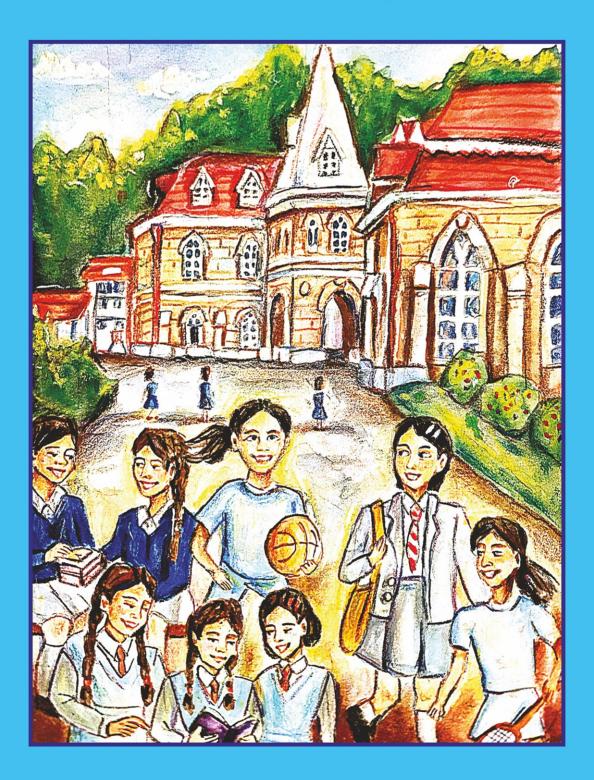


# Loreto-Leaves





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## Mary Ward



Born on 23rd January 1585

Died on 30th January 1645

Mary Ward was an English Catholic religious sister who founded the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary, better known as the Sisters of Loreto. There is now a network of around 200 Mary Ward schools worldwide. Mary Ward was declared venerable by Pope Benedict XVI on 19 December 2009.

Have a cheerful mind, a good understanding and a great desire for virtue.

Of these a cheerful heart is most essential - Mary Ward

# Message from the Community Leader



I extend my warmest greeting to students, teachers and parents and giving me an opportunity to give a write-up for your school magazine.

It is with pride and joy that I address you .Loreto Convent Darjeeling has a rich heritage dating back to 1846. When our pioneering Sisters began a mission of quality education in this beautiful hill station of Darjeeling . Form our humble beginnings with just a few students, we have grow into a vibrant community committed to academic, excellence, development, and strong values.

Over the decadeds, Loreto Convent has nurtured generations of young women, empowering them with proficiency in academics, languages, arts and leadership. Our students gave consistently excelled in board examinations and beyond making their mark in diverse fields across India and the world.

Our tradition of blending holistic and intellectual growth remains strong. As we continue this journey, we pledge to uphold the values of compassion, integrity, and service that have defined our school for nearly two centuries.

May you be inspired by stories of our legacy and the bright future that awaits every member of Loreto family.

With blessing and best wishes,

**Sr. Flora Anthony** Community Leader.

# Message from the Principal



Connecting through an e-platform is a boon when it brings joy, encouragement, and hope. With this conviction, I am delighted to announce the launch of our school's first e-magazine, showcasing the incredible activities and achievements of our students and faculty over the past six months.

The e-magazine not only highlights the diverse range of activities, events, and accomplishments that have taken place in our school but also reflects Loreto's commitment to providing holistic education to our students. It celebrates the hard work, dedication, and passion of our students and teachers.

We are grateful to Almighty God for guiding and blessing us in all our endeavors. May we continue to receive divine grace and wisdom, empowering us to make a positive impact in the Darjeeling hills and the world. May our students and staff uphold the ideals of Loreto, understanding that going deeper is more meaningful than merely going higher—for the deeper they go, the broader they become. May they remember that humility is greater than pride, and walking humbly leads them to their true selves.

I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to the students, teachers, and staff who have contributed to the creation of this e-magazine. Your efforts have made this project a success, and I am proud to witness the fruits of your labor.

I invite everyone to explore the e-magazine and experience the vibrancy of our school community. I am confident that this digital platform will continue to evolve and showcase the very best of our school's spirit and values.

Congratulations to the editorial team and all the students for your dedicated efforts in bringing this emagazine to life.

**Sr. V. Punitha** Principal

# Message From The Coordinators



Dear Children,

Time is brief and fleeting, and soon you'll step out of school to take your place in the world. Whatever you learn during your school years is something you will carry with you all your life. So make the most of every opportunity. Pursue your passions and dreams – you're equipped to accomplish great things.

Remember, education is not just about academics, it's about building character, values, and empathy. Be grateful for the opportunities and nurturing environment you've been blessed with. Uphold the values of Loreto and strive to make a difference in the lives of those around you. Small efforts can have a huge impact, and each of us can contribute to making the world a little better and more beautiful. Keep this in mind as you grow and learn.

We are deeply grateful to our Principal Sr. V. Punitha and our community leader, Sr. Flora for their unwavering support, understanding and trusting our abilities.

Forever grateful to our colleagues and all the members of the staff for their consistent cooperation and dedication to our school's mission.

 $Special\,thanks\,to\,our\,Parents\,for\,their\,constant\,encouragement\,and\,support.$ 

 $May \ God's \ blessings \ be \ upon \ each \ one \ of \ you.$ 

Together, let's continue to work towards taking Loreto to newer heights making the vision of Mary Ward a reality.

With love and blessings.

Mrs. R. Giri Chettri, Mrs S. Pradhan and Mr. R. Chettri

# Message from the Student Editorial Roard



It is with great excitement and pride that we present to you Volume 1 of Loreto Convent Darjeeling's first-ever e-magazine, a creative and reflective space dedicated to showcasing the voice, talent, and imagination of our student community. This edition marks the beginning of a two-part publication, and we are thrilled to share with you the first chapter of this meaningful journey.

We extend our deepest gratitude to our esteemed Principal, Sister Punitha, whose vision, support, and constant encouragement made this initiative possible. We are equally thankful to our dedicated teachers and mentors for guiding us at every step, and to every student who contributed with their words, art, ideas, and enthusiasm.

This magazine is more than just pages, it is a celebration of student expression, a mirror of school life, and a platform where creativity meets purpose. We hope that as you turn each page, you find inspiration, joy, and a sense of belonging.

We look forward to bringing you Volume 2, which will continue this celebration of thought and talent in the upcoming term.

Warm regards,

The Student Editorial Board

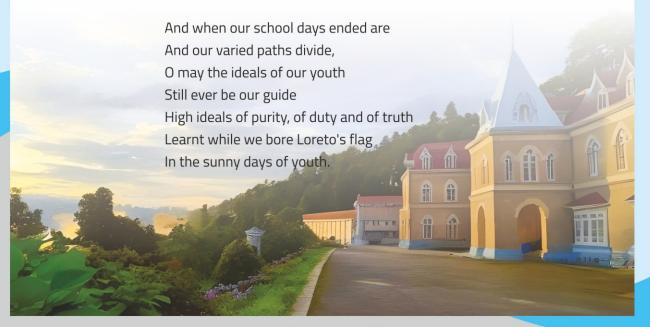
# Loreto Chorus

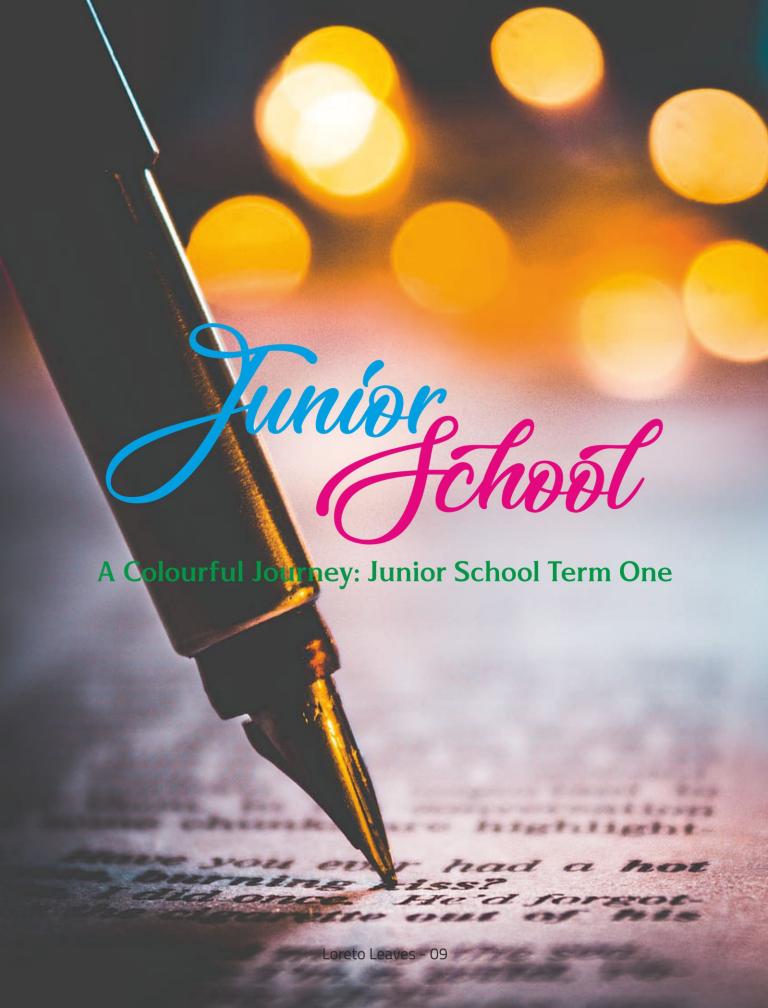
To East and West of that fair isle
Where the first Loreto stands
Loreto's banner now doth fly in many distant lands
In sunny Spain, on Afric's strand,
Under the Southern Cross,
And Westward Ho, where rainbow hued
Niagara's waters toss.

### Chorus

Loreto's banner gaily floats In lands both East and West. Loreto's name each girl reveres. And holds it ever blest.

But first Loreto found a home beneath our Indian skies
Where now o'er plain and mountain peak.
The well loved banner flies.
Loreto's standard bearers we
In girlhood's spring time gay
O may we e'er be loyal and true
To the school friends of today.





### MARY WARD ACTIVITIES:

Mary Ward activities started from class 1 to 5 for the whole week. Children enjoyed making bookmarks, badges, writing maxims and quotes as well as making Mary Ward's collage on these days. Prizes were given to the winners in all categories.







### PARENT TEACHER MEETING

The Parent teacher meeting held on 7th, 8th and The policy statement on safeguarding and 17th March for various classes in the Junior protecting children as well as social media school welcomed parents to the new academic awareness amongst parents and children was session 2025.

The teachers presented a Power Point The meeting ended with a beautiful reminder on highlighting the school's vision, reflection on the team work for the overall growth and general rules of conduct and discipline.

also discussed.

development of our children.



# INVESTITURE CEREMONY & CLASS 5 A's SPECIAL ASSEMBLY Topic- "LEADERSHIP IN THE DIGITAL AGE."

The students of 5 A showed with the help of a skit and dance how social media has transformed the way we interact with each other and the world around us and how we can be responsible while using these social media platforms. The badges were also handed over by our Principal Sr. Punitha to our captains, vice captains along with the minders for this academic session. Our principal's message to the children was using their leadership positively to bring about an impact, without bullying others and limiting the use of social media platforms at such a young age for their own safety.





### **BAGLESS DAY/EDUCATIONAL TRIP:**

teachers along with students of the Junior School draw, to mark and celebrate World Water Day. had a special outing to the Shrubbery Nightingale The two trips had been a pleasant and wonderful Park and the Botanical Garden (Class 1-5).

The Children's eyes gleamed with excitement and was able to bond with each other and had formed anticipation. The essence of such trips is to a strong sense of camaraderie. The children now inculcate learning outside the school premises and to enhance a deeper understanding through was time to return, the happy energy and the perception as well as observation.

On the 22nd March 2025 and 5th April 2025, the On the first outing, the children were also made to learning experience. It was evident that each child look forward to such trips from school. When it smiles never faded.









### **COLOUR DAY**

Colour day was celebrated on 2nd April in the and vegetables of the given colour. Junior School from Pre-Nursery to class 2 with The fun filled activity helped children learn about activities like thumb printing, clay models. Some teamwork in the class. students also talked about the benefits of fruits

great enthusiasm. Students explored various the significance of colours in our lives. It was a shades of colour through art, craft and class joyful experience that sparked creativity and

### Class 5 B's SPECIAL ASSEMBLY Topic- "DARE TO DREAM"

The students through their assembly focused on encouraging everyone to prove their aspirations in the midst of challenges with courage, dedication and hard work.

Through their readings, quotes, melodies and dance they were able to instill and share the message of a dormant potential in each of us awaiting to be set free and what steps need to be taken to achieve our goals.











### Class 5 C's SPECIAL ASSEMBLY Topic- "A MESSAGE OF HOPE AND NEW BEGINNINGS"

The students of class 5 C came together to Through their role play, the story of Easter was present a beautiful as well as meaningful assembly on Easter giving us a message of hope. important days of the Holy week and explaining the significance behind each of these days. a memorable experience for all.

brought to life. Through their performance, they shared a powerful message about love, The children began by walking us through the forgiveness, kindness, hope and renewal. Their hard work and sincerity shone through, making it





### **DRAWING COMPETITION**

A Drawing Competition was conducted on 16th April for Classes KG to V, where students were given class-wise topics such as My Hometown Darjeeling, Disney Characters and Flora and Fauna. The children participated with great excitement and creativity, bringing their ideas to life with colours and imagination.

The variety of expressions and artistic efforts displayed by the students were truly commendable. Winners were selected from each section under First, Second, Third and Consolation categories. It was a delightful event that encouraged selfexpression and a love for art.







# Class 4 A's SPECIAL ASSEMBLY Topic- "EARTH DAY"

On 22nd April the students of 4 A presented a special assembly in celebration of Earth Day. The event commenced with a touching recitation honoring Mother Earth. The assembly featured short but impactful messages and performance illustrating simple yet meaningful ways we can all contribute to protecting and beautifying our planet. The assembly concluded with a melodious song dedicated to Earth followed by a meaningful prayer.















### JUNIOR SCHOOL CONCERT

The Junior School Concert held from 21st to 23rd May was based on the Walt Disney Animation film FROZEN. The story centers on the relationship between two sisters, Elsa and Anna. Elsa has magical powers to freeze everything, which she doesn't know how to control. After inheriting the throne, she flees causing the kingdom to become Frozen in eternal winter and nearly kills her sister. She must sacrifice and show true love to save the day.

The students of class 4 and 5 participated enthusiastically making this Annual Concert a success.

The choir, comprising students from Class 3 and 4, sang beautifully, setting the mood with their melodious voices. The actors from Class 5 brought the story to life with confidence and flair. Each child on stage truly shone, making the event memorable.

Everyone gave their best for all three consecutive days. The parents were overwhelmed with joy and pride to see their children performing so confidently.

Meanwhile, students from KG to Class 2 added to the fun and excitement with their colourful Variety Show, bringing smiles and cheer to the audience.









































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# Class 4 B's SPECIAL ASSEMBLY Topic- "WORLD BEE DAY"

The assembly highlighted on the importance of bees in our ecosystem. Students shared fascinating facts about bees, their role in pollination and the need for their conservation. A skit demonstrated the dangers of bee population decline followed by a beautiful poem. It concluded with a pledge and a prayer to protect these tiny armies and promote environmental awareness.













### HANDWRITING COMPETITION

enthusiasm, putting in their best efforts to successful and encouraging experience for all. showcase their handwriting skills.

A Handwriting Competition was held on 6th June From each section, First, Second and Third prize for students from KG to Class V. The aim was to winners were selected, along with a Consolation encourage neatness, legibility and presentation prize. It was heartening to see the care and effort in writing. Students participated with great each child had taken, making the competition a



### EARTH DAY & ENVIRONMENT DAY

The JPIC Club organized a series of meaningful responsibility and care for the environment. students.

Plant was held, where all captains and monitors alternatives can be part of our daily lives. teachers also joined the initiative by adopting a and more sustainable future. plant, setting a beautiful example of

activities to mark Earth Day and World On World Environment Day, students of Class IV Environment Day, aiming to create awareness participated in a hands-on activity where they and encourage sustainable living among were taught to make "Duna" traditional leaf bowls, using banana leaves. It was a simple yet On Earth Day, a special programme titled Adopt a powerful reminder of how eco-friendly

of the Junior School were given plant saplings to These activities not only sparked environmental adopt and care for. Our community leader, Sister consciousness but also encouraged students to Flora, Reverend Principal, Sister Punitha and take small, thoughtful steps towards a greener



### Class 4 C's SPECIAL ASSEMBLY- WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY Topic- "FOCUS ON ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY AND OUR ROLE"

A skit 'The Trial of plastic' presented by the our responsibility towards the planet. as well as disposal.

"Keepers of the Earth, a captivating song" butanachievable goal. reinforced the core message of guardianship and

students showed the devastating impact of The assembly concluded with a sense of hope plastic and our carelessness in its consumption demonstrating that through education and engagement, a greener future is not just a dream



# Jenior School Livilies

### The Mass of The Holy Spirit

### Anugraha Mukhia

Class X C

year, our school celebrates The Mass of The Holy God as Mary Ward did. Spirit, to invoke God's Spirit for guidance and The mass came to a close in an atmosphere of inspiration as we welcome the New Year.

This year the mass was celebrated on 26th As per tradition, Father Fredrick blessed the soulful hymns sung beautifully by the HolySpirit.

As every New Year unfolds with students.Fr. Fredrick's homily was simple yet immense enthusiasm and ardour, impactful, highlighting the gifts and fruits of The it is necessary for us to seek the wisdom and Holy Spirit, and reminding us to live in accordance counsel of the Holy Spirit in order to welcome the with God's will, just as Mary Ward did opportunities as well as challenges we are to face emphasising the importance of The Holy Spirit in in the year. Therefore, at the beginning of each our lives which we are to spend fulfilling the will of

reverence and repose.

February, 2025 and we were honoured to have classrooms and the school premises. The Mass Father Fredrick Lepcha to celebrate the Holy left behind a peaceful ambience, resonating Eucharistic celebration with school community. profoundly with our hearts and minds which had The mass proceeded by heartfelt prayers and been infused by the venerable knowledge of the









### The Investiture Ceremony



Purvi Agarwal

Class XII C

"The function of leadership is to produce more leaders, not more followers"- Ralph Nader

Loreto Convent, Darjeeling held its investiture ceremony on 26th February, 2025 to formally appoint the office bearers for the academic session. This solemn occasion marked the beginning of a new leadership journey for the elected captains and prefects.

The ceremony began with an insightful introduction on the essence of leadership, followed by the grand march as students received their badges and flags from the principal. Every office bearers pledge to uphold the school the school's values with sincerity, loyalty and responsibility. The Principal addressed the



gathering, congratulating the newly appointed leaders and expressing her hope for a harmonious school year. The event concluded on an inspiring note, leaving behind a deep sense of pride and purpose in every heart.









### **Crowning of our Lady**

On the 2nd of May, our school proudly celebrated the values we cherish as a school community. the Crowning of the Lady, an annual tradition that The highlight of the celebration was the crowning her.

atmosphere was filled with reverent energy as procession, symbolising purity and grace. They gently scattered flower petals along the path as a tribute to the Blessed Virgin.

moments of silent reflection. Every moment of the ceremony was a heartfelt expression of faith and admiration for Mother Mary while upholding

holds deep spiritual and cultural significance in ceremony, where the Head Girl of the school was our institution. This much-awaited event given the honour of placing a beautiful crown on honours Mother Mary, the Queen of Heaven, and the statue of Mother Mary. This symbolic act reflects our devotion, love, and gratitude towards signifies her as our spiritual Queen and eternal mother, a guiding light in our lives.

The celebration began with a sense of serenity The Crowning of the Lady is more than just a and joy as students, teachers, and staff gathered ritual—it is a moment that reminds us of the to take part in this sacred occasion. The values Mary represents: purity, humility, kindness, obedience, and unwavering faith. It the flower girls, dressed in white, led the encourages us to emulate her in our daily lives and to grow into compassionate, responsible individuals.

The celebration ended with a final hymn, leaving The event was enriched by soulful hymns and everyone spiritually uplifted and united. As we continue this annual tradition, we are reminded of the importance of faith, community, and the gentle strength of Mother Mary's love.









### Women's Day

### **Mrinal Dewan**

Class X C

representing hope, resilience, and the strength to performed a song appreciating women. rise again.

emphasizing unity among women.

On 8th March 2025, the A presentation showcased the roles and students of Class 10C organized a contributions of women in society, followed by a special assembly to celebrate International video segment featuring pictures and clips of Women's Day with the theme "Accelerating female teachers and staff. A delightful surprise Actions," symbolized by the phoenix, awaited everyone as the male teachers

The Principal then addressed the gathering, The event began with a powerful drama written acknowledging the efforts of students and and performed by students, portraying the teachers and emphasizing the importance of restrictions placed on women by society. This honouring women every day. The event was followed by a graceful dance, a poem titled A concluded with the distribution of sweets and Girl Reborn highlighting determination and origami tulips, making it a memorable and empowerment, and a prayer in five languages enriching assembly that was deeply appreciated by all.









### Workers' Day

### Saanvi Subedi

Class XII C

assembly and entertainment program to added vibrancy to the celebration. celebrate Worker's Day honouring the dedication The program, conducted in Nepali, aimed to and effort of our support staff.

conducted in Nepali for the better encouragement from teachers and heartfelt communication between us and our dear support staff members. The event began with lightening of the candles, prayers, readings, quotes and a said, "No work is insignificant; all labours that hymn. Followed by presentation of khadas and flowers as a token of appreciation. A variety of

On 2nd May, 2025 the students colourful performances including cultural dances, of class 12 C hosted a special a skit, songs, a medley and a heartfelt message

strengthen the bond between the student and Unlike the usual, this year the entire program was the staff. The event concluded with words of gratitude expressed by our guests, leaving a lasting reminder that, as Martin Luther King Jr uplifts humanity has dignity and importance".







### Rabindra Jayanti, 2025

### Shreeya Lepcha

Class XII A 'Sc

Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore - a Bengali centred around women empowerment, polymath, reformer, educator, and literary icon of portraying Tagore's view of women as warriors the 19th and 20th centuries. The event began and the core strength of society, emphasizing with a group rendition of Rabindra Sangeet that that women are not limited to the kitchen but are filled the hall with melodious voices, followed by a meant to soar through Tagore's music, poetry, graceful dance performance on "Eso He and prose in an era dominated by men. The Boishakh" and a brief introduction about Tagore's celebration concluded with everyone rising to early life and contributions. Another captivating sing the national anthem in honour of Tagore dance titled "Eso Shyamolo Sundaro" by class VIII the man who ruled many hearts.

Rabindra Jayanti 2025 was further elevated the celebration. A short dance celebrated in our school on the drama named "Horikhela," written by Tagore in May to honour the birth anniversary of 1888, was then performed. The final dance









### **Inter House Quiz Competition, 2025**



Vijaya Hangma Subba,

Class XII A

The Inter-House quiz Competition was held on and the founder of the organisation - MKBS 31st May 2025 in the Rink, Loreto Convent, (Mukh Band Kam Suru), whose energy and sharp Darjeeling. It was an exciting and vibrant event questions kept everyone on their toes. that brought together students from all four Teresa Mons and Delphine Hart tied for overall teamwork.

Classes 6 to 8, 9 and 10, and 11 and 12. Each their best. The quiz not only tested knowledge house was represented by four of their best but also brought out the true spirit of teamwork, quizzers in each group. The event was conducted courage and joy in learning. by Mr. Rahul A. Pradhan, a brilliant quiz master

houses in a thrilling test of knowledge and first place, followed by Teresa Ball in second and Mary Ward in the third. It was an enriching The quiz was divided into three categories - experience for all involved, with each team giving

























### Battle of Minds: a Chronicle

Anugraha Mukhia

Class X C

'The beauty of a chess move lies not in its appearance but in the thought behind it - Aron Nimzowitsch

Tournament 2025 hosted by Dow Hill School, ahead and all the girls did exactly that as per their Kurseong on 28th March, brought together capabilities. The event came to a close with a students of Darjeeling, Kalimpong and Kurseong prize-distribution ceremony which was a grand for an intellectually engaging event.

nervousness. However, as the ice was broken by the affable interactions between the participants from various schools, everyone felt quite at ease. There were four intellectual games in total and meticulous skills in critical thinking. Chess is a

The Anglo-Indian Chess game where players have to think two steps and prestigious occasion. Two of our girls Each of the participants felt a sudden wave of triumphantly earned their well-deserved wins. All of us returned with a sense of contentment as the day had proved to be fruitful.

The Anglo-Indian Chess Tournament, 2025 truly proved to be a resounding success for those who after each game the tension grew. All the managed to row their boat to the shore of victory students showed off their diligent and and also a distinguished forum where the participants learned to concede with grace.









### A Masterpiece of Upcycled Art & Sustainability

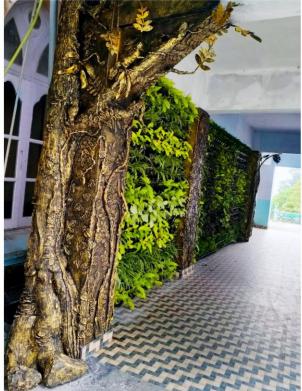
We are thrilled to announce the installation of a Shravasti Lama and our passionate students, the care. Spearheaded by our gifted alumna Mrs. fusion of art and environmental action! Reena Chhetri, with invaluable support from Ms.

one-of-a-kind 3D wall sculpture, a dazzling sculpture is entirely crafted from repurposed transformation of our campus that has turned school waste - giving discarded materials new school waste into breathtaking art. Born from the life as a symbol of hope and innovation. More visionary leadership of Reverend Principal Sister than an art installation, it's a living lesson in Punitha and the JPIC team, this project embodies sustainability, proving beauty can rise from what Loreto's commitment to creativity and planetary we might overlook. Come witness this inspiring











### **JPIC Activities**

From 22nd April 2025, the school undertook a series of impactful environmental and awareness activities. A student-led awareness assembly was held on World Earth Day, followed by a creative initiative from 5th to 31st May, where school waste was transformed into relief sculptures on campus pillars, promoting recycling through functional art. On 31st May, Class 7A students, along with JPIC teachers, participated in the Himalayan Cleanup Drive across public areas in Darjeeling. On 2nd June, an educational board on the environmental and health impacts of plastic was displayed, an assembly programme was held addressing global conservation challenges, and students took part in a plantation drive and walkathon organised by St. Joseph's, Darjeeling, to declare the town a 'horn free zone'. The celebrations continued on 9th June with 'Beat Plastic Pollution' initiatives, the observation of Traditional Day with ethnic food displays of sustainability in children.

promoting cultural unity, and the inauguration of waste-material wall sculptures showcasing creative recycling. On 10th June, a donated avocado sapling was planted to enhance green cover, while the Junior School JPIC taught traditional leaf plate (duna) making to encourage zero-waste lunches. Health awareness was also prioritised, with an assembly on 11th June addressing the risks of sugar consumption and diabetes prevention, supported by educational displays; this initiative was further strengthened on 15th July with updated sugar awareness boards to foster long-term behavioural change. On 19th July, a plantation drive was organised at Takdah Garden and Dabaipani to promote ecological awareness and give back to nature. Finally, on 29th July, upcycled sack bags were distributed to carpool drivers as a practical solution to reduce littering while instilling the values





















#### LTS Activities

The LTS Club undertook several meaningful confidence among them. To support the club's of its gardening project, members (students) planted marigold saplings to enhance the beauty of the school campus. Every Saturday, the club conducts literacy classes aimed at supporting underprivileged children with their studies, thereby fostering educational growth and

initiatives during the year. On 31st May, as a part outreach programme, a fundraising canteen is organised on 30th of every month with active participation from members. As part of the outreach efforts, on 31st July the club visited a Buddhist school and organised a Sit and Draw Competition, which saw the enthusiastic participation of 26 students.













#### **SAT Club Activities**

District Judge, Additional District Judge, Chief activities. Judicial Magistrate, President of the Bar

On 17th March, the traffic police were felicitated Association, Superintendent of Police, DYSP in appreciation of their exemplary service. On Traffic, Special Juvenile Police Office, Women 15th April, an awareness programme on human Police OC, and SI Cyber Crime in their town, trafficking was conducted, followed by a presenting purple roses as a symbol of dignity fundraising initiative on 17th July through the and hope to highlight the plight of trafficking setting up of a canteen. On 31st July, the World victims. On 4th August, a collaboration was Day Against Trafficking in Persons was observed, initiated with the SAT Club members of another during which students visited the offices of the school to plan and coordinate upcoming









#### Report on SAS Basketball Tournment

#### Junior Basketball team

represented our school at the SAS Diamond match against St. George's school. The Jubilee Basketball Tournament. The team, experience was enriching as we build team work, accompanied by Miss M. Tamang, played 3 matches across two days, facing tough competition from schools like St. Xavier's and St. grateful for the opportunity to improve our skills Philomena.

Though we couldn't qualify for the semi-finals,

On 2nd April, students from classes 6 and 7 we ended on a high note by winning our final gain confidence, and made new friends. The host school was warm and welcoming, and we were while enjoying every moment of the journey.











#### **AIS Basketball Tournament**

Shahina Dewan

Games Captain

'Talent wins games, but teamwork and intelligence win championships.' - Michael Jordan

Joseph's Convent, Loreto Convent and Dr. gritandunity. Graham's Homes - the tournament saw spirited More than just a game matches in both ICSE and ISC categories over two The closing ceremony honoured talent and spirit days of intense action.

set out early from Darjeeling and reached resilience and unforgettable memories. Kalimpong by 12 noon.

#### DAY 1 - League Matches unfold

The first match saw SJC and DGH (ICSE) going side that stays with you forever". head to head in a high paced opener. It was followed by the ISC match between the same two schools, where impressive tactics and a battle of home so much more: experiences, friendships, endurance played out on court.

Later that day, LCD clashed with DGH in the ICSE division, with both sides putting up tight defence and fast paced attacks. The final match of the day was the ISC match between SJC and LCD, which was packed with moments of brilliance and resilience from both teams.

#### DAY 2 - Deciders and Finals

The second day began early, with crisp morning air setting the tone for the ISC match between LCD and DGH at around 9 AM- a decisive game that would determine the finalists.

Despite our ISC team putting in tremendous effort and teamwork during the league stage, we narrowly missed the spot in the finals with 11-14. Just 3 points away. DGH advanced to face SJC in the championship game.

The AIS Basketball Tournament In the ICSE category, our girls showcased 2025, hosted by St. Joseph's Convent Kalimpong extraordinary discipline, sharp coordination, and this April, was more than just a competition - it unwavering determination. Though we fell just was a celebration of spirit, grit, and the love for short of the finals, they proudly secured the the game. With three participating schools - St. runners up position, having made a mark with our

alike. Trophies, medals and applause celebrated Our teams, representing AIS in both categories, more than just wins-they marked friendships,

> In the words of our coach Ghenla, "The result is just one side of the game; the joy of playing is the

> Though we returned with a runners up title in ICSE and a third place finish in ISC, we brought growth, and a deeper love for the game.













#### International Sports Day Celebration, 2025

Shreeya Lepcha

Class XII A 'Sc' Sports Club.

"Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much"- Hellen Keller

On 7th April, 2025 Loreto Convent Darjeeling held a short special assembly to mark International Sports Day. Internationally, Sport's Day is celebrated on 6th April but since it was the weekend we decided to celebrate it on Monday.

The assembly began with a welcome speech, followed by an introduction about the guest of honour Miss Richa Bala Chettri, an alumni of Loreto Convent, Darjeeling who has excelled in her sports' career and is now working as a Physical Education teacher at Dowhill School, Kurseong. The theme for the year 2025-2026. "Levelling the Playing Field: Sport for Social Inclusion" was highlighted through speeches, skits and presentation focusing on teamwork,

equality and the power of sport to bring change.

As we moved towards the end of our program, we presented our guest teachers and students with a song "Hall of Fame" and a presentation on how we as women can achieve so much in this field alike men. The power point presentation explained how people will judge us despite our success and achievements highlighting the key components 'consistency' and 'hard work'.

The program concluded with a vote of thanks by Principal Rev. Sr. Punitha and an inspiring speech by Miss Chettri, urging students to chase their dreams with courage. "It's only crazy until you do it yourself."

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set out early from Darjeeling and reached was packed with moments of brilliance and resilience from both teams.

DAY 2 - Deciders and Finals

The first match saw SJC and DGH (ICSE) going The second day began early, with crisp morning air setting the tone for the ISC match between LCD and DGH at around 9 AM- a decisive game

Despite our AIS ISC team putting in tremendous Later that day, LCD clashed with DGH in the ICSE effort and teamwork during the league stage, we narrowly missed the spot in the finals with 11-14. Just 3 points away. DGH advanced to face SJC

















#### Shahina Dewan (Games Captain) Sulakshana Rai (Games Vice Captain)

The event opened with a flag hoisting, national anthem and a grand march-past. Each house marched proudly in their respective colours, showcasing excellent discipline. The school band played energetic tunes that lifted the spirits of both participants and spectators.

Next, the torch relay began with the six White House captains running around the field, symbolising unity, energy, and true spirit of sportsmanship.

The day featured with a wide range of athletic competitions - including 100, 200, 400, 800, and 1500 meters race; 4x100 meters relay; high jump; broad jump; javelin, shot put and discus throw. In between the races and other athletic events the students from different classes had performed beautiful drills which held powerful meanings.

The event concluded with a Vote of Thanks by the Chief Guest. Our Principal appreciated the efforts of all participants and encouraged students to embrace every season of change as an opportunity for growth. The day ended on a high note, filled with unity, pride and joy-making Annual Sports Day 2025 truly memorable and inspiring.

The annual sports for the session 2025-2026 of Loreto Convent Darjeeling was held with great enthusiasm and grandeur in the month of May. It was a day of celebration and camaraderie, bringing together students from classes 6 to 12 to showcase their athletic talents and team spirit. This year's event was organised around the inspiring theme "Seasons of Change", symbolising growth, transition, and resilience.

It was a two day event, where on the first day i.e. on the 15th May, the students presented the event to the junior school, giving the younger students a glimpse into the excitement and sportsmanship that defines Sports Day. The chief guest was our very own junior school teacher Mrs. S. Sherpa who ended the event with a Vote of Thanks.

The main event took place the following day. The morning began with rain showers, leaving many unsure if the day would proceed. However, as in favour of the Loreto spirit, the skies cleared and the weather turned pleasantly cool with no further rain or harsh sun. The day began with the arrival of the chief guest Mr. Peter Lepcha from St. Paul's School.







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#### AIS Volleyball Carnival, 2025



Ronika Rai, X C

"Winning and losing are a part of the game. What matters the most is the hard work you put in. Your determination during the game and above all your experience".

Homes at around 8:00p.m., where we were results were as follows: welcomed by the students.

Dr. Graham's Homes were celebrating quasquicentennial (125 years) of their ICSE: 1st-St. Joseph's Convent, Kalimpong establishment because of which both the matches for BOYS and GIRLS category were held Indeed it was a very good experience for all of us simultaneously.

The day started off with some speeches. The ICSE inevitable but what really matters is the team gave their best and played against St. memories made in the long run that shall be Joseph's Convent and Mount Hermon School. cherished forever.

This year the AIS Volleyball Carnival was hosted Even though the game were not in the favour of by Dr. Graham's Homes, Kalimpong on 17th May. the ICSE team, our ISC team played exceptionally We were accompanied by Miss A. Thapa, Sir P. well and emerged as runner up. Each player Lama, Sir B. Bagri and our couch Sir Z. Khan. After played remarkably. Our team members showed a long tiring drive we reached Dr.Graham's true sportsmanship and hard work. The over all

> ISC: 1st - St. Joseph's Convent, Kalimpong 2nd - Loreto Convent, Darjeeling

2nd - Mount Hermon School, Darjeeling to learn and grow. Winning and losing are









#### **Senior School Bagless Days**



Apeksha Rai Class XI A

new concept to further enrich the student's to be active and spend our time outside. teachers and students alike.

trips for classes KG to XII, except class XI as their questions which were both amusing and thought session had not begun yet. The students were taken to institutes like museums, zoos, old age school held a project in which students from Class homes, orphanages, post offices and factories in XI and XII planted flowers on our school campus Kalimpong as well as the Science City in Siliguri with the guidance of the working staff. according to their streams as seen fit for their These hands-on experiences further shape our interests.

On the 12th of April we observed our third the opportunity to become better socialisers and bagless day. Teachers versus students basketball more conscious human beings, which we couldn't and volleyball matches were held in the have achieved otherwise. Bagless days are not respective courts, and students were allowed to meant to signify a break from education, but participate or simply watch whichever one they rather education without textbooks, encouraging preferred. Sports and other such extracurricular us to find ways to learn and grow outside of our activities have been greatly emphasised this year, classrooms.

This year Loreto Convent Darjeeling introduced a and as it was a bright, sunny day, we were eager

learning experience, in the form of 'Bagless Days.' The Inter-House Quiz Competition was held on On certain Saturdays students are instructed not the next bagless day, the 31st of May, where to bring any books and simply attend school for students from Class VI to XII were separated into various interactive events arranged by our three categories. It was hosted by Mr. Rahul A. Pradhan, the founder of MKBS, who made it a The first and second bagless days involved field wonderful experience with his self made provoking. On the same day, the LTS club of our

students and make us better individuals. We get





## Senior School Bagless Days

















## **Senior School Bagless Days**

















#### **Cultural Exchange Programme - Shillong**

#### Ms J Pradhan & Ms D Pradhan

Students from Loreto Convent Darjeeling participated in the Cultural Exchange Programme 2025 hosted by Loreto Convent Shillong from 19th to 22nd May. The four-day event was a vibrant celebration of cultural diversity, learning, and friendship.

performances by students from both schools, visits to notable sites like the Don Bosco Museum and Elephant Falls, and interactive sessions that beautifully organised event.

highlighted the rich heritage of Meghalaya and Darjeeling. Prayer services, cultural presentations, and sharing moments deepened the bond between the two schools.

The exchange concluded with a warm farewell ceremony, leaving students with cherished The programme featured traditional dance memories and a deeper appreciation for each other's culture. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Loreto Shillong for their generous hospitality and



















### **Jubilee Celebration**



















# Mrs. Rachana Giri Chettri



Today, with hearts full of gratitude and admiration, we celebrate Mrs. Rachana Giri Chettri, a beloved daughter of Loreto Convent, for completing 25 years of exemplary service—a journey marked by compassion, commitment, and an enduring love for education and community.

Born to late Mr. Gyaneswar Giri and Mrs. Radhika Devi Giri, and the youngest among her siblings—brother late Mr Sanjay Giri and sister Ms. Vijaya Giri—Mrs. Rachana Giri has always stood out for her warmth, strength, and sense of duty. She shares her life with her devoted husband, Mr. Rupen Chettri, and their cherished son, Shashwat Chettri, who are both a source of strength and joy. Ms Giri's life is all the more blessed and enriched by the presence of her son-cum-nephew Soham Giri.

Her connection with Loreto began not as a teacher, but as a student walking the same corridors she would one day return to with a teacher's heart. A proud Loreto alumna, Mrs Giri completed her schooling at Loreto Convent, Darjeeling, then earned her Honours in Zoology from St. Joseph's College, followed by a Master's degree from Sikkim Manipal University and a B.Ed from SRKBT College.

From her early days, Mrs Giri dazzled as a beacon of leadership and charisma. She was then the Vice Captain of Nazareth House, now Teresa Mons House. She infused every moment with her vibrant energy, shining brightly in elocution, dance, and basketball. Her dramatic prowess truly captivated audiences; she breathed life into Eliza in "My Fair Lady", a performance that crowned her with the Best Actor Award. She also won accolades for her spellbinding performance in "The Monkey's Paw". Mrs Rachana Giri's story is one of talent, passion, and enduring brilliance.

"Dedication is not what others expect of you. It is what you can give to others."

In the year 2000, under the mentorship of Sr. Teresa Mc Glinchey and Sr. Alice Mary, Mrs Rachana Giri returned to Loreto, this time as a teacher—a path that soon transformed into her life's calling. Over the past 25 years, she has poured her heart and soul into shaping not only the minds of her students but the very spirit of the school. Her dedication has fueled initiatives like the LTS and the JPIC, and her nurturing guidance as a House Mistress has shaped the lives of many students. Her unwavering commitment is driven not by duty, but by an enduring love—for education, for her students, and for the cherished values of Loreto.

"25 years is not merely a number—it is a testament to the endurance of spirit, the grace of consistency, and the quiet joy of finding purpose in each day."

Currently serving as Co-ordinator of the Middle School, Mrs. Giri continues to shape young minds with the same passion that marked the beginning of her journey. Her classroom is a space of respect, curiosity, and care—a reflection of who she is both inside and outside the school.

This milestone is not just about years served—it is a celebration of a life lived in service, in love, and in legacy. Mrs. Rachana Giri embodies the spirit of Loreto, and her story inspires us to reflect deeply on what it means to dedicate oneself to a cause greater than self.



As we honor your 25 incredible years, dear Mrs. Giri, We pray to the dear lord that you will continue to serve Loreto Convent with the same vigour and fortitude in the years to come. We wish you the very best for the future.

With love, prayers and gratitude, The Community Leader, Principal, Staff and Students, Loreto Convent, Darjeeling



O-Honouring 25 years of excellence in teaching in recognition of

## Mr. Prakash Lama

'Every whistle you blew, every encouragement you gave- it's all added up to 25 years of impact that will never be forgotten'



With immense pride and deep respect, we honor Mr. Prakash Lama on this momentous occasion of completing 25 years of exemplary service in the field of Physical Education in Loreto Convent, Darjeeling.

Mr. Prakash Lama was born on 12th of June 1969 in Dabaipani. Among the three children he is the eldest son of Mr. Kulbahadur Lama and Mrs. Keshang Lama. He is happily married to Mrs. Roma Lama and blessed with a daughter Prachi and a son Reehan.

He did his primary schooling from Dabai Pani, and then completed his High School from Grifith Secondary School and Ghoom Boys School Darjeeling. Mr. Lama graduated from The Darjeeling Government College in the year 1993.

Since joining Loreto Convent, Darjeeling in the year 2000, he has been a guiding force in promoting fitness, discipline and sportsmanship among students. Through his unwavering dedication, countless students have discovered their potential, built confidence and embraced the value of team work and perseverance.

Mr. Lama's commitment extends beyond the field. The evidence by his role as a PTI is seen in organizing inter school competitions, mentoring young athletes and fostering a culture of health and wellness in our institution. He did his diploma from the National Institute of Sports Patiyala, Punjab in the year 1994. He has represented playing Badminton in various levels like the District School Games, as well as in State levels and the North East and National Games level.

We express our heartfelt gratitude for the passion, integrity and energy that Mr. Lama brings to every sports session and to every student.

May this milestone be a source and pride and inspiration in the years to come.



The Principal, Staff and Students Loreto Convent Darjeeling



सेवामा, आरती तामाङ लोरेटो कन्वेन्ट, दार्जीलिङ ।



#### अभिनन्दन पत्र

मनुष्य यस धरतीमा जन्मनु नै एउटा ठूलो वरदान हो । यही वरदान पाएका हाम्री आरती तामाङ १ जनवरी १६६६ - सालमा घुममा बाबा स्व० पदम राई अनि आमा स्व० रूपा राईको कोखबाट जन्मनु भएकी हो ।

सन् १६८५- सालमा मानेभञ्ज्याङ निवासी श्री फ्रान्सिस तामाङसँग उनी पवित्र विवाहको बन्धनमा बाँधिए । ईश्वरको वरदानस्वरूप उनीहरूका घरमा तीन छोराहरू मार्सल, मार्टिन र सामुएलको जन्म भयो ।

२५ वर्षको समर्पित सेवा लोरेटो कन्वेन्टलाई दिनु नै आरती तामाङको ठूलो योगदान हो । उनी यस संस्थानसँग सन् २०००-सालदेखि एउटी अशिक्षण कर्मचारीको रूपमा सेवारत भएकी हो ।

विगत् २५ वर्षदेखि यस संस्थानसँग यहाँले पुरचाउनुभएको योगदान, समर्पण तथा अथक परिश्रम वास्तवमै प्रेरणादायी छ । उहाँको इमानदारिता र कर्मनिष्ठाको कदर गर्दै आज हामी सम्पूर्ण लोरेटो परिवार बधाई जनाउँदछौं र आउने दिनहरूमा पनि यही उत्साह र जोशसित आफ्नो काम गर्न सकुन् भन्ने कामना गर्दछौं ।

यस विशेष अवसरमा वहाँको उत्तरोत्तर प्रगति, सुस्वास्थ्य तथा दीर्घायु जीवनको कामना गर्दै पुनः हार्दिक बधाई एवम् शुभकामना व्यक्त गर्दछौं।

धन्यवादसहित,



सिस्टर सुपिरियर, प्रिन्सिपल तथा सम्पूर्ण लोरेटो परिवार, लोरेटो कन्वेन्ट, दार्जीलिङ ।



"Great Teachers don't just teach subjects; they teach life's most valuable lessons".

A proverb truly exemplified in

# Miss Sushma Gupta



Ms. Sushma Gupta is the eldest child of late Mr. H.A. Gupta and Mrs. Dorothy Franklin who herself is a past pupil of Loreto Convent Darjeeling. Born on the 3rd April 1965 at Planters' Hospital, Darjeeling, Ms. Sushma Gupta has a brother younger to her. She did her schooling from Loreto Convent Darjeeling and was a boarder throughout her school years. She is thus a true Loreto girl having the high ideals and values etched in her heart. As a student Miss Gupta was an enthralling sports person, doing wonders for the house she belonged to. After her schooling she completed the Teachers' Training Course from Mount Hermon Training College. She then worked in St. Helen's School Kurseong for 3 years and then joined Loreto Convent, Darjeeling in the year 2000, completing 25 years of dedicated service. Miss Sushma Gupta, was the Junior School Co-Ordinator for 3 years. As an ardent disciplinarian, she loves to imbibe and instill in every child the Loreto values and deep sense of love and belonging to the school.

She even worked in the library under Mother Aligui's guidance and shows great love and affection for each and every property of the school. She has profound love for the books that are in the library and has great knowledge about them.

She has always shown her zeal and a true spirit of sportsmanship by being whole heartedly involved in the Junior School Sports and Drill Displays, organizing the games and training the contingency for the march past and even personally seeing to the markings on the field. With great pride and honour, she has always preserved the school flag, the house flags, the sashes and the berets of the different houses — so much so that even the senior children come to avail of them.

As we reflect on Miss Sushma Gupta's years of tireless services, we are reminded of the Loreto values of loyalty, duty and of truth.

We are forever grateful for the indelible print she has made in the lives of countless students. May God always bless her with good health and happiness in her future endeavors.



The Principal, Staff & Students Loreto Convent Darjeeling.

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स्व० पी० के० बराइली अनि श्रीमती मेरी बराइलीको कोखबाट २५ अगस्त १६६७ सालमा कालेबुङको सिन्द्रेबुङ्ग बस्तीमा पुरण बराइलीको जन्म भयो । आठजना भाइ बहिनीहरूमध्ये उनी जेठा थिए । २ अक्टोबर २००७ सालमा पत्नी एस्थर बराइलीसँग उनी पवित्र विवाह बन्दनमा बाँधिए । ईश्वरको वरदान स्वरूप घरमा दुई छोराहरू डानियल र जावेजको जन्म भयो ।

9 अक्टोबर १६६७ सालमा सिस्टर फिलोमिनाको कार्यकालमा लोरेटो कन्भेटमा उनको जागिर जीवन शुरू भयो । लोरेटोमा उनले गाड़ी चालकको रूपमा आफ्नो सेवा शुरू गरेका थिए ।

बिजुली सम्बन्धी कुनै पनि कामहरू गर्नमा पनि उनी अतिनै सिपालु थिए । स्कूलको काम गर्न उनी कुनै कसर छोड़दैनन् थिए । उनी सम्पूर्ण कामहरू पूरा निष्ठा, लगन र समर्पणका साथ गर्थे ।



#### Prayer Service for Mr. Puran Baraily

A solemn prayer service was held in the Arthur and humble service rendered by Puran Baraily Hall to pay tribute to our late support staff during his tenure. Students and colleagues member, Puran Baraily, who passed away expressed their condolences and remembered recently. The program began with lighting the the kindness and commitment shown by the candle by his family, followed by prayers offered by teachers, students and staff. The Principal gratitude note by his wife. shared a few words highlighting the dedication

departed soul. The service concluded with













#### Rainbow

Nysah Thakuri Class 2B

#### Autobiography of a Bag

Tenzin Pema Bhutia Class 4A

Thear thunder. I think it will rain today, through the window i see the sky looks grey. Tip top tip top when it rains, I miss playing out with my friends. But when the rain stops and the sun shines, there we see the seven colours glow. All we all shout Oh! it's a rainbow.

Hello! everyone my name is Gucci and I'm a black bag with a furry handle and a golden chain. I was loved by my owner Karen.

She carried me everywhere to parties, picnics as I was lucky for her. She always showed me off to scary.

her friends and relatives. I enjoyed going out with her everyday because of this I became quite dirty day by day. Then she started buying new bags. She forgot me. I was locked in a cupboard. I was very sad. Then, I met the other bags whom Karen had mistreated. We all shared our experience with each other. We became great friends. One day, a mysterious woman came and took me somewhere. It was the laundry room. I was put in a machine, i started spinning wildly until I was dizzy. It was like a roller coaster. Later they hung me up on the clothes line. Ahahh@ It was so

Then I was locked inside a box and was gifted to **Sunandini Rai** her cousin Saran. She is different. She treats me Class 3A very nicely even though I am old. I was quite scared before but now I'm very happy with her.



My Pet Dog

My pet's name is Posy. Her bed is so cosy. She wags her tail. Without fail. She loves to run around. And she is my best friend.





#### My Cat

#### Penorla C. Bhutia Class 4B

#### My Hero. My Dad

#### Ishika Kumari Mahto

Class 5A

My cat is little, so hard to spot her eye colour is green she is faster than light no wonder, she is so light.

She plays all day from dawn till eye.

dawii dii eve.

Just like a little fur ball she rolls up to sleep, when night falls.

When I come back from school she runs up to me and bites my hand like a crazy cat.
She has sharp teeth like a shard She is so cute.
I can hug her all day.
My cat.

Dad! You are the best of all the rest. I know the person on earth. Who is greater than God I call him "DAD". When I am at my best I am my daddy's daughter. In life I have no reason to be sad. Because with me I have my dad. Your voice makes me strong. Teaching me what's right or wrong. I feel safe when you are with me. You show me fun things to do. Your smile says it all Dad! I love you more than all!



Blue Skies
Sairah Hangma Subba
Class 50

You know the blue skies, that twinkle in the morning time, They sparkle like flourite of all the things that come and go by.

The sense of honour that says,
'Blue skies staring at me.
Nothing but blue skies do I see'
The meaning that you don't know of
the deep, blue skies is something
God can't hide.

Those deep, blue skies stares at me with those innocent eyes, is something you can't feel once in a lifetime, when you come and pass by.



My Best Friend

Aisha Bint Iftekhar

Class 5A

My best friend helps me.
Cares about me and makes me happy
I have a lot of friends but
She is my best friend.

A best friend is one who loves you Best friends don't need gifts

They need you

My best friend is the best.

#### **Our Special Assembly**

**Annabel Tamang** Class 5A

with the Investiture Ceremony, and the topic was 2025. All the sections of Classes 4 and 5 went on "Social Media". We practiced for fourteen days along with their teachers. We went through the and miss also had prepared some charts, stickers, boards and logos for the assembly. After that, the amazing view. We saw the mountain range, many big day finally came.

were brimming with confidence and did not feel Phalat. There was a hundred year old tree called nervous at all. First, we gave the message of 'Dhupi' as well. The Botanical Garden also has a using social media responsibly and then sang a green house which houses a variety of unique and song called "Today my life begins" by Bruno Mars. vibrant plants. The shapes of these plants were After that, some students came up on the stage also very interesting. I enjoyed a lot with my and performed a play showing the impact of friends and also got to learn about the different social media. The characters were the bullied species of trees found in and around Darjeeling. student, class leader and the teacher. There was also a dance which really had an impact on the students and teachers alike.

Then came the badge ceremony. We had to line up and receive the captain and monitor badges from our Principal Sister Punitha. I felt so happy myself on receiving the captain badge.

The lesson we learned from the assembly is leadership is not about only wearing a badge but how to be a responsible leader, to bring about a positive change in others without any bullying but understanding. I have also promised to limit my phone time and read books more often!

#### A Visit to the Botanical Garden

Kanak Chatlani Class 5A

Our special assembly was on 10th March along We visited the Botanical Garden on 5th March Cage Road and upon reaching we witnessed an trees and beautiful flowers. Some of the trees Because of our teachers encouragement, we which we saw we Liquidambar, Callistemon and



#### My Class - Young stars of Class 5A

Ojashwini Pradhan

Class 5A

CLass 5A is a group of bright, friendly and hardworking young stars! Each one of us is special in our own way. We learn together, play together and help each other like one big family. Our class teacher Mrs. Anureeya encourages us not only to study but also to take part in different activities. She teaches us to be humble, kind and responsible. We may be small but we carry big dreams.

#### Mother

Nehangma Subba Class 5C

Mother is the most precious and important person in our life. She is a caretaker, supporter, lover, guide, friend, teacher, manager, home maker. She takes care of us, and guides us in every step that we take in our life. She is the warmth we need when we are sad. She is the laughter when we feel happy. Her love is endless, she gives us lots of love without expecting anything in return. She also sacrifices her wishes sometimes for our happiness. She knows how to make her children laugh and be with them always even when things are difficult. We must value and respect our mother.





**Time** 

Chimeyla Wazalingapa Class 5A

The clock goes tick-tock, time goes on. Everyday is a new day, time goes on.

They say 'Don't take time for granted, Time goes on. They say 'Don't waste time, time goes on.

The cathedral clock pealed, time goes on.
'You can never stop time' time goes on.

Happy or Sad, time goes on. Depressed or lonely, time goes on.

Do whatever you can do, before time goes. As you all know, 'Time Goes On'.

#### The Power of Women

#### Samridhi Pradhan

Mary Ward, so bold and bright Fought for every woman's right, She dreamed of schools, a better way, When girls could learn and lead someday.

They tried to stop her, said she's wrong, But she stayed brave, she stayed strong Through faith and hope, she lit the way, A path we walk upon today.

Now Loreto stands so proud and true A light of hope for me and you For she believed and now we see "Women in time will do much" – that's we.



Tripeshna Pradhan Class VI 'B'

We've walked through classrooms, side by side, From class three's laughter to today's pride. Through every test, through every play, Our bond has grown, come what may.

With shared adventures, memories made, Our friendship's roots have deeply stayed. In every moment, big or small, You've stood by me, through it all.

I'm grateful for our friendship true, For the laughter, tears and moment new. You're more than friends you're family to me, A bond that's strong, a friendship legacy.



It's ok

Arukshita Syangbo

Class VI 'B'

It's ok to not have answers It's ok to not be strong It's ok to do nothing at all It's ok so ok to be wrong.

It's ok to just be you It's ok to lose a game It's ok to hate someone It's ok to cry in bed at night.

It's ok to go your own way It's ok to play for fun It's ok to fail a test It's ok to not be number one.

It's ok to be alone It's ok to make a mistake It's ok to be hurt It's ok to need a break.

When I was young, Here's something I wish I knew When the world says, listen to me It's ok to listen to you.

#### Music

#### Aabharana Raj Gurung Class VI 'C'

#### Where is my mind?

Drishti Lama Class VII 'C'

Music O Music...... My friend so dear All through my life You are always near.



A little bit of respect,
A little bit of love
Music my friend,
Like a spirit from above.

Music will make you glad, You will never feel sad You will always stand out loud, You will never feel so proud.

Where is my mind? Deeply buried in the ground Or sinking deep in the sea Off in a distant far land No one has ever seen? Up over the clouds Or in the dark space! In the roots of trees Or in Vitamin D from the sunshine? In the cold Himalayas Or travelling through endless caves. In beautiful villages Or modern cities? Ancient Egyptian pyramids Or monasteries or temples or museums? In the calm nature Or the hot flames of fire! A whack on my shoulder There stands my Hercules mother I am back in my study With my mind shrinking back in my body.

#### Still I choose the moon

Eden L. Sherpa Class VI 'B'

Can a flower bloom without the sun? Can the rain fall without its tough? Can the moon glow without its shine? The sun-so strong, so bright, so much.

Yet, my heart still finds the moon Soft and quiet, lighting the night Far, yet it reaches me, With a glow that feels just right.

It holds the stars, a gentle dream, A beauty wrapped in silver light And though the sun makes it shine, I'll always love the moon at night.



#### The Fruits of Greed

Hridaya Chhetri Class VI 'B'

One day, a poor man named Larin was walking by a forest area, he was tired, hungry and lost. While trying to find his way out, he came across a small pond, thirsty, he decided to drink some water from it. After he did so, he saw an apple tree bearing shiny and juicy apples.

Carved on the trunk was, "The fruits of greed are never sweet."

Without a second thought, Larin climbed the tree and picked up one apple and climbed back down. He took a bite of the sweet, juicy apple and to his surprise, before him appeared a small house. When he went inside, he saw some money on the table which was enough to fill his stomach for a few weeks until he found himself a proper job. Larin went outside and said to the tree, "Oh, beautiful tree, thank you so much! This is all I ever needed." As years passed, the story of Larin got told and people from far off places came with hearts full of hope. Everyone took one apple each from the tree, as they saw the words carved on the tree trunk and were scared something bad would happen as they knew greed was bad, but one day a selfish and greedy young boy came to the tree after he heard Larin's story. When he picked up the apple and ate it. A huge pile of gold, money, beautiful clothes and a variety of food items appeared in front of him, it was all he ever wanted. But, greed took over, he picked up another apple and ate it, he felt guilty and a gold carriage with diamonds on it, but still he was not pleased, he picked up another fruit and ate it. As soon as he took a bite of the apple, the sky rumbled, lightening crackled and the tree shook, the boy saw all the valuables, the gold, money,

clothes, food, everything vanish into thin air. He felt the beautiful clothes he was wearing turn into filthy, torn pieces of cloth and suddenly he was teleported to the middle of a dark, deep forest, stranded, alone and hungry. In the distance he heard the howling of wolves. He was scared, he tried to escape, he tried to run but he couldn't. It seemed like the forest was never ending. Every time he found an exit towards the light. He was teleported back to the same place he began. He was hungry thirsty, alone and afraid.

One the other hand, Larin continued living a happy life with what he had.

It was then the young boy realized that, the fruits of greed are never sweet.

#### **Best Friends**

Sumaiya Batt Class VII 'C'

To be best of friends, Is a true gift, To share things together, To care and uplift.



In good times and bad, The bond will endure, Whether happy or sad, The love will be pure.

True friendship spans distance, None is too vast True friendship spans time, Forever it will last.

> Whether living close together, Or being far apart, Your friend is with you, In your mind and your heart.

#### Me, Myself and I

#### Rezmi Rai Class VIII 'A'

#### Miss you Dad

#### Tapashya Khawash Class VII 'A'

I walk alone, with eyes on me
My heart beats for my own melody
I dance with shadows in a solo always
My world revolves around me each and every day.

I waited for months and years,
Looking at the gate when people came,

Always wishing that was you.
The shattering of the gate's latch reminded me of you.

No need for validation, as a gentle hand I am my own place, in this selfish land I care not for opinions, or the world's decree Far in my universe, I am the only me.

Last time you came home,
That moment of happiness,
Always wished to never let you go
Even when it was time to go back
In the place you have to go even when unwanted.

In this cruel world, I stand alone A solitary figure, with a heart of stone I care not for others, nor their pain My own survival, is all that remains.

I thought the day would go fast

Months to finish in one day

And to see you coming back home

With the same happy smile

You had, when you came the last time.

This world may be, but I'll be
I'll look out for myself and never grow old
No room for empathy, no space for tears
In this harsh reality, I'll claim my fears.

I couldn't see the hidden sadness behind the happiness

In this unforgiving place, we'll always be apart my Brain and heart.

Could only see the happy face when you video called us



The wishes you had to come home, The happy feeling to come home, Shattered into pieces.

The last time you came
Was the last time I saw you
From then, till now,
I haven't seen you
Miss you Dad, Miss you a lot!

# You don't see suffering until you open your eyes

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Class XI 'C'

I passed by a scene in summer. A small temple stood tall in the scorching heat. It was simple, nothing extravagant but filled with the echo of ringing bells and soft chants of people inside, praising the divine. The temple stood right in the middle of a busy street, surrounded by flower vendors while the locals negotiated flower prices in loud voices. My mother and I walked past the temple. Her eyes gently closed, her hands clasped together in prayer as she smiled in contentment. She was happy to have witnessed a religious sighting, a spiritual moment in the middle of an ordinary day. My eyes didn't close, partly because I didn't feel it was necessary and partly because something about the temples location, in the middle of chaotic traffic and vendors caught my attention. And because I didn't close my eyes, I saw something what most people missed, beggars sitting quietly on either side of the temple. Among them, I noticed a blind girl. Her clothes were torn, her teeth broken and her hand stretched out, begging for something as small as five rupees in a world working with billions. As my mother opened her eyes and continued walking. I remained in deep thought. That one moment made me think about how easily we overlook suffering when we choose not to see it. We are so wrapped in our own lives, confined within the walls of our personal problems, that we shadow the reality of what's happening around us. We often complain about not having a better house, a better wardrobe and better food while others suffer quietly, wondering if they will ever have the chance to go

to school or if their will get even a small packet of biscuits to eat before bed. Seeing the blind girl just didn't open my eyes, it opened my perspective, we are used to our routines and our comfort that we don't see the small differences, the quiet sufferings unless we're forced to look. It showed us that none of us will ever truly understand how fortunate we are until we open our eyes to the world around us. As long as we remain blind to other's pain, we will continue living dissatisfied lives, always craving more without realizing how much we already have, because the truth is simple, we don't see suffering until we open our eyes.



Foundress of Faith

Lavanya Agarwal

Class X 'B'

Mary Ward, a pioneer so bright,

In a world where she spread education and light. With all obstacles which came her way,

She toiled, fought, sacrificed, anything what may. All the girls of Loreto Convent, envy her like anything,

Her sacrifices inspired us, that we girls can do something.

We embrace her in our prayers, for such a school in Darjeeling,

As we now have completed 175 years of Loreto Convent Darjeeling.

Mary Ward's life was full of hardships,

We thank her for all her valuable tips.

Mary Ward, a pioneer so bright,

In a world where she spread education and light.

#### Written Without Ink

Aditi Gupta Class X 'B'

We sit in sows, flip pages and try to fit into perfect scores and run after results we barely understand. But the real lessons? They don't live in textbooks.

They live in the way we rise after failing.
In the way when no one is watching. In the tears
we hide after losing and smiles we have anyway,
the fake smiles we put even when it hurts.

No syllabus teaches us how to be brave and No chapter explains how to stay kind when others are not and

No books tell us how to believe in ourselves when we feel like giving up. But school does, not through words but through small moments. It is in forgotten lines during a play, in shaky speeches at house meetings, in races we ran in friendships and in mistakes we learned from. Here, we learn 'courage' not from history, but from trying. We learn 'leadership' not from rules but from showing up. We learn 'life' not from books, but from being part of something real.

One day we might forget facts and formulas. But we will never forget who we became inside these walls.

Because the most powerful lessons..... are not written in ink They are written in our hearts.





Phenomenal Women

Adela Lepcha

Class XII 'C'

With hearts ablaze and souls that soar, we rise above the noise, and reach for more.
Our spirits unbroken, our wills unshaken,
We stand together, like pillars unspoken.

We are the guardians of hope and the beacons of light, illuminating the path, through the darkest of nights.

We are phenomenal women, shining with all our might.

We are phenomenal women in an unending fight. In the tapestry of life,

We weave our thread,
A rich brocade of experience, of love,
of laughter and of tears unshed
We are the storytellers, the poets,
the singers of songs, our voices echoing
through eternity, where love and joy belong.
We are the bridge builders, the gap-fillers,
the ones who bring hope and healing,
to a world that's broken and we help it to sing.
We are Phenomenal Women, giving our best
like Mother Earth.

We are Phenomenal Women on an

#### **Every atom does**

#### Yangchen Yolmo

Class XII 'A'

with holes for stars?

Tales make life divine. A childhood without stories distance communication is possible. has never existed and never shall. Stories make it The point I am trying to make is that your very one of man's greatest tools.

wonder.

stopped them from achieving those goals. I just make you wonder? wish to wonder for the stories of those people. Would their stories be a tragedy or some twisted comedy?

average job, marries an average wife and has others of their kin and even beyond. Whether

Ever since the advent of consciousness, human average children who also go on to live average beings have shared stories. Stories of life and lives. But what is average? From the perspective fiction and ideas. My friend went out to buy food of a time-traveler from a few centuries in the yesterday and bumped into a celebrity, did you past, this average man lives a life of magic with know that the Santa Claus is actually not real, do food appearing miraculously at the door, you think the sky is actually a really large dome concentrated potions that cure life threatening diseases and strange mirrors through which long

easy for parents to reinforce discipline and normal life may be a fantasy to someone else, cultivate the creativity of children. Imagination is displaced in time or money or mindset. Your very normal life is a story waiting to be told. Every And yet, despite the beautiful fictional worlds our single man, woman and child that has lived and minds can come up with, it is real life stories that died had their own unique story. We are unique solely hold the talent of truly gut punching us. But individuals and the lives we lead are equally today I don't want to talk about success stories. unique. "Average" is merely a concept made up by Yes, it is great that someone from a poor the majority to feel I belong. Someone, background was able to climb up through hard somewhere will call your average "extraordinary". work and resilience and carve themselves a place The Epic of Gilgamesh, historians declare, is the in today's cut-throat world. It is amazing that oldest known story. We only know of it because at there exist people who can do that. But in this the time it was codified, it was such a common article, I want to delve a little deeper. I want to story that the scribes used to carve on stone tablets merely for the experience. And now, this I want to wonder about those people who could story is the only surviving tale we possess from not make it to the top. About those who tried hard this ancient civilization that seemed to have as well but perhaps luck or circumstances called the very same story "average". Doesn't that

Not just human beings, I say even other species have stories. Our domesticated pets have seen so much. Wild animals either locked up in zoos or Not just them, but regular, normal folk have roaming free in forests and jungles. We do not profound stories imbedded into their lives. A very know if they have consciousness or not. Some average man who lives an average life, has an certainly possess the ability to communicate with

they know it or not, even their lives can be a beautiful story. A caterpillar metamorphosising into a butterfly, a tortoise living for hundreds of years, a dog adoringly looking up at its owner – yes, even the flies in your house that were eaten by the spider in the corner of your bed. Now tell methat is not a story.

The tree that has seen more lives start and snuff out under its vast canopy is probably wiser in its bark than all of our philosophers combined.

Over the course of our English education, in lower classes we were made to write autobiographies of inanimate objects. Thinking back on it now, that was an amazing example of how even objects with no life have a story. The pen you are using now must have had such a great journey from manufacture to retail. It must have faced challenges and isn't that cool to imagine?

Every man, woman and child does have a story. Every other being, animal or plant, and every object does have a story. Everyone does. Every atom does.





Still, I Dream

Yashaswei Chapagain

Class IX 'B'

I'm not a child, but not quite grown, Caught in a world I call my own. With tangled thoughts and tangled hair, I'm finding strength I didn't know was there. They say I'm moody, lost in air, But I just dream, I just care. Of skies that blaze and songs unsung, Of battles won and ladders rung. I write in margins, hum at night, Whisper secrets to the stars' light. I want to fly, but fear the fall, Still, I rise. I face it all. For every tear that no one sees, There's hope that dances in the breeze. So even I stumble, even if I cry, I'll never stop asking why. I'm just fourteen, but I believe, There's more to give, more to achieve. The world may say, "It's just a phase." But still, I dream through all my days.

## मिस यू बाबा

Mepali Bilhag

तपस्या खवास सातौं श्रेणी 'ए'

### मेरो बिरालो

आराध्य गुरूङ तेस्रो श्रेणी 'क' सबैको बाबालाई देख्छु, तर तपाईंलाई देख्दिनँ। तपाई आउने बाटो हेरी, पर्खिरहेछु नरोइकन।

मेरो सानो बिरालो, लाग्छ मलाई प्यारो। हेर्छ मलाई दुलु-दुलु, जान्छ सुलु खुरू-खुरू।

दूध खान नपाएर, गर्छ धेरै म्याउँ-म्याउँ। उसको रंग छ सेतो-कालो, उ छ मेरो प्यारो।

मूसा मार्न सिपालु, मेरो सानो बिराला ।



आज पनि लाग्छ कि तपाईं आउनु हुनेछ, अनि सोध्नु हुन्छ ''कस्तो छौ छोरी'' तर अब त यो शब्द कान सम्म आउँदैन।

मेरो 'बर्थ डे' र स्कूलको दुई 'भेकेशन' सिद्धियो, तर तपाईंको आउँने आशमा पुरा दिन अनि रात बित्यो। आमाको आँखाले तपाईं आउने बाटो हेरिरहेको देख्छु, पिड़ा मनभित्र लुकाएर मसँग मुस्कुराइरहेका हुन्छ।

''अपरेशन सिन्दुर'' त सक्यो होइन ? अब त आउनुहोस् घर, छुट्टी लिएर । कहिले चिट्टीमा माया र सम्झना लेख्नु हुन्छ, कहिले सम्म फोनमा दुःख लुकाएर हाँस्नु हुन्छ ।

''मिस यू बाबा'' सधैँ हृदयबाट भन्छु, तपाईंको कमीमा लुकेर आँशु बहाउँछु ।

## बुबा

योशेल लामा सातौं श्रेणी 'ए'

#### एक्लोपन

अनुग्रह मुखिया दशौं श्रेणी 'ग'

मेरो बुबा मेरो अभिमान निःस्वार्थ दिन्छन् जीवन साँचो माया मीठो बोली तपाईं विना जीवन खाली।

सँधै दिन्छन् आशीर्वाद मेरो हर्ष, मेरो आनन्द मेरो बुबा परिवारको स्वाभिमान तपाईं बिना अँध्यारो जीवन।

परिश्रम मेहनत गर्छन् उहाँ दुःखमा, सुखमा साथ हुन्छन् वहाँ मेरो परिवारको बलियो धरहरा मेरो बुबा मेरो सहारा।



साँझको बेला, बसी रहेथें, एक्लो मन लिई, एक्लोपनमा नै बितेछ यो दुई दिनको जीवन । तर फेरि त्यहीं मनमा आशा बिउँझियो, एक्लोपनमा देख्न चाहन्नँ मेरो मरण । सुख र दुःख सबै बोकी हिँडें, यस दुई दिने जीवनको यात्रामा, एक्लोपनले छोड़ेन मलाई

तर फेरि त्यहीं एक्लोपनमा उठचो शान्ति मेरो आत्मामा । फेरि त्यही एक्लोपनमा नै म कथाहरू खोजी रहेछु, यति छोटो दुई दिनको जीवनमा । हाँसो र रोदन सबै लिएर आज पनि, आशा गरिरहन्छु त्यो एक्लोपनको विदाई अनि स्वर्गीय मिलनमा ।

## म फर्कर आउनेछू

मृणाल देवान दशौं श्रेणी 'सी' सुनौलो घामले संस

भएछ उ भर्ती, उसको आकांक्षा साकार गरी, अब परदेश जाने समय भयो, यो प्यारो गाउँ-घर छोड़ी । लगाई दिएछ ती बूढ़ी आमाले, उसलाई सयपत्रीको माला र रातो टीका, गर्छन् प्रभुले रक्षा यो जवान छोरोको भनी, प्रार्थना गरिन् ती आमाले हात जोड़ी । बूढ़ी आमाको चरणमा परी,

आशीर्वाद लियो त्यो छोरोले पनि, गर्त्यो नमस्कार उसले, तर बाबु थिएन कतै पनि। उठायो उसले आफ्नो भारी,

आफ्नो खँदिलो काँधमा राखी, हेस्चो एकपल्ट आफ्नो गाउँलाई पिष्ठ फर्की,

अनि वचन दिएको थियो आमालाई छिट्टै आउनेछु म फर्की । तर आज त्यो साहसी छोरो.

थियो धरती माताको कोखमा शान्तिसित निदाइरहेको, उसले आफ्नो मातृभूमि बचायो, दिई आफ्नो प्राणको आहुति ।

कहिले फर्केर नआउने गरी, सब कहिले फर्केर नआउने गरी। उता घरमा पवनले सन्देश पुराचो,

जवानको चिट्ठी आयो,

आयो जीवन्त स्मृति भई आमाको नयन अघि, भनेको कुरो छोरोले छिट्टै आउनेछु घर फर्की।

> आयो त्यो छोरो घर फर्की, आफ्नो बाचा पूरा गरी, गएको थियो सयपत्रीको माला लगाई, आयो देशको तिरंगामा लपेटी।

गएको थियो मनमा साहस-आशा लिई, आफ्नो मातृभूमिलाई रक्षा गर्छु भनी,

फर्केर आयों उ सम्मान लिई, आमालाई एउटा अँध्यारो एक्लोपनमा छाडी ।

छ उ आज यो स्मृतिको धूलोभित्र,

यी उर्वर माटो मुनी, पृथ्वीले उसलाई अँगालोमा बाँधी,

शहीद भएको थियो आज एक वीर गोर्खाली ।

सबै शहीदहरूको सम्झनामा ।

## अधुरो प्रेमको सुन्दर अनुभूति

सुनौलो घामले संसार उज्यालो बनायो, यो मनले तिम्रो यादमा एउटा गीत गुनगुनायो। रंगीन फूलहरूले बगैंचा सजाए, तर तिमी बिना यो खुशी अधुरो भएर बजाये।

पहाड़को चुचुरोमा, बादलहरू नाचे, यो मनले तिम्रो प्रतिक्षामा आँखा बिछाए। नदीको किनारमा, चराहरूले गीत गाए, तर तिमी बिनाको जीवन अर्थहीन बन्न थाले।

ताराहरूले आकाशमा झिलिमिली गरे, यो मनले तिम्रो मायाको प्रार्थना गरे। जूनले रातलाई शान्त बनायो, तर तिमी बिना यो मनले सधैं एक्लो महसुस गऱ्यो।

तिम्रो यादमा यो मन यति व्याकुल छ, आँखाबाट आँसुका धारा बगिरहेका छन्। तिमी बिनाको यो जीवन एउटा अँध्यारो रात हो, जहाँ ताराहरू पनि निभेका छन्।

तिम्रो प्रेमको अभावले यो हृदय टुटेको छ, प्रत्येक धड़कनले तिम्रो नाम पुकारिरहेको छ। तिमी फर्केर आउने आशामा यो मन बाँचिरहेको छ, नत्र यो जीवनको कुनै अर्थ रहने छैन।

यो मन तिम्रो लागि यति तड्पिरहेको छ, प्रत्येक पल तिम्रो यादले सताउँछ । यो जीवन एउटा खाली पन्ना जस्तो भएको छ। जसमा कुनै रङ छैन, कुनै उमङ्ग् छैन।

तिम्रो प्रेमको अभावमा यो आत्मा छट्पटाइरहेको छ, प्रत्येक सासले तिम्रो नाम जपेको छ। यो मन तिम्रो लागि यति व्याकुल छ, आँखाबाट आँसुका धारा बगिरहेका छन्।



# जीवनको बाटोद्धारा मृत्युको ढोका

जेनिसा लामा दशौं श्रेणी 'सी'

म पानीको आभाश भएको हुनाले झसङगै ब्यूँझें । न त कोहि मेरो हाँसोको आवाज मात्र गुन्जन्दै थियो । छेउमा थियो, न त कसैको उपस्थितिको आशानै थियो । मैले मैले त्यो ढोका बन्द गरे पिछ अर्को ढोका खोल्नमा लागें । त्यस राम्ररी मेरो चारैपट्टि हेरें मैले थाह पाएँ, म कुनै अर्को, नचिन्ने र ढोकाको पिछ कालो आकाश, जहाँ ताराहरू झिलीमिली गर्दै थियो कहिल्यै पनि नदेखेको ठाउँमा थिएँ । पानी निकै परिरहेथ्यो । र अँध्यारोलाई हटाउने चेष्टा गर्दै जून साहै शोभामय देखिरहेथ्यो बादल रोएको हुनाले म आफै रोएको मैले थाहै पाइनँ । म यहाँ । त्यित मात्र होइन त्यहाँ त मेरो मनसँग जोडिएको अर्को मनको कहिले कसरी र किन आएको भनिएको आवाज मेरो मुटुबाट व्यक्तिगत आत्मा पनि थियो । उसको आँखामा समुन्द्रको आइरहेको थियो तर म भित्र त्यसको उत्तर थिएन । म मेरो गहिराइको सुन्दरता थियो । उसको मुस्कानले जीवनभिर साथ खुट्टामा उभिएर अलिक अघि बढून थाले । मैले एउटा सुन्दर बिसदिने भरोसा दिंदै थियो । थिएन । म पिछे फर्केर हेर्दा, मेरा पाइलाका छापहरू बाहक मैले रातको आकाश मुनि पर्खिरहेथ्यो । अघि पहिलो ढोका उघारें । त्यहाँ निलो आकाशको दृष्य साथै खस्कन्दा मेरो आँखा खोलियो ...., मृत्युको ओछ्यानमा....।। न्यानोपनको आभाश र दुई भगवान्को तुलनामा भएका आत्माहरूको प्रेम त्यस ढोका पिछ थियो । त्यहाँ मनको मुस्कान र

इन्द्रेणीको दृश्य पाए । तर म जित निजक गए त्यितनै त्यो यित भए पिछ, म अर्को ढोकातर्फ लागें । त्यस ढोकाको पिछ मैले आकाशमा विलीन भयो । थाहा छैन किन, तर मेरा नयनबाट मेरा दुइ स-साना अंशहरू खेलिरहेको देखें । मेरो त्यो चारजन निरन्तर बग्न थाल्यो । मेरा पाइला बढ़ने साथ, मेरो कुमको बोझ भएको परिवार देख्दा मैले मायाको अर्थ बुझें । यति मै मैले अर्को पनि बढ़दै गयो । यी भावना व्यक्त गर्नलाई कुनै मनूष्यको दृष्टि ढोका खोलें । मैले त्यहाँ मेरो बूढ़ो कान्छाले त्यहि सुन्दर श्रून्य

केही देखिन् । मेरो लक्ष्य एउटै थियो, यस स्थानबाट निस्कने । म उसको सेतो कपाल संग-संगै हाम्रो मायाको सुन्दर फूल फुलेथ्यो । धेरै रोए, चिच्याए र केहि समय पिछ आफैमा हराउदै हाँस्न थालें अब, एउटा मात्र ढोका थियो । मेरो मुट्र धेरै डराइरहेथ्यो । मैले । भूईंमा परिरहेका स-साना ढुङयले मेरो खुट्टाको छाला उधेरण इरले आँखा चिम्म गरेर भित्र पर्से । त्यहाँ अँध्यारो मात्र थियो । थाल्यो । मेरो शरीरमा तरन थिएन । केहि समय पनि बिश्रराम हावा पनि थिएन, र म निस्सासिन थालें, छट्पटिन धालें । मैले नगरीकन म हिंड़ेको-हिंड़ेकै थिएँ । धेरै अघि पुगे पिछ मैले न त केही सुनें, देखें र मेरो आँखाको अघि मेरो जीवनको हरएक अधिको पाँचवटा ढोकाको दृश्य पाइरहेको थिएँ । धेरै समय बित्न क्षण झल्कन थाल्यो । म रून थालें, चिच्याउन थालें र मेरो प्राण



#### त्तरी

ईफिसका खालिङ एघारौं श्रेणी 'ए'

के एउटा चरीको पखेटा काटिदिएर खुट्टा लगाइदिँदा त्यो उड्न सक्छ होला ! अवश्यै सक्दैन । उड्नलाई त पखेटा र धरतीको खुल्ला आकाश चाहिन्छ । हावा चाहिन्छ । हावा अनि जीवन पनि हो । तर हावा छेक्नेहरूले ईश्वर बनेर निर्णय लिँदै ढुक्क हिँडि्रहेका छन् ।

चरी उर्जा हो सृजना हो। सर्जकभित्रको सर्जक पनि हो चरीले आकाश र धरती पाएकै हुनुपर्छ। उड्न पाएकै हुनुपर्छ। स्वतन्त्र गाउन पाएकै हुनुपर्छ। तर कस्तो विडम्बना चरी बाँचेर पनि चरी बन्न नपाउने! उसको आवाज कसैले सुन्न नसक्ने। बोध गर्न नसक्ने? उफ्!
कस्तो अचेत समाज!
चरी भनेको नै
मेरो चरी हो।
हामी सबैको हो।
तर
यहाँ किन काटिन्छ चरीका पखेटा?
किन गरिन्छ कैद
र षड़यन्त्र?

जे होस्।
म विश्वस्त छु
कि सिमाना कोरेर आकाश छेक्नेहरूले
शब्दका डोरीले
चरीलाई
कहिल्यै बाँध्न सक्ने छैन।

त्यसैले भनेको चरीलाई चरीकै आकाश र धरती देऊ। स्वतन्त्रता देऊ। चरीलाई चरी नै बन्न देऊ। आफ्नै कथा लेख्न देऊ। कविता बन्न देऊ। सर्जक बन्न देऊ।





#### चंदा मामा

#### जीवन दात्री

लावन्या अग्रवाल दशवीं कक्षा 'बी' पतीक्षा गुप्ता दसवीं कक्षा 'अ'

ओ चंदा मामा, मेरे घर तू आना।
मम्मी खीर पकाई है, थोड़ी खाते जाना।।
तुम्हें पता है आज हमारे घर है रक्षाबंधन।
छुटकी मुझे बाँधेगी राखी, सर पे लगाके चंदन।।
मम्मी का तू भैया है न, तु भी आजा नीचे।
क्यों नहीं आ पाता है तु, किसने रखा है खींचे।।
मैं जब बड़ा हो जाऊँगा, तुझसे मिलने आऊँगा।
जिसने रखा बंधन में तुझको, उसको सजा दिलाउँगा।।
फिर ओ चंदा मामा, तू मेरे घर आना।
और अपनी कलाई पर मम्मी से, राखी तू बँधवाना।।

पुरी दुनिया में एक ऐसा व्यक्ति, जिसे आपकी सदा चिंता रहती। जिसे आपके दर्द का अहसास हो, जिसे आपके बेचैनी का आभास हो।

जिसके बिना जीवन अधुरा लगता, जिसके बिना जीवन सुना लगता। जो हैं हमारी आत्मीय साथी, माँ के रूप में वो सबको कहलाती।

माँ, एक ऐसा कोमल शब्द, जिसकी सुंदरता मिटा न पाए वक्त । दयालु है उनका स्वभाव, उनका प्रेम मिटा देता हर घाव।

होटे-होटे खाब

अदिती गुप्ता दशवीं कक्षा 'ब'

छोटे-छोटे ख्वाब थे, दिल के बेहद पास थे। ना जिक्र था, ना नाम था, पर उनमें पूरा आसमान था।

प्यार भी आया चुपके से, कुछ कहा नहीं पर रहा साथ से। कभी हँसी, कभी आँसू में, कभी दूर, कभी पास में।

समय चला, मैं भी बढ़ी, थोड़ी समझी, थोड़ी चुप रही। जो सीखा वो लिखा नहीं था, बस हर दिन कुछ नया सही था।

> अब ना मंजिल की जल्दी हैं, ना रास्तों का डर। मैं बस खुद से मिल रही हूँ रोज़, थोड़ी बेहतर, थोड़ी शांत।

हमारे लिए उन्होंने किए अनेक बलिदान, कोई न ले सके बच्चों के दिल में उनकी माँ का स्थान। एक माँ का प्यार, है ही इतना निःस्वार्थ।



## साक्षारता : भविष्य की कुंजी

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समाज और राष्ट्र के विकास मे भी महत्त्वपूर्ण भूमिका निभाती है प्रत्येक व्यक्ति कम-से-कम एक निरक्षर को अवश्य का लिखित माध्यम आता है। वह किसी का मुहताज नहीं रहता क्योंकि शिशु की प्रथम शिक्षिका जननी ही मानी गई है। घर-परिवार, शिशू-पालन, मातृत्व, परिवार नियोजन, कुटीर करना होगा, भले ही वह नर है या नारी। उद्योगों, लघु व्यवसाओं तथा सामयिक गतिविधियों की अशिक्षित को शिक्षा दो, जानकारी पत्र-पत्रिकाओं के माध्यम से ले सकती है । वे अज्ञानी को ज्ञान । कामकाजी बनकर धन कमा सकती हैं। अपने मौलिक अधिकारों शिक्षा से ही बन सकता हैं. की जानकारी पाकर शोषित होने से बच सकती है।

आज के युग में जब तकनीक और ज्ञान की दौड़ में दुनिया आगे गत दो दशकों से साक्षरता अभियान पर्याप्त रूप में तेज हुआ है बढ़ रही है, साक्षरता का महत्त्व और भी बढ़ जाता है। साक्षरता । कई सरकारी व गैर-सरकारी संगठन साक्षरता में सहायक हो न केवल व्यक्तिगत विकास के लिए आवश्यक है, बल्कि यह रहे हैं। समाज सेवी संगठनों ने विद्यार्थीयों को प्रेरित किया कि । आज अपनी रोजी-रोटी कमाने के लिए मनुष्य को यहाँ से उनका नारा था - 'ईच वन टीच वन'। दीप से दीप जलता है वहाँ, गाँव से नगर, नगर से महानगर और यहाँ तक कि विदेश और अंधकार मिटता जाता है। यदि इस नारे का अनुपालन भी जाना पड़ रहा है। यदि व्यक्ति साक्षर नहीं हैं, तो उसे अनेक किया जाए, तो शीघ्र ही भारत पूर्ण साक्षर हो जाएगा। उन बच्चों प्रकार की समस्याओं का सामना करना पड़ता हैं, जबकि साक्षर को शिक्षित किया जाना चाहिए, जो किसी कारणवश विद्यालय व्यक्ति इन परेशानियों से बच जाता है। अभी कुछ ही दशक पूर्व नहीं जाते या जाना छोड़-चुके हो। कामकाजी कृषकों व मज़दूरो भारत का विशाल जनसमूह नित्यप्रति ठगा जाता था क्योंकि वह के लिए सांध्य कक्षाएँ तथा रात्रिकालीन कक्षाएँ चलाई जा रही है पढ़ना-लिखना नहीं जानता था, गावँ में किसान व नगर में । गाँवों में शिक्षा केंद्र तथा प्रौढ़ शिक्षा केंद्र खोले गए हैं जिन्हें मज़दूर यदि किसी साहूकार से ऋण लेता था, तो उसे कुछ नहीं समाज सेवी सस्थाएँ चलाती हैं। जो लोग गरीबी रेखा से नीचे हैं पता होता था कि कितना मूलधन और ब्याजद र क्या है। कुछ और निरक्षर है, उनके लिए पुस्तकें, पेन-पेंसिले गिवी रखा जा रहा है, तो शर्तें कौन-सी हैं । ऐसे निरक्षर लोग अभ्यास-पुस्तिकाएँ आदि मुफ्त दी जाती हैं । महिलाओं की बँधुआ बनने पर विवश हो जाते थे । आज सुविधाएँ बढ़ी हैं, तो साक्षरता की ओर विशेष ध्यान दिया जा रहा हैं क्योंकि एक उन सुविधाओं को पहचानने की समझदारी भी होनी चाहिए । मिहिला के साक्षर हो जाने से पूरा परिवार शिक्षित हो जाता है । साक्षर व्यक्ति पत्र लिख-पढ सकता है। उसके पास अभिव्यक्ति शिक्षित महिलाएँ अपनी संतान को भी शिक्षित कर सकती हैं

। साक्षर व्यक्ति अपनी पर्ची, फार्म आदि भी स्वयं भर सकता है। निरक्षता हमारे लोकतांत्रिक देश के नाम पर एक कलंक है, जिसे पैसा जमा करना व निकालना सुगम हो जाता है । दवाओं पर जितनी शीघ्र हो सके, धो दिया जाना चाहिए । साक्षर व्यक्ति ही लिखी तिथि जान सकता है। देश-विदेशों के समाचार जानने के शिक्षा का मूल्य समझ सकता है। जैसा कि महात्मा गांधी ने कहा लिए पत्र-पत्रिकाएँ पढ़ सकता है । नई खोजों व सुविधाओं का था ''शिक्षा का अर्थ है, मनुष्य के शरीर, मन और आत्मा का ज्ञान प्राप्त कर सकता है । किसान को नए बीजों, उर्वरको व सर्वांगीण विकास ।" साक्षरता हमें इस विकास की दिशा में बढ़ने खेती की तकनीकों का बोध हो सकता है । साक्षर महिलाएँ में मदद करती है । इस अभियान में प्रत्येक व्यक्ति को साक्षर

भारत देश महान ।।



## स्कूल का आखरी दिन

ख़ुशी ओस्वाल बाह्रौं कक्षा 'सी'

आज स्कूल का आखरी दिन हैं, मतलब मैं अपनी बात कर रही दोस्त क्या उनको छोड़ना होगा मुझे । वो बस कक्षा के बीच में हूँ। आज मुझे अजीब सा लग रहा है। मन में कई सवाल हैं। बाते, छोटी मोटी अनबन, परीक्षा की टेंशन, दोस्तों के साथ जवाब बस वक्त बता सकता है। मैं कक्षा बारहवीं की छात्रा हूँ। मस्ती, क्लास का वक्त, इंटर हाउस फैस्ट, स्पोर्टस्, स्कूल एबली अब बस स्कूल को अलविदा कहने का समय आ गया । मैं आदि बस यादें बन जाएँगी। बिलकुल तैयार नहीं हूँ। मन में जो उम्मीदें है वो पूरे भी होगें या आज भी याद है वो स्कूल का पहला दिन जब मैं रोते हुए स्कूल नहीं पता नहीं।

हाँ उत्साह जरूर है मन मे पर स्कूल जहाँ पर मैंने अपनी आधी ।" और आज जब इस जगह को छोड़ने का मन नहीं। से ज्यादा जिंदगी बिता दी उसको छोड़कर नहीं जाना चाहती। ये आज मैं बस ये कह सकती हूँ -भी मैं मानती हूँ कि शायद स्कूल के बाद जिंदगी मुश्किल ''रास्ता मंजिल का दिखाने वाला हो जाए।

क्या करूँगी मैं। इतनी भाग दौड़ की दुनियाँ में जाना होगा क्या। कोई नाम मत देना उसे दार्जिलिंग से बाहर गयी नहीं कभी । अभी तो माता-पिता, वो दूसरा मेरा घर था।" अध्यापक सब सहारा देते है मुझे । आगे ऐसे लोग मिलेंगे क्या ।

गई थी और माँ से अनुरोध कर रही थी, "मुझे स्कूल नहीं जाना

वो एक खूबसूरत सफर था





# ডুয়ার্স-জলদাপাড়া অভয়ারণ্য

সুবর্ণলতা মোদক সপ্তম শ্রেনী

পাদদেশের কাছে পশ্চিমবঙ্গ ও আসাম নিয়ে গঠিত। ডুয়ার্স বিরল ও বিপন্ন প্রানী। এক শৃঙ্গ গন্ডার এখানকার প্রধান দ্বারা ভূটান ও ভারতের মধ্যে যোগাযোগ সম্পন্ন হয়। এই আকর্ষন, এশিয়া হাতি, বেঙ্গল টাইগার, চিতল, তেদুয়া, অঞ্চল ভূটান তথা উত্তর পূর্বভারতের প্রবেশদার। এই ভাল্লুক, ঘরিয়াল (দুনাক কুমির), রাজগোখরো এবং অসংখ্য অঞ্চলের গড় উচ্চতা হিমালয়ের পাদদেশ তথা সমভূমি ও বিষাক্ত সাপ, হর্নবিল, পিট্টা, মালকোহা সহপ্রায় ৩০০ থেকে পর্বত অঞ্চলের মিলনস্থানে ডুয়ার্স এর অবস্থান। ডুয়ার্সকে বেশি প্রজাতির পাখি। এখানে বন যেন জীবন্ত, মাটি ভিজে সংকোশ নদী দুই ভাগে ভাগ করেছে। ঐই নদীর পূর্বের তাকে হিমে, বাতাসে থাকা অদ্রতা আর কুয়াশা, হরিনের অংশকে বলা হয় পূর্ব ডুয়ার্স বা অসম ডুয়ার্স এবং পশ্চিমের পদধ্বনি বা পাখির ডাক হঠাৎই ভেঙে দেয় গহীন নীরবতা, ডুয়ার্স পশ্চিমবঙ্গের দার্জিলিং, জলপাইগুড়ি, আলিপুরদুয়ার গাইড সহ জিপ সাফারি বা হাতির পিঠে করে জঙ্গলের ও কোচবিহার এবং আসামের ধুবড়ি, কোকড়াঝাড়, ভিতরে ঢোকার সুযোগ আছে। জলদা পাড়া অভয়ারণ্য বারপেটা, গোয়ালপাড়া ও বঙ্গাইগাঁও জেলা নিয়ে ডুয়ার্স জরিয়ে আছে তোর্সা নদীকে ঘিরে। আশেপাশে আছে অঞ্চল গঠিত।

শৃঙ্গ গন্ডার দেখা যায়। এখানকার জঙ্গল ঘন কুয়াশায় মোড়া, কৌতুহল আর প্রকৃতিক ভালোবাসার দরকার। এবং ভয়াল নীরবতায় ভরা - যেন কোনও দুঃসাহসিক

ভূয়ার্স শব্দের অর্থ দরজা বা প্রবেশদ্বার। এটি পূর্ব হিমালয়ের অভিযানের অপেক্ষায়। জলদাপাড়ার বনে লুকিয়ে আছে বহু গরুমারা, চাপরামারি, খয়েরবাড়ি, ভূটান ঘেঁষা বক্সা টাইগার দার্জিলিং জেলার কোচবিহার সীমান্তে অবস্থিত জলদাপাড়া রিজার্ভ -যা একে আরো রহস্যময় ও বিস্ময়কর করে তোলে। অভয়ারণ্য হল রহস্যময়, সবুজে ঢাকা বনভূমি, যেখানে জলদা পাড়ার শীতকাল যেন নিঃশব্দ অভিশাপ। রাতে প্রকৃতি যেন নিঃশব্দে নিজের গল্প বলে, এই জায়গাটি কুয়াশায় কিছুই দেখা যায় না, আর হিমেল হাওয়া হাড়ে পশ্চিমবঙ্গের একমাত্র স্থান যেখানে এক রহস্যময়, সবুজে কাঁপুনি ধরায়, তবে এই সময়টাই বনের আসল রূপ দেখা ঢাকা বনভূমি, যেখানে প্রকৃতি যেন নিঃশব্দে নিজের গল্প যায়। জলদাপাড়া শুধুই একটি জঙ্গল নয়, এটি হল প্রকৃতির বলে। এই জায়গাটি পশ্চিমবঙ্গে একমাত্র স্থান যেখানে এক লেখা এক জীবন্ত উপন্যাস - যাকে পড়তে গেলে সাহস,



# জাদুর কলম

উবশী চ্যাটার্জি চতুর্থ শ্রেনী

রাজু ছিলো খুব সাধারণ একটি ছাত্র, সে রোজ স্কুলে যেতো, হোমওয়ার্ক করতো কিন্তু লেখাপড়ায় খব একটা ভালো ছিল না, রোজ সে স্কুলে যেতো একটা পুরানো জিনিসের দোকানের সামনে দিয়ে, সেই দোকানের ভেতরে ছিল নানারকমের পুরানো জিনিস-ঘড়ি, বই, চশমা আর একচা চকচকে কলম, ওই কলমটা রাজ্র চোখে লেগে গেল, দোকানদার হেসে বললো এটা জাদুর কলম, এটা দিয়ে যা লেখা হবে সেটা সত্যি হয়েযাবে। বিশ্বাস না করলেও পরে কৌতৃহলী হয়ে রাজু সেটা কিনে নিয়েছিল, সেদিন রাতে সে নিজের খাতায় লিখলো আগামিকাল আমার পরীক্ষায় সব উত্তর ঠিক থাকবে, পর দিন পরীক্ষায় অবিশ্বাস্য ভাবে সব প্রশ্ন তার জানার মধ্যে এসেছিলো, উত্তর গুলো যেন তার মনের মধ্যে ঘুরপাক খাচ্ছিলো, এর পর থেকে ধীরে ধীরে রাজুর জীবন বদলে যেতে লাগলো, তার পরে সে লিখলো আমি একজন সৎ ও পরিশ্রমী মানুষ হব। আমি পরিবারকে ও সমাজকে সুখী করবো, ধীরে ধীরে এই ভাবে রাজুর জীবন পুরো পুরি বদলে গেল, সে অন্যের জন্যেও ভালো কথা লিখতে লাগলো, সে বুঝতে পারলো জাদু তার কলমে নয়, আসলে নিজের ইচ্ছা আর বিশ্বাসে সে তার কলম তার দেরাজে রেখে দিলো আর নিজে সকলের অনুপ্রেরণা হয়ে উঠল।





ভাল মানুষ

**ম্নেহা পরভীন** সপ্তম শ্রেনী

জানো কাকে বলে ভাল মানুষ ? আছে যার মনের মধ্যে হুঁশ যার মনে আছে দয়া মায়া। যার মনে আছে মহানুভবতার ছায়া, সেই তো আসলে মানুষ ভালো তার মনে জ্বলে পরোপকারের আলো। যে পরের বিপদে ছুটে যায় যে পরের দুঃখে কষ্ট পায় যে খুশি হয় অপরের আনন্দে যে দুঃখ পায় অন্যের মন্দে সহযোগিতার মনোভাব আছে যার মান, সহমর্মিতার ভাব যে মনে বোনে যে অভাবীকে করে দান ধ্যান সেই মানুষই হলো আসল মহাপ্রাণ। সেই হলো আসল ধার্মিক জ্ঞানী, তার মনে আছে ভালবাসার খনি ভালমানুষের মান আছে মানবিক বোধ, সে রেগে গিয়ে নেয়না প্রতিশোধ লোভ হিংসা জটিলতা কুটিলতা নীচতা তার মনেনেই সংকীর্নতার দীনতা তার মন ইতিবাচকতার আলোয় আলোকিত সে নয় নেতিবাচকতার ভয়ে ভীত তার মনে থাকে বিবেকের আলো তার মন নয় লোভ কালো

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Karma Hishey Choden Bhutia, VI-C

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Tanvi Choudhury, IX C



Sumaiya Batt, VII C



Yauvani Pradhan, KG B



Ansuya Pradhan, Class 1 A



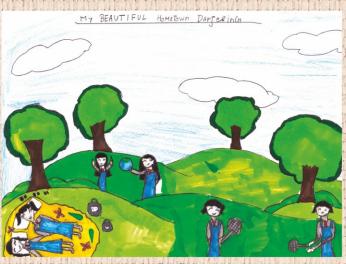
Prasun Karkee, 1 A



Susmita Banerjee, Class V.C.



Mishka Shivakoti, Class + 6 B



Nimaira Rai, Class - V A



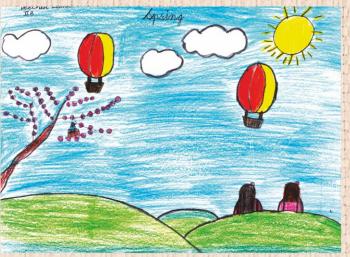
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Anjin David Saraily, X1 C



Choyang Gurung, X1 C



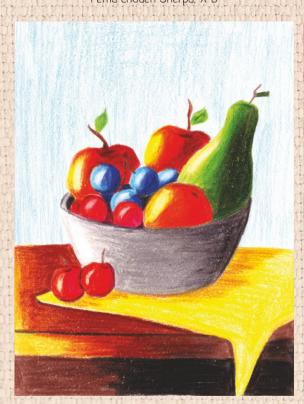
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Sahansi Rai, VIII B



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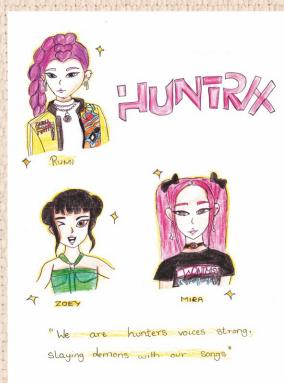
Saiti Rai, X C



Shreyasi Thapa, Class - 11 B



Ekta Oswal, IX A



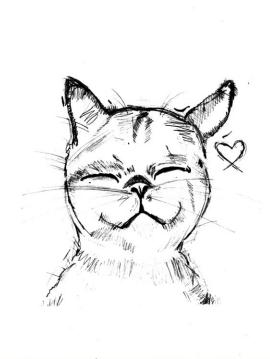
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Umaaira Butt, 1V B



Dolma 4 Sherpa, VII C





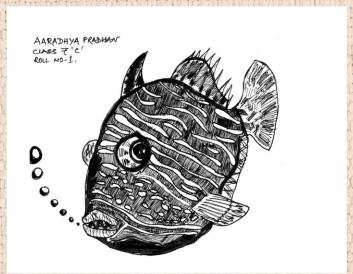
Aanya Rai, Class - 6 A



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Aaradhya Pradhan, Class - 7 C



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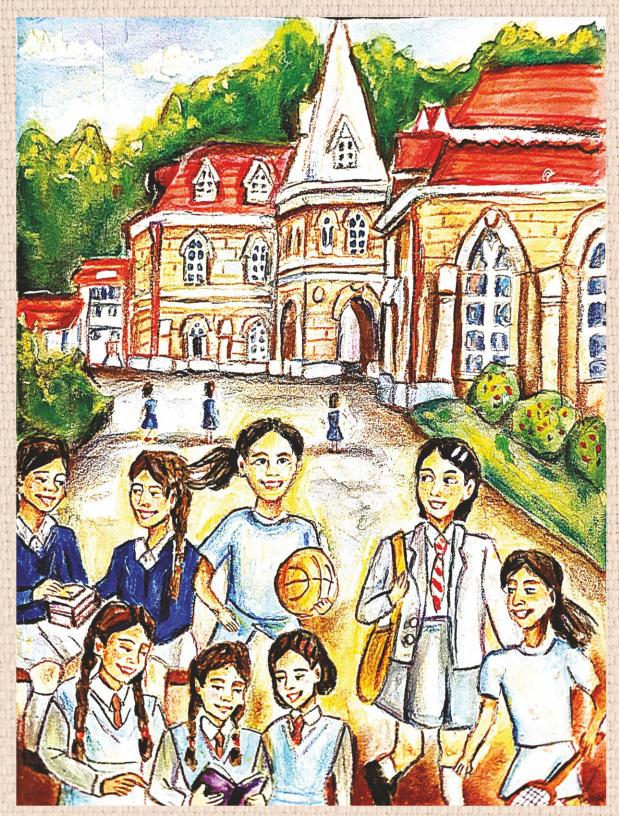
Aarvi G KG A



Manya R. Tamang, Class - KG A



Tanvi Choudhury, 1X C



Pema Choden Sherpa, X-B

