRIAGES





**CHILDREN HAVE THE RIGHT TO PROTECTION FROM ALL FORMS OF VIOLENCE, NEGLECT, MALTREATMENT AND ABUSE. EVERY YEAR 40 MILLION CHILDREN ARE BEATEN UP SO BADLY THAT THEY NEED MEDICAL CARE. MANY COUNTRIES STILL ALLOW CORPORAL PUNISHMENT IN SCHOOLS. THE CHILDREN ARE PUNCHED, KICKED, BEATEN, STARVED, TAUNTED AND TORTURED. CHILDREN ARE LEFT SCARRED AND TORMENTED.**



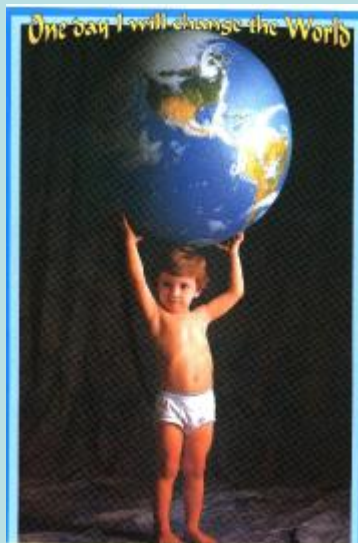


***It shouldn't hurt  
to be a child***

HOWEVER, CITY MONTESSORI SCHOOL  
IN ITS OWN HUMBLE WAY HAS BEEN  
WORKING RELENTLESSLY FOR  
WORLD'S 2 BILLION CHILDREN, WHO  
ARE THE COMMON DENOMINATOR OF  
ALL THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD FOR  
SAFEGUARDING THEIR HUMAN  
DIGNITY AND PROVIDING THEM A SAFE  
AND SECURE FUTURE.

THE SCHOOL IS A STAUNCH BELIEVER  
OF THE FACT THAT CHILDHOOD CAN  
AND MUST BE PRESERVED. CHILD  
ABUSE, EXPLOITATION AND VIOLENCE  
ARE MOST HUMILIATING AND  
DISGRACEFUL AND THE CHILDREN  
HAVE THE RIGHT TO SURVIVE,  
DEVELOP AND BE PROTECTED.

EVERY CHILD IS POTENTIALLY  
THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD





# MULTI PRONGED APPROACH

HEALTHY NURTURING SURROUNDINGS  
ALLOW CHILDREN TO RESIST ABUSE  
AND AVOID EXPLOITATION. CARING  
ENVIRONMENTS FORTIFY CHILDREN.



**THOSE WHO MAKE  
DECISIONS AFFECTING  
CHILDREN MUST PUT  
THE INTERESTS OF  
THE CHILDREN FIRST.**

**EVERY WORD SPELLED OUT  
IN THE SCHOOL IS  
INHERENT TO HUMAN  
DIGNITY AND HARMONIOUS  
DEVELOPMENT OF THE  
CHILD.**

**TEACHERS MUST BE REFERRED TO THEIR  
TRADITIONAL ROLE AS TRANSMITTERS OF  
MORALITY, BUILDERS OF CHARACTER AND  
CUSTODIANS OF CULTURE.**



## **OUR SCHOOL MISSION**

**“To Make Every Child A Gift of  
God to Mankind and A Pride of the  
Human Race”**



# CATCH

# T H E M



Quality  
Quality  
Quality  
Quality



# YOUNG AND INNOCENT

THE WORLD HAS BECOME A GLOBAL SOCIETY. NO MAN IS AN ISLAND AND EACH SHOULD LIVE FOR THE OTHER. HUMAN RIGHTS ARE AN INDISPENSABLE PART OF OUR SCHOOL CURRICULUM. WE NEED TO SENSITISE OUR CHILDREN AND NOT SIMPLY PREACH WHEN VIOLATIONS OCCUR. EDUCATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE HOME AND IN THE CLASS ROOM WILL CONSTITUTE A NEW AWAKENING.

**HUMAN RIGHTS EDUCATION IS  
CONTINUALLY IMPARTED AND  
DISSEMINATED TO ALL THE YOUNG  
CHILDREN AT THE CLASS ROOM LEVEL  
i.e. AT THE MOST FORMATIVE STAGE OF  
HUMAN DEVELOPMENT. THE CHALLENGE  
IS TO MAKE HUMAN RIGHTS INTEGRAL  
TO THE LIVES WE LIVE.**

**THE FRUITS OF HUMAN RIGHTS  
EDUCATION WILL ENABLE LATER  
GENERATIONS TO BE MORE HUMAN,  
WITH A GREATER DETERMINATION NOT  
TO SLIDE BACK FROM ALL THAT HAS  
BEEN ATTEMPTED AND ACHIEVED IN  
OUR TIME AND ALSO TO  
PROGRESSIVELY REPEAT MIND-SETS  
THAT ARE ANTI-HUMAN.**

# Positive Attitude



# LEADERSHIP SKILLS



## THREE KINDS OF EDUCATION

### COMPONENTS OF QUALITY EDUCATION

**MATERIAL**

**HUMAN**

**DIVINE**

## FOUR BUILDING BLOCKS OF CMS EDUCATION

**UNIVERSAL  
VALUES**

**GLOBAL  
UNDERSTANDING**

**EXCELLENCE**

**SERVICE**



## WHAT IS EDUCATION ?

"EDUCATION IS NOT THE AMOUNT OF INFORMATION THAT IS PUT INTO YOUR BRAIN AND RUNS RIOT THERE, UNDIGESTED, ALL YOUR LIFE.

WE MUST HAVE LIFE BUILDING,  
MANMAKING,  
CHARACTER-MAKING,  
ASSIMILATION OF IDEAS. THE END OF ALL  
EDUCATION, ALL TRAINING SHOULD BE MAN-  
MAKING.

THE END AND AIM OF ALL TRAINING IS TO  
MAKE THE MAN GROW".

**ARISTOTLE**

**SCHOOLS MUST IMPART  
EDUCATION OF HEAD,  
HEART AND SOUL**





**HOLISTIC EDUCATION  
LEADS TO**

$$\text{IQ} + \text{EQ} + \text{SQ} = \text{TQP}$$

**TOTAL QUALITY PERSON**

**TOTAL QUALITY CITIZEN**

**TOTAL QUALITY HUMAN BEING**

**WORLD PEACE AND  
WORLD UNITY ARE  
PREREQUISITES FOR  
ENSURING HUMAN  
DIGNITY AND HUMAN  
RIGHTS**

**PRESERVATION OF HUMAN  
RIGHTS AND DIGNITY MEANS  
PEACEFUL CO-EXISTENCE,  
LIVING A LIFE OF PRESTIGE,  
SELF ESTEEM, DIGNITY WHICH  
IS POSSIBLE ONLY IN PEACE  
LOVING ATMOSPHERE.**

# **HUMAN DIGNITY IS THE BY PRODUCT OF UNITY AND PEACE**

**THE SCHOOL HAS BEEN RUNNING A  
CAMPAIGN TO BUILD GLOBAL OPINION ON  
THIS ISSUE BY CONVENING A SERIES OF  
INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES OF WORLD  
JUDICIARY. THE CAMPAIGN HAS DRAWN  
THE SUPPORT OF MANY EMINENT PEOPLE  
INCLUDING PRESIDENTS, PRIME  
MINISTERS, CHIEF JUSTICES, NOBEL  
LAUREATES, PEACE ACTIVISTS, PARENTS,  
TEACHERS AND STUDENTS.**

# PRAYER ASSEMBLIES



# WORLD PEACE PRAYER CEREMONIES





# WORLD PARLIAMENT



# CHIEF JUSTICES CONFERENCE



# CMS CHILDREN'S FILM FESTIVAL

**CITY MONTESSORI SCHOOL FILMS DIVISION, LUCKNOW-INDIA**  
 – presents for children & parents of Lucknow –  
 a week of highly inspiring and entertaining children's films  
 from 27 Countries of the world

**1<sup>st</sup> INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S FILM FESTIVAL**

**Daily for 7 days from 7<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2009, 10.00 am to 05.30 pm**

**Motto: FILM FESTIVAL FOR WORLD UNITY AND WORLD PEACE**

**SHOW TIMINGS**  
 Daily Three shows  
 1<sup>st</sup> show at 10:00am  
 2<sup>nd</sup> show at 12:30pm  
 3<sup>rd</sup> show at 03:00pm

**ENTRY ON FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS**

**ENTRY FREE**

**27 PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES**

1. USA	6. Austria	11. Italy	16. Mauritius	22. Spain
2. Canada	7. South Korea	12. Serbia	17. Bulgaria	23. Russia
3. UK	8. Ireland	13. France	18. Lithuania	24. Japan
4. Australia	9. Germany	14. Holland	19. Estonia	25. Philippines
5. Netherlands	10. Latvia	15. Iran	20. Bangladesh	26. Israel
		21. Hungary	27. India	

**GRAND OPENING on 7th April 2009 at 6:00pm at**  
**World Unity Convention Centre, CMS Girls Degree College, Kanpur Road, Lucknow**

## INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

**24 International Events organised by City Montessori School (CMS) for session 2007-2008**

<p><b>1. 1<sup>st</sup> COMMUNITY HEALTH CONFERENCE</b>                      17-18 April 2007                      Part of Commonwealth Health Conference (Creative Writing &amp; Poster Competition) to promote health &amp; safety of children.                      Organized by CMS, Lucknow.                      Website: www.cmslucknow.org</p>	<p><b>2. 1<sup>st</sup> INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE PRIMARY PRINCIPALS</b>                      17-18 April 2007                      Organized by CMS, Lucknow.                      Website: www.cmslucknow.org</p>	<p><b>3. 1<sup>st</sup> INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS SCIENCE FAIR (ISSF)</b>                      17-18 April 2007                      Organized by CMS, Lucknow.                      Website: www.cmslucknow.org</p>	<p><b>4. 1<sup>st</sup> INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE PRIMARY PRINCIPALS</b>                      17-18 April 2007                      Organized by CMS, Lucknow.                      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**City Montessori School, Lucknow organizes over 24 international events/exchange programmes. To participate, you may register through the website given with the event and send an email to [info@cmslucknow.org](mailto:info@cmslucknow.org)**

(1) City Montessori School is the world's largest school with over 31,000 students on roll in a single city; (2) the only school to receive the UNESCO Prize for Peace Education 2002; and (3) the only school to organize and host 24 international events for children in which a large number of children participate from various countries of the world. See website <http://www.guinnessworldrecords.com>



## PRESS CONFERENCES



## PEACE MARCHES



# EXCHANGE PROGRAMMES



## LITERATURE ON PEACE AND HUMAN RIGHTS

**Thank you  
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JAI JAGAT**