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From Principal's Desk

“Everybody has a talent, it’s just a matter of moving around until you’ve discovered what it is.” Everyone is born with unique potentials. In many cases students have not tried to explore their talents. Everyone is unique in one way or other. You will find unique potentials even with differently abled people.

According to Maslow, “We are not in a position in which we have nothing to work with. We already have capacities, talents, direction, missions, callings.” If you store your stationery in a cupboard and do not use it, you will forget about it. Likewise, if you do not use your talents, you will lose them.

“Everyone is gifted, but some of us never opened the package”. You can find your talents in your hobbies. You may be born with some natural gift. You can find your talent in your skills acquired during education. It may be in the form of writing, speaking, programming, designing, painting, singing, organising an event, decorating home, cooking and it can be anything.

Sometimes we simply ignore our talents because it seems ordinary. Talent is a talent. It can be big, small or ordinary. If anyone asks you, “what is your talent?” Say it proudly.

If you appreciate your talent, you give it a new direction to evolve. You never know where it may take you in your life. “With ordinary talents and extraordinary perseverance, all things are attainable.”

I congratulate the entire Editorial Team, all the budding writers and artists for making this School Magazine vibrant. God Bless You All.

Dr. Nicholas Correa
Principal & Executive Director

Editorial

“Yesterday is history , Tomorrow is a mystery , but Today is a gift and that is why it is called as a Present.”

The year 2020 has been a unique experience for all of Humanity. As Humanity has adjusted and accepted the new norms of safety, we at New Horizon have been engaging the students through virtual schooling and digital education. Our students have been enjoying and learning from the unique experiences of virtual schooling.

This magazine is a platform for students articulate the challenges and the myriad ways to overcome the insurmountable obstacles in life.

I am thrilled with the wide range of ideas and emotions that our students have expressed through the articles and poems .

I congratulate all of the students for their effort. I hope they continue to further hone their artistic talents for the betterment of all.

I wish everyone a happy ,prosperous and safe new year.

Editor
Annie Kurien

Vice - Principals' Message.

At New Horizon Public School, we aim to prepare our students for life. With the motto of Education to Excel our commitment to the above, stands undeterred.

In order to allow the children's creative urges to blossom naturally, they need to communicate effectively. This humble initiative is to set the budding minds free allowing them to roam free in the realm of imagination and to create a world of beautiful words. During these pandemic times, we have witnessed a spurt in innovation and the human enterprise to overcome the unsurmountable obstacles. I am thrilled to read the deep and profound thoughts espoused by the students and how they have overcome the challenges posed by Covid. I wish them the very best for all the future endeavours

Ms Monalisa Basu

Vice Principal

Senior Coordinators' Message

Fear and Faith have something in common. They both ask us to BELIEVE in something we cannot see. Let's train ourselves to find blessing in everything. Seeing the light in the midst of darkness is the lesson we should learn, not only during this difficult time but all the time. Stay focussed on the good and making it better. May all the blessings of the Lord be in abundance in the 'New Year'. Wishing all a Happy New Year filled with hope and Happiness.

Ms Ruby Verghese

Senior Coordinators

CHALLENGES! CHALLENGES! CHALLENGES!

The Covid-19 pandemic has shaken up the whole world.

In the wake of the pandemic outbreak, we need to focus on relevant and meaningful teaching. Here's a chance to make education better with the help of technology. It was indeed a challenging task for the teachers to find new ways and elicit response from the preschoolers. We know that they watch the screen daily, for the hunt of their favorite cartoon characters.

Teachers also had to switch over to the task of online teaching, balancing the different learning needs of students. It was a real challenge for teachers to create an engaging content for the little ones and catch their attention to remain focused on the screen.

Teachers started off by catching the children's attention through talking to them. The parents were also connected because a pre-primary child cannot use the technical skills on his own. But Wait! Wait! I take back my words now as I see these 3-5 years age group so engrossed on their screens. They are able to understand what their teachers are trying to convey. Often I hear the children say in online class, 'Ma'am Please help, I'm unable to mute myself.' And sometimes I hear, 'Sorry ma'am, I'm late because I had network issues.' This shows that children are grasping well and are evolving as virtual learners. Learning is now a click away. Our entire teaching is now digitalized. We are not only focusing on academics but also life skills.

All Celebrations and Competitions are held online. Kudos! To the teachers and the students of primary and secondary sections for engaging themselves in eye catching events and competitions like , Slogan writing, drawing, elocution and many more. They have also hosted virtual programs successfully. The

editorial team of students and teachers deserve a pat on the back for their excellent work. Hats off to the ICT team for their continuous support.

I sincerely appreciate the parents, for their cooperation, investing their time and giving a helping hand in the present condition. They have played a major role with their contribution to the daily OLT classes. Thus, helping us to achieve our objectives and reach the finish line of success. With the help of this triangular relationship, the young minds are learning online very well. It was a term of fun filled activities for the toddlers. They were seen making lemonades, sandwiches, salads, etc. Keeping in mind the Covid-19 pandemic, virtual learning for these preschoolers were taken up by the teachers involving new strategies and prodding the children to stay connected, be it fitness, health, life skills or other activities. The power of breath was taught throughout the term. Mindfulness activities included muscle relaxing techniques, strengthening finger muscles through, "finger aerobics". Calming their minds with music, rhythm and tempo, flipping the movement's every time. We have tried to maintain a semblance of curricular as well as co-curricular in our approach to engage our preschoolers in learning something new and of interest. Yet, the hunt goes on to find more tools and create the, "**Happiness Quotient**" for our toddlers.

It is the need of the hour that we should be conscious of our environment and stay happy. Parents need to make time for their children and talk to them addressing the situation. And above all, Self-care is still our priority in this scenario.

Stay Safe! Stay Healthy!

Kuldeep Kaur Rattan
Headmistress (Pre-Primary)

God helps those who help themselves

- Ms. Poorvi Sanu X

Accelerating at a dramatic speed , this virus has become the most powerful weapon across the world.

The message is very simple – stay indoors and practice social distancing. Giving it a time spin, our government has taken maximum precautionary measures to slow down spread. Those who disobey the rules will surely suffer in the future . As it is rightly said“ Even god helps those who helps themselves .” Imposing will not help, self control should be practiced .

The world is still battling the novel corona virus, but it is not over yet. Never compromise social distancing. Self-spirituality, self-skills can be enhanced at home. Life is precious, playing with it might cost you. Never miss an opportunity in understanding yourself . There is infinite knowledge in internet, use it wisely but not adversely. Help yourself because there is no one to help you at this time of trouble, everyone is tangled with their own one.

The most biggest help you can do is self control.

Learning instrumental music, dance, online courses , reading, writing to improve your writing skills and the most important is writing diary . Who knows , that in future someone might find your diary and publish it and it becomes one of the most popular diary like- “The Diary Of Anne Frank”! Excavate your house, you don’t know when you could turn up with the most amazing thing.

But remember do help your parents in their chores and spend your most valuable time with your loving grandparents because they need your motivation now. Remain optimistic, it’s a great tool . Don’t forget forget drawing and painting because “Art speaks were words cannot explain.” These are extraordinary times , so do compromise on your little desires . Post corona virus future might be extraordinary, so wait excitedly.

A responsible citizen of India !

The beauty of nature

-Nishika Thawani IX-H

Oh! how I admire the beauty of nature	the fire of fear, the water of life and the wind we
The sweet roses red	hear
The plants in their green	do not spoil it or you will repent
Sunlight peeping through	for she is our fears, our tears
The chirping birds waking me up	for she is our life, also our love
All the nourishing thoughts	Save it while you can
Taking the sorrows spreading happiness	Let generations of life enjoy it while they can
Oh! How we remain immersed in its beauty	It’s too early to kill nature
	As it is too early to die
We are so late to realize how we destroy the key to life	<u>SAVE NATURE</u>
She has the soil of the earth	<u>SAVE LIVES.</u>

Importance of school

As we all know the world going through a very rough situation which is COVID-19. The Corona pandemic has made a global impact in the past months and continues to hit most of the sectors, with education being one of the most affected ones. At such a time, the extended lockdown period is forcing the education sector in India to rapidly evolve. Most schools and institutions have come up with the idea of online classes for to start their academic years.

Although we all have substituted classroom to online classes it's not a permanent solution. We, students, are missing an important part of our childhood. Childhood is all about school, friends and our favourite teachers.

But as we are in the lockdown, we are missing school. My father used to say that "School life is the golden life" and I would debate with him and tell that school is boring we have to just study, follow discipline etc. And I am pretty sure that most of the students might have thought the same. But now as schools are shut down all my friends and classmates are very much eager to go to school. Now can you see the difference. When I was going to school, I disliked it, but now I am not going to school I am thinking that school was the best place I have ever been to. I would like to conclude with a quote

"We always think of what we don't have, but we never think of what we have."

GODFATHER!

- Tanmayee Gajra, XI-B

A child is closest to his grand dad,
He brings the child out of gloom, no matter
how sad!
He usually has a newspaper fad,
He listens to all our tad!
To him, only being undisciplined is bad,
With wisdom and confidence, he is clad!
Telling his grandchildren fairy-tales makes
him glad,
One who doesn't listen to his advice is defi-
nitely mad!
He is the one who drives a child's imagina-
tion land,
Forever he guides his sons, holding their
hand!
My grandfather was a different man,
People from round the globe were his fan!

Smarter and no less intelligent than
Einstein,
Always making sure everything is fine!
He was a science geek and wizard,
Expert in all sciences, including dissecting
a lizard!!
His fascination with the elements of Earth,
Ensuring there is never a nutrition dearth!
My grandfather was a kind philanthropist,
a genius of all,
He would always be there for me in just
one call!
I must have done some virtuous karma in
the past,
That God gave me a grandad, whose love
would forever last!



आई म्हणजे

जिला कशाचीहि उपमा देता न येणारी

ती म्हणजे आई

जिचा हृदयात प्रेमाचा अथांग सागर असणारी

ती म्हणजे आई

संकटाच्यावेळी धीराने उभी राहणारी

ती म्हणजे आई

सर्वांच्या यशामागे उभी राहणारी

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दुःख असूनहि नेहमी हसत राहणारी

ती म्हणजे आई

प्रेमाचा जमाखर्च न ठेवणारी

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जिच्यासाठी शब्दही अपुरे पडती

ती म्हणजे आई



आयुष अमित देसाई

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Believe in Yourself

- Prisha Gawas VI E

A belief is a feeling of absolute certainty. If you want to achieve anything in life you need to get certain will you achieve it. Why is that we don't believe in ourselves, as soon as things get tough in our life, we start doubting ourselves. We start thinking that we are not going to make it, stressing & worrying imagining things that may go wrong in the future. We need to understand the human mind is the most powerful tool we own and we need to learn how to take control of the directions of a mind and emotions. Your mind can help you to tackle with the greatest challenges of your life. Believes control results because you will never take action towards something you don't believe it's possible. You can have all education in the world. It doesn't matter. If you don't believe you can do it you will never get it.

Do you think Serena Williams would be the greatest female tennis player in the history without a belief? Not a chance. These great athletes, these great human beings, these great players, these great scientists are great because they believe in themselves. They believe when no one else does. Change the belief that there isn't a way and push yourself and find your own path, your own answers, your own way.

The greatest achievement did not come from someone who saw that it was impossible but still believe they can change achievement something impossible. So, believe in yourself and do the thing which you think would be impossible. Always remember you can do anything impossible in this world by just believing in yourselves.

If you believe in yourself, World will believe in you.

Is this the new normal?

- Nikita.J , X A

Never had anyone thought of a life in lockdown. Rushing to school and then coming back home tired. But now the situation has gone from bad to worse. People are under lockdown at home and become couch potatoes. Attending online classes, work from home and that too from one place is the worst in this pandemic. Before the lockdown we used to go to school, have fun with friends, have face to face conversation with teachers and enjoy the day to the fullest.

But now, unexpectedly, we have been not able to meet our friends in real; but only virtually. Our life has totally had a twist in it. So, if we give some time and think of whether this is the new normal? Then the answer would be a big 'YES'. But according to me, it is just new, not permanent. Now, it's all in our hands. If we follow all the safety norms and if we really care for ourselves and our society, then we would definitely get a next chance to live the old and peaceful life.



THE NEW NORMAL

-Krisha Dedhia , VII

We are experiencing difference
Classrooms have a new ambience
Keyboard and mouse are our new friends,
School playground as apps and screens in trend.

Classrooms are Team channels,
Friends now appear in participant panel.
Mom fretted the science and I feared the math,
But the children were waiting and all started to nap.

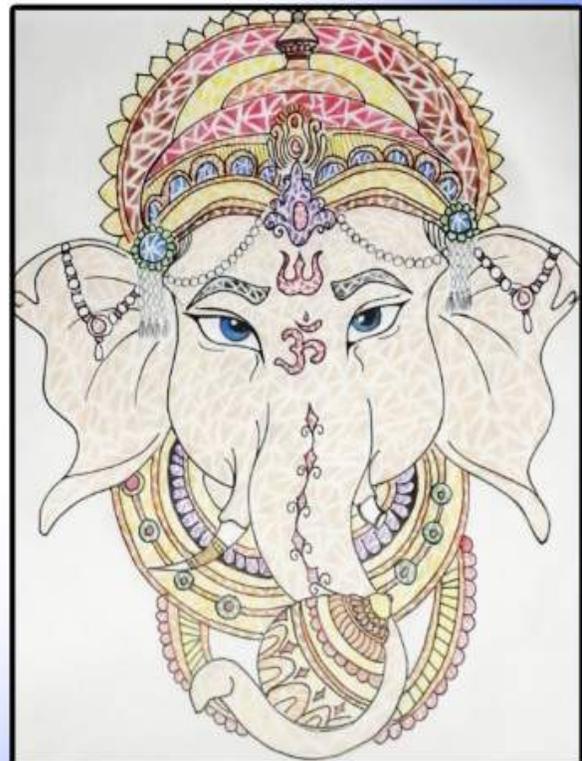
When up on the screen, arose such a clatter,
I sprang to the device to see what was the matter.
The microphone would not work, the connection was bad,
The internet was down, and we all blamed dad.

More rapid than eagles, the understanding came,
Students delighted as teacher called us by name.
Now Aakash, now Aayush, now Priya and Shreya,
On Sanvi and Tanvi, and Tara and Krisha.

Than with a wink of her eye and twist of her head,
Our teacher told us we had nothing to dread.
She spoke not a word, but cd students work,
Then she filled up the grade book and turned with a jerk.

I thanked her so kindly as she waved good bye,
And ended the meeting as I let out a sigh.
Thank you teachers for all the hours you spend,
Attention you give, needs that you tend.

Time you spend planning efforts you make,
Students to learning, chances you take.
Don't give up the hope the end is in sight,
If we all sick together, we all win this fight!



Innovative solutions for making education accessible for all.

- Anuja Deshpande XI A

Education is the most powerful weapon we can use to change the world.-Nelson Mandela.

Education is one of the most important and necessary aspect of a person's life. It not only helps an individual acquire knowledge about various subjects but also plays an important role in shaping his/her character, behaviour and thinking.

A nation's development and growth is determined by the quality of education its citizens receives and thus, we must realize the importance of education and aim at making it accessible and making sure that each and every citizen is well educated. For ensuring the above, I would like to list out a few innovative ideas through which we can make education accessible for all.

Free online education is one of the most effective ways to provide knowledge for people who do not have access to a physical school like those living in villages. People in remote areas can be familiarised with using technology such as a mobile phone or a computer along with free access to internet. This initiative can be taken by the government and we as citizens can also help contribute to the cause by donating our old mobile phones and laptops to those who cannot afford it. E-learning also saves traveling time and money as students can learn from anywhere and teachers can teach from anywhere. E-learning also helps children learn about technology which plays a crucial role in twenty-first century. It is also one of the best ways to conserve trees as they need not be cut down to make textbooks or notebooks.

Opening more schools in rural and remote areas is the simplest and the best way to ensure that each and every person has access to learning. Opening co-ed schools ensures that both girls and boys are being educated as should be the case.

The fees of these schools should be as low as possible to make learning affordable, or better yet, the schooling should be free for those who cannot afford it at least till the age of fourteen to ensure that each and every person is receiving at least a basic education. The government of India has constructed many schools in many inaccessible areas which has brought up many kids from illiteracy. Not only should the schools be opened for kids but also to adults who did not have a chance to learn.

Installing smart classes and video based learning is a very cost effective way of providing education to not only children living in the rural areas but also to those living the urban areas. Cost of printing books and then buying them can be saved by providing internet facilities for video based learning in each and every part of the country since internet is very cheap in our country it should not be a problem. Children are able to easily grasp the concepts through audio visual learning which uses pictures and graphical representation. Using learning and educational apps as well as games is a fun way to educate children as it stirs excitement in them and they will want to learn more along with encouraging them to participate.

Providing education to children with disabilities is a necessity and it is the right of each and every child to have access to quality education, and while efforts to increase learning in schools are critical, they should not come at the cost of excluding children with disabilities. The best way to provide them education is using **braille, sign language** and again **audio/visual learning** for people with visual/hearing impairment respectively. There are more than twenty-seven million people with disabilities in our country and giving them the education like any other person is definitely a big step to make education accessible for all without letting their impairments becoming an obstacle for them in their learning path. Not only children but also adults did not have a chance at learning due to disabilities can be taught in the same way. Home-schooling is also becoming a very popular method of learning not only for these people but also for many other people.

Educating the adult population is just as important as educating the youth as adults play an important role in the society as well. Adult population which especially live in rural areas can be provided education using the above listed methods can also help prevent misinterpretation of information among adults which they then pass onto their children and thus helping them make better lifestyle decisions and to also help them in sustainable development. This is another step toward making education accessible to all as quite a significant number of adults are not properly educated in our country. These methods can also be adopted to educate certain communities and tribes who do not have access to any kind of education and thus bringing them out of their shell.

Volunteering to teach people in rural areas is another idea to make education available to all. The government single-handedly cannot do everything. We as educated citizens can also volunteer to teach people living in villages and remote areas and provide them with our old books and they can be reused. We can also volunteer to help people in need financially or by donating to government run schools or NGO's who work toward educating people.

These methods may not be easy but with combined efforts of the government and all the citizens, we will surely achieve our goal.

Therefore, I would like to conclude that by using these techniques we can increase the percentage of educated youth and population and which will shape our society in a better way and create a better tomorrow by improving the lives of many people.

Unprecedented Times Require Unprecedented Measures

- Avantika Topale , XI A

Every challenge, every crisis is an opportunity,
The rewards of which are in entities.
We are in this together,
We'll get through this together.

Infinite hobbies to pursue with all this time,
So many seconds on the clock, it's time to shine.
Stay strong and have faith,
And everything will be alright.

We are in the house surrounded by sanitizers,
We are in the house washing our hands even after
a shower.
No work, no school, no sign of Monday,
Everyday just feels like Sunday.
Not sure about what the future brings,
But we must appreciate all the little things.

Just take a second, and put your mind at ease,
Cause you don't wanna go out and help spread
that disease.
We're in the lockdown cause it's COVID-19,
And you know what I mean,
Stay home, stay safe is what you should do,
Wait until the day when we can finally pull
through.

THE IMPACT OF COVID-19 PANDEMIC ON THE SOCIETY AND ENVIRONMENT.

- Ms. Harshita Nambiar, X A

It was at the end of 2019, that the COVID pandemic began. Since then COVID 19 has become, more than just a health crisis. It has seeped its way into the deep crevices of our lives. In just a matter of months, it has managed to successfully implant fear, distrust, alarm and trepidation in the society.

Life hasn't been the same ever since. This pandemic has made us work out the interconnected nature of the world. As rightly said by the United Nations, " No one is safe until everyone is safe."

The virus may possibly vanish (hopefully) sooner or later, but the impact of the cynicism that it has left behind, shall loom large over human social relationships. We'll find time falling short, trying to restore what we once had.

The comfort of being in the presence of others has now been replaced by a greater comfort of absence, especially of those we don't know intimately. Instead of asking, "Is there any good reason to do this online?" we're asking, " Is there any good reason to do this in person?" --- and might need to be reminded and convinced that there is. COVID-19 has put forth a list of stumbling blocks that might further increase the abysmal consequences of the pandemic.

As a result of the lockdowns imposed worldwide, life has become substantially confined within the four walls of our rooms. It has become a whole lot more indolent. Teenagers are found spending their time lazing around or in front of their devices, binge-watching shows. This sudden reduction in the amount of physical activity can have adverse effects on their health.

With schools, offices and businesses all operating over the internet, digitalization has become the need of the hour. Leaving them with no option other than to drop out or quit.

At the same time, COVID-19 introduces us to a new era of digitalization. Jobs that will rise in the future, will demand tech-savvy labour. Our education system will have to be altered in order to incorporate vocational training to the youth relative to the nature of jobs available.

It comes as no surprise that the pandemic also has its claws into the environment around us. Talking of the environmental impact; COVID-19 has seemed to have done more good than harm in this sphere.

Before the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, the air around us had been deemed very toxic to breathe in due to the amount of greenhouse gases that had been emitted over the years. The Earth faced rising temperatures, melting of glaciers and rising of sea levels. Environmental degradation was happening briskly due to the depletion in the quality and quantity of resources. But after the corona virus lockdowns commenced, there have been consequential and conspicuous changes taking place in the environment.

Dolphins have started dancing near the shores, exotic animals are seen on the porches of houses, mountain ranges hitherto invisible behind a cloud of smog can now be seen from far and blue skies & stars have returned.

But doesn't all this seem too good to be true? A global pandemic that is claiming people's lives certainly shouldn't be seen as a way of bringing about environmental change either.

The lifestyle we have today, may be the lifestyle we may have to adapt for the rest of our lives. Social distancing, wearing masks and sanitizing practically everything will become the new normal. We might still be forbidden from crowding in public places even post the pandemic. How then is the population to use public transports and facilities without the risk of acquiring the virus? People, will therefore resort to buying private vehicles like cars and motorcycles. The increase in their numbers will only lead to further carbon emissions, which will quickly undo the constructive effect of the lockdown.

In conclusion, over the past two months, COVID-19 has emerged as a public health threat around the world. It adds to the list of epidemic breakouts of the past that include SARS in 2002, Swine Flu in 2009 and Ebola in 2004. All these outbreaks remind us that we live in a habitat where it is necessary to respect the relationship between animal, social life, and the environment to survive and thrive. Rapid urbanization and our incursion into forest lands, has created a new interface between humans and wildlife; and exposed humans to unfamiliar organisms often involving the consumption of exotic wildlife.

As rightly stated by the UN Environment Chief, Inger Anderson "*Our continued erosion of wild space has brought us uncomfortably close to animal and plants that harbor diseases that can jump to humans.*"

LOCKDOWN : A NEW CHALLENGE

- Rajit puthran VI E

Always I have heard my elders saying that life is a good teacher in fact heard many stories through my granny .My parents always said that challenges will always come your way but we should accept the challenge and move ahead and not run away . So recent hardest challenge was when my parents told me about the lockdown and instructions which i had to follow.one of the most difficult was to stay inside home the whole day without meeting my friends and relatives and I wondered how is my vacations going to pass without any outings.

Initially I was upset and sad but then took it as a challenge and make the best out of the situation. Everyone has been affected by these challenging times. So I would like to narrate my story. Previously I never used to stay at home without playing out specially during my vacations but due to this lockdown i am at home and spending time with my family like playing indoor games .Most important was to keep ourselves fit and healthy.

As we could see the news flashing that there no vaccine against covid 19 but I thought i can improve my immunity doing yoga and can prevent us from us from covid 19. My mom tried to explain that if I value this period of lockdown by doing something fruitful I would be benefited and improve my skills . So I did so as my mom advised me but really I was benefited . I was very glad that day . I started exploring myself by entering the kitchen and cooking I enjoyed that by serving a delicious dish .But now I have valued the lockdown and learnt many things .

All the credit goes to my mom who taught me all the habits that is essential for me and I could take the creativity out of me by doing some beautiful paintings .She played games with me and I got a new friend playing with her .Also kept myself engaged with books.

Then it was time for the schools to reopen . But still lockdown kept extending so the schools schedule the classes online which again was a new learning through technology. And then I had to again reschedule my timetable . But I will never stop the habit which I have adopted. I feel that we should never complain about the situation as such challenges bring the best out from us.

एक दिन जब घर पर पानी नहीं था

पानी न होता यदि घर पर,
बोलो हम फिर क्या पीते और बिना पानी भैया
पल भर भी कैसे जीते?

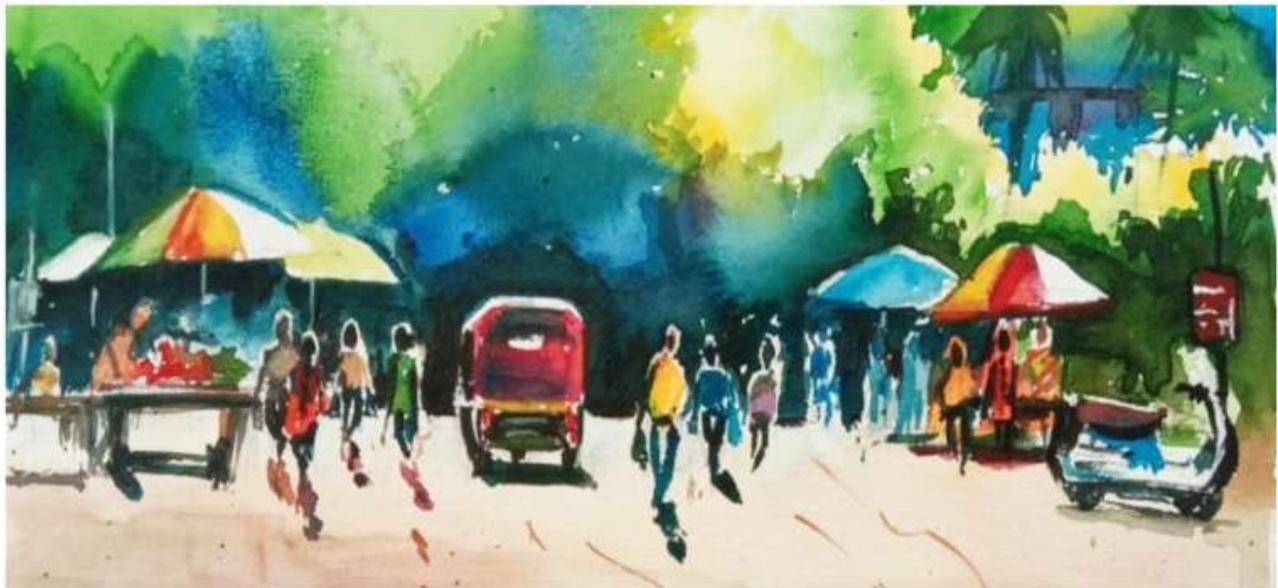
क्या बिना पानी घर लगता घर ?
लगता रेगिस्तान जैसा
ठडक बदल गयी तपन में जैसे
ना घर का सेवाधारी वैसा
ना घर का मेवाधारी ठरता।

हर तरफ जहाँ बच्चों की किलकारियाँ
अब मायूसी थी जैसे
हर पल एक अरदास थी दिल में,
हे सृष्टिकर्ता पानी लाओ फिर से ।

बिना पानी लगता जग सूना
गर चाहते हो माँ के चहरे पर मुस्कान
तो संभालो पानी को धन के समान।



-अमिता दुम्बानी (IX - F)



COVID REFLECTIONS ON LIFE – A RETROSPECTION

-Abhisha Whaval , X I

"You only live once, but if you do it right, once is enough", said by Mae West (American Actress). Now I would like to tell you that how the last two months have made me changed human being. As we all are stuck in such an enraged situation. I have also been enraged due this situation; I am not only enraged by this situation but, also affected due to this situation. As a result I have become a changed human being. It has brought about the best in me. I have improved myself in many ways:

Before the COVID-19 pandemic crisis, I lived on an ordinary level of awareness. Surrounded by the fear of this pandemic, I have become more watchful, aware and cautious. I have started taking care of myself more than I ever did. I wash my hands frequently and thoroughly; while leaving from the house I don't forget to wear my mask. I ensure maintaining social-distancing and follow all the rules and regulations set by the government.

Better performance in life can teach us many things in our life. I have exerted on the optimum pressure on my faculties, abilities and to implement new ideas and things which has made me more efficient. One of the many things which I have learnt and mastered in is Information Technology even during such a difficult and enraged situation. For example: - My school lectures are going online. Not only the school lectures but even my class lectures are also going online. Not only me but, students all over the world are attending their school or class lectures online.

We should always be ready to transform ourselves into new things, I have also learnt to be curious to learn about new ideas, things and to implement those ideas and things; which might introduce to your own new and modernized world. When you embrace the challenges and enjoy each and every experience it gives you then you can easily overcome it and even gain new idea on new opportunities which will serve you as a growth in your life.

As we all know that when China was pressurized to tell the exact count of it's COVID-19 patients it had refused to tell. But, finally on 15th July 2020 it revealed its exact count till date which is more than 1000. And it is still unknown whether these cases are of present situation or before it. This tells us that it was not open to the world regarding it's COVID-19 patients. I would like to tell everyone that don't hide anything from your parents, government, doctors etc all those who are working in this situation by risking their lives.

During this current situation, we should smartly and slowly take the decision...Because if we take even a single wrong decision or step while doing anything it can be harmful for our life. We should keep thinking about the positive things and not about negative things because negative thinking contributes to anxiety in social and performance situations.

This COVID-19 pandemic crisis has made me more spiritual and aware of our transitory existence. During this, challenging time I have nurtured my spiritual side to connect to my higher self to find the inner strength to deal with this crisis.

This COVID-19 pandemic crisis has also made me responsible towards the life, natural resources and even the environment. It makes us realize that even though the natural resources are god gifted we should not exploit or overuse them as China did whereas we should use it for the welfare and betterment of the people. I have realized that if we don't take care of life, life won't take care of us.



नाही देहाचा भरवसा

दिवसामागून दिवस जातात
सगळेच दिवस सारखे नसतात
आजचा दिवस चांगला जातो
कोण जाणे उद्याचा दिवस कसा येतो
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येथे जीवाची नसते शाश्वती
कोणी वरचेवर बॉम्बफोट घडवून आणतात
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परंतु त्याच अंतराळात विलीन होऊन जातात
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त्यांची बायकोमुले मात्र आयुष्यभर रडत राहतात
जीवन हे असते क्षणभंगूर
प्राणज्योत जाते मालवून

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Challenges are Opportunities

- Sunit Dighe, IX

The Daily Stuff, the news we hear,
Lots of Boredom, lots of Fear.
The Pandemic, that the whole world is suffering,
Is what like a challenge we should acknowledge to.
The Time you include makes it an opportunity for you,
Which people currently are trying to dive into.

The care you take,
Is the good for you,
But the time says to forage your' s True.
Think and act active to turn this challenge in an opportunity for you.

Lockdown days passing by,
No more people to make up your mood,
Every day passes just as soon,
To end up the day by a passing moon.
This dreadful routine is like a challenge to you,
Can't you think as a new opportunity for you.

Forget the pandemic, Be yourself,
Truly think of your fitness and health.

Not only mention these little things,
Focus the greed in the dreams of you,
Note it up what it brings for you.

Students be careful not to be possessed by games,
Take them as a relaxation for your brain.
Take care of your body and read out things.
Take a little care of your academics thou,
Because the schools still, appear to be closed.

Take this challenge as an opportunity you see,
Take this up by helping your mom,
In further little things.
The best way to get your brain relaxed.

Spend your day as a normal routine,
Play some games as a formal relax.
Work out your day by a fantastic mood.
Take out your challenge as an optimizing relax.
Rest your body to build up a new peaceful day.
Call up your and tell them "Have a nice day".

Acknowledge your wisdom,
Test out yourself onsite.
Intake your over-dreading challenges to a next level,
Be clever, acknowledge loyalty,
Take your time and make it your fabulous opportunity

COVID TIMES : Unlearning and Relearning life

- Isha Kuthpady , VIII

Quarantine again? This is the question that has been bothering us for such a long time. We had never ever expected that we would have to face such a day. But to be honest in my point of view, rather than just complaining about the situation, we should think about the benefits of this period of time. Even the nature got an opportunity to heal itself. Even I used to find this total situation to be an awful one. But later one day I realized that all I did was just binge watched things on Netflix and Amazon. Watching was fine, but the thing that hit wrong was “binge watching”.

I could have used that time into a much convenient way. And the next moment I had another thought, ‘ It is not too late’. And that’s the time when I started seeing myself doing important and nifty things. Waking up early in the morning was just a punishment for such a long time, but I realized that a punishment is a punishment only when we want it to be. Yoga and meditation was never my thing, but this time I surfed on the net about the benefits of yoga and meditation and surprising it was quite a thing that anybody could do and pass his or her time with not much efforts.

After about half an hour of this I again had a whole day staring at me with boring stuff to do, and I realized that I luckily had a gym room at my home itself. I surely did not workout totally on the machine but I started doing normal exercises I knew, but never actually tried. After completing the morning routine, one fine day I took an old drawing book of mine and started drawing some random things and I realized that the thing that I always used to avoid thinking that I could have never done it was turning out to be one of the things that I did well and an activity that I enjoyed.

The next thing I did was choreographed a few dances, western and hip-hop are something that I enjoy and kathak is something that I am learning right now. I started learning French language from one of the online websites. And the last thing that I started doing was writing on different things. Things that I could actually think on. And all together the hard phase for the world is something that I changed into a lifetime cherishable period of time for me.

MY SCHOOL LIVES IN ME

- Jay Salia, VII

The word school reminds me education,
A place full of discipline and active participation.
My school is always lively,
But we have to follow the rules strictly.
After I wrote my last exam paper,
I went to a restaurant to have supper.
There I got a threatening news of this epidemic
Which in months turned into pandemic.
Thanks to the technology for becoming a boon,
To make the home a school soon.
I am liking this comfort zone,
By connecting teachers, friends, which never kept
me alone.

Every morning, teachers greet with beautiful
smile upon the face,
Though paperwork the night before seemed like a
grueling race.
Each day you remind why you’re there,
Making differences in our lives with whom your
heart you share.
I am blessed with this school,
Where teaching isn’t just feeding with spoon.
I didn’t miss my school in the last two months be-
cause
It’s always there to rectify my flaws.

PANDEMIC AND ME

- Aditya Patil IX-A

The last two months have made me a changed
human being

Analyzing the current pandemic, I have started
agreeing

To be safe and sound from the evil, we have to
ween

Helping us pass on a strong and immune
'gene'

Reality and pessimism was a perplexion
Slapping myself, I said, "Its all a delusion"

Its time we take optimism in profusion
To prevent a derogatory collision

Meditation was a mind-opening art
To all the bad thoughts, It was a dart
The couple of months set many bench-
marks
A great shot to set trademarks

My experience absorbed this earning
Knowledge, Philosophy and an eternal learn-
ing
Though each day wasn't much contending
Every task was playfully blending

Breaking the rule was everyone's urge
What prevented it was the virus's surge
Engrossment in something made me so sub-
merged
While the digressions just got purged

Intense was it to maintain one's physique

Exploring the hidden flair was quite unique
For everything obsolete

The outcome was extremely mystique!

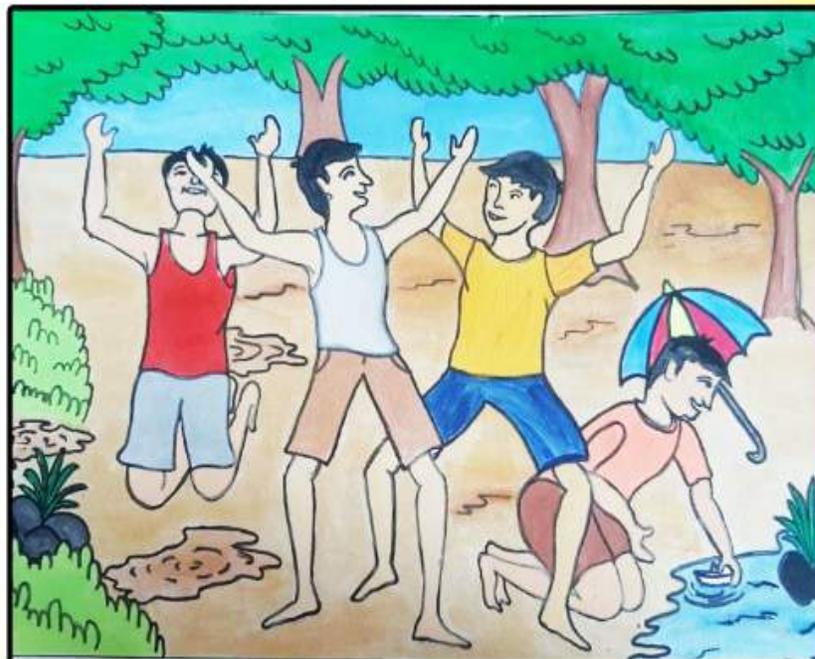
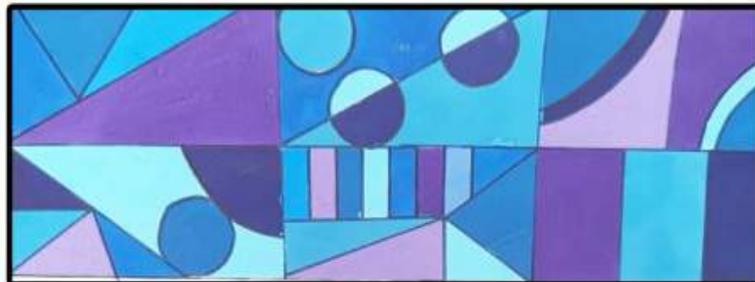
Daily schedule was so hectic
The body cameras desperately needed a medic
After deeply thinking, the mind got so electric,
That everything started to feel symmetric

Hope the vigour continues
And drops down all issues
Hope the world starts to enthuse
And all our tries happen to induce

All this pandemic must not be perpetual
For the world to be less virtual
All our endeavours get effectual
For a better world, also habitual

To all the challenges, say a Hi
To every difficulty, never petrify!
Make sure to always qualify
With all your dedication, try to sly

When the time is now spare,
Be mentally aware
Later, there shouldn't be any despair
For the opportunity is quite rare



I have Changed

- Khushi Mishra, X E

Oh! how beautiful is the nature's gift,
But from nature to technology all of us now shift.
All mankind is tasting the bitterness of their deeds,
Mother nature's punishment is making us realise
our greeds.
We know it now how glorious our world is.
Yet we didn't appreciate it then and now the
chance we miss.
I have changed,
I miss the open sky, the gentle breeze and the bril-
liant stars.
Also, I can't explore the marvellous mountains
from behind the bars.
To feel the freedom, I can wait no more,
I can't confine myself I miss the pleasant shore.
I have changed,
I didn't care not much time before
But now I have changed and have plenty to ex-
plore
What a creation of the almighty

Who gave us all this nothing less than a blessing
Also, not to mention people who cared and now I
am missing.
I have changed,
I can now distinguish real from fake.
Among people I can choices now make.
Many disguised were in my life before,
Now I am strong and can fight with my inner roar
I have changed,
Gratitude has taken my side.
I thank everyone who truly held me during this
life's ride.
No matter how many ups and downs we felt,
The belts of trust tied us together and none of us
left.
I have changed,
I learned to weave the best memories with different
coloured yarns.
I can see myself in the fabric not alone at all
Different confused colours made a beautiful picture
of us all

CORONA AND THE NEW IDES OF MARCH

-Tanishq Shetty VI-H

Going everyday to the school
For me it is just supercool,
Education is my future tool
Fills up my life with discipline and rule.

Here comes the novel Corona pandemic
Which racked and ruined our academic,
This long and severe lockdown
Cancelled the trip to my hometown.

When the novel Corona virus came
It brought numerous ideas of indoor game,
I played many innovative indoor games
So my time did not go in vain.

Ongoing online classes are a big fun
School and my teachers thanks a ton,
In our mind we all hoped
That the pandemic is effectively coped.

Lockdown perspective

- Sancia Correa,X B

COVID 19 pandemic and lockdown is a surprise to my generation. No one might have imagined staying at home for most of the days upto last year. Some can't wait to go out again, many don't really want to, many others are happy to stay home connected to the outside world only through their electronic devices. During this lockdown time people are looking for what to do.

Being at home was a most difficult task for me during this lockdown. I would always look for opportunities to sneak out but the fear of contacting the virus would stop me. My parents always motivated me to exercise at home which I didn't enjoy but gradually got used to it.

There are boundaries for physical movement being at home. I know that this social isolation can be utilized for personal development. Some activities will make this self-quarantine period more productive.

In the first phase of the lockdown, I spent a good deal of my time fretting about how I would fill it. But time brings changes, later, this lockdown was no longer fun and I yearn to go out and meet up with all my friends, play on the ground, sit on the school benches and learn instead of straining my eyes in front of the laptop all day.

School was fun. Now I miss my morning assembly, activities, programs, celebrations, field trips, excursions, group activities, sharing tiffin, gossiping with friends, etc. It was fun waiting for school messages early in the morning saying school is closed due to heavy rains. Now we hear sometimes online schooling cannot be conducted due to power cut or shutdown.

My teachers always try to make their online classes interesting, conduct various online group activities and give us projects. However I want to go to my school and stroll around. I feel being at home in this manner is a self imposed imprisonment.

My movements are completely restricted in the online schooling. I have to look at the same wall and sit at the same place. There are so many things happening at home. My brother is busy in his studies, sister is attending her classes, Mom is busy making noise in the kitchen, Dad keeps opening and closing the door so frequently. Now I am used to this system.

Though this lockdown was a difficult time for me It has also taught me many lessons for life. Now I have learnt how to prioritise things for life. Earlier I felt everything which looked good and important for others was important for me. This used to create tension in my life. Now I have learnt how create priorities for me.

I always loved reading story books and novels. This lockdown has taught me to choose the books for my personal growth and development too. This lockdown has brought me closer to God. Earlier I used to recite prayers. I say prayers from my heart. The lockdown has created a deep faith in me towards my Lord.



Covid times and me

- Sara Payati, VIII A

It was a usual evening. I was watching the television when suddenly, I came to know about the lockdown which had been imposed by the Government to prevent the spread of Coronavirus. At first, the “Lockdown” was the new term to me. It was very shocking for me to accept the fact that I would have to stay at my home for 3 Weeks.

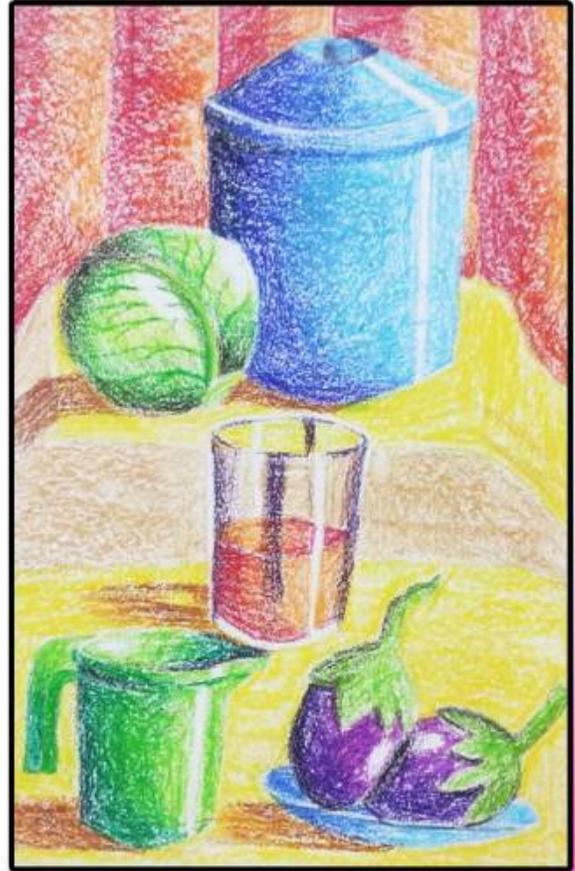
Initially, when the lockdown started, I would feel bored. I would sleep till late afternoon, watch movies, be active on social media and just laze around. That’s the time when I decided to make a Schedule. I sat down with my Parents & made one. I started accompanying my parents to do the household chores. I made sure to spend my day by doing creative work. The Lockdown also helped me to spend some quality time with my family, I played Online games and cards with them. I also looked after my Grandma when she was ill. It made me realize about our responsibilities towards our family.

I would watch various recipes on YouTube & Cook delicious delicacies. The School Online Lectures updated me about Technology & Online teaching. I did Aerobics and Yoga to keep myself fit and entertained. I attended various Online Courses and at the same time focused on my studies. After following this routine, for a while, I thought that the lockdown was fun! After doing many things by myself, one thing was definitely sure, it was just a trailer of 2020!

The Schedule that I followed turned into habit. It just felt like normal. Along with my schedule, I kept myself updated about what’s happening around me, here and round the World. Though, the Lockdown was being fun for me, I realized that many people were jobless, who didn’t get their salaries, many of them stuck at their native place. I realized the pain people were going through. Slowly, the number of Coronavirus cases increased day by day and worsened. It was too much of negativity & bad news all around! There was a ray of hope and still it is. To keep myself happy, I kept in touch with my Friends & Family over the call. But I have to say, though I was addicted to my Phone, it was a very good friend of mine to keep in touch with my loved ones.

I always loved writing! I also have tried my hand at penning down a poem. But every time I failed and finally decided give up. The Lockdown emerged as a second chance. So, I believe in every Calamity there is a Silver lining, a beacon of hope & this Lockdown definitely helped me believe I actually could pen down a poem.

Finally, I would like to say whatever the ups and downs people have faced, I have a different stake. As they say there are two sides to the Coin, one side today is obvious but the other one has been a really good companion of mine. It helped me to support my family in doing my part of household chores, taking care of my Grandma, save money and so on. This hardest challenge in my life so far has not only brought out the best in me, but also made this Lazy kid become “**Aatmanirbhar**”.



CORONA AND HUMANITY : A WIDER PERSPETIVE

- Niranjan Prajeesh ,XI B

Humanity's ego had negatively reached its extreme end prior to the beginning of the new decade. Technological advancements in the fields of automobiles, pharmaceuticals, electronics and others had rocketed to sky high levels during the last decade. People had all the technology that they could ever dream of. The environment as usual, was neglected by one and all was in a horrendous condition with a huge spike in pollution levels with the release of CO₂, NO₂ and SO₂. Animal population had receded so low that even national parks and zoos did not have adequate numbers. Then came our 'Destroyer' and nature's 'Saviour', the 'Novel Coronavirus: COVID- 19'.

Nature is self- reliant, something which humans have failed to understand till date. Nature can take care of itself when exploited to certain extent. But the entire scenario changes when some humans try to satisfy their greed by mercilessly exploiting the nature, the price of which has to be paid by innocent others. Landslides due to excessive mining, floods due to deforestation are the worst hits. Even this COVID-19 pandemic with its destructive potential is a form of nature's wrath and retaliation which has been unleashed due to the eating habitual of some people and the remaining world is suffering for it. Even then the technological advancements of mankind stand futile especially when the world crucially needs it.

The lockdowns across countries has kept people in their homes for nearly five whole months putting a halt to all activities around the globe, providing nature the time it significantly needs for recuperation. Prior to the pandemic those animals which were long back driven out from their shelters due to the expanding urbanisation have also come back. This even includes the dolphins in the Marine Drive of Mumbai, deer in the holy mountain of Tirupati, even rhinos in Guwahati. Even people who used to travel around the world for their profession have also returned home. Having no time for themselves and their families, they have turned towards their beloved ones and their health and are having a great time altogether.

While there have been positive impacts on the lives of some, there also have been negative impacts on the lives of many. Most of these disadvantaged belong to the lower sections of the society which includes daily wage workers, household helps and farmers among many. There are even people who had just begun to settle in their careers when this lightning struck them. Unemployment has rooted itself even more than ever. With no forms of work available in India especially, they are being forced back into their villages further slowing our country in the great race of nations. One of the fields which was unexpectedly and heavily affected is the field of education across the globe. Schools, colleges, universities have been forced to shut down due to the increased chances of spreading of the virus and the students had to return to their countries and homes to prevent the disease.

The online classes which have been introduced to carry forward education has put up its own set of challenges. Passive learning among the students and inexperience among the teachers are the major problems. Debut of certain teachers and students to this online form of education has resulted in this problem. The students are not able to absorb what is being taught due to the lack of interaction with their fellow classmates as well as teachers. Another problem is mainly concentrated among the people of the lower sections due to their inability to afford the devices required. However, to tackle this complication, the Government of India has launched certain TV channels for education specifically.

As a coin has two sides, similarly, this lockdown has also given a boost to several other industries and sectors which the normal conditions were unable to. E- Commerce and pharmaceuticals are the most successful ones. These industries have been given such a great boost that their services are being spread far and wide. Electronics sector which had shown a slow start initially, has also started to expand its sales. Though the food industry has had a setback due to no dine- ins possible, however home delivery of food has also helped restaurants from shutting down. With no sport being played with a live audience across the world, major sporting tournaments like Olympics has also been postponed. The organisations involved have also incurred huge losses.

The only thing that has benefitted from this lockdown is our body and the environment. People who once never had time for their body now have nothing to do and have taken up various programmes for the benefit of their body. People have taken up yoga and various exercises for strengthening their core. The environment which was neglected the most has made us realise the consequences of doing so. This time is also helping the environment in recovering from the mess that we humans have created is a great relief for environmentalists. Air quality has reached such high levels that it had not reached in over a decade. Due to the closure of factories, the water quality has also surged in an encouraging manner.

Nature always gives us certain signals whenever we overdo something, it is when we ignore these signals that mankind runs into such devastating pandemics and epidemics. Climate change is one such signal, if we do not attend to this signal, then no one knows what mother nature has up her sleeve for us this time. As said wisely by Wangari Maathai, “The environment and the economy are really both sides of a coin. If we cannot sustain the environment, we cannot sustain ourselves.” We need to take care of nature in the same way we take care of our parents for it is this very parent that has always helped man in all his endeavours.

Childhood

- Nupoor Teli IX J

O lord, tell me why
childhood comes once a lifetime,
Why I feel that all the pleasures of the world
Are simply mine.

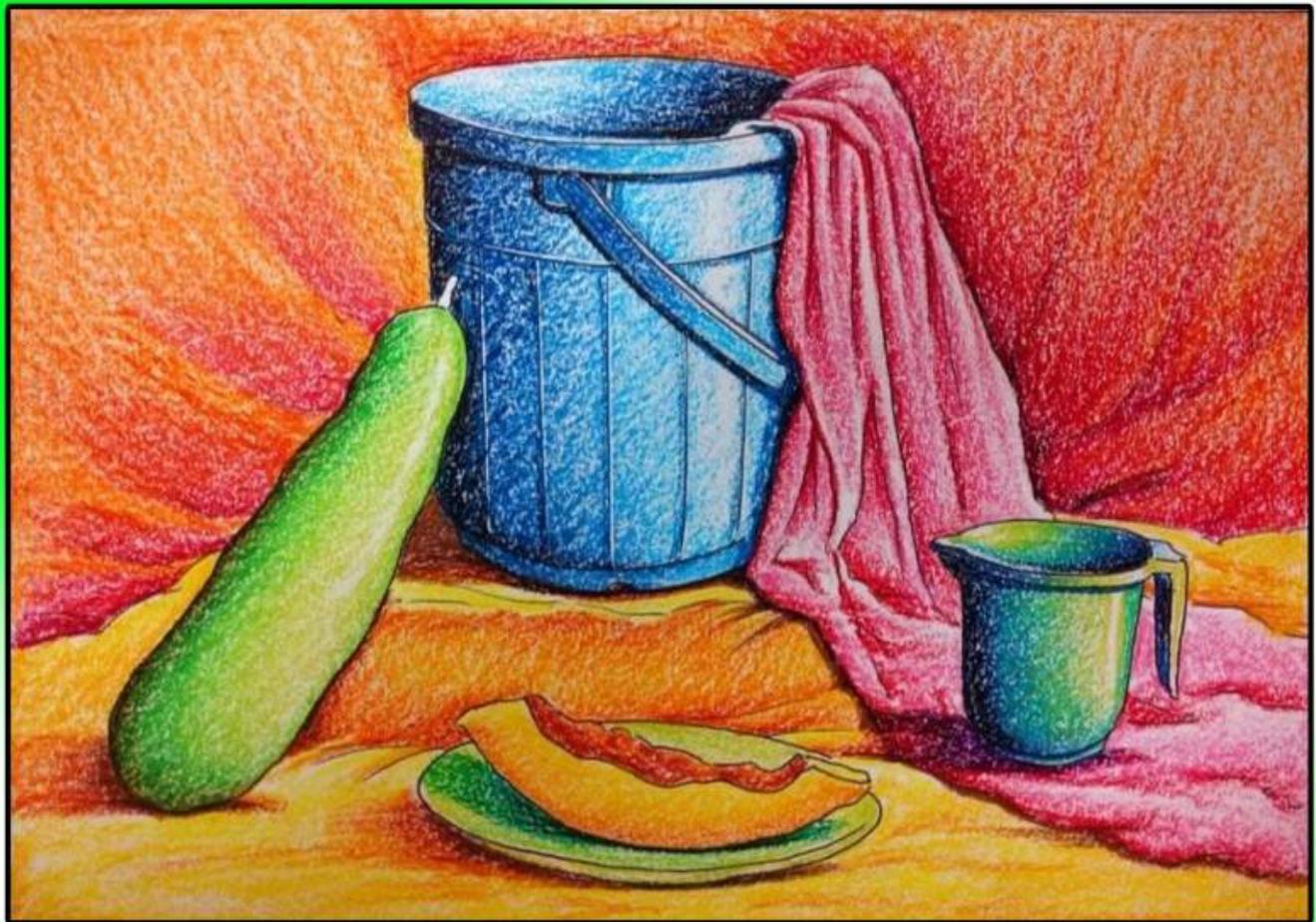
O lord, tell me how
I commit countless mistakes,
How I got the idea at 3am
to get everyone awake !

O lord, tell me what
is this magic of life

Just like making a floor
where childhood is the first tile.

O lord, tell me when
did I get mature ?
When I stopped crying before everyone
and shed tears behind the shower.

O lord, I am grateful that you offered me
this precious childhood,
I promise to keep the child in me alive
and forever have a fruitful mood !



A new path

- Sapna Salian ,XI B

There used to be a time
when I walked a straight path
with my ideals clutched close to my heart.
They were what drove me ahead,
drove me to do what I thought I was always meant to do.
Those were simpler times, when I stood on a solid foundation,
blissfully ignorant of calamity bubbling underneath.
But not for long though,
it soon made its presence known.

I thought it would come crashing behind me, forcing me to run faster.
But instead it rose like a silent flood,
engulfing me and my ideals.
First to my ankles, then knees, then neck.
Soon, I was drowning in the cacophony of chaos. So I let go of the ideals
that I held close for so long, the ideals that were dead weight now.

After that I quickly found myself grasping onto a new path dis-
guised as a ladder.
And now I was climbing, not shuffling along a cobbled road.

I can't see the horizon anymore.
I don't know if I chose right. But I know that I chose a new path, with new ideals
and a new view, and that gives me a
sliver of comfort that will now be the fuel to the fire that lights
my new path.



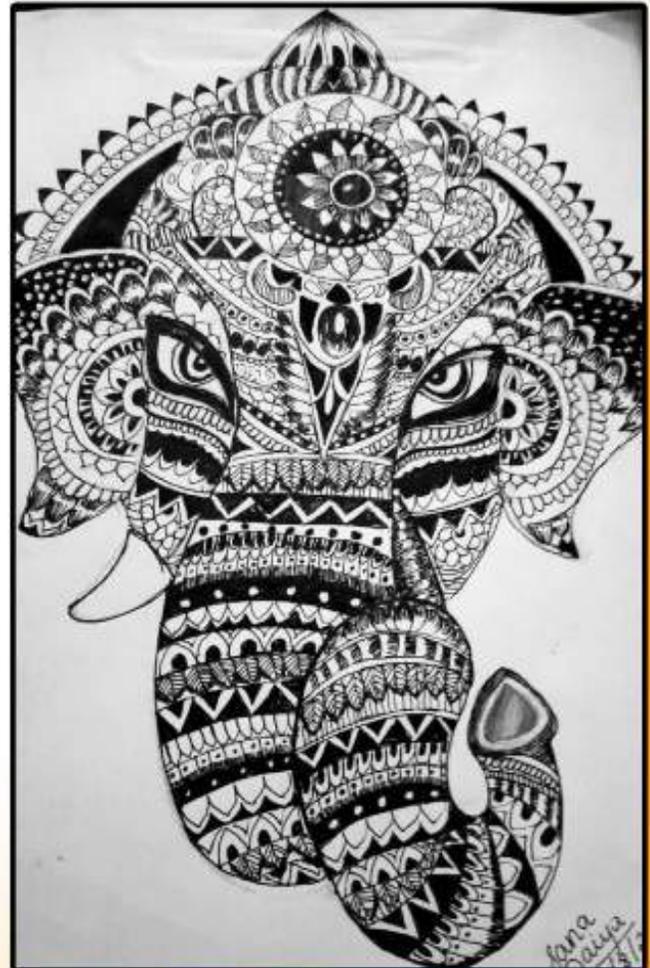
Young India and Our New Outreach

- Ketaki Nirbhavane XII A

George Shaw once said “Better keep yourself clean and bright, you are the window from which you must see the world”. The government of India has taken an incredible decision to introduce a new programme called ‘Gandagi Mukh Mera Gao.’ This is a national level campaign; to promote and support clean villages. This programme has many significant aspects to it; it promotes consuming safe drinking water along with education about health and sanitation through many awareness programmes and taking care of the environment.

This programme is imperative because cleanliness is an aspect of life which cannot be ignored it is the representation of an individual and their morals. The mere act of practicing hygiene can improve a person in colossal ways. This initiative will improve the lives of many future generations; it will also increase the life expectancy. This can be done by: saying no to plastic, it is detrimental to our environment, using renewable energy, composting, and recycling, reusing and reducing plastic use, planting trees and using appropriate bins for our trash. We should be self reliant by practicing hygiene in own surroundings, on our own for our own benefit.

Swami Vivekananda once said “Every nation has a message to deliver a mission to fulfil and a destination to reach. The mission of India has been to guide humanity” as people say cleanliness is next to godliness and this time it's our responsibility to guide India to be a better cleaner, greener and healthier country.



MY VICINITY, POLLUTION-FREE VICINITY

-Isha Bhanushali X-A

It is rightly said that CLEANLINESS IS GODLINESS but UNKEMPTNESS IS NEXT TO INCAUTIONOUSNESS. Cleanliness begins from oneself, it propagates and effects each and everyone. It is something essential for mind, body and well-being. Cleanliness is an essential trait, not a compulsion. It is when you think you should be surrounded by something beautiful, you maintain it. For instance you want your room to seem good so you maintain it, you want yourself to look good you maintain yourself but what about those roads, the parks, the Theatre and all those public places, Oh they're PUBLIC, "the public does not include me" it for the **public** is a common cliched term that we associate our thinking with.

We do not keep our roads and other public places clean because we think we do not come into its authority or its responsibility. So aren't we backing up from our duties? The greatest sin is thinking that this stuff belongs to others, it is the duty of someone else's. I think the thought of keeping our vicinity clean is quite secondary and something which seems useless or not my worthy sort of job to us. So now who's taking the force. This mammoth task falls on the shoulders of those who are ready to represent India and take up the task. Today if you are given pictures of filthy roads or public places and asked to represent yourself, your country with those picture, aren't we overshadowing our country due to our recklessness of all the exemplary things it has? But I feel that they truly show the true spirit of citizens in a country and their devotion towards their country. One who cannot find unity in his or her country or take up the responsibility towards his country cannot make his or her country great! And if we are one of them, it's time to change.

The tips and tricks to conquer a healthy environment are no new to us but the aspiration of a clean Country is definitely more developed and with more force. Let's not be satisfied, let our dissatisfaction cause us to change our actions. Let's start from within and.....

LET CLEAN INDIA NOT just BE PART OF A SCHEME BUT IN THE DREAMS OF THOUSANDS OF ASPIRING CITIZENS OF THE COUNTRY!

Sapna Salian

XI - B





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-Aditya Rajpal X-E



आप दुनिया में केवल एक ही हो ।
मुझे हसाने वाली , मेरे साथ खेलने वाली ।
मुझे सही राह दिखाने वाली, मेरी मदद करने वाली ।
मुझे सबसे ज्यादा प्यार करने वाली मेरी मां ॥

आप दुनिया में केवल एक ही हो ।
मेरी हर इच्छा पूरी करने वाली, मेरे दिल में हमेशा रहने वाली।
मुझे बढिया खाना खिलाने वाली, हर समय मेरी चिंता करने वाली।
मेरे दुखों को दूर करती है मेरी मां ॥

आप दुनिया में केवल एक ही हो।
हर जगह मुझे सहयोग देने वाली , दिल से प्यार करने वाली ।
मुझे अपने प्यारे हाथो से खाना खिलाने वाली, मेरे साथ रात में
अंधकार को दूर कर सुलानेवाली ।
अतः मेरे जीवन में खुशियां लाने वाली मेरी मां ॥

मन भावक वर्षा ऋतु

तप - तपाती गरमी के बाद
आता है पवन का झोंका।
फिर जमकर आती है वर्षा
जिसने न दिया कभी पृथ्वी को धोखा।

पहली बरसात होते ही
मौसम होने लगता है सुहाना।
इस मौसम से आनंदित होकर
चिड़ियाँ शुरू कर देती हैं चहचहाना

वर्षा के बरसने से सब जगह
छाने लगती है हरियाली।
ओर फल-फूलों से वृक्षों की
लद जाती है डाली।

बादल के गरजने से पता चलता है
कि अब वर्षा नहीं है दूर।
और यह गरजने की आहट से
नृत्य करने लगते हैं मयूर।

वर्षा के पधारने से ही
सब जगह फैल जाती है खुशहाली।
यह बात तो सत्य है कि
वर्षा होती है बहुत निराली।



कवि - कृष्णा अग्रवाल



पृथ्वीवरील कोणत्याही जीवित जीवनाची मुलभूत आवश्यकता ही पाणी आहे. मानवी शरीर 60 ते 70% पाण्याने बनलेले आहे. निरोगी आरोग्यासाठी ते तितके असणे चांगले असते. म्हणूनच पाण्याला जीवन म्हणतात. "पाणी म्हणजे जीवन, हेच आपले स्पंदन". पृथ्वीवर पाण्याचे प्रमाण 71% इतके असूनही ते पिण्यासारखे नाही. समुद्रात पाणी सुमारे 96.5% आहे. अंटार्क्टिक हिमखंड ज्यात पृथ्वीवरील सर्व ताज्या पाण्यापैकी 61% भाग आहे. परंतु नियमित वापरासाठी हे मिळवणे शक्य नाही. पृथ्वीतलावर पिण्यायोग्य पाण्याचे प्रमाण फक्त 3% आहे. म्हणूनच पाणी वाचवणे व त्याचा योग्य वापर करणे आवश्यक आहे.

"बचत पाण्याची ,गरच काळाची".

पाणी हे हायड्रोजन व ऑक्सिजन या अणूंपासून बनलेला द्रव पदार्थ असला तरीही हायड्रोजन वायूचे दोन अणू आणि ऑक्सिजन म्हणजेच प्राणवायुचा एक अणू यांचा संयोग होऊन पाण्याचा एक रेणू तयार होतो. सामान्य तापमानाला पाणी द्रव अवस्थेत असते. पाणी रंगहीन, गंधहीन असून त्याला स्वतःची अशी चव नसते. पाण्याच्या घनरूपाला बर्फ तर वायुरूपाला वाफ असे म्हटले जाते. पाणी द्रव रूपातून वायुरूपात म्हणजे वाफेत रूपांतरित होते. त्या वाफेला थंडी लागताच त्याचे रूपांतर पुन्हा पाण्यात होते आणि पाणी फार-फार थंड केले की त्याचा बर्फ बनतो. अनेक पदार्थ पाण्यात विरघळतात म्हणून पाण्याला वैश्विक द्रावक असे म्हणतात. पाण्यामध्ये ऑक्सिजन विरघळतो. मासे पाण्यातील ऑक्सिजन घेऊन जिवंत राहतात.

पाणी आपले जीवन. पाण्याशिवाय जीवन नाही, हे खरे आहे. पण देशातील जवळपास दोन तृतीयांश नदया कोरडया पडल्या आहेत तर बाकीच्या प्रदूषित झाल्या आहेत. शेतीसाठी लागणारी जमीन आहे पण प्रदूषित पाण्यामुळे शेतकरी पीकही घेऊ शकत नाही. पाण्याचे नीट नियोजन न केल्यामुळे आपल्या देशाला दुष्काळाला सामोरे जावे लागत आहे. जो पाणीसाठा शिल्लक आहे त्यात कारखान्यांमधून होणारे प्रदूषण, नदीकिनारी केली जाणारी धार्मिक कृत्ये, नदीत मोठया प्रमाणावर टाकला जाणारा कचरा, वसाहतीमधून सोडण्यात येणारे सांडपाणी ज्यामुळे निसर्गाचा विध्वंस होत आहे. हा होणारा विध्वंस थांबणे गरजेचे आहे आणि त्यासाठी पृथ्वीवरील प्रत्येक मानवाने आपला खारीचा वाटा उचलला पाहिजे. नदयांना वाहते ठेवून देशात हरितक्रांती घडवून आणली पाहिजे. नंदयानमध्ये मोठ्या प्रमाणात होणारे प्रदूषण थांबवून निसर्ग वाचवला पाहिजे.

" स्वच्छ पाणी , सुंदर परिसर
जिवन होईल , निरोगी निरंतर "

कोरोना से डरोना

कोरोना महामारी से बचना है सबको,
फूक फूक कर कदम रखना है हमको।

नौजवानों !!! हमने मिलकर पोलियो ,
चेचक आदि बीमारियों को हराया था,
तो क्यों नहीं मिलजुलकर कोरोना को भी हरा दे ???

कुछ ही चीजों का है ध्यान देना,
मुँह पर हमेशा है मास्क लगाना । ।

चीज़ों को छूने से पहले,
सोचो जरा छूने के बाद,
सैनिटाइज करना रखो जरा याद । ।

दोस्ती , मोहब्बत एवं प्यार तो है हम सबमें बहुत सारा ,
पर दूरी का भी तो है पालन करना ।
स्वयं को तो हमें है संभालना,
पर घर के बूढ़े और बच्चों का भी है ध्यान रखना ।

यहाँ इस महामारी में अपने बुरे कर्मों को धो लो,
गरीबों की तुम सेवा कर लो।
वक्त कैसा भी हो बदल जाएगा,
फिर से एक नई उम्मीद लाएगा । ।

बगिया में फिर फूल खिलेंगे,
बच्चे स्कूलों में हमें फिर मिलेंगे । ।

हम होंगे कामयाब !!
हम होंगे कामयाब !!

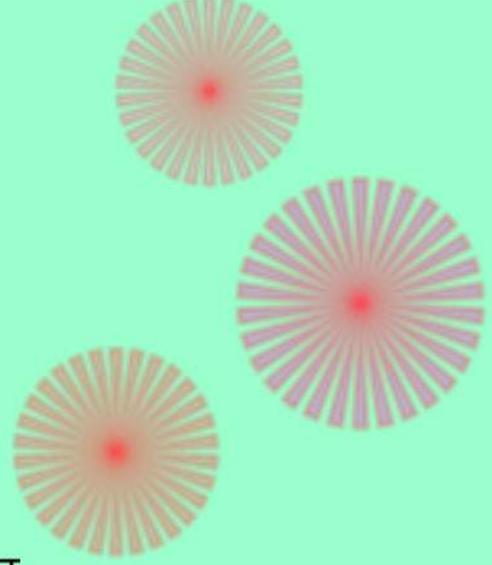
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करोना

अद्वैत सनचन चव्हाण
आठवी - ब

आला रे आला, करोना आला, करोना आला,
प्रत्येकाला वाटते, झाला मला, झाला मला.
घाबरले जग सारे,
लोकांनी लावले करोनाचे नारे.
हात धुवा, वीस सेकंड,
नारा ऐकून, घाबरले लोक प्रचंड.
लावा मास्क, नाक-तोंडावर,
नाहीतर व्हाल, रोगाचे शिकार .
घरी बसलो, झाली शाळा बंद,
बसून-बसून झाले, सळें मंद.
एकच नारा, तोंड झाका, हात धुवा, अंतर पाळा.
नाहीतर होईल, करोनाने दिवस काळा.

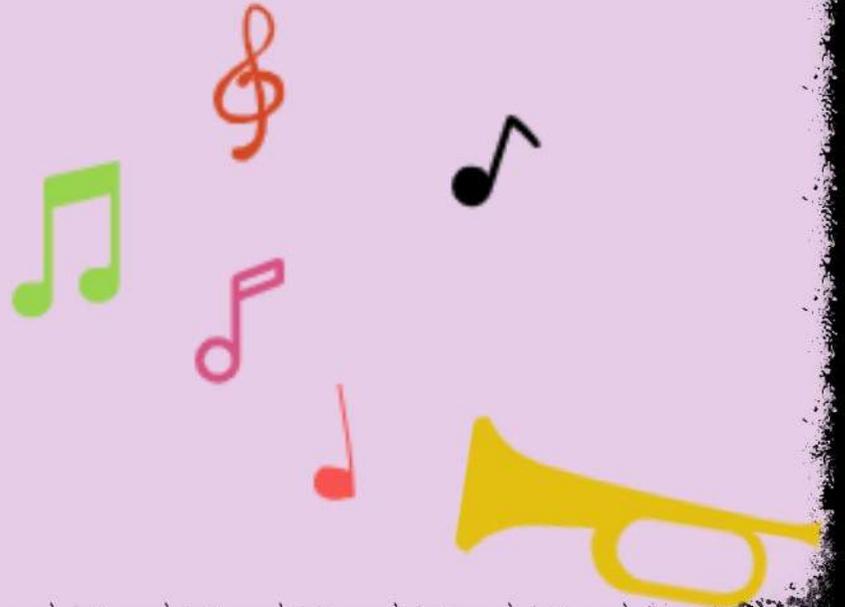


मैत्री

प्रांजली सावंत -7 C

मैत्रीच्या प्रकाशाने
क्षितिजाला गाठलं
मिठीत तुला घेऊनी
त्यास हाथसे वाटले

सूर्यालाही तुझे कोवळे ऊन
मनापासून भावले
भेट घेण्या मित्रा तुझी
तारे सुद्धा धावले



निसर्गाचे आभार



जेवण पाणी आणि जीवन मिळते निसर्गाने,
देवाबद्दल माहीत नाही, पण निसर्गाला माने.

झाडाचे हिरवे रंग आणि थंड वातावरण,
पावसाळा जेव्हा जातो होते त्याचे स्मरण.
पक्षांचे रंग बघून मनाला वाटते छान
समुद्राला निळे ठेवा , नका करू त्याला घाण.



जंगलाला ठेवा नीट नका करू वायू प्रदूषण,
झाडांना देव मानून करा त्यांचे रक्षण.
ऊन जेव्हा त्रास देते सुकतात पाने वेली,
त्यांना हीच झाडे देतात थंडगार सावली.

टिव्हीत बघून मोठे डोंगर आणि मोठी नदी,
आपलं पण मन करतं इथे जाऊ कधी.



उन्हाळा सुरू झाला नाही की आंबे येतात आधी,
निसर्गाची हानी माणसांना कळणार कधी.



नाव: मास्टर रुग्वेद सचिन ठोके.
इयत्ता: ७वी.
तुकडी: सी.



माझी आई

श्रावणी जाधव ८वी - क

'आई' हा शब्द ऐकायला साधा व सोपा वाटतो पण किती माया दडलेली आहे या शब्दामागे, एक संपूर्ण जग आई मध्ये आहे. जन्म देऊन जगात आणणारी दुसरी कुणीही नसून एक आई असते. ती एक देवीचे रूप असते. लहापणापासून ओंजारून गोंजारून लाडाने खायला - प्यायला देणारी आहे प्रत्यक्ष अन्नपूर्णा देवी असते. आजारी पडल्यावर त्यावेळी डॉक्टर आणि नर्स दोन्ही होते. आई रात्र- रात्रभर जागून सेवा करते. कधी माया करते तर कधी रागावते परंतु नेहमी निस्वार्थपणे फक्त आपल्याच भल्याचा विचार करते.

आई माझी गुरु, आई कल्पतरू
सौख्याचा सागरू, आई माझी।
मांगल्याचे सार, अमृताची धार
प्रीतीचे माहेर, आई माझी।।

'आ' म्हणजे आत्मा आणि 'ई' म्हणजे ईश्वर! अर्थात आई होय. ईश्वराला प्रत्येकाची काळजी घेणं, त्या सर्व जणांना माया देणे हे स्वाभाविक नव्हते, म्हणून ईश्वराने प्रत्येकासाठी 'आई' बनवली. 'आई' ही आपल्याला सदैव साथ देते. आपल्याला कधीच निराश होऊ देत नाही.

“स्वामी तिन्ही जगाचा आई विना भिकारी” हे स्वामी विवेकानंदांचे वाक्य अगदी खरे आहे. आपल्याजवळ खूप धन आहे पण जर मायेने डोक्यावर हात फिरवणारी आईच नसेल तर आपले जीवन व्यर्थ आहे. जेव्हा एक बालक बोलायला शिकतो तेव्हा पहिला शब्द तो बोलायला शिकतो ते म्हणजे 'आई'.

आता मी माझ्या आईची गोष्ट सांगते, 'आई' ही दयाळू आणि रागवणारी असते. माझ्या आयुष्यात सर्वात महत्त्वाची व्यक्ती म्हणजेच 'आई'. लहापणापासून मी तिला बघत आली आहे.

पहाटे सर्वात पहिले ती उठते, मला उठवते, शाळे करता ती मला तयार करते. माझा आवडता नाश्ता मला करून देते. मला माझा डब्बा पण बनवून देते आणि एवढं सगळं करूनही ती कधीही आपल्या चेहऱ्यावर त्रास किंवा कंटाळा जाणवत नाही! खरं आहे ना! खरं सांगायचे तर मला माझी आई ही कष्ट करणारी व माझ्याभोवती मायेचे कवच निर्माण करणारी आहे असा भास मला जाणवून देते. खरं सांगायचे तर 'आई' सारखी व्यक्ती या जगात शोधूनही सापडणार नाही!

धन्यवाद!!

शेतकऱ्याचे मनोगत

देवांगी डोगरे

VIII-B

“ जो काहीतरी करायचंय
हा विचार करून उठतो
तो यशस्वी होतोच ”

नमस्कार!!!! आज मी तुम्हाला भेटायला आलोय. आज मी थोड्या घाईत आहे. तसं माझा आणि वरील सुविचाराचा खूप जवळचा संबंध आहे. थांबा , तुम्हाला एक संकेत देतो. आज पिकांना खत घालायचंय म्हणून मी थोडी लगबग आहे. माझ्या बोलण्यावरून तुमच्या लक्षात आलेच असेल वक मी कोण आहे. तरीही सांगून टाकतोच मी आहे एक शेतकरी.

एक साधा, गरीब शेतकरी आहे मी. दरिष्ठी मी वेग-वेगडी पिके माझ्या शेतात लावतो. त्यांची नीट निगा राखतो आवि ती पूर्णपणे तयार झाल्यावर बाजारात विकतो. जे पैसे मिळतात त्यातून घरचं सगळं सांभाळतो, कर्ज हळू -हळू फेडतो आवि नवीन बियाणे घेतो. मला खूप आनंद होतो जेव्हा मी उगवलेल्या धान्यातून तुम्ही तुमच्या आवडीचे पदार्थ बनवून खाता.

“ करुनी कष्ट गाळुनी घाम
असा आहे आपला शेतकरी महान”

प्रत्येक नाण्याच्या दोन बाजू असतात तसचं माझ्या आयुष्यात एक वेगळी बाजू देखील आहे. मी जे पिके उगवतो त्यातून नेहमीच पाहिजे असलेला मोबदला मिळत नाही, मग मात्र खूप त्रास होतो कारण माझे कर्ज फेडणे अवघड होऊन बसते. खूप दिवस कर्ज फेडले नाही तर पतपेढीतील लोकं येऊन माझे शेत, घर त्यांचा ताब्यात घेतात. हे होऊ नये म्हणून बायकोचे दागिने विकावे लागतात कधी-कधी खायला अन्नाचा तुकडा सुद्धा उरत नाही. ह्या सगळ्याला कंटाळून आत्महत्या करावीशी वाटते, पण तुमचा विचार डोक्यात येतो. माझ्यासारखा विचार सगळ्या शेतकऱ्यांनी केला तर.....
तुमच्या सारख्या सामान्य लोकांना खायला मिळणार नाही ह्या विचाराने थांबतो, मग नवीन उत्साहाने काम करतो आवि सगळी कर्ज फेडतो आवि मुलांना परत शाळेत घालतो. जेव्हा माझीच मुलं शाळेत लिवहलेल्या निबंधात लिहितात की,

“ कष्टकरी बाप माझा,
शेतात राब राब राबतो
इतरांना कधीही उपाशी ना ठेवी ”

तेव्हा जो आनंद मिळतो तो शब्दात व्यक्त करणे अशक्य आहे.
आता उशीर होतोय निघायला हवं. भेटू थोड्या वदिसांनी, तुम्ही मात्र माझी आठवण काढत राहा.

“ इडा पिडा टाळू दे
बळीराजाचे राज्य
येऊ दे ”



मित्रांचे महत्त्व

मैत्रीमध्ये जरूरी नाही दररोजची भेट

हृदयाचा हृदयाशी संवाद असतो थेट !!!

लहानपणापासून आपण ऐकत आलो आहोत की चांगले मित्र जपा. मैत्री ही कुणाच्याही आयुष्यात एक मोठा आशीर्वाद आहे. मैत्री म्हणजे काय ? मैत्री हे असं नातं आहे; ज्याला आपण स्वतःच्या इच्छेनुसार निवडतो. काही मित्र आपल्याबरोबर शाळेपासून ते कॉलेजपर्यंत असतात, तर काही मित्र आपल्या चांगल्या आणि वाईट काळात आपली मैत्री निभवतात. रक्ताचे नाते नसतानाही त्यांचे आपल्याशी नाते जुळलेले असते.

एक चांगला मित्र कसा असतो ? जो मित्र भूतकाळ विसरायला लावतो आणि भविष्याचा मार्ग दाखवतो तोच चांगला मित्र. चांगले मित्र फारच कमी असतात. म्हणून मैत्री करताना सावधगिरी बाळगायला हवी. मित्र असे असतात ज्यांच्या सहाय्याने आपल्या भविष्यावर प्रभाव पडतो. वाईट सवय असलेले मित्र आपल्या भविष्याला खराब करतात; तर चांगले मित्र आपल्या भविष्याला आनंदी करण्यास मदत करतात.

मित्रांसोबत घालवलेला वेळ कोणाला आवडणार नाही. बालपणातली मैत्री खूप घट्ट असते ज्याची आठवण कायम मनात राहते म्हणून आपण नवीन मित्र बनवायचे, पण कधीही जुन्या मित्रांना विसरून नाही जायचे. आजकालच्या कोरोना कालावधी मध्ये आपण कुठेच बाहेर जाऊ शकत नाही. घरात बसून कंटाळा येतो.तेव्हा आपण मित्र-मैत्रीणींबरोबर विविध विषयांवर चर्चा करू शकतो. याने आपले मन प्रसन्न होते. असे हे विलोभनीय मैत्रीचे नाते आपण सर्वांनी जपायला हवे....

- साची सावर्डेकर

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संवाद आणि नातं

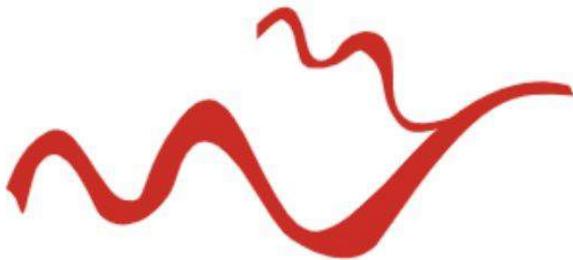


संवाद, संवाद म्हणजे काय ? संवाद म्हणजे आपल्या माणसात रमणे, त्यांच्याशी आपल्या भावना व्यक्त करणे.

परंतू आजकाल लोकं आपल्या वस्तूं मध्ये इतके जास्त रमले आहेत की ते आपल्या माणसांशी बोलतही नाहीत . हो, मी आज ह्याच विषयावर लिहित आहे. मुलं त्यांच्या मोबाईलवर अनेक गोष्टी बघतात , पिकचर , मित्रांची फोटो , आदी बघतात. परंतू आई - वडिलांशी बोलत नाही , काही वेगळं व चांगलं करत नाही, भावां मध्येही संवाद राहिलेला नाही . दोन्ही मोठे झाल्यावर आप आपल्या संसारात व्यस्त होऊन जातात. सूख - दुःखांच्या वेळीही एकत्र येऊ शकत नाहीत . तसेच अगर आई कामात असेल तर बाबा मोबाईल किंवा टिव्ही बघतात आणि जेव्हा बाबा कामात असतात तेव्हा आई मोबाईल बघते . थोडक्यात म्हणजे ह्यांच्यात संवादच नाही .

ही झाली एका घराची गोष्टं परंतू दुसऱ्या घरात सर्वजण हसून खेळून राहतात , एकमेकांशी गप्पा मारतात आणि खूप आनंदी असतात . म्हणजे कोणतेही नातं जोपासण्यासाठी संवादाची सर्वात मोठी गरज असते . अनेक लोकं आपल्या घरी हस्ता - खेळता संवाद असतोच परंतू काही ठेवत नाहीत . माझ्या घरातही हस्ता - खेळता संवाद असतोच, आशा करतो तुमच्यातही असेलच.

नातं आणि संवाद हे झाड आणि पाणी सारखे असते , संवाद कमी - कमी होत गेला की नाही संपतं तसेच झाडाला पाणी ना मिळाल्याने झाड मरतं , म्हणून नातं कोणतेही असू द्या तिथं संवाद असावा म्हणजे ते नातं कोमेजनार नाही



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मित्र

आदित्य माडये

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मित्र कोण आहे ? मित्र माणसाच्या जीवनातील खूप महत्वाचा घटक आहे. मित्राशिवाय जीवन अपूर्ण आहे. मित्रांबरोबर खेळायला, फिरायला, गप्पा मारायला मजा येते.

मित्र आपल्या जीवनात येतात आणि जातात. खरा मित्र, खरा मित्र कोण आहे ? खरा मित्र तो असतो जो तुमच्या सुख-दुःखात साथ देतो, खांद्याला - खांदा लावून चालतो . मित्र सर्वांकडे असतात, जर कोणाकडे मित्र नाही तर नवलच ! माझे पण खूप मित्र आहे आणि त्यांच्या बरोबर खेळायला मला खूप मजा येते. असं नाही की आम्ही कधी भांडत नाही. आम्ही जेव्हा क्रिकेट खेळतो तेव्हा आमचा चेंडू रोज हरवला जातो आणि त्यावर भांडणही होतं की कोण दुसऱ्या दिवशी चेंडू आणणार वगैरे वगैरे. तरीही दुसऱ्या दिवशी आम्ही परत खेळायला येतोच आणि कोण ना कोण चेंडू आणतोच.

कोरोना काळात सर्वच बंद आणि कठीण झाले आहे. घरात रहावे लागतं, सामाजिक अंतर ठेवायचा, मास्क घालायचा आणि कोणाला भेटायचं नाही. भेटलो तरी मित्रांसोबत खेळायला मिळत नाही. जणू काही मैत्रीवर ही लॉकडाऊन लागला आहे. पण मित्रांबरोबर बोलल्याशिवाय किंवा भेटल्याशिवाय आम्हाला करमतो कुठे? म्हणून ऑनलाईन व्हिडिओ कॉल केले. सुरुवातीला मित्रांशिवाय लॉकडाऊन मध्ये खूप कंटाळलो पण नंतर ऑनलाईन भेटी होत गेल्या आणि मित्र भेटू लागले, ही पण एक वेगळीच मजा. मित्रांशिवाय एकही दिवस घालवणं खूप कंटाळवाणे आहे. म्हणून मित्र हे हवेच आणि त्यांना आपण जपलच पाहिजे. म्हणून सांगतो मित्र हा आपल्या जीवनातील महत्वाचा घटक आहे.



INCLUSIVE EDUCATION: Cleanliness as a Mass movement

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“Cleanliness is not a function of how rich or poor you are, but that of mentality and principle.” What exactly is cleanliness? Is it only related to keeping ourselves clean? Cleanliness is the state or quality of being clean as well as keeping the surroundings clean. Cleanliness plays a major role in our lives because it gives rise to a good character by keeping body, mind and soul clean. It is an essential part of healthy living as it helps to improve our personality by keeping clean externally and internally. One should never make the mistake of compromising with cleanliness. It is one of the ways to ensure a disease-free living.

Taking the importance of cleanliness into consideration, the Government of India, under the leadership of our honourable Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi started a cleanliness drive. This drive known as “Swachh Bharat Abhiyan” was started on October 2, 2014. Till date, it has made a noteworthy contribution to the cleanliness of my country as well as my city. Living in the ‘City of Dreams’, Mumbai, involves living in a place where streets are constantly swarming with people. This brings with it the problem of littering as not everyone is worried about cleanliness. In spite of this fact, Mumbaikars and the Government have put in their best efforts and made Mumbai much cleaner. The roads are cleaned twice every day. Separate dustbins for wet and dry waste have been installed in every nook and corners of all roads. The walls have been beautifully painted to illustrate how we can maintain cleanliness. Lots of toilets have also been constructed and India has successfully become Open Defecation Free. All this has motivated us to imbibe the quality of cleanliness in our daily lives as well.

Our contribution to this initiative also plays a significant role in overall cleanliness. Environmental cleanliness can be enhanced by cleaning the mess created around us regularly, avoiding plastic bag usage, not littering the road by throwing the garbage, effective disposal of used water, adopting reusing and recycling techniques and always monitoring the pollution levels.

To conclude, a clean person is not the one who runs away from dirt, but one who takes the time and effort to tidy-up a dirty environment. A country’s development depends on how well it handles the waste generated and cleanliness in general. Afterall, “Cleanliness and order are not matters of instinct; they are matters of education and like most great things, you must cultivate a taste for them.”

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