



## **European Union recognizes young artists in Patna**

**Felicitate students who participated in EU Children's Drawing Competition 2013**

**Prizes include bicycles, sports kit and many more**

Patna, 30 October 2013: The Delegation of European Union to India organized a Prize Distribution Ceremony today in the Patna, to recognize and reward the young artists who participated in the EU Children's Drawing Competition 2013. The competition took place in Patna from 19 August 2013 till 5<sup>th</sup> September 2013 under the twin themes of – **'What Can I Do for My Mother'** and **'My City, My Country & the threat of Climate Change'**.

Held at the Patna Museum Auditorium, the winners were felicitated by Ambassador of European Union, H.E. Dr. João Cravinho. The top 3 winners received bicycles, the subsequent nine (4-12 positions) got sports-kits, while the 100 best entries took home EU gift-bags. The prize distribution ceremony also included cultural programme and lively interactions between the students and the EU Ambassador.

More than 4000 children from various schools in Patna participated in the competition, which was aimed at creating awareness amongst the school going children (in the age group of 9-10 years), on globally relevant subjects - women empowerment/gender equality and climate change. These pertinent issues are presented to them in an easy to grasp themes which they can comfortably illustrate. The winning entries were screened and selected by veteran artist Mr.Raj Jain in New Delhi.

The EU drawing competition in Patna was organized in cooperation with its local partner - Urban Espace India, which has a good network in Bihar. The competition was also organized in Guwahati during the same time and the Prize Distribution Ceremony in Guwahati will be held in January 2014.

The winning entries belonged to:

Myeisha Faiz, First Prize, Class IV, Delhi Public School, Patna

Khushi Biswas, Second Prize, Class V, St. Michael's High School

Sonu Kumar, Third Prize, Class V, Baldwin Academy

Consolation Prizes:

Aditi Mehta, Class IV, Bishop Scott Girl's School

Akshita Raj Sinha, Class V, Litera Valley School

Arti Mutkan, Class V, Ashadeep School for Hearing Impaired

Gaurav KR. Jaiswal, Class v, St. Paul High School

Nancy, Class IV D, St. Xavier High School

Nishant Raj, Class V, Gyan Niketan

Sikander Kumar, Class V, Shoshit Samadhan Kendra

Sonam Kumari, Class V, Army Public school

Vidisha Raj, Class V, Open Minds Birla School

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