



Avoidable Deaths Network (ADN) is launching a Junior Champion Magazine under the ambit of its Future Leader Scheme. Junior Champions are citizens of change. They are the future guardians of our world. ADN strongly believes that by engaging with future guardians, we can promote and protect the natural world, which is vital for the sustainability of humans and animals on this planet.

The Junior Champion Magazine is led by ADN's junior champions Master Arkoneil Ghosh (Founding Editor) and Miss Prarthona Datta (Deputy Editor). They will feature the voices of the children and of those primarily on the frontline bearing the brunt of climate change and extreme weather events every day. Each Magazine will feature a timely theme. Based on this theme, subject-specific experts will be invited to guide the editors.

The first issue's theme is listening to children's experiences in the latest floods in India. This Issue will capture the first-hand experiences of

floods through the eyes and minds of children and youths between 10 and 17 years.

According to the Indian Meteorology Department and National Disaster Management Authority, the 2023 monsoon season in India had a devastating impact on the people, destroying homes, schools and crops in 1) Assam, 2) Bihar, 3) Gujarat, 4) Kerala, 5) Maharashtra, 6) Meghalaya, 7) Nagaland, 8) Odisha, 9) Punjab, 10) Rajasthan, 11) Sikkim, 12) Telangana, 13) Tripura, 14) Uttar Pradesh, and 15) West Bengal. The heavy rain caused widespread flooding and landslides, displacing over 40 million people and killing at least 1,500. The national and state-level authorities, as well as householders, are struggling to cope with the scale of the disaster.

To capture the direct experiences of these devastating floods from children's eyes, we invite articles with a maximum word count of 500 words or less from Junior Champions ages between 10 and 17 years from any of those 15 flood-affected Indian states.

The article can be written in English, Bengali, Hindi, Assamese, or another mainstream Indian language. The ADN team will translate to non-English essays into English. Pictures of high resolution are also welcome.

The article should address the following questions (although not limited to):

- 1) How did the latest floods affect you and your family members?
- 2) If your house and neighbourhood were flooded, what were the challenges you experienced with food, school, drinking water etc.?
- 3) If your local government had consulted you, what would you have asked them to do to overcome your experienced challenges?
- 4) What will you do differently should you experience a flood in the near future?
- 5) What is your recommendation to reduce flood risk in your living environment?

We are soliciting 10-15 articles for this first issue. The deadline to submit the article is **15 September 2023**.

Send us your article to: [contact@avoidable-deaths.net](mailto:contact@avoidable-deaths.net).

Please provide your full name, age, school, address, and email address of your guardian/parent at the end of the page.

## Note

The Junior Champion Magazine is led by Master Arkoneil Ghosh (Founding Editor) and Miss Prarthona Datta (Deputy Editor).

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