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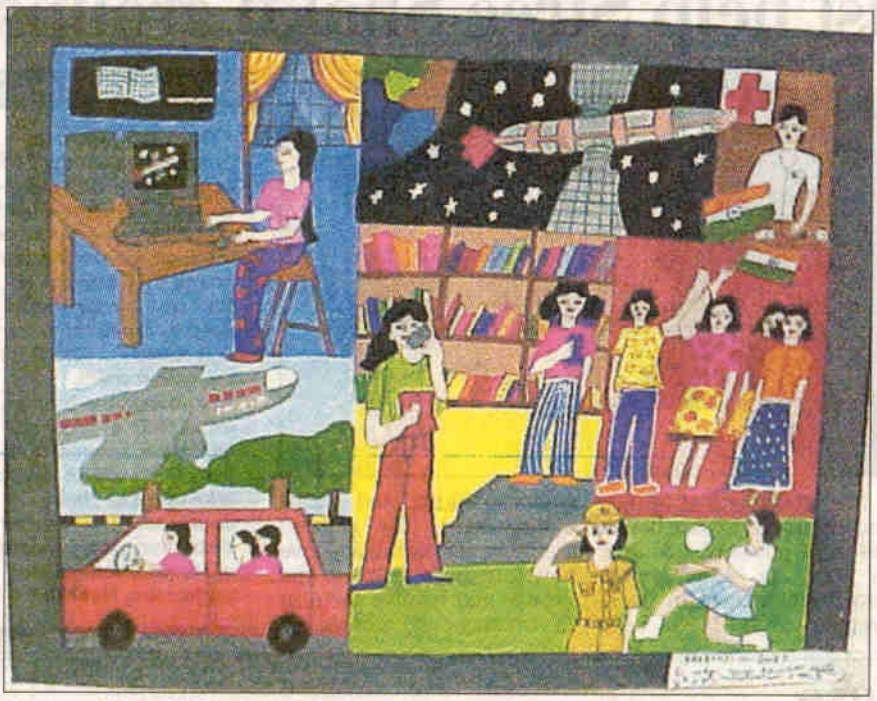

10-year-old Preethi Shet's painting has been selected for the 2003 International Child Art Festival in Washington.

Girl does Bangalore proud

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Bangalore: A painting by a Bangalore-based 10-year-old, Preethi Shet has been selected as the Indian submission to the 2003 International Child Art Festival (ICAF). It is organised by the International Child Art Foundation in Washington DC.

Preethi's painting depicting girls and women taking on new roles in the millennium.

The arts festival will be held in September this year.

Chandana Art Foundation International (CAFI), Bangalore, ICAF's national partner, who had organised the Indian competition with SchoolNet, received over 125 paintings from all over India. The theme was 'Me in the New Millennium' and it was open to children between 8 and 12 years of age.

Preethi Shet

Preethi, a student of Sri Vidya Mandir Education Society, Malleswaram, was selected as a winner by a panel headed by Reenu Sahi an arts educator at Bishop Cotton Girls' High School. Vijay Anand, Tulajram Bhute and Shri Raghava were the other jury members.

The Child Art and Creativity Exposition Exhibition of selected art works from the competition will be on at Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Bangalore from June 25 to 29.

Though Preethi is thrilled with the selection, her dream trip to US may be in jeopardy if she and her team from in CAFI fails to find a sponsor to back the trip. "This is a golden opportunity for Preethi and we are wondering how to go to US without a sponsor," Venkatesh of CAFI said.

Art lovers who want to help out Preethi can contact the CAFI at 6524820 or send an email to chandanaartfoundation@indiatimes.com.