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# Editorial

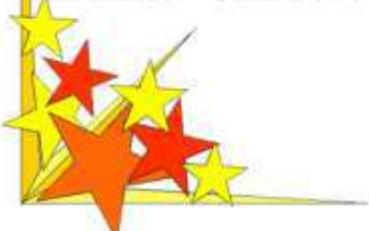


Success in life requires a sense of determination. Identify your goal and it should be achieved step by step. It is essential to inculcate a sense of perseverance in the children during their studies so that they can choose the opportunities that suit their taste and move forward and conquer the heights. Nowadays parents are spending a good portion of their savings for their children's education. But just finding the best courses and institutes and sending children to those colleges won't help. Parents should guide them in every stage of learning. Most of the children fail in studies and life not because of lack of good learning facilities but because of lack of proper sense of diligence. A life without goals is like a canoe without oars. The canoe moves without knowing the direction and eventually has to end its journey without reaching anywhere. Many people miss to understand these things clearly and join any course and end up not getting a job or getting involved in a job that has nothing to do with their field of study. This is because they are not getting proper guidance at the beginning of the studies.

If the mind is focused on the right goal, success is certain. The first thing you need to do is identifying one's goal. Every child's tastes are different. But parents generally prefer to send their children to whichever field has the best career opportunities. This is totally a wrong trend. A job or income is indeed necessary to get ahead in life. But don't think you can divert your children to an area where you can get jobs easily. A child who can draw well has better career prospects in that field today. On the other hand, if he is forced to become a doctor, he may fail to shine in that field. Children can be encouraged to dream bigger than just a job. A child who decides to become a doctor should be raised to be a good human being who shows compassion and love towards his/ her patients. One should be able to become a person who can interact well with the fellow beings and make interventions in society.

Achieving goals in life requires clear planning and consistent effort. The mind has the power to achieve goals with sincere effort. Temporary setbacks are just stepping stones to reach the goal. Dronacharya's question to Arjuna in Mahabharata and his answer is relevant here. Dronacharya asked his disciples to shoot an arrow into the parrot's eye which was perching on the tree. He then asked each of the disciples about what they saw. When all the other disciples saw the sky, the tree, and the bird, Arjuna replied that he saw only the bird's eye, his target. The answer for every person who has a clear sense of purpose in life will be like that. Energy will be lost when our focus diverts but when you focus only on the things to be achieved, you can reach the goal swiftly.

"There are no secrets to success. It is the result of preparation, hard work, and learning from failure." -Colin Powell



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# **Mystery Beneath The School**

It was a typical Friday afternoon after lunch break at school. Our Physics teacher Mr. Anderson was droning which made his lecture very boring. The classroom was filled with yawns and hushed conversation among our classmates as we all struggled to stay awake amidst his monotonous explanation of Newton's law.

Outside, the weather had taken a turn for the worse. Dark clouds had gathered in the sky and distant rumble occasionally punctuated Mr. Anderson's words. As if it is the nature's turn. The heavens opened up and the rain started to pour. Amidst the growing disinterest in our lesson and the cacophony of raindrops pelting the windows, a strange sound pierced the window. It was a sound unlike anything we have heard before. Suddenly, chaos erupted as the window holder on far side of the classroom snapped, sending pieces of glass flying through the air. We covered our heads, our desk offered only minimal protection from the unexpected disaster.

In the midst of the confusion Mr. Anderson quickly exited the classroom, his curiosity arose by the incident which happened. We were left in state of shock, rainwater rushed into our classroom through the broken window. Some students hurriedly ran to close the window while other grabbed their belongings and sought shelter from the rain.

Peeping out the window, we could see our Physics teacher soaked from head to toe, gazing up at the source of the strange sound. It was then that we realized what had caused the disturbance. A massive tree, uprooted by the heavy rain and strong winds, had pierced into the roof of our school building creating a hole.

As we watched in astonishment the rain continued to pour and seemed like, even nature has got tired of Mr. Anderson's lecture. Little did we know that this unexpected turn of events would lead us to an unforgettable afternoon adventure, as we all joined forces to help our teachers and school staff to deal with the consequences of the storm.

The shocking incident had disrupted the ordinary school day and curiosity of five friends; Hannah, Luna, Abigail, Ava and Isla. We decided to take the matter in our own hands and investigate the strange occurrence.

We know that waiting for the authorities to arrive would be pointless, given the severity of the storm and the chaos it caused throughout the city. Armed with flashlights, we ventured outside, dodging puddles and navigating the school courtyard. The wreckage was immense and we realized it would take long time for help to arrive.

Gathering beneath the hole in the roof, we couldn't help but wonder if there was more to this incident. The tree had fallen in such a precise manner as if it were aimed at the classroom intentionally.

Ava, the most bravest among us said, "If we need to find out what really happened here let's follow the trail". She pointed to a series of faint footprints leading a way to the classroom, suggesting that someone had been near the window when it broke.

Our group carefully followed the footprints, venturing deeper into the school's dark corridors. It was evident that we weren't alone. The sound of whispers and faint footsteps echoed through the walls of the hall. As we moved further, a strange message which scrawled on the wall caught our attention. "THE TRUTH LIES BENEATH".

Our hearts pounded as we followed the cryptic message down a staircase into the school's basement. There, we stumbled upon hidden chamber, filled with old books, maps and peculiar symbols depicted into the walls. It was clear that the room had been abandoned for years, but someone had recently been there.

We realized that we had stumbled upon a mystery, one that extended beyond the storm – damaged classroom. Our investigation took an unexpected turn, when we found a letter addressed to a “J.C.” hidden amidst the ancient artifacts. The rain outside continued to pour, but the secrets within the school’s depths began to clear up. We were determined to uncover the truth and soon found ourselves entangled in the web of intrigue and long forgotten crimes.

As we dug further into the mysterious chamber beneath our school, the pieces of puzzle began to fall in its place. The letter addressed to “J.C.” hinted at a plot that had been in motion for decades involving hidden wealth, long – lost artifacts and a secret society operation in the shadows. With each revealing, we were very determined to uncover the truth. It became clear that fallen tree and broken window were distractions meant to draw attention away from the culprits. We found ourselves pursued by individuals who were willing to go to great lengths to protect their secrets. The threat of violence became all too real, but our quick thinking kept us one step ahead. In a climax fight, we uncovered the secret society’s hidden treasure, artifacts stolen over the years and hidden in the underground chamber. Our discovery exposed the criminals and led to their capture. The truth behind the storm, the fallen tree and the broken window was revealed and justice was served. As the sun came up and the rain has stopped, the school was finally restored to order. We invented an unbreakable bond in the process. Our adventure will be remembered as the stuff of legends and the story of how we uncovered the hidden secrets of our school would be told for generations to come. With mysteries uncovered and culprits brought to justice, we five friends could finally return to our normal life, forever changed by the extraordinary adventure we had shared. As we looked through the broken classroom window, we couldn’t help but smile, knowing that beneath the surface of our seemingly ordinary school, a world of intrigue and excitement had been waiting to be discovered. The incident not only resolved the mysterious storm but also earned us the admiration of our teachers and the respect of our classmates. We had not only solved a mystery but also learned the importance of standing up for what is right, even when it seems that we are going to fail. The memories of that extraordinary Friday afternoon would remain with us forever.

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# Poem

My little goldfish was looking very sad  
I didn't know why?

First I dressed up like a clown

But it was no use

Second I tried making funny faces

But it was also of no use

I was very sad

Then I remembered that I hadn't fed my goldfish

I fed my gold fish and it was very happy

And I was happy too



*Afrin Sakshi  
V-Ruby*

## 10 Health Benefits of Strawberries

1. Packed with Antioxidants
2. Prevent cold and flu
3. Great for the heart
4. Help you to lose fat
5. Excellent for your eyes.
6. Reduce Wrinkles
7. Reduce Inflammation
8. Lower Blood Pressure
9. Improve Hair health
10. Lower Cholesterol



*R. Rakshana  
III-S*

# Nothing Gold Can Stay

Nature's first green is Gold  
Her hardest hue to hold  
Her early leaf's a flower  
But only for an hour  
Then, the leaf subsides to leave  
So Eden ranks to grief  
Nothing will stay  
That's what Eden wants to say.



Ashlin Jithesha S.R  
VII - Topaz

## Funny Riddles

- A cowboy rides into town on Friday. He stayed three days, and then rode out of town on Friday. How?

**Answer : His horse is named Friday**

- I am an odd number. Take away a letter and I become even. What number am I?

**Answer : Seven**

- The more you take, the more you leave behind. What are they?

**Answer : Footsteps**

- I am tall when I'm young, and I'm short when I'm old what am I?

**Answer : A candle**



B. Bufalin Figancy  
IX - Ruby

# The Lily of the Valley

Small umbrella structure,  
Hanging on delicate stems  
All flowers at once clustered  
Also known as may bells.

C.L. Fredrin Fino  
VII-Topaz

Gives a beautiful fragrance  
It seems like a goddess  
But it is a life that makes ends meet  
It is the lily of the valley which blooms in the streams



## How to be a smart student?

- Work hard and smart.
- Stop complaining and start looking for solutions.
- Take note of corrections when you fail.
- Have an inner motivation.
- Build a good support system.
- Stop procrastinating
- Always be positive.



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VII-Topaz

# Major Religions in Different States and Union Territories

## States:-

Tamil Nadu	– Hinduism (88%)
Kerala	– Hinduism (55%)
Karnataka	– Hinduism (84%)
Andhra Pradesh	– Hinduism (88%)
Goa	– Hinduism (66%)
Telungana	– Hinduism (85%)
Maharashtra	– Hinduism (80%)
Chhattisgarh	– Hinduism (93%)
Odisha	– Hinduism (94%)
Madhya Pradesh	– Hinduism (91%)
Gujarat	– Hinduism (89%)
Rajasthan	– Hinduism (88%)
Uttar Pradesh	– Hinduism (80%)
Bihar	– Hinduism (83%)
Jharkhand	– Hinduism (68%)
West Bengal	– Hinduism (71%)
Punjab	– Hinduism (58%)
Himachal Pradesh	– Hinduism (95%)
Uttarakhand	– Hinduism (83%)
Haryana	– Hinduism (87%)
Sikkim	– Hinduism (58%)
Assam	– Hinduism (61%)
Manipur	– Hinduism (41%)
Tripura	– Hinduism (83%)

Arunachal Pradesh – Christianity (30%)

Nagaland – Christianity (88%)

Meghalaya – Christianity (75%)

Mizoram – Christianity (87%)

## Union Territories:-

Ladakh	– Islam (46%)
Jammu & Kashmir	– Islam (68.31%)
Chandigarh	– Hinduism (80.66%)
Daman and Diu	– Hinduism (91%)
Dadra and Nagar	– Hinduism (94%)
Haveli	
Puducherry	– Hinduism (87.30%)
Lakshadweep	– Islam (96.58%)
Islands	
Andaman &	– Hinduism (69.45%)
Nicobar Islands	
Delhi	– Hinduism (81.68%)

# ***Illness and Death of Shahjahan***

## **Shah Jahan and his eledest son Dara Shikoh.**

Shah Jahan became ill in 1658, Dara Shikoh (Mumtaz Mahal's eldest son) assumed the role of regent in his father's stead, which swiftly incurred the animosity of his brothers. Upon learning of his assumption of the regency, his younger brothers, Shuja, Viceroy of Bengal, and Murad Baksh, Viceroy of Gujarat, declared their independence and marched upon Agra in order to claim their riches.



Aurangzeb, the third son, gathered a well-trained army and became its chief commander. He faced Dara's army near Agra and defeated him during the Battle of Samugarh. Although Shah Jahan fully recovered from his illness, Aurangzeb declared him incompetent to rule and put him under house arrest in Agra Fort.

Further Manucci also says that what Bernier writes was also untrue. As asserted by Historian K.S. Lal, the rumour was fed by the malice of the courtiers and the verdict of the Mallas. Aurangzeb's confining of Jahanara in the Agra Fort with the Royal prisoner and the talk of the low people. All these circumstances point to Aurangzeb's involvement in magnifying a rumour into a full-fledged scandal. Right from the beginning the relationship between Dara and Aurangzeb were not cordial and Jahanara was a partisan of Dara. During the war of Succession, the nobles and courtiers had been divided into two camps in support of the two princes. When Aurangzeb won the throne the number of his supporters swelled. Mallas were also close to Aurangzeb. It was thus possible that with the verdict of the Maulanas, Aurangzeb was seeking to destroy the images of both Shah Jahan and Jahanara at the same time.

# **Infinite Horizons**

In the tapestry of time where boundaries fade,  
Eternity unfolds, an exquisite cascade.  
Where moments cease, and forever reside,  
A poem of eternity, where love abides.

Beneath celestial skies where stars ignite,  
A journey unfolds, transcending finite.  
In the vast expanse where dreams take flight,  
Eternity's embrace bathed in eternal light.

Through the sands of time, we wander and roam,  
Seeking solace in eternity's ancient tome.  
In every heartbeat's rhythm, a timeless refrain,  
Echoes of eternity, a celestial domain.

In the twilight's whispers, secrets unfurl,  
Boundless and infinite, a mystical pearl.  
Where time intertwines with the infinite,  
Eternity's essence, and eternal exquisite.

In each passing second, a universe is born,  
A symphony of life, forever adorned.  
From the birth of stars to the blooming of flowers,  
Eternity's caress, unveiling its powers.

In the depths of souls, eternity finds home,  
A sanctuary of love, where hearts freely roam.  
Unveiling the beauty of forever's embrace,  
A poem of eternity, its infinite grace.

So let our spirits soar, unbound and free,  
Embracing the eternal, beyond what we see.  
For in each fleeting moment, eternity's born,  
A tapestry of existence, forever torn.

In this poem's verses, may you find solace,  
An ode to eternity's eternal embrace.  
Where time fades away, and love remains,  
Infinite horizons, eternal domains.



# Independence Day of some Countries

India	— August 15 <sup>th</sup>	Uruguay	— August 25 <sup>th</sup>
United states	— July 4 <sup>th</sup>	New Zealand	— February 6 <sup>th</sup>
Canada	— July 1 <sup>st</sup> (Canada day)	Singapore	— August 9 <sup>th</sup>
Australia	— January 26 <sup>th</sup> (Australia day)	Malaysia	— August 31 <sup>st</sup>
Brazil	— September 7 <sup>th</sup>	South Korea	— August 15 <sup>th</sup>
Mexico	— September 16 <sup>th</sup>	Japan	— February 11 <sup>th</sup> (National foundation day)
France	— July 14 <sup>th</sup> (Bastile day)		(Updated in January 2022)
South Africa	— April 27 <sup>th</sup> (Freedom day)		
Argentina	— July 9 <sup>th</sup>		
Chile	— September 18 <sup>th</sup>		
Peru	— July 28 <sup>th</sup>		
Colombia	— July 20 <sup>th</sup>		
Venezuela	— July 5 <sup>th</sup>		
Ecuador	— May 24 <sup>th</sup>		
Costa Rica	— September 15 <sup>th</sup>		
Guatemala	— September 15 <sup>th</sup>		
Honduras	— September 15 <sup>th</sup>		
Nicaragua	— September 15 <sup>th</sup>		
Panama	— November 3 <sup>rd</sup>		
Bolivia	— August 6 <sup>th</sup>		
Paraguay	— May 15 <sup>th</sup>		

## Note:-

These dates may be subject to change and there are many more countries with their own Independence days.

# വർഷം

മഴപക്കി മരിയാതെ മരു, തിരിയ്ക്കാൻ വരിഞ്ഞു  
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തയയതിരാൽ തയച്ചിടാം സാൻ  
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ജപയാരയാഴുകുമും - തയണ്ടമല്ലോ  
കുടഞ്ഞു പുൽ താമുകളുംഡാമു ...

## കവിത



# Riddles

1. What are the two things that you can never eat for breakfast?
2. What has a face and two hands but no arms?
3. What tastes better than it smells?
4. What kind of room has no doors or windows?
5. Which letter of the alphabet has the most water?
6. How many letters are there in the English alphabets?
7. Five men were in a boat. It capsized. But only three got their hair wet. Why?
8. Why did the pilot sit on her alarm clock?
9. What is that which belongs to you but others use it more than you do?
10. Which is the world's laziest mountain?
11. How can you spell cow in 13 letters?
12. What falls often but never gets hurt?

## Answers :-

1. Lunch and Dinner
2. Clock
3. A tongue
4. Mushroom
5. C
6. 13 letters  
(‘the’ 3 letters, ‘English’ 7 letters,  
‘alphabets’ = 9 letters).
7. Two was bald.
8. She wanked to go on time
9. Your name
10. Ever – rest
11. See-o-double-you
12. Snow



# The Grandmother and the Ghost

Once upon a time, in a deep forest lived a grandmother. She fell ill and didn't have anyone to help her. She was feeling very sad.

One day, a ghost came into her house, but as she was ill, she couldn't do anything. So she told the ghost that her life on earth was almost over and begged to take her life. Hearing this, the ghost's heart was broken and he changed his mind.

He went outside and returned with a basket of magical fruits for the grandmother, when she ate the fruits, she turned into a young lady. She felt very happy.

Thus, the ghost and the lady became good friends and they helped each other.



*Inbayadhon Sen Boany  
V-Ruby*

# The Architect of the Delhi Sultanate

The Delhi Sultanate was a late medieval empire primarily based in Delhi that stretched over large parts of the Indian subcontinent, stands as a testament to the rich tapestry of Indian history. This article embarks on an adventure to reveal the foundation of this intriguing dynasty from the 13th century till 1526CE.

After Muhammed Ghori led a series of invasions into India nearly twelve times during his reign, he laid the foundation of Muslim Empire in India. Later in 1192CE, succeeding in the second battle of Tarain against Prithviraj Chauhan, he appointed Qutub-ud-din-Aibak as the governor of his conquered territories. Tragically, Muhammed Ghori was murdered by a fanatic in 1206CE. After his death, a struggle for power broke out among his generals. In this struggle Qutub-ud-din Aibak emerged victorious and became sultan. Since Turkish rulers were called Sultans and made their capital in Delhi, the kingdom came to be known as Delhi Sultanate.

Qutub-ud-din Aibaks legacy extends beyond the stones of Qutub Minar; it permeates the foundation of the Delhi Sultanate. As you unravel the layers of his rule you can gain insight into a key figure whose influence echoes throughout the majestic corridors of Indian History.

*Jeffie Sharon  
VII-Topaz*

# Abbreviations related to Computer Science

- API – Application Program Interface
- ASP – Active Server Pages
- CAD – Computer-Aided Design
- CAM – Computer-Aided Manufacturing
- DDR-SDRAM – Double Data Rate-Synchronous Dynamic Random Access Memory
- FAT – Find Allocation Table
- GIF – Graphics Interchangeable Format
- GPRS – General Packet Radio Service
- GSM – Global System For Mobile Communication
- IBM – International Business Machines
- IC – Integrated Circuit
- HDMI – High Definition Multimedia Interface
- HD HDD – Hard Disk Drive
- JSP – Java Server Page
- JPEG – Joint Photographic Expert Group
- MICR – Magnetic Ink Character Recognition
- MPEG – Motion Picture Experts Group
- Mp3 – MPEG Audio Layer 3
- NIC – Network Interface Card
- NTFS – New Technology File System
- OMR – Optical Mark Reader/Recognition
- OpenGL – Open Graphics Library
- OSI – Open Systems Interconnection
- PHP – Hypertext Preprocessor
- POST – Power on Self Test
- WAP – Wireless Application Protocol
- XML – Extensible Markup Language



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# INTERESTING CHEMISTRY FACTS



- 1) If you mix half a litre of alcohol and half a litre of water, the total volume of the liquid will be less than one litre.
- 2) Hot water is more likely to break thick glass than thin glass. That's why test tubes are made of thin glass.
- 3) Chlorine is a deadly poison gas employed on European battlefields in World War I. Sodium is a corrosive metal which burns upon contact with water. Together they make a placid and non poisonous material called table salt.
- 4) Mosquitoes like the scent of estrogen. Hence women get bitten by mosquitoes the most.
- 5) A litre of sea water contains 35 grams of salt, more than half of which is sodium chloride. The rest is mainly calcium and magnesium chlorides and sulfates, which give sea water a bitter taste.

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(Department of Chemistry)*

## A Lion and a Mouse



Once upon a time there lived a lion and a mouse in a jungle. One day when the lion was sleeping, the mouse started playing on it. The lion woke up. He caught up the mouse and was about to kill it. The mouse requested for forgiveness. The lion forgave him and permitted him to go. After some days the lion was caught in a net. The mouse cut the net with his teeth. The lion was freed. He thanked the mouse.

Moral : Do good have good



*Inish Sherita. J  
III-Jade*

# **The Festive Month of December**

The month of the coldest December,  
When families all gather together,  
As the trees lose their leaves,  
And the glaciers of ice all freeze,  
From the coldest of snow clouds,  
To the melody of carol sounds,  
As the fastening snow falls down,  
And the lake is frozen all around.



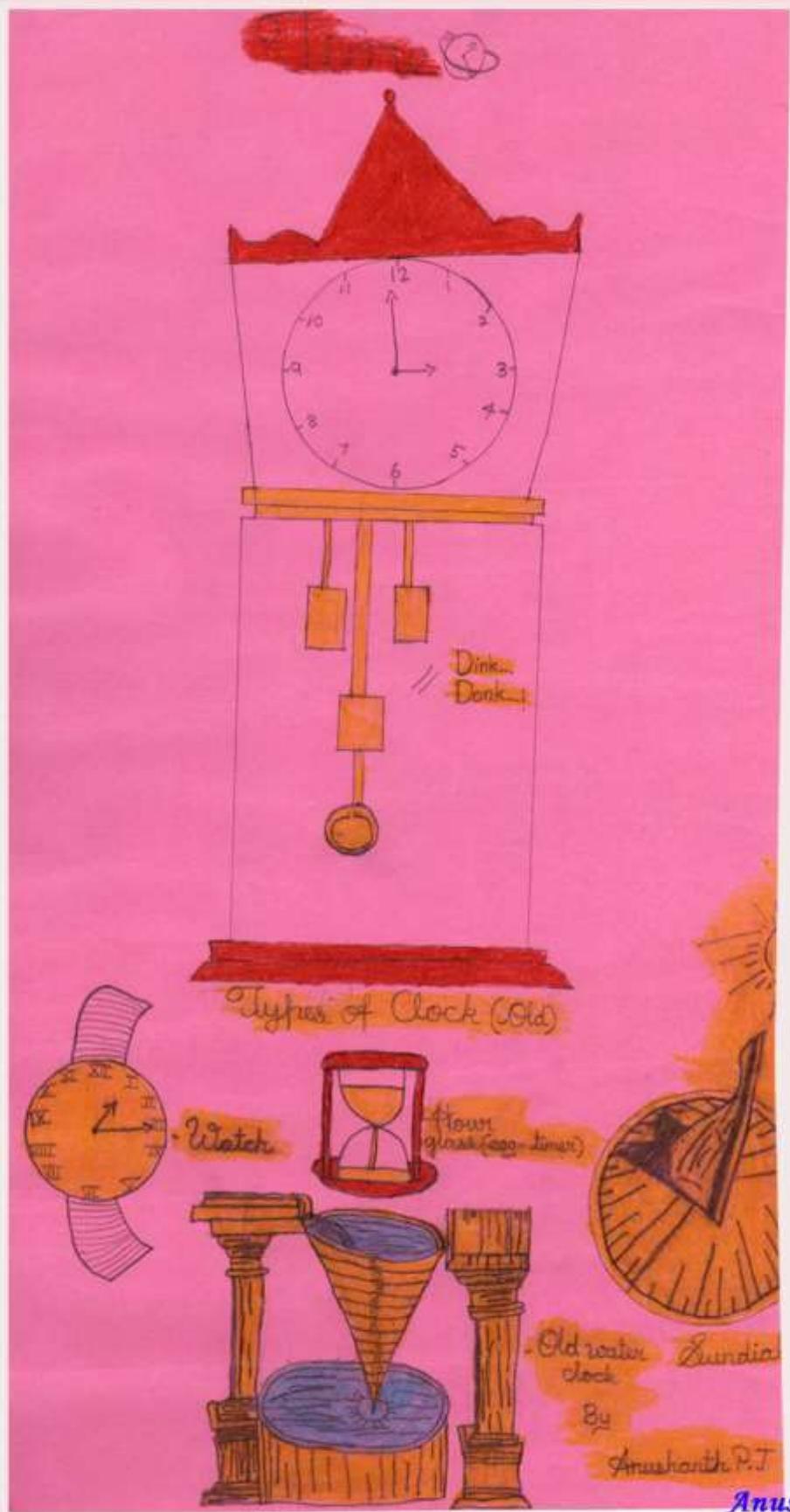
Then the decoration and the fairy lights,  
To the cheer of everyone's delight,  
After a magical Christmas Eve,  
So excited for the gifts from Santa we'll receive  
The next morning on Christmas day,  
Everyone shouts out, 'Merry Christmas!'  
With lots of joy and happiness,  
I'm excited to say!



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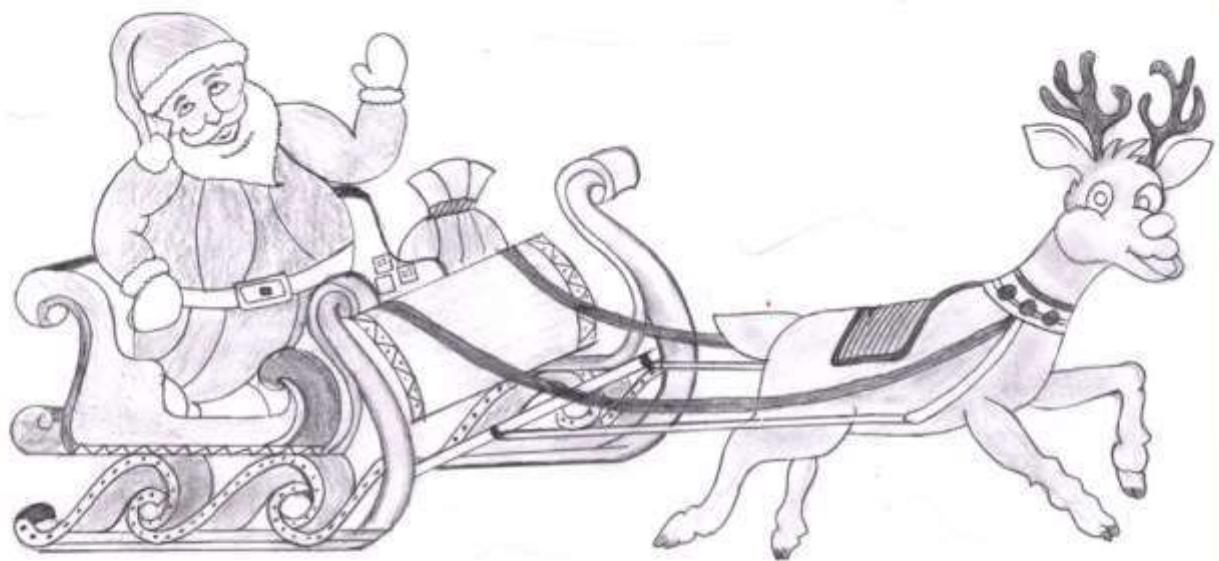


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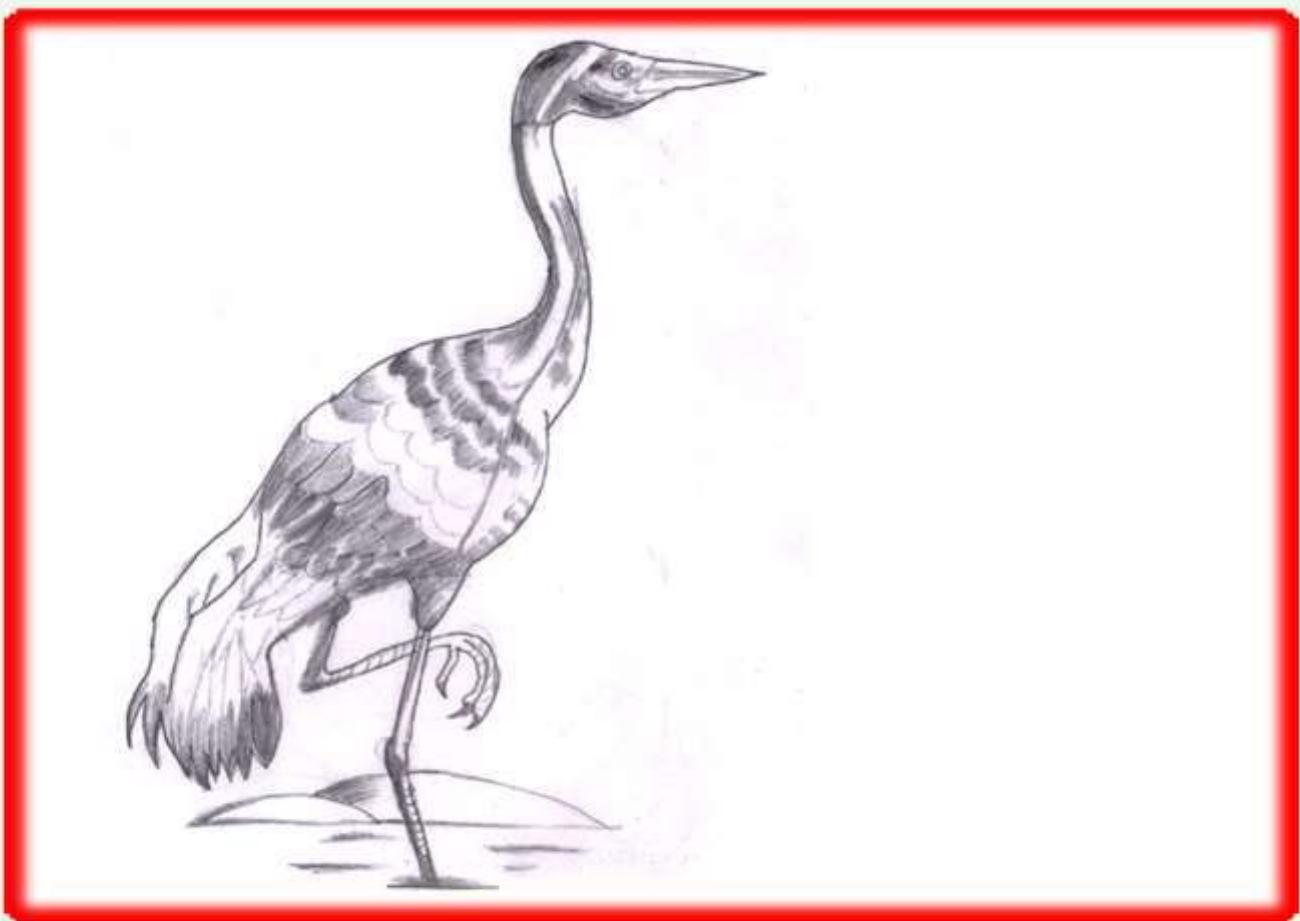
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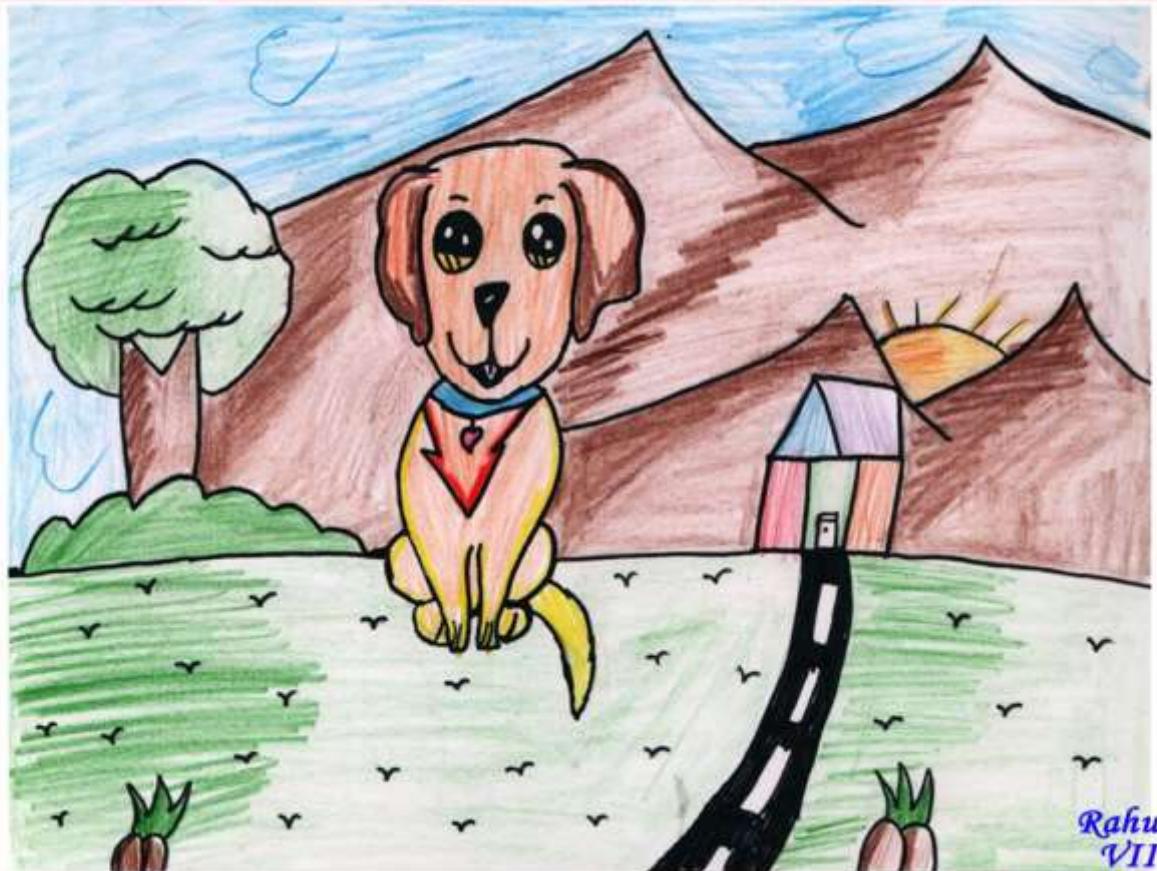
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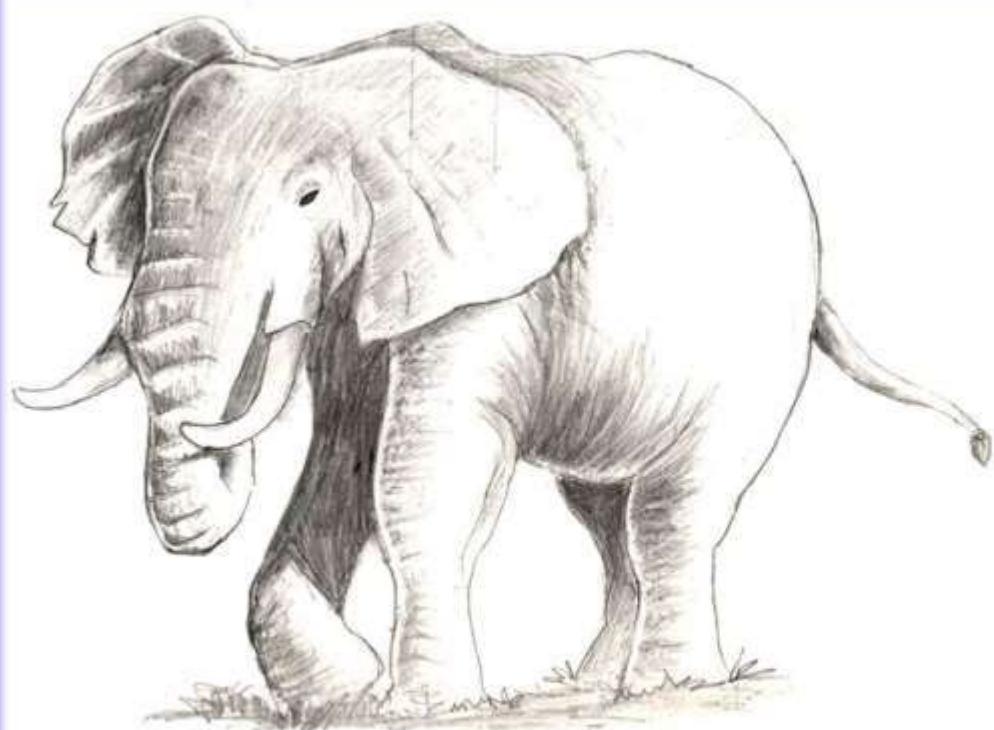


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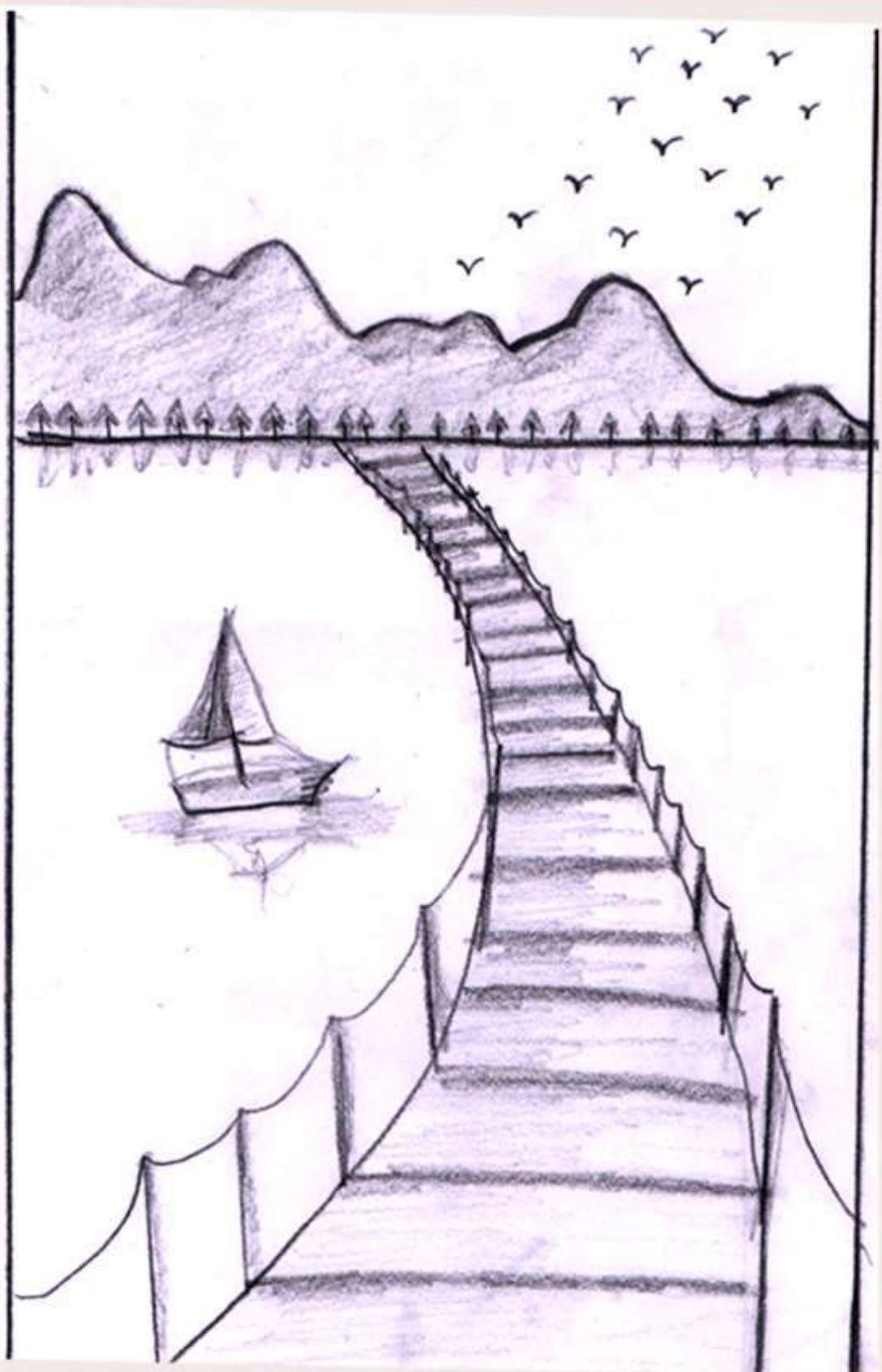


CHARITY

Sharon Kenaz  
VIII-R



Rishona John J.B  
X-R



S.A. Shanto  
VIII-R



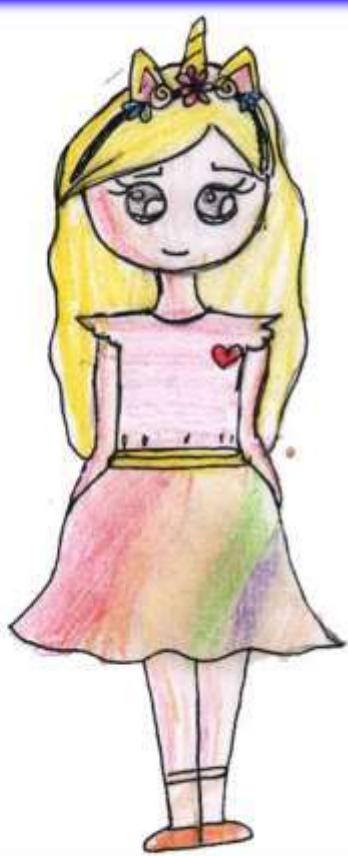
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VIII-R



Ann Zandra John  
III-S



Rahin R.S  
V-I



Ashna G.J  
VI-S

Field Trip  
to  
Water Treatment Plant  
VI - VII



Field Trip  
to  
Athma Nilayam  
Nursery Garden  
III - V



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