

# Editor's Peace

## We inherited this earth from our children...

When stories of little boys and girls in our community are splattered as news in our nation's headlines, we all watch in revulsion of how gruesome and cruel these stories turn out to be.

One such story is that of our three year old Shearwey Ooi Ying Ying, who like any ordinary child had the birthright to be part of this majestic procession of life. Yet, someone else thought otherwise and dimmed the prospects of her seeing another beautiful day on this planet.

What is becoming of the human race is one that is hard to comprehend – that we are driven to extents that are close to insane and in need of redemption. Still, are our needs met and is justice seen to be done in instances like this? Whatever justice that is expedited on the person who had taken the life of an innocent being will not be able to annihilate the fear and insecurity that will dwell in the deepest abyss of our souls for some time to come.

Living amongst such people we have forgotten to take every single precautionary measure to protect our loved ones from the potential harm that they are exposed to. But the sad truth is, they are the very same people who cloth and shelter us from the harshness of life – our very own families.

Being so consumed with our own needs and greed, we have forsaken the needs of others – the basic necessity to survive. And like every other creature on this planet, the intrinsic need for survival is of utmost importance.

Shearwey Ooi Ying Ying's manner of death was inhuman and demands that we do everything to be in control of our body, mind and soul that it does not stray away into pathways where the dark forces reside. It also demands that we take another look at ourselves as prospective beasts capable of unleashing the unthinkable on our innocent and helpless.

We join hands in prayer for this little being who had walked this journey with us for a moment and plead that children of this world be given the chance to co-exist amongst us, to remind us of the innocence, the hope of renewal, the prospects of a future to come, that we have abandoned in the name of progress.

We also appeal to the men and the women on the streets, to look within and to find the joys of life and to seek refuge in the realm of bliss and harmony, knowing that we have no right to claim another life without having sacrificed ours first and that we have no claim on life itself, if we have not for a moment become apart of it.

Placing honour in the inheritance of this earth, the light in me salutes the light in you.



**Sujata Nandy**

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