

# RISE

Never give up, never surrender

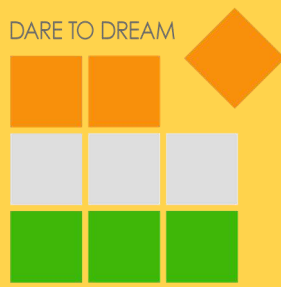
FREEDOM  
INTERNATIONAL  
SCHOOL

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DARE TO DREAM



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## ABOUT US

Freedom International School is situated at Sector IV, HSR Layout. The school has classes from Nursery to Class XII and is affiliated to the CBSE. Freedom International School derives its own unique character from the following: A curriculum that goes beyond the conventional and encourages our children to think independently in an intellectually stimulating environment. A management committed to providing the best for its children in terms of the teaching learning process, facilities and infrastructure. A caring staff that creates maximum opportunities for children to experience the joys of exploring their environment first hand and to discover their own talents and abilities.

## OUR VISION

Our vision is to work together to nurture young minds and teach them self-reliance, integrity, responsibility and free and fair thinking so that they become life-long learners and make a positive difference to the world of tomorrow.

## OUR MISSION

Freedom International School aims to provide a conducive, child-centred environment that promotes independent thought and instils in children, a strong sense of individuality and a passion to excel, so that they contribute meaningfully to the global community at large.





## **From the Principal's Desk**



**Ms. Jayanti Prabhakar**

Every year, a batch of our children go out into the world to face their future. They carry with them, a certain amount of personal effects from their alma mater, FIS. They carry a value system which teaches them to do their very best no matter what, to be confident, firm, hold their heads up high and to face their destinies fearlessly; they go out ready to take on responsibilities, work independently, make well considered decisions and vociferously but enthusiastically voice their opinion when it matters. Today, seven batches of FIS Class X and our first batch of Class XII fledglings have left the nest to conquer the world. We have given them wings to soar high and discover new worlds and deep roots to keep them grounded through the tough times.

The last academic year had its share of exhilarating moments. The children learned to work alongside the teachers and put up a grand Sports Day honouring the Armed Forces of our country. In the process, they learnt about the hardships the army, navy and air force face, as well as the sacrifices that they willingly make for their country.

Our In-house competition, FIS has Talent brought forth a number of extremely talented students; those who showcased everything from beat boxing to playing instruments to hoola-hooping.

We also saw our first batch of Class XII students passing out with élan, going out into the world armed with loads of confidence, clear-eyed and enthusiastic, ready to take on what life has to offer.

Our seventh edition of the magazine has been put together mainly by the children with some assistance from our teaching staff.

This year's magazine cover has been designed by a student of Class XII, Harry Patel, along with the tag line 'Rise. Never give up. Never surrender.' This tag line reflects the determination and grit of our youth. Today's generation has a lot to offer us in terms of the world as they see it. While appreciating all the conveniences and speed of technology, they are beginning to realize the pitfalls that it can have in store for them if they are not alert at all times.

I thank the School Editorial Board for putting together this issue. The intention was to present an accurate, interesting and entertaining collection of articles. I hope that it shows all our readers some glimpses of school life as we experience it on a day to day basis. I hope you have a good read.

God bless!



## OUR EDITORIAL TEAM

Yet another fruitful year gone by! This is that time of the year when we proudly unfurl our school magazine. This issue of the FIS magazine is a beautiful blend of children's creativity, young achievers and the most unforgettable moments of our school.

Our young enthusiastic writers put on their creative caps and gave their imagination wings by pouring in their articles galore. Their works included in this edition are extremely simple but will surely provide us with an opportunity to peep into their thought processes. It is a great experience to see these budding writers voice their feelings through stories, poems, narratives and art.

Each article has been carefully scrutinized by the editorial team and many of them have found their place in this issue of the magazine. Our team decided to have a theme-based approach to our magazine this year. The articles have been segregated theme-wise and pages have been designed accordingly.

The herculean task of editing each article in this magazine would not have been possible without the support of our Principal ma'am, who despite her busy schedule, carefully and methodically went about editing each article in this issue.

The publication of the school magazine included a lot of planning compounded with team work. We are thankful to all the blooming writers who have responded to our call.

Finally, from the entire editorial team, we wish all the readers a happy reading!

~Sukanya  
Chief Editor



**Top Row:** Mr. Narayana Swamy, Ms. Aarthy, Ms. Ramya, Ms. Sukanya, Ms. Vanamala, Ms. Manisha, Ms. Pradeepa

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**"If you don't have exposure, you simply don't Exist!"**

~Paul.W.Mackay

**Passing on the mantle to the next batch of budding editors....**





## GETTING TO KNOW OUR PRINCIPAL

**~An Interview with Ms. Jayanti Prabhakar (Principal) by Anirudh Rowjee**



### **What is the hardest aspect of being a principal?**

I think the hardest thing about being a principal is ensuring the safety and security of my students. It's largely because you can't be in all places at once, and so you must put in place systems that will do exactly this. Another thing is maintaining the standards we have set for ourselves, and making sure that they don't drop. This needs to be done on a daily basis.

### **It's been 10 years since we embarked on this journey of FIS, and we've grown tremendously in the past few years. Where do you see FIS in the next 10-15 years?**

Moving with the times, I hope. It's very difficult to predict the state of education in the future, because hopefully education (and learning itself) will be very different. There will be a lot of self-learning and self-discovery, and students will move out of the classroom and discover things for themselves. Students will be able to locate problems or concerns that interest them, introspect, brainstorm and do research to find viable solutions. Education will be seamless and there will be no well-defined line between subjects. It will give students the ability to focus on what they find the most interesting and work on it. For example, medicine today is closely linked to engineering; robotics already plays a major part in surgeries. I am optimistic about disruption in the education field; it's acutely in need of it.

### **What do you believe is the right way to treat leadership roles and responsibilities that one has acquired?**

The way I see it, there's only one way to treat it. And that, I believe, is leading by example – as far as possible. It's only when you yourself are doing what you ask others to do that they respect you and will try to follow your actions. However, we are human beings after all, but the room for error must be minimized. You must also empower the people you work with, raise them to be effective leaders along with you and be focused and committed to your goals and tasks.

**What are some of the things you have learned being at the helm of FIS?**

I've learned a lot. Dealing with a variety of people from different age groups is one of those. Learning how to prioritize and delegating responsibility is very important – that's because I've got innumerable things to do and countless decisions to take. Recognizing and nurturing talent both among teachers and students is vital too. One thing I truly believe is that if you have high expectations, people will live up to them. That's why you should never stop aiming high.

**What do you believe is the best way to bring about change?**

The best way is the hardest – and that is, change should start with you. It's because most people talk about the need for change, but do nothing about it. This is most likely because it is a difficult task. You need to change the way you see things, the way you respond (not react) to things, and then, when you've done all that, you must spread the word. Being the change you want to see.

**How do we, as students, make the best use of this strategy?**

It has to start in school. You must be constantly aware of what you're trying to achieve, and the objective must be crystal-clear. Then, the whole school must work toward achieving it. Even if one person does not give their 100%, change will not take place and the objective will not be met. It's important that everyone participates, and gives their best. As students, be vocal, be independent, question everything and work towards the greater good.

**ON A LIGHTER NOTE****What is your favorite cuisine, and why?**

There are two questions in this – one is my comfort food, which for everyone, arguably, is 'ghar ka khana' (laughs) For me, it's rasam rice, curd rice, idli-sambar, masala dosa, upma, and a whole host of other local dishes. The Jewels of the South.

On a wider note, in terms of International cuisine, I like Italian cuisine the best. It's got a very rich flavour and never fails to disappoint. Its creative use of cheese and other carbohydrates never fails to fascinate. The flavours are continuously reinvented and their dishes are mouthwatering to say the least.

Oh, and one must not forget the Cheese Factor :D

**What are the most common elements of your day?**

That's a pretty difficult question to answer, and it's because there are no two days that are the same. FIS has been my baby and I have been involved with every aspect of it from day one. My working day could involve anything from observing classes to interviewing teachers, from creating presentations to making an invitation, designing certificates, planning not only for the coming week but also for the coming years. It often involves talking to my in-charges, looking at and improving various systems, reviewing teachers, talking to students about external competitions, looking at what needs to be done in terms of curriculum development, performing analyses, going on rounds, meeting parents, visualizing future needs and micromanaging the daily routine. I try to see that our teachers are doing a great job and that everything is going according to plan, and correcting what's not. Moreover, planning for Annual Day, which is a huge event, starts very early in the academic year! And then, the little things. Something or the other keeps happening every week, which takes up time.

**What are some of your hobbies?**

I love reading. Some of my favourites include *Catch 22*, *Pride and Prejudice* and *To Kill a Mockingbird*. Re-reading Georgette Heyer is a way of de-stressing for me. Watching movies is also another thing I like to do, but it's really hard to pin down a specific few. That's simply because there are so many of them! I loved musicals when I was growing up, and I still do. *Jesus Christ Superstar*, *The Sound of Music*, *South Pacific*, *West Side Story*, and *My Fair Lady* are some of the golden oldies. I sing when I'm happy, when I go for walks or on journeys. I enjoy being creative in every sense of the word; whether it is a new activity that can be used in class or painting. I love travelling. Having travelled over most of India, in the past few years we have expanded our itinerary to include far off destinations.

**How were you as a student?**

I loved Social Studies and English, and I dearly loved a lot of my teachers. My History teacher in school, Mrs. Khandalawala, was someone who really brought the subject to life; we never used a textbook in class! But we understood the lesson. We talked and talked! I had a lot of fun as a student, and that's why I have a soft spot for kids who like to have fun! My professor in college, Eunice de Souza was the best teacher I have ever had. But, having said that, I have learnt so much from so many remarkable people and am still learning every day. English was really one of my favourite subjects. I loved it so much that I used to read a book a day (and I often got scolded for it.) But unfortunately, due to paucity of time, I've lost that habit now. We didn't really have all of the stuff that you kids have, but we had excellent teachers.

**Do you believe that it is a worthwhile pursuit to have general debates/discussions about current issues in class?**

I do, and I believe it's really important. It should be. However, it's regrettable that not many people want to be involved in these discussions. You're the future generation, and learning to deal with current issues is basically a life skill. It's crucial for students to understand what's going on around them and how they're going to deal with it, considering that they're at a very impressionable age and on their way to becoming responsible adults.

**What is your opinion of Donald Trump?**

I believe the reason he won was because he connected with the American populace on a level that nobody else did. His election to office was essentially the recoil of decades and decades of resentment and unrest over issues that the people were concerned about. The people wanted someone who put America First, and said 'America for Americans'; It's not like he had any great policies on issues, but he managed to connect. And that's what got him through.

**If you could be someone else for a day, who would it be?**

A seventh-grade student. Back in the day, we didn't have all the facilities that your generation does; it all depended on the blackboard, the teacher and the student. However, the sweeping technological revolution that took hold changed it all. It would certainly be a very interesting experience.

**Lastly, if you could say one thing to FIS Students right now, what would it be?**

Don't be afraid to be yourself, or to step out of your comfort zone. Give your best to whatever you do. Explore, travel as much as you can. Make every minute of your life matter.





**FIS ART EXHIBITION**



**TANVI JAIN, 8 'D'**



**SHREYAS, 8 'B'**



**ADITI P, 6 'D'**



**ADITI P, 6 'D'**



## **EXTERNAL COMPETITIONS 2016-17**

FIS is growing, and so is the exposure and ability of the FISians to go out into the competitive world and prove their mettle, be it Language and Debating skills (Verbattle, People First, Amaatra Academy debate), Fine arts (Nazariya, Berserk), Cultural events (Volksfiesta, Tirangaa), Science (Aarohan, Soul Kere), Quizzing (Oakridge and Amaatra Quiz), Mathematics and Aptitude (Titan Genius Arithmetic Championship and TIMES NIE Aptitude challenge), Sports (Tenvic, Smarami and Little Flower Basketball Tournaments; Greenwood High Football Cup; The Headstart Athletic meet; Karate National Level Championships), or MUN (PUNE MUN, TISB, DIPSMUN, KMUN, Christ College MUN). Our enterprising children have come out with flying colours, won laurels and made FIS proud.

Be it the tried and tested competitions, or entirely new ones, like Soul Kere Science Fair, Aarohan Science Challenge, or the Panodrama Theatre Fest, they believe in aiming high and giving it their very best shot. Participating is half the battle won. Each batch of new children in any class is more confident, fearless and thirsting to go beyond, not being satisfied with only academic achievements. The world is their oyster.

So, go out there FISians, keep the trophies and medals pouring in, let the school be decorated with your awards, resonate with your achievements, and most importantly, be abuzz with the preparations for the next competition to be participated in, the next honour to be won.

‘Why fit in when you were born to stand out?’ said Dr. Seuss.

Keep on inspiring. You are the world, You are the children.

~**Nipun Dutta**

**External Competitions Incharge**

## DEBATE IN AMAATRA ACADEMY

A team of ANIRUDH ROWJEE (IX), ADITI KASHYAP (VIII) and SHRIANSH MOHANTY (VIII) won the 2nd Prize.

## VOLKSFIESTA—CULTURAL EVENTS IN DEANS ACADEMY

HARRY PATEL (XI) - 2nd

ANIND KIRAN (XI) - 2nd

SAMHITA LOKESH (VIII) - 1st

GAURI SHARMA (UKG) - 1st

## OAKRIDGE QUIZ

SOHAN SRIDHAR (V) and RITWIK V (V) won the 1st prize and a cash award of Rs. 2500 each.

VEDANT P (VI) & ABHAY BESTRAPALLI (VII) won the 2nd prize and a cash reward of Rs. 1250 each.



## TITAN GENIUS KIDZ NATIONAL ARITHMETIC CHAMPIONSHIP

### SUB-JUNIOR

SOHAN SRIDHAR (V) - 1st

THOMAS MATHEW (V) - 1st

### JUNIOR

ABHAY BESTRAPALLI (VII) - 1st

SNEH LAHORIKAR (VII) - 1st

## NATIONAL APTITUDE CHALLENGE 2016 — TIMES NIE

PRISHA KUMAR (VIII) WON A TABLET FOR BEING THE SCHOOL TOPPER.

## NAZARIYA PAINTING COMPETITION

### SUB-JUNIORS

MANASVI SUREKHA (II) - 1st

SHRAVYA GRANDHE (II) - 2nd

ADARSH M (III) - 3rd

### JUNIORS

ANURAG DAS (VI) - 1st

SHAVIK SAI KUMAR (IV) - 2nd

AMRITA ABHILASH (IV) - 3rd

### SENIOR

SHAHITHIYA R (X) - 1st

SHRAAVANI PRAKASH (X) - 2nd

AHANA VIJAY (VII) - 3rd



## SOUL KERE SCIENCE COMPETITION

### JUNIORS

RAHUL BALAJI (VI), NAKUL BALAJI (VI), SHLOK UPADHYAY (VI) & VEDANT P (VI) won the 1st place.

## AAROHAN - AMRITA SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING

MITUL GARG (IX) and MEHUL AGGARWAL (IX) won the 1st prize and a cash award of Rs. 4000.

M. JAISHREE, NITYA & SOWMYA NAIR (X) won the 1st prize.

SATHVIK SHASHIDHAR (XI), SURAJ SUNEETH (XI), HARRY PATEL (XI), ANIND (XI) and VIGNESH (XI) won the 2nd prize. SATHVIK won Rs. 3000 and SURAJ won Rs. 2000.

## **TIRANGAA—PEARSON'S**

MANGAI (III) - 3rd in Solo Dance

PUNIT R (II) - 2nd in Sculpting

JAGRUTI RATH (I) - 1st in Story Telling

A team of GAURI SEHGAL (V), PRANAYA DHINGRA (V) and RIDDHI SARIN (V) won the 3rd prize in Collage Making

ANIRUDHA J KUMAR (III), AISIRI (IV), ATHENA (IV), POORVI (V), SAMEEKSHA KAPSE (V), SAMEEKSHA REDDY (V), SHIVANSH (V), SHREEYA S(V), AARUSHI B (V) and KHYATI S (V) won the 1st prize in Group Folk Dance.

## **ISRO EXHIBITION - ESSAY WRITING COMPETITION—ACS COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING**

AVANTIKA ANOOP (IX) won the Consolation Prize of Rs. 1000

## **LITTLE FLOWER INTERSCHOOL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT**

SUDEEP S(X), SUSHYAM (X), KARAN M (X), ANKITH G (X), ROHAN SUNIL (X), ANIRUDH SINGH (X), NIRANJAN (X), SHATANK (X)AREEB (VIII), AREEF (VIII)VARUN S (VIII) & ADITYA G (VIII) won the 2nd place.

## **FOOTBALL—S.P.T SPORTS COMPLEX**

### **UNDER –14 CATEGORY**

JAGRUT(IX), MEHUL A(IX), PAVAN R(IX), ACHYUT R (IX), DHANUSH K(VIII), SHRIANSH (VIII), LOKANSHU (VIII), MANJUNATH (VIII), & HARSHAL (VIII) won the 1st place.

## **KARATE OPEN NATIONAL LEVEL COMPETITION**

### **BLACK BELT**

ARYAN SHARMA (IX), ADVAITH PRAKASH (IX), ANIRUDH G (VIII), ROHITH N (VIII) & ANUBHAV GUPTA (VI) won the 2nd place.

## **TENVIC INTERSCHOOL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT— PES**

FIS team comprising of VISHAL REDDY (XI), GNANESH KV (XI), SUDEEP D (X), SUSHYAM (X) & SHASWAT (X) won the 1st prize.

## **MODEL UNITED NATIONS**

### **KMUN—KUMARANS**

SHASWAT V (X) , BHARGAV KULKARNI (X) and ANIRUDH ROWJEE (IX) got an honourable mention. ANANYA M (IX) and VIDHI SARIN got a special mention.

### **DIPSMUN—DPS SOUTH**

JAYANT P got a special mention.

### **PUNE-MUN**

ANIRUDH ROWJEE (IX) & JAYANT P(IX) bagged the gold medal.

GAURI DUBEY (VIII), LOKANSHU M (VIII) & ADVAITH PRAKASH (IX) won the silver medal.

NEHA SUMESH (IX) & SURYA (VIII) won the bronze medal.

### **CHRIST-MUN**

JAYANT P(IX) & ANIRUDH ROWJEE (IX) got a special mention.

## **SMARAMI INTERSCHOOL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT—AMBEDKAR COLLEGE**

### **UNDER-11 CATEGORY**

HRIDAY B (V), ARJUN S L (V), ROHAN M (V), DHEER A (VI), KARTIK MS (VI), ADVAITH HARISH (VI), ABHISHEK R (VI), MOHAMMAD AFEF (VI) , ADITH (VI) & POORVA (VI) won the 2nd place.

### **UNDER-13 CATEGORY**

ARYAN (VIII) , MOHAMMAD AREEB (VIII), AFEF (VIII), AYUSH S (VIII), ANKUR (VIII), ADITYA G (VIII), ANIRUDH VS (VIII), SAHIL (VIII), DHANUSH (VIII) & VARUN S (VIII) won the 2nd place.

## **FOOTBALL—GREENWOOD HIGH FOOTBALL CUP**

### **UNDER –12**

GAMBHEER (VII), SHREYAS S (VII), AAKANSH (VII), NIMAY (VII), ETHAN (VII), ABHINAV (VII), VISHNU (VII), NIKHIL (V), VALLABHA (V) & DHEERAJ (V) won the 1st place.

MEHUL AGGARWAL (IX) won the BEST GOALKEEPER title held in the Under-14 category.

LOKANSHU P MALUR represented Karnataka in Under-14 tournament held in Nayveli in Tamil Nadu.

## ATHLETICS—HEADSTART

### SHOTPUT

KOMAL S (V) —1st

ANIKA SREE REDDY (V) - 1st

AMITA PONAPPA (VII) - 2nd

JAY PATEL (VI) - 3rd

ANKITH GOWDA (X) - 3rd

### LONG JUMP

NIMAY KOOJAPADI (VI) - 1st

DHEER AJMERA (VI) - 2nd

GOUTHAM P NAIR (III) - 2nd

ARNAV SHARMA (III) - 2nd

NEHA KUNNATH (VI) - 2nd

MANSI ACHPAL (III) - 3rd

GAURANG SHARMA (V) - 3rd

### BENT ARM THROW

SAIESHA SHETTY (IV) - 2nd

PRITHVI M (IV) - 2nd

### SHUTTLE RELAY

#### GIRLS (UNDER 9 YEARS)

MANSI ACHPAL (III) - 1st

DEEPASRI (III) - 1st

ISHITA GARG (III) - 1st

SAMANTHA A (III) - 1st

#### BOYS (UNDER 9 YEARS)

ARNAV SHARMA (III) - 2nd

OM VIJAY (III) - 2nd

HARSHAVARDHAN - 2nd

SAI SARAN (III) - 2nd

## SPRINT

### 200 m SPRINT

GAMBHEER (VII) - 1st

NEHA KUNNATH (VI) - 3rd

VARUN B N (VIII) - 3rd

### 100 m SPRINT

JAGRUTH S REDDY  
(IX) - 1st

NIMAY KOOJAPADI (VII) - 2nd

SHRIANSH MOHANTY (VIII) - 2nd

HRIDAY B (V) - 3rd

### 80 m SPRINT

SHAVIK SAIKUMAR  
(IV) - 1st

SAIESHA SHETTY (IV) - 1st

### 50 m SPRINT

MANSI ACHPAL (III) - 2nd

VATSAL REDDY (II) - 3rd



### SHUTTLE RELAY

#### BOYS (UNDER 14 YEARS)

SHRIANSH MOHANTY (VIII) - 2nd

VARUN VENKAT (VIII) - 2nd

GAMBHEER (VII) - 2nd

HARSHAL S MEHTA (VIII) - 2nd

#### RELAY ( 4 x 100 m) (UNDER 10 YEARS)

SHAVIK SAI KUMAR (IV) - 3rd

ATIRATH NAMBIAR (IV) - 3rd

GAUTHAM P NAIR (III) - 3rd

SAIRAM V S (IV) - 3rd



# OLYMPIAD WINNERS

## INTERNATIONAL ENGLISH OLYMPIAD (IEO)

SUDI KSHA NIRANJAN (I) - SILVER MEDAL —ZONAL RANK 4  
MEDHA GARG (II) - BRONZE MEDAL—ZONAL RANK 4  
DHANVI SHETTY (III) - SILVER MEDAL—ZONAL RANK 3

## NATIONAL SCIENCE OLYMPIAD (NSO)

KAUSTUBH REVANURU (III) - ZONAL RANK 47  
SRIJAN GHOSH (V) - ZONAL RANK 14—  
INTERNATIONAL RANK 72  
ACHINTYA MATHUR (VI) - ZONAL RANK 49  
ABHAY BESTRAPALLI (VII) - ZONAL RANK 25  
VISHNU SUDHAN (VII) - ZONAL RANK 38  
NITYA PRABANDHAM (X) - ZONAL RANK 25

## INTERNATIONAL MATHEMATICS OLYMPIAD (IMO)

KAUSTUBH REVANURU (III) - ZONAL RANK 20—  
INTERNATIONAL RANK 42

RITUL REDDY (III) - ZONAL RANK 29—  
INTERNATIONAL RANK 63

SOHAN SRIDHAR (V) - ZONAL RANK 7—  
INTERNATIONAL RANK 68

HARSH GUNDA (VI) - ZONAL RANK 9—  
INTERNATIONAL RANK 61

KARAN KINI (VI) - ZONAL RANK 11—  
INTERNATIONAL RANK 65

ABHIRATH ADAMANE (VI) - ZONAL RANK 24

SANJEEV KRISHNAA (VI) - ZONAL RANK 28

ABHAY BESTRAPALLI (VI) - ZONAL RANK 23

AVI GUPTA (X) - ZONAL RANK 16

ANIRUDH SINGH (X) - ZONAL RANK 39

## NATIONAL CYBER OLYMPIAD (NCO)

KAUSTUBH REVANURU (III) - ZONAL RANK 25  
SHREYAS HANDE (III) - ZONAL RANK 32  
MADHAV MENON (IV) - ZONAL RANK 44  
YASH BHUTANI (IV) - ZONAL RANK 45  
SOHAN SRIDHAR (V) - ZONAL RANK 39  
SRIJAN GHOSH (V) - ZONAL RANK 45  
ACHINTYA MAHUR (VI) - ZONAL RANK 12—  
INTERNATIONAL RANK 74  
ABHAY BESTRAPALLI (VII) - ZONAL RANK 14—  
INTERNATIONAL RANK 64  
KRISHNAKUMAR (VIII) - ZONAL RANK 29

## NATIONAL SCIENCE TALENT SEARCH EXAMINATION (NSTSE)

HARSH GUNDA (VI) - NATIONAL RANK 1447  
ANANT TIWARI (VII) - NATIONAL RANK 2079  
VARUN VENKAT (VIII) - NATIONAL RANK 5873

## XYO OLYMPIAD

### CLASS IV—2nd POSITION—SILVER MEDAL

PRANAV SINHA  
THOMAS MATHEW  
RISHI RAJ  
ADHIT KIRAN  
ADITI A RAO  
SAI SREEMAYEE  
ROHAN R LINGALA  
ADITYA SAI KIRAN

### CLASS VII—4th POSITION

ABHAY BESTRAPALLI  
AJAY BESTRAALLI  
ANANT TIWARI  
ABHIJITH CS  
ROCHAN C  
YOGITHA REDDY  
SMRUTHI REDDY



## **Group Activity by Classes 9 & 10**



## **FIS EVENTS ROUND-UP**

Our competitions for the academic year 2016-17 exceeded our expectations.

The vision of our esteemed Principal ma'am who stresses on maximum participation from children, was achieved as the teachers had to make tough choices due to the enthusiastic participation from the children.

We have a varied range of competitions happening every month from Class I to Class XI. This involves unleashing their creativity, demonstrating their oratory and debating skills, thinking out of the box solutions for situations, team building, working up their culinary expertise through cooking without fire and showcasing their talent through 'FIS has talent' and Radio Wednesdays.

The details are clearly chalked out in the school diary and this is explained to the children at the beginning of the academic year itself so that children are well prepared to use this opportunity to bring out their extracurricular skills.

At FIS, we believe that every child has a unique potential and aim to bring out the best in every child through equal opportunities. The children develop a strong competitive spirit, sportsmanship and learn to respect their fellow students' achievements as well. These experiences help the children develop attributes that will serve them well throughout their lives and give them the opportunity to bless the lives of others.

**~R. Mahalakshmi**

**Events Incharge**





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*HAS*



*TALENT*





# Happy Independence Day





*Happy  
Teachers'  
Day!*

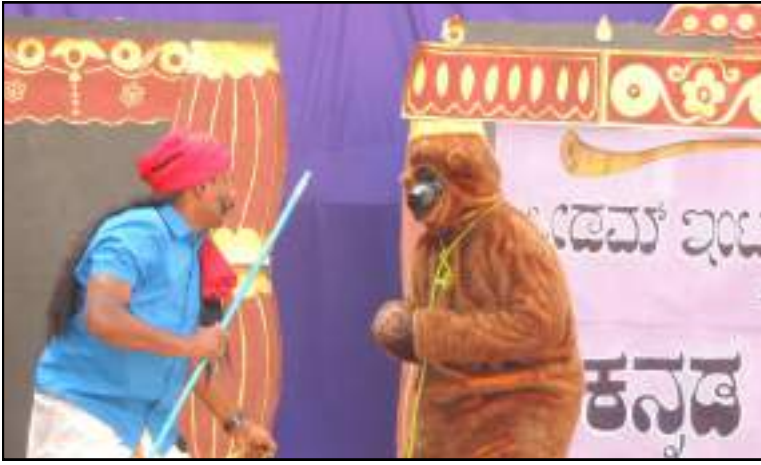
*Yoga is a way of life*



*HAPPY ONAM*







*Our languages—Our pride  
Kannada Rajyotsava and Hindi Diwas*





*Happy  
Children's  
Day!! We  
love our  
children!*









*The more you read,  
The more you know.  
The more you know,  
The more places  
you'll go!*

*Drop Everything And Read*





Merry  
Christmas!



Santa  
Claus is  
coming to  
town!



## HERITAGE DAY AT FIS

It was 8:30 am when we reached school on 12<sup>th</sup> Jan, 2017. What a lovely and colourful day it was!!! It was a special day because we were celebrating Heritage Day in our school. All the students from pre-primary to senior classes were dressed up in ethnic wear. Not just the students, but the teachers too were dressed up. For a moment I felt as if I was in seventh heaven. The boys were dressed in dhoti-kurta, kurta-pyjama, mundu, veshti etc., and the girls were decked up in saris, salwar-kameez, chudidhar kurtas, lehengas, etc.

A few of my seniors gave speeches on Heritage Day which made us aware about our country's priceless monuments. We had many cultural activities such as dances, songs, skits etc. We enjoyed all the programmes as a part of the audience. It was a really memorable day and I am waiting for next year's celebrations.

~Jathin Gowda  
3 'D'









## **OUR EXCITING FIELD TRIPS**



**THE FLOWER SHOW IN LALBAGH**



**POSING IN FRONT OF THE BANGALORE PALACE**



**OUR FUTURE PILOTS - A VISIT TO HAL MUSE-**



**VISVESVERAYA MUSEUM - INCULCATING A  
SCIENTIFIC TEMPER**



**THE TIGER OF MYSORE - AT THE TIPU SULTAN  
PALACE**





**IN BETWEEN THE ROARS AND HISSES - AT  
THE BANNERGHATA ZOO**



**CLOSE TO NATURE—A TRIP TO LAL BAGH**



**CREEPY CRAWLIES— A TRIP TO THE INSECTARIUM**

### **OVERNIGHT TRIP TO WAYANAD (17 DEC. 2016)**

Wayanad is a beautiful place in Kerala which offers breathtaking sights for all ages. To experience and to be close to nature, students of class 5 and 6 were taken for an overnight trip to Wayanad on December 17, 2016. The children were really excited to go on the trip as this experience was completely new for them. The greenery and fresh air filled them up with a renewed energy. Students enjoyed themselves by doing various activities such as zip line, nature walk and trekking. Fun activities like fishing and camp fire elevated their entertainment quotient. On the way, children learnt about flora and foliage at Swami Nathan Research Foundation. The children happily went back home with their parents.

**~Mani Sharma**

**Teacher**



## AN UNFORGETTABLE TRIP TO GUJARAT

“Travelling-it leaves you speechless, then turns you into a storyteller.”

The education cum pleasure trip to Gujarat proved this quote right. Meeting at the front office early in the morning was difficult but was dealt with great anticipation and enthusiasm, the eyes though groggy couldn't hide the zeal when the children and teachers reached there with their bag and baggage.

After landing at Ahmedabad, the boating experience at Kankaria Lake left everyone refreshed. The gigantic dinosaurs have always left us awestruck. A visit to Indroda Dinosaur and Fossilized Park was the most fruitful experience as the students could explore the second largest hatchery of dinosaur eggs. The huge wealth of fossilized dinosaur remains left them speechless.

All of us sought the blessings at the divine abode of God- Akshardham. The majestic monument also has the timeless tradition etched in its architecture. The beautiful, lush garden around it added to its serene, peaceful ambience. The night journey left everyone exhausted but did not dampen the students' spirits.

The ride at little 'Rann of Kutch'- the flat desert of salty clay and mudflats was thrilling. Sitting in the open jeeps and watching the vast expanse of the desert had its own charm. Visiting the salt making unit and getting to know



how salt is made, holding it in our hands was an enriching experience.

Then came the moment of reckoning - the much awaited visit to the Sasangir National Park. The student's enthusiasm knew no bounds as they maintained silence and waited with bated breath to spot the famous Asiatic Lion. The efforts weren't futile and the lucky ones had interesting anecdotes to narrate when we assembled for the delicious bite of the traditional cuisine – khakra, dhokla and khandvi. Watching the cultural programme and shaking their legs with the local artists made them shed their inhibitions.



Fort Diu came alive as a lesson from the Social Studies book. The ruins of walls, the arches and the ramps gave us the glimpses of how the Portuguese had designed the Fort. The magnificent view of the overlooking sea from the fort was a major attraction. Though tourists flock this place, one can spend hours at stretch enjoying the splendour of the sea. A dip at the beach was fun-filled and the ones who were reluctant initially were seen enjoying the most.

The legendary Somnath Temple showcases the spiritual aspect of India and the imposing architecture speaks volumes about the artistic brilliance of the sculptors. The impressive view of the Arabian Sea and the jumping dolphins was a sight to behold.

The visit to Sabarmati Ashram filled all of us with reverence and gratitude. Our hearts swelled with pride while watching the spinning of the 'charkha' and the rooms where the Father of our Nation had spent time with his family members.

As rightly said, 'Not all classrooms have four walls'. This trip to Gujarat was a melange of not only History, Geography and Language but also instilled life skills, teaching valuable lessons like time management, organization skills, confidence, independence, team spirit and a life-long bond!

~Malati Porje

**HOD—English Department**







*CARNATIC  
MUSIC  
RECITAL  
&  
HARIKATHA*

# *CLASS OF 2016—OUR FIS GRADUATES!*





*Best  
Outgoing  
Student—  
Class 12:  
Naman*



*Best  
Outgoing  
Student—  
Class 10:  
Gayathri*



# *ELECTIONS*



*Exercising  
the right to  
vote*







***INVESTITURE CEREMONY  
NEW LEADERS TAKE CHARGE***



***FIS PROJECT DAY—PUTTING  
ON OUR THINKING CAPS !***











The Mega FIS  
ART SHOW



# OUR FIS SPORTS DAY

As strong soldiers march with pride  
May I have a ride?  
To somewhere I can see  
Those who protect me  
Strong, brave words are not few  
For they are the army, navy and aircrew

Come, I shall take you to a place  
Somewhere no lesser than an armed base  
Weapons and soldiers are all around  
As a tribute to those who still remain uncrowned

Where, oh where shall I find this dream  
At the foothills of the Himalayas or near a stream?

Oh well, it is not very far  
No need to hurry yet, you can get there in a car  
For there is a place with a show quite intriguing  
Some dangerously brave others pleasing  
Oh! by now you would have understood  
There it shall be with shining knighthood  
for that is a pure masterpiece  
Honour those in uniforms without a crease

Talking away I almost forgot  
Let me take you to the FIS sports meet  
Where you can see a lot!

~Aparna  
7 'A'

Our Sports day was held on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2016. It was on the theme "The Armed Forces". The Chief guest was Air Vice Marshal Sandeep Singh! I was very excited. I had a different role to play this time. I was not in any of the sports items. After reaching school, my classmates and I changed into army fatigues. After putting a green sticker to indicate that I am in Toucan, we went to our tent in the ground. Soon parents started filling in the sitting arena designated for them. As per the plan immediately after the invocation song, it was time for my march past. We had to stand while the invocation song was going on. After that our chief guest inspected all the four houses. All the four houses marched smartly with a lot of pride. Thereafter Principal Madam & the Chief Guest delivered their speeches. We had our tattoo march - a ceremonial march past with beautiful breathtaking formations. After that, we rushed to our Western music line. After two or three races, I along with others sang three songs- "Sooraj Khake jeete hum", "In the Navy" & "Jabaaz Hum Chale". Then I went to my house tent. Finally, the most anxious moment arrived - the announcement of the house that won the Sports Cup. Toucans won the Discipline Cup but had come last overall. What a sad end to a great day! Whatever be the result, we enjoyed ourselves to our hearts' content. Looking forward to the next one.

~Srijan Ghosh

5 'B'





OUR TINY  
PATRIOTIC FIS  
BRIGADE!  
We Salute You,  
Our dear  
Soldiers!





## THE BEST SPORTS DAY IN THE HISTORY OF FIS!

The event I most look forward to in my school is the annual programme and this year it was the sports day, which I was very excited to be a part of. The announcement was made during the month of October and what surprised me was the theme that is “A Tribute to the Armed Forces”. My dad is in the Army. Having informed him about the same, I had an opportunity to converse with him about the guns, enemy, discipline, different types of salutes, ranks and understand more about the armed forces and his famous career. After which I was dreaming about my role on the sports day.

Subsequently, my father happened to come over for the PTM on 22<sup>nd</sup> October and he happened to converse with the School Captain. During the conversation, he was impressed upon hearing that it was the students who had chosen the theme for the sports day because of the aftermath of soldiers laying down their lives in the Uri attack in Kashmir. My excitement grew day by day, in preparation for the sports day which comprised of taking part in the races, watching my seniors perfect their march past and I being selected to take part in the “Champions of the sea”. The excitement was dampened as the weather conditions were not favourable. More disappointing was the junior sports day being rescheduled which made me wonder what would happen to our event. The sad moment was shortlived for when I conveyed this to my dad, he happened to mention that having rescheduled to the **16<sup>th</sup> of December** was the most apt thing as it coincided with the Army “Vijay Diwas”.

16<sup>th</sup> December was a very unusual day for me. I was quick to get ready and my proud dad was ready to drop me to school having taken leave for the day. Once at the school, all of us got dressed in navy blue attire and then went to the sports ground. The sports ground wore a ceremonial look with students dressed in soldierly attire, the field had a replica of the India Gate, ships, tank, aircrafts, camouflage colored tents with parents seated to watch the event unfold, all of which inspired me to give my best for the day.

The event began with a prayer, welcome address, flag hoisting, lighting of the lamp followed by the speech from our principal about our proud accomplishments during the year. Thereafter, the Chief Guest AVM Sandeep Singh, AVSM, VM spoke and praised the idea of the chosen theme and the efforts put in by the students. The march past, drill, race and relays saw a lot of enthusiasm amongst all students, cheering for their respective house participants. Finally it was our turn to perform before the packed audience. It went off well and was acknowledged by a loud applause from the parents. Of all the events, the drill performance, the ‘TATTOO’ was the most mesmerizing to see as the students managed to walk past each other within the defined gap with perfect timing.

Post our performance, we had to get back to school but my heart was still there in the sports ground, curious to know if my Canary house was leading. The great news was that my house stood first at the end of the day and my parents enjoyed every moment of the day.

My father was all praise for the event conducted, the arrangements and the coordination and warmth of the school staff. It was a great feeling and I thanked God for blessing me with this beautiful day without any rain. Jai Hind.

~**TANUSHREE SRINIVASAN & Captain J SRINIVASAN (father of Tanushree)**

3 ‘C’



# ***FIS SPORTS DAY—A TRIBUTE TO THE INDIAN ARMED FORCES***





# *TATTOO— AN ARRAY OF ARMY FORMATIONS*











*Tackling obstacles on the way*



*The Army, Navy and Airforce—The Indian Armed Forces*







## *TUG OF WAR*



## *Our Army Choir—Keeping the spirits up!*



*Ms. FIS SWIFT—Shreya  
Suresh*

*Mr. FIS SWIFT—Jagrut*



## GROWING UP

"Twas the days of abandon!

Nothing mattered, nothing was of serious concern at all!

The bed has not been made, the things are all over the place! The hair....

A scream emanated from my mother, her eyes displaying dismay, shock and finally defeat!

I had chopped off my long tresses!

"My child! What have you done with your hair?" She said, this time, more softly as she plonked on to the rocking chair (father had gifted it to her to rock her babies to sleep).

"You are growing, you need to take care of yourself responsibly! When will you ever learn?" She moaned.

My teacher's advice too, had little effect...it almost echoed my mothers': the only difference being that it was polite and restrained!! Years later, when the reins of the family fell into my hands, well partly, they began to grow strong and steady.

Mother should see me now!

My bed is made first thing in the morning, my room is in a decent state, my hair is what people call "normal", I also have an exciting but 'regular' occupation..... but, I am now screaming at my little ones at home and politely admonishing my little ones in school! Cause now I'm a mother and a teacher as well!!!

~Clara David

Vice Principal

## WORD PLAY

When words close together show the same consonant sound repetition  
It is called alliteration.

When I can visit places though not present physically  
I know I am in the world of imagery.

When you find similarities like with members of a family  
I like to be known as a simile.

When I give objects human incarnation  
They love to call me personification.

When I make a mountain out of a hill of a mole  
I am known as hyperbole.

When emotional suggestions are attached to words beyond definition  
They call me connotation.

When flowery words are used to express agony  
I am called irony.

This is how I fill writing with sugar and spice  
The world then calls me a poetic device.



~Aakshi

Teacher



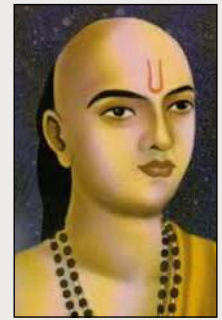
## THE STUPENDOUS SEVEN

Can you imagine a world without zero?

**Aryabhata** was the crowning hero.

There wouldn't be a thousand or a million,

No way can you count the world's census of seven billion!



The law of pendulum and the law of fall,

The moons of Jupiter and stars all,

**Galileo** proved the Sun to be centered,

Into the world of elite scientists, thus he entered.



Revolutionized English literature in such ways,

Hamlet, Macbeth, Romeo and Juliet were his best plays.

**Shakespeare** was the epitome of literary finesse,

Added 2000 new words to the language, not a word more, not a word less.



Watching an apple fall from a tree,

Led **Newton** to discover gravity.

Calculus and the reflecting telescope were his brainchild,

The three laws of motion he compiled.

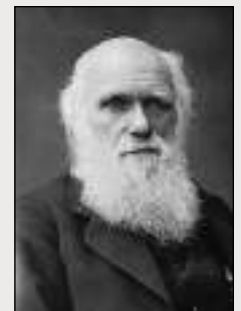


He can be called the Father of evolution,

Through his ways of natural selection,

Showed that you need to evolve to get into the next generation,

We love **Charles Darwin** for his innovation.



Satyagraha and the Non-Cooperation movement,

Dandi march paved the way for India's improvement.

Drove away the British using the 'Quit India' slogan,

Such was the magic of **Gandhiji** – he used no gun.



World War 1 saw millions dying in the bay,

But **Charlie Chaplin** was there to save the day,

His humour made the people laugh till they cried,

Though misery was knocking at their door, it filled their hearts with pride!!



~ **Sukanya**  
**Teacher**

## VALUES ARE WHAT WE LIVE BY

Values are what we live by. There are certain mindsets that can change our life for the better and some that affect it for the worse. Those mindsets that can affect our life for the better can be called values. They are passed down through generations and bind us together and set us apart. A society driven by values is undoubtedly a better place to live in. While it is true that all people have different values in life, there are some values which according to my opinion should be considered by all. Today our society is witnessing a terrible lack of values. There is decay in the overall morals in society. We live in an India where crime and corruption is at an all-time high. The means of communication seldom depict a character with moral values. Are we capable of shielding our children, the future of our nation, from such evils?

A right beginning can lay the path of success for a child. The foundation of all the values is best laid during childhood. All that is required from parents & teachers is a little time and patience when it comes to imparting values to children. What does our society need? It needs a value check and mindset change. The greatest Master that does not give up giving lessons is life itself. But those who cannot learn from lessons of life need some interpretations. In this context, the society considers the teacher educators as an interpreter and a bridge between life and the individual. Whenever or however a person learns in life, a teacher who takes a good place in the hearts of students with her lessons and behaviour leaves deep and colourful imprints in young minds.

If we do not start to act now in a self-sacrificing way to obviate this, human beings will become more and more remote to their humanistic values by burying them into history. Young generations demand a helpful hand for centuries will be misled once more. I am really concerned about the future if we do not try to achieve a revival in the sphere of sciences and morality. Young people just have to get rid of materialistic principles, unite with their souls and equip themselves with high ideals, we the teachers, the workers of thought can be a profile for decisive, modest behaviors and enlightened intellectuals. Socialization of a child is incomplete without moral education. These values and education make a person a true human being who loves for others and makes his own life meaningful. It is thus proved that moral values are very important in life. No amount of money can replace them. So we the teachers and the parents together have to build a healthy nation and make our children's life much easier with little respect under their hat.

~**Rekha Aravinda**

**Teacher**





## WHERE IS PEACE?

Swami Vivekananda would meditate every day under a tree which was on the bank of a river. A sound would disturb him every day as he sat for meditation.

A dhobi or washer man would wash clothes at the bank of the same river. When he hit the cloth on the stone, the strong / hard sound that came would distract Vivekananda from his meditation.

He went to his master Ramakrishna and asked for a solution to his problem. Ramakrishna smiled and said “That’s it? Is that your problem? Then the next time you meditate, focus on the sound that disturbs you”.

The next day Swami Vivekananda was alert. When the sound came, he stopped fighting with it and started focusing on it. His irritation gradually diminished and he started enjoying the sound. Suddenly the sound stopped. Vivekananda opened his eyes and anxiously searched for it.

The sound which disturbed him before, helped him to concentrate. But Vivekananda didn’t know when it became his obsession. He couldn’t meditate without that sound and lost his peace of mind.

He once again went to his master Ramakrishna. Ramakrishna understood his problem just by seeing his disciple’s condition. He told him a story –

Once Buddha asked his pupil to fetch some water from the pond nearby. The disciple went to the pond and saw that the water was muddy. The disciple came back and told his master that the water in the pond was muddy. Buddha said “Wait for some time and bring the water .”

Another disciple asked “How can one have a peaceful mind when it is filled with thoughts?” Buddha closed his eyes and meditated. After some time the first disciple brought a pot of water from the pond and offered it to his master.

Buddha opened his eyes and asked “How was the water?” The disciple replied, “It was clean and pure.” Buddha then turned to the other disciple and said “Even the mind is like a pond of water. When it is full of thoughts, the mind is filthy and not ready to accept. But when the thoughts settle down, you find the mind peaceful all the time”.

Vivekananda understood that peace was always available. One had to just choose and focus on it.

PEACE IS ALWAYS AROUND US. THE CHOICE IS OURS TO MAKE WHETHER TO STAY PEACEFUL OR NOT.

**~Bharath Joshi**  
**Yoga Resource Person**

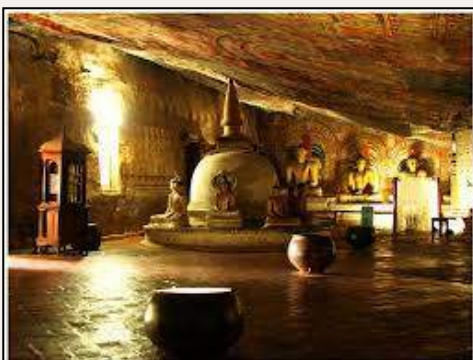
## **SRI LANKA - A HUMBLING EXPERIENCE**

It was a spur of the moment decision to visit Sri Lanka. We wanted to take a short holiday and things just fell into place with a Sri Lankan vacation. We weren't expecting much and didn't really know what to look forward to. A little bit of research on the net prepared us for the weather conditions but nothing more. Our first visit took us to Colombo, Kandy and Bentota. The first thing that struck me was how much Colombo looked like a mixture of Kerala and Goa - the coconut trees, the humid weather, and the beautiful beaches. But then the difference also struck me. The place was extremely clean, the people there were simple, helpful and everybody followed rules. The roads were smooth,



the pedestrians were respected, and all the signs were followed by the old and the young alike. I rarely spotted people who were stylishly dressed except in a couple of malls which catered more to the international population and tourists. Moreover, people respected their religion - Buddhism. People (locals as well as tourists) were

expected to respect the same - maintain silence inside the temple and to never pose for a photograph with our backs against the statue. The Sri Lankans are wonderful hosts and went out of their way to make their guests comfortable. The people there are predominantly non-vegetarians and their menu offered very limited vegetarian options. But everywhere we stayed, or even every restaurant we visited, put in some extra effort to cook something special for us after learning that we were vegetarians. The beaches are pristine with sparkling emerald water. The simplicity and humility of the people there encouraged us to visit the country a second time and our experience remained unchanged. The ruins of Anuradhapura, Sigiriya, and the cave temples of Dambulla were well maintained and spic and span despite the amount of tourists there. A must visit destination which is well kept by the humble and simple natives of the land of elephants and Ravana.



**~Shipra Bhat  
Teacher**



## **BEAUTY OF THE BEACH**

**I love the breeze,  
Here our smiles just freeze,  
Its warmth and its vastness,  
It's just sheer madness.....**

**I can just gaze and gaze,  
And would love to embrace,  
The rich flow of waves,  
And spend here days and days.....**

**The rough ways of the ocean,  
Oh ! I love its every portion,  
It has a definite calmness too,  
I like it even in a crowd or just the two.....**

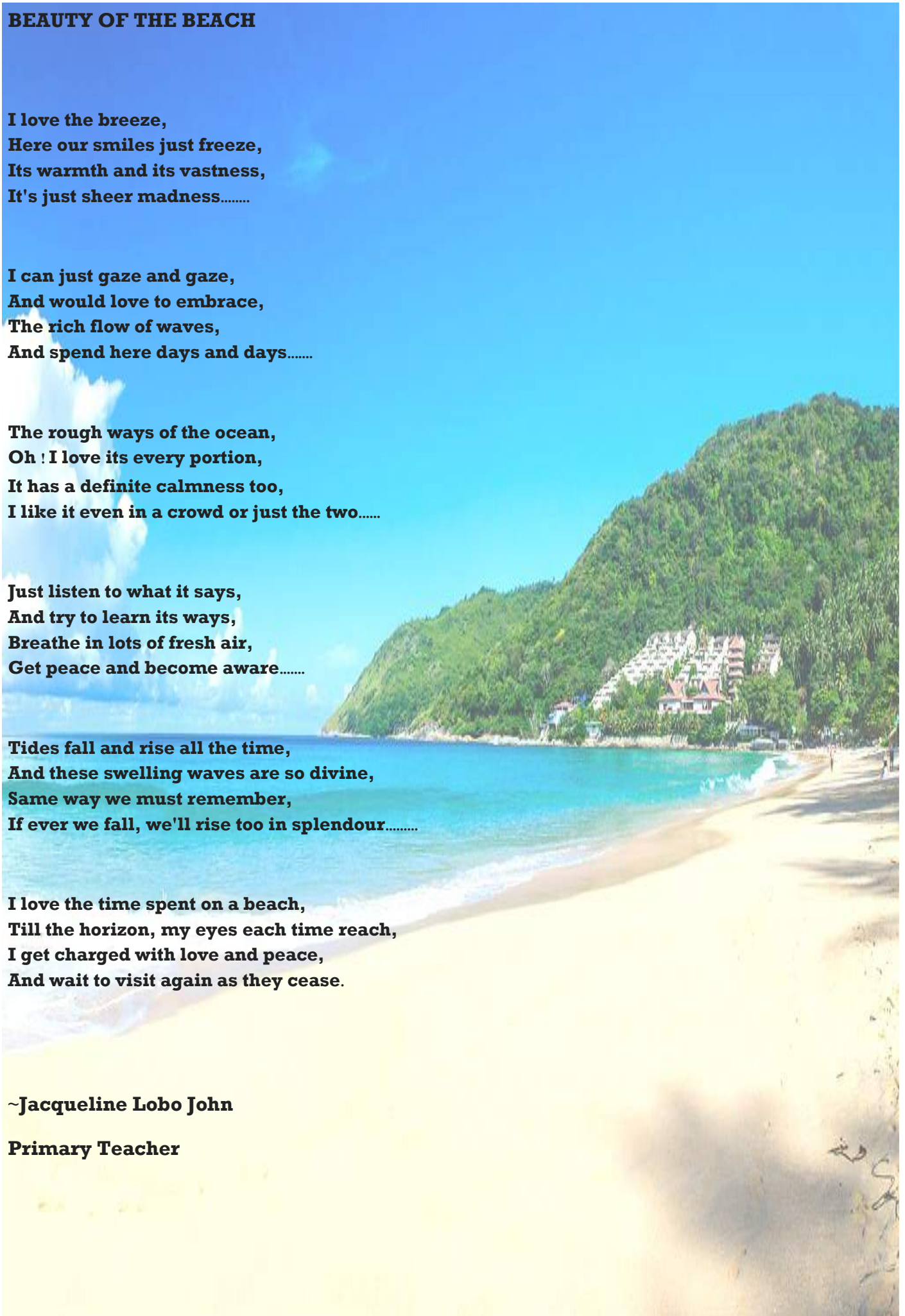
**Just listen to what it says,  
And try to learn its ways,  
Breathe in lots of fresh air,  
Get peace and become aware.....**

**Tides fall and rise all the time,  
And these swelling waves are so divine,  
Same way we must remember,  
If ever we fall, we'll rise too in splendour.....**

**I love the time spent on a beach,  
Till the horizon, my eyes each time reach,  
I get charged with love and peace,  
And wait to visit again as they cease.**

**~Jacqueline Lobo John**

**Primary Teacher**

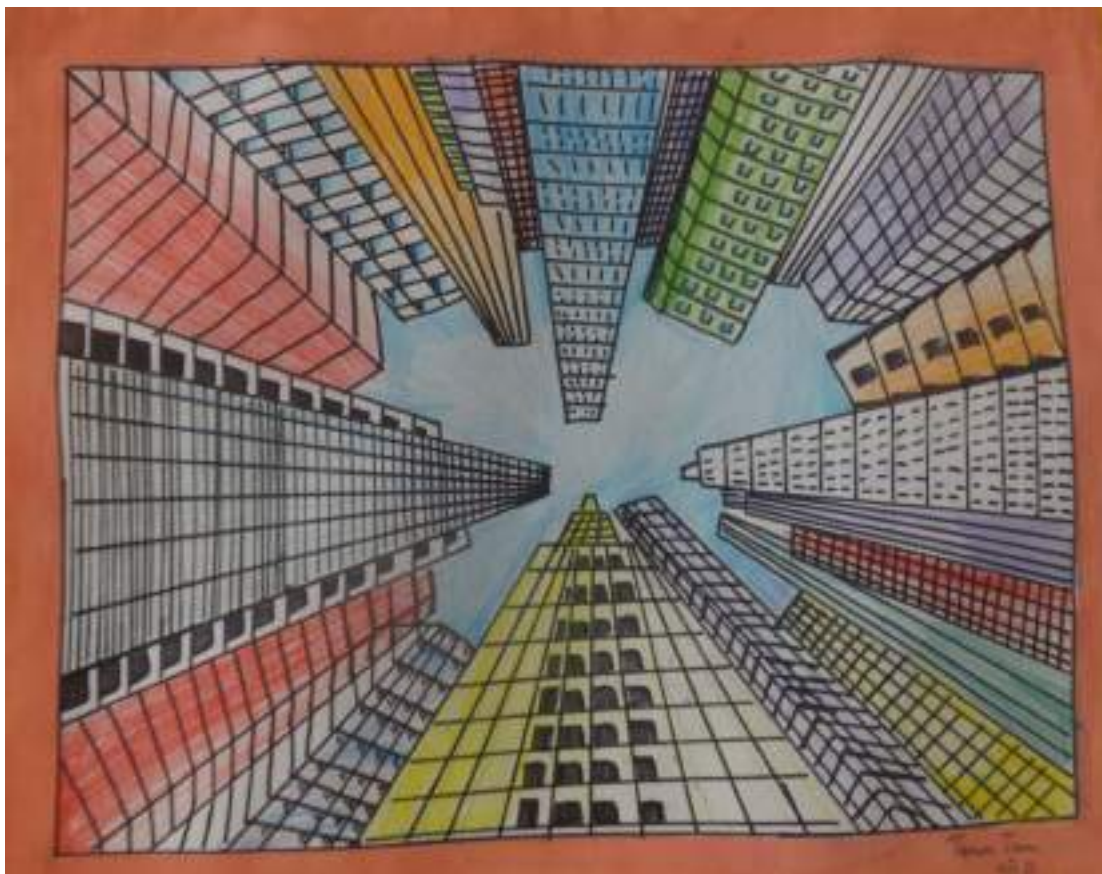




**SAGARIKA, 10**



**SAMHITA LOKESH, 8 'A'**



**TANVI JAIN, 8 'D'**



## ITSY BITSY THOUGHTS BY OUR TINY TOTS

While discussing Community Helpers, **MEENAKSHI** said, 'The farmer ploughs the land, sows the seeds, grows fruits, vegetables and grains. He is the backbone of our country. Support farmers— **Jai Jawan, Jai Kissan**'. ~NUR-A



When the teacher was discussing aquatic animals, **VIHAAN** gave an immediate reply. He said, 'Ma'am I like to eat fish. We can eat only the fish that looks bad, we shouldn't eat beautiful fish'. ~NUR-A

For Show & Tell Activity, **SHIKHAR** brought a toy telescope. He said, 'If you see from the small hole, things will look big. If you see from the big hole, things will look small'.



~NUR-B



After a long weekend, the teacher asked the children about their holidays.

**TEACHER:** What did you do during the weekend ?

**ADITYA:** I was cleaning the TV !!

~NUR-B

During one of our Conversation classes, the teacher asked the children, 'What do you want to be when you grow up?' **LAKSH** said, 'I want to be an **IPS Officer**. I will have power and I can control. I will sit in a car which will be driven by a chauffeur. The people will salute me.

~NUR-C



On Community Helpers Day, **SAMARTH** came dressed up as a soldier. When the teacher asked him to say a few lines about his costume, he said, "Ma'am what is there to tell ? Everybody knows that soldiers protect our country. I also do the same." ~NUR-C

During Conversation class.....**TANISHA** said, 'Ma'am why have you applied pink lipstick ? Please apply red lipstick to school everyday. I have asked my mother to do the same at home because red is beautiful'.

~NUR-D



During Free play the teacher said, 'Ayushmaan please come, shall we play on the slippery slide?' **AYUSHMAAN** said, 'No Ma'am, please don't go on that slide, it will break and you will get hurt.

~NUR-D



Flaunting blue



Window shopping



A day with Grandparents



A Lot more to explore



Eat healthy, Stay fit



Kids day out



Bold & Beautiful





My favourite flower



Let's go for a walk



My doll house



Set sail on a voyage



My family tree



Juicy pineapple



Scaling heights



Beat the heat



# SMALL MOUTHS ARE A **BIG** DEAL

## Starting a family

**Parthib** from **LKG D** was called to talk about his family members. He started laughing and said, 'Ma'am, I don't have a family. When I grow up, I will have one'.



## My Papa is much too strong

**LKG B - Yazhini's** snack box is closed too tight at times. While struggling to open it, exasperated, she once said : 'My father can't close anything with a light hand'.

## Teacher, you are my rock star

**Durga** of **LKG A** said to her teacher : ' Ma'am, you know why I call you a super duper rock star? Because whenever we make any mistake while writing, you make us erase and write it again and again'.



## I don't like to repeat

On being asked where his father works, **Advaith** of **LKG C** said : 'Ma'am, this is the fifth time I am telling you that my dad works for Thompson Reuters'.

## Who teaches whom?

The topic 'CBSE' was being introduced to **the children of LKG B**. In the course of the explanation, they were asked 'Who teaches you?' 'Nipun Ma'am', they answered.

This led to the question : 'Who tells Nipun Ma'am what to teach?

Answer : 'Tina Ma'am'.

Question : Who tells Tina Ma'am what to teach?

Answer : 'Principal Ma'am'.

Question : Who tells Principal Ma'am what to teach?

Answer : 'Veenashri Ma'am and Parvati Ma'am' !!

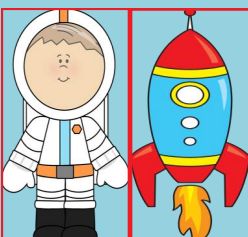


## Beauty talk

**Sutej** of **LKG A** complimented **Aayera**, saying : 'You are a beautiful girl, Aayera.'. Aayera said : 'Yes, for girls you should say beautiful and for boys you should say smart'.

## Swachh Bharat

The teachers were talking to the children about the importance of keeping our surroundings clean. They then questioned the children as to what would happen if we didn't keep our environment clean. **Pranay** from **LKG C** said : 'Modi will get angry'.



## No Space in my spacecraft

**Yuvraj** from **LKG D** expressed his wish to become an astronaut. The teacher asked him if he would take her with him in his spacecraft to see the stars and planets. He thought for a while and said : 'Ma'am, you are so tall. I don't think you will fit into my spacecraft'.



Sing-a-song in the Assembly



It's Kahaani time



Gourmet chefs on  
Community Helpers Day



People at work - Little Doctors  
with their paraphernalia



Fanciful costumes



The drama - 'The Boy who cried  
wolf' being enacted in the  
Assembly



Understanding the importance of  
nature—A field Trip to Lal Bagh



It can't get more colourful than  
this - Fancy Dress Day



Moo moo!! Mrs. Cow, we are here to  
treat you!





The world is our stage - Fancy Dress Show



We can kill with our looks and heal with our skills - We are the young Doctors



Oh DEAR... look at us reading - The Drop Everything and Read program



After the Field Trip, eating together is fun



The Little Women of LKG



The Bravehearts of tomorrow - dressed up as soldiers, and men and women in khaki, on the Fancy Dress Day



We make these costumes look beautiful !!



STOP - As of now. There's more to come next year



Aarya Kankipati LKG D

This is how a fish jumps out of water



Abhinav Gupta LKG C

Twin brothers and twin flowers !!



Amogh Padiyar LKG B

Inspired by the movie 'UP'



Anika Singhal LKG C

A mother and daughter having a happy day



Diya Sivakumar LKG A

Flying fish and flowery sun - A child's imagination



Dhruvika P Krishna LKG B

Cookies floating in the air and happiness all around



Smruthi LKG A

The marine life - turtles and fish in clear blue waters



Durga P Nambiar LKG A

It's play time !!



B Gaanesh Ruthviik LKG D

Diving in the deep waters





Guhan S LKG D

Sun Bathing



Kanishk Sairam LKG C

A high tech train cruising through the mountains



Priyanshi Prasad LKG C

The sun and the rain



Ananya Madhukar Gole LKG B

Birds taking flight in the bright sky



Kevin Christopher LKG D

Colourful choo choo train in the snow-capped mountains



Nithya Minan N LKG D

The dream house... with animals and insects as playmates



Siddharth M LKG C

Home sweet home



Saanvi Simha LKG B

Yippee!! Food is ready.. See the smoky chimney?



Sammith S Rao LKG C

Ready for war - battle tank and the tricolour

## Kids say the funniest things.....



Teacher : Children get ready for 'Rank me up' race.

Kushal : Roll no 10 reporting for duty, ma'am.—UKG A

We narrated a story on humility and reinforced the moral: "We should not be proud." Immediately Parthiv with his innocent big eyes in a concerned voice remarked, "My Nursery teacher Nydille ma'am always said she was proud of me" -Parthiv—UKG B



Rishi : When I build a house, I will make sure there are 2 rooms for both of you to come and stay with me.

Teacher : Will you cook for us everyday, or should we cook?

Rishi : You should never cook. My mother will cook for us ma'am !!

- UKG C

Vittal : Mind your leg, my teachers are coming this side, don't make them fall down...

-UKG D



Teacher : What is the name of your brother?

Sabarigirish : It is a long name, I don't remember.

(After 2 days) Ma'am, my brother's name is Hayagreevan !! -UKG A

During snack time Mayank came up to us, put two slices of cucumber on his eyes and said, "Ma'am, when we went to Singapore we saw people in tents who had put the cucumber on their eyes instead of in their mouths."

- Mayank UKG B



Arya : Ma'am you 'll teach us, but who will teach you? -UKG C



Teacher was about to announce the name of the house, each child belonged to, from Class I onwards...

Krishna : I hope it is interesting like Gryffindor, Slytherin...the names of houses in Harry Potter ..

- UKG D



**We express ourselves in our own way ...**



Aniketa said he saw this when he went to Goa. UKG-A



Raghav said he travels by KPN travels when he goes to visit his grandparents in Madurai. UKG-A



Prisha's handmade invite for her teachers for her mama's wedding. UKG-B



Purvi said she saw a peacock in Tirupathi Zoo. But it was not dancing like this as it was very hot and not raining that time. The next day she said the peacock would love this rainbow too.



Annanya — Friends for life. UKG C



Charvi drew this picture after her visit to Andaman and Nicobar Islands during the Christmas holidays.

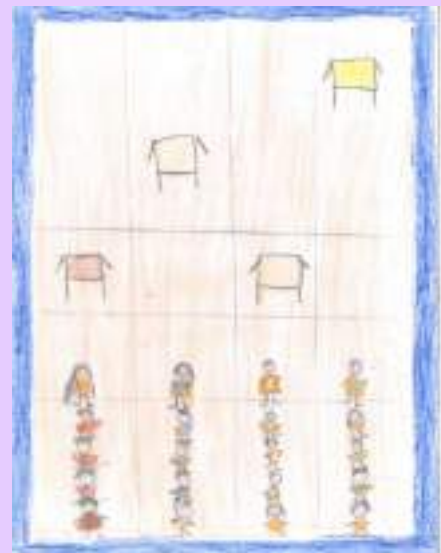


Sai Manushree said she saw this scene while visiting her grandparents at Trichi



Samika drew this picture and said she loved the colours of the sea animals—UKG D

Gauri said she loved assembling the plane race on Sports day and so drew this picture. UKG D





## **Memories .....**



**Making a collage**



**Paw prints**

**Fun at Freeplay**



**Celebrating Diwali with our own painted Diyas**



**Making our own Ganesha for Chaturthi**



**Outing on Camp day.**



**Learning number names was such fun!**



Balancing a cup of water



Balancing ourselves



Twisted with Twister



Relishing a sandwich made by us



Field trip to Play Mania



Lacing



Assembly



I Spy.....

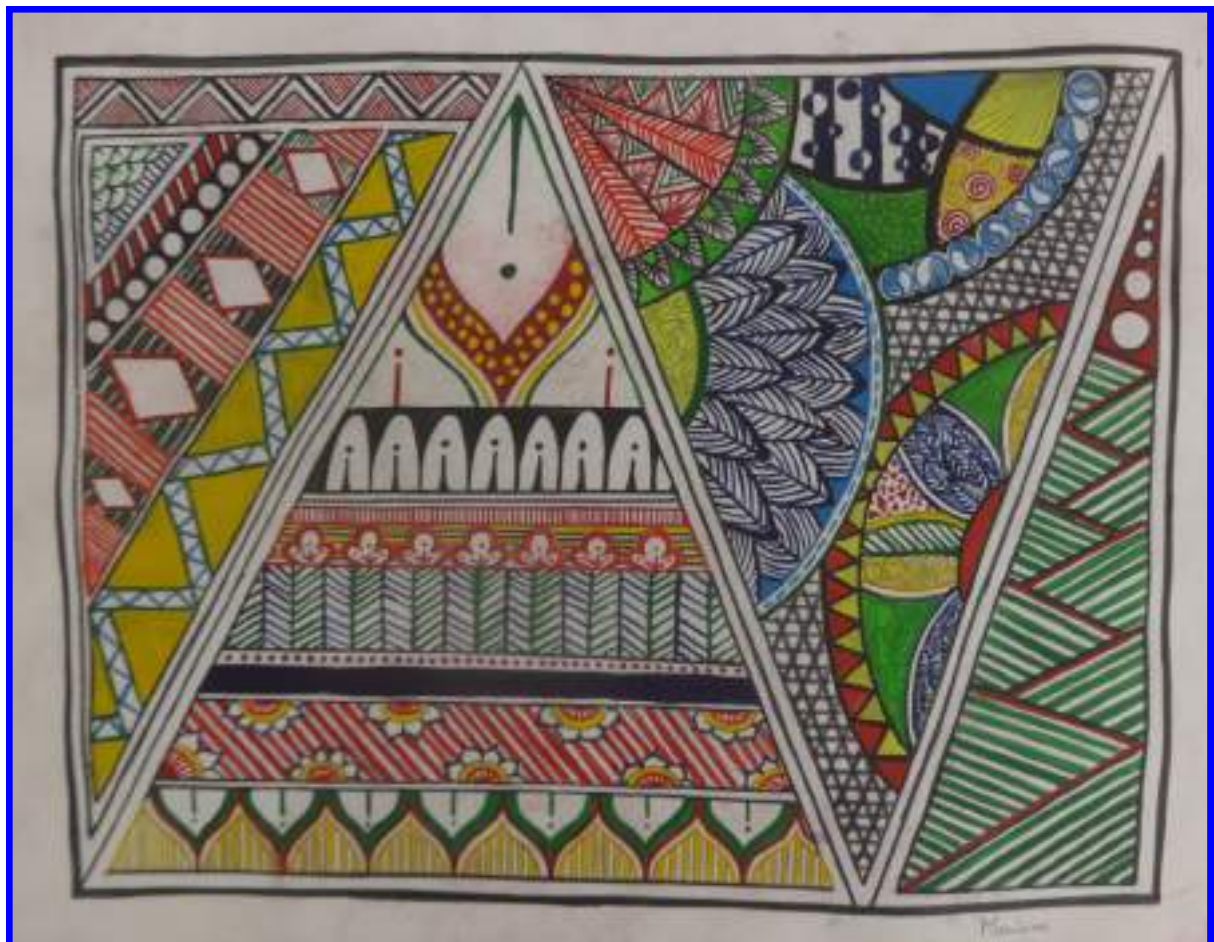




**SHRAAVANI PRAKASH, 10 'A'**



**IPSHITA RAJ, 9 'A'**



**MARIAM, 8 'C'**

# INSPIRING YOUNG HEARTS

## I WANT TO BE AN AUTHOR

I want to be an author ,  
I want to write a lot of books .  
I want to enchant readers,  
With kings,queens,thieves and crooks.

I want to spin amazing tales,  
Fantasy,magic,thrillers,horror.  
I want to make people ecstatic,  
Or fill them up with terror.

I want my books to become best sellers,  
I want them to fill everyone's shelves.  
I'll write about everything,  
From huge time machines to tiny elves.

I want people to be hooked on to my books,  
Hooked on till the very last page.  
I want old and young to read them,  
Anyone,of any age.

I want to have fans all over the world ,  
I want my books to be sold everywhere.  
I want to be an author,  
(Like Shakespeare,but with hair)

~Nivedha.B

5 'B'



## MY DREAM TO DANCE

I want to be a dancer  
And dance my life away  
"Here comes the Amazing Dancer"  
I want to hear the world say

I want to dance  
Till my last breath  
Never miss a chance  
And be remembered even after my death

I want to twist and turn  
I want to jump and swirl  
About me my mom might have concern  
But I will fly and I will curl

I'll be the choreography master  
And teach people style  
I want to be a dancer  
Who makes people smile

I want to go around the world  
And show them who I am  
I'll do what I said, one day  
I can do it, Yes I can!

~Aarushi B

5 'A'



Charles Dickens called the sickly character in A Christmas Carol 'Small Sam' and 'Puny Pete' before settling on 'Tiny Tim'.



## AMBITION

***"Life is like a box of chocolates. You never know what you might find inside."***

~Taken from Forrest Gump, the movie

And you hope that you find what you love. A similar mindset follows ambitions (or at least mine!). We want to devote and dedicate our time and efforts towards them. We wish to convert these passions into professions. But is it a feasible idea? That's a huge question. And not always will the answer end up in your favour. You may feel that all this does not matter; you only want to do what you savour. And all seems well and fine on paper. But, is it really true?

In today's world, the competition for everything in every field is immense. And this thought is drilled into our heads, and makes us tense. Due to this, when we share our ambitions with others, what most people look at is the success rate. And as these ambitions start to leave the sphere of mainstream academics, we are filled with fears of our fate, based on the tales of those who have failed. Our skin goes pale, our resolve dissolves; or maybe it evolves into determination. We would love to dismiss these opinions, but these fears are justified, are they not? Our friends and family only want the best for us. Their views and thoughts are something in which we can place our trust. In fields like music, dance and other arts, very few reach the top. It is this fear of failure that might cause us to stop chasing our dreams; something in which we believe that we can succeed. But instead, we are forced



to make all our passions take a back step for the sake of academics. And this scenario is neither sporadic, nor endemic; it is a spreading epidemic, soon to be pandemic. Once you embark on this journey, it's all or nothing. If you goof up, there is no such thing as a life medic. Although the mindset is changing, I urge all of you to follow what your heart tells you. The Voice of the heart is always right and true. It is said that one must love what he does. But it goes hand in hand with its 'twin' - one must do what he loves.

P.S. - My passion is writing rap. I write it and record it. And you, dear reader, might have noticed that the lines of the article rhyme and form a sort of verse.

~Advaith "Adhs" Prakash  
9 'A'

### CAN 'U'

Can you turn your foot without turning your toes?  
Can you touch your tongue till the tip of your nose?  
Can you make a pancake without a pan?  
Can you tell me who invented the fan?  
Can you lick your elbow by the way?  
Can you feed a horse with no hay?  
Can you write a thousand letter word?  
Can you swim backwards?

~ Jagruti  
1 'D'

### DANCER

I am a dancer  
I am always answered  
With claps and compliments  
This brings me happiness  
I dance with grace  
To enlighten a person's face  
And then I practise  
To improve my tactics  
I will be dancing  
And keep improving  
I will continue it  
As I never want to stop it.

~Sameeksha Kapse  
5 'D'

The average human will yawn around 250,000 times over the course of his life.

## 'WHO WILL PRAY FOR ME?'

Today I pray  
Not for me  
Or my own selfish desires  
But for those who don't have anyone to pray for them.

I pray for those  
Who have never experienced love  
It is so sweet  
Sweeter than the purest honey.

I pray for those  
Who don't go to sleep with full tummies  
While in some regions  
People vomit to eat more.

I pray for those  
Who have never heard music  
It is adrenaline, it is love  
It is youth, it is pain.

I pray for those  
Who can't see the beauty of the world  
They have eyes, but can't see  
They have sight, yet are blind.

I pray for those  
Who don't go to school  
They pine for something forever out of their reach  
While we curse school everyday.

I pray for those  
Who are cold and unforgiving  
Whose past has made them who they are  
Not letting anyone get close, ever again.

I pray for those  
Who flinch from every touch  
The childhood trauma never really goes away  
It shall haunt you for the rest of your days.

I pray for those  
Who have the wit and the brains  
Yet cannot fill their minds with knowledge  
Simply for the fact that they are poor.

I pray for those  
Who have committed sins  
Whatever the reason was  
The victim will haunt them forever.

I pray for those  
Who do not know their ultimate purpose in life  
It gets frustrating  
Sometimes thinking it would be better to just stop.

I pray for everyone  
Who needs praying  
But in the end, I wonder  
Who will pray for me?

~Ipshita Raj  
9 'A'

## WHEN I WAS YOUNG.....

When I was young....  
I couldn't wait till school was over....  
I couldn't wait to spend my hours of freedom....  
I had big dreams....  
That just had to come true....  
I knew right then....  
Sitting behind a desk....  
Sulking in front of a computer....  
WAS NOT MY CUP OF TEA!!!  
I wanted to travel the world....  
PARIS, CANADA, LA, NYC....  
It was my dream....  
Every night....  
What was the world like?  
I wanted to hear my name....  
Everywhere I went....  
Is that her? They should ask....  
I wanted people to spread my fame,  
Be inspired by me....  
I wanted to earn THAT name....  
LIFE DOESN'T CONTROL YOU,  
YOU CONTROL LIFE  
-is what I'd say to those who've lost hope....  
In fulfilling their dreams....  
That they had dreamt....  
When THEY WERE YOUNG.....

~Anagha.S  
7 'B'





## A JOURNEY THROUGH A MILLION STONES

If I could only smile,  
With no agitation in my eyes.  
If I could only smile,  
With souvenir in every mile.  
If I could only smile,  
With complications in my way once in a while.

If I could just be strong,  
And enjoy heart rending songs.  
If I could just be strong,  
And not let anything go wrong.  
If I could just be strong,  
And be where I belong.

If I could simply find peace,  
From my problems I would be released.  
If I could simply find peace,  
Then every opportunity I would seize.  
If I could simply find peace,  
Then worries would just cease.

If the journey would end,  
I wish joy and glum to blend.  
If the journey would end,  
Composure is what I would defend.  
As the journey would end,  
I wish all my flaws to mend!

~Sanghamitra  
8 'A'

## IF I WERE TO STOP TIME

If I were to stop time  
I'd do it so you could be mine  
Cos every minute we spend  
Always comes to an end

Every hour goes by so fast  
In no time it becomes the past  
If only we could stop this here  
So that it doesn't become our fear

It would take forever to chase  
But that would just be a phase  
I don't think we ever can  
For real go fulfill our plan

And all these dreams are one  
That would never be done  
We can wait and stop time  
But I know you can't be mine

~Vidhi Sarin  
9 'A'



A jiffy is an actual unit of time for 1/100th of a second.

## NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS

Here comes a new year  
And it's time to make resolutions,  
For I promise to be sincere  
And bring in a revolution.

In classes I will talk less,  
In studies I will surely progress,  
All my lies I will confess,  
I will go to play with egress.

To my friends I will be kind,  
Have my character refined,  
To be a helper of mankind,  
With a sound mind.

I will follow my teacher's advice,  
Regularly I will exercise,  
My mother - I will idolize,  
Beyond a doubt I will civilize.

These are my resolutions  
To bring in me an evolution,  
To follow them I will try my best  
Until then I will not rest.

~Naman Vikas Mishra

6 'B'

## NEW YEAR

New Year is here,  
no need of fear.  
Learn from the past,  
time to make a new path.  
The year 2017,  
shall be very exciting.  
For you and me together,  
can make the year better.

~Subashri V

6 'B'

## A PROMISING YEAR AHEAD

We are awaiting a fresh year  
Leaving behind our tears and fears  
Be happy! For the New Year is here.

Let us all make a resolution  
To push aside the pollution  
And bring about a revolution.

Let's turn over a new leaf  
As we stand tall, as a chief  
With unwavering belief.

We will now sow new seeds  
Of happiness and good deeds  
And remove all bad weeds.

Let's all unite as one  
As we stand under stars and the sun  
For there's a green battle to be won!

~Sahitra

6 'B'



The number of vehicles stolen on New Year is much higher than that registered on any other national holiday.



## **I WANT TO BE AN ASTRONAUT**

I want to go to space  
At a steady pace,  
I want to fly in a rocket  
With a thousand wishes in my pocket.

I want to fly like a bird  
Above the human herd,  
I want to go to Mars  
And plant many flowers.

I want to discover more about Venus  
And create a rebus,  
I want to fly in space  
And everyone should recognize my face.

I want them all to shout with glee  
Discovering planets and stars, all will see,  
I want to watch Saturn float in a tub  
And visit a land where there is no cub.

So when my adventures get over  
I'll be an astronaut who has a pet beaver,  
Everyone will know my name  
'Cause I'll have a lot of fame.

**~Chaturya and Haarika**

**5 'B' ,    5 'A'**

## **I WANT TO BE A SCIENTIST**

I want to be a scientist,  
Chasing bugs in the mist  
I will study about venom,  
Leaving my hands white and numb.

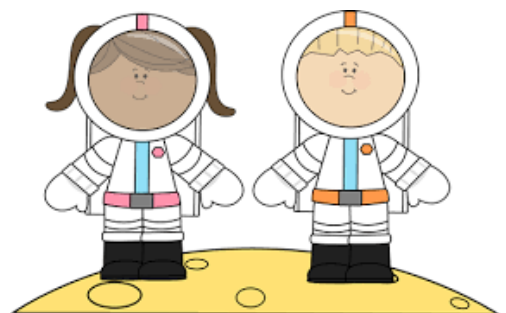
I will study about spiders  
And the bug world's most lethal fighters,  
Scorpions, Jellyfish and dragons,  
Scaly terror and reptile wagons.

I will be seen on Nat Geo,  
Studying Science and Bio,  
I will catch giants and monsters,  
Crabs, Crayfish and lobsters.

I will catch snakes in Australia,  
Doing the same in India,  
Into the rainforest I would be gone  
Fishing and trapping in the Amazon.

**~Aadithya Harish**

**5 'B'**



Astronauts can run on treadmills in zero gravity, but they have to wear a harness and bungee cords so that they don't float away.

## A DREAMY INVENTION

I want to make people smile,  
A smile as long as river Nile,  
A smile that changes the fate of the world,  
That frees them from their tension,  
I want to make a new invention.

It should make them jovial not crotchety,  
And shouldn't be very wobbly,  
Neither too stiff,  
I have to start making this machine,  
In my garage, hygienic and clean.

It should be something nice,  
Something that helps them in their daily lives,  
I've done it! I've done it!  
Guess what I've done!  
Invented a light that plugs into the sun.

The sun is vivid enough,  
The bulb is tenacious and tough,  
But oh! There is only one thing wrong.....  
The cord ain't that long!

~Tanvi Jain  
8 'D'

## HOW DREAMS COME TRUE

First and foremost, we have to believe our dreams will come true. The most successful people among us dream big dreams while being awake.

They set out to bring their dreams to reality by taking action...Most important, they don't wait for the perfect time to start dreaming big and making their dreams come true. We should know that nothing is impossible because the word itself tells us that I am possible.

Our APJ Abdul Kalam Sir said that, "A dream is not that which you see while sleeping it is something that does not let you sleep." Also he said that, "Don't take rest after your first victory because if you fail in the second, more lips are waiting to say that your first victory was just luck."

Keep your schedule active and you will be a successful person so keep dreaming high.

~Tanusha . R

2 'C'



Mexico City is sinking at an average of 10 cm a year, 10 times faster than Venice.



## I PROMISE!.....

A thirty year old man lived in the city of Salem in Tamil Nadu along with his wife. He had a good job in the police department while his wife worked as a teacher. Yet, this young man had already had a taste of utmost depression and sorrow. This was because two girl children who were born to him had already passed away when they were barely a year old. On this particular day, he was walking near a railway track, lost in thought, when suddenly a snake slithered and came to a stop in front of the man. The man was shocked and scared. The snake hissed and sent shivers down his spine. He began to panic and started to talk to the snake saying things like, "Please don't kill me. My wife needs me." "I am too young to die. Spare me oh lord" and so on. Yet, the snake seemed to be nearing the poor man. Suddenly the man had a brainwave. So, he closed his eyes and promised the snake that "If a boy was born to his wife who was pregnant, he would name him Nagasubramanian. And if it was a girl she would be named Nagalakshmi". As soon as the promise was made, the snake shot one look at the man and then slithered away. The man heaved a sigh of relief and returned home. A few months later, a baby boy was born and the man promptly named his son - Nagasubramanian. As a matter of fact the baby boy was none other than my father! Yes, I am Nangai Nagasubramanian and the above incident is the one which my grandpa related to me. Sometimes, life can be very dramatic!!!

~Nangai

7 'A'

### TO GROW UP OR NOT TO GROW UP

To grow up or not to grow up  
Is the question to be asked  
Are we children ready  
To take on the grown-up task?

Caught up in the rat race,  
Chasing after wealth and power  
Money, Money, Money!  
They get more caught up by the hour

What happened to the old them?  
And by that I don't mean literally old!  
The old them that loved paper planes and candy,  
Not just diamonds and gold?

Sure, money is important, it keeps us alive  
But grown-ups, you must realise  
It is equally important  
To cherish the moments you had as a child.

~Samhita Lokesh

8 'A'

### LIVING LIFE

When we learn to walk  
In our tiny little sock  
We think we achieved everything,  
We feel that we are like a king.

When we first go to school  
We think that we are most cool,  
With friends in a bitter strife  
We start to discover life.

When we start to go to college  
We start to get more knowledge,  
We know everything around us  
We are allowed to go alone on a bus.

After we retire  
Rest is what we want to acquire,  
We get reminded of our young days  
The times we want to live always.

So better enjoy this short life  
Joy is very rife,  
Live to your full extent  
This is what the poem meant.

~Ajay.B

7 'A'

You cannot snore and dream at the same time.

## I WAS UNIQUE

It was the first day,  
I entered to find no play,  
Slowly, the class filled in by the others  
But I had no friend.

I didn't have a foe either  
I was sad when I saw others together.  
The time went like it had wings.  
Class to class, I shifted to still find no friend.

'Time to take a break' said the Professor  
I walked from class to class  
Only to find hatred all the way.  
Different groups of different people were made.

The rich, the plastics, the showoffs turned out to be bullies  
They kicked me,  
They tripped me, they cursed me  
All this for something I did not know I had done  
Scared I was to stand for myself  
Didn't know what to do  
My mistake was unknown  
But they said it was entering the school.

They asked me what I was.  
A nerd, a plastic, a rich or a showoff.  
I had not the answer then.  
Class 7 was at an end finally  
And I still was I think a loner.  
Couldn't find my group.  
Couldn't get into any.  
Class 8 was difficult.  
Loneliness spread over me  
Depression was killing me.  
Friendship was not found  
The answer to the question-What was I?

I was reading a book once,  
When I came across- why try fitting in when you're made  
to stand out.  
That was it- I knew the answer.  
I was unique.  
Just one of a kind.  
Soon one by one I made places in all hearts.  
8<sup>th</sup> was over and bullying was too  
I did all I could to make that school a better place to live.  
All I had to do is believe in myself.

~Trusha Jain  
9 'A'

## THE FINISHER

Dust on the mountain  
Down to earth  
The zig zag way  
To the city of gold

With wings of fire  
In the shadow of the sun  
I travel in blind faith  
Through the city of ashes

World myths and legends  
Of the ancient world  
Tell me the answer  
Of the chamber of secrets

I see through the looking glass  
The rise and fall of Kate empire  
With the crow field curse  
Of the secret garden

I'm Going solo, against all odds  
For there's just one day  
To find the missing queen  
And the keys to the kingdom

I have no hope in the dark  
So while the light lasts  
In the valley of fear  
I'll stand fire and flood

The best days of my life are over  
Death comes as the end  
I am the finisher  
Born to die

~Sai Chinmayee, Sraddha,  
Revathi, Trisha

8 'D'

There are 60,000 miles of blood vessels in the human body.



## BEING A PILOT

2:00 pm, 13 December 2016

I sat behind the wheel (or throttle) of my plane. A glistening drop of sweat rolled down my forehead. One mistake and the lives of 233 people were at stake. Here I was, commanding a Boeing 747, all on my own, with just the co-pilot to guide me.

The orders for us to take off were sounded. Switching the speed to 150 knots, I pulled onto the throttle, while applying more thrust. Slowly, the plane began moving down the runway. And then, I pulled. The plane went high into the air. We kept climbing, until the co-pilot told me to stop the climb. I glanced at the altitude meter. We had already reached our allotted height of 23,000 feet. Surprised, I congratulated myself on starting smoothly. We had to fly around the Burj Khalifa and land back at the airport. Switching on the auto pilot, I slowly navigated the plane as the co-pilot gave me the instructions; in no time, the Burj was in sight. I made a slight turn to the left and circled the monument. Only then, I realised the massive size of the building. Amazed and glad that I had managed to get this far, I quickly focused on the most integral part of the flight, the landing. I noticed four runways. The co-pilot told me that we were scheduled to land on the second. Suddenly, all my concentration was focused on the landing. As we closed in on the runway, I decreased the altitude of the plane, simultaneously reducing its speed. I increased the air pressure too, knowing that it would be needed. As we touched down on the runway, I slowly released the brakes. At last the plane halted. With a sense of achievement, I walked out of the cockpit, thanking the co-pilot as I went.

My plane simulator journey was one trip I would never forget, and when I left, I was sure I would return for a second one.

~Zahin Naveed Syed,

6 'A'

## BENEFITS OF RISING EARLY

***“Early to bed and early to rise, makes a man healthy, wealthy, and wise”.***

It is a scientifically proven fact that waking up in Brahma Muhurata (early morning before sunrise), is beneficial for health because the atmosphere is pollution free at this time and the oxygen level is the highest and this helps to purify our lungs and keep us in good health. This has been explained by sages of India, several thousand years ago. According to them, one receives strength, knowledge, wisdom, and good health by waking up in Brahma Muhurata, the most fresh and pure time of the day.

By waking up early, we can take good care of our body, mind and soul, by performing meditation, chanting, worshiping God, performing yoga-kriyas and most importantly by praying to the rising Sun. The Sun gives us energy, power, light and brightness. We must, therefore, welcome the Sun God and pray. The Sun God will clean and purify the body and in turn keep us calm, powerful and energetic throughout the day.

A promising start early in the morning, is the key to success. Waking up early, has multiple advantages including helping your parents in their day-to-day chores, completing your home-work, pursuing your hobbies, taking up sports of your choice, etc. The positive energy that you gain by waking up early, brings a positive attitude and such positive vibrations guard a person from falling prey to pessimistic thinking and evil deeds.

~Aditya Santhosh,

2 'B'

**The tongue is the strongest muscle in the body.**

## THE SHED UNDER MY BED

Today I looked under my bed,  
And found that it looked like a shed.  
Cobwebs coated everything  
(Including my old teddy bear Bing.)

I found a hat that looked like my cook's,  
And next to that a pile of books.  
Covered in dust was an old blue bag,  
(That produced a smell which made me gag.)

So if you come to my house,  
Don't go creeping like a mouse,  
To see what's under my bed,  
(Unless you want to see what you just read.)

~Nivedha B

5 'B'

## OPTIMISM

What is Optimism?  
Optimism is believing that from a bad place you will  
be rising,  
It is being confident that you will succeed,  
Even during a time as bad as a stampede.

What is Optimism?  
Optimism is thinking and making the right decision,  
It is seeing the glass half full,  
Even though you secretly know that is a load of bull.

What is Optimism?  
Optimism is trusting people you have forgiven,  
It is still having a little faith,  
Even after seeing a wraith.

What is Optimism?  
Optimism is conceding that the key is precision,  
It is doing your best to have an amazing day,  
Even if it is a Monday.

What is Optimism?  
Optimism is synonymous to having the best  
mannerism,  
It is making opportunities of your difficulties,  
Even if people around you act cynically.

Optimism is the opposite of pessimism...!

~Lavanya V Reddy  
9 'B'

## MY DREAM

I want to be a footballer  
Who scores a million goals  
I want to be a good player  
Who never hits the poles.

I want to be a star  
Soaring high, so high  
I will never be far  
From the legends' sky.

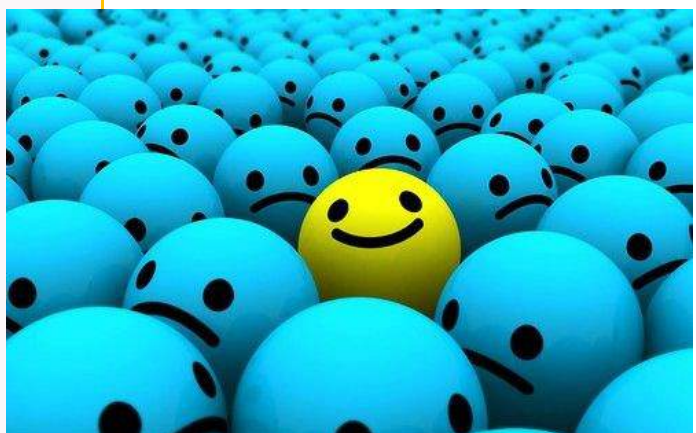
Mesmerizing my opponents  
Hypnotizing my fans  
Getting together the components  
Of fulfilling all my plans.

People on the stands  
People on the pitch  
Giving me an entry grand  
Forgetting about my glitch.



But what an end to my career  
Crashing back to reality  
Finding out that I had a barrier  
Trying to pass an exam beastly.

~Srijan Ghosh  
5 'B'



Movie trailers were originally shown after the movie, which is why they were called "trailers".



## A LITTLE GIRL'S DREAM

There was a girl named Maria Michael who lived in a remote area in Goa. She was good at studies. She was a pet lover. On her tenth birthday, her father gifted her a Golden Retriever and she named it Leo. It was only a few months old puppy and was so cute that in a short span of time, Leo became one of the family's most important members. It was taken care of very well. Leo's behaviour impressed every one in the family.

Life went on for some years. One day, Leo fell ill and Maria was very tense as there were no doctors who could treat Leo. She rushed to the nearest city center and found a Veterinary Hospital. She found one good veterinarian who treated animals with great love and patience. This influenced Maria to explore and study and become a veterinarian. This incident made her determined and was a turning point in her life. Maria excelled in studies and was determined to become a veterinarian. She made a sincere effort and scored good marks. She secured a medical seat in a leading medical college in Goa. Although she had various career options, she chose to be a vet. After a couple of years, she realized her dream by becoming a veterinarian.

She became a famous and leading veterinarian in Goa and had a good practice. During her tenure as a doctor, she cured many animals with great love and care. She had got an opportunity to move to Paris for higher studies in veterinary sciences. After a couple of years, she returned to Goa and continued her profession. Leo also accompanied her all the way during her career growth. Maria's parents supported her decision to become a veterinarian.

~Rishita Alluri

5 'A'

## SUCCESS

Success isn't final  
failure isn't fatal.  
Failure is just a stepping stone  
For the wind of success to be blown.

Losing once doesn't make us a loser  
winning once doesn't make us a winner.  
We'll always have another opportunity,  
to make our names in the community.

We must not be overconfident if we succeed,  
But appreciate it and proceed.  
Moving on is the key  
if we want our lives to be filled with glee!

Success doesn't come towards us,  
we must run towards success.  
Only if we learn from our mistake,  
our life will be a success-filled fruitcake!

~Bhoomika. HM

8 'A'



## THE BLESSINGS

Count your good deeds  
Instead of your mistakes  
Count your gains  
Instead of your losses  
Count your joys  
Instead of your sorrows  
Count your friends  
Instead of your enemies  
Count your blessings  
And you will never be sad  
again.

~Adityapratap Singh

5 'C'

Golden Retrievers are known to be great swimmers and to love water.

## ABSCONDING FROM MUNDANITY

***Be yourself; everyone else is already taken.***

***-Oscar Wilde***

Like it or not, maintaining social relationships means that we're constrained, shackled, bound – whatever you fancy calling it. The sad thing is that our social opinion holds such a high position in our heads that we're forced to be people we aren't. To us, everyday actions have an effect on our social standard and a tiny scratch on that plaque stored so carefully in our heads can cause the world around us to crumble. The moment we realize that that sort of thinking is so blatantly flawed is when we can even begin to pick the locks that bind us.

As self-conscious, social beings, we conform to whatever environment is presented to us, even if it directly contradicts our inner thoughts. Sometimes, fitting in is what we desire the most. We strive, all our lives, to be unique faces in the crowd, yet in order to seem normal or to be accepted according to social standards, we work towards being just another everyday face in that very crowd – exactly the opposite of what we want. Being normal fuels mediocrity. Giving in to public expectations never helped the most successful people on the planet and it never will, for mediocrity can be found anywhere on the planet - there is no economic or social berth for mediocrity.

Going against your intuition, going against who you truly are, is a slippery slope. Bit-by-bit, it leads you towards being more normal – and normal is boring. Normalcy sucks the colour out of life, and the worst part is, we're absolutely alright with that. Normal behavior, normal clothing, normal taste – all of it is accepted easily in a society, and that's what makes it so very desirable.

Showing our true selves to the world is a step towards escaping the clutches of mundanity. Removing the socially created masks that obscure our personalities allows our true nature to emerge. Seeing that each one of us is so brilliantly different, to stop trying to be normal makes one shine.

When mediocrity becomes the accepted norm, excellence dies a painful death. Society accepts mediocrity and hence subdues excellence by trying to bring out the dull versions of people. Normalcy is a prison constraining the inception of wonderful thoughts that have the power to change the world. A world of 7 billion normal people doesn't need you to be normal, it has enough of that already.

**Be extravagant, be bold, be scintillating, be vibrant, be you.**

**~Harry Patel**



# BOOKWORMS...



## WHO IS HE?

Potions master at Hogwarts,  
Harry Potter's arch enemy  
To him nobody would retort,  
A staunch supporter of Filch's detentions and hegemony.

Head of Slytherin house,  
On the happiest of days, he'd never smile.  
Seeing him, in everyone, suspicion would arouse  
He is the last person you could beguile.

An established Occlumens he was,  
A stalwart servant too  
His own reputation he did sabotage,  
Every year, the Defence against the Dark Arts job he would pursue.

His cold, curt and sarcastic exterior  
Made him look like a person who can love no one,  
But concealed were such deep emotions, within his heart's interior  
And his bravery, courage and loyalty no one could've ever outdone.

A man of great courage, whose complexity was prime,  
With anguish and sorrow his heart was ablaze.  
When Dumbledore said, "After all this time?"  
He said "Always".

His story is forlorn,  
His protective abilities were great.  
A greater man was never born,  
And his name was Severus Snape.

~Thushara P Hari

9 'B'



The most expensive book ever purchased was sold for 30.8 million dollars. The book was Codex Leicester by Leonardo Da Vinci purchased by Bill Gates.

## THE MAZE RUNNER

"If you are not afraid, you are not human."

Thomas began his new life standing up, surrounded by cold darkness and stable dusty air. He found himself moving upwards in a small metal box. When the doors of the lift crank open, the only thing Thomas can remember is his first name. But he is not alone. He is surrounded by boys who welcome him to the glade, an encampment at the centre of a bizarre and terrible maze. He soon learns that the boys had taken on different roles or jobs that suit them to contribute to the Gladers. From cooks to gardeners, there are many jobs but what Thomas finds most appealing is the most dangerous job— a runner.

The next day, a girl arrives in the box- the first girl. But what's more confusing is that a newbie appears in the box only once in a month. And she comes with a note-

"She's the last one. Ever."

How could a maze with walls so massive and tall be so big that dozens of kids hadn't been able to solve it after who knew how long trying? How could such a structure exist? And more importantly, why? What could possibly be the purpose of such a thing? Why were they all there? How long had they been there? All they know is that every morning when the walls slide back, they will risk everything to find out.

Remember.

Survive.

Run.

~Anisha Kaundinya

9 'A'



## JUST MY LUCK

I was tense when I woke up in the morning. It was the 13th-a Friday!!! I was certain that the day would be disastrous. Call me superstitious, but 13 is an unlucky number, especially when teamed up with Friday. I revised all the lessons coming for the exam, with the fear that I wouldn't have even a little luck and a question which I hadn't studied for would surely come. The bell rang and I nervously took the question paper from our invigilator. The questions were pretty easy. In an hour, we all submitted our papers. We had our first two lessons, followed by a break. Next we had Sports, which was fun as usual. In our English lesson, ma'am gave us a test. By a stroke of luck, I knew the answers. English was followed by lunch, which was uneventful. Then, we had BCMD, in which we learnt a new song. We had double Art after BCMD. We were doing a rather interesting form of art called Koru art. Finally, we all went home. At home, I had time to rethink superstitions. Maybe, Friday the 13th wasn't so unlucky after all.

Nivedha B

5 'B'

The smallest book in the Welsh National Library is *Old King Cole*. It measures 1mm x 1mm and the pages can only be turned with a needle.



## MY CHRISTMAS GIFT FROM SANTA

Santa, Santa do you know,  
What gift on me you have to bestow?  
Could you give me a dog?  
Or a cute hedgehog.  
Could you give me a book?  
Or a dictionary to have a look?  
Could you give me a wand?  
Of which I would be rather fond.  
Could you give me a dragon?  
Or a trip to the sun.

Santa have pity on me  
Give me something pretty to see,  
Give me a penguin  
Or a fish with a pink fin.  
If you can't give these don't feel rash  
As I still accept cash!

~Rishika

6 'D'



## NOT FOR FAINT HEARTS

### 'Stranger Things' Stops Your Heartbeat!

The utterly scary T.V show 'Stranger Things' is filled with scary moments that are heart pounding. Though it is scary it makes you love horror. It is really an addictive show and once you start watching it... your mind starts seeing it... your mind starts saying WATCH-EAT-SLEEP-REPEAT. The cast is not very famous but has taken the world by storm.

It is based on a 12 year old boy, son of the award winning actress Winona Ryder as Joyce Byers. The genres are Science Fiction, Supernatural Fiction and Horror Fiction. This is the first of the show, that has hit the jackpot and has impressed the viewers. There are 8 episodes of 50 minutes each. My favourite episode is the 6<sup>th</sup> one in which a boat gets pulled inside a swimming pool just like the black hole that sucks in objects. It gives you the biggest scare of your life.

Watching too much T.V affects and strains your eyes and distracts your brain. You should watch T.V in order to lighten your mood and make you happier. Otherwise you should do something more productive.

~Devansh Mathur

6 'C'



The three most read books in the world are The Holy Bible, Quotations from Chairman Mao Tse-Tung and Harry Potter.

## DC VS MARVEL

Comics are all the rage nowadays and the biggest talk of the town is “Marvel Vs DC”. With both companies boasting of a host of fans, it has quickly become certain that they must duke it out on the big screen. Let us do a comparative study of the two.... may the best win!!

**Heroes:** Both DC and Marvel have a bunch of brilliant heroes. DC's classic hero Superman shows that no matter how strong you are, you must work hard to win. Batman (DC) has no superpowers, but can achieve victories using his superior intellect and quick thinking. Batman's rule of not killing unless it is imperative makes him a more complex character. It is never about just killing the villain or winning, it is about whether the villain's point of view is right. Marvel's Iron Avenger makes you want an iron man suit, but he has a big attitude and his villains are not realistic. At the end of the day, DC's heroes are aspirational and positive role models, and hence DC wins.

**Villains:** Batman's bete noire, Joker is an evil genius. He pushes Batman to the absolute limit and continuously torments Batman by killing the ones he cares about. Joker too has no superpowers. The fact that he has no specific identity makes him more terrifying. Loki, The Mandarin, The Winter Soldier and Thanos are all good Marvel villains but they lack a good motive. Loki is clichéd as he wants to be king. The Mandarin is another character who wants world domination. The Winter Soldier was brainwashed and has no real reason to be bad. Thanos is bad as he is in love with death. Plus every time he wipes out the universe it comes back. He once got it back himself. Darkseid is a cool DC villain as he owns a planet. So, among villains too, I believe that by creating Joker and Darkseid, DC has the upper hand.

**Sidekicks:** Robin is a proven worthy sidekick from DC. War Machine is ever loyal to Iron Man. The Joker's Harley Quinn is a nuanced and well thought out villain by DC. I think DC wins because of its idea of giving a crazy villain like the Joker a sidekick who is in love with him.

You guessed it right, people! DC rules on all fronts!

~Vedant Panamgipalli

6 'C'



When the comics code was created, it prevented comics from being sold in news stands unless the hero won at the end of the book.



The background of the page is a detailed illustration of Hogwarts Castle, a large stone building with many towers and spires, situated on a rocky cliff. The sky is a mix of blue and purple, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The castle is lit up with warm yellow lights from the windows.

## **DANCE AROUND**

**Dance around 'cause spells can hit you any time  
Some can kill while some can burn as bad as lime.**

**As a magician of Hogwarts  
You should be able to identify boggarts,  
Harry's Patronus was a stag  
Seeing it, Dementors fly away like in a game of tag.**

**The dark lord arose  
His name was Voldemort  
He feared only Albus Dumbledore  
Who if you try to do duel with  
You will be dead on the floor.**

**His followers were the death-eaters  
And their temper was like that of a heater  
Bellatrix Lestrange was one such person  
And hearing her name  
One's spirit would worsen.**

**Hogwarts was the magic school  
And it was fun and cool  
Here you learnt magic  
Both exciting as well as tragic.**

**Students were of four houses  
And potion ingredients were measured in ounces,  
The houses were Gryffindor, Slytherin, Ravenclaw and Hufflepuff  
And all members of all houses were equally strong and tough.**

**Dance around 'cause spells can hit you any time  
Some can kill and some can burn as bad as lime.**

**~Ethan And Sashank**

**7 'A'**

**George Eliot was actually a woman. Mary Ann Evans wrote under this pen name because women authors were not as highly regarded as men.**

## BOOK REVIEW

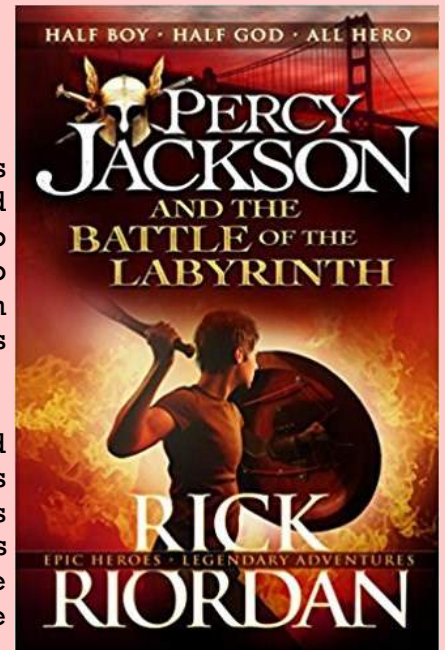
Title: PERCY JACKSON AND THE BATTLE OF THE **LABYRINTH**

Author: RICK RIORDAN

Type of book: FANTASY

Percy Jackson and the Battle of the Labyrinth is set in the treacherous *labyrinth*, an underground maze filled with startling creatures around every corner. Blood-thirsty monsters lurk in deep dark places to astound half-bloods (half human-half God). It's the fastest route to any place. Can you imagine travelling from New York to California in a few minutes! The book has a fraught setting and everybody races against time.

The main character is Percy Jackson. He is the son of Poseidon and Sally Jackson. Percy Jackson's deep sea blue eyes, wavy hair is similar to that of Poseidon. Water is in his blood. A strong wrist helps him slay monsters with a wide arc from riptide (*anaklusmos*). He has grit, determination and is gallant. He is aggressive and can become formidable when someone meddles with his near and dear ones. He has no fear of monsters.



The book is about the gruesome battle of the Labyrinth. The Titans were going to attack Camp Half-blood. To stop them from doing so, four descend into endless darkness. Percy Jackson, Annabeth Chase (daughter of Athena), Grover Underwood (a satyr) and Tyson (a Cyclopes) are the selected ones. They set out on a deadly mission to find Daedalus, the mastermind of the Labyrinth, to persuade him to neglect the Titan's offer. They want to know how to manoeuvre through the maze. The person to reach first wins. But more surprises await us in the story! Read it and find out.

I recommend this book to you if you are a lover of perilous adventures and Greek Gods.

~Shlok Upadhyay  
6 'C'

## TERRIFYIN' MANNEQUIN

Once, I was walking in a mall when suddenly I saw a mannequin which looked exactly like me. I went near it; it looked just like my reflection. I lifted my hand up, it also lifted its. I smiled, it also smiled. I gave a high five, it also gave one. I was terrified, so I started running, but the mannequin didn't leave me. When I was running, I saw mannequins that looked just like my parents. I ran to my parents to tell them about it and took them to show the mannequins. My mannequin was coming close every minute. They also thought and did the same things that I had done. They too were terrified and started running. The whole family was now in danger. We were so scared that we raced out of the mall. The weather was boiling hot outside. The mannequins were made of wax and started melting, leaving blobs of wax behind at every step till finally, they melted completely. When we looked behind, we saw nothing but a river of wax. We sighed with relief. Suddenly, the ground below me vanished and I fell down. I woke up and found out that it was a dream.

~Achintya Mathur  
6 'A'

Around £2.2 billion is spent on books in the UK each year. A fifth of this is spent on children's books.



## **WORLD'S WEIRDEST ANIMALS** *now on the screen!*

Have you ever seen a beluga whale play with a toddler? Have you seen a wild boar overpower an agile tiger? Have you ever imagined a monkey surviving 20000 volts?! All these staggering bits of footage and many other astounding close calls and incidents caught on camera are now on your screens on the esteemed and wondrous channel, National Geographic.

The appealing thing about this show, 'Animals Gone Wild', shows the power of nature. The audacity, perseverance, grit, determination and the never say die attitude of animals clearly demonstrates their desire to accomplish their job—no matter what it requires! The appealing 'animal freeze frame' shows the scariest or silliest video of the day. The uncanny pics of animals in the 'what the heck is this' session always ensures liveliness and evokes your fascination. Many videos make your blood curl.

With all the chaos and talk of television being bad, this show comes out victorious. If TV is watched for such informative innovative shows it isn't bad, it's the best, especially as children are inquisitive about animals. It teaches them good values. If television is watched for such purposes, it's the best way to pass time. I agree that other shows clog and clutter our brain with nauseating thoughts.

**~Shlok Upadhyay,**  
**6 'C'**

## **WHAT KIND OF PLACE IS THIS?**

I love reading storybooks and as I sat with my Astronomy T.B. on my lap, I fell asleep and reached an abnormal planet where trees were hanging from the sky, clouds were on the ground touching my feet and something was very odd : green slimy creatures with 4 eyes, 2 mouths, 2 heads and only 1 body. They were also talking in a very strange language. Then, one of them took a remote out and pressed a red colored button on it and started shouting in English – 'Why are you such a dumb head? Why do I always need to remind you to switch the button on?' The other replied – 'Because you are such a know- it- all!'



I suddenly started laughing. They stared at me as though laughing was a sin. When I stopped, they said 'Welcome to XAIVERS X0X0. We just love playing. Would you like to play with us? What do you like playing the most?' 'Ummmm... I like playing badminton the most. They then took me to their 'badminton' court. It looked nothing like a badminton court. Instead of a wooden court, it was just ordinary grass with a big wooden piece as the net. When I asked them where the rackets were , they just pressed a button on the wall and out came flying 3 rackets with bright lights on them. Then they asked me to sit down. They just gave me a wand and told me to move my wand in the direction I wanted my racket to move in.

We played matches, had fun and I suddenly felt tremors of an earthquake only to find out that I had my Astronomy book in my hands and so I started studying it once again.

**~Pranaya**

**5 'C'**

**Bibliosmia is the love of the smell of old or good books.**

## IF I WERE A PARROT.....

If I were a parrot  
I would wave at everyone with my wings,  
I would never eat a carrot  
Unless someone gave me five diamond rings.

I would fly very high  
Up in the sky and never be shy  
I would jump on the clouds, touch the stars  
I would make no sounds and silently peep into cars.

And then I would eat a mango  
With fresh apple and mango juice,  
In a movie hall watching the movie 'Go Goa Go'  
And I would never miss the chocolate mousse.

I would be home eating gram  
And after all of this,  
I would watch my favourite programme  
Which I would never miss.

Here comes thunder  
Screaming at me,  
Oh no! it's someone  
Whom I usually see.

Oh it was my mother who screamed  
Telling me I would be late for school,  
She had finished her cake and it was ready to be creamed  
But still I was very cool.

I hated carrots  
But I loved my friend, a parrot  
I loved cream  
OH WHY, WAS IT ONLY A DREAM?

~Khyati  
5 'C'



New Zealand is home to some very unique parrots including the kea, kaka and kakapo.



## SILENT TEARS

Each day as evening begins to set,  
She thinks of all the people she has ever met.

She knows she has been misled  
And it is time for her to be in bed.  
But, as she hugs her tear-stained pillow close,  
All that flashes through her mind are photos...

She tried to leave her memories behind,  
She wanted her heart to be unconfined.  
But, the villain fate had played a cruel trick,  
As she no longer could bear life's hard bricks...

She sat all alone in a lonely chair,  
Whispering her resentments in the air.  
She wished remembrances could fade away,  
And tears could build a stairway...

She was dragged to the depth of her black-hole,  
She knew she needed some self-control.  
The reason for all this was her friends,  
She had faced enough of life's bends.  
It was all due to her companion's betrayal,  
That today she is suffering with a heart ready to sell....

~P. Anumita  
7 'A'

JRR Tolkien worked on the staff of the Oxford English Dictionary for two years. He researched and explained the etymology of words starting with W. Known words of his include "waggle" and "walrus."

## THE REFLECTIONS OF A RAINDROP...

29 January '17

Fed up!!!

This might probably be the zillionth time I've gone through the process, water cycle. And where do I end up, like always? The SEWAGE! Why, my all-too-precious life goes down the drain! Believe me, I would have been a lot more useful if I landed elsewhere. The garden would've turned green. The flowers would've bloomed. The crops would have ripened. When I fall, I would cause so much joy! Little kids would float paper-boats on me. But now, I turn up here where that nasty substance called factory waste just spoils my beauty. Couldn't humans have some sympathy? How irritating would it be for a humble raindrop like me? Many die, because of my absence. This is JUST not fair!

However, I'm hopeless.

~Sai Sreemayee

4 'C'

## APPOINTMENT IN SAMARRA

There was once a merchant,  
A man with great wealth.  
And in the market of Baghdad,  
With his goods he dealt.

He chanced upon a stranger,  
Who looked at him with surprise.  
He knew it was Death,  
That looked him in his eyes.

Pale and trembling,  
The merchant fled.  
To the City of Samarra,  
With his horse he tread.

There he was sure,  
From Death he could hide.  
And it was there he would live,  
Alone in a guise.

But when the merchant reached,  
He saw there waiting for him.  
Holding his last breath,  
The grim figure of Death.

"Very Well", said the merchant,  
"I knock now on your Doors.  
I give in,  
I'm yours".

"Why were you surprised,  
Please do tell.  
When you saw me this morning,  
In Baghdad where I did dwell".

"Because", Death replied,  
"I had an appointment with you tonight,  
In Samarra.  
To claim your life".

~Areeb Hassan

8 'D'

A celebration known as Rain of Fish Festival is feted consistently in the city of Yoro, as hundreds of living fish are found on the ground after it rains there in between the months of May & July.



## THE MOONLIGHT REAPER

A skeleton clad in black approaches,  
And bears with him a scythe,  
I smile as to my heart joy encroaches,  
As I fear not for my life.

His eyes are hollow,  
They have no regret.  
He bears no sorrow,  
On this I could bet.

"Who are you?" I ask,  
To this he looks at me sly.  
How long will the silence last?  
Then he speaks his reply.

You call me the Angel Of Death,  
I reap the souls I encounter.  
I hold your last breath,  
For I am the Grim Reaper.

The cloaked figure then comes closer,  
Not letting me depart.  
The wind then turns colder,  
As fear takes over my heart.

I then do recall,  
As the night begins to lower.  
All my hopes to live do fall,  
It is indeed the Reaper's Hour.

His scythe then takes its aim,  
My neck is strangled by his hand.  
He then gleefully exclaims,  
"Now you will die where you stand!"

For the first time fear strikes,  
Could this be the end?  
Is there any way I can survive?  
Do I die without a friend?

It is then that my life flashes,  
Before my very sight.  
The success, the failures, the crashes  
The pain I held at night.

The sadness beneath the moonlight,  
The joys great and small.  
The wars, the truces, the fights,  
The way life had made me fall.

It is then that my heart holds no regret,  
As I ready myself to feel the pain.  
And then with my mind ready and set,  
I think how I'd love to live again.

The scythe then slashes my chest,  
As blood spills on the ground.  
My heart comes to a rest,  
My sanity goes around.

I fall down to the Earth,  
As pain takes over.  
I feel the sorrow, the despair, the hurt,  
As my eyes begin to lower.

I die now a broken heap,  
My soul then does go free.  
It is then that my heart does reap,  
The Fruit of this Poisoned Tree.

I die now in Solitude,  
As I choke on my own sorrow.  
I thank God for this painful Death,  
For I'm sure I'll see no tomorrow

~Areeb Hassan  
8 'D'



When a person dies, his sense of hearing is the last to go.



**SHRIJANI, 7 'B'**



**GROUP ACTIVITY OF CLASS 9 & 10**



**MANTHANA HEGDE, 8 'C'**



**RISHITHA, 4 'D'**



# STRIKING SCHOOL

## TIME FOR SCHOOL

Tick, tock, tick, tock, forever runs the clock.  
Come what may, time never stops.

I'm up for school by 7 'o clock,  
At 7:30, I wait for my bus to pick me up.

At 8:30, school prayers we say,  
And start our lessons for the day.

Come 1 'o clock my stomach rumbles,  
I begin to think of cookies 'n crumbles.

Our teachers teach us both work and play,  
They guide us to do everything the right way.

I wait at 3:30, for the final bell,  
Run back home with many stories to tell.

I love going to school every single day,  
For it is the sunshine that turns into GOLD from  
hay.

~**Aarnav Tejhasvi**  
1 'C'

## OH EXAMS!!!!

Exams are near  
It's time to fear  
NO television  
But we're now on a mission.

To get good marks  
And not just pass,  
My Kannada is weak  
English is on the peak.

Maths gives me tension,  
Hindi needs perfection,  
Geography is boring  
History is scoring.

Science is full of experiments,  
And civics is full of political elements,  
All my subjects are indeed tough,  
And I hate exams for that very much.

~**Sukruti Srinidhi**  
6 'A'

## MY SCHOOL

I like my school a lot because we learn many things at school like Mathematics, EVS and English. I have many friends at school and I like to play with them. In school we don't just study but also participate in many other activities and that is one of the reasons why I like my school. We participate in many competitions, enjoy Annual Day and Sports Day celebrations. I also enjoy the field trips that our teacher takes us for. We get many holidays in school some are for fun and some are study holidays. The teachers are not very strict and I like them. Our school is a wonderful place.

~**Anvitha Hebbar**

1 'A'

Studies have shown that humans notice the colour yellow 1.24 times faster than any other colour. Yellow is particularly visible during the times when school buses usually operate. So, school buses are yellow in colour.

## SOUL KERE SCIENCE FAIR

Early in the morning, I woke up on a day which was to be the best day of my life. I was attending the Soul Kere Science Fair. It was a short ride to Soul Kere Lake. When we got there I found my friends who were waiting for me. The competition began at nine in the morning.

There were about three thousand five hundred guests. We caught most of their attention with our model and experiment. We also had a feedback list. We explained well to the scientists present. We had coupons for our lunch. Then we started explaining again. Our legs started aching. We wrapped it up by five in the evening. In the process we made friends with orphans. Then we walked around looking at some pulchritudinous projects. At last the results were out. My heart was thumping hard. I was nervous. Then the best call of my life was heard, "Freedom International School !"

What a nice day that was!

**Rahul B, Nakul B,**

**6 'C'**



### Why I Love my School

I love my school because: -

I feel happy when I get a prize in school

My teachers are very nice and teach me the value of life

Our Principal loves children and give us a lovely stamp on our birthday

Our library has a variety of books and I love reading them

We go for mass PT and when I do the exercises it has something nice in the song

I am thrilled when I get stars on the notice board

I love free play because we play catch-catch, queen and princess, castle building and hide and seek .

**~Aadya Sandeep**

**1 'D'**

**If all the LEGO bricks ever manufactured were clipped one on top of another, they would make a tower ten times as high as the distance to the Moon.**



# Ecstatic Friends, Solicitous family..

## A GOOD FRIEND

A twinkle in your eyes,  
And a heart without lies,  
Makes you a good friend in life.

It's not magic,  
It's just hard work,  
It's just the will to do well in life.

Friendship is a lake,  
Make it a bond nobody can break,  
It's more than treasure, more than money.

They make you clever,  
They make you saunter  
Those are your friends forever.

~Srishti Singh

5 'A'

## FRIENDS ARE SPECIAL

Friends are SPECIAL,  
They are very JOVIAL,  
They SHARE with us,  
They CARE for us,  
They HELP us,  
They PLAY with us,  
And they CHEER for us,  
SO make FRIENDS and be HAPPY!

~Pratyusha

1 'B'

## FRIENDS FOREVER

We stay together,  
We play together,  
We spend our day together,  
We're friends forever.

Sometimes we fight,  
Sometimes we shout,  
We make each other pout,  
But it always gets right.

Swaying, playing under the tree,  
To tell each other we're free.

When we see each other,  
We feel like sisters and brothers.

There's no need to fear,  
When friends are near.

They'll say, let's hear,  
our friendship is most dear.

~Aarushi B

5 'A'

Companionship is said to help reduce stress effects on the body; it protects one from illnesses and hastens the healing process when sick.

## HOME IS WHERE THE HEART IS

Most of us may believe that a house and a home are the same thing. When we consider these words, they may have the same meaning, but actually they are two completely different things.

“A house is made of bricks and beams; a home is made of hopes and dreams”.

It takes hands to build a house but only hearts can build a home. A house is a place where people live. It is a permanent structure. A home is a place for which people have emotions and feelings. It is a place where you feel that you truly belong and are comfortable in. As words, they may have the same meaning but the word home has a more spiritual and emotional value. A home is a place where all kinds of memories of a person, be it good or bad, are.

We can easily build a house but to make it a home is a difficult task. It is the responsibility of the people living there to make the house a home. A house provides shelter and safety. A home is a place where we feel comfortable to be who we are, express our emotions and find an outlet for all our feelings.

A house can become a home but nowadays a lot of homes are becoming houses too. With the increase in the addiction of gadgets, we are slowly getting less attached to our homes. We hardly spend any quality time with our family and hence we do not have any emotions towards our home. We are slowly losing our sense of attachment towards it. We are so focused on our work and social life that we don't create any memories here.

We have to ensure that a house becomes a home and a home never becomes a house.

I would like to conclude by quoting Edgar.A.Guest:

“It takes a heap o' living to make a house a home”.

~Rohaam Sunil

10 'B'



### My Baby Sister

I have a baby sister named Shreya. Shreya is six months old and is sweet and nice. She smiles and plays with me when I come home from school. Both of us like playing with each other.

Everyone says that she looks just like me! She gets up before sunrise and wakes everyone up. She likes playing with toys that make soft sounds. She does not like loud noises. I take good care of her when my mother is busy. I share my toys with her. She is the most adorable sister anybody can have!!

~Sachit

1 'D'

Firstborns are generally smarter than the younger siblings, having on average, a three-point IQ advantage over the second sibling!!!

## MY DEAR DOG

I live with Max my dog,  
All he did to my pop com was hog.

Licking was the only way to wake me up,  
Not to go to school but for biscuits in his cup.

Missed me when I was in school for sure,  
And when I returned, he would greet me with a roar.

While doing my homework he would jump around,  
Begging me to take him for a big round.

Dogs are a man's best friend for no little reason,  
Just look at us, it shows no matter which season.



~Haarika . D

5 'A'

## MY ELDER BROTHER

A brother is someone who is with you to fight  
even in your dreams at midnight.

Having a brother is fun  
until it comes to your bun.

For you he is there to trouble  
and help during times horrible.

He is like the sun's first ray  
Our chat makes our day

He is the reason for your smiles  
even when far by miles.

Be glad to have one  
like me.

~Ashitha N  
6 'A'



## MY SISTER

When I heard my sister cry,  
I lifted her in my arms.  
Like a bunny she looked,  
Like a bunny she ate.  
For her nothing was great.  
So cute and adorable  
her innocent looking face.  
And when she stopped crying,  
I put her on the bed.  
She made a cute face  
Then started crying again.

~Subashri.V,  
6 'B'

The human eye is so sensitive that if the Earth were flat, you could spot a candle flickering at night from up to 30 miles away.



## MY UNCLE'S WEDDING

My maternal uncle Siddharth mamu's marriage is one of the most memorable events that I have attended till date. The wedding happened on 27th of June 2015 in Odisha, but the celebrations had started three days earlier . I had even accompanied my mother and my grandmother to many relative's places to distribute the wedding invitation cards. The whole atmosphere was very joyful. The air was filled with the aroma of delicious foods, the sweet fragrance of Rajnigandha and the very melodious and soothing sound of the shehnai. We were all dressed up in traditional attire and beautiful jewellery. We had a very delicious breakfast and then began the ceremonies. As per our tradition, the bride's brother and some of their relatives came to our place, performed a puja to invite my uncle and all our relatives to their place for the wedding. The brother of the bride who comes to invite the groom for the wedding is called 'baradhara'.

Then we had a toothsome lunch which was cooked and served on the terrace. After lunch, we all started getting ready for the marriage. My mother applied 'chandan' in a particular pattern on my uncle's forehead which is an integral part of an Odiya groom's getup. My uncle was looking no less than a prince in his fabulous golden and white sherwani. He drank a glass of milk given by my grandmother which is considered as an auspicious ritual. According to our tradition, a groom leaves for the wedding in the company of a nephew or a niece called 'MARKUNDI', so I was his markundi, dressed up in a bright elegant white lehenga. Then we started for the bride's place in a grand procession, called 'barajatri'. On the way we all danced to the music being played by the orchestra accompanying the 'barajatri'. I thoroughly enjoyed dancing with my cousins and relatives.

When we reached the bride's place, we were welcomed with 'kumkum' and flowers . The groom was made to sit on a small stool and was carried to the mandap. We were served a delicious multi-cuisine dinner. By the time we finished dinner, the marriage ceremony had already started. There was the 'varmala' followed by 'hastaganthi' ceremony in which the bride kept her right hand on a 'kalash'. The groom's right hand was kept on the bride's hand atop the 'Kalash' and tied with a flower garland and the bride's father poured water on it. This is the most important ritual of an Odiya marriage. After this ritual, the marriage is considered to be complete. We were offered gifts and sweets from the bride's parents . We then bid good bye to all the bride's relatives and guests and returned home with my uncle and his bride. On reaching home my uncle and my new aunt were welcomed with kumkum and 'aarti ' in a very traditional manner. This marriage was a wonderful experience, the memories of which I'll cherish forever.

~ Jigyansa Jena

4 'A'

## MY BROTHER

My cute little brother  
Is just like my mother  
He teaches me his rhymes  
And loves eating limes  
He finds his blanket very interesting  
And holds it while sleeping  
He loves to draw and colour  
Especially a cute little flower  
I help him with his projects  
For wonderful effects  
I love my brother  
As much as my mother !

~CHATURYA P REDDY

5 'B'



In India, it is considered a form of protection and luck to be symbolically married to a tree.



**ANSHIKA MANILA, 4 'A'**



**IPSHITA RAJ, 9 'A'**



**NIDHI KALE, 5 'D'**



**ADITI RAO, 4 'D'**



**ANSHITA, 1 'B'**



**BHAVIKA REDDY, 3 'C'**

# BON APPETIT !

## CHOCOLATE ON GANYMEDE

A bar of chocolate – It's all I need  
Even if I were on Ganymede

So there I flew in my rocket ship  
Only to see aliens taking a dip  
In a pool made of molten rock stew  
That came from a volcano that just blew

They asked me for my bar  
Because it came from afar  
They bit into it  
And started sprouting crazy zits  
And ended up dying in pits

A bar of chocolate –It's all I need  
Even if I were on Ganymede

"So now what?" I thought  
When white chocolate  
Suddenly rose from my pocket  
It felt silky and smooth

Oh look! There was a note with it too  
It said "The last bar of chocolate in the world,  
To the one who loves it the most."  
So now I had the last bar of chocolate  
On earth and the whole of Ganymede.

~ **Ria and Vaishnavi**

6 'A'



## OUTSIDE THE CANDY SHOP

I'm outside the candy shop, looking inside,  
Listening to the glass jars opening,  
Transparent wrappers crunching,  
Excited children screaming,  
Shopkeeper singing ,  
Joyful children stamping,  
Glass jars emptying,  
Happy owner giving,  
I am outside the candy shop, looking inside.

~**Janhavi**  
1 'B'

The smell of chocolate increases a special brain wave that triggers relaxation!



## WHAT A DISASTER !

We found a hotel  
And into it I ran,  
I was really hungry  
I called the waiter man.

He showed me the menu  
And I looked around,  
Should I choose a round pizza?  
Or a plate of veg fajita?

I decided what to eat  
My family did too,  
Suddenly someone shouted  
I really wonder who!

Out came the waiter  
With sad news to tell,  
Our food had got burnt  
And now they had to cook all over again.

I sat there patiently  
Hearing my stomach's growling noises ,  
I was starving  
While the others ate tasty food with several noises.

After an HOUR, the waiter came out,  
With a plate of food in his hand,  
I got so excited as I felt I was going to eat after a million days  
I ran towards the waiter which was totally not planned.

'Boom!', I dashed into him and my hope just dimmed.

The plate with food flew right over our heads  
Landing on another table, the guy's face so red,  
I think I'm truly a very big master  
Of creating big, sad disasters!

~Vidita Patel

8 'A'

Pound cake got its name from its original recipe, which called for a pound each of butter, eggs, sugar, and flour.

# HAA HAA ! HEE HEE ! HO HO !

## THE COMIC THAT GAVE THE PEOPLE THE LAUGHTER OF THEIR LIFETIME!

Have you all heard of the comic strip 'Calvin and Hobbes'? Well, it is drawn by Bill Watterson. The story is about the adventures of a 5-year old boy named Calvin and his stuffed tiger named Hobbes who comes to life only when Calvin is present near him!

What I really like about the comic is the sarcasm of Hobbes and the simplicity and immaturity of Calvin. Here Bill Watterson is showing just how much entertainment there is in the normal life of a 5-year old. I like the authenticity most of all, as back then, there were no Harry Potters, Percy Jacksons or Diary of a Wimpy Kid. Calvin and Hobbes was way ahead of its time in humour. Bill Watterson gave people a laugh that would last for the rest of their lives!



~Rohan Rajesh

7 'C'

## NINJA HATTORI—MY FAVOURITE CARTOON CHARACTER

Ninja Hattori is one of the best animated actors in the world. He comes from a faraway village leaving his parents and travels to another city. At midnight, he reaches a house which has a family of three members. One of them is a lazy boy. He keeps helping the lazy boy, Kenichi in every way. Ninja Hattori has a brother Shinzo. Hattori used to train Shinzo to become a Ninja. Kenichi has an enemy called Kemumaki. When Kemumaki gets Kenichi into trouble, Hattori saves him. If Kenichi leaves any book in his house, Hattori goes to his school and gives it to him secretly.

The only thing Hattori is scared of is frogs. He does several things in the house. Kenichi's mother gives Hattori a list of things to buy and he buys everything in two minutes. Kenichi gets jealous of Hattori as his parents praise Hattori all the time. As Kenichi gets scoldings from his teacher, Hattori teaches him how to



be better. If Hattori does not allow Shinzo, he starts crying so loud that even the earth starts shaking. Hattori is the one who is a role model for others.

~Srihari

4 'B'

# POKÉMON

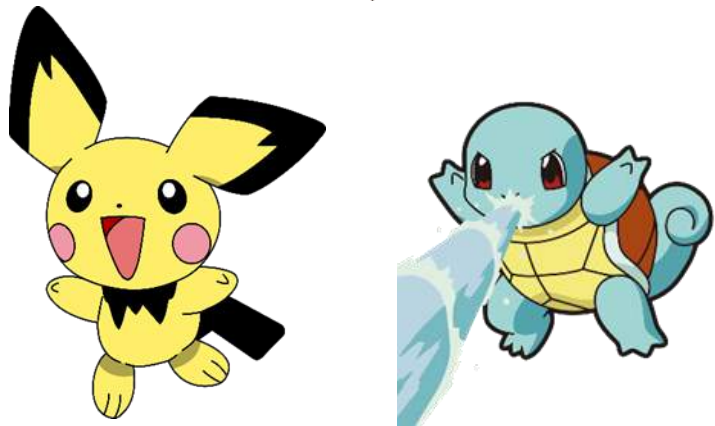
This world is full of Pokémon,  
Which is your favourite one.?

I like my Raichu and Charizard,  
Finding one is not so hard.  
The evil one is Mewtwo,  
The kind one is Pichu.



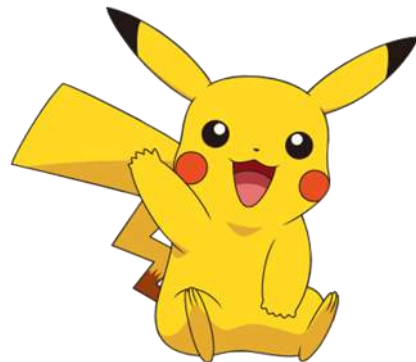
This world is full of Pokémon,  
Which is your favourite one?

You can go and catch a Pichu,  
And evolve it into a Pikachu.  
Do you know it's a thunderbolt?  
It will cause the earth a jolt.



This world is full of Pokémon,  
Which is your favourite one?

The Squirtle is a good choice,  
Come on go out and catch it boys.  
It uses its water gun,  
Take a shower and have some fun.



~Sanjeev Krishna

6 'B'

Bambi, Thumper and Donald Duck have all had asteroids named after them. There is also an asteroid Disneya named after Walt Disney.



## MY KITTY

My dear Hello kitty,  
You are so pretty!  
You look so good,  
But you are very naughty!  
Do you eat many rats?  
Because you are such a fatty!  
If you get angry,  
You look very scary!  
But no matter how naughty....  
You will always be MY HELLO KITTY!

~Lasya Kumar

1 'C'



## THE MISSING ISLAND



There was once a dinosaur named Max. He lived on a distant Australian island. Many dinosaurs lived along with Max. A woman named Elsa had planted a tall coconut tree. It was about 10 meters tall.

Elsa was an environment lover. She loved to plant trees. Max and the other dinosaurs were always trying to break the trees. Max said "Let us break this useless tree into pieces with our claws". They kept trying and finally broke it. Max was very happy. But Elsa got furious. She had a necklace which was magical. She cursed the island by pointing her necklace towards it. The dinosaurs died and the island has been missing ever since.

Elsa went to the Opera House in Sydney and lived there. She planted many coconut trees on a large piece of land and earned a lot of money. Elsa had a peaceful life and lived happily ever after.

~Navneeth Reddy

4 'C'

Mickey Mouse was drawn with white gloves because Walt Disney thought normal mouse nails were too violent for children to watch!

# NOURISHED NATURE

## STUPENDOUS GIFT CALLED EART

Breeze blows along the beach,  
Mist curls up the vales,  
Snow covers the peaks out of reach,  
Storm thunders over the wales.

Mountains are dazzled by pines,  
Grass lands are lush green,  
Wolves howl in moonshine,  
Sparrows chirp in the trees.

Water shimmers crystal clear,  
Soil red and fertile,  
Deserts hold thorns we fear,  
Glowworms throw glorious light.

This stupendous gift called Earth,  
Can't be described using words,  
Humans die and take birth,  
And live united in this unique world.

~Athulya & Eesha K

6 'A'

## NATURE'S CALL

People say they want to live till eighty,  
They say, "let the world end after ninety".  
They don't understand at all,  
That we forget to answer to nature's call!

In the rivers, sewage does flow,  
In the air, harmful gases blow.  
Instead of stopping it,  
We increase it bit by bit.

Plastic is hidden in the ground,  
Under soil of thousands of pounds.  
Animals getting killed here and there,  
Plants getting cut everywhere!

We say, "I keep my home very neat",  
First please take a seat.  
Think about this matter and all,  
Didn't we forget to answer nature's call?

~Ajay.B

7 'A'

Due to Earth's gravity it is impossible for mountains to be higher than 49,000 feet! (15,000 meters)

## THE UNDERESTIMATED SPECIES

### WE ARE THE TREES

We are cut by two legged brutes,  
Who think we are mutes  
We give you leaves to write  
But you give us a horrible plight!

We are said to be friends  
But to us you act like fiends  
You always cut some wood  
When you are not in a mood

It takes a lot of years to grow  
It's a fact which you know  
We make forests and provide shade  
But only to be destroyed by your spades

We make your lives cool  
Cutting us makes you big fools  
Cutting us is your extinction  
It will always be our conviction

~R.Keshav

6 'D'



## SUMMER

The sun is glowing  
Summer winds are blowing  
The heat is blazing  
The cattle is grazing.

Winter has parted  
Summer has started  
Holidays are in view  
Holiday plans are due.

Swimming everyday  
In the pool for hours I will stay  
Summer is almost here  
But heat is my only fear.

In the scorching heat  
I will get an ice cream treat  
The sun is glowing  
Summer winds are blowing.

~Aarushi B

5 'A'



The Amazon Rainforest produces half the world's oxygen supply.



## THE BIG BANYAN TREE

Over 400 years old and spanning three acres, the Big Banyan Tree has stood silent witness to the city's growth. No one quite knows who planted the Big Banyan tree in Kethohalli village near Tavarekere, but it is widely believed that its gnarled vertical roots have silently witnessed the city's growth from a one-horse sleepy town to the tech city that it is. At first utterly neglected, the tree is now a heritage. Hundreds of tourists flock to its presence and look at it in wonder as they make their way through the maze of hanging roots. Researchers delight in this open air laboratory and botanists spend hours attempting to unlock the secrets of its longevity. A variety of birds roost in its branches and its fruit also attracts packs of monkeys.

The banyan tree, botanically known as *Ficus Benghalensis*, is perhaps the oldest of tree species in the city. The Savanadurga monolithic hill and the backwaters of the Manchanabele reservoir form a serene backdrop to its spreading branches and make for a good picnic spot.

"The tree, located at survey number 57/2C1, has a crown circumference of more than 250 metres," says the senior horticulture officer at Kethohalli. "What is surprising is the growth of the tree. It does not have a main trunk, but it keeps spreading all around. On an average, the tree canopy widens a few feet every year. It currently has more than 1000 aerial roots and by itself, it's a virtual forest," he said.

S Ashwath, Joint Director of Horticulture (parks and gardens) says, "It's the fourth largest banyan tree in India after the ones in Andhra Pradesh, Kolkata and Chennai. The soil composition under the tree canopy, which spans three acres, has remained unchanged in the last 400 years."

Local villagers say the tree was part of the natural vegetation in the region. For years, it was neglected, but as its popularity grew, the government stepped in. A few decades ago, the tree was put under the care of the horticultural department. The department has taken steps to nurture the tree and protect and conserve its roots. The state government and the biodiversity board have declared it a heritage tree.

While students of botany camp at the base of its roots and spend hours studying its growth, local villagers and hordes of visitors believe the tree embodies divine powers. "The tree has always been considered sacred and the people's reverence is backed by a few scientific findings," says Yellappa Reddy, an ecological expert. "The tree has the ability to trap suspended particulate matter in the air. Further, its leaves enable it to carry on the process of photosynthesis even in the night which means it gives out more oxygen compared to other trees."

Though the main trunk has perished, the site has become the abode of the local deity Muneshwara and local villagers celebrate a fair every year during April-May. The horticulture department has given the area beneath its canopy a facelift, by building proper walkways and growing shadow gardens modelled on Japanese gardens. Walking under the tree is said to produce a soothing effect on people. The Deep Space Network of ISRO's moon mission Chandrayan is located at Byalalu village nearby. The sprawling banyan tree resembles a small forest and is a favourite haunt for researchers, tourists and the spiritually inclined.

### **You Must Know !**

- \* The Portuguese gave the tree its name after seeing several Bania (Traders) community members taking shelter under the tree while travelling.
- \* The big banyan tree is the most cinematographed tree in Karnataka.
- \* The big banyan tree extends its crown circumference by two to three feet every year.

~Rahul.B

6 'C'

A single tree produces approximately 260 pounds of oxygen per year.

## THE SNOWFLAKES AMONG US

Snowflakes utterly fascinate me! Each of one of them is unique and so magically beautiful.

I remember seeing pictures of snowflakes in a book I was reading and I got to thinking, "Wow, this really is amazing!"

Each one of them so similar yet so different from each other.

So, this brings me to the analogy between people and snowflakes. While there are so many similarities between people (which can be a great thing), we are all so unique and when you think about it, it's pretty amazing.

Just like those crystallite forms seem to have been crafted to perfection, each one of them brilliant and resplendent and yet so different.

WE too are different from each and every person around us.

If I glanced into a crowd, it might just seem like a sea of faces , but if I take a close look , I can just see how different we all are. From the pattern of our fingertips, to the colour of our eyes, to the thoughts we think and the words we speak; We are UNIQUE.

To each person reading this, just remember, you are unique and you are special.

Our similarities make us human and our differences make us who we are.

WE are like snowflakes, and this is what I believe!



~Rohan Macaden

5 'A'

## PLANTS, YOU MAKE OUR WORLD BEAUTIFUL!!

You are the ones who give us oxygen to breathe.

You are the ones who give us good health.

You are the ones who make our surroundings beautiful.

You are the ones who give us food.

You are the ones who give us wood.

You are the ones who give us shade on a hot summer day.

You are the ones who give animals a safe place to hide from their enemies.

You are the ones who give shelter to birds and animals.

Birds and animals make their homes in you.

You help us in many ways.

WE LOVE YOU PLANTS !!

~Punya

2 'A'

The smallest snowflakes are called Diamond Dust crystals, and they might be as small as the diameter of a human hair.

# THANKS TO WATER

One day, I thought something  
Drinking five litres of water.  
Even though I had a severe cough.  
I wanted to grow fatter.

I thought of drinking five litres of water  
In some way or the other.  
I wanted to grow fatter  
By the month of September.

I thought of it so damn long  
That my mother gave my head a bong,  
Because I had put it in a song  
Which was very, very long.

I thought of drinking five litres of water  
Hoping for something.  
But even though I wanted to grow fatter  
I ended up drinking nothing!

**~Nakul . B**

## 6 'C'



## THE EVILS OF THE WORLD

There are many evils in this world,  
Things that are daily seen and heard.  
Environmental evil like pollution is one  
Public evil like corruption is second to none.

Corruption is a very prevalent thing,  
When heard many warning bells ring.  
Associating it with politicians  
Who are good creators of illusions.

Pollution is all over the place  
In towns and cities like it is a race.  
Delhi and Beijing are just some of the places,  
Where, we can only see blurs and hazes.

Why are we all waiting for a miracle?  
Instead of getting our hands dirty with a sickle.  
To weed out all the wrongs that we have made  
And make the earth clean and green like a jade.

~Sashank Sivakumar

## 7 'A'

~~CORRUPTION~~



Found in the Pacific Ocean, the Mariana Trench is the deepest known point in the world's oceans.



### **FALL**

The blow of gentle, crisp air,  
Boots, sweaters and hats on people's hair!  
Trees filled with beautiful leaves,  
people wearing warm full sleeves.

The weather gets cooler day by day,  
yet moderate enough to run and play.  
This is my most favourite season of all,  
the golden, warm, beautiful fall!

The delicious- smelling pumpkin pie  
which everybody waits to buy!  
It's also time for Halloween,  
and to watch movies on a big screen!

The leaves gently falling to the ground,  
without making a single sound.  
This is my most favourite season of all,  
the golden, warm, beautiful fall!

~**Bhoomika. H.M**

8 'A'

### **NATURE**

We see all around us  
Something God has gifted us,  
Earth's most beautiful feature  
Of course! It is nature.

Colourful flowers blooming all around,  
Trees and green grass when you look around,  
Lovely sparkling streams are flowing,  
The gentle forest breeze is blowing.

The sweet chirping of birds,  
The cattle grazing in herds,  
So much of greenery,  
A beautiful scenery.

I wish this world could always be  
As pretty as I see it to be,  
I wish it could remain so  
Because nature is home , so you should know.

~**Dhyeya Aneesh**

5 'B'

### **VANISHING ENVIRONMENT**

Animals that are on the brink of extinction are classified as endangered. Every day, at least 1,000 species of plants and animals become extinct. There are many animals that are endangered. Everybody should work towards protecting these animals. A major endangered animal in India is the Bengal tiger.

Many animals are taken to zoos so that they won't be hunted and can breed. Sanctuaries can also be built.

~**Compiled by**

**Akshanth Kalvakuntla**

1 'A'

**If you keep a goldfish in the dark, it will eventually turn white.**

## WINTER

Freezing nights,  
And frosty days,  
Mark the beginning of winter days.  
Socks made of wool,  
And gloves made of fleece,  
Are worn to escape the winter's freeze.

The sky is dark,  
The ground is white,  
Viewed by the streaks of moonlight  
The stars shine bright,  
Like the fireplace at night  
It is an ideal winter night!

~  
~Dhanyashree.S

8 'A'

## THE BEST NEST

A bird built a nest.  
It was the best.  
Once he had a guest.  
The guest was an owl.

The owl asked "How did you do this all?"  
The bird said, "I went round and round  
And found the sticks on the ground.  
I picked them one by one  
I lined it with grass and then I was done".

~Aditya Nadkarni

2 'D'



## MY LOCALITY

H.S.R is my locality,  
In my amazing city.  
Once the outskirts,  
Is the heart line now.

A beautiful village Agara  
Now, transformed into a hitech layout.  
You name it, you get it.  
That's my layout.

We have gone a step ahead,  
Segregation we do of our garbage,  
This will go a long way  
To protect our future age.

~Meghana G.T

V 'A'



Uranus has only 2 seasons - summer and winter. Each lasts for 42 Earth years.

# LIVELY ANIMALS....

## GECKO

The gecko is one of those creatures  
That has many quirky features  
From strong jaws and camouflage  
To muscular bodies and climbing walls.

It lives throughout most of Asia  
And lives in all of Melanesia  
The mighty gecko is one of the creatures  
That till today has fascinated us with its features.

~Rohan

4 'D'



## THE POOR OLD MOUSE

There once was a mouse,  
Who stayed in my house.  
It had a mole,  
And lived in a dark hole.  
It sneaked out at night,  
But didn't know its plight!  
It went to get some bread,  
But slipped and fell in my shed!  
The mouse was in a soup,  
A cat found it and ate it up,  
The poor old mouse.....  
Who lived in my house.

~Joel

4 'D'



Walt Disney, the creator of Mickey Mouse, was afraid of mice.



## DOGS VS CATS

Game on: it's the ultimate pet takedown. Who will win the most wanted pet-cats or dogs? Sure they both have their own advantages but still only one can be better!

Almost half of all American pet owners are dog owners. Cats lose when it comes to popularity. Dog freaks are all over the world. It is like comparing water to land on earth, where land comprises cat owners and water dog owners. Cats (30 mph) are found to be faster than most dogs (20 mph). Cats can live from about 12 to 25 years whereas dogs live only from 12 to 18 years. When choosing a pet you must decide on a few things. Dogs require time whereas cats can be left at home. Usually cats are cheaper than dogs. Cats require less materials like a few toys and a bowl whereas a dog can be very hard to handle at times. Dogs need a leash, a bowl, a collar and many toys to chew on. Dogs also eat more than most cats. A cat need not be bathed but may be brushed once a week if it has long hair. A dog should be bathed and brushed frequently. Both cats and dogs get affected by lice and other germs. The medical costs for cats are Rs. 1000 and the medical costs for dogs are Rs.1200 and above. When it comes to training then it is always easier to train dogs. Dogs are also like watchdogs which can be very useful for people living in independent houses. Cats can prevent rats and other small creatures from entering the house.

After all this information I hope you have chosen which pet you want. If I was useful in helping you make that decision then you are most welcome from the bottom of my heart.

~ Shrey Singh

7 'B'



## COLOURS ON A BUTTERFLY

Once upon a time there was a butterfly park in a city. The park was filled with many black & white butterflies, big old trees and colorful flowers. One day a Larva (baby butterfly) asked her mummy "Why don't we have colors on our wings"? Mother butterfly, couldn't answer that question and so she kept quiet.

The next day morning all the butterflies were discussing this question and they went out from the park searching for colors. It was Christmas season so all the churches were decorated with many lights and flowers. One Butterfly thought to ask this question to God so they all went inside the church, prayed to God and they met Santa Claus, collected gifts. After all this, the butterflies were very happy. Once they came back home, the same question was on their mind again.

After some days when it was Holi, again all butterflies decided to go to the temple to pray to God, so they all came out from the park and saw that many people were sharing sweets and playing with colors. The butterflies also started to play with colors. The next day, all the butterflies' wings had turned into different colors. So finally, the butterflies got colors and started living a happy life.

~Pratham.G

1 'A'

Many butterflies can taste with their feet to find out whether the leaf they sit on is good to lay eggs on to be their caterpillars' food or not.

## THE FOX AND THE GRAPES

On a sunny day,  
A hungry, thirsty fox,  
Who lived in a box,  
Lost his way.  
As he was walking  
And thinking,  
What a bad day !  
In the month of May,  
With a grape bunch,  
Pleased as a punch,  
On the way,  
Leaps,  
And bounds,  
And wounds,  
Alas! For a tear  
And fear  
Again a hungry day  
On my way:(

~Bhavna

6 'C'



## A FURRY SQUIRREL

There is a little squirrel.  
He doesn't make a sound,  
under the ground.  
  
His tail is very big,  
Sometimes he'll dig.  
  
His eyes are so bright,  
Eats nuts with all his might.  
  
He runs up and down,  
He hides in the bare brown,  
  
He flies through the air,  
He flies without fear .

~Ranjan Prajwal Khailumn,

2 'D'



A lion in the wild usually makes no more than twenty kills a year. The female lion does ninety percent of the hunting.

## THE CUNNING CROW

I live in a house which is close to a yard  
Where many different birds live  
Among all the birds  
There lives a cunning crow  
He taunts and mocks at other birds  
And pulls out their beautiful feathers  
Every bird feels a hostility towards the crow  
Who pretends to be of an exotic breed  
He never uses endearments to others  
But always admonishes and irritates them  
He often throws a tantrum  
And annoys his neighbors needlessly

Once a hunter came to the yard  
He aimed to shoot down a lovely koel  
Suddenly, he saw the cunning crow  
Jeering at the koel,  
Ridiculing her about her fate  
He swiftly shifted his aim  
And shot down the crow instead!

~Devang Jayakrishnan

4 'A'

## MY CAT

I have a cat  
She is fat  
Her name is Snow  
and she likes to wear a bow.  
Her fur is soft as silk  
she loves to drink milk  
She runs behind mice  
and plays with ice.  
She is scared of the dog  
Who sits outside on a log  
She purrs when touched  
And she loves me very much.

~Neharika Suvarna

2 'B'



## TINY ROBBERS BECAME FRIENDS

The summer began. The gang of ants started their activities in Raju's house. They would often rob the tasty, yummy food in his house wasting lots of healthy food. Raju's mother got very angry, and she destroyed the anthill. All the ants were upset.

While Raju was playing on the street, the queen ant came and requested Raju. "Dear friend! We are like your friends. Please help us! Your mother destroyed our home. Now, we don't have nowhere to stay and to eat. Our young and our labourers are so sad. Please, help us!" Raju went to his mother, and asked her to give permission to serve food daily to the ants. She had no other option. She agreed. Raju served tasty food and gave the ants a place to stay in his backyard. So, they became Raju's pets. They lived happily.

~Ranjan Prajwal Khailumn,

2 'D'





# INDIA IN ALL ITS GLORY

## MY COUNTRY

Welcome to the land of the kings of lore;  
We have a great amount of wonders within our shores;  
We would like you to come and have a good look,  
For you will now see what you have only seen in books!



India has fantastic views up her sleeve,  
So if you come here once you would never want to leave!  
Our triumphs far exceed our falls in this land,  
So come let us explore, hold my hand!

Come let me take you to the ancient temples of our place,  
You see, their style depends on their benefactor's race.  
For as I said in this land of uncountable kings,  
They choose to have a certain style in making things.



Well have you had enough of basking in our Indian glory?  
Or do you wish to hear another story?  
Of the wonderful land of my forefathers and their fathers as well!  
As my great country has many more tales to tell!



~EESHAN

7 'D'

Every 12 years, a religious gathering called the Kumbh Mela occurs in India. It is the world's largest gathering of people. The gathering is so large that the Kumbh Mela is visible from space.

## MAGNIFICENT MODI

P.M. Modi is a great guy,  
At a young age he used to sell chai,  
Looking at his rise you say, "Oh my!"  
He goes around the world saying hi.  
In your mind arise many a why,  
But he goes to establish deals and ties,  
He and his cabinet has money which is white,  
To corruption they are giving a fight,  
They are increasing the country's might,  
No one is taking Rs 500 and Rs 1000 demonetization light,  
They are keeping nuts and bolts all tight,  
Under them India is flying like a kite.  
Many schemes he has started,  
He has never taken funds for granted,  
The Krishi Sinchai Yojna to help many a farmer,  
To irrigate dry districts like Barmer,  
Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan to make India clean,  
And the e-basta to make school bags lean,  
Sukanya Samriddhi Yojna for the girls,  
Digilocker to keep our documents safe that are as valuable as pearls,  
Awas Yojna to move poor people to houses from a moor,  
E-visa to easily go anywhere on a tour,  
P.M. Jan Dhan Yojna to keep money safe in banks and to be able to pay many a bill,  
Atal Pension Yojna to help civilians in old age when they may get seriously ill,  
Jivan Jyoti & Surakshaa Bima Yojna to not worry about your insurance and just chill, chill just chill,  
Digital India for disconnectedness to kill,  
LPG Subsidy Pahal scheme to pay for your gas,  
Make in India to employ youth and many a lass,  
Gareeb Kalyan Yojna to help the poor and needy,  
Sansad Gram Yojna to develop villages from dirty and weedy,  
This is because Modi is a great guy,  
With this I must say good bye.

~Anant Tewari

7 'A'



Prime Minister Narendra Modi has done a three month course in the US on Public Relations and Image Management. This could be one reason behind his success in positioning himself as one of the most popular politicians in the world.

## ENCHANTING KATHAKALI

Kathakali is my favorite dance form. In Kathakali, a mythological story ('Katha') is told in the form of a dance performance ('Kali'). The dancers wear colourful costumes, facial mask, and headgear. The dancers dance according to the story sung by the vocalists. Musical instruments like 'Chenda' and 'Maddalam' are played along with the story.



Many a time, the artists get down from the stage, go to the audience to enact a few scenes. Hence when I watch Kathakali, I feel like the story is actually happening in front of my eyes. The beautiful expressions of the dancers along with the singing and drums make it an enchanting storytelling session.

I am a member of the Bangalore Club for Kathakali and Arts (BCKA) and attend all the Kathakali performances organized by them. I get mesmerized on watching Kathakali and love to watch the various stories performed again and again.

~Gitanjali B

3 'A'

## OUR INDIA

Our India is the birthplace of sages,  
Known for bravery for ages .

Whatever caste or religion,  
We try to live in unison.

The great land filled with ever flowing rivers and fountains,  
Along with great big mountains.

This land of diversity,  
is on its way to living in prosperity.

~Haarika D

5 'A'



The Tirupati Balaji temple and the Kashi Vishwanath Temple in India receive more visitors than the Vatican City and Mecca combined.



## INS VIKRAMADITYA

The theme of our sports day this time was the Indian Defence Forces. I participated in a display dance representing the Indian Navy. One of the props for the school day was the Indian defence ship, INS Vikramaditya.

So, imagine my surprise when my dad told me that we would be visiting my cousins at the naval base in Karwar, and we would get to see the ship! The ship is imposing in its size. It happens to be 284 m long and 60 m tall. It is the newest and largest ship to join the Indian Navy. We had a navy personnel who took us inside and showed us the hangar, which had a lift for the aeroplanes to take it to the deck! It measures 130 m x 23 m and can hold 24 aircraft and 10 helicopters. We also saw the dining area, and the banquet hall. We also took a lift inside the ship to go up and down. It opened on both sides. There were so many rooms and spaces for all kinds of equipment inside. I believe it can hold a crew of 1500 sailors and 110 officers. We then went to the deck which was what I enjoyed the most.

There were landing strips and take off strips. There were wires to hold the planes back when they land. These are known as the arrestor wires. There were nets all around so that people do not fall off.

Apart from this we also went to the dock where we observed how the ships were lifted off the water and cleaned and checked. It was all very interesting and also made me proud of our country.

~Ved Srikanth

3 'C'

### FACTS ABOUT INDIA

- ♦ Shampooing is an Indian concept.
- ♦ Water on the moon was discovered by India.
- ♦ Science Day in Switzerland is dedicated to Ex-Indian President, APJ Abdul Kalam.
- ♦ The first rocket in India was transported on a cycle.
- ♦ The first country to consume sugar was India.
- ♦ Rabindranath Tagore also wrote the national anthem for Bangladesh.
- ♦ Diamonds were first mined in India.

Compiled by Sanjeev Krishna

6 'B'

### BANGALORE TRAFFIC

I was on my way to Bangalore airport with my family when we got stuck in a traffic jam at the crossroads. As there was no traffic signal at the crossroads, everyone tried to cross at the same time, leading to a 'catch 22' situation! My family and I were very tense as we had a flight to catch. My father got out of the cab and started regulating the traffic. Slowly, the traffic started to clear and we got to the airport on time. This is something that happens every day on my way to and from school. This problem can be solved by teaching school students the rules and regulations of the road so that they will be able to follow them and become responsible adults.

~Mateen Ismat Saadiq

4 'A'



Magnetic Hill is a gravity hill located near Leh in Ladakh, India. The hill is alleged to have magnetic properties strong enough to pull cars uphill and force passing aircraft to increase their altitude in order to escape magnetic interference.

## MS DHONI—A CRICKETING GENIUS

Who doesn't know the most famous personality in this world — Mahendra Singh Dhoni?

Dhoni who was born to Devaki Devi and Pan Singh Dhoni on 7<sup>th</sup> July 1981 is one of the most successful captains ever in the Indian cricket team. Dhoni has inspired many people in the world and his achievements are uncountable. In his childhood he was interested in football and was good in goalkeeping. He was good at playing badminton too. He was a poor ticket collector who was forced to take this job before stepping into the world of cricket.

His faith and hope kept him going. He then took up his dream job. His sister Jayanti Gupta supported him always. He was then taken in the Indian cricket team but was an average player and had chances of being taken out of the team. He later learnt to be cool and face situations when under pressure, after the death of Priyanka Jha who was Dhoni's first love. He then won the 2007 T20 World Cup which was one of the best wins of his career. His next target was to win the 2011 World Cup. He succeeded by finishing the finals with a wonderful SIX!!!

His captaincy helped India lift the World Cup after 28 years. He then got married to a pretty lady-Sakshi. Now Dhoni is the father of a cute daughter-Ziva Dhoni. This fact is true: If 15 runs are needed off the last over, pressure is on the bowler not MSD. Unfortunately he retired from Test cricket without getting a 1000 runs or playing a 100 matches. Everyone talks about him getting retired but Dhoni has made it clear that he will retire only after the 2019 World Cup. He has given up captaincy and offered it to Virat Kohli. Dhoni loves riding on bikes and so has 43 bikes. He has represented India and has made us proud of it.

~Sukruti Srinidhi

6 'A'

Mister "Captain Cool"

Shattering the outfield with a bat

Deadly shots created - like the 'Helicopter'

Hundreds of awards and achievements

Optimistic fan-club

No comparison at all

India's most successful captain ever.

~Karan Kini

6 'A'



According to Forbes, MS Dhoni's net worth is \$30 million, which exceeds Master Blaster Sachin Tendulkar's net worth.



**GAURI, 6 'D'**



**NIDHI KALE, 5 'D'**



**SAIRAM V.S. 4 'C'**



**MRIDULA MADHU, 8 'B'**



# ADVENTURE AWAITS THE FEARLESS.....

## THAT FIFTEEN MINUTES ON AIR!

It was my first journey to the Arabian land. We were on our way to try out the world's fastest rollercoaster in Ferrari world, Abu Dhabi. We held on to our excitement at the tail of a long queue. At last it was our turn to ride in the world's famous but dangerous rollercoaster. We all buckled up tightly. In front of me was a lady with an eight year old girl, next to me was my dear sister and behind me were my dad and mum. The coaster pulled up slowly like a snail, then it increased speed by the second. We were ascending and descending. In the blink of an eye, like a bat out of hell, we went up to touch the sky and the next moment lunged down as though we were about to hit the ground.

Between all this, I apprehended that even when we were nearing the end of the ride, our fleet wasn't going down. When I glanced at the controller's room, the man there was filled with panic and anxiety. Our coaster was experiencing a brake failure. We went up and down. The ride which was to amuse us had taken a wrong turn and everyone wailed with fear.

An idea just popped into my mind. I requested the lady in front of me to pass the message that our coaster is going to crash and to hold on tightly as we descend. Then I signaled to the control room and managed to convey to him to place a rock from the field nearby on the track. He did as he was told without much thinking.

As we went near the rock, panic seized me and I asked everyone to hold on tight. We crashed on the rock and the coaster halted with a big bang. The first five rows of passengers were badly injured and were rushed to a nearby hospital while the rest were slightly injured and were taken to the sick room. If it hadn't been for my idea, I wouldn't have been here to narrate this incident to you. You would have missed a thrilling story!

~Aadhya Mohan

8 'A'



In 1947, fruit flies were launched into space. Later, in 1949, Albert II, a Rhesus monkey went to space. In 1957, the Russian space dog, Laika, orbited the Earth. Scientists wanted to make sure space travel was safe for humans. Sending animals first gave them valuable information about how bodies react to being in space.

### **THE UNITY OF THE DESIGN VILLAGE**

Once, there was a small village near a valley called the Design Village. It was well known all over the world for its unique designs. But, did anyone know where it was situated? No way!!

One day, a gang of people came searching for this village. It was their luck that helped them find the village. The King and the Queen were frightened because they did not have a safety measure in place to protect those designs.

The King thought of a good plan. He called all the villagers to come to his royal palace. He asked a couple named Jack and Jill, to keep all the designs in a secret house on the other side of the village. The gang searched every nook and corner of the village but could not find those designs. All the villagers pretended that they did not know anything about the designs in their village. The gang thought that they had come into another village instead of the Design Village. Hence disappointed they left the village, which was actually the design village.

Thus, all the unique designs of the villagers were saved! The King and Queen were so elated that they rewarded all the villagers with a hundred gold coins each! The King told the villagers to be united amongst themselves to take care of their village's belongings. Then, they all lived happily ever after!!

~Shrestha Kaundinya

3 'D'

### **WHO ARE WE ???**

Imagine that we were all back in cavemen times and none of the modern comforts and luxuries existed. If we did not step out of our caves and seek adventure, we would never have evolved into the people we are today.

We are curious. That is what we (humans) are. When we look around we see stories which are treasure troves of knowledge. Be it the space and cosmos, the mighty ocean or even the very land we stand on, all are filled with generations of stories and information. We partake in adventures and explore to learn; and as we learn, we evolve. Thus, going on adventures is linked to our evolution.

In current times as well, we explore endlessly. Take the mission to put man on the moon; it was a massive adventure with equally large risks, but the outcome was worth the effort- a landmark in human history! That is what all adventurers seek, to leave their footprint. Would Neil Armstrong have done it if he was scared to go on the adventure? Would Christopher Columbus have discovered America if he was scared to go on his adventure? No, they would not have.

So we can say that an adventure is an unusual and daring experience usually including high risks, and elements of danger with an uncertain outcome. Adventures bring us the thrill of the moment and most people love the fact that they are risking their lives and pushing their limits. The spark of adventure is alive in each and every one of us. Each and every one of us is unique. In each person's uniqueness lies their strength. We can explore boundaries, push our limits, cross lines and have some fun. All it takes is to have the spark.

'Life is the greatest adventure.'

We all live an adventure....To choose a greater one is the question!

~Karan Macaden

10 'B'

**The record for a human lasting without sleep is 18 days, 21 hours and 40 minutes.**

## MY JOURNEY THROUGH SPACE

It is a moonlit night, the stars are shining brightly and a perfect moon as clear as glass is reflecting my image in it. I can even feel the constant motion in the neutron stars, the nebulae are in all sizes and shapes and I can see many far and distant planets.....

Is it a dream? I woke with a start, only to find myself on a short journey into space. Mom! Dad! I shouted. What's happening? Why are we passing through the cosmos? Are we in some sort of amusement park? And I could have asked a million more questions if only my mom hadn't silenced me... She said in a soft voice, "We are in the Andromeda galaxy, I won a lottery and .... "She paused. I knew she had always wanted to be an astronaut and flying to another galaxy was a very rare opportunity. But how could she do this when she knew I was xenophobic. I had just learnt in my physics class that the Andromeda galaxy was full of black holes, and it had a double nucleus filled with clusters of stars... and then I heard a sound as powerful as a bomb blast happening right next door . "What was that?" I squeaked, as I heard the sound repeat itself again as if it were an echo.

This time I screamed but much louder. My dad acted absolutely normal. He asked me whether I had read about the collision of the Andromeda and Milky Way galaxy. I gave an obvious look and said, "Isn't that supposed to happen like 4 billion years from now?" He replied with a grin on his face, "Didn't mom tell you we are time travelling?" There couldn't be anything worse than this. It was too much to take in for a day. So I cheered myself up with Winston Churchill's words, "The positive thinker sees the invisible, feels the intangible and achieves the impossible."

As time flew by, we finished touring the Andromeda galaxy and now it was turn to go back home. On the way back, I saw Pluto and was shocked to know that it was smaller than the Earth's moon. I even saw the one and only dwarf planet considered to be a terrestrial world- Ceres. It has a rocky core and an outer mantle, with surface features such as craters and mountains.

As I journeyed back home to planet Earth, I thought that I would always remember my beautiful journey into space and the many splendid sights that I had seen on my journey. As I touched down, I paused for a moment. Could this have been real? Could I have travelled into space? Was this a dream, could I have travelled into space and returned, in what seems only minutes?

I wonder, I really wonder!

~P. Anumita

Z 'A'

Footprints and tire tracks left by astronauts on the moon will stay there forever as there is no wind to blow them away.



## **DEFYING GRAVITY!!**

**Holding on to the rollercoaster railing,  
Ride slowly takes off as if it is going for a space sailing.  
Up in the sky, so close  
to the clouds,  
Screams with full throttle, similar to a thundercloud.  
Downward riding is just a free fall with sudden turbulence,  
Heading for round two with  
accelerated suspense.  
Butterflies in the stomach; still  
loved this trance,  
Got off, holding my sister's hand wanting another chance!**

**~Medha Mohan  
8 'A'**

## **CROCODILE IN THE NILE**

In the vast river Nile,  
Lived a giant crocodile  
He would keep all animals at bay  
And would eat until he was happy and gay

One day, a few men came  
Who looked unaware just the same  
The crocodile waited till one man came in view  
Thinking of cannibal stew.

When the devil attacked the man  
He got attacked by the rest of the clan  
The crocodile was beaten black and blue  
And then was sold to be hung on the king's wall too.

**~Rishika Das  
6 'D'**



**The Sun is so huge that 1.3 million Earths could fit inside it.**

## MY ADVENTURE THROUGH THE GALAXIES...

It was a bright sunny day and I just woke up from my long sleep. In fact, it wasn't a bright day at all! I was in space with stars, planets and other heavenly celestial objects hovering in the night sky. I thought I was surely dreaming. I pinched my right hand, but it was of no use! I couldn't do anything but stare at the universe. My home had vanished and my parents were not seen. All that was left was my bed, the universe and me. The universe was illuminated by the twinkling stars and the sun with its fierce heat. I was so fascinated by this atmosphere that I wanted to conduct an adventure of my own. My first stop was Mars, the red planet. I could see many gases, storms and raging tornadoes on the surface of Mars. The rocky and sandy surface of Mars with iron oxide gave the planet its deadly red color. I then went to Saturn and Jupiter. Saturn, with its large rings allured me. It had a faint beige color and seemed to sparkle in the sun's rays. Jupiter was full of high intensity winds and the great red spot; a giant storm on Jupiter raging for about 100 years. There are about 60 moons revolving Jupiter, but I had no interest in them. Big and boring moons they were. I then travelled towards Uranus and observed the light blue shade on its surface. Uranus contained methane and carbon monoxide which gave it its blue color. But Uranus is rich in diamond ores and so off I went, mining diamonds on Uranus. I could finally afford that skateboard! The rest were assorted stars and nebulae and gas clouds.

I then decided to travel out of the solar system and out of the Milky Way galaxy. In theory, that would have taken me about 20000000000 light years away but it was a matter of seconds for me. Soon, I was staring at the magnificent and dazzling Milky Way. It was spiral in shape and was extremely bright. I left the Milky Way and went to the nearest galaxy - the Andromeda. It was a mixture of pink, blue and pale white colors which looked like it came out of a rainbow. The Andromeda, only held half a dozen planets which were pale and dull looking. I tried to search the planets for maybe, intelligent life. Alas! My hopes were crushed as my investigations led only to sandy surfaces and hard rocks. But I then had another idea! I travelled out of the Andromeda galaxy and into the Milky Way. I zoomed into the solar system to see the planets circling the sun in a very slow manner in their fixed orbits. And that is when I saw the moon.

It was quietly revolving around earth. I sped past the other planets and entered the atmosphere of the moon. I got out of my bed and slowly placed my limbs on the dusty surface of the moon. I had done it! From the moon, I could see the earth at a distance. And believe me, from only here can you truly feel and truly see what our 'BLUE PLANET' looks like!

~Pranav Nair

8 'A'



The largest meteorite ever found fell in Namibia, South Africa in 1920. it weighed over 60 tonnes—as much as 15 elephants!

# SCIENCE & TECH HUB

## VOLCANIC ERUPTIONS

A volcano is a rupture in the crust of a planetary-mass object, such as Earth, that allows hot lava, volcanic ash, and gases to escape from a magma chamber below the surface.

A volcanic eruption occurs when hot materials are thrown out of a volcano. Lava, rocks, dust, ash and gas compounds are some of the materials.

Eruptions can come from side branches or from the top of the volcano. Some eruptions are terrible explosions that throw out huge amounts of rock and ash and kill many people. Some are quiet outflows of hot lava.

The **volcanic explosivity index** (commonly shortened VEI) is a scale, from 0 to 8, for measuring the strength of eruptions. It is used by the Smithsonian Institution's Global Volcanism Program in assessing the impact of historic and prehistoric lava flows. It operates in a way similar to the Richter scale for earthquakes, in that each interval in value represents a tenfold increasing in magnitude (as it is logarithmic). Most volcanic eruptions are of VEIs between 0 and 2.

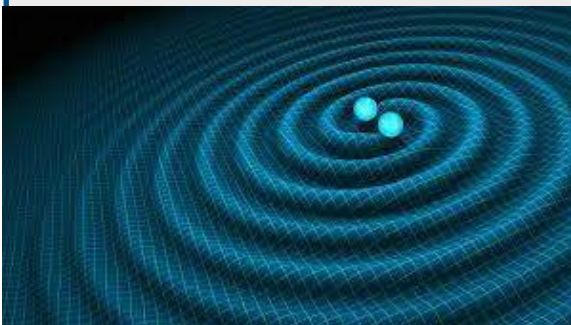
~Collated by Arush Sai Nakula

4 'B'



## GRAVITATIONAL WAVES

One of the most recent discoveries is gravitational waves. Albert Einstein predicted the existence of these waves. Gravitational waves are ripples in the fabric of space time made by some of the most violent processes in the universe.



Einstein's mathematics showed that massive accelerating objects like black holes orbiting each other would tear apart space-time in such a way that waves would spread from the source just like ripples of water when a stone is thrown into water.

These would travel at the speed of light. The strongest gravitational waves are produced by disastrous events such as colliding black holes. While the origins of gravitational waves can be extremely violent, but by the time the waves reach the Earth they are millions of times smaller and less dangerous.

~Collated by Sudeep Kalvakuntla

6 'A'

It rains diamonds on Neptune and Uranus. Their atmosphere contains high percentage of methane and the temperature does not go beyond 6416°F, the melting point of diamonds.



## WHY SHOULD WE LEARN TO CODE?

*“Everybody in this world should learn how to program a computer because it teaches you how to think.”*  
- Steve Jobs

We need to learn to code as it is capable of reshaping our world. As the days go by, the applications of computer programs in our daily lives is constantly increasing, hence it will be very beneficial for us to know about the inner workings of these programs. Most of the future jobs are likely to involve creating or closely interacting with computer programs.

There are some students who have created mobile apps, published them and have earned themselves some pocket money. Coding helps us to build our confidence and creativity and provides the tools to create a world of limitless possibilities, where we can build our own paths and solutions in our own way.

### Getting started with coding:

There are a number of kid-friendly programming languages and tools available. Many of them use illustrations and graphics to make you feel as though you aren't stuck in a classroom, learning something that you don't want to but as though you are learning something creative and productive in a fun way.

***Below are some of the most popular kid-friendly programming languages:***

### GAMEMAKER

Gamemaker (<http://www.yoyogames.com/>) is compatible with Windows. It is simple enough for beginners to understand. It also has more complex options for experienced users.



### SCRATCH

This is probably the most popular programming platform for kids and beginners. This online programming platform is created by a team at MIT. (<https://scratch.mit.edu/>)

Being an online platform, Scratch is compatible with every operating system. It uses drag and drop building blocks to make a simple and understandable set of tools which are best.



**If there was a computer as powerful as the human brain, it would be able to do 38 thousand trillion operations per second and hold more than 3580 terabytes of memory.**

## MIT APP INVENTOR

App Inventor has an interface that is similar to that of Scratch as it is made by the same set of people. This programming tool is used to create simple Android applications. It has various interfaces to phone features such as a QR code scanner, a location sensor and a gyroscope. We can use it to make simple yet powerful apps and publish them on the android app store.



## HOPSCOTCH

Hopscotch is aimed at Apple iOS app development. It is not compatible with android. It can be downloaded as a mobile app in Appstore. It is easy enough for beginners to understand and allows users to make simple graphic programs. It also has numerous inbuilt tutorials which help users understand it better.

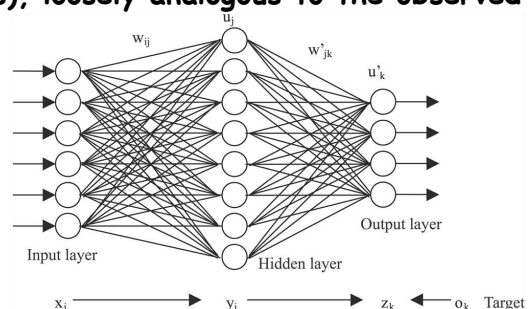
Apart from the list above, you could also consider Python, Pygame and Alice. Now that you have many options to choose from, let's pick one of them and start!



~Ritwik Viswanathan

5 'A'

Artificial Neural Networks also known as connectionist systems are a computational model used in computer science and other research disciplines, which is based on a large collection of simple neural units (artificial neurons), loosely analogous to the observed behavior of a biological brain's axons.



## THE ART OF COMPUTER PROGRAMMING

Computer programmers write and maintain detailed instructions used to create software. These instructions, also called code, are made up of different languages that a computer can understand. Since there are many languages, a programmer always needs to be able to learn new things. Computers have always been a hobby for me and satisfy many needs that I have.



In order to be a successful programmer, there are many skills you must possess. The most important skill is logic. Because of all the detailed and explicit instructions required to program software, a person must be able to think logically. The two major types of programming are—

- Logical programming- Where we use logic to create loops and give the output the user expected. The programming language most used nowadays is Python. Even languages like C++ and Java are used.
- Text Programming- This type of programming mainly focuses on the presentation of the output. Website development using HTML and CSS help to present the website nicely.

Programming is basically teaching the computer how to think. It is written in an order which makes sense to the computer for it to display the output.

Computer programming is now one of the highest paid jobs too. It can help to create robots and software, which can be really helpful to mankind. But, programming can take a lot of time to learn and can be really difficult to execute, because of the bugs. To clear all your concepts, the languages you should learn as beginners are HTML, CSS, PHP, Python, JavaScript or Swift, by Apple.

~Chetan Kar

7 'B'

## SOCIAL MEDIA

For an adequate amount of time, you can use a social website, but for a purpose that is perfectly fine. At another person's pictures you can look, Through the website Facebook. On Twitter, you can tweet, Something very sweet. On LinkedIn you can link, With your clients and colleagues in an eye's wink. You can video chat on Google Plus, Instead of going to the concerned person by an airplane or a bus. By using WhatsApp, Among people you can bridge the gap.



~Anant Tewari

7 'A'



# THE POWER OF CYBERWARFARE

No matter how much we try to deny it, the internet has become an integral part of our lives. What was first introduced as a means of military communication is now host to the boundless expanse of information we call the cyberspace - a vast network of information-laden servers, nodes, systems, and ports. As is with anything free to occupy or use by the public without regulation, it's not a very safe place. Around every corner, there are leering eyes and bad intentions. It is absolutely necessary, as is understood, that we need to keep this place safe and secure. Here's the catch - this very network is also the link between critical infrastructure, military systems, healthcare systems, financial systems and defense systems. Attacking any of these systems would critically impede the progress and health of any nation, developed or not. Critical and private information can be stolen and publicized - and can be utilized by violent non-state actors for various harmful causes. The click of a button can send millions of credit card numbers, kill stock markets or breach/destroy critical military communication.

It is thus, obvious, that the smarter ones have taken full advantage of these loopholes. Hacker groups, such as the Dark Army and Anonymous have been doing their level best to attack these systems for reasons that are, to a large extent, unknown - and have succeeded, sometimes to a great extent. Defacing a government website or hacking a twitter account are only a small example of the true power these groups wield; Hidden behind an endless web of tunneled servers, VPNs, and botnets, they are almost impossible to find, even by the most skilled government-funded cyber cells. It truly is a scary concept - none of the pictures or the data stored in your "private" accounts and clouds on the internet are secure. This is a situation in which the click of a button may cause power grids to die nationwide, the stock market and trading systems to crash, nuclear reactors to overload or healthcare networks to die.

The question is, how do we manage the effective security and protection of these networks and save ourselves from these disasters? The answer lies with a group of very skilled people called Greyhat or pseudo-ethical hackers. These are people that possess the skills and industrial know-how that any malicious (Blackhat) hackers would have, but there is a significant change - they choose to use these skills for the betterment of system security and standards around the world. They use these skills to help enterprises fix flaws in their security systems and make them better. These are the people with the true skills and capabilities necessary to help catch and stop entities on the internet that are truly malicious and can do a significant amount of damage. They have skills that are far above the current industrial standards, thus forming an elite network of proficient experts that can, if used the right way, change the very foundations that internet security is based on. Both national and international cyber-cells have been and are in the process of recruiting grey-hats and sometimes even black-hats to help their own intentions. It is of utmost importance that a conscious effort must be made by governments and organizations around the world to ensure that their systems, both private and government, are secure, as all systems are linked, and therefore never truly isolated. The standards of cyber security around the world have been making progress, but very clearly not enough. The capabilities that new technologies such as Machine Learning, Data Analytics, Artificial Intelligence and Predictive Analysis are endless, and can ensure that systems are safer to some level. All we need is unity and co-operation along peaceful lines among Government Agencies, Security Firms, and Corporate Giants. With the combined brainpower and resources of these entities, it will definitely make the internet a safer place.

~Anirudh Rowjee

## 9 'B'



**Internet was invented by Tim Berners-Lee in 1989.**

**SAVE OUR  
PLANET BEFORE  
IT IS TOO LATE!**



**NISHTA, 4 'B'**



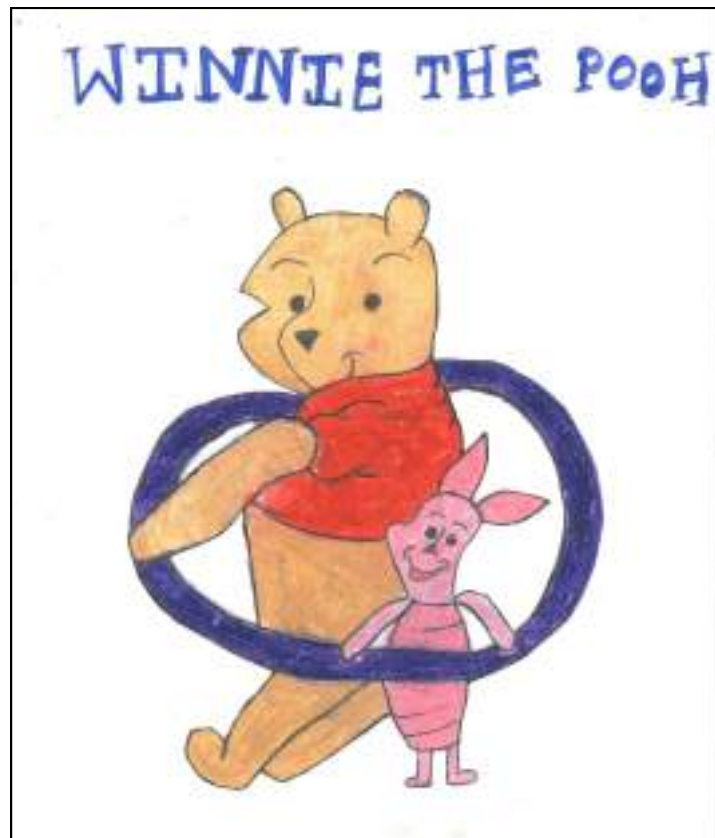
**JAHNAVI, 4 'A'**



**SAANVI AJMERA, 4 'B'**



**SASHANK, 4 'B'**



**SHREYA SUMAN, 3 'D'**



**ETHAN, 7 'A'**



**JOEL, 4 'D'**



# GET, SET, TRAVEL.....

## NANDI HILLS

Early in the morning at three 'o' clock,  
I felt as if I had just broken a rock.  
Then my mother said in a hushed voice,  
C'mon get up boys!

"What a planned journey" I thought ,  
"A good trip with a huge lot."  
I slept at night, very late,  
Just think about my fate

What a journey we had,  
My friend's immune system was bad.  
Oh! I felt really sad,  
For that little lad.

At the top we see,  
What an elephantine crowd around me.  
Subsequently we had a long walk,  
And guess what, we weren't allowed to talk.

We walked up the steep hill,  
I hoped we would find a mill.  
As I was nearly falling,  
I hoped that I wasn't sent sprawling.

And we went for the sunrise,  
And as for a surprise,  
It never came.  
I felt that the sun needs to be tamed.  
So the day felt like a shame  
And there was no game.

~**Rahul.B**

**6 'C'**



Despite being covered in ice, Antarctica is actually classified as a desert because it hardly ever snows!

## TRAVEL

***The great Dalai Lama says "Once in a year, go to some place, you've never been before".***

I completely second that because "To go is to know". Travel to me is the most exciting thing. My dad plans a tour every year. Trust me it's the best time of the entire year! We all look forward to it with great excitement. I am not exaggerating when I say, we've travelled across more than half of India! My best memories are from these tours that we go on. To travel



across our country is fun and is a learning too. We see different cultures, hear different languages, meet different people and learn about their interesting lifestyles! I wonder if there's a better way to learn about the diversity in our country.

Though we are Kannada speaking people from Karnataka, my brother and I have picked up a few other languages. We fluently speak and follow Hindi, a bit of Telugu and Tamil too. We owe it completely to our touring! It's so amazing to see those eyebrows raise when we make an attempt to talk to people in their native languages. I still remember my experience with our driver cum guide at Banaras. When I spoke to him in Hindi, he was thrilled and said "*Gudiya, aap to Hindi achi bol leti ho!*" Coming from a family of food lovers, we make it a point to taste the local food of every place we visit. From Chappan Dukhan at Indore to Brother's dhaba at Amritsar, from the famous Pailwan Lassi at Banaras to the Saravana Bhavan in Chennai, we've loved them all.

I am a fashion lover too, I shop till I drop. I love the phulkari sets I bought in Chandigarh and can't forget the chikankari kurtis from Lucknow. Whenever I wear them, I am reminded of those places and the bargaining that we did with whatever little we managed to speak in the native language. It makes me smile. Just as they say "travelling makes you speechless and then turns you to a story teller", my mom makes it a point to get souvenirs from every place we visit. She displays them in our home and derives great pride in talking about them to people who visit us!

Travelling can be a teacher in itself...it teaches us great values. We learn to respect people irrespective of who they are and where they are from. We learn to accept them as they are which is a great plus as I see. We learn to adapt...to different places, cultures, people and food. We learn adjustments...travelling away from the comforts of our home, our spacious cars and our staple food. It makes me responsible too, packing and carrying my own luggage. I do it, and it feels great! No second thoughts, we are a tolerant nation.

Indeed, just as somebody rightly said "To travel is to live". So people, travel places.

**Go anywhere, go everywhere!**

**~Akanksha Sharma**

**8 'B'**

**In 1970, an earthquake in Peru triggered an avalanche that buried the town of Yungay and its 20,000 inhabitants.**

## A BREATHTAKING SIGHT

The year before last, I went to the USA. From Detroit, I went to Canada to see the Niagara Falls. The Canadian view of the falls was supposed to be better than the American view. When I went there, I expected just about any waterfall which would be much bigger in size. I was wondering as to why we were going all the way from America to Canada, just to see the falls from the other side! When we reached there, my eyes met the most alluring sight! I had to admit that the Niagara Falls was indeed breathtaking. The falls were humongous and fierce. I was stunned by its beauty. The falls reflected



rainbows all over the place. I was surprised to know that the falls stemmed from a lake and not a river! We went on a cruise ship and into the centre of the falls. We had our raincoats on as there was water being sprayed all over the cruise ship. I wanted to plunge in but the fact that the water was freezing out there stopped me from doing so. We walked through a passage in the rocks to view the Niagara Falls up close. There were many interesting facts about the falls pinned up on the walls of the passageway. There were tulip gardens all around the falls. Niagara by night was a beautiful sight to behold. The

night light show was amazing. The lights were reflected on the falls. Oh, what a marvellous scene it was! We could see it from our hotel room. I will never forget my trip to Niagara!

~Sahitra Bhat

6 'B'

## MY FIRST FOREIGN TRIP



This was my first foreign trip and hence I cherish it a lot. I was in 5th Grade and the excitement began when I returned from school. My brother and I were racing each other totally oblivious of the impending excitement. We were surprised by the packed suitcases, so our parents broke the news. We were overwhelmed with joy! We started packing our clothes and got ready to take off. At the airport, we checked in our suitcases. I was ecstatic and, well, my brother was in seventh heaven. I enjoyed the flight even without a television. We alighted at the

Suvarnabhumi International Airport, Bangkok at 4am and were confronted by a very hostile immigration counter. After we left I let out a sigh. I have to admit "Adithi devo bhava" is relevant only in our country. We drove to Pattaya and checked in at Eastin Makasan, our hotel. We reached our room and I crashed on the bed. We later visited Pattaya beach and did parasailing along with an underwater walk. We went on a boat with a fiber glass base so that we could see the corals beneath us. We spent two days at Pattaya.

On the way to Bangkok, we went to Sriracha Tiger Reserve where I fed a tiger cub with milk. I bought toy tigers at the same place. There we saw a Dolphin Show and a Crocodile Show. We saw exotic birds and fed them with the birds perched on our heads and shoulders. The next day, we went shopping. The following day we went to see the reclining Buddha. What a sight to behold! Five days had gone by before we knew it. What a wonderful Bangkok Holiday!! It was the best birthday gift that my parents could have given me!

~Advaith Nambiar

6 'C'

The world's most valuable gem is painite, a small crystal found only in Burma.



## MY CHRISTMAS VACATION



We went to Mangalore during the Christmas holidays. We had prepared a complete itinerary of our trip to make the best use of our time. Our first stop was at *Halebeedu* and then *Belur*. The architecture is Dravidian, which looked wonderful. Both the places have great historical importance. We then reached Mangalore.



Mangalore is famous for its temples, churches and beaches. We visited temples, St. Aloysius chapel known for its brilliant artwork and *Panambur beach*. I tried my hand at jet-skiing and enjoyed every bit of it. Every evening we planned on visiting the beach.

Our next stop was Udupi to take the blessings of Udupi Krishna. We went to St. Mary's island and on the way we had a thrilling adventure. Our boat suddenly stopped in the water. All of you may have seen a car being pulled by another car, here our boat got pulled by another boat!! It was an exciting trip.

We then went to a resort where there was a swimming pool full of slides. We enjoyed our trip immensely. We then went to Shri Mookambika temple to seek the blessings of Goddess Parvathi and then to the *Murdeshwar temple* where a huge statue of Lord Shiva has been built. After visiting the temple, we went to the beach which was full of small itsy-bitsy crabs. They kept scampering around like small squirrels!!

I enjoyed this family trip. I am looking forward to another fun-filled trip with my family!!

~Anirudh Ramanan

5 'A'



The world's smallest country is the Vatican City in Rome. It covers just 0.44 square kilometres or around 62 football pitches.

## GOA....AN UNFORGETTABLE TRIP

Summer vacations are the best.....There is no better recreation than trying something new. Every year, my parents plan to visit a new place. This summer vacation, we went to one of the best tourist spots of India. We planned a 4 day trip to the Fun Capital of India, Goa. It was my first trip by plane. Though the climate was hot in Goa, the trip was really a mind 'refresher'. We were able to relax at the beach in the evenings.

We stayed at Lemon Tree Resort which has an amazing pool and activity area. The main reason we selected Goa as our destination this year is the big number of beaches the place has. We made it to Candoleam Beach, Baga Beach and Calangate Beach. The banana boat ride and the motor boat ride at Baga beach was the highlight of my trip. I also visited the **Church of Bom Jesus** to see the body of St Francis Xavier, which lies in a silver casket.

I had an amazing time dancing on the Paradise boat cruise and saw a few traditional Goan dances too. I tried out some Goan cuisine. We flew back home by the night flight. I thoroughly enjoyed the night sky view of Goa and Bangalore.

~Shuban Shetty

2 'D'



This was the day I was waiting for - my visit to Goa. On the afternoon of 6th October, we started our journey to Goa. Since it takes around 10 hours from Bangalore, we had an overnight stopover at Hubli. The next day, we continued our journey...we passed through the Western Ghats and hills which was really breathtaking. The lush green forests, the cool breeze...it was so good. And I was of course scared when I came to know there were wild animals in the forest!!!

After a long drive, we reached Goa. I could not wait any longer to see the beautiful beaches. So, after checking into the hotel, we quickly got refreshed, had lunch and rushed to Calangute Beach, which was only a ten-minute drive from the hotel. As we all know, Goa is famous for its beaches and churches. Here is a list of a few beaches - Calangute, Candolim, Baga, Anjuna, Vagator, etc. My favourite was Candolim. We stayed in Goa for five days and every day, we went to a different beach. Every beach was different and beautiful in its own way.

Goa is also known for its churches. I liked St Augustine church the most. It is also known as the broken church and is one of the oldest churches. The other churches that I saw are Bom Jesus, St Cathedral and St Francis.

~Aahanaa Mohanty

2 'A'

The GREAT PACIFIC GARBAGE PATCH is a floating mass of 100 million tonnes of plastic waste and chemical sludge that has collected in the Pacific Ocean.



## KABINI

"On a lovely trip to Kabini,  
I met a calf called Mini.  
There I cycled a lot,  
While Mini used to trot.  
We slept on a hammock,  
It rocked, rocked and rocked.  
A pool with a jacuzzi behind the door,  
Yeah! a wonderful time we had indoors.

What a ride on the coracle!  
It made more than one ripple.  
Every place has a tale to tell,  
And with the temple so I felt.  
Kings and snakes and lores galore,  
Never can you see them in Bangalore.  
A memorable trip to last a life time,  
A place for all to visit at least one time."

~Atirath Nambiar

4 'B'



## MY MEMORABLE TRIP TO OOTY

During my winter vacation, my family members planned for a one day trip to the Avalanche, Ooty (the Queen of Hills). My cousin brother and I were very excited when our parents informed us about the plan. On 30<sup>th</sup> Dec, we left our place at 7 am, moved up the hill, crossed Coonoor station and got an opportunity to see Tea plantations which was in the form of terrace farming. We reached the check post of Avalanche at noon. The route to Avalanche was quite amazing and we had to go through a dense forest which was scary. From the check-post, we travelled up in a jeep. On our way, we stopped at a place from where we could see a forest that looked like a bunch of cauliflowers. We heard that those bushes carry jamoon fruit which is a source of food for bears in the forest. Then we proceeded to a place called Upper Bhavani from where the river Bhavani originates. At last, we reached the Avalanche Lake View Point which was simply awesome. We enjoyed the scenic beauty & lovely weather. My cousin and I ran around the lake, saw a lot of monkeys passing by and were shocked to see the skull of a bison. We spent a few hours having a yummy lunch and returned to our destination in the evening. It was a special trip for my cousin and me as we both had great fun.

~Aditya Sai Kiran

4 'B'

The Yellow River in China is the world's muddiest river, dumping over a billion tons of silt into the sea each year.



## AN EXCITING TRIP TO RAJASTHAN

After the sports day with the theme of "A Tribute to the Armed Forces", our family arranged for a trip to Rajasthan, a state which is at the border of India and has seen war. I was very excited that we were going to see the border of India.

First, we flew to Ahmedabad by air. We reached Ahmedabad and I played with my cousin. The next day we started to Rajasthan. In Rajasthan, we went to Jodhpur and Jaisalmer. We visited Mehrangarh Fort (one of the largest forts in India), Umaid palace, lake, clock tower and saw a puppet show. Jodhpur is known as "The Blue City" because of the blue colours that decorate many of the houses in



the old city area. The Umaid Palace is divided into three parts – the residence of the royal family, a luxury Taj Palace Hotel, and a museum focusing on the history of the Jodhpur Royal Family.

Then, we went to Jaisalmer. Jaisalmer is called "The Golden City" because of the yellow sandstone and the yellow sand used in almost all the architecture of the city. This is the only fort, inside which people are still living and the fort is looked after by people living there. This fort has never been attacked unlike Mehrangarh fort. The major communities living here are Jains and Rajputs. In Jaisalmer, big houses are known as Havelis. We visited one of the havelis, named

Patwon ki Haveli. These havelis have a lot of artistic carvings.

The next day, we went to the north western border of India. We saw a place named "Laungewala", where the famous Battle of Laungewala in the 1971 war was fought. The brave Indian soldiers fought against a big battalion of the Pakistani army with tankers the whole night and bravely held on to the post. The proof of the Pakistani tanks that were destroyed that day still remain at Laungewala. The heroic act of 23 Punjab and Indian air force has no parallel in history. A day later, we stayed in a tent in the Thar Desert. We went on a camel to the sunset point. We saw the sun set in just minutes. It was amazing!!!! That chilly evening was completed by the traditional Rajasthani folk dance and music.

~Nishant.H

2 'A'

## MY TRIP TO THIRUVANNAMALAI

During the winter vacation, I went to Thiruvannamalai with my family. It took four hours to reach there by car. We stayed in a hotel "Arpanna". After having lunch in the hotel, we went to a big temple called Arunachaleshwara temple. I was more interested in climbing the hill but my father took me to an ashram. I saw a photo of Shri Ramana Maharishi in that ashram. The next day, early in the morning, we went to climb a hill. I saw a peacock, monkey and many other animals while climbing the hill. There were a few caves too. I could see the temple and the whole city from the hill. It was a very beautiful view. After sometime we had coconut water and then we came back to the hotel. We packed our bags and came back to Bangalore by evening. It was a very memorable trip.



~Anarva

2 'C'

6000 years ago, the Sahara Desert was lush and leafy enjoyed by the hippos, giraffes and elephants that lived there.

## MY TRIP TO MALAYSIA

It was my summer holidays and I was excited as I was going to Malaysia with my cousin's family and ours. We went on 15th May 2016 and picked my cousin Srishti and boarded the Air Asia flight from Bangalore Airport. We reached Malaysia Kuala Lumpur International Airport Terminal 2 and waited in transit for 3 hours to board another flight to Langkawi as it was our final destination.

As we reached Langkawi Airport we went to a hotel called Belle Vista which was booked by my father. We had a wash and went out to start our sightseeing. First, we went to a lake and took a boat ride and later we reached the Bat Caves. It was a century old cave where there were hundreds of bats hanging from the roof of the caves. It was a very scary feeling but I held on tight to my father's hand and moved. Next, we went to the crocodile cave.

We drove back to the hotel where we played in the swimming pool till 8pm. I played in the kids pool with my cousin for a long time and had good fun. Later we went out for some yummy Malaysian dinner and returned to the hotel. The next day, we went to the beach for jetskiing but we could not complete it due to the heavy rush but we did parasailing and went for a long motorboat ride to see the eagles feeding.

Later in the afternoon, we went to visit the Space Dome and went up the mountain in a cable car to see the tower. We also visited the Chocolate factory and Leather factory. Next morning, we visited the Langkawi Eagle monument and took pictures and headed to the airport as we had to catch a flight back to Kuala Lumpur and onward to Bangalore.

I was very sad that my trip was so short. I wish I could go once more and have fun with my cousin Srishti.

~**Lakshmisree Satish**

2 'C'

## MUSCAT, A DREAM DESTINATION

My first international trip was to Muscat, the capital of Oman. We went during our Christmas Holidays, at the invitation of our Uncle, who is a doctor in the Royal Hospital, Muscat. My cousins also joined us for the trip and made it a memorable one.

Muscat is a beautiful city, surrounded by mountains and desert. During our stay, we visited various places. Some of the interesting places we visited were Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque, Muttrah Corniche and Sultan's Palace and Fort near the sea. We visited many shopping malls and played various games in the game zones there. We liked the Grand mall the most as it had a lot of exciting games and fun rides. The city was very clean and the broad streets were lined with colorful petunias on either side.

Our most thrilling outing was to see the dolphins in the sea of Muscat. We went to the deep sea in a speed boat and shouted and cheered at the sight of the dolphins. The dolphins were happily bobbling in the sea and swam alongside our boat. We also spent a day in a private beach enclosure where we could do snorkeling and swimming. During snorkeling, we could see lots of beautiful fishes that were swimming around the coral reefs.

We spent our evenings chatting and playing and eating the delicious food prepared by our Aunt. Days passed quickly and with a heavy heart I bade goodbye to my cousins and the beautiful city of Muscat. It was a fun-filled and memorable trip that gave me lot of wonderful and joyful moments.

~**Meghna Balakrishnan**

4 'B'

**Mongolia is the world's emptiest country as there are only 1.7 people for every square kilometre.**

## MY TRIP TO DISNEYLAND

During my last summer vacation, I went to Tokyo in Japan. I had lots of fun on this trip because we visited Disneyland. It was 'a dream come true' for me.

Over there, we first met my favourite characters Mickey Mouse, Minnie Mouse, Donald Duck, Goofy and Clara Duck. Then we moved to the rides zone. The best ride was 'Splash', in which we fall into the water, with a huge splash from a height. We even went on the 'Haunted House' ride; it was very spooky!

By then, we were hungry and so we went to the food zone for lunch. The Mickey-shaped waffles, the turkey legs, the caramel popcorn were all so yummy. After lunch, we visited the houses of all the Disney characters. But the best part of the trip was meeting Cinderella in her castle. She personally came and talked to me and let me try on her magic shoes.

Finally it was time to leave and to end our trip, we had the famous Disneyland cookies and bought some souvenirs for ourselves and our friends. This was my best trip ever!



~Amrita Abhilash

4 'D'

## COLUMBUS

In fourteen hundred and ninety two,  
Columbus sailed the ocean blue.  
And found a land-the land of the free,  
Beloved by you, beloved by me.  
Said he-"I'm tired of the blue."  
Ha-ha! He hadn't a clue.  
Almost usurped by the crew,  
However with his ways true,  
Yet tried to play pe-ka-boo!

~Rahul.B

6 'C'



The Academy award Oscar statue is modeled on a real person - Mexican film director and actor Emilo Fernandez.



## MY TRIP TO SINGAPORE

We went to Singapore for my Dussera vacations. It was my first foreign trip. We took two flights- one to Chennai and another one to Singapore. We landed at Changi airport. I hired a taxi to Compassvale. We stayed at our relative's house.

On the first day, we saw Marina Bay. We went there by MRT. MRT (Mass Rapid Transport) is a railway system that runs around Singapore. In Marina Bay, we saw two domes. The first dome was the flower dome. There I saw different flowers as per the region. The next dome was the cloud forest. It had a tall manmade waterfall building with a bridge spiralling around it called the sky walk. There was also fog at the top. We also saw a laser show at Dragonfly Bridge. The lasers were projected on fountains of water.

The next day, we visited Jurong Bird Park where we saw penguins, hornbills and many other birds. We also saw a show on birds of prey. The next two days we visited Sentosa island. We first visited 4D adventure land. We went on a log ride show. We went to a game called 'Desperados'. I was shooting the scores instead of the thieves! Next, we went to 'Jungle Adventure'.

Then we went to 'Luge'. We went up in an open cable car and came down go karting. We also ate mango ice cream. After that we went to the South-East Asia Aquarium. We saw more than one lakh marine animals, like sharks, fish, jelly fish, sea dragons etc.

We went in a cable car and got a spectacular view of Sentosa. We saw another laser show called 'Wings of Time'. The next day at Sentosa, we visited Universal Studios. We first visited a section called Far Far Away and saw a 4D Shrek movie. We also went in a roller coaster. We went to Madagascar next. My brother and mother went on a carousel. We went to Sci Fi city. We came out of Universal Studios and got wet at the Port of Lost Wonder. There were water slides, water bucket challenges, water sprayers, etc.

The next day we visited the science centre at Jurong. I enjoyed playing with many experiments related to physics and maths. There was also a section to explain parts of a brain and how it works. I got to perform experiments on static electricity in the hall. The shows like 'fire tornado' and the 'tesla coil show' were spectacular. The maths section which was my favourite had experiments like cycling with square wheels, puzzles, mazes with no left turns and balancing weights. We went to kinetic garden next. There were parabolic dishes which were 10 metres apart. There were also echo tubes, an Archimedes screw, a tube telephone, etc.

The next day, we took the MRT to Changi airport, boarded the flight and went to Bangalore. We had a fun trip to Singapore.

~Ved Srikanth

3 'C'



Tiger sharks eat almost anything, some things found inside the stomach include rubber tyres, a pair of pyjamas, glass bottles and human legs and arms.

## A TRIP TO BANDIPUR

During my Christmas holidays, my family went to Bandipur along with my grandfather. The car journey from Bangalore to Bandipur took six hours. There were a lot of monkeys in the resort where we stayed. I was very excited because the room where we stayed was named as "Canary" which is the same as my house color in school.

After lunch in the resort, we went for a Tiger Safari along with other guests. The safari was in an open jeep and I was scared to go inside the jungle, but my father encouraged me to look around bravely. During the safari, we saw lots of wild animals like tiger, cheetah, leopard and other animals like elephant, sambar deer etc. The journey was delightful and will be remembered forever.

The wild life in the forest and the natural beauty inspired me to take care of nature – God's gift. I will do my best to safeguard nature by doing things like watering our home plants daily, not using plastic water bottles, not wasting food, switching off lights when not used etc. I kindly request you all to join hands with me in safeguarding nature and making our environment green and clean.

~Sundandita

3 'D'

## SINGAPORE - A DREAM COME TRUE

The holiday of December 2016 was a memorable one for me. We had a great time in Singapore. We started with the Singapore Zoo. It's a huge place but you can go around in a tram. The Jurassic park section was very scary. You can see animated dinosaur like animals moving in this area. The polar bear was very cute and I bought a toy of it. The next day, we went to the Jurong Bird Park. It has a variety of birds from across the world. I took photos with flamingos, pelicans, toucans and canaries - all our FIS house birds. The Amazon River safari was thrilling. 'Scavengers and Nocturnal Animals Show' during the night safari was scary but interesting as I saw a bald eagle for the first time.

Then we went to Sentosa Islands and spent three days there. This small island is full of fun and I enjoyed it the most. Luge ride, 4D rides, Universal studios, Madame Tussauds, a very high cable car ride, Trick Eye Museum & MOSH animation museum were all exciting experiences. The Merlion statue was very tall. On the last day, we went to Cloud forest, Flower dome and the Insect kingdom. Throughout the vacation, we enjoyed local food and it was yummy. Overall, it was an excellent fun family vacation. All of us - my parents, my brother and I had a great fun time. I could also learn a lot about history and how a country can develop from a poor nation to a leading nation. Singapore is a great example of clean city culture, equality among its people and a proud heritage.

~ Kavya R Kini

2 'A'



The mortar used in The Great Wall of China was made with sticky rice.

## FARM OF GIGANTIC FANS

During the Christmas vacation, I visited Kanyakumari along with my family. My father drove from Bangalore to Kanyakumari. Near Kanyakumari, I saw lots and lots of big rotating fans on either side of the road. These looked like gigantic white sunflowers and I felt like plucking one of them and keeping it with me. These fans covered more than twenty kilometers. I was wondering what these big white fans were and why so many of them were there? Why are these farmers not growing crops in their land? My father told me that they are windmill farms and explained that electricity is generated from these windmills when they rotate round and round. We stopped our vehicle, clicked the photos and enjoyed the beautiful sight of the windmill farm. My father explained further that this was one of the largest windmill farms in India. Next time, don't miss this sight when you go on that way!

~Harshith Halejolad,

1 'B'



## MY TRIP TO THE HERITAGE CITY—MYSURU

This was an unplanned trip. We decided on a Friday night and headed out to Mysuru. We drove down on a chilly Saturday morning. We reached Mysuru by noon and visited the world famous Mysuru Palace. We took a tonga around the palace. The palace was huge and lovely. We got to see the paintings of the royal family, the old Mysuru city and also some 3D paintings.

That evening, we visited the Chamundi Hills, which has a shrine of Goddess Chamundi atop a hill. On our way back, we visited the huge Nandi statue.

The next day, we headed to the Ranganathittu Bird sanctuary. There, we got to see a variety of birds such as the Pelican, spoonbill, fruit bat, etc. We went boating and spotted a few floating crocodiles in the river.

We then visited the Balamuri falls on the return. Balamuri is a manmade fall. The water was fresh and cold. I played in the water and had lots of fun. The journey ended and we returned to Bangalore.

~Likhith C

2 'D'

In my Christmas holidays, I visited Mysore, a lovely place, with my cousins. Mysore is a major tourist place in Karnataka. The first place we visited in Mysore was the Chamundi Hills. I saw the statue of the demon Mahishasura, whom Chamundeshwari had killed.

Then we went to Nanjanagud and saw a Srikanteshwara temple in the Hindu pilgrimage town of Karnataka state. It is known for the ancient temple of the god Srikanteshwara located in the town on the right bank of river Kapila. Again, we came to Mysore and visited Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens (Mysore Zoo) located near the Mysore Palace. Mysore Zoo is one of the city's most popular attractions. We saw gray fox, African elephant, white peacock, chimpanzee and other birds and animals.

At last we went to the Krishna Raja Sagar dam at 6.45 pm. We saw the Brindavan Gardens that has a botanical park with fountains as well as boat rides beneath the dam. The dam is across the Kaveri river in Mandya District, Karnataka state. The dam was built across the river Kaveri in 1924 by Sir M Vishweshwaraiah.

In this way, we completed our Mysore trip and returned to Bangalore.

~Nischitha.R

2 'C'

**Mysore Railway Station is the cleanest railway station in India.**



## MY WINTER VACATIONS...

This winter vacation in December 2016 was spent memorably. We made a trip to major tourist attractions in Odisha – Puri, the Chilika Lake and Konark. Odisha is a state well-known for its natural beauty. The state boasts of a lot of medieval architecture as well. Here are some highlights of my trip.

We reached Puri on the early morning of 27<sup>th</sup> December. The Puri Jagannath temple was constructed in the 12<sup>th</sup> century and is a holy place for the people of Odisha. The deities Jagannatha, Balabhadra and Subhadra are worshipped here. We saw huge crowds due to the holiday season.

That evening, we visited the largest salt water Lake in the world, Chilika. We went boating in the lake. The lake is so expansive that at one place, there was water on all sides as far as the eye could see. Birds from Siberia migrate and come to Chilika due to extreme cold during the winter. We saw thousands of them and it was a thrilling experience to see the winged visitors! We also sighted many dolphins in the lake.

On the December 28<sup>th</sup>, we visited the Sun temple at Konark, Odisha. The magnificent structure left me marvelling at its architectural beauty. Built around 1200 CE, the structure was completed within just 12 years and with 1200 men working, costing around 40,00,00,000 gold coins! The 127ft tall temple is in the shape of a chariot with 24 exquisitely carved wheels. The entire temple is full of carvings that reflect the practices of the times along with other mythological depictions

Earlier, it had a 227 feet tall structure behind it which had a huge magnet in the dome. During the British rule, the magnet was removed and the 227ft structure collapsed.

My trip was fabulous. I will always cherish it

~Sai Sreemayee.S,

4 'C'



Maldives is most likely to disappear beneath the sea waves . With an average height of 1.8 m above sea level, residents of Maldives have the greatest reason to fear global warming and rising sea levels.

## MY TRIP TO MANGALORE BEACH

I visited Mangalore in my Christmas holidays. I loved the place as it has many beaches. We reached the Mangalore beach around 2:00 pm. We had our lunch at the beach restaurant. Then my sister, my father and I went to play and swim in the sea water. We started jumping into the waves that came towards us. I also collected a few shells on the beach. I could see a few small sea creatures inside the shells. I went for a boat ride and jet scooter ride on the sea. I loved those rides very much. I played in the sand and made sand castles. I played beach volleyball and catch games with my family. I enjoyed the warmth of the sun while lying on the beach sand when I was tired. I played till sunset. My mother captured all these wonderful moments on her camera. I also visited the harbour at Mangalore. I returned to Bangalore after my three day trip to Mangalore, carrying loads of memories of my trip with me and wished I could have stayed there for some more days.

~Manogna

3 'A'

## MY MEMORABLE TRIP

During the Dussehra vacations, our family went to the Lakshadweep Islands. The Lakshadweep Islands are a group of 27 islands, 12 atolls, 3 reefs and 5 submerged banks. On 2<sup>nd</sup> October, we started our journey to Lakshadweep. We first went to Cochin by train. It took us 12 hours to reach Cochin. After a light breakfast, we went to the boat jetty from where we took a boat to Willington Island. We had to go to the port from there, but were confused. We went all around the place and ended up in front of the Lakshadweep Administrative Office. As they too were going to the port, they gave us a ride there. Once we reached the port, we had to stand in a long queue to finish the formalities. We finally had to board the ship. The ship was named MV Kavaratti. I was really happy and excited. We went to three islands: Minicoy, Kalpeni and Kavaratti. It was a magnificent sight and a wonderful experience. There were many water sports like scuba diving, snorkeling and glass boating. I couldn't go for scuba diving as I was under age. We came back to the port on the 6<sup>th</sup>. After three days at a resort in Kumarakom near Cochin, we came back to Bangalore. I will never forget my time there.

~Prakrithi Sathish

4 'A'



A six-year old can sit inside a hippo's mouth when it is wide open.

## MY AMAZING TRIP TO DUBAI

I was very excited as we were going out of the country for the first time. We were flying by Jet Airways. When the plane took off, my head was actually spinning as the plane was going at its slowest pace at the beginning and at its top speed as it took off. We halted at Mumbai for an hour and took the connecting flight to Dubai. We stayed at a hotel called Golden Sands.

My favourite part of Dubai was that wherever we went, we would cross a Lamborghini Showroom. Lamborghini is my favourite car. The temperature there was above 30 degrees in the morning and about 20 in the night. That night, we went for a cruise in a traditional boat called the dhow. We had a filling dinner on the boat and we saw the skyscrapers of Dubai lit up. We took a city tour, and visited many of the attractions of Dubai. I had the best experience visiting the 124<sup>th</sup> floor of the Burj Khalifa, the tallest building in the world. We also visited the Palm Jumeriah area and the Atlantis the Palm. I saw the aquarium at the hotel which was a wonderful experience. We also visited Abu Dhabi, the capital of the UAE, and saw the great white mosque – Sheik Zayed Grand Mosque. The most exciting part of my trip was the desert safari. We were taken to the desert in a Land Cruiser, and went dune bashing. It was very thrilling to ride to the top of the dunes in the desert. We then enjoyed a wonderful evening at the desert camp with some performances and a sumptuous dinner. I also did sand boarding, camel riding, and held a falcon in my hand. At last, after five eventful days, it was time to come back home. Dubai is an amazing city, and I had a great time there. I will treasure the memories of this trip, and would love to go back again to experience the other wonders that I missed during this trip.

~Prithvi Sunil

5 'D'

## MY TRIP TO BELUR AND HALEBIDU

We went on a road trip to Belur and Halebidu, with my parents, uncle, aunt and cousin. I had a lot of fun and learnt a lot about the Hoysalas. We stayed over at Hassan for a night. Belur was the capital of the Hoysalas. The Chennakeshava Temple was built on the banks of the Yagachi River in Belur, by the Hoysala King Vishnuvardhana in the 11<sup>th</sup> Century. The temple is star-shaped and is carved in soapstone. The temple is dedicated to Lord Vijayanarayana, one of the incarnations of Vishnu.



The other temples there are Kappe Chennigaraya Temple, Veera Narayana Temple, Saumyanayaki Temple, and Goddess Andal (Ranganayaki) Temple. These temple complexes have been proposed to be listed under UNESCO World Heritage Sites. The carvings include elephants, lions, and horses and episodes from the Indian mythological epics (Ramayana and Mahabharata). It also has carvings of dancing maidens known as Shilabalikas or madanikas. There is a Pushkarani or kalyani near the main entrance. It is believed that the sculptors were inspired by Queen Shantala Devi, who was a great Bharatnatyam dancer and musician. After seeing Belur, we went to Halebidu which is about 20 kms from there. The temple in Halebidu is the Hoysaleswara Temple. Dwarasumudra or Halebidu was the earlier capital of the Hoysalas. The God on the northern side temple is called Shanthaleshwara and that on southern side is called Hoysaleshwara. I was spellbound by the magnificent architecture and beauty of both the temples. I wondered at how much hard work the sculptors must have put into it. We clicked many pictures at both the temples. We came back to our hotel, had a great lunch and started back to Bangalore.

~Yukthi Muthappa

3 'A'

The Kingda Ka at New Jersey is the tallest roller coaster in the world, taller than the Statue of Liberty.



## **A TRIP TO PUDUCHERRY**

Everyone needs a holiday and during my 2016 Christmas vacations, I visited Puducherry. We started our journey on 28<sup>th</sup> December 2016 and we were doubly thrilled as we were going in our new vehicle. Our first stopover was Tiruvannamalai, as we wanted to take the blessings of Almighty Annamalaiyar. This temple is located in the foot hills of Annamalai Hills. During the Karthigai Deepam (November – December) a huge beacon is lit on the top of the Hill which draws three million pilgrims every year.

Thereafter we googled our route to Puducherry and checked into a hotel named Ginger. In the evening we went to the Promenade, and spent a few hours visiting the French War Memorial, an old colorful Lighthouse and a flea market. Interestingly in the flea market we got to see a person weaving a saree with a manual powered loom. Oh my God! Great effort and coordination goes into weaving....

The French Quarter is a highlight at the Promenade. We walked around it and saw great French Architecture. Now I understood how the concept of French windows came about. It was interesting to see many old people resort to the cycle as a means to transport around the quarters. This inspired me and my little brother, as they are an ecofriendly mode of transport.

We started the next day by visiting the famous Manakula Vinayagar temple. This temple is very different compared to the usual South Indian temples. It had close to fifty pictures of Lord Ganesha painted on its walls. Then we visited the famous Aurobindo Ashram and were amazed to see the floral decoration arranged for the Mother. It was very peaceful there and we need to maintain absolute silence. We also got to see the old pictures of Mother and Sri Aurobindo.

My mother insisted that we should visit Mahabalipuram which was about 100 kms from the Union Territory. There we saw the Five Rathas and the Shore temple. This place helps us understand a concept called 'advancement of the sea'. There were seven pagodas initially and due to the advancement of the sea today we see only one monument on the shore and the rest six are under the sea. In the evening, we drove back to Puducherry for some shopping at the Auro shops. These shops are authorized to sell the Auroville Products, mostly handmade paper, perfumes and incense sticks with great fragrance. On both the days, we ended the day with scoops of Baskin Robbins ice-creams with multiple and liberal toppings. The uncle at the store was very friendly urging my brother and me to try out different toppings. Slurrrp! Slurrrp! My mouth waters when I think of it.

The next day, we checked out of our hotel and explored our route to Kanchipuram to get the blessings of Kanchi Kamakshi. The architecture at this temple is astonishing. The unique thing about the deity here is that she is present in a yogic posture – Padmasana which is a rarity. Post lunch we visited the Golden Lizard temple and waited in a long queue to see it. Then we returned to our home sweet home in Bengaluru. This trip is something I will cherish throughout my life.

**~Dhikshitha .B**

**4 'A'**

One day I went to Puducherry with my family, uncle, aunt and cousin. We drove by car from Bangalore. We saw beautiful roads and greenery on the way. We reached Puducherry at 6 pm. We stayed in a hotel called The Accord. In the evening, we went to the Promenade. It was by a beautiful rocky beach. We took photos, played and came to the hotel. The next day, we went to the Auroville. We had a good time. We came back to the hotel and there was a swimming pool. My brother and I enjoyed the pool. Then, the next morning, I had cereal for breakfast. I went to two beaches and at one beach, we drank coconut water. We played a lot in aunt's room and uncle gave us chocolate. We celebrated Christmas. The next day, we returned to Bangalore.

**~Sreyan Panda**

**1 'D'**

**Shanghai in China is the world's most populated city with more than 17 million people.**

## AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF EKHAZARI LAL SETH



I was born in a printing press in Mysore. I smelled like fresh paper and ink. I was named in fourteen Indian languages. As I grew up many people took care of me, I helped educate children, I lit the cooking stoves of many houses, I tied the marital knots of sons and daughters, and I multiplied the assets of my country.

But as I entered my youth something sinister awaited me, I became the bribe for the corrupt politician, who hid me in a dark cellar in a nondescript corner of a palatial bungalow. I got banished with several brothers and sisters of mine into exile from the outside world.

I spent years and years of suffocating in the stuffy cellar. I lost count of the years that passed by and one day, I saw light again when he politician picked me up with his trembling hands, his face was forlorn with great sorrow. Without his knowledge a tear or two trickled down over his withered moustache and vanished into his stinking mouth. Furtively, he carried me along with several of my brothers and sisters.

The repository caretakers removed my ink again with my other brothers and sisters and sent us to another big repository in Mumbai. There, Dr Urjit Patel bestowed upon me Moksha. I, a thousand rupee note, took *punarjanma* as two new five hundred rupee notes. Dr Urjit Patel stamped his signature on me as the Governor of the Reserve Bank of India. My siblings and I pledged to serve our country again.

“Jai Hind.”

~Varsha R,

8 ‘A’

Seashells used to be a fairly common form of currency in many parts of the world.

## THE CASE AGAINST SOCIAL MEDIA

Social media was born in an uprising led by digital screens and motorized hearts. A revolution bolstered by the creation of the mobile phone, nurtured the inception of an idea set to change the way we see relationships for all eternity; and social media has done just that.



Zuckerberg, Dorsey and Systrom set out with a mesmerizing future for the world; a closer, smaller world where friends and family stand on a pedestal high above the rest. What intended to be a constructive platform took a turn and became, according to a majority, a virtual contrivance.

General opinion says that social media pulls us apart by focusing our attention on the hundreds in our friend lists over the few that really matter, but the cons don't stop there. Statistics show that three quarter Facebook users access the website over 8 times a day on an average. 8 times a day might not look bad on paper but it's worse than it sounds; fragmented attention displayed toward social media sites hits attention spans like nothing else, which is really worrying for the newer generation considering that there won't be economical benefits if they can't read an entire contract in one sitting. Social media sites can be termed as metaphorical slot machines, each visit redeeming a small prize in the form of paltry joy. Now a few rounds on a slot machine at a casino can't hit your mental space that bad, but it can when you bring that slot machine home and swipe that rod down every moment from morning to night- and that's exactly what social media is doing to a majority of people. Social media hits productivity, work hours and aesthetic appreciation in the name of "never missing out" and it's turned today's teens into mundane, mediocre kids without a tinge of creativity.



Sounds harsh, but it's true. Social media has tons of cons that can't be justified by its nugatory pros, and dropping social media for the better can be the best thing that happens to a person. It sounds tough and futile to an avid user but estranging oneself from social media puts life on a path headed towards refinement. It definitely helps in appreciating the smaller things, absolutely boosts productivity and best of all, it pulls you back into that tiny social circle that truly matters to you. After all, it's much better spending your life talking to emotions wrapped in flesh over inanimate profile pictures without voices. Drop social media, break free.

~Harry Patel,



## THE STOCK EXCHANGE

The stock exchange is nothing but a large globally networked and organized market place where every day huge sums of money are moved back and forth. In total over 60 trillion euros are traded over a year. But what exactly is traded? Securities are traded in the stock market. In simple words securities are rights to assets in the form of shares. A share stands for a share in a company. Why are these shares traded? First and foremost the value of a share relates to the value of the company behind it. Let's think of it in terms of a pizza. The bigger the size of the pizza the greater the value of each share or slice of the pizza. Let's take an example of Facebook. If Facebook increases its business with a new business plan then the size of the company pizza increases thus increasing the value of each share. If a share was worth 38 euros earlier, it becomes 50 euros now. This is great for the shareholders as they have a profit of 12 euros per share. Let's not forget about the company now, what does it gain? Well the company now is capable of raising funds by selling its shares and investing or expanding its business. Facebook has gained 16 billion dollars through its listing on the stock exchange.

Trading of shares though is frequently a game of chance. No one can predict which company will perform well or which will not. If a company has a good reputation, investors will back it while a company with a bad reputation will have difficulty selling its shares.

Unlike a normal market where goods can be touched and taken home, on a stock exchange only virtual goods are available. They appear in the form of share prices and tables on monitors. Such prices can fall or rise within seconds. Shareholders, therefore have to act quickly in order not to miss an opportunity. Even a simple rumor can result in the demand for shares falling fast, regardless of the real value of the company. Of course, even the opposite is possible.

If a particularly large number of people buy weak shares because they, for example, see great potential behind an idea, their value will rise as a result. In particular, young companies can benefit from this, even though their sales might be falling they can generate cash by placing their shares. In the best case scenario, this will result into their idea being turned into reality. In the worst case scenario this will result in a speculative bubble with nothing more than hot air and as in the case of bubbles, at some point they will burst.

The value of Germany's 30 major companies is summarized in what's known as the DAX share index. The DAX shows how well or poorly these major companies are faring and thereby the economy as a whole is performing at the present time. Stock exchanges in other countries also have their own inter-seas and all these markets together create a globally networked market place.

All of us have definitely heard about bullish and bearish markets. But why do we use animal references in the stock market? A bull market is when everything in the economy is great, people are finding jobs, the gross domestic product (GDP) is growing, and stocks are rising. Just the ideal world where everything is as smooth as butter. Picking stocks during a bull market is the best thing as stocks are going up and you are prone to earn profits. Bull markets cannot last forever though, and sometimes they can lead to dangerous situations if stocks become overvalued. If a person is optimistic and believes that stocks will go up, he or she is called a "bull" and is said to have a "bullish outlook".

In the Wall Street the bulls and the bears are always fighting. Now who are the bears? 'Bears' are pessimistic people, who believe stocks are going to drop and they are known to have a 'bearish outlook.' A bear market is when the economy is bad, recession is looming and stock prices are falling. Bear markets make it tough for investors to pick profitable stocks. There is a way one can still make money in this situation, it is a strategy known as short selling.



There are other animals on the farm as well, the chickens and pigs. Chickens are afraid to lose anything. Their fear overrides their need to make profits and so they turn only to money-market securities or get out of the markets entirely. On the other hand we have the pigs who are high-risk investors. They desire one big score in a short period of time. Pigs are prone to get greedy, emotional and impatient about their investments and often buy stocks without proper knowledge about their stocks. This makes them vulnerable to losses. Professional traders love the pigs, as it's often from their losses that the bulls and bears reap their profits.

~Shivanee Ravi,

9 'A'

The most expensive stock in world is the Warren Buffet's Hathaway, Class A, which is priced at USD 2,13,330 per share.

## DONALD TRUMP - THE OTHER SIDE

8th November, 2016. The world watched, with great interest, the results of the 58th quadrennial American presidential election. And all were stunned with the result - Republican Presidential candidate Donald Trump defeated the pre-poll favourite Democratic Presidential candidate Hillary Clinton. The outcome was shocking, as markets crashed, the media went wild, and the Republicans celebrated their unbelievable victory. Many called the election rigged, said the servers were hacked, but these have been dismissed as rumours. And as it stands today, Donald Trump is the 45th President of the United States, leaving many astounded by what he has achieved. But there must be a reason why the world's most powerful democracy chose him. It could not have been a fluke. And that is what I have chosen to highlight in the following few paragraphs. But before we move on to Trump's positives, we have to know Hillary Clinton and her flaws, which caused her to lose the election. To keep things in perspective, I am writing this as the world has just witnessed his inaugural presidential speech.

Hillary was born in 1947, and has been in the political spotlight, from being the First Lady (when Bill Clinton was the President) in the 1990s, a Senator, a Secretary of State, and the 2016 Democratic Presidential Candidate. Hillary had many conspiracies surrounding her, including personal emails and Benghazi. Clinton is known to have used her personal email for various top secret government emails. Of the many emails checked out by the FBI, 87 were said to have top secret or classified/sensitive information. This was an irresponsible act on her part when she was the Secretary of State, and one wonders what she might goof up as president of one of the most powerful nations in the world. Clinton has also been accused of allowing terrorist attacks to occur in Benghazi (the 2nd most populated city of Libya), which resulted in the death of the then USA Ambassador to Libya. She was repeatedly advised to increase security in the city, but ignored them. Clinton is said to be involved in inciting violence during the election campaigns of Donald Trump. And Clinton also ran a very bad campaign, not learning from her mistakes and repeating them, something a politician should not do, especially during the presidential race. For instance, she did not display the required leadership qualities, for she did not tap into the energy created by Bernie Sanders within his supporters. She just let his campaign fade, and failed to unite the factions within the Democrats.

And now why was Donald Trump any better? He has made silly and offensive comments, and supposedly had policies that did not hold much benefit for the world. But that angle of analysis is an incorrect one. Every nation has the right to put its interests ahead of others. And that is exactly what Mr. Trump is trying to do for America. He is putting the safety, the happiness, the education and the quality of life of every American citizen at the top of his list of priorities. So, schemes that restrict illegal immigration, restructure taxes and reduce the number of jobs leaving America, are all good for the Americans. A strong and well-built America is what the world needs. The dream of Donald Trump is to create that America. And is he wrong? It might seem like his policies are irrational or insensible, but that is what you will see if you take it at face value. He is not completely dismissing foreign policy and he is surely not throwing it out the window. Defeating ISIS is one of his top priorities. He is looking at probable deals with Russia and is trying to put past tussles into the background. Donald Trump might not seem to be the most qualified person for the post of the President of The United States of America, but he was obviously the better candidate of the two. And for the effort and self-belief he put into his campaign, he truly deserved the victory.

Is Donald Trump the president the Americans have always wanted? Only time will tell.

~Advaith "Adhs" Prakash  
9 'A'



## टिमटिमाता तारा

भारत में अँधेरा छाया,  
रात का समय आया ।  
आज तो चाँद तक नहीं आया,  
दूर एक टिमटिमाता तारा मुझे भाया ।  
छोटा-मोटा, चमकता था वो,  
सुंदर, प्यारा, टिमटिमाता था वो ।

तारा वह छोटा था,  
फिर भी प्यारा बड़ा था ।

देखते ही देखते वह बादल के पीछे गया ।  
लगता है कि वह मुझसे शर्मा गया ।  
पता नहीं फिर वह कब आएगा ।

सृष्टि सिंह  
5 'A'



## बचपन



कितना प्यारा था मेरा बचपन,  
माँ की आँख का तारा था बचपन।  
बचपन में मैं खूब खेली,  
संग भाई, बहन और सहेली।

माता-पिता लाते थे खिलौने,  
गुड़िया, किताबें और कोमल बिछौने।  
भोली-भाली बातों से मैं,  
सबका मन मोह लेती थी।

रंग-रंगीली दुनिया थी मेरी,  
मैं माँ के आँचल में छिप जाती थी।

श्रीनिधि

6 'B'



## माँ

माँ और माँ का प्यार निराला, उसने ही है मुझे सँभाला ।

मेरी मम्मी बड़ी निराली, क्या मैं उनकी बात बताऊँ ।

सोचूँ ! उन्हें कैसे मैं जान पाऊँ ॥



सुबह सवेरे मुझे उठाती, कृष्णा कह कर मुझे जगाती ।

जल्दी से तैयार मैं होती, उनके कारण स्कूल जा पाती ।

स्कूल से आते ही खुश होती, जब मम्मी का चेहरा देखती ।

पौष्टिक भोजन मुझे खिलाती, गृहकार्य भी पूरा करवाती ॥

माँ और माँ का प्यार निराला, पर मैं करती गड़बड़ घोटाला ।

जब मैं करती कोई गलती, समझाने की कोशिश करती ।

लुटाती मुझ पर प्यार अधिक, करती मुझसे दुलार अधिक ॥

मुझ पर गुस्सा जब है आता, दो मिनट में उड़ ही जाता ।

मेरी मम्मी मेरी जान, रखती मेरा पूरा ध्यान ।

माँ और माँ का प्यार निराला, उसने ही है मुझे सँभाला ॥



श्रीनिधि

6 'B'

## तितली

सुबह-सुबह आती तितली

सुंदर-सुंदर तितली,

फूल-फूल पर जाती तितली

शहद पीकर आती तितली

रंग-बिरंगी पंखों वाली तितली ।

उत्तर से दक्षिण जाती तितली

पूरब से पश्चिम, उड़ती तितली

सुंदर-सुंदर तितली

सबके मन को भाती तितली ।

जाहनवी

4 'A'



## प्यारी दादी

हाथ में हाथ रखकर कौन चले?

कौन है जो मेरी समस्याओं को हल करे ?

प्यार की नदी कौन बहाए ?

दुलार की दरिया कौन छलकाए ?

दादी है इन सब प्रश्नों का उत्तर

दादी-माँ है, मेरी मित्र ।

दूर करे दुःख को

सिर्फ उनका चित्र ।

ऐसी दादी को है करता

नमन उनका यह पौत्र ॥

श्लोक उपाध्याय

6 'C'



A GRANDPARENT IS SOMEONE  
WITH SILVER IN THEIR HAIR  
AND GOLD IN THEIR

heart

## काँडङ्कनाल की छुट्टियाँ

क्रिसमस की छुट्टियों में इस बार मैं अपनी मम्मी और पापा के साथ काँडङ्कनाल गई थी। काँडङ्कनाल बहुत ही सुंदर पहाड़ी जगह है। काँडङ्कनाल में घने जंगल, सुंदर दर्शनीय स्थल, तालाब और बहुत सारे सुंदर स्थल हैं। एक दिन हम जब घने जंगल की ओर जा रहे थे, मुझे बहुत डर लगा। मगर मुझे तो मोगली से मिलना था। पाइन फॉरेस्ट में सब जगह पाइन के लम्बे-लम्बे झाड़ थे। मगर मोगली ! मोगली नहीं दिखा। दिखे तो बहुत सारे बंदर। मेरे सामने आ गए दो बंदर। मैं बहुत डर गई। दोनों मुझे घूर रहे थे। अच्छा हुआ कि मैंने अपनी मम्मी का हाथ पकड़ा हुआ था। मम्मी ने बंदरों को कुछ खाने को दिया। तुरन्त दोनों बंदर खाने पर झपटे। यह नज़ारा देखकर हम हँसने लगे। एक बंदर को खाने को कुछ नहीं मिला और वह पापा के पीछे पड़ गया। किसी तरह से बंदर से छुटकारा पाया। मगर हम सबको बड़ा हँसाया बंदरों ने। यह मजेदार किस्सा मुझे हमेशा याद रहेगा। हमारा काँडङ्कनाल का सफ़र बहुत ही मनभावन और मज़ेदार रहा।

महक एम०

3 'D'





## काश! मैं भगवान होता.....

काश! मैं भगवान होता,  
मैं किसी को बड़ा दिल देता,  
और किसी को बड़ा दिमाग।  
मैं किसी को लंबा बनाता,  
और किसी को छोटा।।  
काश! मैं भगवान होता,  
मैं किसी को भूखा न रखता,  
किसी को इस धरती पर कोई कष्ट नहीं देता,  
मैं सभी को भाईचारे का पाठ पढ़ाता।।  
काश! मैं भगवान होता,  
ऊँच-नीच का भेदभाव नहीं रखता,  
सभी को एक समान रहने की शिक्षा देता ।।  
काश! मैं भगवान होता.....  
काश! मैं भगवान होता.....

शाविक

4 'B'

## जब मैं सर्कस देखने गया

पिछले रविवार मैं सर्कस का खेल देखने गया। साथ मैं मेरे माता-पिता थे।  
पिताजी ने टिकट पहले ही खरीद ली थी। यह सर्कस देखने का मेरा सबसे पहला  
अवसर था। एक बड़े पंडाल जैसे स्थान पर दर्शक सीढ़ीनुमा सीटों पर बैठे  
हुए थे। हमारे बैठने का स्थान सबसे आगे था। शीघ्र ही तेज़ घन्टी के  
घनघनाने की आवाज़ के साथ खेल शुरू हुआ। पहले लड़कियों ने अपने  
करतब दिखाए बाद में पुरुष भी उसमें शामिल हो गए। जोकरों और मसखरों ने  
तो हमें हँसी से लोटपोट कर दिया। नटों ने कलाबाजियों से दर्शकों को  
मन्त्र-मुग्ध किया। सभी खेल आश्चर्यजनक और रोमांचक थे किन्तु शेरों का  
खेल सबसे मनोरंजक था। यह जितना खतरनाक था उतना ही रोमांचक भी था। यह  
एक ऐसा अनुभव था जिसे मैं कभी भूल नहीं सकता।



शशांक

4 'B'



## गायक बंदर मामा

देखो, यह हैं बंदर मामा,  
इनको बहुत पसंद है गाना।  
ले कर माइक सदा घूमते,  
जिससे मिलते गीत सुनाते,  
और गीत बेसुरे सुनकर उनके,  
सब लोगों के कान पक जाते।  
हमें देख वह दौड़ पड़ेंगे,  
गीत सुनाकर ही छोड़ेंगे।  
नज़र बचा कर, हम छुप जाएँ,  
या नौ -दो -ग्यारह हो जाएँ।

~अर्चिता अग्रवाल

4 'C'



## मेरे बचपन की कहानी

सुनो लोगों मेरी बचपन की कहानी,  
मैं माता और पिता की छोटी-सी रानी।  
एक या दो साल उम्र मेरी थी,  
मेहनती पिता और प्यारी माता।  
मैं बचपन में बहुत कम खाती, अंगूर फल को  
मैं हर दिन खाती,  
खाने के बाद बिस्तर पर सोती।  
माता, पिता, नाना और नानी,  
यह थी मेरी बचपन की कहानी।  
केवल अनार, चावल और रोटी।  
मैंने कम खाया, लेकिन स्वस्थ खाया,  
दुनिया में मैं खुशियाँ लाई।

नंगई

7 'A'

## काश

काश ! मैं एक चिड़िया बन जाऊँ, ताकि मैं सबका प्यार पाऊँ,  
आसमानों में उड़ूँ, फूलों का शहद पिऊँ ॥

काश ! मैं एक बादल बन जाऊँ, ताकि मैं सबका प्यार पाऊँ,

जहाँ धूप वहाँ छाया लाऊँ, जहाँ गरमी वहाँ बरसात कर पाऊँ ॥

काश ! मैं चाँद बन जाऊँ, ताकि मैं रात में सबको रोशनी दे पाऊँ,  
आसमानों में सबको देखूँ, छोटे बच्चों को खुश कर दूँ ॥

काश ! मैं एक पर्वत बन जाऊँ, ताकि मैं सबका सम्मान पाऊँ

आसमान को छू पाऊँ, घाटियों को देख पाऊँ ॥

काश ! मैं यह सब बन जाऊँ, ताकि मैं सबका प्यार पाऊँ ॥

ऋषिका

6 'D'



## मेरा नन्हा प्यारा भाई

मेरा नाम मान्या है । मुझे छोटे बच्चे बहुत अच्छे लगते हैं । मेरा एक सगा भाई है जिसका नाम चरण है । वह पाँच साल का है और मेरे स्कूल में ही पढ़ता है। उसके साथ मैं बहुत मस्ती करती हूँ । मेरा दूसरा नन्हा भाई दर्श है । दर्श मेरे चाचा जी का बेटा है । वह सिर्फ़ एक महीने का है । वह बिलकुल मेरी तरह दिखता है । उसके छोटे-छोटे हाथ-पाँव , सुंदर चेहरा और चमकती आँखें मुझे बहुत प्यारी लगती हैं। मैं उसके पास जाती हूँ तो वह अपनी नन्ही मुट्ठी में मेरे बाल पकड़ लेता है । वह नन्हा है पर बहुत शैतान है । उसकी हँसी मुझे बहुत भाती है । फूल-सा सुंदर दर्श मुझे कृष्ण की तरह लगता है । उसे देखने और उसके साथ खेलने के लिए मैं बार-बार अपने चाचा जी के घर जाती हूँ । क्या कभी आप भी आएँगे मेरे साथ मेरे दर्श को देखने ?

मान्या रेड्डी

5 'A'

## मेरा प्रिय सफर

मेरा प्रिय सफर रणथंभोर का था । हम वहाँ दो दिन के लिए गए थे । मैं अपनी मम्मी, नानी और मामा के साथ गाड़ी से रणथंभोर गया था । हमें जयपुर से वहाँ पहुँचने में छः से सात घंटे लगे । वहाँ पहुँचते हुए हमें शाम हो गई थी । हम तंबू में रहे थे । तंबू में रहने का वह मेरा पहला अवसर था। बिना टीवी के प्रकृति के निकट रहने का यह अनोखा अनुभव था। अगले दिन सूर्योदय होते ही हम एक बड़े वाहन में बैठकर जंगल सफ़ारी करने निकल पड़े । जंगल में प्रवेश करते ही हमारे गाइड ने हमें बाघ के पंजों के निशान दिखाए । मैं वैसे ही बहुत उत्सुक था परंतु अब बाघ को देखे बिना रहा नहीं जा रहा था । चालक ने वाहन खूब इधर-उधर घुमाया परंतु बाघ दिखना बहुत दुर्लभ था । इतने में हमें बंदरों की अजीब आवाज़ और पक्षियों की कांय-कांय सुनाई पड़ी । गाइड ने बताया कि जानवर बाघ के आने की चेतावनी देते हैं जिसे कॉल कहते हैं । हम कॉल का पीछा करते हुए बाघ के सामने जा पहुँचे । मैंने पहले बाघ को चिड़ियाघर के पिंजरे में देखा है परंतु इस तरह भयानक जानवर को खुला अपने सम्मुख देख मेरा दिल दहल गया। उसकी खतरनाक आँखें मानो हमें चेतावनी दे रही थीं । हम बहुत खुशकिस्मत थे कि हमने न केवल उसे बल्कि बाघिन और उसके बच्चों को भी देखा। बाघिन को अपने वाहन के सामने से जाते देख हम सब सुन्न हो गए। जंगल के दूसरी ओर हमने और कई जानवर जैसे नीलगाय ,साम्भर ,लंगूर आदि को देखा । मेरा यह सफर बहुत रोमांचक था।

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4 'A'



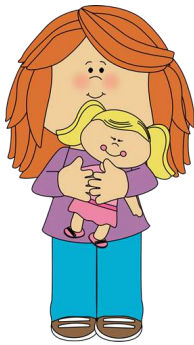


## "अगर दुनिया में जादू होता तो "

अगर दुनिया में जादू होता तो सब कितना आसान होता ।  
छड़ी घुमाओ, मंत्र बोलो और काम हो गया ।  
हम जादुई कालीन पर उड़ पाते और दुनिया देख सकते ।  
हम किसी भी मुसीबत से लड़ सकते ।  
इस तरह से प्रदूषण भी कम हो जाता क्योंकि हम गाड़ियों का प्रयोग नहीं करते ।  
स्कूल में हमारा एक विषय जादू भी होता ।  
हमारे पास ऐसी कलम होती जिससे हम जो भी कहते वह वही लिखती ।  
सबके पास एक ऐसी विशेष जादुई शक्ति होती जो दुनिया के हर व्यक्ति से अलग होती ।  
काश दुनिया में जादू होता, तो हर व्यक्ति अलग अलग काम का जादू करता और एक दूसरे की मदद करता।  
और ये नियम होता कि अगर जादू का गलत इस्तेमाल होगा तो उसकी जादुई शक्ति खत्म हो जाएगी।  
हमारी दुनिया बहुत खुशहाल होती, कोई अपराध नहीं होता।

~ नारायणी

4 'C'



मेरी प्यारी गुड़िया

प्यारी गुड़िया, प्यारी गुड़िया,

तुम ही हो मेरे सपनों की रानी।

मैं तुम्हें कपड़े पहनाती ,

तुम्हें अपने साथ सुलाती ।

पहले थी मैं कितनी अकेली,

अब तुम ही हो मेरी सहेली।

~ जी श्राव्या

2 'D'

## आखिर यह राज़ क्या था !

एक दिन मेरी दोस्त ने मुझे और मेरे कुछ और दोस्तों को अपने घर बुलाया। वहाँ हम बारह बजे एक कंबल में घुसकर भूत की कहानियाँ देख रहे थे वो भी फ़ोन पर। हम सब डर के मारे काँप रहे थे। तभी

हमें काले रंग की अजीब सी एक परछाई दिखाई दी। हम सब बहुत डर गए और डरते-डरते कमरे की बत्ती जलाई तभी वह परछाई गायब हो गई। हमने फिर कमरे की बत्ती बंद कर दी और फिर वह परछाई और पास आ गई। हम सब डर के मारे चिल्लाने लगे और फिर हमें किसी गुड़िया के हँसने की आवाज़ आई। आखिर यह सब हमारे साथ क्या हो रहा था ! तीन बज चुके थे पर इस राज का किसी को कुछ पता नहीं चला। हम सब डरते-डरते सो गए। सुबह उठे तो देखा कि वह तो एक बोलने वाली गुड़िया थी।



~ आंशी

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## मेरा प्यारा भारत

ओ! मेरे प्यारे भारत,  
तुम कितने सुंदर हो।  
विदेशी लोग इधर आएँगे,  
सुंदर भारत देखकर प्रसन्न हो जाएँगे।  
विविधता तुम्हारी शान है,  
और ज्ञान का भंडार है।  
मेरे प्यारे भारत तुमको मेरा प्रणाम है।



रंजन  
2 'D'

### राजधानी लखनऊ

लखनऊ उत्तर प्रदेश की राजधानी है। इस शहर में ,लखनऊ ज़िला और लखनऊ मंडल का प्रशासनिक मुख्यालय भी है। लखनऊ शहर अपनी नज़ाकत और तहज़ीब वाली बहुसांस्कृतिक खूबी ,दशहरी आम के बाग़ों तथा चिकन की कढ़ाई के काम के लिए जाना जाता है। २००६ में इसकी जनसंख्या २,५४२,२०२ तथा साक्षरता दर ६८६३% थी। भारत सरकार की २००२ की जनगणना सामाजिक, आर्थिक , सूचकांक और बुनियादी सुविधा सूचकांक संबंधी आँकड़ों के अनुसार लखनऊ ज़िला अल्पसंख्यकों की घनी आबादी वाला ज़िला है। शहर के बीच से गोमती नदी बहती है जो लखनऊ की संस्कृति का हिस्सा है।

नबा  
3 'C'



### रोय ,एक कुत्ता और एक भालू

एक बच्चा था । उसका नाम रोय था । एक दिन उसने एक कुत्ते को देखा । वह घर गया और कुत्ते के लिए खाना और पानी लाया । कुत्ता खाना खाने के बाद अपनी पूँछ हिलाने लगा। रोय के साथ खेलने भी लगा । रोय कुत्ते को अपने घर ले गया । उसने अपनी माँ से पूछा-”क्या वह उस कुत्ते को अपने साथ रख सकता है?” और माँ ने हाँ कर दी । कुछ देर बाद रोय जब अपने कुत्ते के साथ खेल रहा था वहाँ एक भालू आया । रोय और कुत्ते ने भालू को एक सबक सिखाया और वह भालू कभी नहीं दिखा।

ऊँ विजय  
2 'C'

## हमारा प्यारा देश

भारत है हमारा देश,  
भारत है बहुत विशेष।  
हम भारत देश के निवासी,  
बड़े बहादुर और साहसी।  
हम गाँ जन-गण-मन,  
क्योंकि भारत है हमारा धन।  
विंध्य, हिमाचल, यमुना, गंगा,  
उड़ता रहे हमारा तिरंगा।  
हम भारत के हैं बच्चे,  
बहुत बहादुर और सच्चे

अनंत  
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## हमारा देश

हमारा देश है भारत यानि हिंदुस्तान। भारत में बहुत सारी नदियाँ और पहाड़ हैं। यहाँ बहुत सारे जीव-जंतु रहते हैं। भारत की संस्कृति बहुत पुरानी और महत्वपूर्ण है। इस देश में विविध भाषाएँ बोली जाती हैं जैसे कन्नड़, हिंदी, तमिल आदि। भारत में प्रतिवर्ष ६ ऋतुएँ आती हैं। भारत के उत्तर दिशा में हिमालय पर्वत है। हिमालय को पर्वतों का राजा भी कहा जाता है। यह एक प्रहरी की तरह भारत देश की रक्षा करता है। विविध भाषाओं के प्रयोग और जातियों के बावजूद भारत के लोगों में आपसी प्यार है। इस अनेकता में एकता के कारण, हमारा देश महान है।

दीपाश्री  
3 'A'

## हमारे अन्नदाता

हम रोज़ खाते हैं और पीते हैं। पर हमें खाना मिलता कहाँ से है? हमें खाना किसान के कारण मिलता है। इस दुनिया में सबके लिए किसान महत्वपूर्ण है। किसान रोज़ काम करता है। त्योहारों पर भी परिश्रम करता रहता है। अगर इस दुनिया में किसान नहीं होते तो हमें खाना नहीं मिलता और हम सब खाने के बिना भूख से मर जाते। इसलिए हमें किसानों की मदद करनी चाहिए।

जय जवान ! जय किसान !

चैतन्या

6 'B'



## वैज्ञानिक बनना- मेरा अरमान

विज्ञान के है कई प्रकार  
क्योंकि विज्ञान में है ज्ञान अपार ।  
विज्ञान दिखाता है एक ऊंची मंजिल  
जो वहाँ पहुँचे, वह बनता है काबिल ।  
यह दिखता नहीं बड़ा आसान  
पर चलते-चलते लाता है चेहरे पर मुस्कान ।  
जितने-जितने बनाओगे आविष्कार  
उतने-उतने मिलेंगे पुरस्कार ।  
वैज्ञानिक बनना है मेरा अरमान  
माता-पिता को दूँगा मैं अभिमान ।  
करना है मुझे कठिन परिश्रम  
जब तक है मेरे हाथों में दम ।

करण किनी

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## मुझे अचिंत्य बनना है

मुझे अचिंत्य बनना है  
चिंता में नहीं खोना है ।  
जय की ओर बढ़ना है  
पराजित न होना है ।

बिन चिंता के रहना है  
आराम से जीवन व्यतीत करना है ।  
राजनीति में नहीं पड़ना है ।

और न ही शोहरत पाने की होड़ में,  
शामिल होना है ।  
संसार का असली रंग देखना है  
चिंता रहित जीवन गुज़ारना है ।

अचिंत्य माथुर

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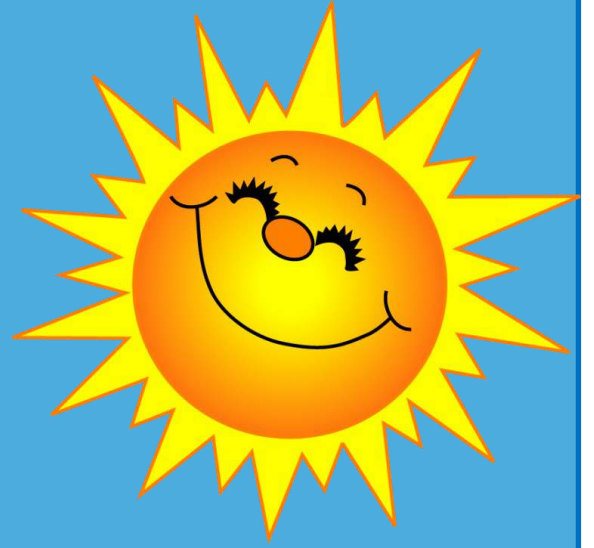


## मेरा प्यारा सूरजमुखी

मेरा प्यारा सूरजमुखी कहाँ से आता है तू।  
इतनी सुंदर पंखुड़ियाँ कहाँ से लाता है तू।  
हमेशा सूरज की ओर देख कर मुसकुराता है तू।  
जब सूरज मुरझाता है, मुरझा जाता है तू।

अद्विका शर्मा

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## मेरी चिड़िया और मैं

मेरी चिड़िया बहुत साहसी है। एक दिन जब वह उड़ रही थी, उसने देखा कि एक टमाटर शोर मचा रहा था। उसने टमाटर से कहा "टमाटर भाई, आप क्यों शोर मचा रहे हो?" तो टमाटर ने कहा "अरे यार, इस चिड़िया को कैसे समझाऊँ"। कुछ समय बाद, मैं मेरी चिड़िया को ढूँढने निकली तब मैंने देखा कि यह मेरी ही चिड़िया थी जो बहुत दुष्ट हो गई थी। मैंने समझ लिया कि यह सब एक दुष्ट जादूगरनी का काम था। मैंने उस दुष्ट जादूगरनी को हरा दिया और मेरी चिड़िया मेरे पास वापस गई।

अंश्रुता भारवाह

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## अगर मैं एक पक्षी होती

अगर मैं एक पक्षी होती तो मैं पूरी दुनिया देख पाती। मैं मोर बनना चाहूँगी, मैं रोज़ अपने दोस्तों के साथ खेलती और मस्ती करती। पक्षी बनने की सबसे अच्छी बात यह होती कि, कोई मुझे पढ़ाई करने को नहीं कहता। मुझ पर कोई गुस्सा नहीं करता। अतः पक्षी बनने के बाद मैं अपनी ज़िंदगी खुशी से जी पाऊँगी और मेरे रास्ते में परेशानियाँ भी नहीं आएँगी।

आस्था

4 'B'

## मेरे जीवन का सबसे अविस्मरणीय दिन

मेरे जीवन का सबसे बुरा और अविस्मरणीय दिन का अनुभव केरल में हुआ था। यह बात कुछ दो-तीन साल पहले की है, जब मैं नौ साल की थी। उस समय हम केरल में छुट्टियाँ मनाने गए थे। एक दिन जब हम मंदिर से आ रहे थे, मैं अकेली सड़क के एक किनारे खेल रही थी तो मेरे पिता दूसरी ओर खड़े थे। जब मेरी नज़र मेरे पिता पर गई तो मैं इतनी उत्सुक हुई कि मैंने बिना कहीं देखे ही अपने पिता की ओर भागना शुरू किया। तभी वहाँ से एक गाड़ी बहुत तेज़ी से आ रही थी।

भगवान का लाख-लाख शुक्र है कि मैं बच गई वरना न जाने क्या होता। उस घटना के बाद जो डॉट अपनी माँ से मुझे पड़ी, शायद ही मैं कभी भूलूँगी। इस घटना के बाद, मैं सड़क पार करने से पहले हज़ार बार सोचती हूँ !

आशिता एन

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## मेरा कथक कार्यक्रम

कथक भारत के प्रसिद्ध नृत्यों में से एक है। यह नृत्य पूरे भारत में छोटे बच्चों से लेकर बड़े लोग तक सीखते हैं। मैं भी तीन साल से यह नृत्य सीख रही हूँ। हर वर्ष हमारी नृत्यशाला अपना वार्षिक कार्यक्रम करती है जिसमें हम सब भाग लेते हैं। इस साल मैंने कुछ अलग करने का सोचा। मुझे हूला हूप से ज्यादा लगाव है इसलिए मैंने सोचा क्यों न कथक और हूला-हूप साथ में किया जाए और अपनी गुरु श्रीमती झिमली गुप्ता के दिशा निर्देशन में मैंने कथक की कुछ कलाएँ हूला-हूप के साथ में की। यह प्रदर्शन सबको इतना पसंद आया कि सबने मेरी खूब प्रशंसा की और बड़ों ने भरपूर आशीर्वाद दिया।

प्रियांजना

3 'D'





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माँ आपकी याद सताती है  
मेरे पास आ जाओ ,  
थक गया हूँ ... मुझे अपने  
आँचल में छुपा लो  
हाथ अपना फेरो  
मेरे बालों में।  
एक बार  
फिर से बचपन की लोरियाँ  
सुनाओ।

पृथ्वी

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मेरी प्यारी दीदी

मेरी दीदी बहुत प्यारी हैं। वे मुझे कभी नहीं डाँटती  
हैं। वे मेरे सभी काम और पढ़ाई में मदद करती  
हैं। उनको खाना पकाना बहुत पसंद है। हम कभी-  
कभी लड़ते हैं। वे अपने सभी काम खुद करती हैं।  
वे पढ़ाई में भी अच्छी हैं। वे बहुत सुंदर हैं।

संजना

3 'C'

## संस्कारों की महत्ता

“आज हमें जरूरत है जीवन में कुछ अच्छे संस्कारों की  
संस्कार ही एकमात्र औषधि है व्याकुल संसार की “

विद्यालय में शिक्षा प्राप्ति के लिए प्रवेश से पहले छात्रों की प्रथम पाठशाला उनका घर होता है ।  
छात्र जीवन से पहले शिशु की प्रथम गुरु उसकी माँ होती है । संस्कारों की नींव घर से ही प्रारंभ होकर  
जीवनपर्यन्त चलती रहती है । अपने परिवार, देश, विश्व की उन्नति के लिए प्रत्येक माँ तथा गुरु का  
कर्तव्य है कि वे अपने बच्चों को ऐसे संस्कार दें जो उसका सर्वांगीण विकास करने में सहायक हो । एक  
माँ तथा गुरु का यही सबसे बड़ा सम्मान है कि उनके संस्कारों व शिक्षा के बल पर छात्र अपने देश के  
सम्मान को शीर्ष पर पहुँचाते हैं ।

“आओ लें संकल्प कि फिर से संस्कार अपनाएँगे

ऋषि प्रेणित जीवन शैली से प्रबल प्रेरणा पाएँगे”

“प्रेम से हिलमिल रहें एक विश्वास की आस्तिकता लहराएंगी

मानवता फिर एक विलक्षण जीवन का पथ पाएगी ।”

मृदुला माहेश्वरी

अध्यापिका



## मेरे पिता मेरे आदर्श

लोग कहते हैं कि माँ ममता की मूरत है....सच है।

लोग कहते हैं कि माँ का दिल बच्चों के दिल के साथ धड़कता है....सच है।

पर क्यों कोई आज तक पिता के प्यार को न समझ पाया,  
उनकी डाँट में छिपे दुलार को न समझ पाया।  
उनकी छाँव में खुद को सुरक्षित महसूस किया है मैंने,  
उनकी मुस्कान के पीछे छिपी तकलीफ़ को महसूस किया है मैंने।  
दिन-रात मेहनत करके बच्चों की ख्वाहिशों को पूरा करते हैं वो,  
बच्चों की एक पल की खुशी में अपने सम्पूर्ण जीवन की खुशी पा लेते हैं वो।

पिता केवल एक रिश्ता नहीं, बच्चों के जीवन की नींव है।  
जिसके सहारे हम सबने अपनी ख्वाहिशों के महल बनाए हैं।  
अपनी उम्मीदों के सपने सजाए हैं।  
हम नहीं समझ पाते हर एक कोशिश उनकी, जो हमारे सपनों को पूरा करने के लिए थीं।  
आज उनसे दूर हूँ तो समझ आया कि मुझे एक अच्छा जीवन देने के लिए  
उन्होंने अपनी सारी ख्वाहिशें कुर्बान कर दीं।  
दिल से प्रणाम है पापा आपको, आपने मेरी जिंदगी सँवार दी।

मनीषा गौतम  
अध्यापिका

## महाबलेश्वर की सैर

हर बार की तरह इस बार भी छुट्टियों में घूमने जाने का कार्यक्रम बना। इस बार हमने महाबलेश्वर जाने का प्रोग्राम बनाया। पहले तो मुझे लगा महाराष्ट्र वो भी ऐसी गर्मी में उसके बाद जब मैंने अपनी सहेली से पूछा तो उसने बताया- अरे! यह हिल स्टेशन है इसी समय तो लोग वहाँ पर घूमने जाते हैं और इसी मौसम में वहाँ पर स्ट्रॉबेरी की फसल होती है। यह सुनकर तो जैसे मेरे मन में बिजली सी दौड़ पड़ी क्योंकि स्ट्रॉबेरी मेरा मनपसंद फल है और अपने पसंददीदा फल को अपने हाथों से तोड़कर खाना उसका तो मज़ा ही कुछ और है। बस फिर क्या था हमने वहाँ रहने की टिकटें बुक करने के लिए जैसे ही अपने जादुई यंत्र को खोला यानि कि कंप्यूटर जिसको हम हिंदी में संगणक कहते हैं और अपनी टिकटें बुक कर दी। हमें एक सप्ताह के बाद की बुकिंग मिली। मेरे लिए एक सप्ताह ऐसा था जैसे एक वर्ष, खैर धीरे-धीरे हमारे जाने का दिन आ गया। हम अपनी कार से सुबह 5 बजे मन में उमंग की लहर लिए घर से निकल पड़े। तपती गर्मी और गरम हवा के थपेड़े भी ऐसे लग रहे थे जैसे शीत लहर चल रही हो। रास्ते में हम बहुत जगह रुके लेकिन उस दिन मुझे सी.



सी. डी. जगह-जगह क्यों होते हैं समझ आया क्योंकि अन्दर जाने के बाद हमें जन्नत का आभास हो रहा था। वहाँ पर हमने कोल्ड काफ़ी पी वो पीकर तो मानो ऐसा लग रहा था जैसे शाहरुख खान गर्मी में डर्मी कूल लगा कर महसूस करता है। फिर हम आगे बढ़े और सीधा हुबली में रुके वहाँ पर हम एक ही रात के लिए रुके। अगले दिन हम महाबलेश्वर के लिए निकले रास्ते में प्रकृति का नज़ारा देखने लायक था ऐसा लग रहा था जैसे हम विदेश में हो।

वहाँ की सड़कें साफ़ और चिकनी थी इसलिए हमें थकान नहीं हुई। जैसे

ही हमने पहाड़ चढ़ना शुरू किया देखा तो क्या जगह-जगह लोग स्ट्रॉबेरी बेच रहे थे। मुझसे तो रुका ही नहीं जा रहा था लेकिन ट्रैफिक जाम होने की वजह से हम वहाँ रुक नहीं पाए लेकिन जैसे ही हम पंचगनी पहुँचे हमने सबसे पहले स्ट्रॉबेरी खरीदी और उन पर टूट पड़े। हम महाबलेश्वर पहुँच कर जल्दी से हाथ मुँह धोकर “एलीफेंट हैड” जाने के लिए तैयार हो गए। यह एक ऊँची चोटी है जहाँ से प्रकृति की सुन्दरता चारों ओर से दिखाई देती है और एक पहाड़ी ऐसी दिखती है जैसे हाथी का सिर।



उसके बाद हमारे पेट में चूहे कूदने लगे। वहाँ पास ही में एक स्टाल था जहाँ हमने भर पेट वडा पाव, मिसल पाव और पेटिस खाया। अगले दिन हम प्रतापगढ़ किला देखने गए। यह किला छत्रपति शिवाजी द्वारा बनवाया गया है इसकी शोभा देखते ही बनती है। किला देखने के बाद हमें ज़ोरों की भूख लगने लगी वहाँ से कुछ ही दूरी पर एक होटल दिखा।



वह खुले आसमान में पहाड़ों के बीच था जहाँ बैठकर हमने स्वादिष्ट खाना खाया । उसके बाद हम नौकायन के लिए तपोला गए जिसे मिनी कश्मीर भी कहा जाता है। वहाँ पर हमने नौकायन किया और प्रकृति के सुहावने नजारों को तस्वीरों में कैद किया और मजे की बात हमने नाव भी चलाई। वहाँ से कुछ ही दूरी पर स्ट्रॉबेरी का बगीचा था वहाँ जाकर हमें जानकारी मिली कि स्ट्रॉबेरी कैसे उगाई जाती है और हमने ताज़ी-ताज़ी स्ट्रॉबेरी तोड़कर खाई। अगले दिन हम पंचगनी झील गए वहाँ पर हमने घुड़सवारी की । शुरुआत में मुझे बहुत डर लगा क्योंकि घुड़सवारी का यह मेरा पहला अनुभव था। हम वहाँ पर बाज़ार घूमने भी गए । वहाँ हस्त कला केंद्र है जिसमें हर चीज़ें हाथ से बनाई गई हैं जैसे- लकड़ी के खिलौने, जूट के थैले आदि । मैंने वहाँ से एक झूला और अलग प्रकार की चॉकलेट खरीदी। अगले दिन हमें वापिस निकलना था लेकिन हमारा उत्साह अभी कम नहीं हुआ था हमने आते समय भी खूब मस्ती की और हाँ आज के दौर से हम भी पीछे नहीं हैं हमने खूब सेल्फी ली फेसबुक पर जो अपडेट करनी थी। मेरा यह सफ़र बड़ा ही यादगार सफ़र रहा जिसे मैं कभी नहीं भूल पाऊँगी।

श्रीचा  
अध्यापिका

### अब न रहा वो बचपन

चाँदी- सी काया सोने -सा मन  
जिसकी बातों से पुलकित हो जाए तन-मन  
अठखेलियों मुस्कुराहटों से भरा था जीवन  
अब न रहा मेरा वो प्यारा-सा बचपन

दादी का प्यार नानी का दुलार  
सपनों में संजोना सुनहरा संसार  
चटपटी गोलियाँ तीखा-सा अचार  
आशीषों से भरा था मेरा छोटा-सा दामन  
अब न रहा मेरा वो प्यारा-सा बचपन



गलियों के खेल कभी दोस्ती कभी अनबन  
सहेलियों का साथ याद आता है प्रतिक्षण  
पूछती हूँ खुद से जब भी सामने हो दर्पण  
आखिर अब क्यों न रहा मेरा वो प्यारा-सा बचपन

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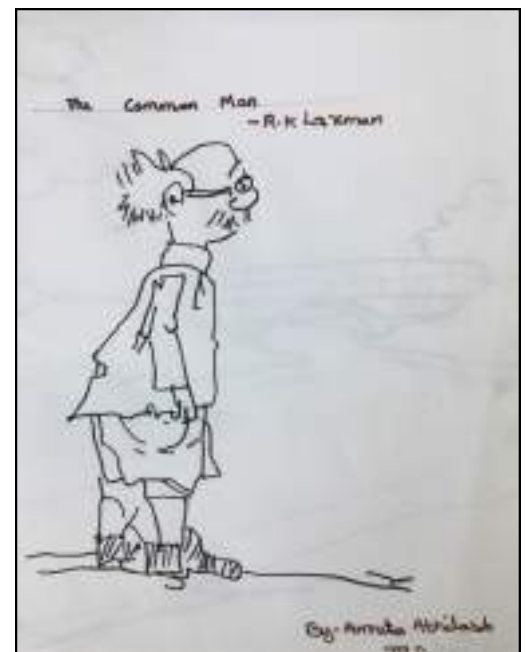
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**NAYANA, 3 'C'**



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# ಇಂದಿನ ರಾಜಕೀಯ ನಾಟಕ

ಸಾಕಾಗಿದೆ ನೋಡಿ ರಾಜಕೀಯ

ಮನೆಯಿಂದ ಮಠದ ತನಕ

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ಮಾಡುವರು ರಾಜಕಾರಣ



ಒಡೆದದ್ದು ರಾಜ್ಯಗಳನ್ನಲ್ಲ

ಜನರ ಮನಸ್ಸನ್ನು

ಅಡಗಿಸಿದ್ದು ಭಿನ್ನಮತವನ್ನಲ್ಲ

ನಂಬಿದವರ ಸನ್ನತವನ್ನು

ಹೇಳುವುದೊಂದು

ಮಾಡುವುದೊಂದು

ಎಲ್ಲರೂ ನೋಡುವರು

ಯಾರಲ್ಲಿ ಕೇಳುವರೆಂದು.

ಸುದೀಪ್.ಡಿ.

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## ಅರುಣೋದಯ

ಪೂರ್ವದಲ್ಲಿ ಅರಳುವನು

ಪಶ್ಚಿಮದಲ್ಲಿ ಮುಳುಗುವನು

ಎಲ್ಲರಿಗೂ ಸಂತಸ ತರವನು

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ಗಿಡ ಮರಗಳನ್ನು ಚಿಗುರಿಸುವನು

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ಎಲ್ಲರಿಗಿಂತ ಅತಿಪ್ರಕಾಶಿಸುವ

ಕತ್ತಲನ್ನು ಓಡಿಸುವ

ಎಲ್ಲರ ಜೀವನಕ್ಕೆ ಬೆಳಕು ತರುವ

ಈ ನಮ್ಮ ಸೂರ್ಯನು

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## ನಾನು ಒಂದು ಕಾರು...

ದಿನ ಬೆಳಗಾದರೆ ಅದೇ ಶಬ್ದ, ಅದೇ ವಾತಾವರಣ. ನನ್ನ ಕಷ್ಟ-ನಷ್ಟಗಳ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಕೇಳುವವರು ಯಾರೂ ಇಲ್ಲ. ಹೋ! ನಾನು ಯಾರು ಎಂದು ಹೇಳುವುದನ್ನೇ ಮರೆತು ಬಿಟ್ಟಿದ್ದೆ. ನನ್ನ ಹೆಸರು “ ಕೆ.ಎಂ.ಎಮ್.ಬಿ.೧೦೨೫” . ಅರ್ಥವಾಗಲಿಲ್ಲವೇ? ನಾನು ಒಂದು ಕಾರು. ನನ್ನದು ದಿನಾ ಗೋಳು. ನನ್ನ ಮಾಲೀಕರು ಒಬ್ಬ ಸಾಧಾರಣ ವ್ಯಕ್ತಿ. ಅವನು ಮೈಟಾಫೀಲ್ಡ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿರುವ ಒಂದು ಪ್ರಖ್ಯಾತ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕೆಲಸ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಾನೆ. ಇದರಿಂದ ದಿನಾ ನಾನು ಅವನನ್ನು ಕೆಲಸಕ್ಕೆ ಕರೆದುಕೊಂಡು ಹೋಗಬೇಕು. ನನ್ನ ಜೀವನದ ಒಂದು ದಿನ ಹೇಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ ಎಂದು ಹೇಳುತ್ತೇನೆ ಕೇಳಿ.

ಪ್ರತಿದಿನ ನಾನು, ನನ್ನ ಮಾಲೀಕನಷ್ಟೇ ಬೇಗ ಏಳುತ್ತೇನೆ. ಅವನ ಮಗಳು ದಿನಾ ನನಗೆ ಸ್ನಾನ ಮಾಡಿಸುತ್ತಾಳೆ. ನಂತರ ನನ್ನ ಮಾಲೀಕನು ಬಂದು ನನಗೆ ತಿಂಡಿ ಕೊಡಿಸಲು ನನ್ನನ್ನು ಪೆಟ್ರೋಲ್ ಬಂಕಿಗೆ ಕರೆದುಕೊಂಡು ಹೋಗುತ್ತಾನೆ. ನಂತರ ಅವನು ನನ್ನೊಡನೆ ಮನೆಗೆ ಬಂದು, ತಿಂಡಿಯನ್ನು ತಿಂದು, ಅವನ ಲ್ಯಾಪ್‌ಟಾಪ್ ಬ್ಯಾಗನ್ನು ಎತ್ತಿಕೊಂಡು, ನಾವಿಬ್ಬರೂ ಹೊರಡುತ್ತೇವೆ. ಈಗ ನನಗೆ ಕಷ್ಟ ಶುರುವಾಗುತ್ತದೆ. ಸ್ವಲ್ಪ ದೂರದವರೆಗೆ ಏನೂ ಕಷ್ಟವಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ಆದರೆ ಹೊಸೂರಿನ ಮುಖ್ಯರಸ್ತೆಗೆ ಬಂದ ಕೂಡಲೆ ನನ್ನ ಮುಂದಿರುವವನು ನನ್ನ ಹಾರನ್ ಶಬ್ದವನ್ನು ಕೇಳಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳದೇ ಇರುವುದು ನನ್ನ ಕೋಪವನ್ನು ನೆತ್ತಿಗೆರಿಸುತ್ತದೆ. ಅವನಿಗೆ ಹೋಗಿ ಗುದ್ದೊಣವೆಂದರೆ, ನನ್ನ ಮಾಲೀಕ ಬಿಡುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ಹೇಗೋ ಮಾಡಿ, ಇರುವ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಶಕ್ತಿಯನ್ನು ಖರ್ಚುಮಾಡಿ, ನಾನು ಆ ಕಷ್ಟದಿಂದ ಪಾರಾಗುತ್ತೇನೆ.

ಹೀಗೆ ಹಳ್ಳಕೊಳ್ಳಗಳ ಮೇಲೆ ಹೋಗುತ್ತಿದ್ದಂತೆಯೇ ನನ್ನ ಕಾಲೆಲ್ಲಾ ಮಣ್ಣಾಗಿ ಹೋಗುತ್ತದೆ. ಆದರೆ ಇದರ ಮೇಲೆ ನನ್ನ ಮಾಲೀಕ ಏನೂ ಗಮನ ಕೊಡುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ಅವನು ಸ್ವಚ್ಛವಾಗಿದ್ದರೆ, ಅವನಿಗೆ ಅಷ್ಟೇ ಸಾಕು. ನನ್ನ ಪಾಡು, ಅವನಿಗೇನಾಗಬೇಕು? ವರ್ಷದಲ್ಲಿ ಒಂದು ದಿನ ಅವನು ನನ್ನನ್ನು ನನ್ನ ತವರು ಮನೆಗೆ ಕರೆದುಕೊಂಡು ಹೋಗುತ್ತಾನೆ. ಅಲ್ಲಿ ನನ್ನನ್ನು ಒಂದೆರಡು ದಿನ ಬಿಡುತ್ತಾನೆ. ಅಲ್ಲಿ ನನ್ನ ಸ್ನೇಹಿತರು, ನೆಂಟರು ಸಿಕ್ಕಿ, ಅವರು ನನ್ನನ್ನು ಚೆನ್ನಾಗಿ ನೋಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತಾರೆ. ನನ್ನನ್ನು ಉಜ್ಜಿ, ತೊಳೆದು, ಹೊಳೆಯುವಂತೆ ಮಾಡಿ, ನನ್ನ ಆಸೆಯನ್ನು ಪೂರೈಸುವಷ್ಟು ಊಟ ಬಡಿಸಿ ನೋಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತಾರೆ. ನನ್ನ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಅಂಗಾಂಗಗಳನ್ನು ಸ್ವಚ್ಛಗೊಳಿಸಿ, ರಿಪೇರಿ ಮಾಡಿ ನನ್ನನ್ನು ಸುಂದರಗೊಳಿಸುತ್ತಾರೆ. ನನ್ನನ್ನು ಹೊಸದರಂತೆ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಾರೆ.

ಅದು ಹೇಗೋ ಗೊತ್ತಿಲ್ಲ. ಆ ಸೊಗಸಾದ ಎರಡು ದಿನಗಳು ಹೇಗೋ ಕಳೆದುಹೋಗುತ್ತವೆ. ನನ್ನ ಮಾಲೀಕನು ಬಂದು ಪುನಃ ನನ್ನನ್ನು ಕರೆದುಕೊಂಡು ಹೋಗುತ್ತಾನೆ. ಮತ್ತೆ ಅದೇ ಮಾಮೂಲು. ಹೀಗೆ ಜೀವನವು ಐದು-ಆರು ವರ್ಷ ಸಾಗುವುದು.

ಪ್ರಜ್ಞಾ ಭಾರ್ಗವ, ೧೦ ನೇ ಎ ವಿಭಾಗ



## ವಿಶ್ರಾಂತಿಯ ದಿನ

ಇವತ್ತು ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ ತುಂಬಾ ಜೋರಾಗಿ ಮಳೆ ಬಂದಿತ್ತು. ಈಗ ಸುಮಾರು ೧೦ ಗಂಟೆಯಾಗಿದೆ. ಆದರೂ ಇನ್ನು ಚಿಕ್ಕದಾಗಿ ಮಳೆ ಬರುತ್ತಿದೆ. ಮನುಷ್ಯರಿಗೆ ಈ ಮಳೆಯ ವಾತಾವರಣ ತುಂಬಾ ಇಷ್ಟವಂತೆ, ಆದರೆ ನನಗೆ ಮಳೆಯೆಂದರೆ ಕಷ್ಟ. ನಾನು ಕಸ ತುಂಬಿಕೊಂಡು ಹೋಗುವ ಗಾಡಿಯಾಗಿರುವುದರಿಂದ ಮಳೆ ನನ್ನ ಶತ್ರು. ಆ ಹಾಳಾದ ಮಳೆಯಿಂದಾಗಿ ನಾನು ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಂಡು ಹೋಗುವ ಕಸವೆಲ್ಲ ಕೊಳಚೆಯ ಹಾಗೆ ಕಾಣುತ್ತದೆ. ಮಳೆಯಿಂದಾಗಿ ಕಸದ ವಾಸನೆ ಇನ್ನೂ ಹೆಚ್ಚಾಗಿದೆ. ಆದರೆ ಇದೆಲ್ಲಾ ನನಗೆ ಚೆನ್ನಾಗಿ ರೂಢಿಯಾಗಿದೆ.

ಹೆಚ್.ಎಸ್.ಆರ್ ಮುಖ್ಯರಸ್ತೆಯ ಬದಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕಸದ ರಾಶಿ ಇರುವುದರಿಂದ ನಾನು ಇಡೀ ದಿನ ಇಲ್ಲಿ ಕಸ ತಿನ್ನುತ್ತಾ ನಿಂತಿರುತ್ತೇನೆ. ಈ ಕಸದ ತೊಟ್ಟಿಯು ನನ್ನ ಮನೆಯೆಂದು ನನಗೆ ಒಮ್ಮೊಮ್ಮೆ ಅನಿಸುತ್ತದೆ. ೫-೬ ಮನೆಯ ಕಸದ ರಾಶಿಯನ್ನು ತೆಗೆದು ನನ್ನ ಬಾಯಿಗೆ ಹಾಕುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಈ ಕಸವನ್ನು ನಾನು ಹೊಟ್ಟೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಿಸುತ್ತೇನೆ. ಈ ಕಸವನ್ನು ನಾನು ಬೆಂಗಳೂರಿನಿಂದ ಹೊರಹೋಗಿ ತ್ಯಾಜ್ಯ ಘಟಕದಲ್ಲಿ ಹಾಕುತ್ತೇನೆ.

ಇವತ್ತಿನ ಮಳೆಯಿಂದ ನನ್ನನ್ನು ಓಡಿಸುವ ಗಾಡಿ ಚಾಲಕ ಇನ್ನೂ ಬಂದಿಲ್ಲ. ಮಳೆಯಿಂದಾಗಿ ಇವತ್ತು ಅವನು ಬರದೆ ಇರಬಹುದು. ಅಂದರೆ ಇಡೀ ದಿನ ನಾನು ಆರಾಮವಾಗಿ ವಿಶ್ರಾಂತಿ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳಬಹುದು. ಪಕ್ಕದಲ್ಲಿರುವ ರಸ್ತೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಒಂದು ದೊಡ್ಡ ಟ್ರಾಫಿಕ್ ಜಾಮ್ ಆಗಿದೆ. ಕಾರುಗಳ ಕೆಟ್ಟ ಧ್ವನಿ ಕೇಳಿ ನನ್ನ ಕಿವಿ ಕೆಪ್ಪಾಗಿ ತಲೆನೋವು ಶುರುವಾಗಿದೆ. ಆದರೆ ಮಳೆ ನನಗೆ ಇಷ್ಟ ಇಲ್ಲದಿದ್ದರೂ, ಅದರಿಂದ ಒಂದು ಉಪಯೋಗ ಇದೆ. ನಾನು ಕಸದ ಗಾಡಿಯಾಗಿರುವುದರಿಂದ ಚಾಲಕನನ್ನು ಬಿಟ್ಟು ಯಾರು ನನ್ನ ಹತ್ತಿರ ಬರುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ಈ ಕಾರಣದಿಂದಾಗಿ ನನಗೆ ಒಳ್ಳೆಯ ಸ್ನಾನ ಸಿಗುವುದು, ಮಳೆ ಬಂದಾಗ ಮಾತ್ರ.

ನಾನು ಕಸದ ಗಾಡಿಯಾಗಿರುವುದರಿಂದ ಎಲ್ಲರೂ ನೋಡಿ, ' ಅಯ್ಯೋ ಎಂಥಾ ಗಬ್ಬುವಾಸನೆ' ಎಂದು ಓಡಿಹೋಗುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಆದರೆ ನಾನಿಲ್ಲದೆ ಅವರು ಬದುಕಲಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ನನಗೆ ಕಸದ ತೊಟ್ಟಿ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರನ್ನು ಸ್ವಚ್ಛ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರನ್ನಾಗಿ ಪರಿವರ್ತಿಸುವ ಶಕ್ತಿಯಿದೆ. ಇದೊಂದು ಕಾರಣದಿಂದಾಗಿಯಾದರೂ ಮನುಷ್ಯರು ನನಗೆ ಗೌರವ ಕೊಡಲೇಬೇಕು.

ಆಶಾ. ವಿ. ಹೊಳ್ಳ.

೧೦ ನೇ ಎ ವಿಭಾಗ



## ಕೂಡಿಬಾಳೋಣ ಎಂದೂ ಸೇರಿ ದುಡಿಯೋಣ

ಒಗ್ಗಟ್ಟಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಬಹಳ ಶಕ್ತಿ ಇದೆ. ಇದು ನಮ್ಮೆಲ್ಲರಿಗೂ ಗೊತ್ತು. ಒಂದು ಕಷ್ಟವಾದ ಕೆಲಸವನ್ನು ಬಹಳ ಜನರು ಸೇರಿ ಮಾಡಿದರೆ, ಅದು ಬೇಗ ಹಾಗೂ ಚೆನ್ನಾಗಿ ಆಗುತ್ತದೆ. ಉದಾಹರಣೆಗೆ-ನಮ್ಮ ಶಾಲೆಯನ್ನು ಒಂದಿಬ್ಬರು ಮಾತ್ರ ಸೇರಿ ಸ್ವಚ್ಛಮಾಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದರೆ, ಅದು ಮಾಡುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಬಹಳ ಸಮಯ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತದೆ ಮತ್ತು ಕಷ್ಟವಾಗುತ್ತದೆ. ಇದೇ ರೀತಿ, ನಾವು ಒಂದು ಗುಂಪು ಯೋಜನೆ ಮಾಡುವಾಗ, ಒಬ್ಬರೇ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಕೆಲಸ ಮಾಡಿದರೆ, ಬಹಳ ಕಷ್ಟವಾಗುತ್ತದೆ ಮತ್ತು ಬಹಳ ಸಮಯ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತದೆ.

ನಾವು ಒಗ್ಗಟ್ಟಿನಿಂದ ಕೆಲಸ ಮಾಡಿದರೆ, ಅದು ನಮ್ಮ ಗುಂಪಿಗೆ ಶಕ್ತಿ ನೀಡುತ್ತದೆ. ಹೇಗೆ ಎಂದರೆ, ಒಬ್ಬೊಬ್ಬರಿಗೂ ಒಂದೊಂದು ರೀತಿಯ ಯೋಜನೆ ಮತ್ತು ಯೋಜನೆಗಳಿರುತ್ತವೆ. ಎಲ್ಲರ ಬಳಿಯೂ ಬೇರೆ ಬೇರೆ ರೀತಿಯ ಕೆಲಸ ಮಾಡುವ ಕಲೆ, ತಾಕತ್ತು ಇರುತ್ತದೆ. ಈ ಕಾರಣದಿಂದ ನಾವು ಒಟ್ಟಾಗಿ ಕೆಲಸ ಮಾಡಿ, ಒಂದು ಸುಂದರವಾದ ಫಲಿತಾಂಶವನ್ನು ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು.

ಒಬ್ಬರಿಗೆ ಬರುವ ಕೆಲಸ ಇನ್ನೊಬ್ಬನಿಗೆ ಬರುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ಪ್ರತಿಯೊಬ್ಬರು ಒಂದೊಂದು ಕೆಲಸವನ್ನು ಚೆನ್ನಾಗಿ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಈ ರೀತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಒಗ್ಗಟ್ಟು ಗುಂಪಿಗೆ ಶಕ್ತಿ ನೀಡುತ್ತದೆ. ಇನ್ನೊಂದು ಉದಾಹರಣೆ ಎಂದರೆ - ಹಿಂದೆ ಭಾರತ ಬ್ರಿಟಿಷರ ಆಳ್ವಿಕೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಇದ್ದಾಗ, ಅವರಿಂದ ಸ್ವತಂತ್ರ ಪಡೆಯಲು ಎಲ್ಲರೂ ಒಟ್ಟಾಗಿ ಸೇರಿದರು. ನಾವೆಲ್ಲರೂ ಒಂದು, ನಾವೆಲ್ಲ ಒಂದೇ ಕಷ್ಟವನ್ನೂ ಅನುಭವಿಸುತ್ತಿದ್ದೇವೆ ಎಂಬ ಭಾವನೆ ಇತ್ತು. ಅದಕ್ಕೆ ಎಲ್ಲರೂ ಒಟ್ಟಿಗೆ ಸೇರಿ ಹೋರಾಟ ಮಾಡಿ, ಸ್ವಾತಂತ್ರ್ಯವನ್ನು ಗಳಿಸಿದರು. ಹೀಗೆ ಒಗ್ಗಟ್ಟಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಶಕ್ತಿಯಿದೆ.

ಮಿಷಿ ಸೀಳಿನ್

೯ನೇ ' ಎ ' ವಿಭಾಗ





ಬೇಸಿಗೆ ರಜೆ

ನನಗೆ ರಜೆ ಬಂದಿತು

ಬೇಸಿಗೆಯಲ್ಲಿ

ಅಜ್ಜಿಯ ಮನೆ ಕಾದಿತ್ತು

ಊರಿನಲ್ಲಿ

ಹೊರಟೆವು ನಾವು ರೈಲಿ

ನಲ್ಲಿ

ತರತರ ತಿಂಡಿಯ

ತಿನ್ನುತ ದಾರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ

ಆಡಿದೆವು ಸ್ವಲ್ಪ ಆಟ

ನಂತರ ತಿಂದೆವು ಊಟ

ರಾತ್ರಿಗೆ ಊರು

ಸೇರಿದೆವು

ಹೊದಿಕೆಯ ಹೊದ್ದು

ಮಲಗಿದೆವು

ಮುಂಜಾನೆ ಘಂಟೆ

ಆಗಿತ್ತು ಆರು

ದೇಗುಲದಿಂದ

ಹೊರಟೆತ್ತು ತೇರು

ರಥದ ಮೇಲೆ ದೇವರ

ಸವಾರಿ

ಆಟ ವಿನೋದಗಳಿತ್ತು

ಥರಾವರಿ

ಕುಶಾಲ್

೪ನೇ 'ಸಿ' ವಿಭಾಗ

ಸ್ವಾಭಿಮಾನ

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ಮಂಡಿಯೂರಿಸಿದರೂ ಸ್ವಾಭಿಮಾನ ಬಿಡಲಾರೆ.

ಸ್ವಾಭಿಮಾನ ನನ್ನ ಬಾಳಿನ ಬಂಗಾರ

ಅದರಿಂದ ಬದುಕನ್ನು ಮಾಡುವೆ ಸಿಂಗಾರ

ಸ್ವಾಭಿಮಾನವೇ ನನ್ನ ಜೀವನದ ಆಧಾರ.

ಸ್ವಾಭಿಮಾನದಿಂದ ದುಡಿದರೆ ಬಾಳು ಸಾರ್ಥಕ

ಸ್ವಾಭಿಮಾನವಿಲ್ಲದ ಬದುಕು ನಿರರ್ಥಕ

ಸ್ವಾಭಿಮಾನ ನನ್ನ ಅಸ್ತಿತ್ವಕ್ಕೆ ಪ್ರೇರಕ

ಗುಲಾಮಗಿರಿಗೆ ಮಣಿಯಲಿಲ್ಲ ನನ್ನ ದೇಶ

ಯಾವುದೇ ಆಸೆಗೆ ಬಲಿಯಾಗಲಿಲ್ಲ ನನ್ನ ಜನ

ನಾವೆಲ್ಲ ಸ್ವಾಭಿಮಾನಿಗಳು, ನಾವೆಲ್ಲ ಸ್ವಾಭಿಮಾನಿಗಳು.

ಶ್ರೇಯಸ್

೧೦ ನೇ ' ಬಿ ' ವಿಭಾಗ



## ಯುದ್ಧ ಮನುಕುಲದ ನಾಶಕ್ಕೆ ಕಾರಣ

ಸಾವಿರಾರು ವರ್ಷಗಳಿಂದ ಯುದ್ಧ ಮನುಷ್ಯರ ಜೀವನದಲ್ಲಿ ಮುಖ್ಯ ಅಂಗವಾಗಿದೆ. ಕುರುಕ್ಷೇತ್ರ ಯುದ್ಧ ನಡೆದ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಮಹಾಭಾರತದಲ್ಲಿ ಓದಿದ್ದೇವೆ. ಆ ಯುದ್ಧದಲ್ಲಿ ಎಷ್ಟೋ ಸುಮಂಗಲೆಯರು ವಿಧವೆಯರಾದರು! ಎಷ್ಟೋ ಮಕ್ಕಳು ಅನಾಥರಾದರು. ನಮ್ಮ ಇಂದಿನ ಜಗತ್ತಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಇನ್ನೂ ಈ ಯುದ್ಧಗಳು ವಿನಾಶವನ್ನು ತರುತ್ತಿವೆ. ಬಡವರಿಗೆ ಮತ್ತು ಅನಾಥರಿಗೆ ಕೊಡುವ ಹಣವನ್ನು, ಈಗ ದೊಡ್ಡ ದೊಡ್ಡ ದೇಶಗಳು ಬಲಶಾಲಿ ಶಸ್ತ್ರಾಸ್ತ್ರಗಳನ್ನು ಮಾಡಲು ಉಪಯೋಗಿಸುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ.

ಈ ಯುದ್ಧಗಳು ಬರೀ ಮನುಷ್ಯರಿಗೆ ಅಷ್ಟೇ ಅಲ್ಲ. ಭೂಮಿಯನ್ನೂ ನಾಶ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಿವೆ, ನೈಸರ್ಗಿಕ ಸಂಪನ್ಮೂಲಗಳೂ ಸಹ ನಾಶವಾಗುತ್ತಿವೆ. ಈ ಯುದ್ಧಗಳಿಂದ ಯಾರಿಗೂ ಲಾಭ ಸಿಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ.

ಇತ್ತೀಚೆಗೆ ನಡೆದಿರುವ ಸರ್ಜಿಕಲ್ ಸ್ಟ್ರೈಕ್‌ನಿಂದ ಭಾರತ ಮತ್ತು ಪಾಕಿಸ್ತಾನಗಳ ನಡುವೆ ಯುದ್ಧ ಆಗುವುದು ನಿಶ್ಚಿತ! ಈ ಯುದ್ಧದಿಂದ ಮತ್ತೆ ಕಾಶ್ಮೀರದಲ್ಲಿರುವ ಜನರಿಗೂ ಅಪಾಯ. ಈಗ ಜಗತ್ತಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಜನಸಂಖ್ಯೆ ಬಹಳ ಹೆಚ್ಚಾಗಿದೆ, ಇನ್ನೊಂದು ವಿಶ್ವಯುದ್ಧದಿಂದ ಮತ್ತೆ ಕಾಶ್ಮೀರದಲ್ಲಿರುವ ಜನರಿಗೂ ಹೆಚ್ಚು ಅಪಾಯ ಕಾದಿದೆ. ಇನ್ನೊಂದು ವಿಶ್ವಯುದ್ಧ ಸಮೀಪಿಸಬಹುದೆಂದು ಎಲ್ಲ ದೇಶಗಳು ತಮ್ಮ ತಮ್ಮ ದೇಶಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಬಹಳ ಭಯಂಕರವಾದ ಶಸ್ತ್ರಾಸ್ತ್ರಗಳನ್ನು ತಯಾರಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತಿವೆ. ಆದ್ದರಿಂದ ಇನ್ನೊಂದು ವಿಶ್ವಯುದ್ಧವಾದರೆ ಇಡೀ ಮಾನವ ಕುಲ ಅಳಿದು ಹೋಗುವುದು ನಿಶ್ಚಿತ.

ಈಗ ದೇಶಗಳು ಚಿಕ್ಕ ಚಿಕ್ಕ ಭಿನ್ನಾಭಿಪ್ರಾಯಗಳಿಗೂ ಅಸ್ತ್ರಗಳನ್ನು ಎತ್ತುತ್ತಿವೆ. ಆದ್ದರಿಂದ ವಿಶ್ವಶಾಂತಿ ಹರಡಬೇಕು, ಜನರು ಸಮಸ್ಯೆಗಳನ್ನು ಶಾಂತ ಮನಸ್ಸಿನಿಂದ ನೋಡಬೇಕು. ಚಿಕ್ಕ ಚಿಕ್ಕ ವಿಷಯಗಳಿಗೆ ಯುದ್ಧಕ್ಕೆ ಹೋಗದೆ, ಆದಷ್ಟು ಶಾಂತಿ ಸಹನೆಯಿಂದ ನಡೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳಬೇಕು.

ಅಭಯ, ೯ ನೇ ಎ ವಿಭಾಗ



ಬೆಟ್ಟ	ಅಲ್ಲಿರುವ ಕಸವನ್ನು ಸುಟ್ಟ
ಒಬ್ಬ ಹುಡುಗ ಪುಟ್ಟ	ಸುತ್ತಲು ಗಿಡಗಳನ್ನು ನೆಟ್ಟ
ಛಲದಿಂದ ಹತ್ತಿದ ಬೆಟ್ಟ	ಆ ಕಾಡಾಯಿತು ಬಹಳ ದಟ್ಟ
ಆ ಬೆಟ್ಟ ಬಹಳ ಸೊಟ್ಟ	ಪಕ್ಷಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಹಣ್ಣನ್ನು ಕೊಟ್ಟ
ಅದು ಪಶ್ಚಿಮ ಘಟ್ಟ	ರಚನ. ಎನ್.

೪ನೇ 'ಡಿ' ವಿಭಾಗ

## ಜೀವನದ ಪಯಣ

ನಾವು ಮಾಡುತ್ತಿರುವ ಪಯಣ  
ಅದರ ಹೆಸರೇ ಜೀವನ  
ಇದು ಒಂದು ಓಡುತ್ತಿರುವ ವಾಹನದಂತೆ  
ಸ್ವಲ್ಪ ಆಯ ತಪ್ಪಿದರೂ ಪ್ರಪಾತಕ್ಕೆ ಬಿದ್ದಂತೆ

ಬಹಳ ದಾರಿಗಳುಂಟು ನಮ್ಮ ಕಣ್ಣು ಮುಂದೆ  
ತಪ್ಪುದಾರಿಯ ಹಿಡಿದರೆ ತೊಂದರೆಯು ತಪ್ಪದಂತೆ  
ಮೂರು ಹಂತಗಳುಂಟು ನಮ್ಮ ಬಾಳಲ್ಲಿ  
ಬಾಲ್ಯ ಯೌವನ ಮುಪ್ಪುಗಳೆಂಬ ದೇವರ ಲೀಲೆಯಲ್ಲಿ

ಈ ಜೀವನ ಸಾಗಿಸಲು ಬೇಕು ಹಣವೆಂಬ ಇಂಧನ  
ಅದಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ನೀ ದುಡಿಯಲೇ ಬೇಕು ಪ್ರತಿದಿನ  
ಸಾಗುವ ಹಾದಿಯನು ಹಸನಾಗಿಸಲು  
ನೀ ತೋರಲೇಬೇಕು ಪ್ರತಿದಿನವು ಪರಿಶ್ರಮ

ಸ್ವಲ್ಪ ಎಡವಿದರೂ ಬಾಳಲ್ಲಿ ಸುರಿವುದು  
ಸಂಕಟದ ಸುರಿ ಮಳೆ  
ಕಳೆದ ಸಮಯವು ನಿನಗೆ ಮತ್ತೆ ಸಿಗದು  
ಹಿಂದಿರುಗಿ ನೋಡಿದರೆ ಕಾಣುವುದು ಕಣ್ಣಿಗೆ  
ನೀ ಮಾಡಿದ ಸಾಧನೆ ಎದೆಮೆಟ್ಟಿ ನಿಲ್ಲಿಸುವುದು  
ವ್ಯರ್ಥ ಮಾಡಿದ ಸಮಯ ಖಿನ್ನತೆಯ ನೀಡುವುದು

ಬಾಲ್ಯದಲಿ ನೀನಾಡು ಮನಕೆ ಉಲ್ಲಾಸ ನೀಡುವಂತೆ  
ಯೌವನದಲಿ ಹತ್ತಾರು ಜನ ಹಾಡಿ ಹೊಗಳುಂತೆ  
ಮುಪ್ಪಿನಲಿ ನಿನ್ನ ಮೊಮ್ಮಕ್ಕಳು ಹೆಮ್ಮೆ ಪಡುವಂತೆ  
ಅಲ್ಲಿಗೆ ಸಾರ್ಥಕವು ನಿನ್ನಯ ಜೀವನ

ಈ ಜೀವನವು ಬೇರೆ ವಾಹನಗಳಂತೆ ಅಲ್ಲ  
ಒಮ್ಮೆ ನಿಂತರೆ ಮತ್ತೆಂದೂ ಓಡುವುದೇ ಇಲ್ಲ  
ಅದಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಸಾಗಿಸು ಅದನು ಹಸನಾದ ಹಾದಿಯಲಿ  
ಅಲ್ಲಿಗೆ ನಿನ್ನಯ ಜನ್ಮವು ಆಗುವುದು ಧನ್ಯವು.

ಕನ್ನಡ ಶಿಕ್ಷಕಿ

ಹೆಚ್. ಎನ್. ವನಮಾಲ





## ನಾನೇಕೆ ಮರೆತಿರುವೆ?

ವೇಗದ ಬದುಕಿನ ನಿಲ್ಲದ ಓಟದಲ್ಲಿ

ಸಾವು-ನೋವುಗಳ ಜಂಜಾಟದಲ್ಲಿ

ನಾನೇಕೆ ಹೆದರುತ್ತಿರುವೆ?

ಒಂದೇ ದಿನ ಅರಳಿ ಬಾಡುವ ಹೂವು

ಕಂಪು ಸೂಸಿ ನಗುತ ನಗಿಸುತ ಬಾಳುವ ಪರಿಯ

ನಾನೇಕೆ ಮರೆತಿರುವೆ?

ಸತ್ಕಾರ್ಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಪಟ್ಟ ಶ್ರಮ ವ್ಯರ್ಥವಾದಾಗ

ನಾನಿಟ್ಟ ಹೆಜ್ಜೆಗಳು ನಿರರ್ಥಕವಾದಾಗ

ನಾನೇಕೆ ಹೆದರುತ್ತಿರುವೆ?

ತಾನೇ ಉರಿದು ಬೆಳಕನು ನೀಡುವ ದೀಪ

ಲೋಕಕ್ಕೆ ತ್ಯಾಗವನು ಸಾರುವ ಬಗೆಯ

ನಾನೇಕೆ ಮರೆತಿರುವೆ?

ಗಳಿಸಿದ ಮಾನ ಹಣ ಕಳೆದುಹೋದಾಗ

ಕಂಡ ಕನಸುಗಳೆಲ್ಲಾ ನನಸಾಗದಾಗ

ನಾನೇಕೆ ಹೆದರುತ್ತಿರುವೆ?

ಕೆಲವೇ ದಿನ ಬಾಳಿ ರೇಷ್ಮೆ ನೀಡುವ ಹುಳು

ಇತರರಿಗೆ ನಿರ್ವ್ಯರ್ಥವನು ತೋರುವ ರೀತಿಯ

ನಾನೇಕೆ ಮರೆತಿರುವೆ?



## ಮಂಜುಳಾ .ಜಿ ಕನ್ನಡ ಶಿಕ್ಷಕಿ



### ನನ್ನ ಸರ

ನಾನು ಹಾಡಿದೆ ಒಂದು ಸ್ವರ

ಅಮ್ಮ ಹೇಳಿದಳು ಅತಿ ಮಧುರ

ಖುಷಿಯಿಂದ ಕೊಟ್ಟಳು ಮುತ್ತಿನ ಸರ

ಅದು ನನ್ನ ಕೊರಳಿಗೆ ತುಂಬಾ ಸುಂದರ

ನಿಶ್ಚಿತ, ಏನೇ ತರಗತಿ

## ನನ್ನ ಪ್ರವಾಸ

ಈ ಕ್ರಿಸ್ಮಸ್ ರಜೆಗೆ ನಾನು ಎಲ್ಲಿಗಾದರೂ ಹೋಗಬೇಕು ಎಂದುಕೊಂಡಿದ್ದೆ. ನನ್ನ ಮನಸ್ಸಿನ ಆಸೆಯನ್ನು ಅರಿತು ನನ್ನ ತಂದೆ ನಮ್ಮೆಲ್ಲರನ್ನು ಅಂದರೆ, ನಾನು, ನನ್ನ ತಮ್ಮ ಮತ್ತು ಅಮ್ಮನನ್ನು ಪ್ರವಾಸಕ್ಕೆ ಕರೆದೊಯ್ದರು. ಮೂರು ದಿನಗಳ ಪ್ರವಾಸ ಅದಾಗಿತ್ತು. ಚುಮು ಚುಮು ಚಲಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ನಾವೆಲ್ಲರೂ ಮೊದಲನೆಯ ದಿನ ಮುಂಜಾನೆ ಯಡಿಯೂರಿನ ದೇವಸ್ಥಾನದಲ್ಲಿ ದೇವರ ದರ್ಶನ ಪಡೆದು ಪ್ರವಾಸವನ್ನು ಆರಂಭಿಸಿದೆವು. ಅಲ್ಲಿಂದ ನಾವು ಮುಂದಿನ ಎರಡು ದಿನಗಳ ಕಾಲ ಶ್ರವಣಬೆಳಗೊಳ, ಬೇಲೂರು, ಹಳೆಬೀಡು, ಕೊಲ್ಲೂರು, ಹೊರನಾಡು, ಸಿಗಂದೂರು, ಧರ್ಮಸ್ಥಳಕ್ಕೆ ಭೇಟಿ ಕೊಟ್ಟೆವು. ಇವುಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ನನಗೆ ತುಂಬಾ ಇಷ್ಟವಾದ ತಾಣ ಬೇಲೂರು. ಇಲ್ಲಿ ಚೆನ್ನಕೇಶವನ ದೇಗುಲವಿದ್ದು ಅನೇಕ ವಿಗ್ರಹಗಳ ಕೆತ್ತನೆಗಳನ್ನು ಕಾಣಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ಬೇಲೂರು, ಹೊಯ್ಸಳ ಸಾಮ್ರಾಜ್ಯದ ಶಿಲ್ಪಕಲೆಯ ದೇವಾಲಯಗಳೆಂದು ಪ್ರಸಿದ್ಧವಾಗಿವೆ. ಪ್ರತಿಯೊಬ್ಬರು ಈ ಸ್ಥಳಕ್ಕೆ ಭೇಟಿನೀಡಿ ಶಿಲ್ಪಕಲೆಯ ಸವಿಯನ್ನು ಸವಿಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.

ಜತೀನ್ ಗೌಡ.ಟಿ.ಎಲ್

೩ನೇ ತರಗತಿ ಡಿ ವಿಭಾಗ

## ನೀರು

ನೀರು ಸಿಗುವುದು ಕಷ್ಟ

ಸಿಕ್ಕಿರುವುದು ನಿಮ್ಮ ಅದೃಷ್ಟ

ಇದನು ಮಾಡದಿರಿ ನಷ್ಟ

ನಷ್ಟ ಮಾಡಿದರೆ ನಿಮಗೇ ಕಷ್ಟ

ಇದರ ಮೇಲೆ ನಿಮ್ಮಿಷ್ಟ



## ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಬಸ್ಸು

ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಸಿಟಿ ಬಸ್ಸು

ಪ್ರಯಾಣಿಸಿದರೆ ಬಲು

ಸುಸ್ತು

ಕಂಡಕ್ಕರಿಗೆ ಕೊಟ್ಟರೆ ಕಾಸು

ಬರುವುದಿಲ್ಲ ಚಿಲ್ಲರೆ

ವಾಪಸ್ಸು

ಕೆಳಗಿಳಿದು ನೋಡಿದರೆ

ಜೇಬಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಇರುವುದಿಲ್ಲ

ಹಣದ ಪರ್ಸು

## ಹಾರಿಕ

೩ನೇ ' ಬಿ ' ವಿಭಾಗ

ಚಿಟ್ಟೆ

ಬಣ್ಣದ ಚಿಟ್ಟೆ ಹಾರುತಿಹುದು ನೋಡಲು  
ಅದಕ್ಕಿರುವುದು ಕಣ್ಣುಗಳು ಹಲವಾರು  
ಹೂವಿಂದ ಹೂವಿಗೆ ಹಾರುವ ಚಿಟ್ಟೆ  
ಆ ಚಂದವ ನೋಡುತ ನಾ ನಿಂತುಬಿಟ್ಟೆ

ಹಳದಿ, ಬಿಳಿ, ಕಂದು, ಕಪ್ಪು  
ಎಲ್ಲ ಬಣ್ಣಗಳು ನಿನಗೆ ಒಪ್ಪು  
ರೆಕ್ಕೆಯ ಬಡಿಯುತ ಮೆತ್ತಗೆ ಹಾರುತ  
ಎಲ್ಲ ದಿಕ್ಕುಗಳ ಸುಲಭದಿ ತಿರುಗುತ

ಎಂಥ ಚಂದ ನಿನ್ನಯ ಅಂದ  
ನೋಡುವ ಮನಸ್ಸಿಗೆ ಆನಂದ  
ನನ್ನೀ ಮೊಗದಲಿ ತುಂಬಿತು  
ನಿತ್ಯ ಮಂದಹಾಸದ ಪರಮಾನಂದ

ಯುಕ್ತ

ಳನೇ 'ಸಿ' ವಿಭಾಗ



ನಾಯಿ ಮರಿ

ಪುಟ್ಟ ನಾಯಿ ಮರಿ  
ನಮ್ಮ ಮನೆಗೆ ಬಂದಿತು  
ಬೌ ಬೌ ಎಂದು  
ನನ್ನ ನೋಡಿ ಬೊಗಳಿತು

ಅಮ್ಮ ಬಾ ಎಂದಾಗ ಓಡಿ ಬಂದಿತು  
ಅಮ್ಮ ಅದಕೆ ಹಾಲು ಕೊಡಲು  
ಓಡಿ ಬಂದು ನಾಯಿ ಮರಿ  
ಹಾಲನೆಲ್ಲ ಕುಡಿಯಿತು

ಪುಟ್ಟ ನಾಯಿ ಮರಿಗೆ  
ಏನು ಹೆಸರು ಎಂದು ಕೇಳಲು  
ನನ್ನ ತಾಯಿ ಹೇಳಿದಳು  
ಟಾಫಿ ಟಾಫಿ ಎಂದು

ಐಸಿರಿ

ಳನೇ 'ಡಿ' ವಿಭಾಗ





ಎಫ್.ಐ.ಎಸ್.ನ ಏಕತೆಯ ಹಾಡು

ಕಟ್ಟುತ್ತೇವ ನಾವು ಕಟ್ಟುತ್ತೇವ ನಾವು

ಕಟ್ಟೇ ಕಟ್ಟುತ್ತೇವಾ ||ಪ||

ನಮ್ಮ ಶಾಲೆಯ ಕೀರ್ತಿ ಪತಾಕೆ

ಎತ್ತಿ ಕಟ್ಟುತ್ತೇವಾ ಮುಗಿಲಿಗೆ ಎತ್ತಿ ಕಟ್ಟುತ್ತೇವಾ

ಎತ್ತಿ ಹಿಡಿಯುತ್ತೇವ ಮುಗಿಲಿಗೆ ಹಿಡಿಯುತ್ತೇವ ||ಪ||

ಪ್ರೀತಿ-ಮಮತೆಯ ಸನ್ನಡತೆಯ

ಗುಣವ ಕಲಿಸುತ್ತೇವಾ

ಕಷ್ಟ-ಸುಖದಲಿ ಭಾಗಿಯಾಗುವ

ಮನವ ಬೆಳೆಸುತ್ತೇವ

ಮಕ್ಕಳ ಮನವ ಬೆಳೆಸುತ್ತೇವ ||ಪ||

ವಿದ್ಯೆ ಬುದ್ಧಿಯ ಜ್ಞಾನ ರಾಶಿಯ

ಧಾರೆ ಎರೆಯುತ್ತೇವಾ

ಅಂಧಕಾರವ ಹೊಡೆದು ಓಡಿಸಿ

ಬೆಳಕ ನೀಡುತ್ತೇವ ಜ್ಞಾನದ ಬೆಳಕ ನೀಡುತ್ತೇವ ||ಪ||

ಕೋಪ ತಾಪಗಳ ಬಿಟ್ಟು ನಾವು

ಒಂದುಗೂಡುತ್ತೇವಾ

ಒಗ್ಗಟ್ಟೇ ನಮ್ಮ ಶಕ್ತಿ ಎನ್ನುತಾ

ಕೆಲಸ ಮಾಡುತ್ತೇವ

ಒಟ್ಟಿಗೆ ಕೆಲಸ ಮಾಡುತ್ತೇವ ||ಪ||

ನಿಮ್ಮ ಕನಸುಗಳ ನನಸು ಮಾಡಲು

ಮನಸು ಕಟ್ಟುತ್ತೇವಾ

ನೀವು ತೋರಿದ ಹಾದಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ನಾವು

ಹೆಜ್ಜೆ ಹಾಕುತ್ತೇವ ಗುರಿಯನು ಮುಟ್ಟೇ ಮುಟ್ಟುತ್ತೇವ ||ಪ||

ನಾರಾಯಣಸ್ವಾಮಿ. ಜಿ, ಕನ್ನಡ ಮುಖ್ಯ ಶಿಕ್ಷಕರು

ನಮ್ಮ ಸಿದ್ಧ

ಒಂದು ಊರಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಇದ್ದನೊಬ್ಬ ಸಿದ್ಧ

ತುಂಟತನದಲ್ಲಿ ಅವನು ಬಹಳ ಪ್ರಸಿದ್ಧ

ಆದರೆ ಅವನು ಬಹಳ ಪೆದ್ದ

ಒಂದು ದಿನ ಅವನು ತಡವಾಗಿ ಎದ್ದ

ಎದ್ದು ಬರುವಾಗ ನಾಯಿಗೆ ಒದ್ದ

ಅದು ಅಟ್ಟಿಸಿಕೊಂಡು ಬರಲು ಬಿದ್ದ

ಅವನಮ್ಮ ಬಯ್ಯಲು ಸುಮ್ಮನೆ ಇದ್ದ

ಮುಂದೊಂದು ದಿನ ನಮ್ಮ ಸಿದ್ಧ

ಜಾಣನಾಗಿ ಬಾಳಿ ಎಲ್ಲರ ಮನ ಗೆದ್ದ

ಅದಿತಿ. ಎ. ರಾವ್,      ೪ನೇ 'ಡಿ' ವಿಭಾಗ





### ಅರ್ಪಣೆ - ಗುರುಗಳಿಗೆ

ಕಣ್ಣಿಗೆ ಕಾಣದ ದೇವರು ಜಗದಲಿ

ಇರುವರು ಮುಕ್ತೋಟಿ

ನಾವಿಕನಂತೆ ದಾರಿಯ ತೋರಿದ

ನಿಮಗೆ ನಮನ ಶತಕೋಟಿ ||ಕಣ್ಣಿಗೆ||

ತೃಣವಾಗಿದ್ದ ಹುಲ್ಲಿಗೆ ಈಗ

ಮರದ ರೂಪವ ನೀಡಿದಿರಿ

ಹಗಲಿರುಳೆನ್ನದೆ ಶ್ರಮಿಸುತ

ನಿಮ್ಮಯ ಜೀವನ ಇದಕ್ಕೆ ಸವಿಸಿದಿರಿ ||ಕಣ್ಣಿಗೆ||

ಹೊಸತನ ಬಯಸುವ ಚಿಂತನ ಮಂಥನ

ನವ ಉಲ್ಲಾಸದ ಚೇತನ

ಏಳು-ಬೀಳುಗಳ ಮೆಟ್ಟಿ ನಿಲ್ಲುವ

ಭಲದ ಮೂರ್ತಿಯ ಗುಣಗಾನ ||ಕಣ್ಣಿಗೆ||

ತನ್ನಂತಾಗಲಿ ಎಲ್ಲರು ಎನ್ನುವ

ಗುಣವೇ ನಿಮ್ಮ ಶ್ರೀಮಂತಿಕೆ

ಒಗ್ಗಟ್ಟಿನಲೇ ಶಕ್ತಿ ಎನ್ನತ

ಕೂಡಿ ನಡೆಯುವ ಧೀಮಂತಿಕೆ ||ಕಣ್ಣಿಗೆ||

ನಾರಾಯಣಸ್ವಾಮಿ. ಜಿ, ಕನ್ನಡ ಮುಖ್ಯ ಶಿಕ್ಷಕರು

### ಮುತ್ತು

ಮಗುವೊಂದು ಅತ್ತಾಗ

ಕೆನ್ನೆ ಮೇಲೆ ಸುರಿಯುವುದು

ಕಣ್ಣೀರ ಮುತ್ತು

ಆಗ ಅಮ್ಮ ಕೊಡುವಳೊಂದು

ಕೆನ್ನೆಗೆ ಮುತ್ತು

ಅಮ್ಮ ಕೊಟ್ಟ ಮುತ್ತು

ತರುವುದು ಮಗುವಿನ ಮನಕೆ ಸಂತಸ

ಅಪ್ಪ ಹೊತ್ತುಕೊಂಡು ಆಡುವಾಗ

ಮಗುವಿನ ಸಂತಸಕ್ಕಿಲ್ಲ ಕೊನೆ

ಮಗು ಬೆಳೆಯುವುದು ಮುತ್ತಿನಂತೆ

ಕಡಲಾಳದಲ್ಲಿದೆ ಮುತ್ತು

ಹಾರವಾದವು ಸೇರಿ ಅನೇಕ ಮುತ್ತು

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## ನಾನೊಂದು ಖಾಲಿ ಹಾಳೆಯಾದರೆ

ಒಬ್ಬ ಚಿತ್ರ ಕಲಾವಿದನ ಕೈ ಸೇರಿ, ಆತನ ಕೈಚಳಕದಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾಡುವ ಪ್ರಕೃತಿ ಸೌಂದರ್ಯದ ಚಿತ್ರಪಟವಾಗಲು ಇಷ್ಟಪಡುತ್ತಾನೆ. ಈ ಕಲಾವಿದರೆಷ್ಟು ಬೇಗ ನನ್ನ ಬಣ್ಣವನ್ನು ಬದಲಿಸಬಲ್ಲರು? ನಾನೊಂದು ಬಿಳಿಯ ಹಾಳೆಯಾಗಿ ಕಾರ್ಖಾನೆಯಿಂದ ಹೊರಬಂದು, ಲಾರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ವಿವಿಧ ಊರುಗಳನ್ನು ನೋಡುತ್ತಾ ಸಾಗಿ ಅಂಗಡಿಯ ಯಾವುದೋ ಮೂಲೆಯಲ್ಲಿದ್ದೆ. ಆಗ ಅದನ್ನು ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಯೊಬ್ಬಳು ಮನೆಗೆ ತಂದು ಅಭ್ಯಾಸ ಮಾಡಲು ಪ್ರಾರಂಭಿಸುವ ವೇಳೆಗೆ, ಅವಳ ಕಲಾವಿದ ಚಿಕ್ಕಪ್ಪ ನನ್ನನ್ನು ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಂಡು ಮೇಜಿನ ಮೇಲಿಟ್ಟು, ಅದೆಷ್ಟು ಬೇಗನೆ ಸುಂದರವಾದ ಚಿತ್ರ ಬಿಡಿಸಿ, ವಿವಿಧ ಬಣ್ಣಗಳಿಂದ ನನ್ನನ್ನು ಸಿಂಗರಿಸಿಬಿಟ್ಟರು! ಅಷ್ಟೇ ಅಲ್ಲ, ಎಳೆ ಎಳೆಯಾಗಿ ಸುಂದರ ಪ್ರಕೃತಿಯ ಚಿತ್ರವನ್ನೇ ಬಿಡಿಸಿ ನನ್ನ ರೂಪವನ್ನು ಬದಲಿಸಿಬಿಟ್ಟರು. ಪರ್ವತಗಳು, ಸುಂದರ ಹಸಿರು ಕಾಡು, ಇಳಿಜಾರಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಹರಿಯುತ್ತಿರುವ ನದಿಗಳು, ಪ್ರಾಣಿ-ಪಕ್ಷಿಗಳನ್ನು ಚಿತ್ರಿಸಿ ಒಂದು ಗೋಡೆಯ ಮೇಲೆ ನೇತಾಡಿಸಿಯೇ ಬಿಟ್ಟರು.

ಮನೆಗೆ ಬಂದವರೆಲ್ಲ ನನ್ನನ್ನು ವೀಕ್ಷಿಸಿ, ವರ್ಣನೆ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಚಿತ್ರ ಬರೆದ ಕಲಾವಿದರನ್ನು ಹೊಗಳುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಆದರೆ ಬರುಬರುತ್ತಾ ನನ್ನನ್ನು ಯಾರೂ ಗಮನಿಸದೆ ನನ್ನ ಉಪಯೋಗವನ್ನೂ ಮಾಡದೆ ಬಿಸಾಡುತ್ತಾರೆ. ನಾನಿಲ್ಲದಿದ್ದರೆ ಈ ಸುಂದರ ಚಿತ್ರ ಬಿಡಿಸಲು ಸಾಧ್ಯವಾಗುತ್ತಿತ್ತೇ?

ನಾನು ಖಾಲಿ ಹಾಳೆಯಾಗಿಯೇ ಉಳಿಯಬೇಕಿತ್ತೇ? ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿ ನನ್ನನ್ನು ತನ್ನ ಅಭ್ಯಾಸಕ್ಕೆ ಬಳಸಿಕೊಂಡಿದ್ದರೇ ಚೆನ್ನಾಗಿತ್ತೇ?



ರೇವತಿ, ೮ನೇ ಡಿ ವಿಭಾಗ



### ನೇಸರ

ಮೂಡುತಿಹನು ಬಾನಂಗಳದಿ ನೇಸರನು  
ತಡವಾಗಿ ಬಾ ಎಂದರೂ ಬಾರನು  
ತುಸು ಬೇಗ ಹೋಗಿದರೂ ಹೋಗನು  
ನಿಯಮಿತವಾಗಿ ಪಾಲಿಸುವನು ತನ್ನ ದಿನಚರಿಯನು

ಮುಂಜಾನೆಯಲಿ ಕಿತ್ತಳೆಯ ಹಣ್ಣಿನಂತಿರುವ  
ಮಧಾಹ್ನದಲಿ ಉರಿವ ಬೆಂಕಿಯಂತಿರುವ  
ಇಳಿ ಹೊತ್ತಿನಲಿ ಶಾಂತ ಮೂರ್ತಿಯಂತಿರುವ  
ಇರುಳಿನ ಬಳಿಕ ಬೆಳಕು ಇರುವ ನೀತಿ ತಿಳಿಸುವ

ವರ್ಷ. ಪಿ, ೮ನೇ ಬಿ ವಿಭಾಗ



ನಮ್ಮ ಅದ್ಭುತ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ

ಹಸಿರು ಕಾಡಿನ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ

ಆಕರ್ಷಿಸುವ ಜಲಪಾತಗಳ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ

ಸಂಸ್ಕೃತಿಯ ಸಂಪದ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ

ಪ್ರಸಿದ್ಧ ಕವಿಗಳ ನಾಡು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ

ಶಿಲ್ಪ ಕಲೆಗಳ ಬೀಡು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ

ವೀರ ಶೂರರು ಮೆರೆದ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ

ಸರ್.ಎಂ.ವಿ, ಕುವೆಂಪು, ಮಾಸ್ತಿ,

ಬೀಚಿ ಜನಿಸಿದ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ

ತುಂಗ, ಭದ್ರ, ಕಾವೇರಿ

ಹರಿಯುವ ಸವಿಸ್ತಾರ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ

ಕಸ್ತೂರಿ ಶ್ರೀಗಂಧದ ಸುವರ್ಣ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ

ಧನ್ಯಶ್ರೀ. ಎಸ್, ಲನೇ ತರಗತಿ ಎ ವಿಭಾಗ



ನಾನು ತುಂಗಭದ್ರ

ಕರುನಾಡಿನ ಜೀವಾಳ ತುಂಗಭದ್ರ,

ಉತ್ತರ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಜನರ ಬದುಕು ನಿನ್ನಿಂದ  
ಸುಭದ್ರ.

ಕೂಡ್ಲಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಹುಟ್ಟಿ, ಬೆಟ್ಟಗುಡ್ಡಗಳನ್ನು  
ಮುಟ್ಟಿರುವೆ,

ಸಕಲ ಜೀವ ರಾಶಿಗಳಿಗೆ ನೆರವಾಗಿರುವೆ

ಹನುಮಾನ್ ಗುಂಡಿಯಿಂದ ತುಂಗ

ಚಿಕ್ಕಮಗಳೂರಿನಿಂದ ಭದ್ರ

ಆಗಿದೆ ಉಭಯ ನದಿಗಳ ಸಂಗಮ

ಮಾಡಿದೆ ಸುಂದರ ಪರಿಸರದ ಸಂಭ್ರಮ

ರಾಮಾಯಣದಲ್ಲಿ ಪಂಪಾ ನದಿಯಾಗಿ ಮೆರೆದೆ

ಕೃಷ್ಣೆಯ ಜೊತೆ ಸೇರಿ ಹರಿದೆ

ಗಂಗಾಸ್ನಾನ-ತುಂಗಾಪಾನ ಪಾವನ

ಇವುಗಳಿಂದ ಸಾಕಾರ ನಮ್ಮ ಜೀವನ

ಅನ್ವಿತ

ಲನೇ ತರಗತಿ , ಸಿ. ವಿಭಾಗ

## ಭಾರತದ ಸಂಪತ್ತು

ಭಾರತ ದೇಶ ಸುಂದರ

ಇಲ್ಲಿನ ಸ್ಥಳಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ತುಂಬಿದೆ ಸೌಂದರ್ಯ

ನದಿಗಳ ಜಲ, ನೆಲದ ಹಸಿರು ನಿರಂತರ

ಭಾರತದ ನೆಲ ಅಂದ

ಅದರ ಜಲ ಇನ್ನೂ ಚಿಂದ

ನೋಡಲೆರಡು ಕಣ್ಣು ಸಾಲದು

ಇದನ್ನು ಹೊಗಳಲು ಪದಗಳು ಸಾಲದು

ಸೂರ್ಯ, ಲನೇ ತರಗತಿ. ಬಿ. ವಿಭಾಗ



## ಮಾಂಕಾಳಮ್ಮನ ಜಾತ್ರೆ

ನಡೆಯುತ್ತಿತ್ತು ಮಾಂಕಾಳಮ್ಮನ

ಜಾತ್ರೆ ಮಡಿವಾಳದಲ್ಲಿ

ಸೇರಿದರು ಊರಿನ ಜನರು

ಜಾತ್ರೆ ನೋಡಲು

ತರಕಾಂಗಳನ್ನು ಮಾರಿದ ಹಣವನ್ನು

ಹಣ್ಣನ್ನು ಮಾರಿದ ಹಣವನ್ನು

ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಂಡು ಹೊರಟರು

ಜನರು ನೋಡಲು ಜಾತ್ರೆಯ ಅಂದವನ್ನು

ನೋಡಿ ಮಾಂಕಾಳಮ್ಮನನ್ನು

ಜನರು ಕೈಯ ಮುಗಿದರು

ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸಿ ಪ್ರಸಾದವನ್ನು

ಸಂಭ್ರಮದಿಂದ ಮನೆಗೆ ಹೊರಟರು



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## ಸಮಯದ ಮಹತ್ವ

ನನ್ನಯ ಬೆಲೆಯ ತಿಳಿದವ ಜಾಣ  
ಕಳೆದರೆ ಸಿಗದು, ಹೋದರೆ ಬರದು.  
ನನ್ನಪಯೋಗವು ಎಲ್ಲರಿಗುಂಟು  
ನನ್ನಯ ಪಯಣವು ಒಂದೇ ದಿಕ್ಕುಗುಂಟು  
ಹಿಮ್ಮುಖಿ ಚಾಲನೆ ನನಗೆ ಬಾರದು  
ಒಮ್ಮುಖಿ ಚಾಲನೆ ಒಂದೇ ತಿಳಿದುದು.  
ಈ ತಿರುಳನರಿತು ಯೋಜಿಸುವವನೇ ಜಾಣ  
ವ್ಯರ್ಥ ಮಾಡುವವ ಆಗುವನು ಕೋಣ  
ಹಣ ಹೋದರೆ ಮರಳಿ ಬರಬಹುದು  
ನಾ ಕಳೆದು ಹೋದರೆ ಮರಳಿ ಬರಲಾರೆ.

ರೋಚನ್.

೭ನೇ ಸಿ ವಿಭಾಗ



## ಕಾಲ

ಟಿಕ್ ಟಿಕ್ ಟಿಕ್ ಟಿಕ್ ಬರುತ್ತಿದೆ ಕಾಲ  
ಎಲ್ಲಿ ನೋಡಿದರೂ ಮೋಸದ ಜಾಲ  
ನದಿಗಳನ್ನು ಮಲಿನಗೊಳಿಸಿ  
ವಾಹನಗಳಿಂದ ಹೊಗೆಯನು ಹೊರಡಿಸಿ  
ಕಲುಷಿತ ಗಾಳಿಯನ್ನು ಹರಡಿಸಿ  
ಆರೋಗ್ಯವನ್ನು ಹಾಳು ಮಾಡುವ ಕಾಲ  
ಮರಗಳನು ಕಡಿದು ಮಳೆಯನು ತಡೆದು  
ತಂಪಾದ ಗಾಳಿಯೇ ಬರದೆ ಇರುವಂಥ ಕಾಲ  
ಟಿಕ್ ಟಿಕ್ ಟಿಕ್ ಟಿಕ್ ಬರುತ್ತಿದೆ ಕಾಲ.

ನಿರೀಕ್ಷೆ

೭ನೇ ಸಿ ವಿಭಾಗ



### ಆ ದಿನಗಳು

ಕಳೆದು ಹೋಗಿವೆ ಆ ದಿನಗಳು  
ಬಾಲ್ಯದ ಮುತ್ತಿನ ಕ್ಷಣಗಳು,  
ಉಳಿದಿವೆ ಮಾತ್ರ ನೆನಪುಗಳು  
ಎಂದೆಂದಿಗೂ ಹಿಂದಿರುಗದ ಗಳಿಗೆಗಳು

ಬಾಲ್ಯದ ದಿನಗಳ ಚೆಲ್ಲಾಟ  
ನನ್ನೊಂದಿಗೆ ಅಜ್ಜಿಯ ಗೋಳಾಟ  
ಕಾಡಿಸಲು ನಾನಾಡಿದ ಕಳ್ಳಾಟ  
ಉಣಿಸಲು ಅಮ್ಮನ ಪರದಾಟ

ಅರಳುವ ಹೂವಿನ ನೋಟ  
ಮರುಕಳಿಸುತ್ತದೆ ಬಾಲ್ಯದ ಹಿನ್ನೋಟ,  
ನೆನಪುಗಳು ಮಾತ್ರ ಪ್ರಸ್ತುತ  
ಹಿಂದಿರುಗಿ ಬಾರದು ನಿಶ್ಚಿತ

ಪರಿಧಿ. ಎಸ್. ೭ನೇ ತರಗತಿ, ಸಿ ವಿಭಾಗ

### ನನ್ನ ಬಾಲ್ಯದ ನೆನಪುಗಳು

ಯಾವಾಗಲೂ ಆಡುತ್ತಾ, ಕುಣಿಯುತ್ತಾ ಹಾಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದ  
ಆ ದಿನಗಳು ಎಷ್ಟು ಚೆನ್ನಾಗಿದ್ದವು  
ಆ ದಿನಗಳು ಎಷ್ಟು ಮನವೋಹಕವಾಗಿದ್ದವು,

ಆ ಮರೆಯಲಾಗದ ದಿನಗಳು ಸಿಹಿಯಾಗಿದ್ದವು,  
ಕಳೆದ ಆ ದಿನಗಳು ಎಂದೂ ಮರಳಿ ಬಾರವು,  
ನಲಿದ ಆ ಆನಂದದ ಫಲಗಳು ಎಂದೂ ಸಿಗವು.

ಸ್ವತ್ತಿ ಭಟ್

7ನೇ ಸಿ ವಿಭಾಗ



### ನಾನು ಸಮಾಜ ಸೇವಕಿಯಾದರೆ

ನಾನು ಸಮಾಜ ಸೇವಕಿಯಾದರೆ ಮೊದಲು ಹೆಣ್ಣು ಶಿಶುಗಳ ಭ್ರೂಣಹತ್ಯೆ ನಿಲ್ಲಿಸುತ್ತೇನೆ. ಶಿಕ್ಷಣವನ್ನು ಪ್ರೋತ್ಸಾಹಿಸುತ್ತೇನೆ, ಹೆಣ್ಣು ಮಗುವಿನ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣಕ್ಕೆ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮಗಳನ್ನು ಹಮ್ಮಿಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತೇನೆ. ನಾನು, ಅನಾಥ ಮತ್ತು ಬಡವರಿಗೆ ದಾನ ಮಾಡುತ್ತೇನೆ. ಪ್ರಕೃತಿಯನ್ನು ಉಳಿಸಲು ಮರಗಳನ್ನು ಬೆಳೆಸುತ್ತೇನೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಎಲ್ಲರ ಕ್ಷೇಮಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ದುಡಿಯುತ್ತೇನೆ.

ಒಳ್ಳೆ ಆರೋಗ್ಯಕ್ಕೆ ಸ್ವಚ್ಛತಾ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮಗಳನ್ನು ಹಮ್ಮಿಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತೇನೆ. ನಾನು ಲಂಚ ಹಗರಣದಂತಹ ಭ್ರಷ್ಟಾಚಾರಗಳನ್ನು ನಿಲ್ಲಿಸುತ್ತೇನೆ. ನಮ್ಮ ಭಾರತೀಯರ ಪ್ರಗತಿಗೆ ದುಡಿದು, ನನ್ನ ಮಿತ್ರರ ಜೊತೆಗೂಡಿ ನಮ್ಮ ಸಮಾಜದ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿಗೆ ನೆರವಾಗುತ್ತೇನೆ. ನಾನು ಮದರ್ ಥರೇಸಾರಂತೆ ಸಮಾಜಸೇವೆ ಮಾಡಿ ಇಂದಿನ ಜನತೆಗೆ ಮಾದರಿಯಾಗಿ, ಸ್ಫೂರ್ತಿ ನೀಡುತ್ತೇನೆ.

ಮೇಘನ. ೭ನೇ ತರಗತಿ -ಡಿ ವಿಭಾಗ

## ಕೃಷ್ಣಾ ನದಿ

ಕೃಷ್ಣ ನನ್ನ ಹೆಸರು

ಕೃಷ್ಣವೇಣಿ ಎಂದೂ ನನ್ನ ಕರೆಯುವರು

ಕಾವೇರಿ, ಗೋದಾವರಿ ನನ್ನ ಗೆಳೆಯರು

ನಾನು ಮಹಾಬಲೇಶ್ವರದಲ್ಲಿ ಹುಟ್ಟುವೆನು

ನಾಲ್ಕು ರಾಜ್ಯಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಹರಿಯುವೆನು

ಬಂಗಾಳಕೊಲ್ಲಿಯನು ಸೇರುವೆನು

ಪುಣ್ಯಕ್ಷೇತ್ರವೆನಿಸಿಹೆನು

ರಭಸದಲ್ಲಿ ಹರಿಯುವೆನು

ನದಿಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ನಾಲ್ಕನೇ ಸ್ಥಾನ ಪಡೆದಿಹೆನು

ನೀಡುವೆನು ನಿಮಗೆ ಜೀವದ ಅಮೃತವನ್ನು

ಬದಲಿಗೆ ಕೊಡುವಿರಿ ನನಗೆ ಕಸವನ್ನು

‘ ಓ’ ಜನರೇ! ಇನ್ನಾದರೂ ರಕ್ಷಿಸಿ ನನ್ನನ್ನು

ಅಭಿರಥ್ ಅಡಮನೆ, ೬ನೇ ತರಗತಿ ಡಿ ವಿಭಾಗ

## ಯುಗಾದಿ ಹಬ್ಬ

ಹಬ್ಬ ಬಂತು ಹಬ್ಬ

ಹೊಸ ವರ್ಷದ ಯುಗಾದಿ ಹಬ್ಬ

ಬಾಗಿಲಿಗೆ ತಳಿರು ತೋರಣ ಕಟ್ಟಿ

ಅಂಗಳದಲ್ಲಿ ಬಣ್ಣದ ರಂಗೋಲಿ ಬಿಟ್ಟು

ದೇವರಿಗೆ ತುಪ್ಪದ ದೀಪವಿಟ್ಟು

ಎಲ್ಲರು ಹೊಚ್ಚ ಹೊಸ ಬಟ್ಟೆ ತೊಟ್ಟು

ಬೇವು ಬೆಲ್ಲ ತಿಂದು

ವಡೆ ಒಬ್ಬಟ್ಟು ಉಂಡು

ದೊಡ್ಡವರಿಗೆಲ್ಲ ನಮಸ್ಕರಿಸಿ

ಚಿಕ್ಕವರಿಗೆಲ್ಲ ಆಶೀರ್ವದಿಸಿ

ಹಬ್ಬ ಮಾಡಿದೆವು ಹಬ್ಬ

ಹೊಸ ವರ್ಷದ ಯುಗಾದಿ ಹಬ್ಬ

ಧೃವ. ಎಸ್, ೪ನೇ ಡಿ ವಿಭಾಗ



## ಕಡಲ ತೀರದಲ್ಲೊಂದು ರಾತ್ರಿ

ಒಮ್ಮೆ ರಾತ್ರಿ ಆಕಾಶದಲ್ಲಿ

ಸಮುದ್ರದ ದಂಡೆಯಲ್ಲಿ

ಪ್ರಕಾಶಮಾನವಾಗಿ ಹೊಳೆಯುವ ನಕ್ಷತ್ರಗಳನು  
ನಕ್ಷತ್ರಪುಂಜಗಳು ರೂಪಿಸಿವೆ ಅವುಗಳನು

ನನ್ನಲಿ ಆಳವಾದ ಆಲೋಚನೆಗಳನು ಬಿಟ್ಟು

ಎದೆಯೊಳು ಆಗಿದೆ ಶಾಂತಿಯ ಹುಟ್ಟು

ಮನದಲ್ಲಿದೆ ನೂರಾರು ಕಲ್ಪನೆ ಕಟ್ಟು

ಅರಿತೆನು ಪ್ರಕೃತಿ ಸೌಂದರ್ಯದ ಗುಟ್ಟು

ಅಲೆಗಳ ಚಲನೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರತೀ ತರಂಗ

ವಾದ್ಯ ತಂತಿಗಳ ನಿನಾದದ ಸಂಗ

ಸಮುದ್ರದ ಧ್ವನಿ ಜೋರಾಯಿತು

ನನ್ನಲಿ ಹುರುಪನು ಮೂಡಿಸಿತು

-ವೈಷ್ಣವಿ.ಡಿ

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## ಜೀವಜಲ

ನೀರು ಜೀವಿಗಳ ಜೀವಾಳ,

ಅದಿಲ್ಲದೆ ಹೇಗೆ ನಡೆಸುವುದು ಬಾಳ?

ನೀರು ಅಮೂಲ್ಯವಾದ ಸಂಪನ್ಮೂಲ,

ಆದರೂ ಬತ್ತಬಾರದು ನದಿಯ ಮೂಲ.

ಸಮುದ್ರದಲ್ಲಿ ತೆರೆಯಾಗಿ ಕುಣಿವ ನೀರು,

ಜಲಪಾತದಲ್ಲಿ ಧುಮ್ಕಿಕ್ಕಿ ಹರಿವ ನೀರು,

ಆಕಾಶದಿಂದ ಮಳೆಯಾಗಿ ಸುರಿವ ನೀರು,

ಕೊಳದಲ್ಲಿ ಶಾಂತವಾಗಿ ನಿಲ್ಲುವ ನೀರು

ಜಲಪಾತದ ಒಂದು ಸುಂದರ ನೋಟ,

ಪ್ರವಾಹ ಬಂದಾಗ ಜನರ ಓಟ

ಕಾವೇರಿಯಾಗಿ ಹರಿದು ತಂಪು ಮಾಡುವೆ ನೆಲವ,

ಗಂಗೆಯಾಗಿ ಹರಿದು ತೊಳೆಯುವೆ ಪಾಪವ

ಜ್ಯೋತ್ಸ್ನಾ

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