

with newer skills and talents..!



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FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S DESK

We are less than 20 hours away from the semi-finals of the All Oman gavel Championship as I pen this note. During the last few days we burnt the midnight oil; it is no mean task to ensure that the 320 speeches that will be delivered in a span of 8 hours across 8 rooms receive widespread hearing from the audience and fair hearing from judges. The best of speakers will speak and win but what is equally fulfilling is the effort that every gavelier puts in to deliver their best. The valedictory function where this newsletter is being released and awards distributed, is truly the grand culmination of this incredible teamwork.

Working with young gaveliers, I have learnt that while we may draw inspiration from today or even yesterday, we need to constantly strive to excel tomorrow. Such excellence, I believe, will be possible for our All Oman Gavel movement if we can bring ourselves to carry out meaningful activities every fortnight or month. The result would make the Championship finals an organic and logical conclusion to such yearlong activities. Leadership will naturally emerge from these activities which is one of the core ideas of Toastmasters – to develop leadership skills.

We need to bring in innovative ideas. A good example is the extensive use of online collaborative tools from last year for data

gathering, processing and automating repetitive tasks. We could further innovate to eliminate time consuming activities that perhaps do not add value. All of us - Gaveliers, Counsellors, Mentors – must continue to find value. Only then can this movement to develop young leaders be fruitfully sustained. Perhaps a sound recognition system, not just general platitudes may also help.

A leader's path is paved with uncertainties, more so in the current uncertain world. However, our ability to handle uncertainty and adapt ourselves converts adversity into opportunity. So, Gaveliers, Counsellors and Toastmasters – let us rise to the challenge by contestants giving their best, counsellors carefully nurturing talent and organizers inspiring the next generation.

I hope and wish that this event is marked in everybody's annual calendar as 'not to be missed'!

Best wishes.

TM KRISHNA KUMAR
CONTEST COMMITTEE CHAIR



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FROM THE CHIEF EDITOR

Warm greetings to each and every one of you and wishing you all the best in 2022!

Rose is a flower we love. Mango is a fruit we relish. Spring is a season we look forward to. Birthday is yet another day we wait for.. All of these last for a short span of time and then it's all gone bringing in the next season with an array of fresh flowers and fruits... Birthdays last just for 24 hours yet they are special.

How would it be if all that we see, have, experience and enjoy today remain the same for the rest of our life? Do you think life would be interesting then? Won't it be mundane? All that is with us have a reason to stay and a season to stay as well, some of their purpose in our lives remain undefined though. When they leave, the new ones take their position on the stage. How we react to the arrivals, departures and our take away from them is absolutely in us.

Those who make the best use of all that come and go are those who succeed. Those who spread the warmth and joy are the ones who make life meaningful and those are ones who pass on a rich legacy for the next generation.. The rest are gone and forgotten.

Undoubtedly, these couple of years have been challenging to all of us. Yet we have heroes amidst us who have made a differ-

ence in and around us. Some remain unsung heroes. Never mind! Every deed makes a difference in someone's life. This season also will pass for sure.. Would we have learnt or gained something at the end of this season? If we remain, will we have a pleasant experience or a challenge turned opportunity to share at the end of it? It's for us to answer.

Dear Children, The undaunted organizing team of the Oman Gavel Championship Contest has made it through the thick and thin just to provide opportunities for you, the citizens of tomorrow. Like how the passing seasons stay for a short while, so are the opportunities. Grab them when they come. Success is due for those who have made use of the opportunities that came your way. Trophies are just three but if you have taken the first step to participate, you are in the race and sure to bag one, one day. The day is not far. It is about you Robert H. Schuller said, "Tough times don't last, tough people do".

Once again wishing you all the best of 2022!

Anu B. Mathew
Chief Editor
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WHAT IF THERE WAS NO LIGHT?



Has anyone heard of the term black hole? The mass of a black hole is so dense and the gravitational attraction of a black hole is so strong that not even light can escape from it.

Black holes are among the most destructive objects in the universe. There is nothing we could throw at a black hole that would do a slight bit of damage to it. Even another black hole won't destroy it. They will straightforwardly merge into a big black hole, releasing a bit of energy as gravitational waves in the process.

Can we see them? Black holes are truly invisible. Since no light can get out, people can't see black holes.

There are four types of black holes: stellar, intermediate, supermassive, and miniature. The most commonly known way a black hole form is by stellar death.

Stellar black holes form when the center of a very massive star collapses in upon itself. Most stellar black holes, however, are hard to detect.

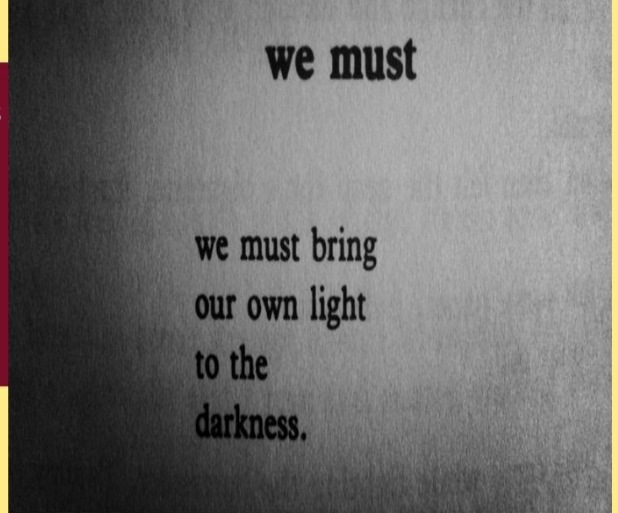


AASIV VIJAYAN

**ISG BLUE SAPPHIRE GAVEL CLUB
INDIAN SCHOOL AL GHUBRA**

we must

**we must bring
our own light
to the
darkness.**



Courage is grace under pressure
- Ernest Hemingway

COURAGE-THE KEY



Courage - The key to start the car.
The car that travels down a path,
A path that's jagged at times and
smooth at times.

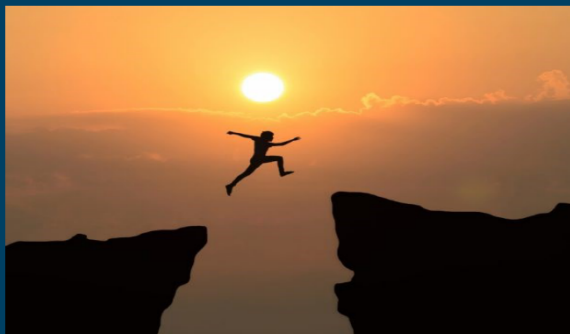
Not everyone makes it to the end
Of this path.

But it seems to be used by all

'cause they claim 'it leads some-
where special'.

If you have the right key to acceler-
ate the car down the right path.. the
end is a happily ever after

"So take the courage to help your-
self travel down the right path, that
leads towards success and live a
happily ever after."



CLARINA XAVIER
ISG BLUE SAPPHIRE GAVEL CLUB
INDIAN SCHOOL AL GHUBRA



ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE



What do you understand by artificial intelligence? Artificial intelligence (AI) is the ability of a computer program or a machine to think and learn. It is also a field of study which tries to make computers "smart". There are Televisions, Phones and laptops where there are google assistants and other smart appliances.

They interact with us and make our work easier. AI can support three important business needs: automating business processes, gaining insight through data analysis, and engaging with customers and employees. We use artificial intelligence in everyday life such as we open our phone by face id, Social media, Google search, Digital voice assistant like Alexa, Google assistance, etc. We need Artificial Intelligence (AI) because the work that we need to do is increasing day-to-day. So, it's a good idea to automate the routine work.

SUNDRABEL MANOHARAN
ISM TAGORE

Do you know what an acrostic poem is?

An **acrostic poem** is one that uses all the letters in a word or name as the first letter of each line of the poem.

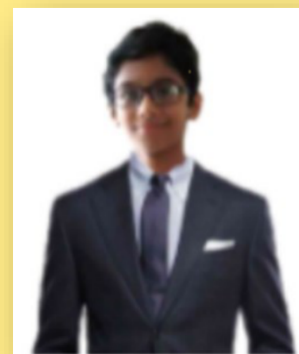
ACROSTIC POEM OMAN KIDS GAVEL



Outstanding
Marvelous
Amazing
Nice

Knowledge giving
Informative
 Makes you **D**etermined
Splendid

Great
Awesome
Very Interesting
Educating
Learning Place
Super



DAKSH GULECHA
OMAN KIDS GAVEL CLUB



LOCKDOWN

Lockdown is very painful,
And is too tiring.
Outside the garden before,
I used to see firing.
I used to see birds admiring.
I used to see children going to school.
Lockdown is very painful,
And is too tiring.
Now, this tiny virus,
Made the future to think of us.
Many people lost,
And orphaned had to pay the cost.
The fun of people tossed
And they thought what it caused.
Now, this tiny virus,
Made the future to think of us.
Is this the future of life to remain in bars
of home,
Without on head a happiness dome.
But every story has an end,
With new story ahead.



ADADRIKA RAHUT
I.S.A.S—LINCOLN



A TRIP TO UNDERWATER LAKE



After that, we changed our dresses and enjoyed dances and songs, especially of our grandparents and elders. A few minutes later we landed on a small piece of land in the middle of the lake. We got a lot of coconut water with varieties of seafood such as Karimeen. After getting into the boat we children with the help of the commander slightly drove the boat. After a gap of 1 hour we returned to the same place where we started. We came in a bus.

ALPHA JOSHY

ISM MILTON GAVEL CLUB

It was December 2019. We were on a vacation from Muscat to Kochi in Kerala known as 'God's own country'. That has been an unforgettable tour in my life. My family including myself, an 8 year old, friends, cousins, grandparents, uncles and aunts in a house boat surrounded by water on all sides with beautiful scenery of my homeland Kerala.

I have visited many places in Muscat and Kerala but this place in Kerala attracted me a lot and even my whole family. The main part of this place is digging clam meat from under the lake. There were tons of them so we all competed among ourselves. It was so much fun that we all enjoyed swimming and also taking the clam meat from beneath the lake.

While I was sitting in the bus, I thought, according to the law of nature, the time spent cannot be brought back.





HOPE



Hope is a positive state of mind based on an expectation of a positive outcome, according to many dictionary definitions.

Now let us just think about how being hopeful can make our life better.

We all are now students, who will face many challenges ahead. If we are hopeful and aware of many failures in our life we will have the willpower to forget the past and move on. Being hopeful helps us to develop self-confidence and achieve success in our life.

We should make sure that we are strong enough to face any difficulties that shall strike our life by being hopeful.

Analyzing and setting up goals will help you to be an organized person and also to plan your interesting aims in your life.

Firstly, set up goals in such a way that you will be able to fulfill them. We should be sure that we will be able to complete that specific task or else incomplete work makes you dull and feel guilty of not being able to complete it.



Secondly, always make sure that you enjoy the process of attaining your goals. This helps you to be happy during the process, so once achieved you can proudly say that you have attained your goal.

Thirdly, remember that you cannot always depend on a person to stand for you because once when you are left alone you will be lost and lose hope in your life and dreams. Be independent and be your own evaluator which gives so much self-satisfaction.

Fourth and lastly, know that life is not fair all the time and accept that failing sometimes is very important. Always be hopeful because this is the best ever medicine you can have in your life. Do what you like and not others like, be original and make good decisions or choices for once that will lead to your future

Always remember that hope is the essence of life. Many of us could not even live a life of peace without having hope deep inside the heart. Life is unpredictable, hard and quite notorious at times. Things go out of hand and beyond our control many times. But hope helps us to keep the fight on and improve the chances of making our life better.

LET YOUR HOPES AND NOT YOUR HURTS SHAPE YOUR FUTURE

ANINA VINOD ABRAHAM

ISG AMETHYST GAVEL CLUB



BELIEVE IN YOURSELF

CALIDA

ISM SAROJINI NAIDU GAVEL CLUB

If you can believe it your mind can achieve it! – Ronnie lott

Why is it we don't believe it ourselves?

That as soon as things get tough in our lives we start doubting ourselves

We start thinking that we may not make it

Stressing, worrying, imagining things that may go wrong in the future

We need to understand, the human mind is the most powerful tool we own, but it can also be the most DESTRUCTIVE...

Your mind is going to provide you your greatest challenges in life, because it is so powerful. So, if you can conquer your mind, you can pretty much conquer anything else around you, literally.

When writing the story of your life – make sure YOU hold the pen.

Make sure not only that you hold the pen, but you write the script from your heart. Be brave when writing your script, it's your story and there are NO LIMITS to what you can have, what you can do or what you can be.

How bad do you want it?

You have to prove it to yourself that you want it bad enough, it's gotta hurt you not to get it. And that's when you're going to learn to conquer your mind. Your mind will no longer be able to say no, because your inner heart and mind are aligned, and now NOTHING can stop you!

It's easy to be all positive and consistent when everything is going your way

But that's not life, that's not realistic!

Are you going to be one of the very few to stand up when things are tough, when every-

Will you be able to believe in what's right, and what brings results to your life. THAT'S WHEN YOUR CHARACTER WILL SHINE!

THAT'S WHEN YOUR STORY WILL BE BORN!

YOUR story is valuable!

YOUR story of success!

You can't build a STORY if you stop now. The world is full of people who gave up. THE WORLD NEEDS HOPE. WE ALL DO. The world needs you to STAND UP – to fight through your challenging moments, To SHINE through the dark times

To love through the hate, and to be the difference in an indifferent world.

To BELIEVE IN YOURSELF

THERE WILL ALWAYS BE DOUBTERS, and people below you, and people trying to put you down so they can feel higher, but you gotta STAY TRUE TO YOURSELF.

BELIEVE in your mind. Have some tunnel vision.

Then one day you will have your moment.

Because ANYTHING is possible if you just BELIEVE!

FEED your DREAMS.

If you can suffer through setbacks, through pain, RISE up with resilience once again, and again, and again!

To conclude I would like to say ONE DAY THIS WORLD WILL TAP YOU ON THE SHOULDER & say... "This is your time to shine"

YOU CAN HAVE BE AND DO ANYTHING YOU WANT You just have to believe in yourself!

Thankyou and Have a great Day ahead



SPORTS THEN AND NOW



ANSH CHINTANKUMAR JOSHI

ISM SARAJINI NAIDU

Sports has the power to change the world. It has the power to inspire. It has the power to unite people in a way that little else does." A beautiful quote by Nelson Mandela.

How many of you remember this year's IPL? I am sure some of you must have seen it.

There was one thing I found very strange. The sound of cheering and applause was not actually by the audience. It was played after every ball. But it didn't give the feel of the real audience. This situation is quite simulated and could not replace the impact of enthusiasm and motivation which a sportsman or an athlete experiences in front of a real audience. There were many such sports activities which happened since 2021 including tennis, boxing, swimming, and many more. But in every case the scene was the same, there were no spectators or the audience to relish or enjoy the experience of live sports.

After the 1st wave of Covid was over, they tried to open various stadiums and cinemas, but it was for a short period. Again, there was a second wave of Covid. As observed now, people are more scared of going to places where there are too many social gatherings, and which is obvious as well.

The Tokyo Olympics also ended last week. There was no audience, no craze for Olympics. Just simple competition amongst the qualifiers.

This is the change I am talking about. What I said in my opening quote isn't there. The inspiration, enthusiasm, and motivation towards the sports isn't there anymore. Players and athletes who perform at various events are dedicated and self-motivated, but still cheers and roars from the audience always escalate their performances to the next level.

You may remember those instances in some of the cricket leagues when the last over is there and the entire stadium is jam-packed. You are unable to hear commentary because of the slogans in multiple matches like (India, India, India, India). And if it is any specific player like M.S. Dhoni then his name is called loudly in the stadium. Those flags and T-Shirts worn by the audience. Those days are gone now....

I want to add some more comparisons between then and now situations. Whenever there were any events like the Olympics, FIFA world cup or any sports event, there was a lot of preparation there in terms of making arrangements for tourists. These aspects are missing now. As I said recently, the Olympics got over and it was noticed that India bagged lots of medals. Various Players like Neeraj Chopra, P.V. Sindhu and many more got silver and bronze medals in various sports and made our country proud. But I was broken to see that they were receiving all the medals with a mask on their faces. We were even unable to see that winning glow on their faces. Moreover, even now winning celebrations are virtual through various social media platforms. Now we are not even gathering at one place to watch any matches with lots of friends together at one place like restaurants or clubs.

I may sound a bit pessimistic, but I am discussing the facts. Talking about my own experience, I was actively involved in swimming since the age of 5. I went to multiple national and international competitions. I am myself experiencing the change. I swam for the last time in a competition at Sultan Qaboos Stadium on 6th March 2020. Since then, there might have been quite a few competitions scheduled but with too many restrictions and SOPs, we have lost the fun of winning or achieving medals also.

Though things are gone to a different level I think it is the last phase of darkness. As observed, the vaccination drive is quite strong across the world, so we can hope that in the near future it will be back to normal once again. I close with the words of Robert Bennet, "Don't be pushed around by the fears in your mind. Be let by the dreams in your heart".

See you soon!!!



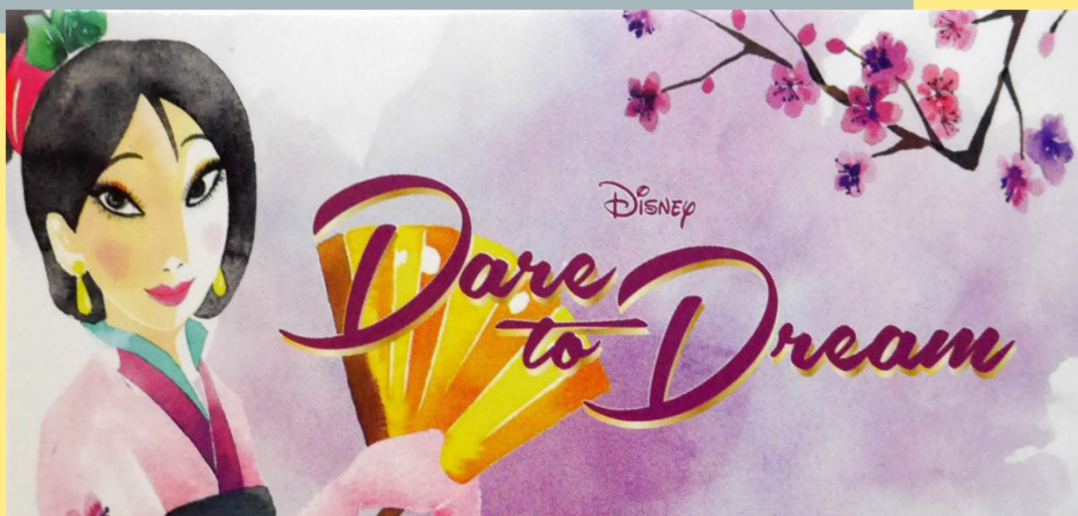
DARE TO DREAM!

“You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream.”

Dear Gaveliers,

It gives me immense pleasure to express my thoughts on this magnificent platform. Few people have ever dreamed of doing something significant in their lives. However, only a few were successful in bringing their perceptions to life. A prominent assumption that takes everyone away from the appropriate boulevard is the objective that would be difficult to achieve. People fail to comprehend that any objective may be attained through perseverance and hard work. Dream big and work hard; it is the success mantra, and it is something that everyone can do. Remember that a supreme entity is constantly present to protect and guide us. Proceed on your journey. It is often said that getting started is challenging, but once you start, success is inevitable. So, keep smiling and forging forward.

“If you can dream it, you can do it”.



MRS. FATIMA S.
INDIAN SCHOOL MUSCAT

IN THE BAKERY

There dinged a little bell,
As customers barged through the door,
Out wafted a delicious smell,
Floating from the ceiling to the floor.

As they met the eyes of the baker,
The bright eyes of Mr. Guillaume,
Of the best delicacies he was the maker,
He was framed in every hall of fame.

As a line began to form,
The business began to boom,
A long line was the norm,
For there was plenty of room.

A concoction of ingredients,
Topped with love from the heart,
Goodies for all events,
Perfection spread in each cake and tart.

From the éclairs to the choux pastry,
Topped with syrup, jam and cream,
Only heaven could beat this bakery,
For it was every sweet tooth's dream.

When round the corner peeks Halloween,
The place is filled with candy and pump-
kin pie,
Buns stuffed with alien goo gelatine,
You might even spot the occasional eye.

And when it's Christmas, oh, a jolly good
show!
The children squeal with glee,
Gingerbread men doze on sugary snow,
While Choco-Santa's on his delivery
spree.

A lovely bakery it is indeed,
Filling the neighbourhood with joy,
All you have is a sign to read,
Enter those doors and enjoy!



**DIYA MEHNAZ J,
ISM MILTON**



FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

I imagine now the first day of my school,
Just I was willing and
trying to escape anyhow !
My father like dictator grabbed my arm
No, I screamed!
I jerked my arm away from him,
Pushed my defiant little body farther!
Overcome with anguish and rage,
He grabbed me this time
Firmly and grab me out!
I did not come willingly,
I screamed intensely,
With every breath!
I wriggled and kicked,
Struggling violently to rid me of him,
And charge back to my lovely world of dolls!
Thrashing, crying like a wild animal,
Caught in a trap
Growling and scratching !
What a nonviolent discipline!
But to stop my hysterical ravings,
He offered me chocolates,
Took me on his lap.
I still slowly seething
and jibbing,
My words alternated
with jagged sobs,
And then heading me to
my prison house at school !
My new bag slung
proudly over my
delicate shoulder.
The design of Mickey and Donald,
defining my tender years!
Then at the sight of teacher
I just looked anxiously at father
Stared at his unkind behaviour,
But even then turned to blow him a kiss,
And saying innocently,
Sobbing, crying minutely,

**Please send mamma
back to pick me papa!**



PRANJAL AGARWAL
DOMINA ANGELS GAVEL CLUB



GAVEL CLUBS

It was my first experience in the Gavel club. In the beginning I didn't have any idea about a gavel club. Last year my friend was talking to me about the gavel club. I asked her what this gavel club is. She told me that it is a club where we can improve our speaking skill and develop confidence. So I found it interesting and thought about joining next year. At last the next year arrived. Gavel club registration form was circulated. I filled it up and I felt so happy about joining it. The first session was on Saturday 8th of May 2021. I felt so happy and was excited for the class. Saturday, I joined the first session. First I was tensed because some new aspects were introduced but our teacher told the new entrants not to get tensed and that the seniors will explain the different aspects. So I felt relaxed. The seniors who explained it were so good and explained it well. So I could catch up easily. The teacher had a supportive mind. The aspects were all so interesting that I love it. When the session was about to end I was sad that the session was going to end. That was my first experience in the Gavel Club.



AISWARYA BINOY
ISAS KENNEDY GAVEL CLUB



WHAT IS THE DOOMSDAY ?



At a glance

The Svalbard Global Seed Vault (SGSV) or Doomsday Vault is a secure seed bank located on a remote Arctic Island which is the seed backup of the world for any global crisis or natural / man-made disasters.

The Doomsday Vault is the largest seed bank in the world.

Founder

Scientist and conservationist Cary Fowler and CGIAR (Consultative Group for International Agricultural Research) founded SGSV. Thanks for their foresight of the future which is so much helpful for us during any crisis.

Purpose

The purpose of the Doomsday Vault is to store backups of seed samples from the world's crop collection.



Location

It is located on Spitsbergen island in the Svalbard Archipelago, Norway. Carved 120 meters (390 ft) inside a Sandstone Mountain that is 130 meters (430 ft) above the sea level to prevent flooding. It is naturally cold which is a requirement of **Seed Preservation**



Dimensions

The length from the front door to the back of the vault is 149.5 m. width of each container is 9.5 – 10 m. Height of the containers is 6 m. Length of each container is 27 m.



Cost

Construction cost amounted to US \$ 8.8 million or 45 million Kr which was completely funded by the Norwegian Government.

Storage

There are about 4.5 million seed samples. Each sample contains an average of 500 seeds, hence a maximum of 2.25 billion seeds can be stored in the facility. At present, the Vault holds more than 8,60,000 seed samples donated by countries around the world.





WHAT IS THE DOOMSDAY ?

Diversity

The Vault now has the seeds of 5100 species of crops representing 10,000 years of agriculture and genetic diversity.

Ownership

SGSV doesn't own the seeds. Only the depositor has the right to withdraw, distribute or access the boxes with their seeds just like a bank.

Withdrawal

The first instance of withdrawal from the Vault occurred in 2015 by war-torn Syria.

Operation

The seeds are stored at -18 degrees celsius (-0.4 degrees fahrenheit). They are placed inside specially designed 4 ply foil packages, sealed in boxes, and stored on shelves. Permafrost maintains viability of the seeds even if the electricity fails.

Administration

The vault is owned and administered by the ministry of agriculture and food on behalf of the kingdom of Norway. Nordic Gene bank (NordGen) maintains a public online database of seed samples stored in the vault.



Importance

A feasibility study determined the vault could preserve seeds for most major food crops, possibly for 1000 years. Having a seed backup of the SGSV ensures that people won't suffer infestation, conflicts for food due to natural/ man-made disasters.



GAV. GETALI KALRA
INDIAN SCHOOL MUSCAT

BURNING THE OLD YEAR

Time just went,
Without any rest.
Life passed by,
Until this year.

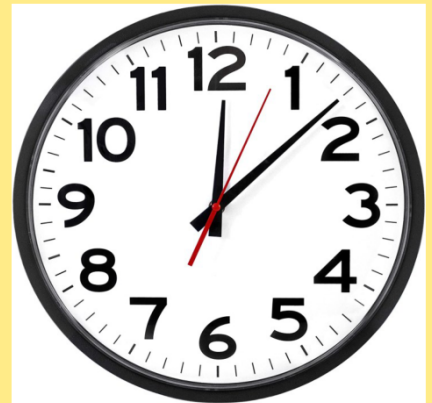
The clock won't move,
The time won't move,
Everything was confusing questions
Until I realized I don't move.

No expectations or realizations,
Just confused what will happen,
Until I realized nothing will happen.

I just waited for all this to end,
Hoping to hit on a bonus year.

Eager for the new,
Realizing time,
Even though I learned something,
It was not the way I was expecting.

If there is something which came good
out of this,
It might be what I told,
If it's not, then I don't know.



NIRANJANA SUNIL
ISG CITRINE GAVEL
CLUB



QUOTES

"The good times in life aren't always in the purest form. When it is available to us we have to process it with hard work and enjoy it."

"If you fall down, don't give up. If someone criticizes you, don't give up. If someone demotivates you, don't give up. Even if someone hurts you, don't give up. What you should give up is your Anger, Jealousy, Selfishness, greed, grudge, tension, stress and restlessness."

"Life is drafted by God but crafted by you."

"Good deeds are like a lamppost on a dark day. All the good things you did in your life will finally add up and support you when you need it the most."

"The heart is on the left side of your body, but it always leads you to the right way."

"If too much about your past you grieve,
The good things in your future slowly leave.
If too much about the future you care,
The present will be a great despair.
If your present is fruitfully enjoyed,
In your life happiness will be employed."

"A person's life may turn good with a good decision, just like a negative sign (-) can change into positive (+) by just adding one straight line"

"Happiness cannot be obtained from what you receive but from what you give"
"While success tells your future, failure shows you the reality"

"There are a hundred ways to be sad, but there are more than a thousand ways to become happy again"

"Learn from your mistakes, but don't make a mistake in what you learn."



K.K. VINAYA SUDARSHAN
ISG GAVEL CLUB



NEVER THE SAME



Once, there lived a little boy in a small cottage. From a very young age, the boy developed a very close relation with a tree in his backyard yet, always wondered why it was different when he saw it the next time and hated it. He felt it was the reflection of the closest friend's feelings towards him and thought it to change due to its emotions of tedium and gloom towards him. Years passed and the boy gradually got accustomed to his friends changing 'feelings' and opened his heart to the way his friend expressed itself thinking it reciprocated the happiness that the boy felt.

One wintry day, after the boy went indoors after his daily talk with his friend, a woodcutter chopped the old, bare friend who cried frozen tears on parting from its dear friend. The boy was in utter shock, seeing the sliced trunk of his best friend and broke down. That was the day he realized, although his friend's nature was different, he only found it difficult accepting it and once he did, he would never get to see his friend blossoming in spring, lush green, bearing fruits in summer, golden yellow in fall and bare, white, snow covered in winter. He understood, nothing was permanent in life and learnt to embrace and celebrate the beauty in everything, without ever having to question its characteristics or pathways.



ROSHNI RAMANANDA PRABHU
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THE CODING CRAZE

You might have seen many ads about why children should start coding. Long time ago it used to be a professional's job but now even kids can make games better than the retro styled games eg. Pacman, Mario etc. It seems like a confusing job so why make kids learn this?



This is so that in the future, many technological advancements are going to be made and they are all dependent on coding, without coding there wouldn't be automated cars, computers, mobiles and a never-ending list. The more people know about coding, the more we can advance and one day it will be a sub-

ject taught in schools otherwise if we ever run into a shortage of people who know the language of coding it would be a disaster.

But what is coding? There are so many languages to coding that it seems impossible to choose from! And making a device such as Google would take a full team! This is why we are teaching children to code. Otherwise the team would become 5-10 people and hard to code 200 million lines of code and the world would be forced back to the old times with no technology. Kids who love games tend to find coding very fascinating which is why children are drawn to coding



VEDANTH NAYAK
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THE NEW STUDENT

Today in my class a new student came,
He sat on his chair and I asked his name
He did not tell me, so I asked what's his aim,
He said 'The Bright Student' Position he wants to claim.

I said 'okay sure, then do your work'
'In the classroom don't just simply lurk'
I had to give him a great big jerk,
As he was dreaming while eating chocolate Perk!

The New Child replied "Oh my buddy,
Right now I have to go and study,
I should now be strong and sturdy,
Exams are coming and I have to be ready."

Then I saw another new student coming,
I saw something strange happening.
The guy mistook me as New coming,
All this was just so confusing.

And I noticed my classroom had changed,
Everything was neatly arranged,
From eraser to pencil stationery ranged,
Definitely there was something strange!

I went out and I viewed the door with some letters in bold,
I saw something that made my blood run cold
there was a board that showed 'CLASS 4'
I was in class 4 but that was 4 years before!

I took my bag and rushed to my class,
I ducked down and looked through the glass.
But there was nobody Alas!
I then remembered they had a music test to pass.

I then reached the Music room,
My band assembled the Formation Mushroom,
I went inside and met my doom,
And because I was late the bass drum went boom!!!!

So I got a scolding
I needed serious molding.
Suddenly I heard my School bell ringing,
I can now go home, What a timing!

I went to my home and opened my door,
I gently kept my bag on the floor.
I just sat and fell asleep,
after some time I heard the alarm clock beep

I then woke up and ate my lunch
After having a tasty munch
I want to tell the audience,
Thank you a bunch!!!



KOVIL KANDADAI VINAYA SUDARSHAN
ISG GAVEL CLUB



MURDERER OF DREAMS

I woke up to this strange sound in the morning. It happened yesterday, the day before and the day before... my memory says it's been this way ever since I loved NOT waking up in the mornings.

The dreaded noise, every morning, at the same time. Just 5 more minutes? Why must I wake up? Every morning is a knockdown, me versus the clock. Informing me it's time to get up is what it does every morning. An abrupt way to start the day.

I must say... it's a murderer. Kills the sweetest of MY moments... my sleep, my dreams... my time with the angel...

We begin quite early... 6 in the morning... the two of us yelling back and forth. We go on like this for quite some time before... I, like always, have to give up... worst is when the referee intervenes... I stand no chance. It is out of the bed and..

No matter what I do, or how much I hate it... I would not be able to escape it. No matter how many times I smack the snooze button, or tuck deep into the pillow.... It always seems to be coming for me. It is not my friend... because it keeps taunting me as I drag my weary body out of bed to start my day.

Perhaps we will, as time goes, find a way to work things out... But for now... we will remain NOT good friends.

Honestly I freak out when I don't hear it... guess it happens with most of us... and I'm no exception.

No matter how awful it is when it wakes me up, nothing can compare to how awful it is when it doesn't... My alarm has been ringing for years. It was about time that I woke up.

"Good morning!"



GAV. SHRIKA SHAJI
ISG CITRINE



THE CHILD WHO SAVED RIVERS

Once there was a 16-year-old boy named Raj who lived in a village near Varanasi. He was a very obedient boy and always listened to his parents. He was a friendly boy with nice leadership skills and had a schedule for his playtime and study time. He had lots of friends and he was pretty good at his studies. He always hates his surroundings messed up with clutter and likes to keep it clean.

Once, he went to Varanasi to see the Ganga River. When he reached, the banks were full of garbage! He was astonished by the amount of waste thrown by the travelers. He felt very bad about this and decided to do something about it. He started collecting all the waste but after 1 hour it seemed to make no progress. So, he got an idea. He decided to ask his friends to form a campaign and help him. Before that, the boy told the matter to his mother. His mother was too not sure about it, but she agreed because he was trying to do something good.

One day later he went to his school. He started a conversation with his friend

"Did you see the Ganga River? It is fully polluted."

"Yes, I went there a week ago and it is polluted. It isn't a pretty sight"

"Yes, but we can do something about it. We can form a campaign to clean the rivers!"

"Wait really?! This sounds like a great idea! But I don't think I can join.."

"Think about it. Rivers are the source of waste as many people visit and litter it. So, if we can avoid that, we can avoid the whole situation. Many aquatic animals might die, and some rare species can go extinct. We need to save it from getting polluted."

"Ok...."

"Most of the irrigation water comes from this river. If this water is infected and contaminated, the plants won't grow properly which might lead to scarcity of food. It's only getting worse day by day. We can avoid all of these by working as a team. Are you willing to join?"

"Honestly, this sounds like a great idea! Yes, I'm in!"

They started to invite more and more people day by day. They collected litter every day to save the rivers.



THE CHILD WHO SAVED RIVERS

At the end of the month, they gathered 5 people and collected 10 kgs of trash. They asked the principal to advertise the campaign to everyone so that everyone can join. The principal was hesitant, but he did it because it was something good. Many teachers and other people started to join to clean the rivers. They started to look cleaner every day. Soon the news spread nationwide, and the counselor was surprised by what was happening.

Many news channels started to talk about this, and the boy was appreciated for all his efforts. Everyone including foreigners joined his campaign and started to collect waste from their nearby rivers. Two YouTubers Mark Robert and MrBeast who recently started the #teamseas campaign awarded them with rewards and cash.

Many rivers got cleaned and made a major improvement. Many rivers polluted with trash and industrial waste returned to their former state. At the end of 6 months, they collected 500kgs of trash.

Soon, the Prime Minister came to know about it and he was surprised that a 16-year-old started a whole campaign to clean the rivers of India. The boy was given the Bal Shakti Puraskar award for his services. He also received various other awards.

This shows that young people can still make a difference and help the environment together. We can all make a difference by helping each other.



ISHAAN

ISM J K ROWLING



A BEFITTING TRIBUTE

It was a bright June morning. But something was different ; the sun was shining much more radiantly than usual. Well, of course, it was the day of days. Today, Anjali was going to perform at the final round of the All India Music Champs Contest. It had taken the girl four years of rigorous training to achieve this final spot.

At last, the stage was all set and the 26-year-old sat amidst the finalists, anxious yet confident. "Good morning ladies and gentlemen." the anchor's excited voice boomed through the hall. "This morning, I, Vishal Parmar, present to you these twenty-five youngsters, who have been shortlisted from all over the country and will take it in turns to win your hearts with their voices. So, let's begin...THE ALL INDIA MUSIC CHAMPS CONTEST!!!" After the introduction of the judges, the first contestant was called, then the second, then the third.....and finally, after what seemed like ages, the voice rang out, "Contestant no.12, Anjali Verma."

She left her seat and ascended the steps to the stage, constantly remembering her parents and the reason she was doing this. When Anjali finally faced the audience, she found rows and rows of expectant faces staring up at her. She closed her eyes for a moment, took a deep breath and started off. The emotion and fluctuation in her voice were heart-wrenching, as she spanned three octaves with amazing subtlety and perfection. Only after six minutes of a mesmerizing rendition did Anjali Verma stop and open her eyes, only to find the hall bursting with claps and cheers. She thanked them and slowly descended the steps ; she had managed to bring this song onto a national stage, it was more than enough.

Several contestants came and went after her, all at their best. The decision was going to be tough. Just as the last singer finished, the anchor announced, "So, here everyone, the past two hours of captivating voices and dazzling talent have made me a little light-headed. I am sure it is the same with all of you. So here goes a five-minute break, after which the results will be announced." The atmosphere of the

hall was getting tense by the minute, the excitement palpable. Then, the anchor spoke out, this time in a decisive tone. Anjali's heart skipped a beat as he announced, "And this gleaming trophy goes to none other than ANJALI VERMA!" Her heart was racing faster than ever, she could feel her eyelashes getting wet. Slow but determined, with a broad smile on her face, she took the trophy from the judges. Then, the anchor said, "Anjali, would you like to say a few words?" Something throbbed at the back of her mind and she decided it was time to confess the truth to the world. She bravely approached the podium. It was taking her every ounce of determination and she had to implement this decision.

"Good morning everyone." she finally said. "Today, there is something I really need to share with all of you. Four years back, I had travelled to Mumbai for official purposes. One of my school teachers, or I'd rather say, one of the greatest teachers of my life, lived there back then. She had a special place in my heart and our relationship was somewhat unbreakable. The bond I shared with her is something that can't be explained in mere words, the depth of the bond has to be felt and silently understood. I went up to her house one morning and spent nearly two hours with her, reminiscing all those times we had spent together. The same evening, I received a call from her son. I was shocked when he told me that she had had a serious accident and had been hospitalized in a critical condition. Without wasting a moment, I rushed to the hospital. They told me she was in the ICU and blood was needed. I did all I could.....called up my friends who lived, they too came rushing. I gave 2 bottles of blood myself, constantly praying for her recovery. But, as destiny would have it, that was not to be. She was snatched away from us. And this.....this song was her ever-favourite."

The entire hall burst into applause as Anjali's tears got the better of her. The sense of exhilaration was incontrovertible. Everything was shining bright - be it the trophy in her hands, the tears in her eyes or the memories in her mind.



**JAYATEE CHOUDHURY,
ISM SARAJINI NAIDU**

COVID-19

Corona corona go away
Don't come into our way

Corona virus has infected our planet
Let's join our hands together to fight it!

Started in 2019 now the world is sick
Let us unite and find a cure quick

A disease killing lives and
Spreading negative vibes

Symptoms like fever making us weak
Doctors help we need to seek

Stay safe at home
Or else corona will make you harm

Precautions are better than cure,
So take care of yourself for sure

Friends please don't take risk
When you are away put your mask

Don't invite corona inside
Please keep social distancing outside

Don't go to crowded places
Don't be one of those 1000 cases

Don't shake hands, instead say NAMASTE,
That's our ancient culture anyway!!!

Wash your hands with some soap
We will fight viruses. It's our hope

We want to go out
Enjoy our life as best

Corona corona go away
We want to see our teachers as way

Corona corona leave the earth
Many people are dying day by day

Boost your immunity and kill this demon,
Consume herbs for this reason!

Corona is the revenge of mother nature,
So learn from your mistakes, for your better future!!!



A.VITHUN SHANKAR
ISM SAROJINI NAIDU



MY JOURNEY AS AUTHOR



A. VITHUN SHANKAR

Books have the power to change the world. 'If you don't see the book you want on the shelf, write it,' said Beverly Cleary.

During the previous summer holidays, I wrote a book on my own and the name of my book is "The Six Superstars, Six Get into Trouble". I used to read many of Enid Blyton's fiction story books which are adventurous books and I was really inspired by Enid Blyton.

When I read those books, an idea struck in my mind. Why don't I write my own Story Book? And this Idea led to my way of writing story books. It took about 1 month to complete writing this book. I wrote this book for half an hour a day. One night while having dinner with my family, my mother said that once you finish writing this book, we can publish it. She told it just for fun and not seriously. But I was determined to publish my book once I finished with the writing. I also gifted my book for my mother's birthday. My parents were very interested in reading my book. When they read my book, they were unable to stop reading it. Once they finished reading it, they appreciated me and made a few of my mistakes ameliorate. Then we discussed book publishing. I asked them whether I can publish a printed version of my book. But they said that it costs a lot. So, I understood their point. Then we searched in google for a way of publishing books and finally we found that Amazon kindle is the best option. They told me that I can Publish my book on Amazon Kindle. First, I was not interested in that topic but when I learnt more about Amazon Kindle, I wanted to publish my book on Amazon. Finally, I was ready with my whole book and the only thing left was the cover and pages illustrations. I did that with the help of my parents. They helped me in the illustration work and finally I published my book on 21st of July and it at present costs 261 rupees. Now let me give you a summary of my book:

My book (The Six Superstars) is an adventurous book. Henry, Paul, John, Andrew and Marie including Fanny the dog form the Six Superstars. This is the first book (Six Get into Trouble) from The Six Superstars series. There will be more books from the Series. My book contains 27 pages and 8 stories.

THIS IS THE FIRST EXCITING ADVENTURE OF THE FIVE KIDS AND THE DOG,

They find adventure wherever they go!

The six are going cycling to distant areas. They have planned to stay at a hill for the first night. The Six hear voices of boys and girls crying for help from a ruined bungalow on their way to the hill. On the same night Paul (One of the Six) is being kidnapped.

Who is kidnapping kids?

Why are they kidnapping kids?

Where are they keeping them locked?

Can the Six Superstars find the answers for these mysterious questions.

Fanny the dog and other kids of the Six Superstars are also being trapped.

How can they escape and speak about this to the police?

How can the Six solve the Mystery and Adventure?

I hope this book will be really very very exciting for you. I wish you all to read my book.

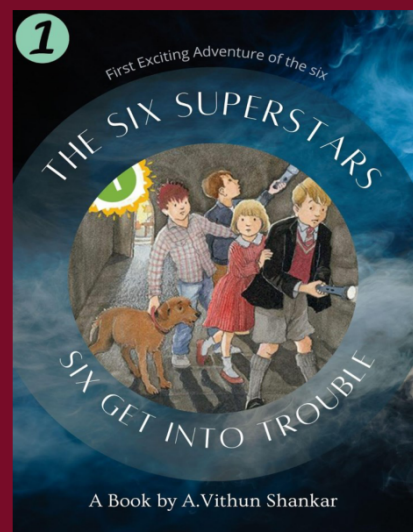
And I say that I will write more books, become a well-known author in the Future and bring pride to ISM.

I would like to give some quotes.

'That's the thing about books. They let you travel without your feet,' by Jhumpa Lahiri.

'If you want to change the world, take your pen and write,' said Martin Luther King.

My book Link: <https://www.amazon.in/Six-Superstars-Get-Into-Trouble-ebook/dp/B09B2H13Z9>





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The Two Stones

Once upon a time, in a village at a temple two stones were speaking among themselves. One of the stones was the idol of the temple and the other one was the stepping stone of the temple. The stepping stone asked the idol stone, "We both came from the same rock but people are worshipping you and offering garland, fruits, milk, sweets etc....but they are stamping on me?"

Why is this difference?

The idol stone replied, 'When the stone cutter chipped you by using his chisel and other tools, you did not withstand the pain and didn't accept it. So you broke down into pieces. Thus the stone cutter made you the "stepping stone" outside the temple.'

When the stone cutter chipped me by using his chisel and other tools, I didn't give up and I accepted the pain. So he made me an "Idol of the inside temple."

Finally the stepping stone understood its mistake and started to serve happily as a stepping stone of the temple.

Moral: "NO PAIN - NO GAIN"

A.VITHUN SHANKAR
ISM SAROJINI NAIDU





REMINISCENCE

Little sparks of lightning emerge,
Twinning with desire like a tidal surge.
My mind wanders listless and alone,
Into the dimensions of days bygone.
An innocent desire tingles me,
Why not revisit the old me??
The little hands, the tiny feet,
Bushy ponytails, curly and neat.
The lovely eyes, the round little face,
A dazzling smile and a starry gaze
Running carelessly hither and thither,
Little joys overflowing like a river.
Chubby cheeks and a bubbly voice,
Time went by with sorrows and joys.
With beauties that never cease to amaze,
My younger self still looks up and says.
Darkness it is, sunlight it may
Life is a recital, life is a play,
I am by your side, come what may.
The days are forever gone,
But the little soul lives on.



JAYATEE CHOUDHURY
ISM SAROJINI NAIDU

JUST ONE MORE NIGHT

I am so overwhelmed with others' sorrow,
I need your help but you need to leave tomorrow,
But please I ask you to fulfil my plea,
I just can't handle the misery my eyes see.
You say, "One night it is, no more, no less".

First, I see a poor mother,
Nothing hurts a mother more than to see her child suffer.
But no matter how hard her hands work,
She can't fill her sick son's stomach.
When I ask you to stay just one more night
You say, "One night it is, no more, no less".

Second, in the icy town, I see a cold playwright
He threw his head in his arms because he soon has to
meet his deadline
But if he hadn't eaten until 9 at night,
How could he write a storyline?
When I ask you to stay just one more night
You say, "One night it is, no more, no less".

Third, I see a young girl
Whose eyes should have sparkled like pearls,
But her life wasn't like anyone else's her age
She had to earn at 8 or her father was enraged
When I ask you to stay just one more night
You say, "One night it is, no more, no less".

Now I've given all my jewels,
To people to whom life was being cruel.
But if I tell you honestly,
Nothing feels better to do with your riches,
Than to give a hungry person something delicious.

To you I say,
"I can't express how grateful I am for the hand you've
lent,
You can now escape the frosty winds
And meet your friends".

But when I finally let you go away,
You say the most hurtful thing you could ever say,
"I have only one moment left in this world,
No less, no more".

You fall dead beneath my arms
Which breaks my laden heart
The only thought which stirred in my mind
was
"Why didn't I let you leave the first night?"

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Synopsis: The story of 'The Happy Prince' by Oscar Wilde,
adapted as poetry from the point of view of the prince.
Except for this time, the tale follows a tragic trajectory in-
stead.

ALISHBA KHAN
ISM -KEATS



'MISCHIEF' THE OGRE

Once, there lived an ogre named 'Mischief'. He always stole things which meant a lot to a person. He would shapeshift into animals, to sneak into people's homes.

One day, when Mischief was searching for a victim, he found a millionaire. He overheard that the thing most precious to him was his money. He got an idea. "If I get his money, he will not only be sad but also poor and I will be a millionaire" thought Mischief. So, he went to the millionaire's house to cause mischief.

A man named Barry was watching Mischief and saw that Mischief was going to steal the millionaire's money. "Oh no! Mischief is going to steal his money. I need to stop him." At once he thought of a plan. As soon as Mischief turned into a mouse, a lion appeared in front of the door and ate Mischief. Barry thanked the zookeeper for helping him get rid of Mischief. The millionaire who saw what Barry had done awarded him a reward of 1000 dollars and gave the zookeeper 1000 dollars too. Everyone in the village was happy and lived a safe and merry life.

Moral: Never try to steal someone's valuable items which mean a lot to them.

**MAX DE JOSEPH
ISM SHELLY GAVEL CLUB**



BEING ACTIVE DURING THE PANDEMIC (A Smart Watch review)

The need for exercise for children is always increasing as they grow up. But many of us do not ever feel like doing it. Keeping fit is a very important aspect to a healthy life. Not doing so will result in lifestyle diseases like blood pressure, diabetes and obesity. During the covid-19 pandemic many children have been sitting cooped up in their homes and unable to go and play in the open.

Thus, to solve that problem my uncle bought me a Fit bit Ace 3 for my 13th birthday this year. Before he bought it for me, I did play and exercise sometimes, but it was not fully organized nor I checked if I was getting the optimum amount of physical activity. This had an impact on my weight, physical and social activity. But after I got the gift, I was very excited and always counted my steps, active hours and the sleep I got.

This watch is available in stores in Oman from March 2021. It costs approximately OMR. 30-36 at any gadget shop. It can count the number of steps, active hours and the sleep you get. One can also set alarms and timers on it. There is also a dim mode in it, which automatically switches on during the night and prevents our eyes from straining in the darkness. While swimming one doesn't have to worry, as it also has a lock which prevents water from damaging it.

There are challenges that make exercising very competitive and fun. As it is made for children there are animated cover pages to make exercise fun. The battery lasts for about 8 days and thus it leaves us with more time for moving and less time for charging. There is a 'do not disturb' mode which blocks all notifications such as calls, emails, and text messages when switched on. Wearing it is very comfortable as the frame is made up of silicon and is very flexible. It also comes in two colors: Blue-Green and Red-Black.

Because of this fit bit I have become much more fit and healthy and I enjoy doing exercise.



**NEEL ANOOP
ISM KEATS**



WINTER WISH CAME TRUE

The weather was cold and frosty. Sam was eagerly waiting for Christmas and the lovely grand celebrations that would follow.

This year Sam wanted a unique gift from Santa. His wish was to fly high up in the sky. Like the year before, this year too he wrote a letter to Santa, expressing his wish.

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Dear Santa,

How are you? I always wait for every winter, longing for your lovely presents.

What an ecstatic start to the new year with your enchanting gifts!

This year my heartfelt desire is to fly up in the sky. I always wished I could fly.

Santa, this Christmas please give me wings. I want to fly high up in the sky like the beautiful birds.

I know you can fulfil my dreams? I love you so much. I will use the wings well; I promise.

**Yours truly,
Sam**

That night, Sam placed the letter under his pillow and crept under his cosy warm blanket. Sam was eagerly waiting for Santa to come and fulfil his dream. He didn't tell anyone about his dream; he just believed, like every year, kind Santa would come and fulfil his dream and make him the happiest child in the world.

It was the night of Christmas. Sam was tired after a day of grand celebrations and went to sleep early. He crept under the blanket thinking Santa would surely come to night and fulfil his dream. He tried to stay awake but his eyes just refused to stay open. All of a sudden there was Santa standing in his room with a beautiful pair of wings. Wow! Sam said, I can now fly.

Sam's happiness knew no bounds. With all excitement he put on his wings, rushed to the open window and out he flew into the beautiful night sky. He flew from house to house releasing all captive birds from the cages. All night long he flew all over the town rescuing birds crying for their freedom.

The happy birds thanked Sam and to show their gratitude, accompanied him to soar high up in the sky. Sam felt blessed being with the birds and sharing their freedom and happiness to fly again. Sam was delighted; Santa has fulfilled his dream to fly.

Hungry and tired Sam flew home and landed at the dining table where cookies and cakes awaited him in glass jars. He was gobbling them all when he heard a loud knock on the door. He sat up in bed rubbing his eyes and slowly opened them to see his mother at the door saying "Sam, time to wake up. Breakfast is on the table..."



PRANJAL AGARWAL

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FOREGONE BRIDGES

It is a journey defined by nature,
Not just for us, but for every little creature;
We meet and finally our ways part,
With few remaining in mind and few
in our heart.

Only special ones are there to re-
main in both,
Bonded by the bond of silent oath.
Unforgettable moments are those
worth the while,
When the deepest of feeling is
shared just in a smile.

Trying to forget them goes all in
vain,
For though they part,
Sometimes their bond with heart re-
main.
Yet none will hold onto our weary
hand,
None will tearfully ask us to stay.
It's a dark lonely journey back home,
Only our shattered heart will pave
the way.



REYA ATTRI
ISM SHAKESPEARE
GAVEL CLUB



OVERCOMING MENTAL HEALTH STIGMA FOR A BETTER SOCIETY

“Mental illness is nothing to be ashamed of, but stigma and bias shame us all”- Bill Clinton

Mental health, an aspect of human life, is so comfortably ignored by all of us. We don't realize, or perhaps we choose to remain ignorant about how important it is. You are just being lazy, you don't need a therapist, just get some fresh air; some of the free-flowing advice given. This mindset is so fundamentally flawed that it surprises me. We still haven't seen the folly of it. Mental illness is a disorder, not a decision. Asking for help is not a sign of fragility but one of strength. We're brought up in a society that tells us that happiness is the ideal, and worse still to achieve it we are set off on the wrong path. Instead of building a life that is meaningful and purposeful on the foundations of nourishing values we live a life of increased connectivity but no real connection. We look for happiness on Twitter, FB, and Instagram which leaves us more despondent wondering why our lives are not as resplendent as our friends. We live in a world where we value things and use people when we should be valuing people and using things. This corrosive lifestyle based on consumerism does immeasurable harm to our mental health. Caught in the magic spell of our devices we no longer feel the healing powers of Nature. The lie that we tell ourselves that we should pursue happiness only worsens the stigma around somebody feeling down. Worse still, we tell ourselves that we are capable of handling our mental health making those who can't feel engulfed by ever-deepening darkness. So children should be taught to let it out when they have a panic attack. The solutions for the complexities of human problems can only be found in the intricacies of the human connections we forge with family, friends, and the society at large. We need to liberate our souls from the idea that happiness is the zenith and understand that it's okay not to be okay, to ask for help, and to share your struggle. So this time, let's make it about humanity.



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OUR PAST

Indus Valley was the first
Had water to quench everyone's thirst.
Their staple food was wheat
And vegetables, fish, eggs and meat.
Pots, beads and seals were made,
To send-off for trade.

Centuries of fortune gave way to despair
An unexpected descent, too much to bear.

From the ashes and shadows of the cities past,
Emerg'd the Vedic Civilisation at last.

Guided by religion and the spirit
A society classified based on merit
Medicine, math and knowledge flowed
Yoga healed the physique, mind & soul.

Then in the north arose the Mauryan empire,
Ashoka the Great shined, a lone sire
In the south grew the Chola dynasty,
Where kings built temples in variety.

Years later the British came to play their game
And enslaved us in shame
Rebellious were Mangal Pandey and Rani
Lakshmibai,
Gandhiji waved the English goodbye.
Eventually appeared a free India,
Still united, even in diversity.



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An 'INSEPARABLE DUO'

Having IQ or 'Intelligence Quotient' means you have the ability and logic to solve any problem, while, having EQ or 'Emotional Quotient' means you have the ability to recognize emotion in yourself, as well as in others.



We all know about IQ, but what about EQ? Now, EQ might be something that is not often discussed today, but it is a value that is very imperative. The world neglects the Emotional Quotient so very much, that we don't understand the actual importance of possessing it!!

An extremely high IQ might be a 'one-in-a-million' case, but an extremely high EQ is something we've all been instilled with since birth. We all have a sense to recognize feelings and expressions, but we have to, (and need to) start channelizing and facilitating it, as

"EQ + IQ = Success." We should begin to understand that only one of them alone will do us no good. They are a duo, an 'inseparable duo'.

This duo of IQ & EQ not only helps you become successful, but also helps you retain the success. These two values prove to be the most powerful weapons to an individual. So use these powerful weapons and conquer the world !!



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FIRST IDENTITY

Maya's voice echoed down the halls of ISM as she yelled "ROSHINI!" I pulled her aside, roughly at that and whispered, "Please don't. Akshaya will do just fine."

Dear readers, Akshaya Roshini Arul Selvan-The name of not 4 separate people but just one. The one and only me. 24 letters. I know I know. Quite big. I always found it to be a nuisance. Especially during board exams where I spent half my time writing my full name on all the additional sheets. Thanks mom and dad.

I was especially motivated to write about this when I overheard a couple of children teasing a less common but unique name. I immediately wanted to interfere in a business that wasn't mine and stop the kids from teasing any further. But that made me stop and think. Their voices echoed in my head. Isn't that what I've been thinking of myself this whole time? The only difference here is that the teasing was from others but for me it's my own.

The one that belongs to you but is used most by others. N-A-M-E. An intangible yet important part of one that is not just a given title but an identity. Have you ever noticed that once you are well aware of the names of people around you, you can't ever think of them with a different name? Mohammed could never be Gopalkrishna. Why go there? I can't even think of John being Jack.

Well, I always wished my name had been anything shorter than at least 20 letters but it was not to be. What if my name wasn't Akshaya but Jane, Meera, Sana or anything but Akshaya: Would I have been different? Would my life have been different?

The truth is yes. Because it's a part of my identity and if my identity were tweaked so would my personality. But would I want a different personality than the one I have now? No. That one incident with little children stopped me from ever being ashamed of a name that's cultural, long, or different to other nations. And if you have ever had such thoughts I hope it would change you too.

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MYSTICAL DOOR

A boy called Sam, who was ten years old lived with his parents. They worked long hours because of their harsh living conditions . As soon as his parents left for work, he went to greet his new neighbors and knocked on their door but no-one answered. So he stood there for a minute before realizing the door was open.

Before entering, he peeked through and was greeted by a gloomy atmosphere. Sam saw bottles of mysterious liquids filled all the way ,bubbling up to the top. Exotic animals imprisoned in cages and insects trapped in cracked up bottles . He went upstairs still exploring the other rooms until he found one that had a small door. There was a keyhole but no key near it . He took a quick glance before spotting a shrinking potion and slowly gulped it until he became miniscule that he could enter the keyhole.

Sam appeared in a room that was bright and full of tweeting exotic birds and animals running around but he felt miserable because they looked skinny as they were tortured more by being in the cursed cages. He ran away back home and promised himself to free them with the help of his parents by finding an enchanting spell which can remove the curse to set the animals free .



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MAGIC OF NATURE

The Nature with its treasures,
All so countless to measure.
Fishes and dolphins in the deep blue sea,
Swim and jump so merrily!

Grasslands and forests with terrestrial life,
Majestic lions and leopards leaping in sunlight!
Cold freezing mountains stand so high,
Singing aloud in a snow blanket so white!

Mesmerizing deserts with golden sand,
Glistening in glorious sunshine!
Offering us all a plethora of sand dunes,
Indeed, a God gifted precious boon!

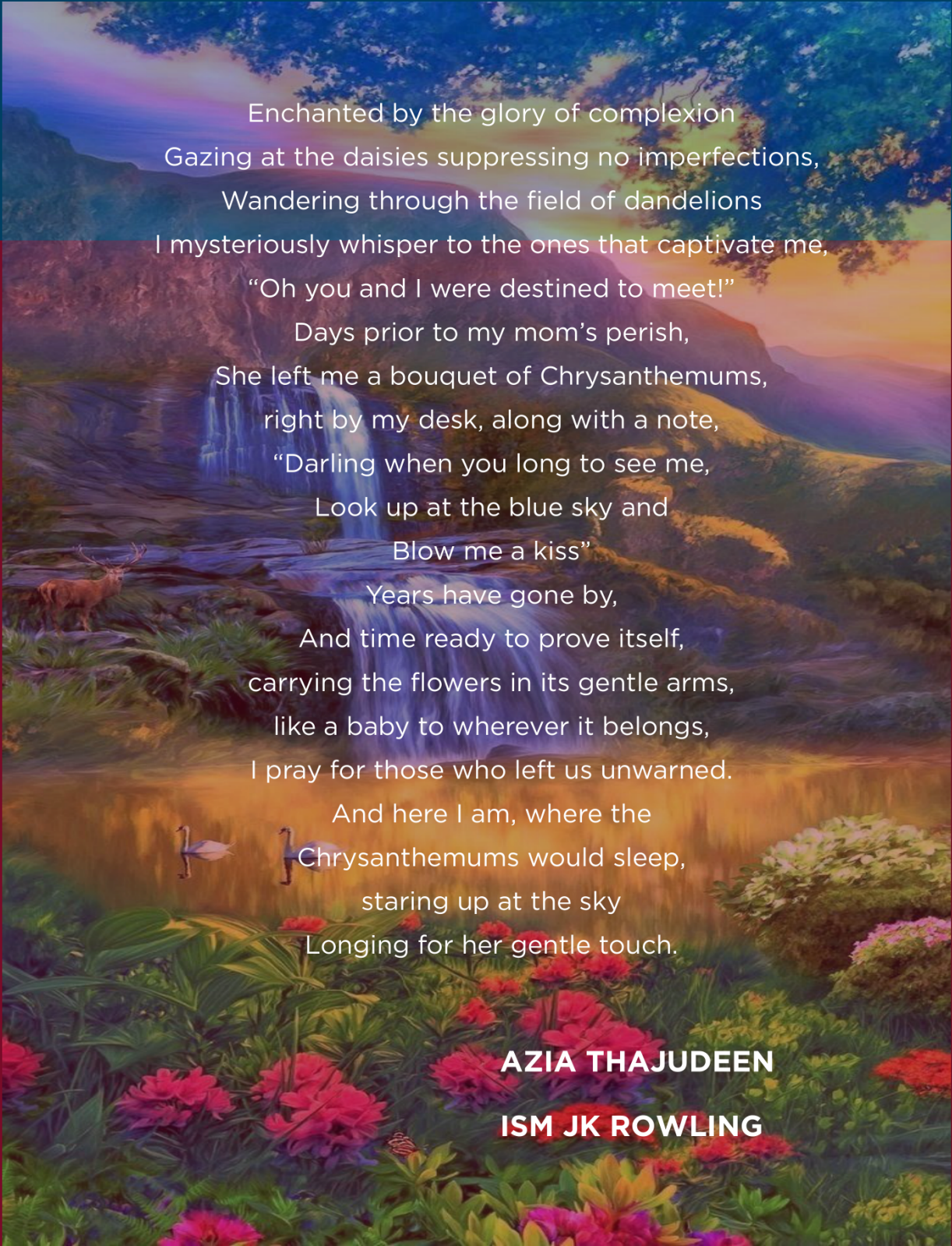
Rivers flowing through valley and hill,
Twisting and turning at its own will!
Gurgling and humming mischievously,
Admiring the sun above gleefully!

This beautiful world is for everyone to breed,
But all are gone because of greed!
There must be something we can live up to,
To save our Mother Earth and stop the harm we
do!!

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MAGIC OF NATURE



Enchanted by the glory of complexion
Gazing at the daisies suppressing no imperfections,
Wandering through the field of dandelions
I mysteriously whisper to the ones that captivate me,
“Oh you and I were destined to meet!”
Days prior to my mom’s perish,
She left me a bouquet of Chrysanthemums,
right by my desk, along with a note,
“Darling when you long to see me,
Look up at the blue sky and
Blow me a kiss”
Years have gone by,
And time ready to prove itself,
carrying the flowers in its gentle arms,
like a baby to wherever it belongs,
I pray for those who left us unwarned.
And here I am, where the
Chrysanthemums would sleep,
staring up at the sky
Longing for her gentle touch.

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GRANDPA



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GRANDPA

His Hands know only to Care.
Heart only to Love.
He is an Epitome of Greatness.
His Wisdom, knows no Limits.

In the eyes of strangers,
He is a man with-
Dark Grey Hair,
Dull Grey Eyebrows,
Light Grey Moustache.
In my Eyes, all that Grey
Becomes the purest form of Silver.

In a Valley of Darkness,
He becomes my Guiding Light.
Words are peripheral
When we are hand in hand.

In the eyes of strangers,
He is a man who is-
Grave and Solemn in Nature,
Old and stuffy in looks,
Strong and Stern at Heart.
In my Eyes, He is just a Young Boy.
Who is Quite Cheerful and Lovable.

When he Silently Smiles,
The Warmth of it Sings
Sweeter than a Nightingale.
When he Cackles with Laughter,
I find myself laugh along.
For our Bond is Truly Special.
Stronger than the Wind.
Deeper than the Ocean.



A LESSON FROM DROP

A tiny drop just fell from the
lap of cloud, thinking hard,
O! God! What would be my fate?

Depressed why I left my home?
Cursing her luck.
I would survive lord, or lost in dust?

I would perish Lord, or burnt in
flames.
Or I would fall in flowers as dew,

It's one destiny how anyone knew!

Then a wind blew her to the seaside,
she landed in a beautiful coral,
and became a valuable pearl!

So we the human beings
hesitate and ashamed
at the thought of leaving home!

But often leaving home mould us,
from that worried drop to a
beautiful pearl in our life !



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MY CLUB, MY PRIDE

Many come to speak
Many come for a role
Lots of gaveliers
Fulfil their speaking goals!
There are different roles
You can come to speak
You can come to learn
And keep on your streak!
Ah counter counts Ahs
Grammarian spots
Timer tracks time
GOTD hosts.

Word Master grows vocab
Hark Master pricks your ears
Evaluators advise
Joke Master makes you cheer.
Teams to debate
Mentors to guide
Contests to take part



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HOW ARE YOU?



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In today's world, there is pressure for the best. Everyone expects you to have the best, to be the best, to know the best, to earn the best. In this illogical race to achieve 'the best', we end up sacrificing a lot. Perhaps a bit too much. The pressure and stress take a toll on our mental health.

But what is mental health? Mental health is our emotional, psychological, and social well-being. It affects how we think, feel, act and cope with problems and/or stress. It can directly influence one's physical health. People, especially teenagers, do not realize how important one's mental health is. Mental disorders like anxiety and depression are becoming increasingly (and worryingly) common.

If you struggle with any mental health problems, reach out to someone to talk to and take care of your physical health. If you know anyone else who struggles with their mental health, I urge you to help them in whatever way you can. When we feel we have support and are not alone, we often cope more effectively with difficult times in our lives. We must educate ourselves on what exactly mental health is, how to take care of our mental health and how to help someone.



A HELIUM BALLOON

Something that I have noticed about a helium balloon is that if you apply pressure on it, sure, it is held down. But the second that you remove the pressure, it rises back up and soars into the sky. Twinkle Khanna teaches us this philosophy when she quotes “And I take my problems lightly, like my mother always said: treat them like helium balloons and let them go.”

The lighter helium makes the balloon rise back up when pushed down. This light yet powerful gas helps our balloon reach great heights. Similarly, our fighting spirit and perseverance ignites us and helps us rise even when obstacles try to push us down. At any given second, a thousand lives are battling hurdles in life. But do they give up? No. That is the fighting spirit.



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THE LEADERS OF TOMORROW – INFLUENCERS



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As of today, the power of controlling the activities of a country belongs to either a president, a king or a dictator. But, day by day, another group of people are rising to international fame – The Influencers.

Who are influencers and how are they so powerful?

In simple words, an influencer is a well-recognized personality on social media. Nowadays, everyone has a smartphone, which means they are well connected to a person living on the other side of the world through social media. Well-known social media platforms include YouTube, Instagram, Twitter, Reddit, Meta etc.

Influencers are powerful because of the huge following they have. For example, Cristiano Ronaldo, the Portuguese-born footballer, is the most followed person on Instagram and Facebook (Now Meta), and we all know how influential he has been over the last decade. The most-followed independent influencer on YouTube is PewDiePie, who has amassed the 100 million subscriber mark and is currently at 110 million subscribers.

Examples of how influencers have used their “powers”.

I’m sure most people know about Jimmy Donaldson a.k.a MrBeast. He is known for pioneering a genre of videos on YouTube based on expensive stunts and has amassed 73 million subscribers. On 29th October, 2021 MrBeast with the help of a fellow YouTuber, Mark Rober announced an initiative called “#TeamSeas”. His goal was to clean up the dirtiest beaches, oceans and rivers. Every dollar donated, a pound (0.5 kg) of trash is cleaned. In a single month he has already reached a massive total of \$16,636,761 in donations and aims to achieve a goal of \$30,000,000 by 1st of January, 2021.

What can we conclude from this?

In conclusion, influencers yield a lot of power, and so far, most influencers have used their power for good causes. If this continues, I’m sure one day the major problems existing in the world would cease to exist.



EMPATHIC PIECE MACBETH AFTER THE MURDER

Scarlet. Scarlet blood gushed out of his body like the River Tay. His face frozen in utter shock and innocence, his haunting eyes burning into my soul, the lingering ghost of a man pleading in vain. Prudently, I untwine my besmirched, crimson red hands from the hilt of the dagger which impudently hails me for the great sin I have committed out of gluttonous ambition. 'Tis the dark blood which soils my traitorous hands. Will all great Neptune's Ocean wash this blood Clean from my hand?... The once undefiled, sinless bed now savours of ill-fated betrayal. An ominous raven screeches outside in bounding terror and incredulity at my foul, treacherous deed." What hast thou done, Macbeth?" 'tis eyes implore with beseeching atrocity. My begrimed robes sway silently in the dark chamber; waiting for an answer, for a reason. Wherefore? The looming ramparts that bear witness to my wicked act threaten me of revealing my deceiving stature. Slyly, they whisper " 'Twas Macbeth, the one that murdered the innocent and disturbed the decree of nature!". My body breaks into a cold sweat and with it a gush of woeful anguish besets me. I fasten my eyes shut and admonish myself for the flicker of irresolute disposition. Dare I feel this way, it's for weaklings. I am a man; I must leave this chamber which poisons my thoughts. Adieu, Duncan.

Hastily, I leave the noxious chamber. Aroint from the scornful whispers, the venomous utter shock and innocence, his haunting aura and the misfortunate plague that I have bestowed upon myself. Placidly, the sour, reeking smell of alcohol reaches my blood-splattered nose reminding me of the inebricated servants lying outside Duncan's doorway. Oblivious and blind to the world they blissfully couch away without a coil in the world, their faces content and carefree like lambs who have not a sense about their slaughter. They aren't burdened with guilt; nothing shakes them from their deep slumber. Stirring, one servant mumbles "God bless us!". Instinctively, I open my parched mouth to respond but my 'amen' gets lodged in my throat like the knife in Duncan's chest. Dismal, my heart sinks and my heavy thoughts are awoken, they hang around like a cloak I simply can't let fall to the paved ground, anchored to my shoulders. I desperately need God's blessing, to proclaim that I can still serve him with these hangman's hands, to proclaim that I'm still full o' the milk of human kindness and to proclaim that I am still Macbeth. Wherefore couldn't I say "Amen"? Wherefore: My plague. 'Tis the reason. How could I slay an innocent being? And a divine king at that. I should've against his murderer shut the door, Not bear the knife myself. What has my conscience fallen to? Mois-



EMPATHIC PIECE

MACBETH AFTER THE MURDER

hands making them slippery and insecure. What if someone hears and catches me with my blood-spattered garments and permanently stained hands? What a sorry sight must I look to them? The recurring shriek of the raven snaps me back to my senses.

Nay! I mustn't consider these embarrassing thoughts deeply. These paving stones are the ones that lead to my desirable throne, the one my vaulting ambition has yearned so long for. I was meant to be, 'twas even predicted by the weird sisters. Perchance, I haven't disordered the Great Chain of Being and this is god's peculiar way of appointing me, the holy position of Thane. Perchance, the heat-oppressed mind hallucinating a blood-stained dagger was a sign from the great above, from God himself, that the brilliant, gleaming cap that shall sit on my crowned head was my destiny, wast it not?... Triumphant, I shakily march in the gloomy candle-lit hallway to meet my Lady, so I can give her my victorious tidings. Clomp, clomp, clomp; my footsteps echo sharply along the deserted passage; sounding overly loud in my ears, like the booming heartbeat of a condemned prisoner. Outside the embrasure, wild and withered crickets easily chirp not caring whether they are to be heard or not. Adjoining the crickets, a flock of crows circle around the turrets and shriek echoing the slaughter of one nobleman by another, the slaughter that might just plunge Scotland into turpennly stained hands? What a sorry sight must I look to them? The recurring non, disapproving rain descends from the swollen clouds, in the midst of June, as if the heavens are weeping at my valiant achievement; as if the angels are bleeding themselves out to make up for the pitiful, unworthy blood lost. It replaces the devil's fiddle that would applaud me for my bravery. Each step draws me closer to my fierce and steadfast wife. She is the cunning backbone of my ambition, pushing me to the edge o' the cliff when I want not. Feeding my unceasing greed to become Thane of Cawdor; she has led me to this dark and twisted path, holding my hand and shielding me from the malevolent thorns. I have proved to her my worth. I have slain the king! Foul is fair and fair is foul. An heaven shan't welcome me for my stained reputation, then shall be it! I will level myself with the devil. I have fulfilled my prophecy that the imperfect speakers predicted. Verily, I am the deserving king henceforth...

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The Waves of Havoc

It was a tiny costal town in the marvelous island of Sri Lanka. A lively town with brilliant bright lights, blinking rhythmically like twinkling stars. It was colourful with vibrant roof tops of the richest colours in the best possible combination of dyes from a bird's eye view. The town was buzzing with activity; the folk were dancing, singing, walking in and out of stores and mingling. There were some children running around the town, playing their games while some others swam in the crystal-clear ocean, splashing each other with water; their delighted exclamations lingering in the humid air. The fresh scent of the salty waters as well as the aroma of barbequed and grilled fish wafted through the subtle breeze. The town was active and incredibly scenic; that is, before a ground-breaking event took place-quite literally.

There was a horrific earthquake with a magnitude as high as an eight on the Richter scale as measured from an office not too far away from the coast. The focus, however, seemed to be deep in the crust somewhere in the moderately deep parts of the Indian Ocean. Several trees crashed to the ground leaving gaping holes in the roofs of some residences and gigantic craters in the ground. The yelps and screams of people filled the air as the residents of the town sprinted back and forth to find refuge. But the worst was yet to come.

The beautiful waters curled and churned to form tremendous waves of turquoise and jade that grew larger by the second. The hisses and splashes of the ocean became more and more aggressive. The fluffy, cloud-like sea foam started to froth and hiss. The foam adorned the large waves like pearl jewelry. The waves whipped at the sea shore sending debris and muck everywhere and then receded just as suddenly and they appeared, only to come back with a bigger impact than before. The aqua waves rose like startled horses and charged at the town, which was helpless against the wrath of the cruel ocean. Each wave washed over the town causing more damage and devastation than its predecessor. They induced panic, chaos, commotion, havoc and destruction.

The aftermath of the tsunami was unimaginable. The entire town was heaps of bricks and cement and tatters of cloth of muted colours mildly resembling houses that were displaced during the disaster. The town as a whole resembled dying chunks of coal towards the end of a barbeque. The dislodged sand and dust settled on the ruins gradually. The chaos had died down and turned into an eerie, hollow silence. It was so quiet, it could drive millions to insanity. The once vibrant and glowing town was now so dull and mundane, it was unrecognizable. The ocean calmed down after what felt like eternity. It retained its peace, unaffected by the destruction it had caused like a heartless oppressor. It was a gut-w r e n c h i n g s i g h t .



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THE BEAUTY OF IDIOMS

Idioms are expressions or phrases that do not have a literal meaning but an implied or metaphorical meaning associated to them. Idioms have been used widely in almost all languages and have evolved with the history of languages.

They are essentially used to show the richness of the language and indicate the far-reaching as well as inclusive nature of our languages. They are used to give a special flavor to an idea – abstract or concrete; most idioms have cultural nuances attached to them as well. Additionally, they could make a complicated idea simplistic too.

Writers sometimes bring humor in their writing through idioms; for example, they mockingly say ‘when the pigs fly’ to indicate an unlikely event or sarcastically call a stupid person ‘not the brightest star in the sky’.

Similarly, idioms are also frequently used to present several other emotions interestingly and differently. Whatever said and done, they definitely give a language a distinct character and stimulate the readers’ attention.

What I have presented is just the tip of the iceberg – if you would like to know more about idioms, dig deeper my friends!



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THE LITTLE SPARK

Far far away, in a little village, a little girl picked up a crumbled flyer and read it. A pearly smile shun her face when she read the prize money. She ran to her little hut. Her parents claimed they cannot afford the art supplies. Alia stormed to her room tearing up in failure till a spark flashed her mind. She ran to her father and begged him to teach her pottery. She practiced day and night even when wet mud splashed on her face. She still burned with passion. The day of the contest arrived and everyone was confused on why a small girl bought wet mud and a wheel. The contest ended and Alia crossed her fingers. "The winner of the crafts fest is Samantha bobby" Her heart sank in her chest and blinked her tears away. "Hold On everyone! There is a 2000 prize going to Alia Shekh for her creativity". Her shocked self-touched his feet in respect and went home with the prize in her hands. Her father used to say, "Find a way or make a way" and so she crafted her way to glory.



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Hunting In The Modern Era

Hunting... Hunting might have been necessary for human survival in the prehistoric times, but today or in the modern era hunters stalk and kill animals just for the thrill of it, not out of necessity. This unnecessary habit of the people is dissatisfactory to our community. This action can hurt our innocent living creatures who have no reason to be killed. The people of this world need to show some respect to the beautiful creatures the Almighty has gifted us with. This violent form of “entertainment” has separated many animals from their families, many left orphaned or badly hurt and injured.....



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MEMORIES

Perplexing things they are , memo-
ries,
Most of times sweet and warm,
But they also leave a trail of sadness
It pierces in our heart like a ton of
bees swarm,

Clicks and snaps in our brains,
But disappears as soon as we digest,
Some are those we wish to relive,
But sadly we aren't so blessed.

Delightful times are soon to be
memories,
Just pictures stored in our head,
But things that help us go back to
them ,
Are souvenirs of the times we have
shed.

This thought is exactly which
Ruins our precious present,
Which will make no good memories,
No trail of time we spent

Life is full of ups and downs,
So are memories too,

Will make a nostalgic wistful
crew

This dew which fogs our minds,
We have to wipe and move on,
So we have wonderful stories,
To share with at dawn.

Perplexing things they are
memories,
Most of times sweet and warm,
They might fog up and cause a
downpour,



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THE STELLAR RESCUE

In a Galaxy far away, there once lived three inseparable celestial bodies, Jupiter, Mars, and Asteroid. They'd spent the majority of their existence as best friends and had plans to continue to do so. They were like the three tires of a tricycle, they were happiest when they were together and supported each other even during grim adversities. One unfortunate day, a deleterious plague spread to all the planets in the solar system! Jupiter and Mars fell sick and their chances of recovery were negligible unless they were treated with rare herbs from Planet Earth; as Dr.Kepler77 stated.

Asteroid was unaffected because the disease, termed "Destruct-Tron-19" was exclusive to planets only. Asteroid was a ray of hope in the extraterrestrial community. Mars and Jupiter were proud to have Asteroid and were rather confident he would rescue all their other planet friends. "Please help us Asteroid. I feel warm and queasy, and I don't think it's a good sign. Even Venus agrees, and she's always scorching with flames!" Said, Neptune. Jupiter and Mars replied in enthusiastic unison, "Don't worry one bit. I'm confident Asteroid will save us all. He's stellar at everything!" Now, not only was Asteroid under a lot of pressure, but he was also determined to save his friends at any cost.

He zoomed to Earth at the speed of light and immediately pleaded for assistance. "Dear Earth, you've always been a universal friend. My friends need your 'Mango' herbs to recover from 'Destruct-Tron-19'. It's a Code Red Situation! ". "Recently, Dinosaurs have become a huge nuisance here. They keep devouring the plants and have destroyed the natural balance of my ecosystem. They've depleted all my water and at this rate, they will consume me whole! While they're here, they won't let you take my herbs, unless..." Replied Earth. "Unless what?" Asteroid asks, eyeing Earth with suspicion. "Unless you collide with the Dinosaur Clique and put an end to their tyranny. It's a huge risk to take at hand, the impact of the collision may severely hurt your crust." Sighed Earth.

Asteroids heart stopped. He couldn't process what he'd just heard! The sweat of Hydrogen droplets trickled down his clay and silicate rocks. He finally mustered up all his courage and stated in a resolute voice, "I will do it." Earth was awestruck. Asteroid's nerve, determination, and especially his care for his friends was a bolt from the blue for Earth! Asteroid hovered a bit farther from Earth to accelerate. With a 'Whoosh' and a 'Boom!', he exterminated all living dinosaurs on Earth. It all seemed to happen within a fraction of a second! Asteroid noticed a huge crater on his crust yet he managed to retrieve the vital mango leaves and raced back to his orbit with the remnants of his energy. As soon as he reached he was greeted with a thunder of applause and a flower shower of stardust! The galaxies embedded in Jupiter's and Mars' eyes as they looked at him sporting delighted smiles took all of Asteroid's pain away. By now, his sweat had turned to ice.

Their friendship strengthened against all misfortunes and the trio embarked on odysseys, encountered unimaginable wonders, and journeyed to domains alien and afar in the spirit of adventure! Always together.

The tales of their friendship and Asteroid's sacrifice were told to young orbs in faraway galaxies for centuries to come. One of the many is the one you're reading.



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**“A child can lose his grandmother, a daughter, her father,
a wife, her husband.**

**Friends suddenly don't want to be there anymore.
This is the chain we need to break, and we can break”**

Queen Margrethe II – Denmark

The United Nations considered the Covid-19 pandemic as a global emergency. Emerging from this the emergency will require an entire of-society, entire of-government, and entire of-the-world.

The methodology is driven by empathy and fortitude. The response advances three main-stays of Activity: (1) Delivery of a huge scope facilitated and thorough wellbeing reaction (2) Adoption of approaches that address the overwhelming financial, helpful, and basic freedoms parts of the emergency (3) A recuperation measure that forms back better.

Denmark's approach to dealing with the Coronavirus pandemic could be best summarized by saying “Act fast and act with force”. As a result of the rapid response of the government and the high level of confidence and trust of Danish citizens, The Kingdom of Denmark believes that the coronavirus crisis has been handled effectively. The Kingdom of Denmark was and is one of the first countries in Europe to act firmly against Coronavirus by declaring national lockdown and closing the country's borders, including tourism. The approach was much firmer and drastic than that of Switzerland. In addition to implementing WHO guidelines, prioritized vaccination to all citizens. Another factor affecting the low rates of the pandemic was the culling of minks, this was due to the discovery of the mutated coronavirus which was detected in many citizens, one in every five farms in Denmark were infected from these. Though they were the first to order a massive cull, other countries like The Netherlands outlawed mink farming. The massive cull. due to the prevailing circumstances cause the prime minister of Denmark to shed tears for the farmers who put in a lot of handwork and have given compensation for their massive loss. We the Kingdom of Denmark has administered at least 8,511,443 doses of COVID vaccines (as of August 30 2021).

Denmark has fully vaccinated 73.1 % of the country's population. As per demographic data it takes an average of 40 days to administer enough doses of around 10% of the population which in turn means that it would take around 3 days and a waiting period of 4 weeks to successfully make our country with a 100% vaccination rate.

Denmark, seek the EU's help in funding the recovery package which will give priority to invest in the digital and green transition and help in boosting growth and supporting citizens, businesses and our economies in the years to come. Secondly, to establish a common framework for travel measures for freedom of movement in EU nations. The Kingdom of Denmark has to ensure crisis management and coordination throughout the COVID-19 pandemic through constant contact between a member of states and EU institutions. To keep on working upon the pay and different options in contrast to the winnowing of minks and gift of inoculations to different nations. The winnowing of minks might be done now generally however later can be proceeded with when the pandemic is finished. Though the Netherlands has prohibited the cultivating of mink bringing about a deep-rooted misfortune. We will make strides in giving the jobless mink ranchers in different fields which we can make great utilization of their mastery.



Aqeedath Khanum
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““There is a double crisis happening in this world,
both health and injustice”
-Sidney Malia Waite

The International Human Rights law sets out the commitments of Governments to act in foreordained ways or to cease from specific demonstrations, so on to push and secure common liberties and central opportunities of people or gatherings. In the 21st century, humanity had

unleashed a new pandemic in the form of racism, xenophobia, and militarism to combat the COVID-19 pandemic. 3.2% of the population, the Romas faced widespread poverty and exclusion from mainstream Hungarian society and sometimes racially motivated violence when the lockdown was imposed.

Hungary unfortunately, linked the Coronavirus to migrants and hence well-versed that over the priority of equipping hospitals, vaccinating citizens, and implementing safety measures across the country. In many places, people are maltreated and denied protection because they are not citizens but considered unwanted immigrants, often they need to come to a new country to undertake and work that's badly needed or are present not by choice but as refugees from persecution in their own country. Anti-immigrant leaders like Victor Orban in Hungary have seized on the pandemic to stoke xenophobic sentiment, bringing Hungary to a near state of a neo-fascist country according to citizens and surveys, but the government has implemented

measures to keep the residents safe and financially stable condition. In such a manner, public execution of world standards and practices, upgraded co-activity among states, and reaffirmation of qualities cherished in worldwide reports should be within the battlefield of our endeavours, assuming we wish to be fruitful. Many working groups gathered data on how government measures were taken during the pandemic to protect and promote the human

rights of individuals living with disabilities, national minorities, and those experiencing homelessness. The Thematic organization in command of LGBT Rights up to the mark of Rights of Persons Living with Disabilities, and the Thematic unit accountable of Homeless Affairs conducted consultations during the written procedure. The Hungarian Government has introduced several measures to shield families and pensioners during the COVID19 crisis. Some of them include:1) On February 2021, an extra month of pension was introduced gradually (in 4 phases during the next 4 years, amounting to a full of HUF 280 billion). 2) In May 2020, apartments owned by the state or government could not be terminated without tenants' approval until the end of the global emergency.

To avoid reliving the mistakes of the past, all migrants and refugees must have their rights defended and their dignity respected. Migrant workers and their families are protected by the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families, 1990, a complete lawful system for battling prejudice and xenophobia. For our future amendments, we need to

remember the protections and initiatives from the past. All rights-based approaches must be more

adequately incorporated in policies and activities of international agencies, particularly within the help and cooperation they provide to the government.



An amplitude of thought

- Aqeedath Khanum



IT SWINGS SIDE TO SIDE,
SILVER IT SPOTLIGHTS,
SHOWCASES ANGULAR MOMENTUM
IT IS THE OSCILLATION OF A PENDULUM,

PENDULUM ALTERNATES IN MANY WAYS,
IF I SAY, YOU MAY WONDER FOR DAYS,
IMAGINE A BOB SHINY AND ROUND,
SUSPENDED ABOVE THE GROUND,

IT SWINGS SIDE TO SIDE,
SHOWS US DIFFERENT OSCILLATIONS OF LIFE,
RECREATES OUR IMAGINATION,
AND EVEN HELPS US UNDERSTAND ABOUT FREQUENCY AND TIME,

WE LOVE SCIENCE,
IT STATES A BODY AT REST STAYS AT REST,
A BODY IN MOTION STAYS IN MOTION,
UNLESS STOPPED BY SOMEONE IMPATIENT,

THIS IS PROOF OF NEWTONS FIRST LAW,
A NOTION WHICH HE FORESAW,
WHEN THE WORLD WAS BEHIND COPERNICUS,
NEWTON GAVE A THOUGHT AND FORMED THE NEXT FEW LAWS,

EVERY AMPLITUDE IT COVERS,
WE LEARN SOMETHING NEW AND DISCOVER,
IT COMES IN MANY KINDS,
NEWTONS CRADLE, GRANDFATHERS CLOCK SEISMOGRAPH IF I
MAY REMIND,

IT TEACHES US THINGS IN LIFE,
IT SWINGS TOWARDS RIGHT AND WRONG, DARKNESS AND LIGHT,
IF YOU COMPLETE AN OSCILLATION AND U ARE ABOUT TO SIGH,
REMEMBER YOU CAN SWING TO THE OTHER SIDE OF LIFE,



Q & A SEGMENT

1. How have you as a student evolved during the pandemic?

2. What are you looking forward to when you get back to school?

1. I discovered my interest in singing and cooking. I was able to read a lot of new books. I discovered and tried out a lot of new things. I love painting and so I could make a lot of paintings on the canvas.

2. Seeing how my school has changed in 2 years, meeting friends, getting out of the screens and learning, helping teachers with carrying her books, eating our tiffins together are a few things I am looking forward to when my school reopens.
- SHWETA RAMAN

1. As a student I have realised the importance of concentration and understanding in classes. It has also helped me to better understand my academic strengths and weaknesses.

2. I look forward to meeting my friends, having face-to-face conversations with them for the first time in a very long time, and playing sports during the P.E. lesson.
— BHAVESH NAIR

1. As a student, I have become very comfortable using technology. I use it not only to attend my classes but also to explore and research on any topic rather than just limiting it to my textbook and syllabus.

2. I am looking forward to enjoying the extra-curricular activities such as dance, music, PE, library etc. which were limited during online classes. I cannot wait to meet my friends and make some new ones as socializing was restricted during the pandemic.
- AANYA GOYAL



Q & A SEGMENT

1. In my opinion, I have really evolved in my technology skills during the pandemic. Now, we are pretty much doing everything online: school, classes, visiting people, work etc and I have immensely enhanced my knowledge of devices.
2. I am vastly looking forward to just meeting actual people when we go back to school. We have done everything online for 2 years now and people might even be surprised that their notebook is not a device. Being taught by a teacher in front of you feels like a miracle now.

- JYOSHITA

1. As a student during the pandemic I learnt a lot about new technology and learnt new skills and also spent a lot of happy and fun time with my family .
- 2 . I am looking forward to meeting my friends and speaking with them and also excited about the offline learning mode and meeting new friends.

- SAI NIVEDITHA

1. How I evolved during the pandemic is that I learned how to study on my own and also develop my technological skills because before this Pandemic began, I did not know how to use platforms like Google meet, Google classroom, Zoom etc.
- 2 . I look forward to meeting my friends again, studying in a classroom with our teachers face to face and enjoying the back to school life again.

-PRIYAL AGRAWAL

1. The schools throughout the world were closed during the pandemic. I, as a student, have learnt that studies should never stop in our lives. Studies are one of the biggest factors in a student's life and no matter what, it should never stop. We should always think of a new way of studying so that it becomes interesting.
- 2 . I am looking forward to meeting all my friends when I get back to school. There should be no 50% of the students, no restrictions and all the students of all the grades attending school happily. In simple words, I look forward to the normal routine when I get back to school.

-LUVYA P SHETTY

OMAN PRODIGIES GAVEL CLUB



Q & A SEGMENT

1. One of the best things about online school was the availability of more time. At the initial stage of the lockdown I spent the excess time doing nothing. The clock seemed to tick slower than before. But gradually things started to change. I got to spend more time reading, talking with my parents and friends. Almost everybody started to get adapted to this 'new normal'. It might be ironic to say I became closer to my friends during the lockdown. Thanks to the countless zoom meetings. Over the pandemic my approach to dealing with things changed. Initially what seemed like a situation of absolute despair to many became the time where we could analyze our own state of mind, where we learnt to look at the brighter side and help those in need.

2. Face to face interaction. To be with friends and laugh at the silliest things together is something so precious. Offline school granted that every single day. This is something I look forward to.

- LAKSHMI RAJEEV MENON

1. I have become less interactive, shy and less self-confident. But I've also taken an interest in many new topics that I wouldn't have been attracted to two years ago.

2. I look forward to meeting my friends and teachers after this long period of time. I look forward to sitting in our classrooms and just being present among all my classmates. I look forward to things going back to normal.

- RENU ACHU PHILIP

1. The pandemic has helped me face my fears. One of my biggest fears was talking in class. The pandemic has helped me conquer that.

2. When I get back to school, there is a lot that I'm looking forward to: playing in PE class, sitting in our real-life classroom and much more. But the biggest thing I'm looking forward to is meeting my friends and teachers.

- TANAY SAMIR ADDE

1. During the pandemic, I became a more responsible individual. I also started learning a lot of sports such as cricket, basketball and chess. I made a lot of new friends as many of my old friends weren't there.

2. When I get back to school, I am looking forward to meeting my friends. I want to use my newfound skills and play the sports that I learned over the lockdown so that I can impress them.

- SAMPRITA RAJESH



Q & A SEGMENT

1. As a student the pandemic has affected me a lot more than some others, for example I do not experience much needed social interaction which is one of the reasons I enrolled in Gavel club.

2. I am looking forward to meeting my teachers and my fellow students. Most importantly, meeting my fellow gaveliers and my club counselor and also attending the gavel sessions in person.

- Neo Samson

1. As the Pandemic struck, we had to switch to online schooling which was quite not convenient for me but soon I started liking them, found interest in how computers and applications work which made me enter the world of programming. To sum it up, it was a key turn of events in my life.

2. Personally, the first thing I want to do is have a long time with my friends. The next would be to check whether the school has upgraded the computers. Lastly, I would love to play in the ground after 2 years!

- ADWAY KAUSHIK

1. I believe, the COVID-19 pandemic has actually helped us evolve and learn a lot !! We've become much more aware about what and what not to do on the internet and we've learnt that online school is not as easy as we thought it would be !! But moreover we've realized how much offline school actually means to us and the importance of IN-PERSON teachers and friends !!

2. No one can deny that offline School takes all of us to another joyous and imaginative world !! So, it would be normal for us to miss school !! And during the Pandemic, I've yearned for an active and fun P.E. lessons, the substitutions where we would implore the teachers to take us to the field, and so much more !! But it was my teachers and friends that I missed the most !! And going back to school helped me fulfil all these privileges !!

-SANJANA K PRAVEEN

1. As a responsible student I clearly understand the pain and struggles faced by the teachers to make us understand the lessons. So as a student I started to help teachers by finishing assignments on time and submitting them on time.

2. I am looking forward to first getting to meet my teachers. I also would like to meet my teachers who taught me last year, whom I didn't meet in person at all. Also I would like to say a very big thanks to them for being a very big support last year.



Q & A SEGMENT

1. The pandemic has given me a new perspective and opened my eyes to see the value of both human life and education.
2. These past two years has gotten all of us used to being at home, getting up late and being in our comfort zone. As our teachers have repeatedly impressed on us, life doesn't work that way. I'm looking forward to new challenges

— Joanna Mary Lloyd

1. As a student, I (Clarina Xavier) have changed in the best way. I have learnt the importance of time management skills. How to spend my time in a fruitful way. I have also learnt how important interaction with friends, neighbours and family members is.

2. When I return to school, I expect the normal interaction with friends and teachers in school that we used to experience during our offline classes before the pandemic.
- CLARINA XAVIER

1. I have evolved in many ways during the pandemic. I have discovered some new talents in cooking, Art. I have also been more independent in my studies. I have improved a lot more than before.

2. I am looking forward to meeting all my friends and teachers in school. All those days when time ran so fast you would not realize that I am looking forward to the most.

-AASIV VIJAYAN

ISG AMETHYST GAVEL CLUB



Q & A SEGMENT

1. Being a school student during these times can sometimes be challenging but COVID 19 has taught me to face challenges and I understood that anything is possible if we work together as a team.

2. When I come back to school I am excited to meet my teachers and friends, talk to them . I am looking forward to sit in real classes and learn.

— NORAH MATHEW

1. I used to take my school, my friends, my teachers and everyone around me in school for granted. In the past 2 years of COVID-19 pandemic, the one thing I realized is that school life is something so beautiful and memorable and I need to cherish it throughout.

2. First thing first, friends and teachers. I really look forward to meeting them and having some social interaction with them. Along with that, I started the last part of school, high school, with online classes. So I want to enjoy my high school like a proper high schooler.

- BEATRICE BINOY

1. First of all I would say that I have understood technology better since during the pandemic all our work was computer based. We learned to use and master an online platform 'zoom' of which we had not even heard of. Secondly I would say that I have learned to appreciate things and people in my life, before this pandemic I took all my family and comforts they approved me with for granted. Now I have learned to be thankful to my surroundings. Overall, this pandemic was an eye opener for me.

2. To be honest, I am looking forward to meeting all my friends and teachers. Meeting a person online has only one problem.....you don't have that understanding, you can't see their body language or you can't have eye contact with them, you lose that personal touch. Second of all, I am excited for learning offline as I mentioned since you lose that personal touch with the teacher you don't completely understand what they are teaching us. Lastly, I am looking forward to finally having fun in school like we all used to before the pandemic.

- SARANYA BHAT

ISG AMETHYST GAVEL CLUB



Q & A SEGMENT

1. The pandemic helped me become a more focused and goal-oriented student, as it highlighted the importance of self-discipline in times where we, as students, had to study and learn in unprecedented circumstances.

2. I am excited to interact with fellow classmates and teachers on a platform that is not virtual. I believe a physical atmosphere is essential for effective learning and look forward to getting back to school.

— Nayaonika Vasishtha

1. Being a school student can sometimes be stressful, but the COVID-19 pandemic has made education and schooling, and life in general, even more difficult for us. But, as a human I have learnt to adapt to it and look at the brighter side. As a student I realized what matters to me the most, like family, friendships etc. and not to take any of these for granted.

2. I am looking forward to reconnecting with my friends, meeting my teachers and actively participating in various activities. The camaraderie which was shared among friends and with teachers is something I'm eagerly awaiting. This being my final year of schooling, I most definitely intend to make it a memorable one.

- Raechel Mary Bobby

1. To say that the pandemic has changed the world would be an understatement. It has led to a more virtual existence. Real school was more interesting because discussions with friends helped me to better understand the content. During this quarantine I have improved my dancing skills and technique considerably, though, and focused on boosting my self-confidence.

2. The one thing that I am most looking forward to is being able to be around with my friends and teachers, and not having online school. Being outside, meeting people, having fun, just living life normally is what I am looking forward to. Plus classes, new opportunities, school events, breaks and vacations, new acquaintances. It's been a long and boring year and a half at home now.

- Shrika Shaji

ISG AMETHYST GAVEL CLUB



Q & A SEGMENT

1. The pandemic has taught me several things. It enabled me to discover my 'nerd' side where studying would be a tool which I would use to keep my mental health stable. I could study by myself and realized how easy Grade 8 was. However, the virtual environment, hesitance to speak and the internet issues couldn't let me continue classes smoothly. This made me realize how fulfilling it was and how grateful I should be. 2. I am excited to interact with fellow classmates and teachers on a platform that is not virtual. I believe a physical atmosphere is essential for effective learning and look forward to getting back to school.

2. The refreshing air when entering the school gate itself makes me excited. The students creating chaos and making up lame excuses for bunking classes is entertaining to watch. The teachers catching the students bunking is even more entertaining. The days when we used to sit as a class chat or play together, setting aside the worries and differences is what I'm looking forward to the most.
— Asiya Sheikh Mohammed

1. During the pandemic, I have ameliorated in many areas. One and the most important of them all, is that I have become better at using electronics. I have also become more focused, as during online classes I was able to concentrate, without any distractions.

2. I look forward to a lot of things that include, meeting my friends, P.E, playing instruments in the music room and giving speeches in Gavel club in an offline mode.

1. During this pandemic, I have picked up a lot of new hobbies like 3D animation and public speaking. I also researched some random topics that I found interesting in my free time.

2. I look forward to a lot of things that include, meeting my friends, P.E, playing instruments in the music room and giving speeches in Gavel club in an offline mode.

- Atul Sanjeev

1. During the pandemic I had a lot of free time at hand. So, I took up coding and chess and devoted my time to those two subjects apart from academics. I can safely say that I have become better at two more.

2. I look forward to the better learning experience of teachers teaching visually and not virtually. I also look forward to spending our breaks with our friends and also playing sports during physical education.

- Vedant Nayak



Q & A SEGMENT

1. I have evolved in a lot of ways through the two years of pandemic. I am able to have a better grip on myself and the priorities that I need to fulfill and am generally more mentally stronger.
2. I am currently in an offline school now, but I would love it if we could be comfortable around each other, the way it was 2 years ago. And of course, I would love to do away with those wretched masks!

— Nidha Reji

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1. The pandemic has taught us all how to accept the situation. I have become more interested in news; my imagination has grown and most importantly it has made me stronger and taught me how to be happy in difficult times.

2. We have started attending online classes in many platforms. We also have a digital learning platform, called Google classroom, where we were given assignments, notes, tests and so on. I learnt that there were many possibilities to learn other than having physical classes. Online classes, also, were held for a short duration giving us a lot of free time. I spent it in different hobbies and with my family and loved ones. As a high school student, I hardly had time for any of these, including exercise. Online classes gave me confidence and I was able to speak up more. Though I had no social interactions with friends and classmates, group projects really helped revive that and it improved my teamwork skills.

- Bhoomi Toprani

1. Firstly, I am really looking forward to seeing the school from inside. I am waiting to meet all our teachers who have taught us so well even in such a situation and meeting my classmates in person. I look forward to getting back to the routine disciplined student's life and to meeting my classmates, friends, and respected teachers personally. I also look forward to doing my homework by hand.
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- Sana Raheem

ISG BLUE SAPPHIRE GAVEL CLUB



Q & A SEGMENT

1. As a student I have become better in using online devices, attending online classes every day. It has not brought out the best in me, in fact it's made me lazier, sitting in the comforts of my home. The refreshing air when entering the school gate itself makes me excited. The students creating chaos and making up lame excuses for bunking classes is entertaining to watch. The teachers catching the students bunking is even more entertaining. The days when we used to sit as a class chat or play together, setting aside the worries and differences is what I'm looking forward to the most.

2. As I am new to this school, I am looking forward to seeing the school campus, my friends and teachers that I have only met online. I have to say that I actually want to wear a uniform and go to school once more.

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Merina John

1. The pandemic has allowed me to spend more time with my family and help them with work. I think I am evolving greatly. I talk to my friends through zoom and sometimes go outside with a mask and I also developed a new hobby which is cooking. When I am stressed or angry, I like to cook dishes for my family. Online classes help us learn and I get to talk to my teachers and classmates. But sometimes when I couldn't go out because of the pandemic, I would zoom chat with my friends and we would play online games or simply talk. I help my parents clean the house, do chores etc. So far, I am doing great as a student and it already has been one and half years since attending online classes.

2. I look forward to a lot of things that include, meeting my friends, P.E, playing instruments in the music room and giving speeches in Gavel club in an offline mode.

2. When I get back to school, I look forward to seeing my friends, teachers, the school also offline classes. We can get back to P.E., music lessons and also, playing musical instruments. After the winter vacation, I look forward to studying hard and preparing for the exams in January 2022. When I come to school I should be prepared for the exam and to learn new things and also enjoy.

- Shelby Reneeta

ISG CITRINE GAVEL CLUB



Q & A SEGMENT

1. During the pandemic, I think I did evolve as a student and realize that I need to do a lot more work and put in a lot more focus to my studies at a point, but during the first period of COVID during 2020 I really did not put as much energy into my studies but as 2021 came I think I improved with both my studies and my personality a lot more. I am not really someone who can focus a lot especially with the online classes but during the pandemic I started making to do lists and journaling which really helps me to focus on whatever task I do.

really looking forward to meeting my friends and meeting the new teachers, and also going to school physically, I believe, is personally essential to me since I am not someone who can really focus a lot and online classes have not improved that a lot. It did improve gradually, but I think going to school physically is helping that a lot more.

— Hasara Rashmini

1. I would say that my writing skills have improved the most. Ranging from creative writing to increasing my words per minute count, it helps me in many subjects.
2. I look forward to seeing my friends and physically participating in lessons. I get distracted rather easily, so going to school is better for me.

— Holly Berhardt

1. COVID 19 has changed the world forever, its changing lives. Being a student during COVID 19 has been very challenging. Children have to listen for hours staring at the computer! As a student I got more time to spend with my family. Because of online teaching I could stay in my motherland for over 2 months and still study. During my free time I spend a lot of time with my family, make crafts and play.
2. I look forward to seeing my friends and physically participating in lessons. I get distracted rather easily, so going to school is better for me.
2. I look forward to going with excitement. I would like to see my sirs and teachers physically and want to play and have long chats with my friends. Furthermore I want to participate in extracurricular activities.

— Sanija Budagoda

SRI LANKAN SCHOOL MUSCAT



Q & A SEGMENT

1. As Before, I used to be shy and hesitated to sit in front of the computer and didn't talk to my friends or teachers. Now I have improved a lot like talking a lot in my class, cracking jokes, and always wanting to sit at the computer. I have become independent, I do my work alone, and I don't need mother's help. I also make friends quickly. I always get ready for school.

2. I am looking forward to play outside with my friends, and meet all my school friends, participate in science exhibitions. I miss participating in sports meets a lot and doing sports activities concert, sport meets, drama and many extra-curricular activities we used to do.

- Fathima Mohammed Ismy

1. With the pandemic I changed my usual ways and evolved new ways. One way in which I evolved was to revise the work I did at school in the evening and it resulted in giving me more marks, I also learnt to spend more quality time with my family developing a better mind set. Hence, I learnt to get the best of the pandemic.

2. I am looking forward to be learning physically after a long period of eye tormenting online lessons. I also want to continue my happy social life before the pandemic and play with my friends, interact to my best in schoolwork, join sports and extracurricular activities, increase skills, and in general get a better overall development.

1. The pandemic has provided me with a great deal of time to learn new things. I learnt French, took online courses, and went deeper into my favourite subject, Physics.

2. What I have missed most as a student are the social interactions that happen when people come together at school. Being back with my friends and teachers will surely strengthen those lively bonds.

—Dulara Janani

1. This pandemic has helped me not only evolve as a student, but also as a person. One way it has helped me by bringing me closer to my family.

Going back to school, especially after facing a pandemic, gives us a completely different outlook on the task. I am extremely excited to meet up with my friends physically again.

—Zoe Berhardt

SRILANKAN SCHOOL MUSCAT



Q & A SEGMENT

1. First of all, I was completely involved in my daily life routine. I took a lot of precautions due to the pandemic precautions for boosting my immunity.

Most of the time I am involved in my hobbies like reading books. I also started to watch daily news. It has now become my habit.

2. What are you looking forward when you get back to school?

Answer- As we all know, we are not completely back from pandemic. So I think we all need to be very safe and should take covid precautions.

FAYHA K.A

ISAM DIAMOND GAVEL CLUB

1. It wasn't difficult to adapt to online classes. Initially I was enjoying it but within a month or so, I started to miss going to school, meeting my beloved teachers, my lovely friends playing in the school playground, compering in the MPH hall, having tiffin in the school canteen, singing, dancing, fighting with friends. But that missing concept started to become permanent.

2. Once I get back to school, the first thing I will do is just pray to God that no such pandemic hits the world ever again. I don't want any more virtual/online classes. When I step into the school, the first thing I will do is to touch my school walls, boards, desk, chairs and speak to teachers and friends because I want to confirm that I am in the school and not just some imaginary world or dream.

AYUSHI MAYUR DURGADMATH

ISAM DIAMOND GAVEL CLUB

1, Actually, I don't feel like I evolved at all. I feel so bored when I attend the online class. During the offline class we used to talk, play, have fun just being a kid. Now even during the exams, notes are piling up on google classroom. During the offline class, the teacher did not give notes. So we could concentrate on studies. Now I am not able to concentrate in both. I would really like to go to offline class

2. I am looking forward to a lot of things, mainly meeting my teachers and friends. Studying in a classroom after two years will be like a dream come true. It will not be exactly the same since we have to take safety precautions. But the thing I am looking forward to the most is going to SCHOOL.

DIYA SUDHAKAR

ISAM DIAMOND GAVEL CLUB

1. Me, as a 11-year-old boy, has evolved in the field of programming. I took coding classes when the lockdown started and I am still learning a lot. #I_LOVE_CODING.

2. I am looking forward to more practical classes like playing sports, scientific experiments, and more classes related to advanced programming.

ADHIDAIVA GUPTA

ISAM DIAMOND GAVEL CLUB



Q & A SEGMENT

1. During this pandemic I started reading many books. Also, I started focusing on my studies and tried to participate in as many events as I could.

2. I am looking forward to meeting my friends and teachers and the new students who joined last year.

SAAYA SEBASTIAN

ISAM EMERALD GAVEL CLUB

1. When the pandemic first started I didn't expect all of these new changes like online classes, new learning platforms, etc. I would say that the whole experience was new to me and as a student, I was able to find many helpful online studying tools which I learned about through online classes and it made learning a little bit easier.

2. For me, the first thing would be that I get to meet my teachers and friends in real life again and I get to experience learning in classrooms and basically the whole real-life school experience.

MEHREEN MOHAMED

ISAM SAPPHIRE

1) As classes moved online, it started to cause anxiety for me, the unusual routine, being at home, away from friends, on the screen for a lot of time, has caused struggles not only for me but for many. This also caused keeping with the content and feeling isolated.

2) Online classes were interesting at the beginning, but now as we have come back to school, I feel it is better we can have face to face interactions, and so many more benefits.

Now I am back to school, it is fun, we can talk to friends, have fun during breaks, can see people and talk to them, but we must remember to be careful and not get or transfer the virus. I like school and I am happy. If the online classes start again, I don't know what I will do.. I think I will have to start drawing instead of studying online.

ADRIAN JOHNY

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Q & A SEGMENT

1 . As a student, I have progressed by utilizing new technology, websites, and one-of-a-kind practices to go forward and become fully equipped within the modern-day situation. I had no idea Google Forms, Docs, and Slides existed until this Pandemic began. It also made me recognize and value the importance of my family, peers, and relatives as I learned more about them. I've discovered that offline school is considerably superior to online school at present. However, on the other hand, teachers developed creative approaches to make teaching-learning more impressive all through the online school. It felt highly mundane and stressful to me. It was not a conducive learning environment because we had to exert effort and sit in a single vicinity for a lengthy time to attend our classes.

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VARSHINI SATHEESH

1)As a student, during the pandemic, I learnt a lot about new technology and learnt new skills and also spent a lot of happy and fun time with my family .

2) I am looking forward to seeing my friends and speaking with them and also excited about the offline learning mode and meeting new friends.

SAI NIVEDITHA

1) I learned how to study on my own. I developed my technological skills. Before this Pandemic began, I did not know how to use platforms like Google meet, Google classroom, Zoom etc.

2)I look forward to meeting my friends again, studying in a classroom with our teachers face to face and enjoying the back to school life again.

PRIYAL AGRAWAL


1). The schools throughout the world were closed during the pandemic. I, as a student, have learnt that learning should never stop in our lives. Learning is one of the biggest factors in a student's life and no matter what, it should never stop. We should always think of a new way of studying so that it becomes interesting.


2). What are you looking forward to when you get back to school? I am looking forward to meeting all my friends when I get back to school. There should be no 50% of the students, no restrictions and all the students of all the grades attending school happily. In simple words, I look forward to the normal routine when I get back to school.

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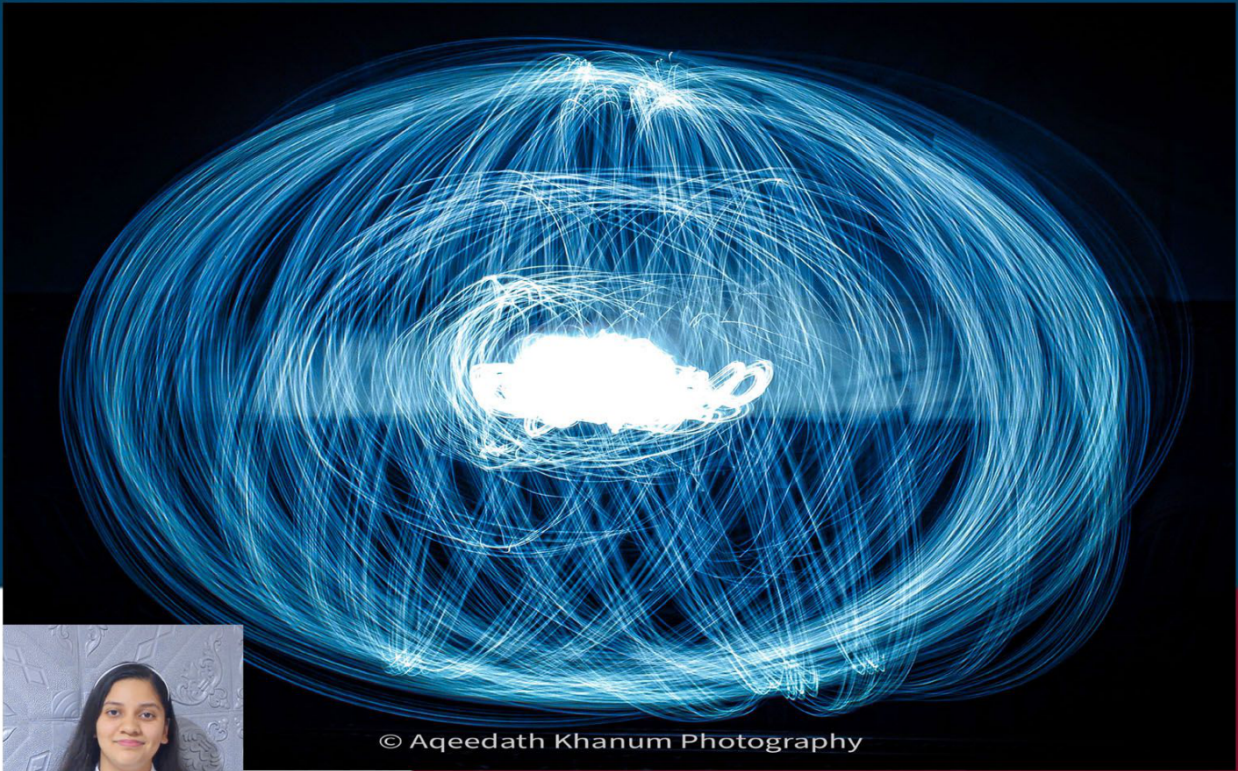
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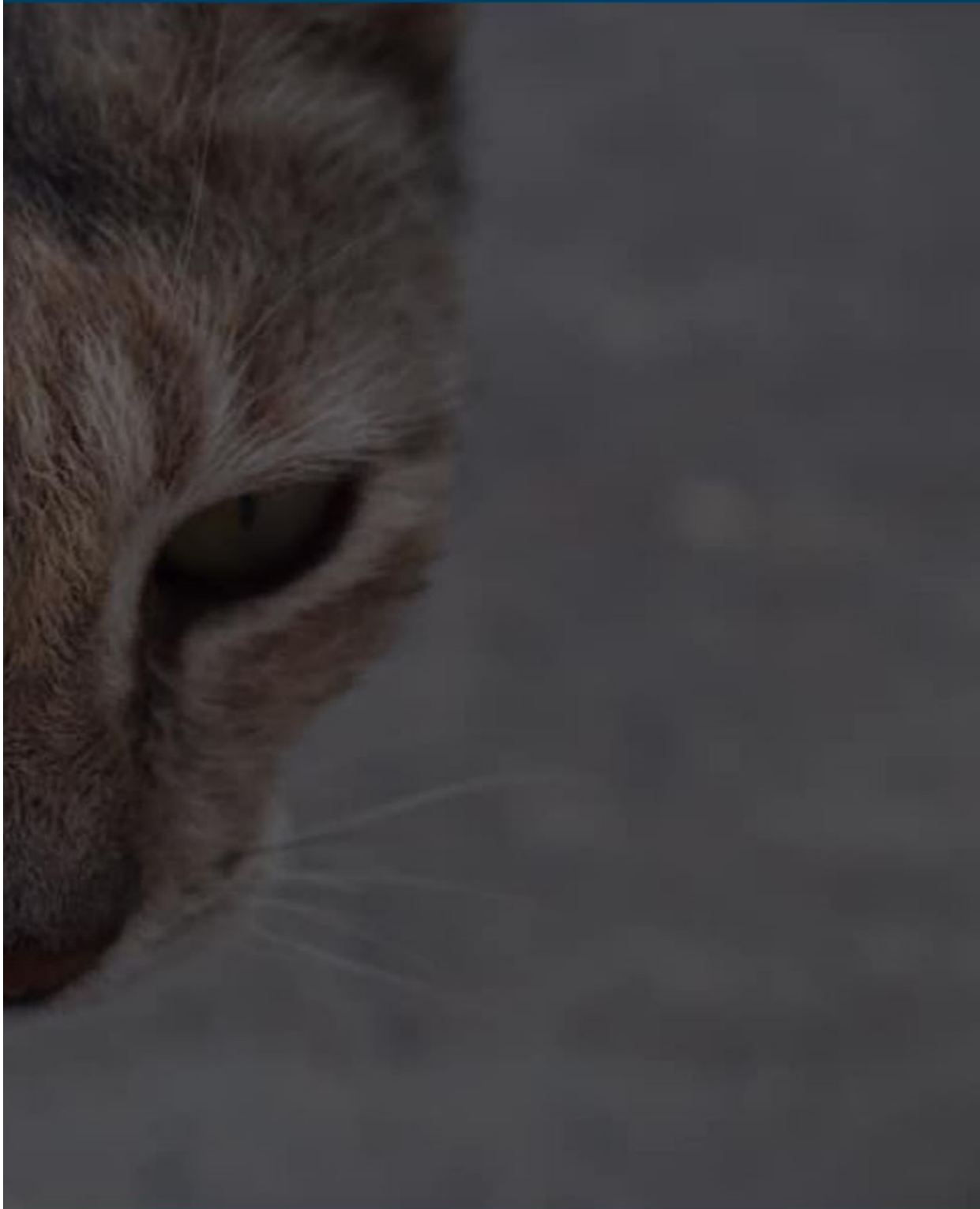
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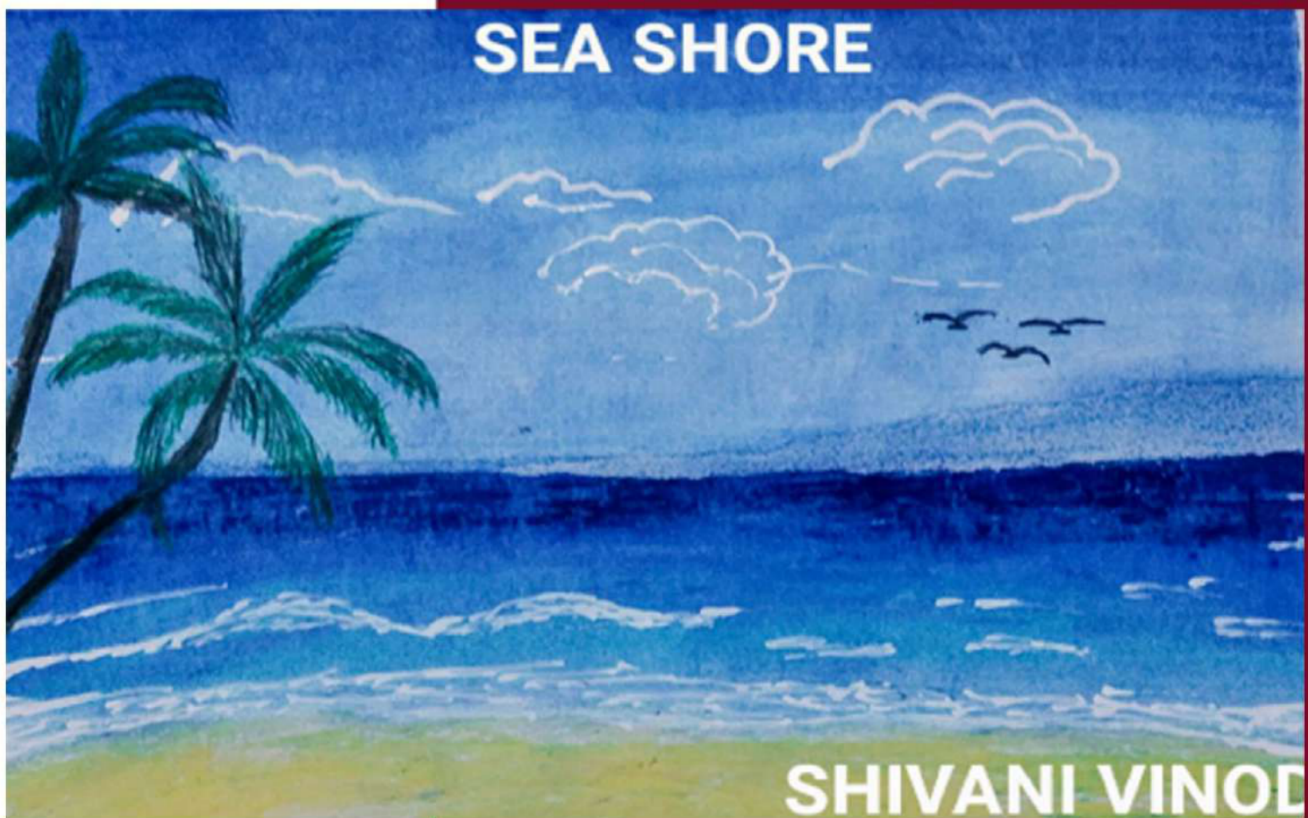
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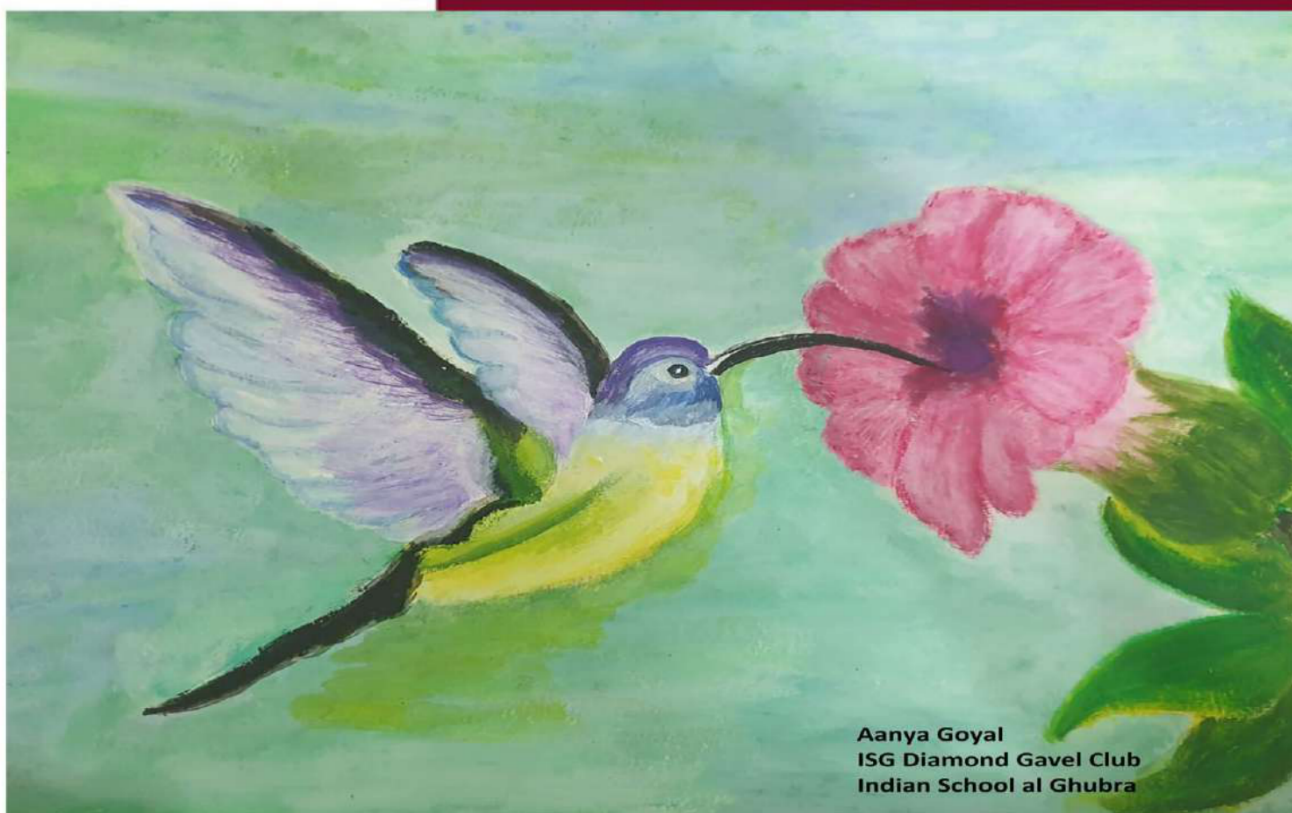
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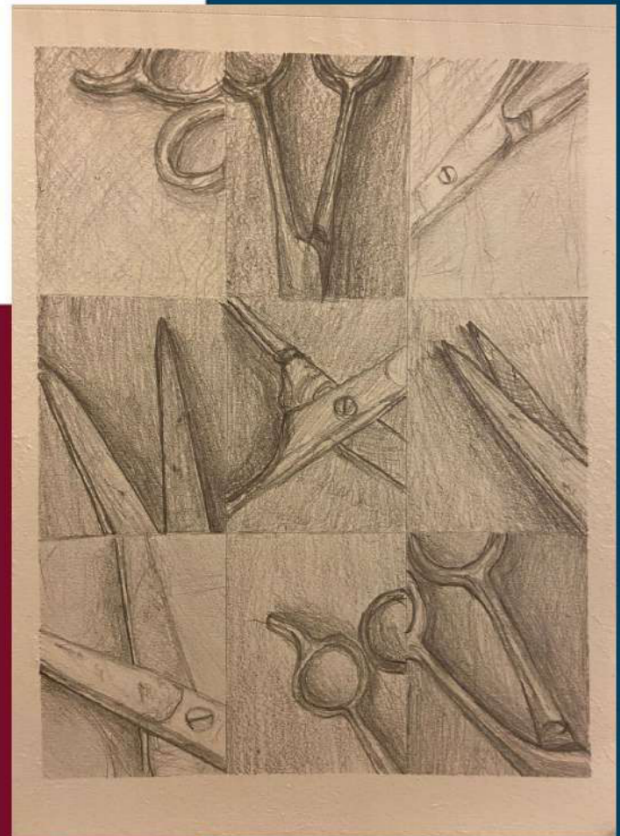


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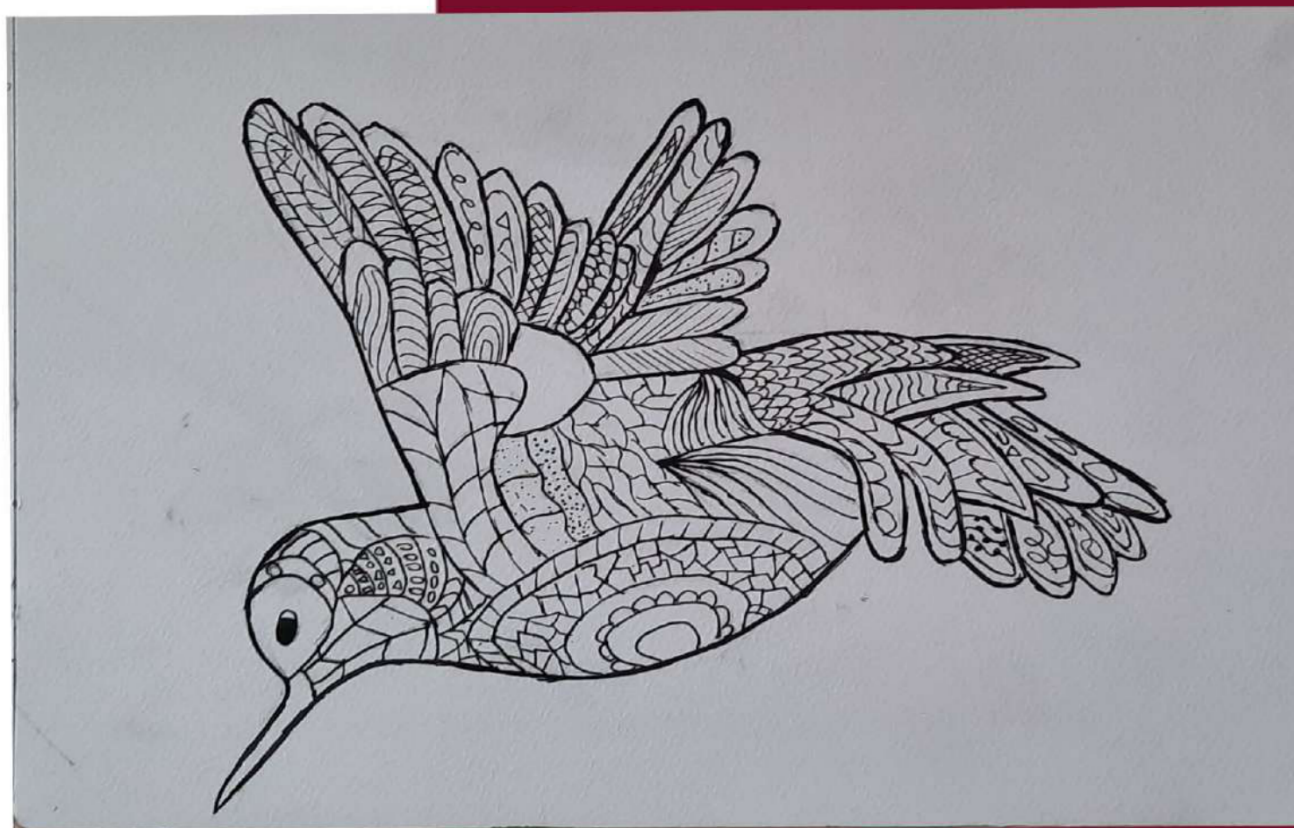
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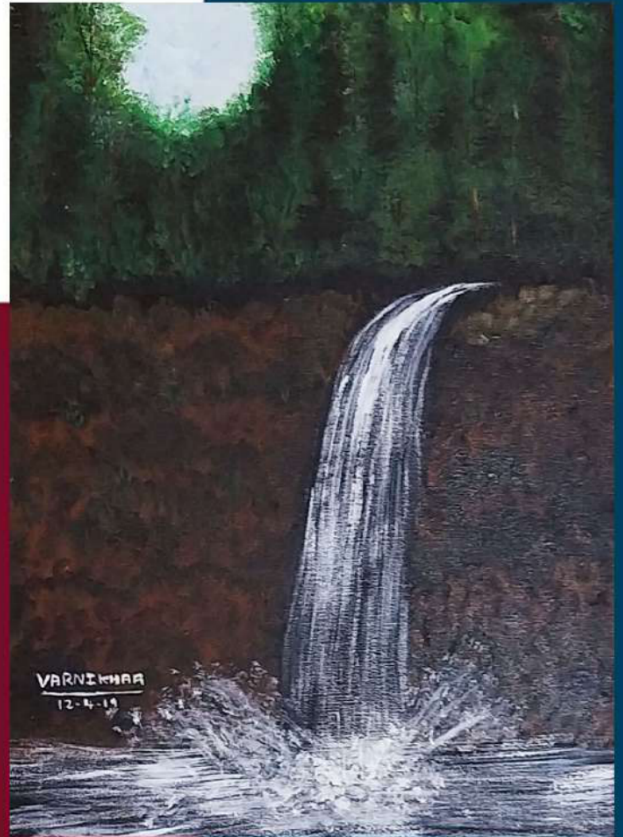
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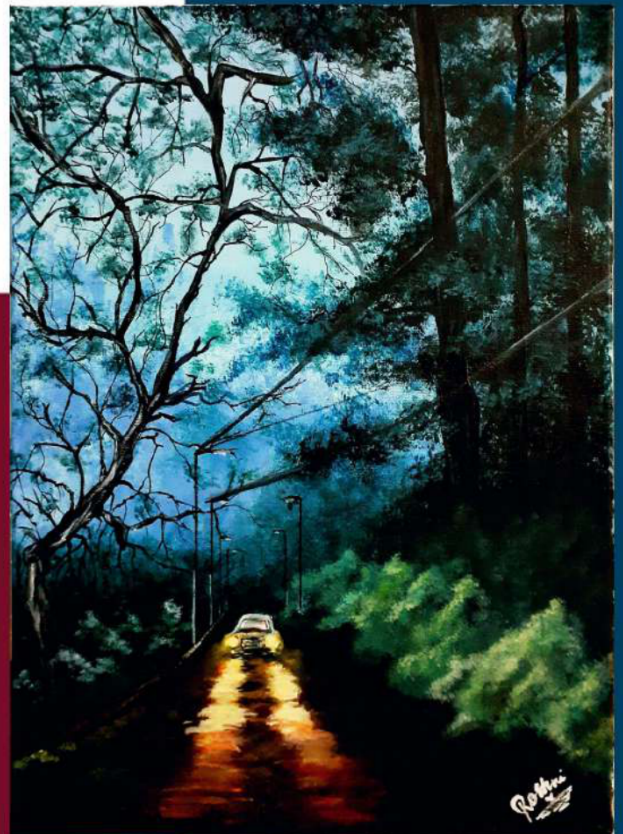
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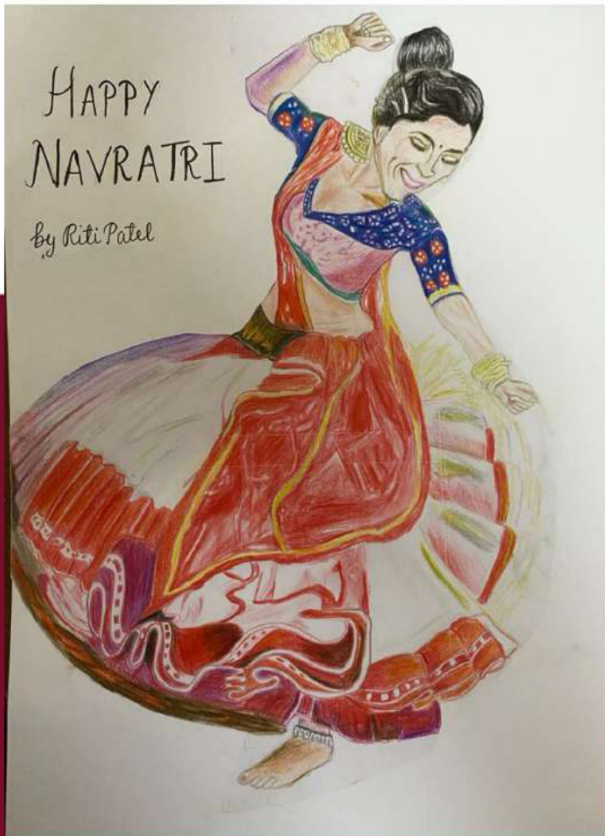
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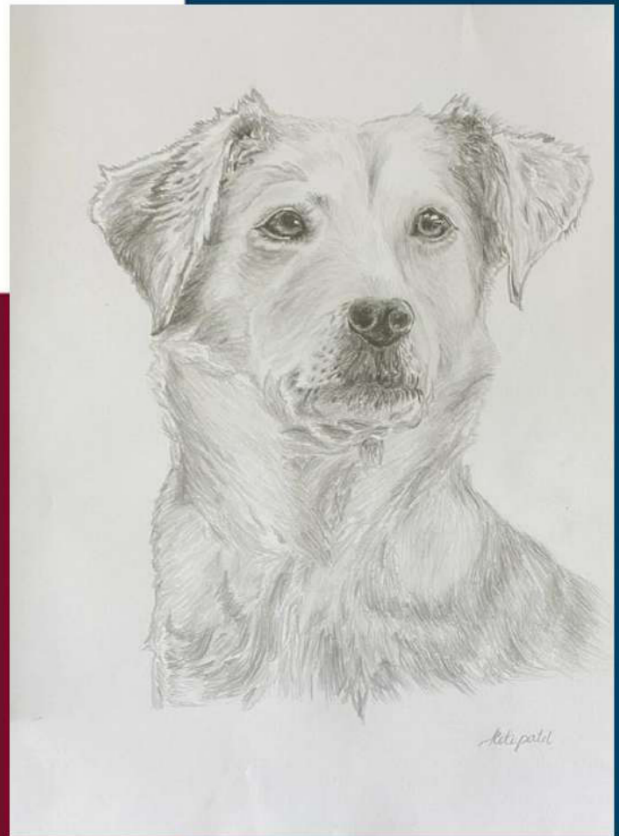
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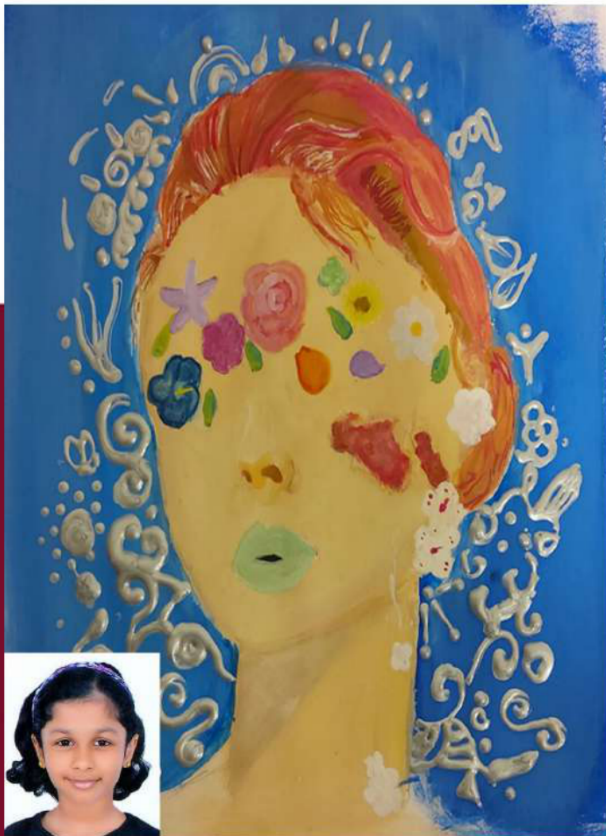
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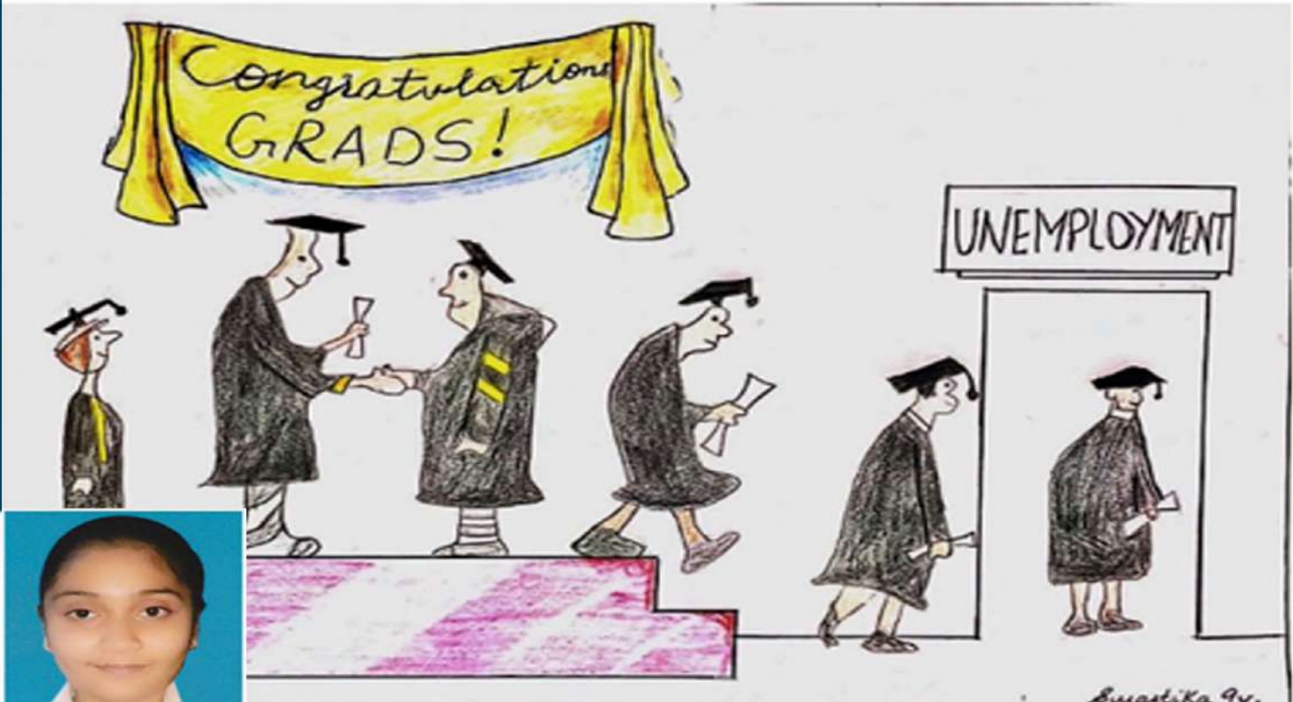
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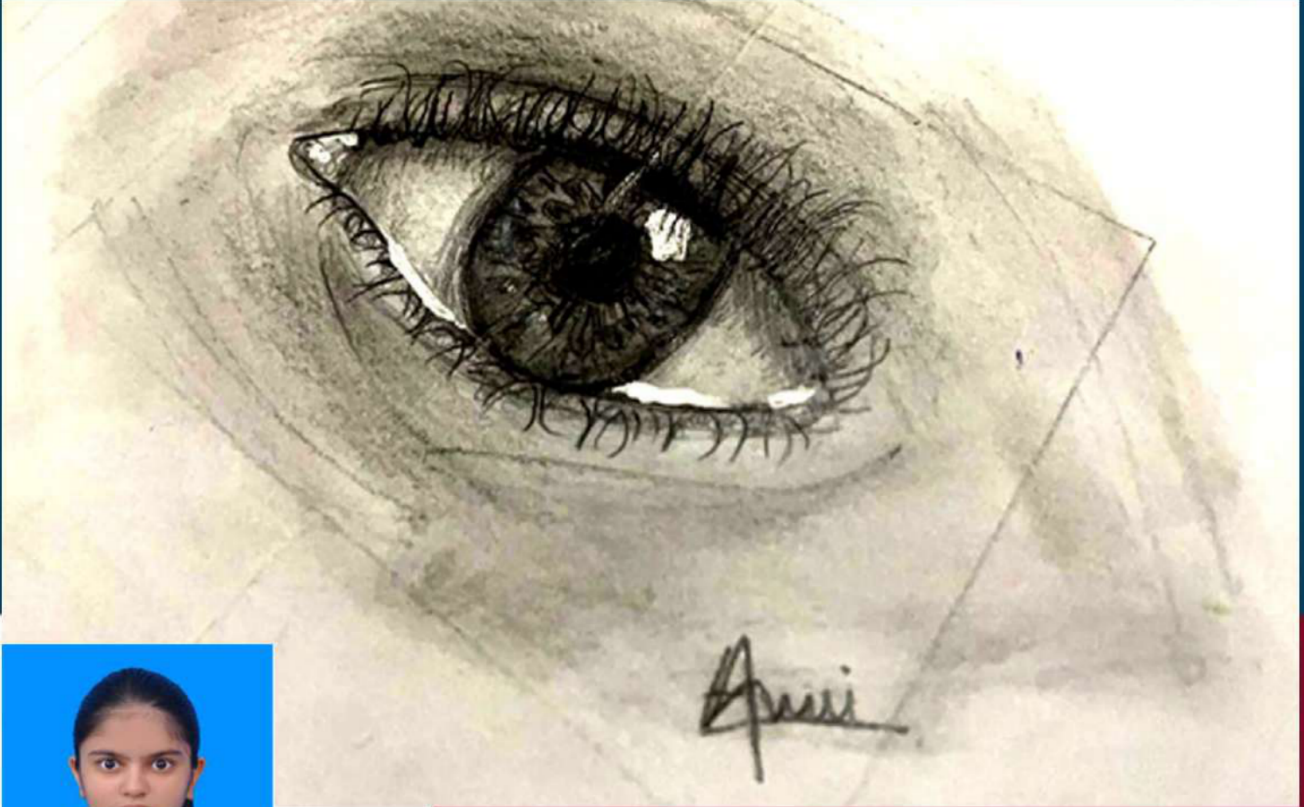
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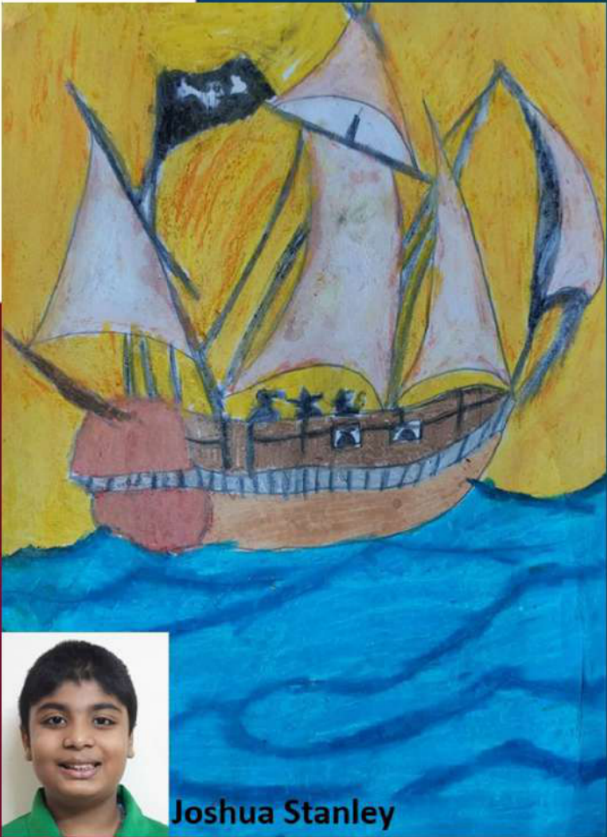
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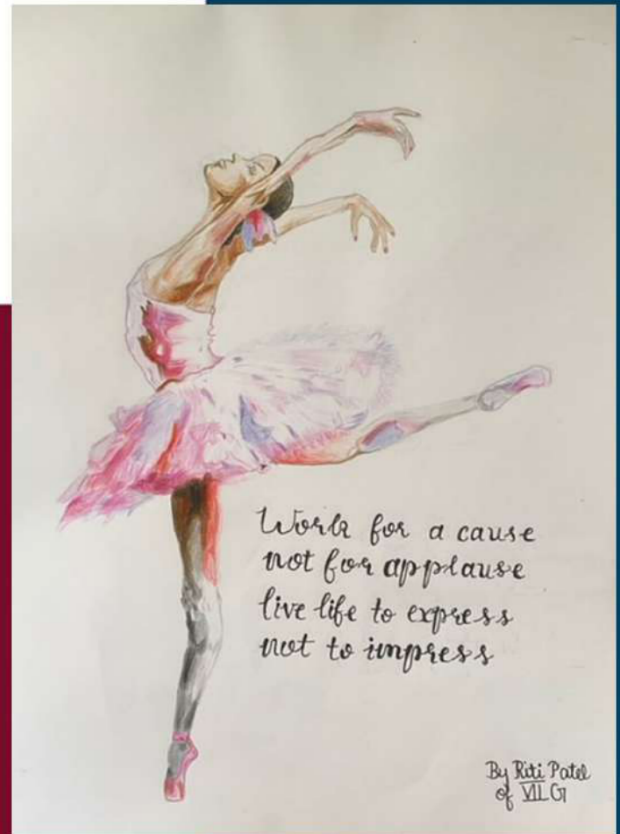


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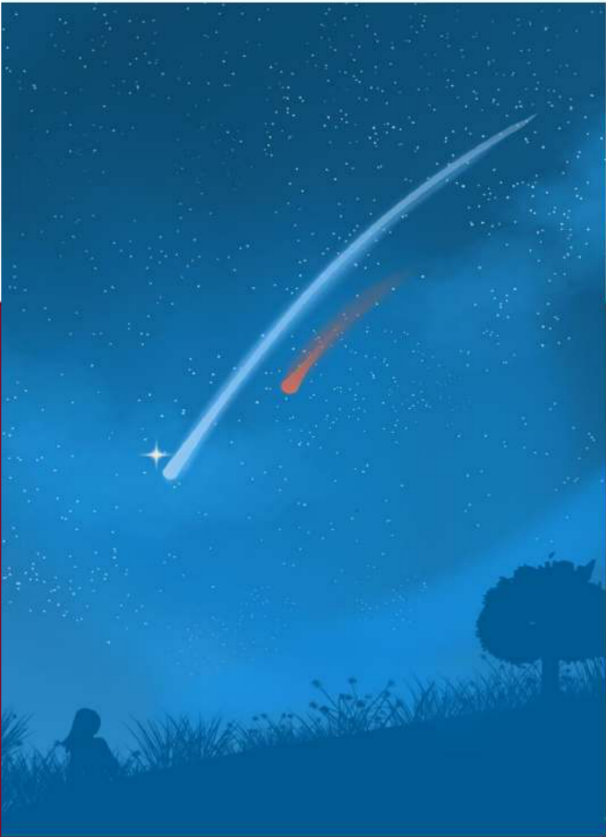
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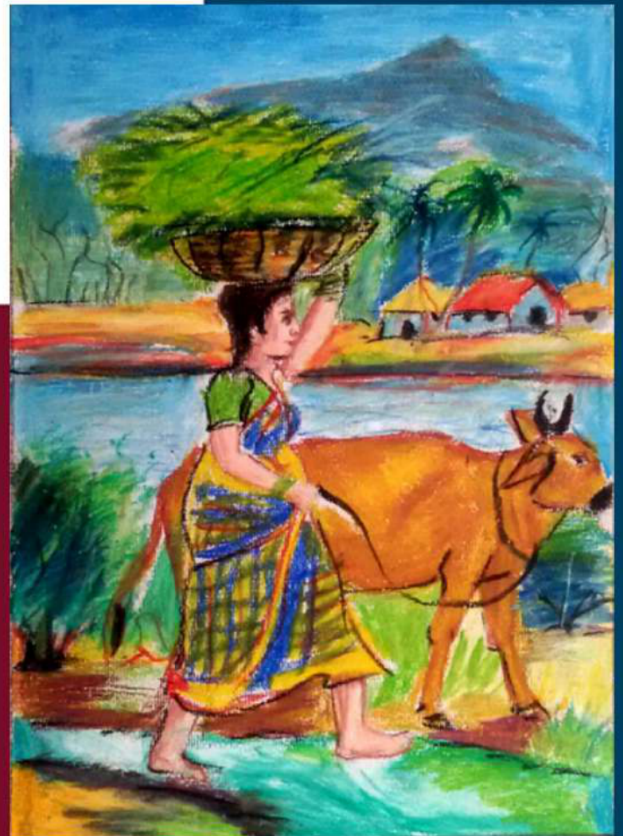
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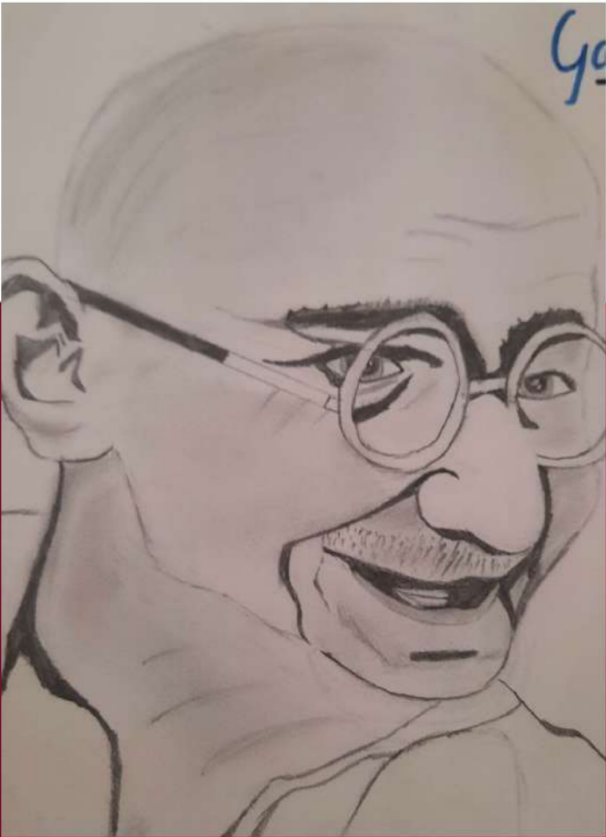
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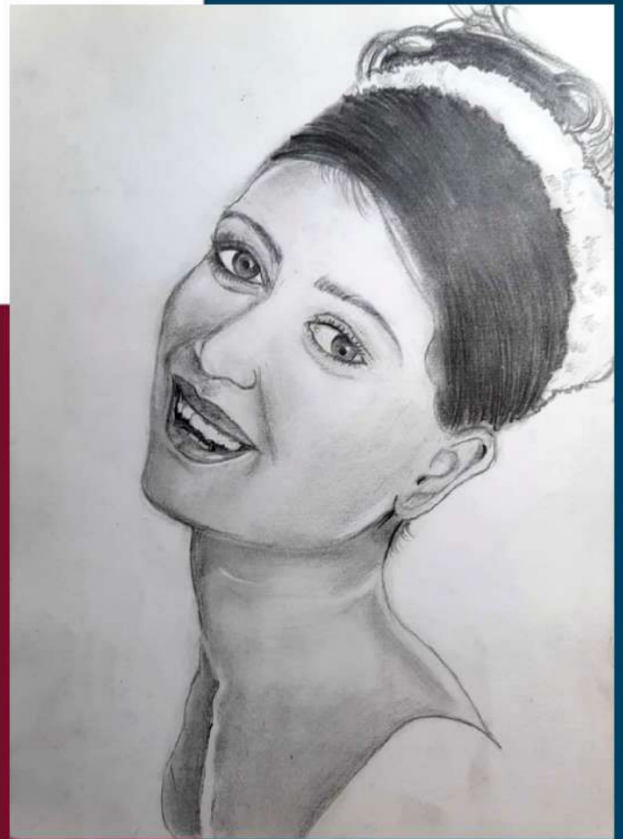
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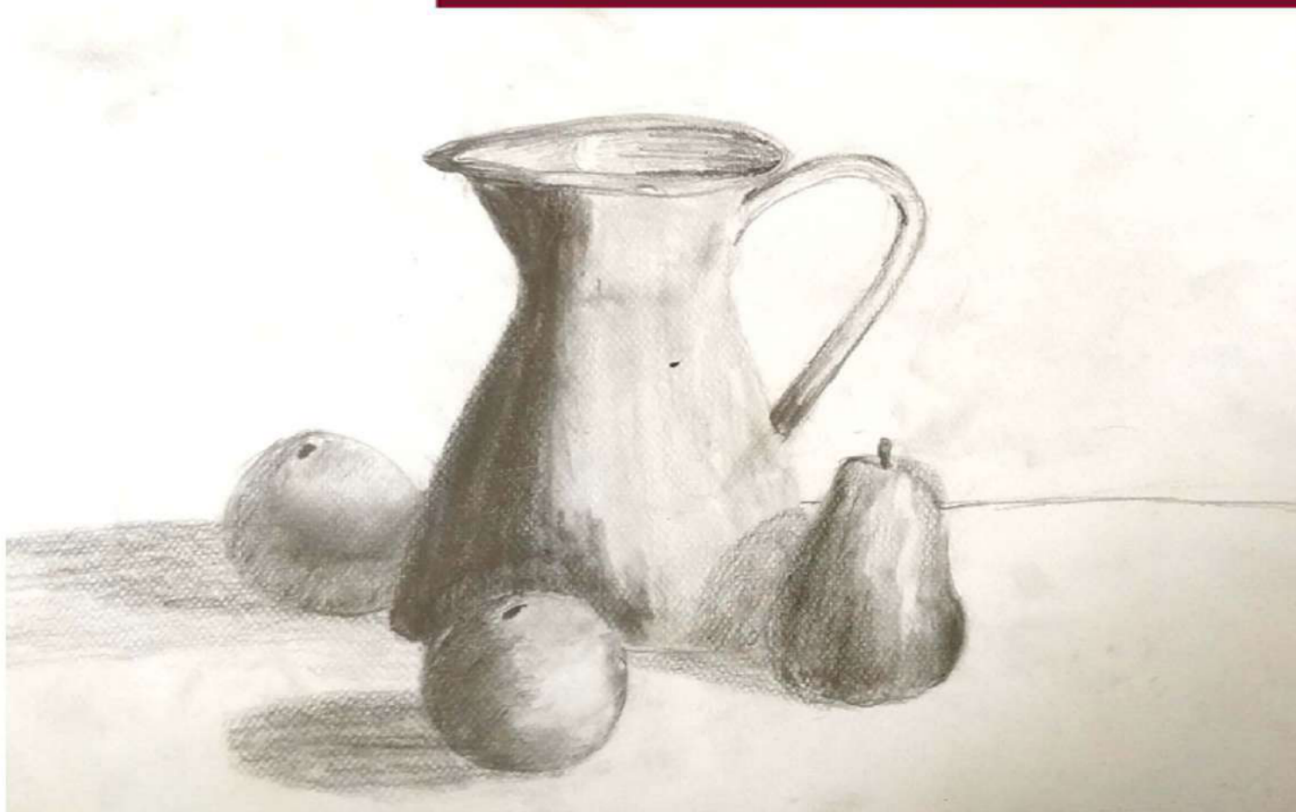
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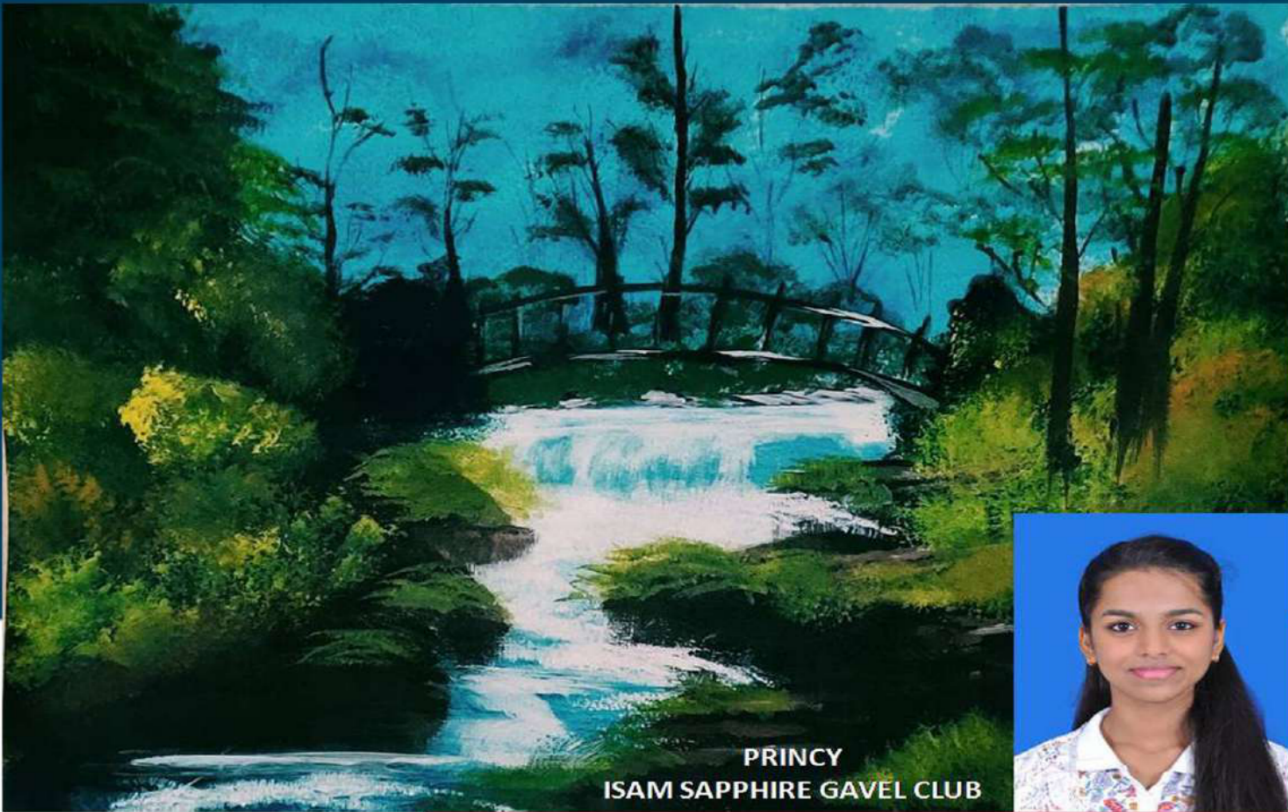
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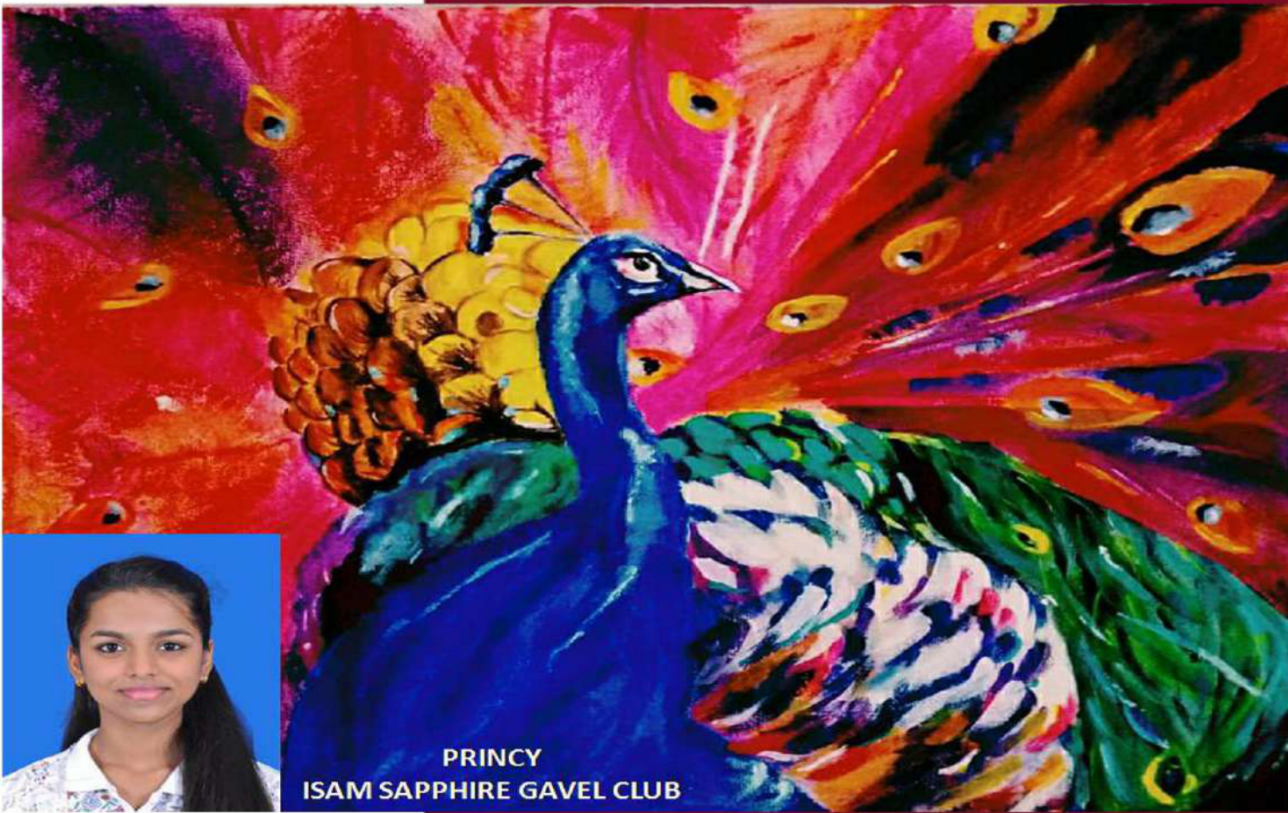
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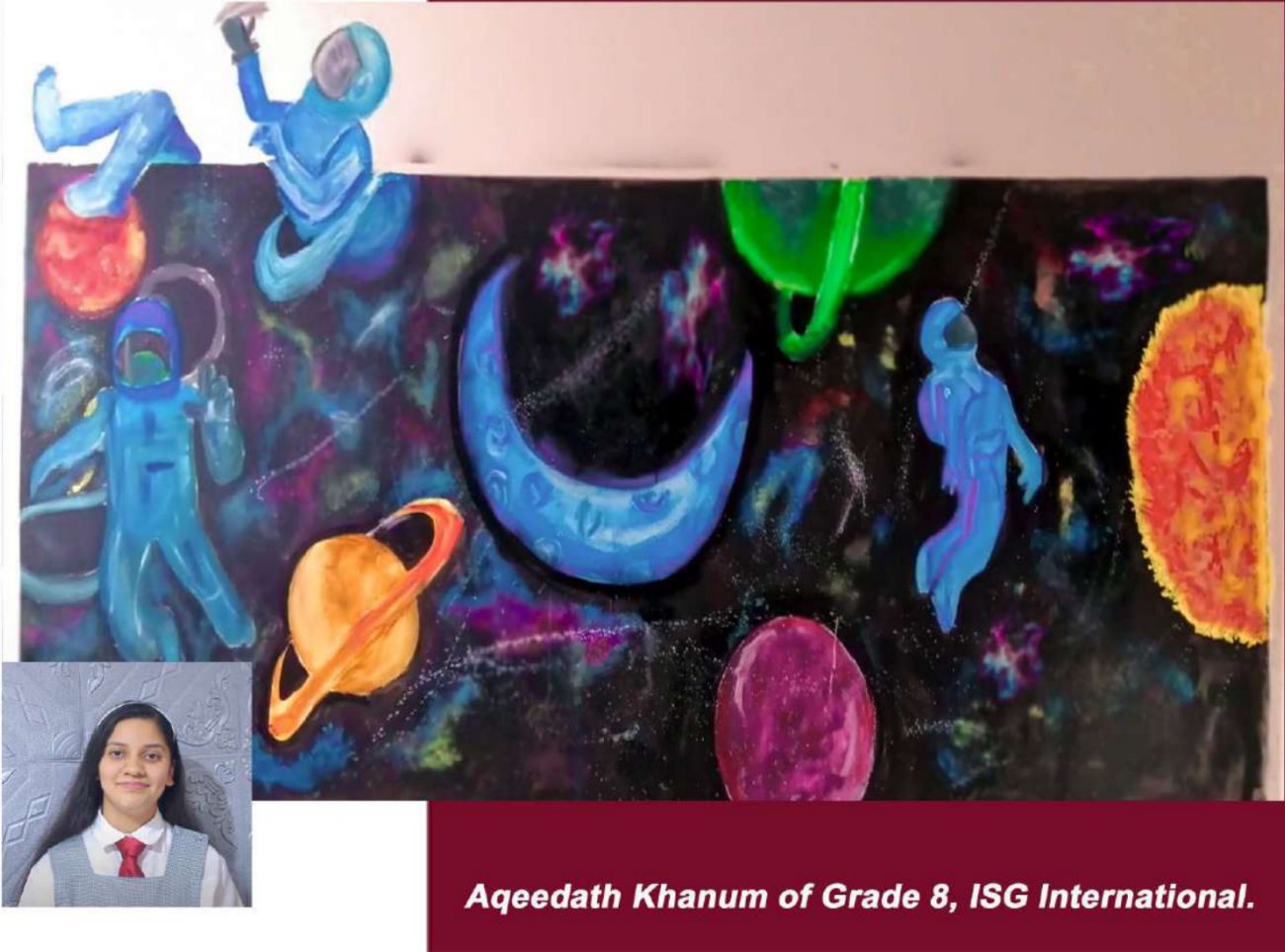
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