



# GAVELBUZZ

*The newsletter by the Gavel Clubs of Oman*

## “Ray of Hope 2021”

A photograph by Gav Sanjana Praveen

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## From The Chairman's Desk

**"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." —Nelson Mandela**

Last year was an eventful year, we had the passing away of an established and loving leader, His Majesty Sultan Qaboos Bin Said. Many countries came under lockdown due to the pandemic, many Companies could not function normally, some of them became bankrupt. We only hope that this year will be better, we had new changes coming in, the work from home concept became popular, we have also realized that we do not have to party to enjoy life.

The semifinal of the Oman Gavel Championship of Public Speaking 2021 was conducted on Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2021 among 40 Gavel clubs in Oman, there were around 280 gaveliers who contested in the semifinals. The winners of the semifinals will be contesting in the finals which will be held on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2021 on the Zoom platform. The Gaveliers were very good in their presentations, I was awestruck with some of their speeches. The finals are going to be a treat to watch. This year's contests were a new experience for all of us, as they are being conducted virtually for the first time. We were able to learn a new skill of managing the zoom platform.

The Counselors have done a remarkable job of training the Gaveliers throughout the year at the Gavel clubs with the meetings taking place virtually. I express my gratitude to all the counselors, and I am sure we will have a wonderful final with the Gaveliers displaying their might in Public Speaking.

I would like to thank the organizing committee for their dedicated work and attending the planning meetings regularly. We have worked as a team

which has helped us in the smooth functioning of the 8 semifinals and we are all set for the finals.

I am also involved with the District Toastmasters Annual Conference (DTAC 2021) as the DTAC Chair which will be taking place on 3 weekends from May 20<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> June 2021. **Celebrating resilience is the theme for DTAC 2021.** It is going to be the first time at DTAC 2021 that we will be conducting all the 4 categories, Humorous, Evaluation, Table Topics, and the International speech contest online, both in Arabic and English. We will also be having keynote speeches from world renowned speakers, who will be able to inspire and motivate you all with their thoughts and messages. We used to attend DTAC at a venue having to spend money for travel, Hotel, and the Conference. DTAC 2021 is going to be a virtual affair, we will be bringing DTAC 2021 to your home, you can relax and watch the entire DTAC 2021 without having to pay, an experience you will never regret. I have a wonderful team of Toastmasters who come from diverse backgrounds to help me out with the planning and the execution of the program.

So, Gaveliers and Counselors, I wish you all the best for the Oman Gavel Championship of Public Speaking 2021 finals and looking forward to connecting with you all for DTAC 2021. What is coming is better than what is gone.

**Cyprian Misquith, DTM,  
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## From Editor's Desk

“Anything that can go wrong will go wrong.”

These words- Murphy's Law as they are popularly known- toll in the back of my mind every time I venture into something. Some might say that it is an admission of the doom and gloom that I effectively conceal that retards my growth and progress. However, this doctrine helps me to be armed with the most powerful defense one can have against adversity- preparedness.

As opposed to the rather common perception that the year 2020 was sinister, I think it was as benevolent as its predecessors. Irrespective of all the advancements that we boast about, even the most advanced societies were not prepared enough to defend an epidemic from cutting a swath through them. It is easier blaming the “year” than our lack of preparedness. If anything, the last year reiterates why it is important to remain prepared to avoid getting caught off guard. In other words, it just echoed the significance of the Murphy's Law.

A drastic change in behaviors, though was not easy to adapt to at the outset, made us survive. Before we knew it, we were learning new skills and applying them too. The virtual meeting technology and digital platforms have become household features. They gave us opportunities to remain connected even with those overseas while adhering to the social distancing norms.

Like many of you, I too was disappointed when the Oman Gavel Championship of Public Speaking 2020 was called off due to the lock-down.

The GavelBuzz had been printed but we did not have a “stage” to publish it. Therefore, the Ex-com of the Consortium of Gavel Clubs of Oman decided to have an unpretentious meeting which was attended by less than 10 Toastmasters and counselors, some of them virtually, where the Newsletter was published.

Admittedly, the memories of that lackluster celebration was not adequate to drive us when the Newsletter Committee started the work of Gavel-Buzz 2021. I anticipated a likely slowdown in enthusiasm once again, as the revelry of OGCPs of the previous years continued to be forbidden. The initial responses were sluggish and that made me slack off too. With the dawning of the new year and the commencement of the new school term, things have changed and the Gavel-buzz's email was soon bursting at the seams. Suddenly, the Committee was back to the wall with extremely limited time left and abundant work to do. The quantity of material that poured in for publication was far more than we did the previous years.

The Committee is fortunate to have in it two English teachers who did the proof reading. TM Ann Thomas and TM Rajiba Naushad did an incredible job in dotting the I's and crossing the t's in just over 2 days irrespective of their busy official and family commitment. Applying my limited skills, I tried to prepare a decently laid out document. And we were ready with the new Gavel-Buzz 2021- just in time. The counselors have al-





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so done a remarkable job in collecting material and sending them in.

In keeping with the fad of the present times, GavelBuzz 2021 will be published in pdf version only. The publication will happen during the first virtual OGCPs event on Friday, 29-January-2021. I can assure you that it is a treasure of information with thought provoking write-ups, poems, artwork etc; all by the young Gaveliers.

I believe that this increased participation and support is a sign of resilience of the youth. Instead of dwelling on the past, they are now pre-

pared to move on to the new world order with new learnings and new skills. It is this preparedness that gives them the energy to be resilient. The photograph in the cover page is an example how they are hopeful of the days to come. It is the preparedness that gives one the courage to hope and dream!

We cannot pre-empt adversities. Let's be prepared to confront them.

Sunil Sadasivan, DTM  
Chief Editor

## GAVELBUZZ 2021 NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

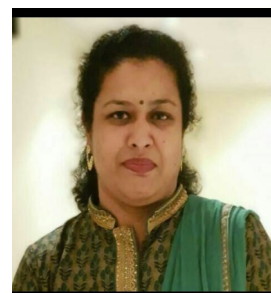


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*The home, now abandoned, is like a body without soul. One day, a curious man entered into the house and found a dusty letter on the entrance...*

## House To History

Deep inside a forest on a tall mountain stands an old yet magnificent house. It has a huge wooden door and cracked windows. The house is surrounded by the echoing of rustling leaves. The wind gushes into the abandoned house through its cracked windows that can shatter at any moment. From the house, one can see the entire city and the entire city can see the abandoned house.

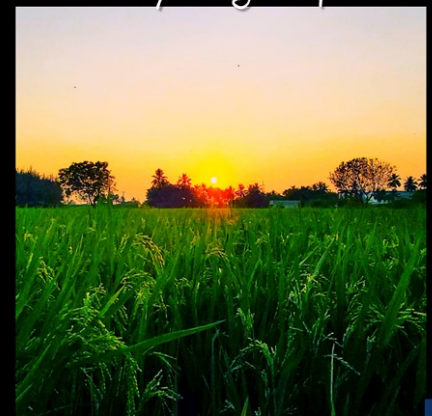
The people of the city believe that this lonely house was once filled with the chattering of little children and their huge family. One fine day the family left their home for a vacation but unfortunately, never returned. The home, now abandoned, is like a body without soul. One day, a curious man entered into the house and found a dusty letter on the entrance.

The letter was written by one of the family members and it said that anyone who finds the letter must take the initiative of converting this house to a museum for it had many historical statues and mysterious objects. It also said that the house had a secret for the first visitor of the house. The man searched the house for five days and finally found a box filled with the most precious jewels. He used a bit of that treasure to convert the house into a museum and was generous enough to distribute the rest of it to the poor and needy. Nobody knows why the family left their lovely house and from where those historical statues and precious jewels came from. The house is a hub of mysteries yet to be found.



Painting by Swagath,  
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*In nature, nothing is perfect and everything is perfect!*



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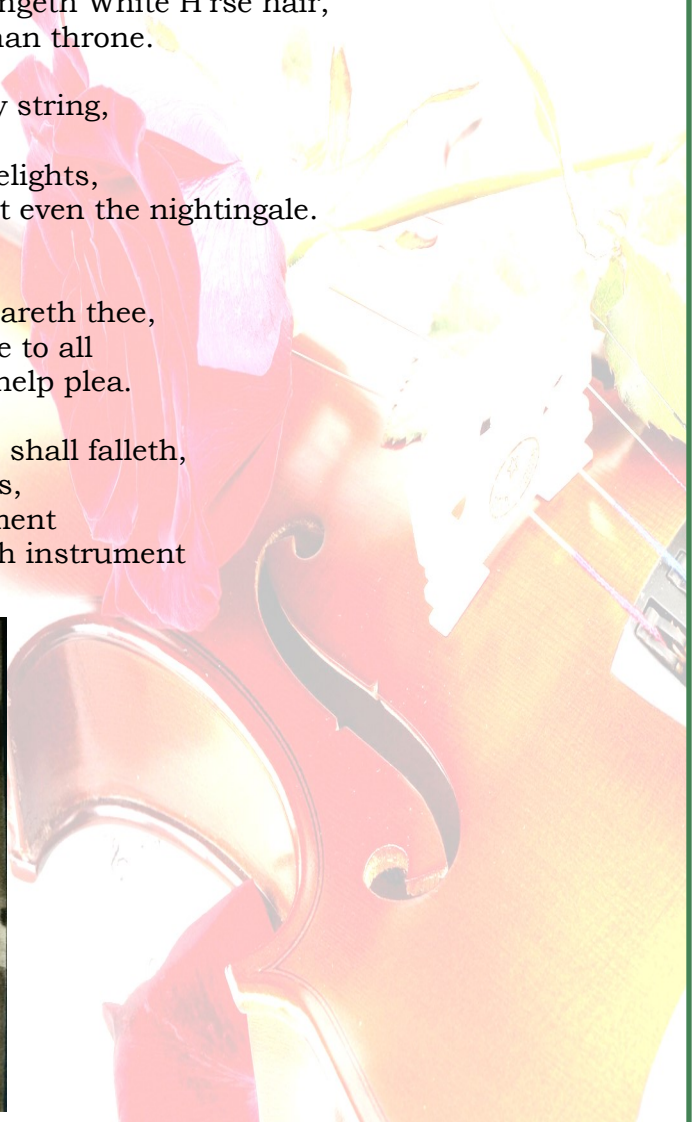
## Ode to My Violin

The beautifully did polish wooden weareth,  
With fine strings all tun'd to the p'fect tune,  
Whose bow madeth from silky longeth White H'rse hair,  
Thy glistening varnish bright'r than throne.

At which hour thy bow meets thy string,  
Heartfelt, a song is hath heard,  
A song full of life's s'rrows and delights,  
The song yond none did beat, not even the nightingale.

A romantic melody in the night,  
Thy notes so high, angels can heareth thee,  
So pure and soulful, giving desire to all  
As the music slows, one cannot help plea.

Please don't cease thy song lest I shall falleth,  
Into deep dark tunnels and alleys,  
Hark! captivate by this enchantment  
Did play by the majestic stringeth instrument



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*Art is never perfect but it is never flawed either because art is never what you see, it is what you make others see and feel*

## To Be Creative Is To Be In Love With Life...

Aristotle once said, "The aim of art is not to represent the outward appearance of things but their inward significance." In science, it would be defined as a creative activity that expresses imaginative or technical skill. It produces a product, an object. To most people, art is just something done by renowned people like Frida Kahlo or Leonardo Da Vinci, but art is everywhere! It is in the soft singing of the girl next door or the imperfect dancing of your sibling or the scribbled drawing made by that bubbly baby.

Art isn't just painting and sculpting, it is singing, dancing, acting, fashion or anything really that showcases the feeling you aren't able to express otherwise. It is the loudest silence on the planet. It holds no guidelines, no rules and no boundaries...the only thing that stops you is the rationality, that everyone worships, stumping your creativity. Art is never perfect but it is never flawed either because art is never what you see, it is what you make others see and feel. Sometimes the words you don't know how to say are best expressed in the form of an interpretive dance, a song, a simple play that you wrote from your heart or even by a few strokes of the supple paintbrush. Even the earth without art is just eh.

Pablo Picasso once very rightly said, "Learn the rules like a pro, so you can break them like an artist." Art, very simply put, is YOU...it is every thought you have ever had, every feeling you have felt and everything you have ever done. Embrace art like an old friend because it is the one thing that will never ever abandon you even when everyone else does, no matter how hard things get.



Painting by Keerthana,  
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A painting by Gav Shanmugapriya,  
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*Time changes with the tides,  
from miserable lows to epic  
highs.  
Nature heals pain quicker when  
there is despair to defy.*

## Positivity

At times when sunny days become cloudy or gloomy,  
Or when life turns days upside down,  
when ones efforts of change seem puny.  
There is always a pinch of faint positivity  
In every situation, in one's expectations or reality.

Time changes with the tides, from miserable lows to epic highs,  
Nature heals pain quicker when there is despair to defy.  
Hope's is the strongest when shared with humankind,  
It's more contagious than any disease as it's easier to be kind.

In roads of hardship and misery, when childhood dreams are in peril,  
Count on your friendships and triumphs for something to revel,  
In any given situation, we are given quite a while  
To achieve anything we can while doing it all with a smile.



Gav Diya Krishna of KTI Gavel Club captured the vibrant Necklace of Rainbow by the sea through her lens



Drawing by Gav Kevin Jim Itty  
ISM



Gav. Neerav Krishna  
Oman Prodigies  
Gavel Club

*Now a new phase of rocket development has begun.*

*This time the competition is not in between countries, rather the competition is amongst the various private companies. The focus is to increase the economic feasibility of space travel.*

*The front runners in this type of rocketry are*

## The Sky and Beyond

When we gaze at the glorious night sky, we see not only the strikingly beautiful stars but also the tactically placed artificial satellites. Modern day life is not possible without these artificial satellites. From GPS to forecasts, to imagery, satellites are designed from the ground up to make our lives easy. But the question arises, how do they reach space? And that is where rockets come into play.

Humans have always been fascinated by the sky and beyond. Just recently, on 17th December 2020, humans celebrated 117 years of flying in the sky. Once the sky was conquered, naturally the next step was space. The modern day rockets we see are based on concepts which are about 2000 years old. It originated in the first century when the Chinese launched small rockets as fireworks to ward off bad spirits. Since then, rockets have altered the course of the human civilisation. The concept of the modern-day rocket which goes to space was first demonstrated with the help of the V2 rocket which was invented by the German scientist Wernher von Braun. The V2's launch in 1942 marked the arrival of the Space age in human civilisation.

During the Cold war, two Superpowers were pitted against each other to develop new space technology. There was a rapid and unprecedented development in space technology. In 1961 at the height of the cold war, Russia launched the first human into space on their mission Vostok-1 for a 108 minutes flight in space. As a counter to this feat, the Americans announced the famous Apollo moon mission. The success of the Apollo 13 mission announced the end of the Cold War and the golden age of Space Technology.

The Saturn V rocket developed for the Apollo missions, broke all barriers and pushed the technology we had, to its limits. The sheer size and the thrust that the Saturn V produced has not been matched by any rocket built till the present day.

Now a new phase of rocket development has begun. This time the competition is not in between countries, rather the competition is amongst the various private companies. The focus is to increase the economic feasibility of space travel. The front runners in this type of rocketry are SpaceX. This company founded by Elon Musk has built rockets that can be reused multiple times just like aircrafts. The landing and reuse of the rocket booster done by SpaceX has drastically reduced the cost launching satellites. Another company which has started their reusable rocket venture, is Blue Origin whose founder is Jeff Bezos.

This competition and desire to make rockets more economical, assures a future filled with prosperity. As we move towards making other planets our home, it is important for us to know about the vehicles which will take us there. Rockets are the vehicles that will help us in our endeavour to see the strikingly beautiful stars from other planets!



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## NOT MINE OR YOURS; THE WORLD'S ROLE MODEL

Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam was born on 15 October, 1931 in Dhanushkodi, Rameswaram, Tamil Nadu. His birth anniversary is observed as World Student's Day. He was the President of India from 2002 to 2007.

Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam inspired me in many ways but one thing which inspired me most was his reaction and adaption to Failure. He tried again and again to achieve something. He made me understand that "HARDWORK FOREVER PAYS"



He was known as the Missile Man of India for his important role in the nation's civilian space programme and military missile development.

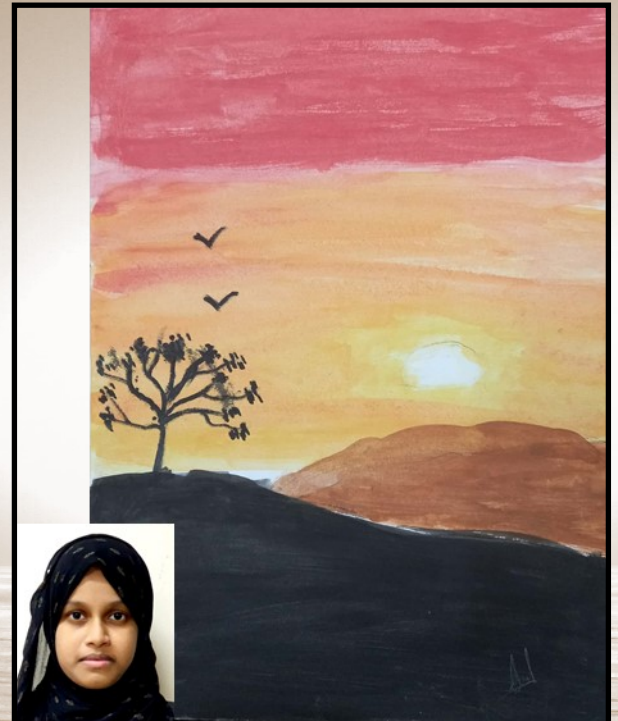
"FAILURE will never overtake me if my definition to SUCCEED is strong enough", he said.

On 27 July 2015, Dr. Abdul Kalam suffered a heart attack. His last words, to Srijan Pal Singh, were "Funny guy! Are you doing well?"

"Dream is not that which you see while sleeping it is something that does not let you sleep. and thoughts result in action." — Abdul Kalam A. P. J.



Drawings by Gav Paul David,  
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Painting by Sana Akbar, Valluvam  
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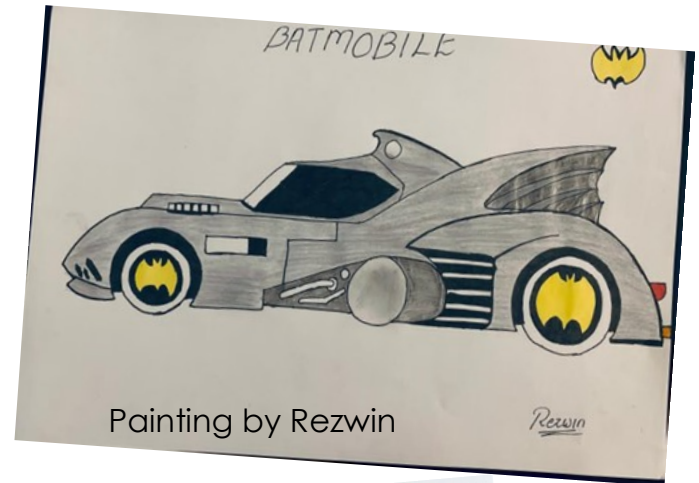
## Where are all the Aliens?



It is always intriguing when we come to the topic of Aliens, right? There is always a speculation about it. But where are all the aliens? In this ever-expanding Universe, there have to be life somewhere, right? But, we cannot see any sign of them, maybe we are alone in this universe. But, they should have existed at least. Well... Yes, But, Now I am going to share a new research that has been released upon this, this theory is called the great filter. According to this, there could have been great multiplanetary civilizations that would have flourished and had great capacities. But, what happened to them? Theory states that they could have perished, mainly due to the total depletion of resources or they could have been destroyed due to wars among them . Sounds scary, right?

This thing could happen to us. Yes, we are cutting down trees, over grazing, over mining , destroying ecosystems and causing damage to the ecological balance. Now, it sounds, **EVEN MORE SCARY**, right? But, this depends on us. We can stop this. We can turn away from the great filter, But, This has to be taken up seriously and we must start working on it, starting now. We can do this by conserving energy. We have to take this action now, before ,we are too late. Let's be optimistic, and we will reach the stars!

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This reality is a beautiful illusion

Painting by  
Prakruti D Mistry,

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*The next day at the visit, Rose with a bright smile gave Lily, who was busy reading, a bag of persimmons. Lily was surprised and after they were washed and cut, Lily ate them while Rose was looking at her curiously with a smile! Lily's eyes were filled with tears. Rose went and hugged her. Lily while crying said, "I'm sorry for troubling you. Rose. You are such a great friend. forgive me!"*

## Friends

Two girls, Lily and Rose were best of friends. They lived a comfortable life with their happy family. Their parents were good friends as well. These two girls grew their friendship through their love of music and persimmons. Persimmons were their "fruit of friendship". They had fun together, they were happy together, they were inseparable and good things were always by their side. But it sort of changed one day... One autumn day, when Lily and Rose were sitting under the persimmon tree near their home. The persimmon tree was their favourite place, where they made a lot of memories together. Lily stood up and asked Rose,

"Do you remember the day we first met?" Lily looked at Rose with a cheerful smile.

Rose looked at her and smiled and when she was about to reply, suddenly that cheerful expression of Rose changed to shock. Rose screamed, Lily and Rose's parents were having a chat in the backyard when they heard Rose's scream.

They rushed to see what had happened. When they reached there, they were shocked. They saw a sobbing Rose holding unconscious Lily.

Lily's dad said, "I'll call the ambulance!", Lily and Rose's mothers went to comfort their daughters. Rose's mother hugged her sobbing daughter and calmed her down saying, "shhhh, it's alright. Lily will be alright, don't worry!" Lily's mother was calling Lily, "Lily dear, are you alright, can you answer?"

The ambulance arrived shortly after and Lily was rushed to the hospital shortly after. When Lily was in the emergency room, in the waiting room were Lily's parents being comforted by Rose and her parents. The doctor arrived and he called them and sighed and said with a worry in his voice, "Lily has an infection in her lungs, she had it for a few weeks but it was unnoticeable, now the infection has worsened. She'll have to stay in the hospital for a few weeks". Lily's parents were shocked by this news. They didn't want anything to happen to their daughter.

Rose was scared as well, she didn't want anything very serious to happen to her! Rose was comforted by her parents who reassured her. "Everything's fine Rose, don't worry Lily will be fine in a few weeks!". Days passed Rose and both of Lily and Rose's parents went to visit Lily everyday and Rose would be by Lily's side to tell her of what happened everyday.

Lily always enjoyed Rose's goofy presence. One time, Rose looked at Lily and asked, "Are you okay Lily? Do you want to rest?", Lily with a weak smile shook her head and said, "No, I'm not tired!". Rose went to look for her parents after the visit, when she reached the doctor's office she overheard the doctor saying,

"I'm afraid Lily's health is getting worse day by day and she might not be able to survive many days! Rose froze at that statement but she still heard what was being said "Lily feels like a burden to everyone and doesn't want to live any longer! The medicines aren't helping either this way!" Lily's parents were crying and Rose's parents were comforting them. Rose's eyes filled with tears she ran to the washroom where she cried thinking, "why Lily? Why did you say that?", The next day, Rose went to visit Lily, ignoring yesterday's incident. Rose approached Lily and gave her a paper and a pen and said, "Write your wish list and once you get better we will do it together!" She had gotten this idea at her home the previous night. Lily took the paper and Rose left the room saying, "I'll come back when you are done!"





Gav Merine Sebastian  
Class IX B  
ISAS Lincoln

Minutes passed and Rose went to check on Lily and Rose took the paper and read it in bold letters, it said," Lily's to-do list.

1. I WANT TO EAT PERSIMMONS and
2. I WANT TO SING A SONG WITH ROSE.

Rose took a sigh and asked, "Do you have any more wishes Lily?" Lily shook her head! Rose took a sigh and said, "Well it isn't winter yet, so we have to wait for persimmons but alright let's do this!". The determined Rose was excited to make a song with Lily. Both of them wrote a song with the help and support of their parents. And together, Lily and Rose sang a song about their friendship. It was a fun day for them. Soon winter arrived, the persimmon trees bore sweet persimmons. Rose was determined to fulfill Lily's last wish!. The next day, Rose spent the entire day collecting persimmons for Lily!. She didn't care about the cold wind that blew and the snow that fell! Rose really forgot to take care of herself!. The next day at the visit, Rose with a bright smile gave Lily, who was busy reading, a bag of persimmons. Lily was surprised and after they were washed and cut, Lily ate them while Rose was looking at her curiously with a smile! Lily's eyes were filled with tears. Rose went and hugged her. Lily while crying said, "I'm sorry for troubling you, Rose. You are such a great friend, forgive me!" Rose replied, "It's ok Lily, don't worry you never troubled me!" Lily who saw Rose's determined spirit wanted to live again!. At home, Rose had got a cold and was soon diagnosed with pneumonia. Her condition was getting worse due to her delicate health, on the other hand Lily was recovering and soon she was healthy and happy. Lily went to visit Rose in the hospital.

Lily said, "You took care of me, now I'll look after you!". Rose with a weak smile replied, "Thank you Lily!". They hugged and said their byes and left. That night, Rose hugged her parents and gave them a letter and said to them in a feeble voice, "Take care, love you both and be happy always no matter what!" Her parents knew the disease was getting strong and she couldn't fight it anymore! Her parents cried and comforted each other..... At Rose's funeral. Everyone, Rose's family and friends and Lily and her family were there. Everyone said their eulogies. After the funeral, Rose's mother gave Lily the letter and said, "Rose wanted you to have this!" Rose's mother hugged her and in the evening Lily took that letter and sat under the persimmon and read the letter. The letter showed her love for her friend. It read

"Dear Lily, hope you live a happy life! Don't worry about me, I'll always be with you! Thank you for the memories! Thanks to you, my family and the people I met made me live a happy life! I'll love you with all my heart! No matter how hard life will be we need to overcome them! We need to move on from the past as well! Live a happy life! Take care! Please take good care of my parents, they need someone to be with them! Goodbye! With Love, Your Best Friend, Rose!", Lily was in tears, her heart felt heavy but she knew she had to move on! She whispered to herself, "I'll miss you too Rose!" "She looked at the sweet persimmons. Its aroma calmed her down. She took a deep breath and held the letter close to her chest and said, "I promise Rose, I'll live a happy life and move on!", then a cool winter breeze

blew on her face. Lily looked up at the blue sky with a smile and dried off her tears and said, "You'll always have a place in my heart, Rose. Goodbye and Take care!"







Gav Mahalakshmi  
Tadimety  
KTI Gavel Club

*In the olden times when there  
were no vehicles humans trav-  
elled on foot...*

## Perks of morning walks

To me morning walks are more than just wondering around.

- Morning walks have so many benefits, personally whenever I am stuck or pondering over something I take a small break and go out. This helps me boost my creativity. What about you, does this help you too??
- Morning walks help us to get off our devices and come closer to Mother Nature.
- It is a great way to enjoy the weather and take our minds off things
- Going for morning walks on the beach is even more fun as we get to discover new things like dead corals, sea anemones and many more.
- For people who face depression, heart problems and obesity morning walks alleviate their health.
- Walking also helps make your muscles strong.
- It is extremely good for the environment as it does not promote pollution.
- It helps us to notice things that can't be observed from a car.
- Treadmills aren't similar to going on a morning walk as on a treadmill you don't get fresh air.
- In the olden times when there were no vehicles humans travelled on foot.

But as they say everything comes with advantages and disadvantages

- so if you are living in a place like Delhi you might want to avoid going on walks due to the high level of pollution.
- When it is pouring rain outside you can't go for a walk. As you might get sick.
- During pandemics like the covid-19 outbreak it is better you stay home and stay safe.

So I think going on a morning walk is necessary to maintain good health but not during covid-19 outbreak. I hope after reading this article you start going on morning walks more frequently.. (DO NOT PROCRASTINATE)



Paintings by Azia Thajudeen, ISM





Gav Adrika Raut  
ISAS Gavel Club

*You give us an outburst of  
knowledge  
Teacher, sir, ma'am anything  
I call you  
You are the same to us.*

## Teacher, You Are The Best

Teacher you are the best,  
You never take our test.  
You are a treasure,  
And for us it is a pleasure.  
You also transform our school from study land to fun land.

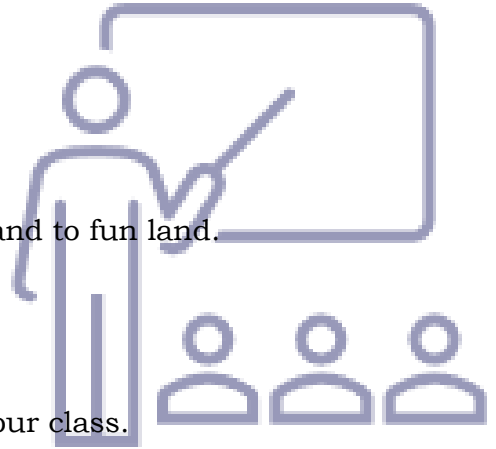
You are just like one among us.  
Teacher, teacher we say,  
You take us to new bay.  
You always cause much mirth to us.  
You always give us a pleasing welcome to your class.

Away from our homeland,  
In our wonderland.  
You are like a candle and we receive your glow.  
No one can say lies in front of your brow.  
You make every study confusion a GK and easy.

You give us an outburst of knowledge  
Teacher, sir, ma'am anything I call you  
You are the same to us.

Teacher you are-  
Talented, Enthusiastic, Able, Cheerful, Honourable, Energetic and Responsible.

Teacher you are the best with full of zest.



No One Really Knows If A Zebra Has Black Or White Stripes But A Zebra Crossing Has White Stripes

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Gav Nuha Khan  
ISAS Churchill

*If you expect the world to be  
fair  
With you because you are fair,  
You're fooling yourself.  
That's like expecting the lion  
not  
To eat you because you didn't  
eat him.*

## Is Life fair??

This question comes in our minds either life is fair nor unfair, life goes on with a flow. Most of us think life is unfair. People having everything they want money, luxury and reputation, they think it is fair as they are gifted with everything. As someone harms or does something to us, we want justice. But we know justice does not happen everytime. When someone harms us, we always want that person to suffer in some way or other. We hope for justice this way. Is this a fair way of justice? But all are not like this, some people believe in 'karma'. It is our nature to compare and compete, and feel dejected when we see rich people having lots of money, property, better relationships or good health. We then try and find some flaw in their lives, look out for something that is not right with them, and would try and see how we are better than them in some or the other way. Consciously or subconsciously, we often wish something bad happens to them, because it seems unfair that others should be having an apparently better life than us.

However, everything doesn't work according to our desires, wants, wishes, ideas or beliefs. In fact, no one really knows for sure how existence works, why life unfolds for each of us the way it does. While some might believe in past life karma, luck or chance. We think whatever happens good to others that maybe they have done something good in the past.

In reality, life is neither fair or unfair. Existence just is; life flows as it is meant to. But

If you expect the world to be fair  
With you because you are fair,  
You're fooling yourself.  
That's like expecting the lion not  
To eat you because you didn't eat him.

Be smart enough to know what to do, how to react and behave in any situation. Life goes with a flow, we have to go with it.



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ISAS Churchill

## Strangest Dream I had

Now I am going to share a great dream of mine. Actually, it is an a frightening movie.....

Last night I went to bed, and started slumbering .....and started my dream ....

It was like I was going to a super market with my parents ...and I was selecting a dress for my mother and I got a good one too, but then when I turned to find my parents they had disappeared .....

My heart was palpitating wildly ....

I searched everywhere and I could not find even a person ...

I got very nervous and I really started crying .....but then I got up from my dream ....

But you know the dream had come true, but a twist that I could find my parents!.





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ISM R.K.Lakshman

*Don't give in to people who divide you and tell you what to think and feel. You are not cattle. You are humans. You cannot hate. You have the love of humanity in your heart. You have the power to change things, you have the power to create happiness, the power to make this life beautiful. And no, it's not too late*

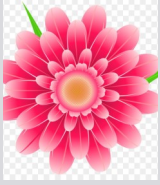
## Light the Candle

It's better to light a candle than curse the darkness. The World is a dark place today. The world is a violent place. It is filled with fear and misery. I hate to hear the news every day. All you can hear are crimes of corruption of passion, of hatred of abuse. I would like to help everyone if possible. We all want to help one another. Human beings are like that. We don't want to hate and despise one another. I think as human beings, we have lost our way. Our knowledge has given us pride, instead of wisdom. We are clever but unkind. Our thinking has become narrow and self-centered. We study a lot but learn little of use. When food is on our plate, we photograph it instead of eating it. Millions go hungry, but we still waste food. We spend millions to fight wars while many billions remain poor and homeless. Our houses have become larger, but our hearts have become smaller. The difference between haves and have-nots is increasing. Think of the hungry mouths that can't feed. Take a look around the world and see the suffering and misery we breed. Look around and you will see so many lonely faces scattered all around searching for what they need. Just look around and see. The cell phones that connect us to each other, has jailed our attention. The technology that gave us abundance is now leaving us wanting. We seek attention of many by our antics, but we hardly pay attention to what is around us. I pale when I think that we plunder mother earth in pursuit of greed. We have learnt so much, but we still don't have values. Of respect, compassion and brotherhood. We need humility, we need kindness and gentleness. We cannot hope that help will come from elsewhere. We have the power to make this world a better place. A world where science and progress will lead to happiness in mankind. Our intelligence and wisdom can transform lives. Our individual attitudes matter.

Friends don't become fodder for someone else. Don't give in to people who divide you and tell you what to think and feel. You are not cattle. You are humans. You cannot hate. You have the love of humanity in your heart. You have the power to change things, you have the power to create happiness, the power to make this life beautiful, And no, it's not too late.

I want to share with you my role model of how small actions can lead to an avalanche of change. In India, having a child is considered very important for couples. And a couple that cannot have a child is often mocked. After 10 years of childless existence as a couple, the lady of the house agreed with her husband to pursue an alternative. They simply decided to plant trees. Instead of their house garden, they chose a 4 km long, dry hot dusty road in the village. They planted trees along the road after raising baby trees in a nursery at home. Every day they would set out with two pots of water slung on a pole over their shoulder.

They watered their plants 3 days a week with water from nearby ponds and wells. Every day they would go on the road, patrol the stretch where their children were and shoo cattle and animals who could eat the tender plants. Today the lady is 75 years old. She has 45 children who provide shade to all the travelers on the 4 km road. The trees are called Children of Thimakka. My role model Thimakka was given the Padma Bhushan by the Indian Government, a recognition for her selfless act. Friends, there is a Thimakka inside each of you. The journey of making a change begins with you and me. Together we can be the change. It takes only one spark to light a fire, friends. Burn your hearts bright and light the fire of kindness and compassion in the world. Join me and spread this voice of hope like a wildfire. Join me and make our voices be the trumpet that says there is hope. Be that change you want to see in this world. Be the candle that dispels the darkness. Remember! It's better to light the candle than curse the darkness.



Allena Maria Vinod  
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Club

*I think the last thing anyone of us would want in life is failure. We tend to forget that each failure teaches us new lessons*

## FAILURE - A STEPPING STONE TO SUCCESS

Have you seen Mickey Mouse? I am sure that's a definite yes as most of us have grown up seeing these cartoons. Have any of you heard the story of how Mickey Mouse came into existence? Do you know who Walt Disney is? Yes, he is the founder of the Disney World.

As a small kid, I was under the impression that God appeared to Walt Disney in a dream and gave him a magical pencil with which he created the beautiful Disney World. My illusion broke the day my parents told me a story on how Disney was created. Mr. Walt Disney was working with a newspaper firm in Missouri from where he was fired for the lack of creativity. He was dejected and sat depressed when he saw a small mouse crawling through his attic and that was when and where Mickey Mouse, the famous trademark of Disney was born. I just could not accept the fact that such a successful person like him could have undergone such a great setback. I believed great men could never fail. This story changed my perspective about failure and success. I understood that success does not come out of nowhere like how Elsa blasts ice in the movie Frozen. Walt Disney and Mickey mouse taught me that perseverance can turn failure into success or turn dirt to gold.

I think the last thing anyone of us would want in life is failure. We tend to forget that each failure teaches us new lessons. I still remember in class 3 how difficult it was for me to learn the tables in mathematics. My teacher even wrote a note in my diary. No matter what I did I would continue to make mistakes. I was very sad as all my friends were able to do it but I couldn't. It was during those days I heard the story of Thomas Alva Edison who failed 1000 times before he invented the light bulb. After hearing this story a new spark ignited in me and I learnt all the mathematical tables in a weeks' time as I worked hard with perseverance and when I got them fully correct, the small success had a very nice fragrance. This is when I realized that perseverance is the magic pencil that was used by Walt Disney, Edison and even our freedom fighters who gave us Independence. The story of how we evolve from our failure is what makes our story special.

We students have just boarded the train of life. Let's always remember that we should not get down from the train just because we have failed once, instead we should get up from where we have fallen down and with perseverance reach the station of success. We did not learn to walk in one go but after repeatedly falling and getting up. Let's apply the magic of perseverance to our lives and make it beautiful.

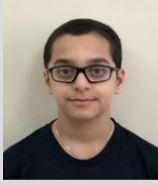
## My Most Memorable Moment

My most memorable moment was when I went to Nakhal spring and Jabel al Shifa beach which is in Oman, we went on 25th of November 2020 on Wednesday. In Nakhal spring the water was not cold like the other springs, it was warm. I had a great time there with my family. At the Jabel al Shifa beach, the resort was full that I was disappointed at first. Then my father said we could just stay and watch. There was a mini playground to play. I had a wonderful view of the beach where the water appeared green in colour. This was my most memorable experience.



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*Whatever happened to this world?  
I do not know.  
We were happy together.  
Without you I have nowhere to go.*

## WITHOUT YOU...

I never thought,  
A day like this would come.  
When human touch would become a dream,  
Without you I feel so numb.

We depend on you,  
Do not let us astray.  
We are your family,  
Without you I cannot spend the day.

Whatever happened to this world?  
I do not know.  
We were happy together,  
Without you I have nowhere to go.

I see my friends Ruff and Cookie,  
Lost and clueless.  
We had days of enjoyment and fun,  
Now, without you we are under stress.

I hope these days will pass,  
And we will be called in to stay.  
But till then we must wait,  
So, without you on this chair I lay.

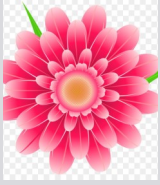


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*When shields that divide us  
Are all shattered  
And when the stage is all  
set...  
Let's step out of our abodes  
As better human beings*

## This too shall pass

When the skies get clear  
When dust settles down  
When darkness escapes  
When every wound heals  
And the fear evades...  
When slides and swings  
Call for the children again  
And roads get ready  
For the men  
When the school bell  
Goes ringing  
And in the shrines  
Hymns heard resonating  
When the office bus  
Honks to be on time  
And friends drop in anytime  
When shields that divide us  
Are all shattered  
And when the stage is all set...  
Let's step out of our abodes  
As better human beings  
Than ever before...  
More simplified  
More compassionate.



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*Social Responsibility is a duty that is meant to be fulfilled by every individual living in a society. Every individual has an obligation to act for the benefit of society at large. Social responsibility is a duty every individual has to perform so as to maintain a balance between the economy and the ecosystems. Each member of a community has his own responsibilities and duties towards himself and towards others which he has to fulfill to keep the cooperative spirit and to keep a balance not only between people but also between people and nature*

## Responsibility

Everyone has heard about responsibility. We all know that some people are responsible, while some others are irresponsible. Each of us at least once in a lifetime has heard the phrase “You are irresponsible!” or “You don’t have a sense of responsibility!” and so on. But what does it mean? Not everyone who says it understands the meaning of the word’s “responsibility” and “responsible/irresponsible”.

### ▪ What is responsibility?

Responsibility is one of the features of our character which means that a person is able to respond to his actions, is able to take some duties, and face certain consequences of the actions that may occur. In simple terms, Responsibility means doing the things that you're supposed to do. Certainly, all people are not born with a sense of responsibility and it cannot be bought with money or by magic. It is something every person should cultivate in themselves; it should become a part of one's personality. The absence of such qualities or even its absolute absence was never considered to be a positive feature. When a person is responsible it is easier for him/her to earn respect in society.

### ▪ Importance of responsibility

Someone's irresponsibility can be not only irritating when a person does not cope or does not want to cope with the duties, but in some cases, it can be dangerous. There are certain kinds of jobs that demand from a personal responsibility, jobs where lack of responsibility can lead to tragic consequences or even to a catastrophe. Let us imagine the situation. An employee of a Nuclear Power Plant was not attentive enough, pushed a wrong button and it led to an explosion. This catastrophe caused by a lack of responsibility has terrible consequences, it can damage not only the environment but also can take people's lives.

### ▪ What are the Responsibilities which are expected to be fulfilled by us?

#### 1. Social responsibility

Social Responsibility is a duty that is meant to be fulfilled by every individual living in a society. Every individual has an obligation to act for the benefit of society at large. Social responsibility is a duty every individual has to perform so as to maintain a balance between the economy and the ecosystems. Each member of a community has his own responsibilities and duties towards himself and towards others which he has to fulfill to keep the cooperative spirit and to keep a balance not only between people but also between people and nature.

#### 2. Responsibility to the Country

We are all citizens of one country or the other. We acquire citizenship of our country generally by virtue of our birth. As the subject of a country, every citizen has some duties to the country, and he enjoys at the same time certain rights. For example, as a citizen, it is our duty to preserve the natural environment and animals. Serving for the Country is also another example. Protecting the country from dangers, providing service to the administration of our country are the responsibilities which are expected to be fulfilled by us as citizens.

#### 3. Responsibility to Our Parents

Our parents are the ones who take care of us, they provide us food, clothing, shelter, and so on without asking us for money. So, we have some duties towards them.





They are:

1. Loving and Thanking Your Parents.
2. Respect your Parents.
3. Obey Your Parents.
4. Give them the best we can.
5. Imitate the Good Example of Your Parents.



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*Mom now I get it, the water tasted amazing because nobody was throwing garbage into it, the clouds were looking soo clear because there is no pollution and that is also the reason why the air seemed soo clean and pure. Now I get it*

## Heavenly World

Parents seeing their children sleep, fills them with joy. "I wish your father was here to see this." "Mom, where is my brother? Has he gone out to play with his friends already?" "No sweetheart, he must have fallen asleep, he would not go to play without you." "Mom, can I go check on him?" Yeah, she replied. Then Lucy and her mom went in search of her brother, Tommy. Tommy was looking very sad and disappointed. "My friends aren't here yet, we were supposed to go out and play catch" he said. When they checked the time it was too late. Lucy said "today isn't like all the other days I could sleep soo peacefully". Her mother agreed with her as well. I haven't felt this comfortable in days, the air was feeling super pure. "My friends are here", Tommy said in excitement. "Why were you all soo late?" "Today was not like any other day, I could sleep soo well" one of the friends replied. Meanwhile Lucy asked her mom if she could drink some water from the pond nearby, and her mom let her and asked her to stay safe. "Sure mom" she said jumping and hopping her way to the pond with her brother and his friends. While coming back she was surprised. "Mom am I in a dream right now? I literally saw no humans while heading back, what happened? And also the water in the pond was tasty, it felt different. Now did the scientists invent something new to make the water this tasty? What in the world is going on Mom?" "Lucy all the people are in their houses due to the corona virus". "Wait! Is it the size of a dinosaur?" Lucy asked, as if her eyeballs were about to pop out in bafflement. Her mother chuckled and said "No honey in fact it is too small that people can't even see it with their eyes, they have to see it under a microscope to get a good view of it. "What?! Humans are afraid of something they can't even see with their eyes? Isn't that soo stupid Mom?" That's when Lucy realized why the water was soo tasty. "Mom now I get it, the water tasted amazing because nobody was throwing garbage into it, the clouds were looking soo clear because there is no pollution and that is also the reason why the air seemed soo clean and pure. Now I get it" Even the hole in the ozone layer closed because there was no pollution anymore! I don't understand why humans try to harm animals. Even though we dogs are so loyal to them. They

see us like their enemies. So if this corona virus continues to grow, now onwards everything including our food, water and air will be pure and clean. It is a once in a lifetime that we get to do something great like this!.



## HUMANS IN AN ATTEMPT TO CONSERVE ENVIRONMENT

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*A King, who was far sighted and had an outward looking worldview. Under his leadership, the land started thriving and progressing.*

## A Dream Land

This is the story of a land. A land of dreams. A land of striking landscape that looked like a gift of nature. Adorning the land, on one side, was the vast stretch of sand in golden hues. The dunes so majestic that made the place look like a scene out of Arabian Nights. While on the other side, were the breathtaking mountains, forming a wall, concealing multiple caves and deep canyons. Not only that, even the impressive coastline presented the warm crystalline sea in all its glory.

Though the land being the nature's gift, the people of the land were not very happy. They were living in restrictions which had made their life tough. People were forced to leave their homeland. The land was striving for its identity. Then, came the savior, who was a man of integrity.

A King, who was far sighted and had an outward looking worldview. Under his leadership, the land started thriving and progressing. People decided to return to their homeland. The King made sure that the land preserves its tradition with a touch of modernity.

But, unfortunately as all good things come to an end, the fairy tale of this land ended. The King passed away leaving the people of his land heartbroken, and not only them, the whole world was mourning his death. Even the mother nature opened up the sky to bid adieu the departed soul.

Nevertheless, the people had not lost their hope. Like a streak of light above the horizon, the dark days of mourning dispelled. And here, there was a new King, with the same outward looking world view and wisdom. Under his able guidance, the land kept on flourishing and completed its 50 glorious years.



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## Can Mars be our next home?

Edwin Alden once said "Mars is there, waiting to be reached". Yes Mars could be our next home. The first and foremost thing that makes mars a habitable planet is that it is located in the goldilocks zone. There are 3 zones in the solar system. The warm zone, the goldilocks zone and the cold zone. Mars and earth is situated in the goldilocks zone. But as mars is farther away from the sun it is much colder than the earth. So it would be difficult for us to adapt in mars. Mars is colder than the Antarctic and dryer than the Sahara. But scientists have found water in mars. In mars water could be found deep underground or in the northern ice caps of mars. As mars is 2 times smaller than the earth its gravitational force is 3 times weaker than the earth. Hence, the escape velocity of mars is also 3 times lesser than the earth. So to launch 1 kg from earth to space if we need 1000 L of fuel, we can launch 3 kg of goods from mars using 1000 L of fuel. This is a great news for us as we can save more fuel. The atmosphere of mars is thinner than the earth increasing the chances of asteroid collision. Mars frequently gets hit by very strong Martian storms strong enough to damage structures. Humans have to make very strong structures to live and survive in mars. Mars is also a very radioactive planet. This would make the astronauts more vulnerable to diseases like cancer. However, scientists have found out ways to prevent it. A layer of dry ice and Martian rocks on top of the astronaut's cabin would prevent them from getting cancer. It is said that we may touch mars on 2033. If technology develops and with god's grace we may once settle on mars.





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*I realized the importance of having nature conservation and preservation sites for endangered species. I fully understood how we humans are responsible for wildlife and our planet in general*

## My Visit to Ras al-Jinz Turtle Reserve

### Introduction

An endangered species is a species that is very likely to become extinct in the near future, either world-wide or in a specific area. They are threatened or endangered because of human activity such as deforestation, smoke from factories and noise from vehicles. Zoologists and animal activists from around the globe stopped this by introducing the method of

'Wildlife conservation'. Examples of wildlife conservation sites are Kaziranga National Park for One horned Rhinoceros and the Gir National Park for Asiatic Lions in India and Ras al Jinz turtle reserve in Oman.



### Where is Ras al Jinz Turtle Reserve located and what is it famous for?

This reserve is located near the coastal city of Sur in Ash-Sharqiyah South Governorate, Oman, on the easternmost point of the Arabian Peninsula. It is a nesting site for green turtles, as also is the beach of the local village of Ras al Hadd. It is home to a well-known turtle reserve.

### My experience at the reserve.

My family and I had gone to Sur for our National Day holidays. During the holiday we had decided to visit Sur that's famous for its fish, handicrafts and its beaches. We also decided to visit Ras al Jinz, the nesting spot for Green Turtles. It is a 50 Km drive from Sur. It is a Government run reserve for tourists who come to Oman on ships to Sur. The reserve also offers a room to spend the night and also serve lunch and dinner.

The turtle watching is available from night 9 pm onwards to 6 am in the morning.

Most people take the night tour as more turtles are seen on the shore.

Prior to the visit, the visitors are fully briefed about the rules to be followed at the beach while viewing the turtles. The visitors have to walk to the shore along with a guide and after arriving, the guides check if any turtles are laying eggs. We have to maintain pin drop silence after reaching the shore. We are shown the turtle digging the pit to lay their eggs. The turtles must never be disturbed as they will get scared and leave the beach without laying their eggs which is a big threat to them. The guide told us that female turtles start laying eggs after their maturity which is 20 years. The turtle dig two holes, one in which the eggs are laid and the other called a decoy hole to confuse their predators such as foxes, wolves and vultures. These holes are about 1 metre deep. Male turtles never come on land and always remain at sea. The egg takes about 1 month to hatch and they hatch between 9 pm to 5 am. As soon as they hatch the baby turtles which are about 2 inches long hear the sea and go towards it. The baby turtles are also attracted to light.

They also imprint the beach and come back after maturity to lay eggs on the same beach. The turtle nesting season is between April to August when about 20,000 turtles lay 50,000 to 60,000 eggs. What boggles my mind is that only 1 in 1000 to 1 in 10,000 survive to reach maturity!

I also got a chance to pick up a few lost baby turtles in my hand and release them into the sea water.

My experience at the reserve was a splendid and





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*Oh but darling Beth, your  
memories sunk years ago,  
years ago in the deepest sea'*

memorable one. I also learnt a lot about turtles. I realized the importance of having nature conservation and preservation sites for endangered species. I fully understood how we humans are responsible for wildlife and our planet in general. Due to my experience at the Turtle Reserve, my interest in other wildlife conservation increased and I read our other projects, e.g. The Project Tiger in India amongst others.

## Dignity

A flower blooms beautifully, spreading its wings of gossamer petal of pink and azure. It fades in out with the surrounding, like ripples of the gentle water

It's leaves rustles and whispers those dearly held secrets of nature and human, softly.

But it stops, stops completely and drastically, when one delicate petal of dignity is plucked, plucked out by a little boy.

Humiliation compels the flower to shed tears of bitterness as it, the crown of the plant watches itself wither.

Its dream of desirous ambition vanishes during those dreadful days, leaving it hollow and hurt.

One may wonder, why it's a plant held in place of emotions here.

Another may answer why not them there?

As so, the leaves of the other whispered softly, "What a bitter flower, just once the crown of the garden now brown with bitterness".

Another whispered, "What would you, dearest friend do if you were in her place?"

The whispering stopped with those words. The secret of human nature was spoken for the first time.

But the only human who heard was the little boy who plucked out the petal of dignity. The little boy who cried silently with tiny droplets of tears pouring down his face.

## Sunken Memories

She smiled, she jumped,  
she laughed and hopped.

She yelled, she cried,  
she sobbed and moped.

Just for what she didn't know,  
just for what she cried so hard.

She pressed it deep, the shard,  
Deep into her heart.

But it hurt she knew,  
none but just a few.

Her emotions opaqued,  
by a cake, of none the stake.

But the girl with the bird,  
Inhaled her memories deeply.

Those memories of such familiarity,  
almost like a family.

It made, her feel warm,  
just to make her slightly calm.

She felt hot tears trace,  
down her rosy cheeks with fears.

As she tried delving deeper,  
into her mind as a keeper.

Suddenly then, she felt desperate and hopeless because her parrot had just cried out,

'Oh but darling Beth, your memories sunk years ago, years ago in the deepest sea'.

Her heart dropped as the bird let out caw as somber as a star winked out of the sky.





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## Concocting Conspiracies

COVID-19 has forced us all inside our homes, and this has given people a lot of free time, and one of the many things people are now doing is divulging in concocting conspiracy theories. These theories come into existence when common people like you and me, give a try at becoming the next Sherlock Holmes. This most of the times inevitably leads to foolishness and absurd allegations. Conspiracy theories can be described as an exaggerated version of an event which involves a lot of lies, deceit, and evil people. They invoke a variety of mixed feeling in us. Theories of Elvis still being alive invoke hope, theories of the existence of aliens and various other extra-terrestrial creatures invoke curiosity, whereas theories of the inevitable end of the world invoke terror and fear. Most of these theories get you scratching your head in confusion while some rare others will get you nodding your head in belief, whether bizarre or believable, conspiracy theories make up a sizable chunk of the internet. These theories never fail to entertain us, theories such as that of dinosaurs building the pyramids and those claiming the moon and the entire continent of Australia to be fake never fail to force a chuckle out of us. Though not all conspiracy theories are silly and false, some of these theories have even come true! The most notable being the theory that blamed tobacco of being extremely harmful to lung health. Even though these conspiracy theories are seemingly harmless, they are indeed quite subversive at times, if taken seriously they can cause multiple misconceptions. If you want to give conspiracy theories a try, do so! Who knows, it might just be true! But keep in my mind to not put any dangerous, misleading, or intolerant theories forward. Happy theorizing!

## Colourful Sky



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## Forest





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## The Happy Place

Hello There Human !!! Thanks for stopping by and taking a moment to read . As everyone would start to tell we are all in a roller coaster ride this year but nothing's going to change at 12.01AM of 31st December

We need to renew our mind space since we spend the entire time in our head .So why not make it a Comfortable Space !

There is nothing holding you back . Don't settle for anything . You can always do something that you may have thought that you may have never done before or can never do in the future because we are humans and we can do anything our hearts desire. And our minds are happy when we are aware of that. When you start realizing what you are worth, then the harder things are here just to make you bulletproof !!

You may have already heard of this more than the times you've laughed your heart out this year that "You Gain More When You Let Go". Let Go of your emotions and be happy with yourself and that is when you truly are mindful and happy in mind . Start appreciating your losses and think it as a gain

So dear reader , You are The Best!! , You can do anything your heart desires and that is when you can create a real change in your life. Always have a smile at any problem which is thrown at you and YOU will be successful.



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## When the Pillow Hits My Head

My dreams fade away,  
As I stir awake lazily.  
To start my day,  
I get myself up lazily.

I smile at everyone I see,  
Some look lively yet some are droopier.  
Most fill me with glee,  
And the others are grouchier.

Most days with work undone,  
While some are free and soulful.  
Some days are happy and fun,  
While others are anything but joyful.

All the worry dies,  
As soon as I'm back on my bed.  
The more calmed, the more I lay,  
Feeling bliss when the pillow hits my head.



*I smile at everyone I see,  
Some look lively yet some are droopier.  
Most fill me with glee,  
And the others are grouchier.*





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## Sunrise during the Pandemic

The Coronavirus pandemic is incessantly challenging us in ways that we could never have imagined. Back in the day being outdoors all day, having fun with friends, classes, extracurricular activities and juggling numerous things together was normal. In contrast to that, in today's time, being forced to stay stranded inside the four walls of our homes, having to call people through zoom calls, classes in front of a screen is what is considered to be the new normal.

Like many others, I really miss having a tight schedule filled with school, extracurricular activities, classes, studies, school, friends, and loads and loads happy things. But now, it all seems like a distant memory. I am so thrilled to be hearing the news of the vaccines coming out! Ah! Finally, a ray of hope. Imagining life going back to how it used to be, almost gives me goosebumps out of excitement!

But as the wait for the vaccine continues, here are some ways to keep yourself and those around you feeling positive and elated.

1. Find yourself an inspiration, someone who you can look up to during these times of hardship.
2. Practice gratitude, try to appreciate the ones around you as much as possible.
3. Surround yourself with positive energy, positive people, and positive thoughts.
4. Self-care is very important in these times, give yourself some time every day to do something that you love.
5. Remember that these times are not going to last forever! It is just a phase and better days are yet to come!



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## Digital Addiction



“When you can stop, you don't want to. When you want to stop, you can't. That's addiction.” Addiction is a psychological and physical inability to stop consuming a chemical, drug, activity, or substance, even though it is causing psychological and physical harm.

Due to the covid-19 pandemic, many of us would be stuck at home and would be forced to rely on electronic devices for communication. Without face-to-face interactions, the only option left is to use technology. Though electronic gadgets are beneficial, many people incline to view digital devices as an entertainment source and tend to overuse these gadgets, thus leading to an addiction.

Digital addiction leads to many personality and psychiatric disorders including low self-esteem, impulsivity, poor sleep quality, mood disorder and suicide. It also most likely causes depression and according to research, this is possibly because people replace regular social activities with the internet. This has become a huge issue since numerous people set foot into this addiction without perceiving their actions.

Fortunately, there are many ways to help in overcoming this addiction. Taking small steps like turning off notifications and being accountable by staying off the devices would really help. Other methods such as keeping a schedule, staying off websites and apps that kill your time, choosing outdoor activities over technology and limiting screen time will make a big difference. To beating digital addiction, or any other addiction for that matter, it would make a person feel hesitant and would be more challenging than expected but conclusively it benefits themselves.

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*Well, STOP THERE!  
The biggest mistakes we all  
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and let it take control of our  
lives. Being optimistic right  
now means to change our  
challenges into opportunities  
without letting it go.*

## The Challenges and Opportunities Posed by This Pandemic.

Our most significant opportunities will be found in times of greatest challenges.

Every situation we face in our lives is two faced with a positive and negative side. This pandemic like all other situations has opportunities and challenges.

When this pandemic hit our world, everything just paused all of a sudden. This was something the world had never seen before. Something that will remain a mystery for generations to come.

The biggest challenge we are facing right now is being trapped between four walls and see our own people die outside. How terrifying! A fact no one can digest. Yet, we stand here helpless. But there is more to it.

From a microbiological and epidemiological point of view, vaccine and antiviral agents remain the only options to treat the COVID-19. Currently, there is no effective treatment against this virus unfortunately.

The asymptomatic cases also transmit the virus to others and a new strain of coronavirus has been detected which is more contagious.

Many third world countries are suffering shortages in ICU beds, ECMO machines and also free clear space for admitting patients as this infection is spreading rapidly. The challenge posed here is of producing so many ICU beds and ventilators especially to the poorest of the countries. Also, to find the asymptomatic cases and to reduce the spread of this new strain which seems nearly impossible seeing the increase in the rate of infections and deaths.

Another big challenge faced by everyone is unemployment. Businesses, shops everything just stopped which lead to the crashing of the stock market. All the investors are at such losses which are hard to recover from. Because of this many people have lost their jobs and are not able to provide education nor food for their family. Whether it's the poor or rich, they have all become pessimists and hopeless.

Well, STOP THERE! The biggest mistakes we all do is to let fear in our hearts and let it take control of our lives. Being optimistic right now means to change our challenges into opportunities without letting it go. Adapting to the "New Normal" may seem to be a challenge at first, but if we take it as an opportunity then we get time to think about our lives and change it for good which will help us fulfil our dreams with the time we have now.

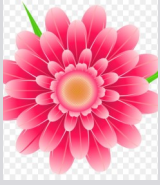
From the above instances let me tell you that this pandemic has led to the development in the medical field. It has led the scientists and the doctors, to realize the much-awaited development needed in the medical sector.

It has led the governments and private organizations to lend more funds for research and development in the field of life sciences and medicine. And that is why we will find many countries around the world finding a cure for the coronavirus.

It has encouraged many companies to change their production and produce ICU beds and ventilators, like TATA in India.

It has made countries rethink their policies and schemes and to implement better ones to help their people, to provide them comfort even during the difficult





times we are living in and keep them happy.

It has made people realize that richness lies in the heart and not in their earnings. It has helped people all over the world to discover new subjects of interests and taught them that failure is the stepping stone to success.

It has made those students who can't receive education, thirsty for knowledge and taught the other students not to stop fighting until they reach success, and utilize their time wisely. It has made us all connect to one another, come out of our comfort zones, and know that we are not alone in this world.

This pandemic is teaching us to be better humans, to adapt to situations, to be better decision makers, to be determined and persistent in our work, to be passionate, expressive, optimistic and creative. Unless we all stand together to face this pandemic, nothing is going to happen. Our world will not see any progress until and unless we do, and it is our responsibility to make this world a better place for us and our future generations and to restore hope back into it. To make this world a beautiful place, where the voices of happiness echoes, darkness is removed from everyone's mind and love and peace is being shared with all.



Nature's Maiden



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Conquering COVID-19



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*Yes my friends, English in coding is treated like outcasts and to be honest coding is like a thing with its own logic and language.*

## CODING COMEDY

CODING!!!!... THE FUTURE OF KIDS, CODING... THE PRIMARY SKILL TO SURVIVE THE FUTURE WORLD, CODING THIS CODING THAT. Normally these so called mottos or slogans are the first thing if you type Coding classes for kids. OOF the more then Covid 19 coding messages are popping, ok ok some very conservative parents opt best for their own kids (which normally every parent does) but coding? Ehhhhh no and you will be asking why is coding such a pain? Well ask me, I am its very official student victim and trust me guys it's no joke. For others coding will sound easy but in real it's a pain in back , for others coding is typing few words even though u don't have any meaning and coding is nothing but a few letters and numbers. NO ITS NOT it has its own specific laws and rules and legitimate, I mean rules some of them is so baseless you feel to leave coding on that moment I would tell these really baseless awkward laws in few points.

### LAW 1

In English I bet you have these rules before you write a sentence for example the first letter should be capital but our dear coding says the second word of the sentence should be capital and not the first word.

Yes my friends, English in coding is treated like outcasts and to be honest coding is like a thing with its own logic and language.

### LAW 2

Now if I ask what is the basic use of a full stop and the normal answers will be duh to stop a sentence but in coding... it's a whole lot different a dot\full stop is used to indicate the starting of a new function.

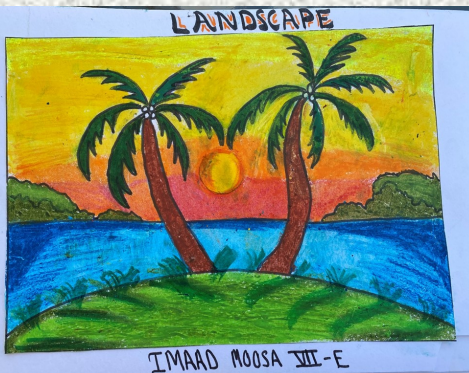
Like seriously what 12 years of English gone to drain just because of a new TIME OCCUPYING SUBJECT.

### LAW 3

A semicolon is used to connect 2 ideas or sentences but our very dear coding won't let a bit of English survive! In coding a semicolon is used as a full stop like literally full stop and semicolon is all mixed up.

On to the conclusion well at the end I bet you will be asking "Arjun, why did you join if you had a basic Idea of it being hard?" Well, I had no basic idea but my dad did warn me about this being the hardest ETS (which I call Extra Terrestrial Subject) you will ever have and this warning ironically came from the teacher who TEACHES me coding well I think somebody quoted right "life is an endless loop with endless possibilities".

But I am happy in a way I joined coding as the pandemic has locked in our houses the only source of fun and liveliness is coding.



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## HOW TO OVERCOME FEAR

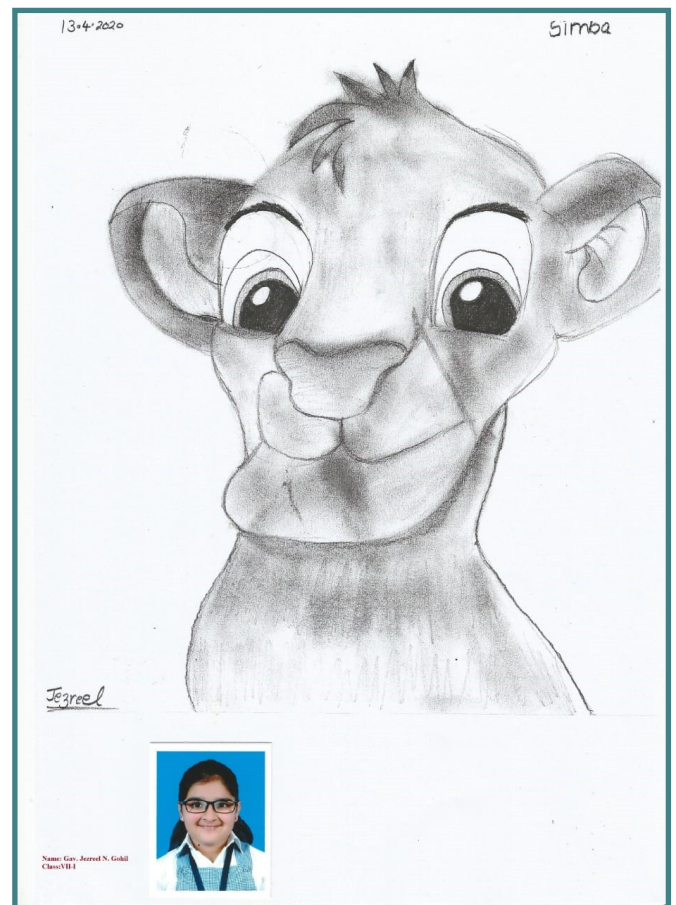
Nowadays “FEAR” is a very commonly used buzzword. Everybody in this world has their own types of fear factors. Especially, nowadays people develop their fears due to depression, anxiety, sadness, stagnation and many more. In simple words, fear is an unpleasant emotion caused by the threat of danger, pain or harm. But you will have to overcome these fears, or else these fears will stop you from action. Overcoming fear is not a big deal, but just simple to adjust your mind and heart to work over it. If you are a person driven by fear you can be easily carried out and regret losing half of your life.

Fear factors can make you feel exhausting and upsetting at times as you miss out many opportunities. So make sure that you keep yourself engaged in activities which you enjoy, be happy and cheerful with everyone who creates a positive environment around you. Make sure that you do all the activities which is acceptable in the society. Always have a good relationship with family, friend and relatives. If you feel that any person would like to let you down than just ignore them. And always remember F-E-A-R has two meanings ‘Forget Everything and Run’, or ‘Face everything and Rise’. The choice is yours.



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*Everybody falls down at times, our parents, teachers even the world's most successful people started from the bottom line of success.*

## We fall to rise

When we are defeated, we have two choices:  
To stay defeated  
Second: is to rise

Sometimes in spite of being intelligent, strong or brave we may fall on our knees at times. We may fall on a very rough ground, get scars and marks that last forever. When we lose a match in a game, get low marks in an exam, lose a job or in any other situation that doesn't go our way, we often tend to think that we are defeated or an incapable person. But an educated person will understand that to be acknowledged as a defeated person means to stay on the ground, to stay down where you fell and to be wallowing in self-pity and that is choice one.

Everybody falls down at times, our parents, teachers even the world's most successful people started from the bottom line of success. However, they still look strong because they got up, they rose when they had the deepest of cuts, when there was no ray of hope and when no one seemed to support them.

When we fall it's not how hard we fall on the ground it's how hard it hurts while you're trying to rise and keep moving forward to win, and this is our second choice that paces us on the path towards success. Whenever you fall into a problem always remember that there will be a solution when you decide to rise.

"failure is an opportunity to begin more intelligently." - Henry ford



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*How the next five days rushed by, I have no clue. The day of the wedding came expeditiously. I was over-whelmed. Tears of joy provided a cool relief on the cheeks which otherwise were feeling hot in a chilled a/c room. Priest was chanting his mantras while I anxiously waited for ceremony to be over in a traditional*

## The Special Marriage

As I ticked off the last task in the checklist, I sat down in relief on the chair next to me. My heart racing and my mind wavering as my eyes re-scanned the list. I was irresolute and unwilling to accept nothing was overlooked. I wanted everything to be perfect for my best friend's marriage in Mumbai.

Oh no! I sprang up to my feet. Forgot the welcome drink for the guests! How about some Mojitos? Not bad, that will do. Let's include them right away. I sat down for a second time only to get my legs working yet again as I saw Rita, the Bride-To-Be. I was to take her to the boutique to get her try the bridal wear. We had ordered the wedding gown a month back, and were supposed to finish the trial today. I also needed to pick up my drape from the same boutique. I was stressed. The hair on my body stood up in anxiety. Rita was astonishingly relaxed.

"The wedding is still a good 5 days away", Rita said wearily.

"Exactly", I said, "FIVE DAYS ONLY! That is such an awful derisory period of time! We have SO much to do!

"Like?"

Rita's casual tone surprised me. "Er.. we have to decide the decorations at the venue?"

"That was done a month ago" replied Rita in a jiffy.

"Oh...right!"

"You really need to stop stressing. Come; let me try out my new gown now."

"Sure"

I was quick. Nothing too weary for me as my sari was ready to be picked up. Rita however took time while I impatiently waited; a wait which seemed to be eternity. I hoped her dress would fit her fine, and no alterations would be required.

Minutes later, Rita came out of the trial room aided by one of the assistants. My small eyes just blew out of proportions. Rita and her dress were made for each other!

She exclaimed "I am sure the dress looks just fine. Let us head to the parlor. We are late with the appointment."

"Yeah.... let's rush. The boutique will get the dress delivered to us the night before the wedding. I have done the billing"

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MY BEST FRIEND WAS NOW SOMEBODY'S WIFE – RAJ'S WIFE

Rita's marriage was a really special one to me because Rita was someone exceptional. A fatherless child since age of 5, I am sure Rita and Raj would make a great couple. Rita being blind has got her eyes in form of Raj. And Raj being deaf has got his ears in form of Rita.



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*Jogvinder fought bravely the whole night of 17th may 1697. The next morning the exhausted Commander almost conquered the whole army of Aurengzeb.*

## The Gift of Loyalty

It is actually rightly said that a person who is wealthy always doesn't lead a happy life. But for living a happy life a person only needs good qualities. This is a Short fictional story which will teach you the lesson of Loyalty.

It was a perilous way in the remote village of Sindh. That area was in Maharaja Ranjit Singh's empire. But Aurengzeb and his army has annexed many parts of that village. We all were heading towards the important centre there which was Wagadhpur. There were 16000 soldiers there and 4 commanders handling them. Out of all 4 there is Jogvinder Singh who is the most loyal and brave. Eventually all are exceptional fighters and are ready for a war. "Jogvinder, take your position as I have a feeling of the enemy." Said the valiant king of Punjab. Jogvinder replied by moving his head. When they entered the garrison, they saw that the garrison was broken and it was just impossible to live here. More than 4000 soldiers marched towards another settlement and spotted the enemy making some kind of ammunitions. Suddenly when everyone was away Jogvinder saw a man wearing a mask, carrying a sharp sword. He thought that he was a man of Aurengzeb. Jogvinder ran before him and took out his revolver and shot him on his leg. The man still ran and somehow escaped that place. He left a page near him.

Without reading the paper Jogvinder handed over that paper to Maharaja. His hands weren't trembling first but then when he started reading his hands started trembling. This made the loyal commander feel a bit worried for his beloved master. At that time Maharaja lifted his sword and almost killed Jogvinder. "What did I do my master" asked the curious commander. "You are a betrayer" replied Maharaja. After that the loyal commander had to leave his post. He felt so deceived and gloomy. He didn't even get a chance to defend himself in front of the great king.

After almost 21 days he heard that Maharaja Ranjit was about to lose the battle against Aurengzeb. At hearing this news, Jogvinder rushed to Sindh on the horse back and started looking for Maharaja. He then found him. "Maharaja how can I help you" said the commander. "I don't need your help you can go away from here" replied the great Maharaja. But the devoted chief couldn't just bear his King's defeat. In just 2 days Maharaja's army was almost defeated. That day itself Jogvinder entered the battlefield and started attacking the army of Aurengzeb. He alone was like the knight in shining armor for the territorial army of Maharaja Ranjit. He had only one gun whose bullets were finished and 4 swords with him. Jogvinder fought bravely the whole night of 17<sup>th</sup> may 1697. The next morning the exhausted Commander almost conquered the whole army of Aurengzeb. But then he was shot by a soldier of Aurengzeb in between of the battlefield. He smiled and saluted his King. After 20 minutes Maharaja had won over Aurengzeb and had reoccupied his territory. But before that he went to see Jogvinder.

Jogvinder said "My lord I was not a betrayer but I always tried to be extremely loyal to you". "Oh my dear I am so sorry I couldn't understand you well, I am extremely sorry" replied the King. Both of them talked to each other for a long time but then Jogvinder had left his body and the soul of his had reached heaven. From that time people know this chief as one of the most loyal and trustworthy chief in history. From his life we can learn that how people can be brave like Jogvinder Singh.





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## I Will Wait

I am sitting here today waiting for something that'll make me shine,  
Trapped in darkness I will wait for the light.  
The one above watches everything I do,  
but what haunts me, is me facing the truth.  
I don't want to see what comes next,  
but I will wait till I understand.  
I wish I could stand and face what's standing in front of me,  
but I don't have the courage to fight something I don't want to see.  
I try to stay away from the murky depths of my shadow,  
too afraid to go beyond and beneath.  
But I will wait till I see,  
The gleam in the bottomless sea.  
Like the crystals that glitter in the dark,  
I believe that one day I'll make a galaxy of numerous stars.  
But till I find those people in my life,  
I will wait till I can no longer suffice.

After an year of triumphant endurance, Toastmasters of District 105 are gearing up for the biggest event of the year 2020-21. This is the second time that the District is going to conduct the District Toastmasters Annual Conference online. It is an opportunity for everyone to watch the speech contests, attend some worthwhile education sessions and much more...

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*The soulful ghost floats up  
the stairs makes me petrified  
and frozen dead. My body  
starts telling me to back off.  
The hallway just echoes to  
make the room suspenseful.*

## The Phantom hitchhiker

The cold dark night, when the moon was like a pale face looking down at you with hundreds of eyes. The grey moist cobblestone lay there screaming at you with every step you take. The spirits in the lanterns that were flickering with pain and agony as they were tortured and trapped inside the enclosure of the lantern. The rickety, old fence that was ready to give up any second creaked as the wind whooshed by it. Everything on this street including the sky and the clouds cry in misery as nobody comes nor passes by. The sky, which was like a canvas that had nothing but black on it, roared in anger and rage. Just as I opened the fence door to go inside the windy route of the castle. A man was going home in his jeep while the sky was roaring. The jeep took a sudden stop with a loud creek. There was a silhouette, that was barely touching the ground. There were owls hooting, crickets chirping, and bats clicking. There was a winding road in the distance. The silhouette was approaching. Just as she approached. She was a hitchhiker. Just as they survive the windy road and reach the castle. The soulful ghost floats up the stairs makes me petrified and frozen dead. My body starts telling me to back off. The hallway just echoes to make the room suspenseful. The young lady that was turning her head gently too seem shy yet ominous. She signals to follow her. She leads the old man and me into the jeep and just as we get in. The jeep starts the engine with a rumble. The car starts driving without a driver. Just as the tunnel enters the corner of eye the engine starts raising with a BRR! As soon as we exited the tunnel, the car stopped, the hitchhiker was gone. She vanished into thin air...



## GAVEL CLUB Acrostic poem

Gives opportunities for all and  
Always supporting  
Volcanos of supportiveness bring the  
Evolution of speakers and  
Leaders

Culture and Arts brings in  
Literature home  
Umbrella's that shed light  
Bring you onto the spotlight.





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*Maybe this quarantine was  
nature reminding us what it  
is to be human again.*

*We've sinned for so long and  
we've ignored it all, this is a  
wake-up call.*

## An Ode to Nature

According to the CNN carbon emissions in India have decreased by 60%. Seoul which considered pollution to be a social disaster has seen a 54% drop-in pollution rates.

This is not a statistical poem,

This is to show us that the world is healing,

This is to show us that the earth is finally restoring, so let it be.

This is the earth punishing us for our deeds, and we're lucky it is asking for so little,

This is mother nature putting us in timeout, because we haven't been too good lately,

So why is it so hard to heed?

We've capitalized on time, we spend time we don't pass time,

So economically speaking this is what we've been waiting for, we have time in our hands and we're free to spend it how we want,

Maybe this quarantine was nature reminding us what it is to be human again,

We've sinned for so long and we've ignored it all, this is a wake-up call,

The hatred, the racism, the cruelty we're listening now and when voices unite to say black lives matter it shows how,

Maybe we needed this to be more grateful in life,

To understand how fortunate, we were for all the things we took granted,

So make sure you count your blessings the next time you have a Big Mac meal or just take a long walk down the street,

As for me I've learnt that a journey inward can be so much more fulfilling than a journey outward,

I've learnt that to understand who you truly are is but the biggest reward,

This is not a statistical poem,

This is to remind us that humans are a tiny miniscule part of this eclectic universe,

We've been so entangled in believing that we have the power to control everything,

This is to remind us that we have the power to control nothing,

That a tiny virus some 80 nanometers in size has the ability to threaten our very being,

This is an ode to nature,

Ten years down the line I hope I am still writing an ode and not an elegy to nature.



MALAVIKA MANOJ

Malavika Manoj  
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*The Christmas morn is al-  
ways awaited  
To run for my presents, ex-  
cited  
I search for the present with  
my name  
Under the Christmas tree I  
find my fave game.*

## When Christmas Arrives

Pies,cakes,cookies and all  
Piled up on the table,standing tall  
The streets and houses adorned with lights  
Ooh! The Xmas star is surely bright!

We can't brush aside the firm belief  
Of Santa Claus and his red-nosed Rudolph  
Santa and his elves are wrapping presents  
Atleast I do believe in earnest.

The Christmas morn is always awaited  
To run for my presents, excited  
I search for the present with my name  
Under the Christmas tree I find my fave game.

The family gathers to rejoice.  
Games are played and guaranteed is –“noise”  
The whole year in ache  
Deserved a break, or rather a cake!

This is all that makes Christmas  
That creates excitement within us  
When the Christmas night falls  
We wish the next Xmas, calls.







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## Decrepit

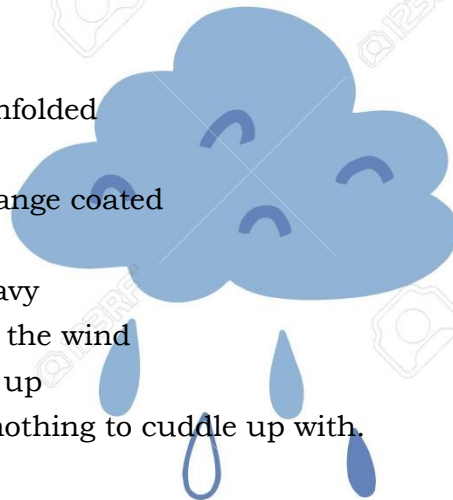
The first ray of sunshine  
Strikes the earthy floor  
The wings unwrap themselves  
And the young sapling glows

The clouds come in action  
As the brown soil drips  
Leaves tender, wet in dew  
Out! A flower reluctantly peeps

The foreheads start to sweat  
As the air turns out to dry  
But the first glance of surprise  
A golden fruit ripe

The sun is shadowed  
As the woolens are unfolded  
The birds get cozy  
And the leaves get orange coated

It's the air getting heavy  
And loud whispers of the wind  
Everybody is covered up  
But the sapling has nothing to cuddle up with.





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*Fear not my child, for I am  
the FLAME OF HOPE. I  
am that, which gives light to  
a candle. That, which gives  
life to a soul. I  
am the one who lightens the  
enlightened. When I am pre-  
sent, there is  
nothing impossible. When I  
am not, there is nothing pos-  
sible. For I am  
the Flame of Hope.*

## FLAME OF HOPE

“When the world says ‘Give up’,,, Hope whispers.... Try again.”

It was dawn. Time for all birds return to their nests. Tears rolled from the eyes of the swallow. “How I hope to fly like them one day.”

Little swallow was born with weak wings. Her parents felt she was of no use and abandoned her. From when she was small, her deepest desire was to fly. When she tries to flap her wings, she went through stabbing pain. Each day she hoped beyond hopes to fly above trees and flowers. Each day she hoped to leave the miserable garden forever. She was sick of the ceaseless teasing of the garden creatures. “Here comes the bird that cannot fly.” They would say.

Today, she was being watched by an ant and a grasshopper. “Pooh, look at that weak wing! She is trying to fly when the world knows that she cannot.”

“You are right.” answered the grasshopper nodding his head. “What a waste of time!” saying so they went away.

The little swallow heard all this. She looked at the blue sky filled with twittering birds. Suddenly, she felt a gush of grief. A pain of impossibility. She felt hot tears streaming through her eyes. “They were right. I am good for nothing. Weak wing.” She gave up. She went and sat in a corner. She closed her eyes to stop the water from pouring out.

That’s when she heard a distant voice. A voice, that seemed to come from her. A whisper. “TRY AGAIN.”

Deeper she listened. “Fear not my child, for I am the FLAME OF HOPE. I am that, which gives light to a candle. That, which gives life to a soul. I am the one who lightens the enlightened. When I am present, there is nothing impossible. When I am not, there is nothing possible. For I am the Flame of Hope.”

Deeper she listened. “Fear not my child, for I am the Flame of Hope. I am the reason for miracles and I am the reason of day and night. Sun rises bringing hope and sets with hope. I am present in the hearts of every flower. For I am the Flame of Hope. Keep me in you and, ‘TRY AGAIN’.”

The swallow opened her eyes. She felt a new energy passing through her. She stood up. She did not know how, but she knew, that this time





she could.

With full strength, with full determination, with full courage and with a heart full of hope, she opened her wings and.....FLEW.

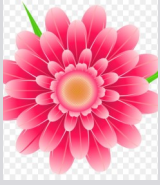
Above trees and mountains she flew. Her eyes were full of tears. But these were the tears of joy. Tears filled with the FLAME OF HOPE



Paintings by Gaveliers of ISG Gavel Club. Clockwise from top left, the artists are Aditi Guru, Simran Khanna, Shubhi Jajware and one more by Simran Khanna







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## Life in Year 2020

How did my life change last year? Drastically! That doesn't mean it changed in a negative way. Yes, there are lots of things that I wish were different but there are many things that I'm grateful for last year.

In 2019, I used to go horse-riding, do some ice skating, eat at my favorite restaurant, and meet up with friends every now and then. Now, it's totally different. I can't do horse-riding anymore because the stables I used to go to are now closed because of Covid-19.

I really miss horse-riding because I adore horses and it made me feel at home. I can't do ice skating anymore because the rink is closed as well.

I can't eat out or go see my friends but I realize that I would be putting a lot of people in danger if I did that and I'm willing to make a small sacrifice.

My life has changed in a lot of positive ways this year; I used to spend a lot of time at school or with my friends and barely had time to spend with my family. Now, I spend this time baking with my mother or, playing board games with my sister. My family and I have also enjoyed watching a lot of movies. I'm thankful that I've learnt a lot of skills such as baking, acting and editing during the past few months

Due to COVID-19, I have the advantage of taking classes online. I took an online acting course from India, by "The Playbook." I learnt acting and it helped me develop my confidence skills. I also made a lot of close friendships. I increased my self-confidence and learnt leadership skills from a fellowship program, organized by an institute in Pakistan.

Another skill I've always been interested in is Artificial Intelligence. I'm thankful that this year I had the chance to join a workshop organized by Pakistan Science Club in collaboration with "Ideas Technovation Lab." It was organized to help girls identify problems in our society and provide solutions using artificial intelligence. The workshop itself was really informative and fun but the best part was meeting girls my age who were interested in artificial intelligence as well.

All the online courses I've been a part of in the past few months have been about completely different things but what they all had in common were the supportive and encouraging teachers. Every class that I joined, I felt motivated and blessed to be a part of. The teachers made sure that we all had smiles on our faces. That automatically radiated positive energy.

This year, I had the opportunity to participate in many online competitions such as a Public Speaking organized by Gavel club India, A public speaking competition organized on social media, and an Art competition. I'm grateful to have secured top positions in these competitions.

This year was a lot different than I expected but, I'm grateful for all the new skills I've learnt, the people I've met, and most importantly I'm glad my family and friends are all safe.





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*What left the children and  
adults all over the world in  
the amazing fantasies of  
magic and sorcery...*

## Book Review on Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone

Hello everyone! I am Priyal Agrawal of class V D from Indian School Sohar. I will review the book Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone.

### INTRODUCTION:

This is the 1st book of the Harry Potter series by J.K. Rowling. For those of you who do not know about the Harry Potter series, it has magic to miracle and fantasy to adventure at a boarding school, Hogwarts.

### SUMMARY:

In this book the main characters are:

Harry Potter

Ron Weasley

Hermione Granger

There are also a few professors at their school, Hogwarts who are:

Professor Dumbledore [Headmaster]

Professor McGonagall

Professor Quirrell

This 1st book will give you an idea of the life of Harry and his friends.

The story line goes like this-The Sorcerer's Stone was located at Hogwarts and Harry and his friends wanted to destroy it because they did not want the stone in evil hands. Professor Quirrell wanted to steal the stone to use it for bad deeds, so he tried to stop Harry from destroying the stone, but he could not succeed in his deeds.

### ANALYSIS:

Now here is a bit about Hogwarts:

In the book you will find that there were a hundred and forty-two staircases at Hogwarts: wide, sweeping ones; narrow, rickety ones; some that led somewhere different on a Friday; some with a vanishing step halfway up that you had to remember to jump. Then there were doors that would not open until you asked politely, or tickled them in the right place, and doors that were not really doors at all, but solid walls just pretending. Sounds exciting, right?

It is written in a very compelling and eventful manner to keep you glued to the story!

It says that the even magic has to be used for good deeds to happen!

### CONCLUSION:

To wrap it up, I would say this is a thrilling and adventurous book. So, if you want to explore the more quests of Harry Potter and his friends, you can dive into all the books of the Harry Potter series and the person who likes fantasy must read all the 7 books.

Thank you and keep reading, keep exploring!!



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## DREAMCATCHER

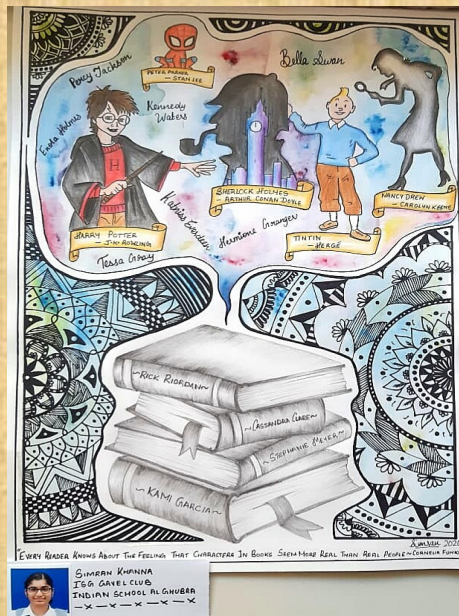
Dreams, a portal to an unknown world,  
Reaching out to me when it's dark.  
Every night, the same nightmare  
As if something is warning me  
Messages left in discreet patterns.  
Chasing me through the endless and silent night  
Angrily sucking the energy out of my soul.  
Tales of the brutal terrors of hell  
Clearly imprinted on my mind.  
Happiness would never be an option again  
Excitement filled them as they watched me  
Running as the darkness enveloped my entire existence.



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## Tribute to my teacher

Dear teacher,  
The years that passed Comes in memory  
To our surprise This change is too much to take  
You are teacher And We are your children  
With our proceedings We need your blessings  
With the patter of the rain Comes in memory of those moments  
Which were embedded in my heart  
Although wind winnows You kept us moving  
You gave us what we need to know Its an assurance that we will  
Cherish one day  
When we cherish like cherries, Your words will echo in our minds We  
Still have a long way to go But hope we will meet soon.



Paintings by Gav Simran Khanna, ISG Gavel Club





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*A few things that you  
MUST know about the much  
feared pandemic.*

## A Tiny Monster

Coronavirus are a vast group of viruses that cause infection ranging from common cold to severe diseases such as Pneumonia, MERS-CoV and SARS-CoV. COVID-19 is a disease that is caused by a new strain of coronavirus. (David et al., 2020). Coronaviruses are generally zoonotic in nature that is the virus gets transmitted between individuals and animals. As in the case of nCoV there is a shortage of evidences regarding the transmission of virus between humans and animals (Guan et al., 2020). World Health Organization announced "COVID-19" as the name of this new disease on 11 February 2020. Earlier, this disease was referred to as '2019 novel coronavirus' or '2019-nCoV.'



COVID-19 emerged in Wuhan, a city in China. A study that came out on January 2020 comments that the first reported case (person) became ill on start of December 2019 and had no connection with the seafood market (Ye ZW et al., 2020). At the same time, it was also said that this Covid-19 originated from a huge market in China and few people who visited the market were found with viral pneumonia which was caused by novel coronavirus. This still remains under suspicion, but also on the other hand, investigation is in process regarding its origination. The virus gets transmitted through direct contact with respiratory droplets of an infected person when that person coughs or sneezes. The droplets travel for only a few feet and then fall on the ground or surfaces or onto any objects in a few seconds. Individuals can also be diseased from the virus by touching surfaces contaminated with the virus and afterwards touching their eyes, nose, mouth etc. i.e. face. The COVID-19 virus may survive on surfaces for several hours, but disinfectants can destroy it (Guan et al., 2020).

Symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, cough and shortness of breath. In some severe cases, infection causes pneumonia or breathing difficulties. These symptoms are similar to that of ailments like influenza or common cold. This serves as the reason for confirming through test if someone has been affected by COVID-19 (NHS, 2020). This virus can be kept under control by some precautions like wearing mask, frequent washing of hands, use of alcohol based sanitizer, social distancing in public places, use of tissues while sneezing and coughing etc.

Therefore, this pandemic created drastic changes in everyone's life economically and socially. It created loss of human life, pushing millions of people at the risk of poverty. Currently, countries are working on the production and discovery of vaccine for this pandemic COVID-19. Let's hope that this pandemic period will end soon and we will have a better future ahead.



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## AN INCREDIBLE TWIST

A guy named Lincoln, who loves to read detective books and spy books, has always wanted to be a famous detective.

For the past two years, Lincoln's friend was missing and there was no evidence for the disappearance of Lincoln's friend named Carl. It was told by some of Lincoln's neighbors, that he might be captured by a ghost. Others said that he might have gone to visit his relatives and family in South America. But Lincoln was scared as his friend never informed him that he would be visiting his relatives and family in South America. Also, he didn't believe in ghosts. He thought that he might have to solve the mystery of his missing friend. On one hand, he found it exciting but on the other hand he was so worried that he shook with fear.

He went to solve the mystery of his missing friend. He went to his house, which is on the other side of the road. He reached his house step by step and opened the door with a shaky hand and when he opened, he saw nothing. He only saw a fog filling up the house. The fog had an awful smell, which made Lincoln want to sleep.

So, he covered his nose with a handkerchief and enter inside the fog. He used his toy fan and made it remove the fog. After some time, he reached the library full of books. There some of the books were lying on the floor.

He thought, that he would get some clues from those books, but instead he lost hope and he arranged the books in order. When he put one of the books in reverse position mistakenly, and leaned onto the shelf, the shelf rotated in rotational motion, pushing him into the dark closed room.

Lincoln became scared, as he had claustrophobia. He switched-on the torch and felt better under the glow of light. He found drawings, which could only be found in the pyramid, and can be understood by people who had knowledge of hieroglyphics. That is when a memory bounced in his head about that day when his friend Carl told him that he knew hieroglyphics. He immediately understood that there is some connection between mysterious room and disappearance of Carl. He took out his mobile. He used google translator in his mobile and took a photo of the hieroglyphics and translated it.

When the mobile translator translated the hieroglyphics. It showed that this was a curse that whoever would read this hieroglyphic, he or she would have to suffer the consequences, and would fell to his own death. Reading the message, the floor opened and Lincoln fell into his doom. He shouted loudly.

Ahhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhh!

Help me!

But there was no one to listen his call for help.

He closed his eyes, as he fell down like a dragon taking a nosedive, and because of that the speed increased and so he immediately fell in the passage full of water.

Splash!!

With a glitch of a second, Lincoln emerged out of the water. He saw big floating leaves leading to the doorway, which has a signboard written as secret weapon. He jumped on all the leaves, one by one, and reached the door. He opened the door.

There was a small compact room which was lit with a flickering bulb. It had a rocky stand in middle of the room with the bottle filled with unusual gas in it. He thought of taking the bottle from the stand. As soon he removed the bottle





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from stand the ground started rumbling and rocky ceilings started breaking and falling down, blocking the doorway.

Suddenly the ground opened, and he fell down again. He felt cold and then he realized that there is ice everywhere. He slid on the ice leading to a small dark cave, which lies beneath the house of Carl. The icy slide then led to the wall of the dark cave. He closed his eyes, because he was going to crash, but the door opened automatically taking Lincoln to the sewers of city. He opened his eyes and started trying to get hold of something. After sometime he got hold of ladder which was going up leading to outside of sewer. He came out of the sewer finding himself in front of the salon shop which was the disguise of the agency known as WASA.

He thought of giving the secret weapon to the scientist so that they could find which gas was filled inside the bottle. He went to the high science laboratory information centre (H.C.L.I.C) where most of the expert scientist was doing research on the gas and told him that it was sleeping gas. Lincoln understood everything and took a tape and stick it on the bottle and took it out and gave it to the scientist so that they could find the fingerprint of the person who kidnapped his best friend.

They researched and announced that it had his fingerprints and that of a man with a Roman nose, and a round shaped face. Lincoln didn't know any person with that type of face but he understood the use of the sleeping gas. He said in a low voice to himself that the use of the sleeping gas was to make security guards sleep so to take the most precious treasure in the world.

Lincoln predicted every move and went to the bank to secure the laser diamond. He told the Mayor to tell all the security guards to wear masks to protect them from the harmful gas. So, they could prevent enemies from getting the laser diamond which was a diamond, which shoots lasers on all directions when light is thrown on it. After sometime, in the bank, sleeping gas was released from the vents filling up the whole bank. During that time a person came in and went to pick the laser diamond. Lincoln saw his dark shape in the foggy sleeping gas and used his toy fan to make a non-foggy path to reach the mysterious person. He immediately saw the mysterious round shaped face with a roman nose man, which was describe by the scientist, taking the laser diamond. He immediately took his detective book and hit it on the face of the mysterious man. Lincoln told the guards to switch-on the fans and open the windows to remove the sleeping gas from the atmosphere. Lincoln took the laser diamond and removed his and the enemy mask.

Lincoln got surprised and stood still with no movement seeing that the enemy was Carl himself.

Carl hit Lincoln with his leg making Lincoln's head bumped to the wall, thus, making him faint. Carl then stood up and as he was terrified by the guards, he forgot the diamond with Lincoln and ran to the terrace being chased by security guards.

When Carl reached the terrace, he found the helicopter landing on the terrace with letters written as W.A.S.A (World Annihilating Scheme Agency). Helicopter had been run on autopilot which was controlled by holographic image of a robot face. Carl climbed on the helicopter and rode it to the agency headquarters in auto pilot mode.

Meanwhile when Lincoln opened his eyes, he found himself in his house lying on the sofa. He saw the mayor in front of him. The mayor was grateful that Lincoln had saved New York City from the terrible situation created by the agency known as W.A.S.A. The mayor also told that Carl who was an agent of the



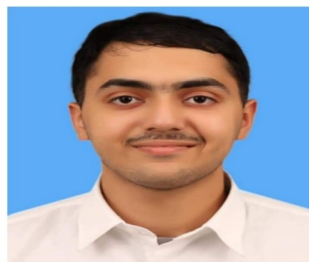
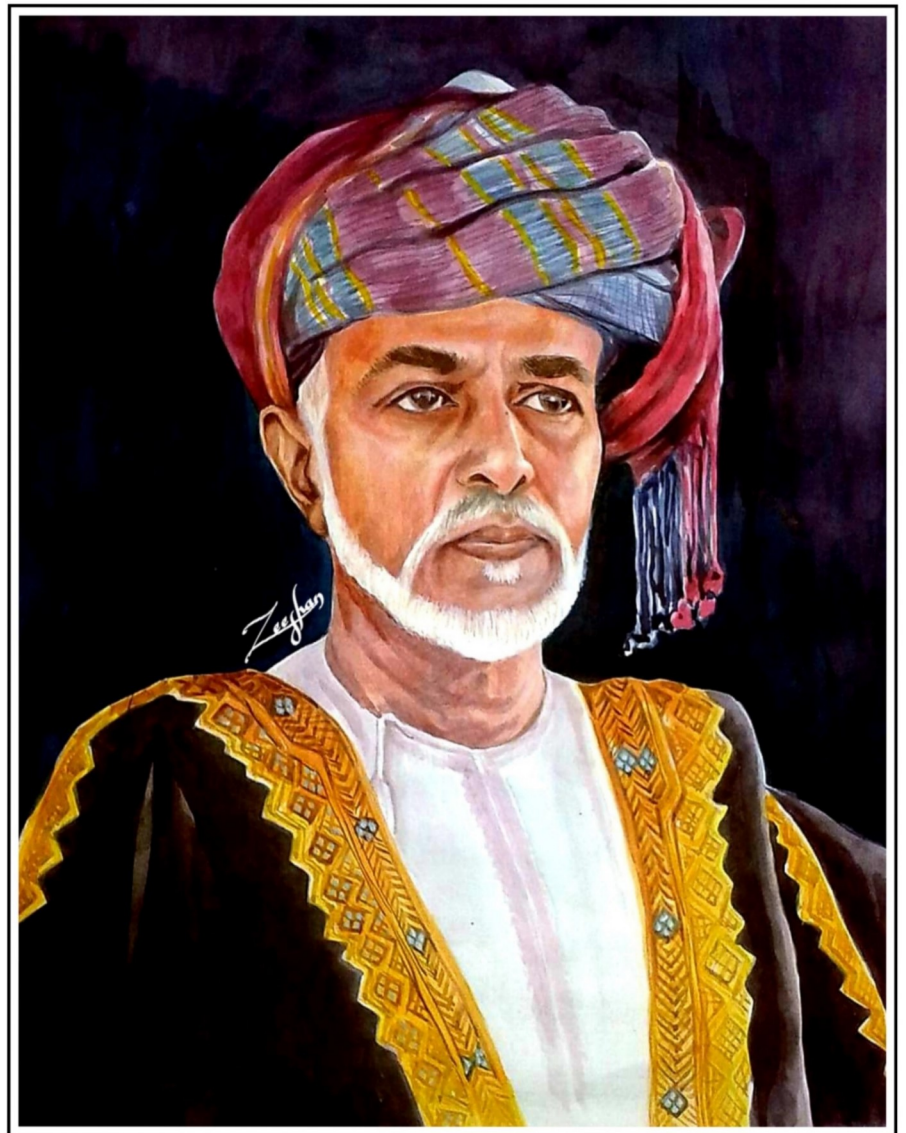
agency had escaped from their hands and they didn't know where he would be. The mayor then thanked Lincoln once again and left his house.

The next day when Lincoln was watching T.V. he saw the mayor giving his speech in front of the people about the rise of the W.A.S.A agency and how Lincoln had saved the city from destruction. The mayor also alerted the people to take precautions until W.A.S.A has been defeated.

During that time the W.A.S.A agents saw the news and cackled, and the chief told that they should now engage protocol double secret weapon.



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## The Final Adieu

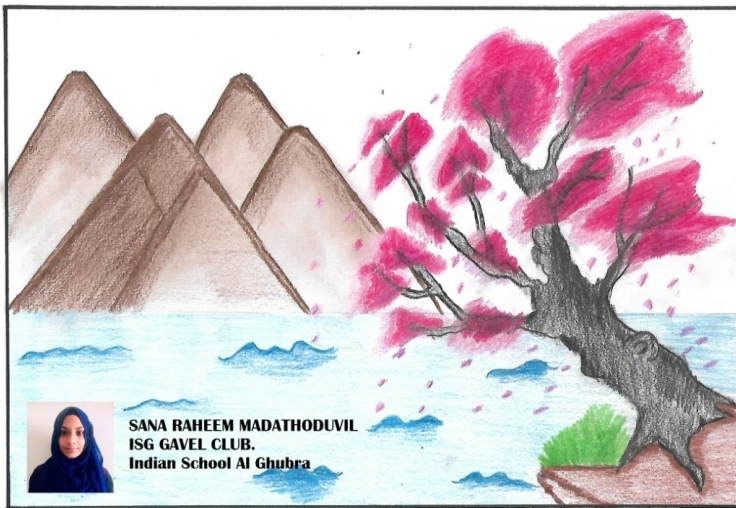
As I peep out of my window,  
I see the darkest day  
The beauty of the horizon  
Appears to be pale in dismay.

On the day of his death,  
The sky was mourning  
In his prosperous reign,  
The Sun was happy and beaming.  
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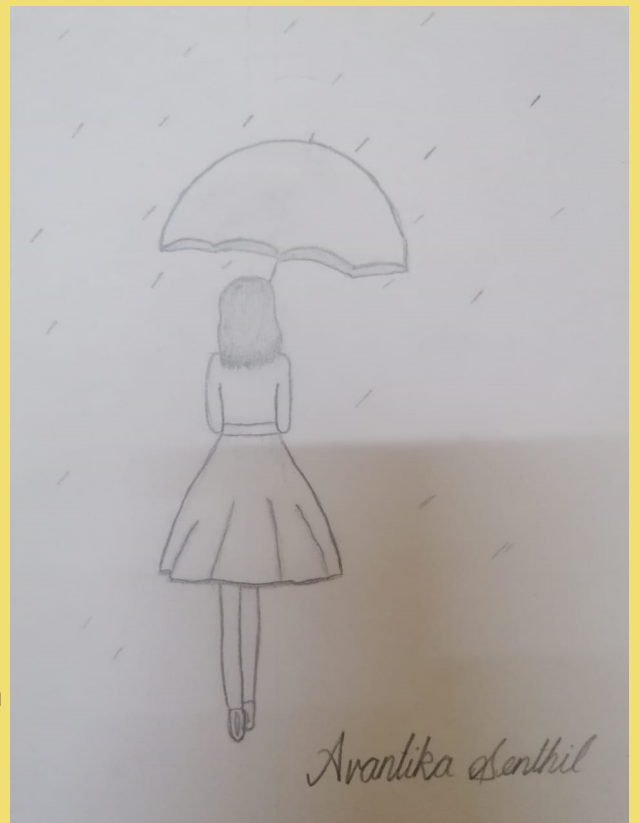
In his reign;  
The Sun spread its warmth,  
And granted the world happiness,  
As if, on earth, was God's presence.

On the day of his decent to the other world,  
The Sun wept and howled, in sorrow and deep misery  
And snatched the gift of happiness from us  
As if, a God was lost, lost forever, from earth.

This poem was written by me on the day of the passing away of Sultan Qaboos Bin Said Al Said



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*The Coronavirus disrupted our day-to-day lives providing an opportunity to reflect on things and to reconsider what we do, how we do it, and why we do it*

## The Challenges and Opportunities posed by The Pandemic Situation

The world has come to a halt and people are dying. This is not a war between us but in fact war against the forces of nature

As I sit here, in front of my computer screen for the 11th hour today, I see the COVID cases rising in my city. It looks like the scores of a football game, and somehow every country is winning. I have slowly come to realize the drastic ways of my life and the lives of my loved ones have changed within the past six months. Confined to the four walls of my house and the 3 faces of my family, I do go insane sometimes.

But it is not just me who is challenged at this time, it's you, your neighbour, your enemy, basically extending to every human being. However, through this pandemic, the species Homo Erectus has also shown warmth and compassion for their fellow beings. Fighting for racism, and police brutality. Standing up for injustice. So the question posed What are the challenges and opportunities of the pandemic has great significance as it reminds us that the scenario need not be all bleak. A shift in our perspective can make us see the situation in a new light.

The challenges are already known to us and can be felt as strong as the unrelenting heat of the desert sun. The health difficulties, the problem of thousands of deaths per day, A full stop on the lives of doctors, first responders, workers putting themselves at risk. But have we forgotten how the lives of each of us are intertwined, interlinked to form a working world?

COVID-19 entered our lives just as the flu, the flu that has impacted every sector possible. Impacting economies like startups, which plays a key role in economies, reducing their creation, challenging their survival, and limiting their growth. Business registrations have been dropping significantly in recent months and a missing generation of new firms has significant implications for economic outcomes, notably employment. According to World Bank forecasts, the global economy will shrink by 5.2% this year. That would represent the deepest recession since the Second World War, with the largest fraction of economies experiencing declines in per capita output since 1870, the World Bank says in its June 2020 Global Economic Prospects.

The pandemic also represents an important and evolving challenge to the tourism sector, UNWTO can already foresee a massive loss in tourist revenues, especially at the international level. Covid-19 has also suspended many intangible cultural heritage practices with significant consequences for the social and cultural life of communities around the world. During the early stages of the pandemic, the business-to-business logistics market came almost to a standstill. Impacts were profound as supply chains were seriously disrupted and new regulations rapidly introduced.

But the opportunities are not that far either, it is just hard to search for good things as always. The Coronavirus disrupted our day-to-day lives providing an opportunity to reflect on things and to reconsider what we do, how we do it, and why we do it. Covid-19 shows that, as soon as there is a strong enough





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stimulus, things can change. This leads to remarkable innovations.

Not being allowed to open their doors, Restaurants, and Schools have accelerated the adoption of digital culture worldwide.

Samir Saran from the Observer Research Foundation stated in a report that “the most important structural change will be in the form and format of the relationship between technology and society.” technologies that society would have once expected greater regulatory scrutiny around – such as the use of artificial intelligence which will likely be fast-tracked and deployed.

The virus has caused a shutdown or dramatic decrease in industrial activities. Factories are closed, air traffic collapsed, and the lack of tourism has emptied the streets in overcrowded cities like Venice, Amsterdam, and New York. While this may be bad news for most people and especially those working in the affected industries, this is also good news for our planet. Covid-19 causes a significant reduction in greenhouse gases and other air, water, and land polluting outputs. In Venice, this has led to dolphins return after just a couple of weeks.

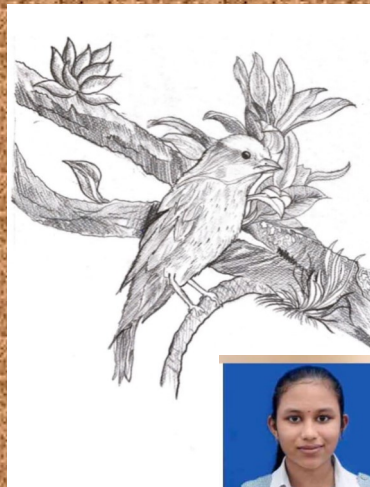
The improvement of health care for all is another such opportunity that wasn't given much focus for a while. The inevitability of future pandemics makes permanent the need for strong universal health systems in every country in the world.”Whether in refugee camps or urban slums – publicly funded, cutting-edge medicines must be delivered to everyone no matter who they are and where they live. The pandemic has reminded citizens that they need leaders that are “active, accountable, responsible” in order to “regulate markets, reduce inequality, and deliver essential public services.”

We now have proof that states that if we keep on looking at the brighter sides of life, the longer the crisis lasts, the larger the opportunities are, and the bigger the chances are of actually making changes to our deeply rooted habits and convictions.

Remember don't rush the process, good things do take time.



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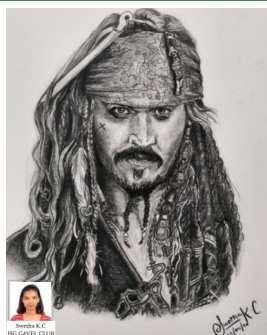
## Humans or Hypocrites?

Just like the sloths and wolverines with their natural offensive odour, like the cuckoo birds being too lazy to build a nest, like the tendency of a mad elephant to destroy anything and everything in its way, us humans are also brought to this world with a notable characteristic. Hypocrisy! So now the question arises...Are We Humans or Hypocrites?

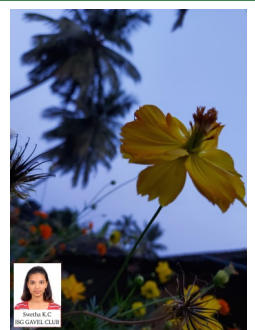
Every man alone is sincere. At the entrance of a second person, hypocrisy begins. We parry and fend the approach of our fellow-man by compliments, by gossip, by amusements and by affairs. Us teenagers have heard plenty of experienced adults lecturing us about 'Doing The Right Thing' in life. But as Theodore Hesburgh said, all of us are experts at practicing virtue...at a distance. In today's times, the trend is to show the world how much you care about our ailing planet - beach cleaning, environment clubs, go green programs and many more. But in most cases, we kill all our good intention that we preach when we expose it with our hypocritical practices. And when their thick masks are finally torn down, we realise that no power can also be maintained when it is represented by hypocrites.

If we go back to when we were young, true and innocent, we had nothing to be afraid of. Then the concept of the 'survival of the fittest' began torturing us to slowly transition ourselves into a hypocrite. That is where we bring in the lies, ingenuity and cheating which turns out to be our new tools for survival rather than knowledge, handwork and honesty. But isn't it better to be known as an honest sinner than a lying hypocrite? We are being trained to deal with plaster saints. Sometimes this deceptive outward appearance is so strong that we lose our true identity. Most people genuinely love having food with their hands but they become reluctant to do so when they are surrounded by a bunch of people who are battling with forks and knives. This is the point where we try to maintain our status in the society. We hold our chins up, backs uptight, look down on some fellow enjoying his meal with his fingers and say, "Please, have some manners!" There are also many men who volunteer vigorously to pick up a fallen object on the ground for a beautiful woman but ignores the struggle of an old man when he loses his walking stick. And then you can see the next level of hypocrisy when the same man picks up the walking stick for the poor old man when he is sure that he is being watched. Countless number of celebrities and stars are so magnanimous in distributing clothes and grocery items...when the camera is flashing. How is this happening? The answer to that is when we constantly deal with hypocrites we too turn out to be one. The cure to this contagious disease is our confidence and inner strength which dilutes our tendency to become a hypocrite.

On the whole, Hypocrisy will always be a disease with the far fetching danger of losing humanity, as you always find a way to hide your short comings and bad habits with a facade of perfection, charity and good words. Any success in this process can only be considered as a fortunate strike of serendipity which will only drag you further into this disease. It's cancerous! Even the thickest hypocritical mask shall tear away someday. The Mahatma has taught us that nothing but a good intention and a genuine approach is all that we need to accomplish a life worthy of leaving a mark in this world.



Paintings and Photographs by Swetha. She titled the click as "The Bloom of Bliss"







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## The Kingsway Robbery

It was a dark night in the city of Kingsway. The most professional thief in Kingsway had planned to steal the crown of the sun king, which was the most valued artefact in the world. The robbery happened at 10 PM, when the Kingsway museum of artefacts closed down for the day. When the burglary did happen, it was a swift one. No alarms were triggered, and when the police arrived the next day, they couldn't figure out who did it.

Detective Henry Banstor, one of the most professional detectives in the world, was called in to investigate. Just by looking around the crime scene, Detective Banstor told the police,

"This criminal is a professional. He must have planned this with another person. "

The policeman was perplexed.

"How do we know who the thief is?"

The detective pointed at the one of the filtration vents and said, "The thief must have entered through this vent, as it is big enough to accommodate a person. All he needed to use was a screwdriver, and he could get into the vent easily."

The policeman was still confused.

"But why aren't there any footprints, or CCTV footage?"

"The thief would have used socks instead of shoes, and gloves. And as for the CCTV footage, he would be working with a hacker, who would have put the cameras on loop that is, displaying the same thing over and over again."

The policeman said, "But what about the unsmashable glass?"

The detective replied, "The thief must have used a laser cutter to cut through the glass. That is how he got the crown."

"But how will we catch him?" asked the policeman.

The detective answered, "Wait and watch"

2 months later.....

News reached the public that a new artefact, the green diamond, had been shipped in from Nigeria and put on display in the Kingsway museum of artefacts. A few days later there was another robbery and the thief stole the green diamond. Again Detective Banstor was called in.

A few days later .....

The thief had been caught in his hideout around the outskirts of Kingsway. The most influential person in this find was Detective Banstor. After a thorough search, all the stolen artefacts over the past few years were all found. At this point one of the policemen had a question.

He asked Detective Banstor, "Detective, how did you know that this place was the thief's hideout?"

The detective replied, "The Green Diamond had never been shipped here from Nigeria. It is still in Nigeria. All I did was make a replica of it out of glass and paint it green to make it look like the original, and then inserted a GPS tracker inside it."

The policeman had another question, "Why did you make the fake diamond, then?"

The detective replied, "I did it because I knew that the thief would want to steal the artefact, like he did for all the other robberies from the museum. So I used it as bait to catch him, as he would carry it around and it would lead straight to his hideout, where we could arrest him."

The policemen thanked the detective for his help and the headline in the newspaper the next day was, 'Detective Banstor does it again: Stolen artefacts recovered.'



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*Forgiveness has different outcomes in different situations but the most common benefit of forgiveness is the peace that helps you go on with life.*

## Forgiveness and Freedom

Who hasn't been hurt by the actions or words of someone close to them?

Whether it was a family member, a friend or a classmate. It's not easy to forgive someone when their actions or words can leave you feeling angry and bitter.

But, if you're stuck in the past because you can't forgive, how do you expect to be positive and move forward, when negative thoughts keep you chained to the prison of the past?

At the moment it might seem as if your silence gives you control over them but holding on to those feelings won't allow you to embrace peace, hope, gratitude and joy. If you allow negative feelings to crowd out positive feelings, you might find yourself swallowed up by your own bitterness.

Forgiveness has different outcomes in different situations but the most common benefit of forgiveness is the peace that helps you go on with life.

"To forgive is to set a prisoner free and discover that the prisoner was you." These fascinating and undeniably true words were said by Lewis Smedes.

By not forgiving someone, you're a prisoner. Forgiveness can truly free you and lead to understanding, compassion and empathy for the one who hurt you. Some people feel as if forgiveness means forgetting or approving what happened. That couldn't be further from the truth. Forgiveness is choosing to rise above the situation.

So how do you forgive someone when every cell in your body wants to hurt them back? How do you laugh with them when all you want to do is cry from the pain of their actions? How do you let go of the past and move into a promising future?

I firmly believe that no one is purely evil; no one completely dedicates their life to hurting others. Everyone carries their own pain which influences the decisions they make. Everyone has a past that effects their present and future. It's not an excuse for their thoughtless, insensitive, or selfish decisions, but it makes them easier to understand.

In the end, none of us are perfect; we've all been thoughtless and insensitive at one point in our lives. We've all made mistakes and usually we start off with good intentions.

A simple starting point would be to put yourself in the other person's shoes and to understand the situation from all different perspectives.

People who hurt you won't always explain the reasons behind their actions but if you give it a try and imagine it from what you know, you may be able to see through the façade that they put up in front of others. You may see a vulnerable person who was wounded and wounded you in return. Despite what they may have done to hurt you, you realize that she did not deserve to suffer, either. It's not an excuse for their behavior but, recognizing that we all carry wounds in our hearts can help open the door to forgiveness.

Another question arises once you do forgive someone, can it lead to reconciliation? And what if the person doesn't change?

If both people value the relationship, then it can always be mended leading to reconciliation. Sometimes, in the case of an old bully, friendship isn't what either side is looking for. Most people just want to undo the pain they've caused.





Zunaira Waheed,  
ANA Gavel Club

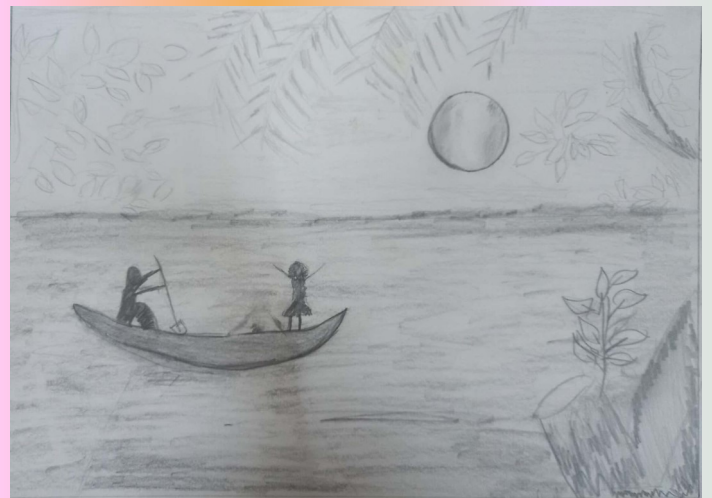
By forgiving a bully who truly feels sorry, you can give them hope for becoming a better person and you can let yourself be truly free.

Once you've overcome suffering, you gain a more mature understanding of what it means to be humble, courageous, and loving in the world. You may be moved to create an atmosphere of forgiveness in your environment, to help others who've been harmed overcome their suffering, or to protect your community from a cycle of hatred and violence. All of these choices can lighten the heart and bring joy to one's life.

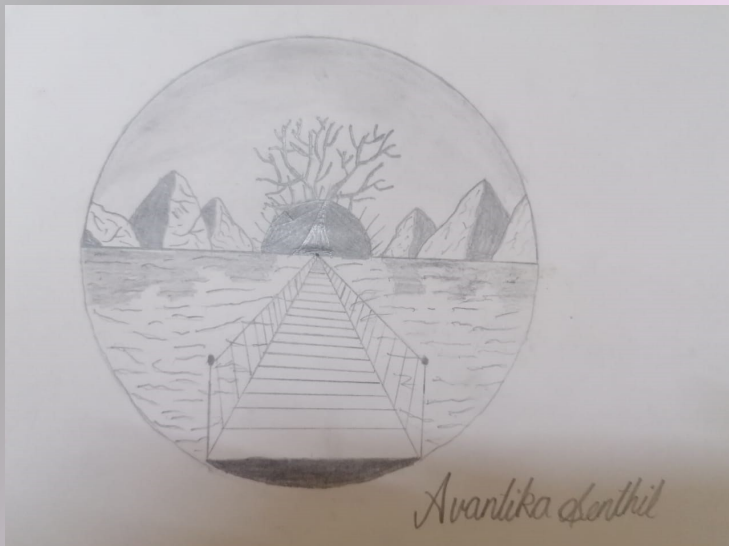
Some people may believe that forgiveness makes you weak, but I disagree. It takes courage to apologize but it takes an even stronger person to understand and forgive.



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President: Gav. Samritha Kumar  
VPE: Gav. Pushpak Mali  
VPM: Gav. Kristan Stanly  
VPPR: Gav. Herchel Noronha  
Secretary: Gav. Ramanaa Sureshbabu  
Treasurer: Gav. Fabian Wifred  
SAA: Gav. Harshad R  
Counselor: Juliet  
Co Ordinator:  
Email: [juletpremarajan@gmail.com](mailto:juletpremarajan@gmail.com)  
GSM No.:  
Meeting location: Indian School Al Mabella  
Meeting Day/Time: Alternate Saturday 10 am to 12 pm

### 39 ISAM Sapphire

President: Gav. Tejashree Girish Prabhu  
VPE: Gav. Bharvgavi Vaidya  
VPM: Gav. Sarthak Dhande  
VPPR: Gav. Adi Vinayak  
Secretary: Gav. Kshitij S Nair  
Treasurer: Gav. Darsh Vora  
SAA: Gav. Keerthi Varshini  
Counselor: Vaishnavi  
Co Ordinator:  
Email: [vaishuchella1905@gmail.com](mailto:vaishuchella1905@gmail.com)  
GSM No.:  
Meeting location: ISG International Ghubra  
Meeting Day/Time: Every Wednesdays 0130 PM to 0230 PM

### 40 Oman Prodigies

President: Gav. Neerav Krishna  
VPE: Gav. Pavan  
VPM: Gav. Sreevarshon  
VPPR: Gav. Sreehari  
Secretary: Gav. Nakshatra  
Treasurer: Gav. Maniish  
SAA: Gav. Sharnicaa  
Counselor: TM Krishna Kumar  
Co Ordinator: TM Krishna Kumar  
Email: [kittiga@gmail.com](mailto:kittiga@gmail.com)  
GSM No.: 95193630  
Meeting location: Al Turki Hall, Ghala  
Meeting Day/Time: Every Fridays 0900 AM to 1100 AM

### 41 PDO Gavel Club

President: Gav. Vibha Ramachandrappa  
VPE: Gav. Jvitesh Datta Juluru  
VPM: Gav. Jaydeep Behera  
VPPR:  
Secretary: Gav. Ruchita Prasad  
Treasurer: Gav. Ved Bharve  
SAA: Gav. Abhishek Deshpande  
Counselor: MTM Sadhana Verma  
Co Ordinator: MTM Sadhana Verma

Email: [sadhanav100@gmail.com](mailto:sadhanav100@gmail.com)  
GSM No.: 92786761  
Meeting location: Falcon Hall, RAHRC  
Meeting Day/Time: Every Tuesdays 0530 pm to 0700 pm

### 42 Valluvam Bilingual Gavel Club

President: Gav. Praveen Kumar  
VPE: Gav. Ayush Karthyic  
VPM: Gav. Vigneshwaran  
VPPR: Gav. Swagath Navaneetha Krishnan  
Secretary: Gav. Pranith Muthuraman  
Treasurer: Gav. Eswaran Sivakumar  
SAA: Gav. Pranav Nivas  
Counselor: MTM Sathya Nachimuthu  
Co Ordinator: TM Navaneetha Krishnan  
Email: [krisgalaxy@gmail.com](mailto:krisgalaxy@gmail.com)  
GSM No.: 95247734  
Meeting location: Talent Training Institute, CBD, Ruwi  
Meeting Day/Time: Alternate Friday 10 AM to 12 PM

### 43 Domina Angels

President: Gav. Karthikeya Katikala  
VPE: Gav. Kanishkhasree Manikandan  
VPM: Gav. Gowtham Suhas Karri  
VPPR: Gav. Varshith sai Karthik Mukala  
Secretary: Gav. Jasmith Surapaneni  
Treasurer: Gav. Hetika Srivaishnvi Nakula  
SAA: Gav. Divya Darshini  
Counselor: DTM Clita veena Crasta & DTM Raja Govindan  
Co Ordinator:  
Email:  
GSM No.: 96254753  
Meeting location:  
Meeting Day/Time: Every 1st & 3rd Thursday 5.30 p.m to 7p.m

### 44 Oman Kids Gavel Club

President: Gav. Jinay Bafna  
VPE: Gav. Ashika Manoj  
VPM: Gav. Shreya Bobby Hrishikesh  
VPPR: Gav. Anant Maheshwari  
Secretary: Gav. Daksh Gulecha  
Treasurer: Gav. Rohan Vinod  
SAA: Gav. Gowri Sajith  
Counselor:  
Co Ordinator: Vaishali Bafna, Meenakshi Nathan  
Email: [vaishaliiiii@yahoo.com](mailto:vaishaliiiii@yahoo.com)  
GSM No.: 96164183  
Meeting location:  
Meeting Day/Time: Every 1st, 2nd and 4th Saturday