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Editorial


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

We are stepping into the month of September, which marks not just the beginning of a new academic term but a chance for a fresh start. The monsoons begin to retreat, leaving behind the cool winds of autumn, signalling the perfect time for us students to set new goals, embrace challenges, and focus on personal and academic growth. Just like the changing seasons, we too, are in a constant state of learning and transformation.

This month also reminds us of the importance of our environment. In a world where climate change is an increasing concern, especially for a country like India that is vulnerable to floods and extreme weather, September serves as a reminder to act. "The Earth is what we all have in common," said Wendell Berry. Whether it's through tree-planting drive or reducing plastic use, each small action helps create a greener future for all of us.

In our classrooms, technology is playing an ever-growing role. With digital learning tools and online resources, students today are more connected to knowledge than ever before. But as Albert Einstein once said, "It has become appallingly obvious that our technology has exceeded our humanity." This quote reminds us of the need to balance our digital lives with real-world experiences—building friendships, pursuing hobbies, and engaging in physical activities that help shape us as well-rounded individuals.

September is not just a month on the calendar; it's an opportunity. A time to start fresh, focus on what we can achieve, and think about the world we want to build. "The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams," said Eleanor Roosevelt. So, let's make the most of this month, not just as students but as young citizens, ready to learn, grow, and contribute to a brighter future.



*-Jerush Dannerson (student editor)
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He is special

My pet dog Leo, my beagle Leo is more a
cameo. Wagging and hugging, stealing the show.
Welcome me home when ever I return. He is my buddy,
with a heart full of love.

*Giselle Anish
I-Jade*

My favourite Mango

Mango is the national
fruit of India, Pakistan and
the Philippines. The mango
tree is the national tree of
Bangladesh.



*Sanfrisha J
II. Topaz*

I celebrate Onam

Onam

Onam is the celebration of the return of king Mahabali, a beloved ruler who was pushed into the nether world by Lord Vishnu but was granted the wish to return to his people once in a year, and now, it is celebrated as the festival of Onam.



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Rainbow

A rainbow is an optical Phenomenon caused by reflection, internal reflection and dispersion of light in water droplets resulting in a continuous spectrum of light, appearing in the sky.

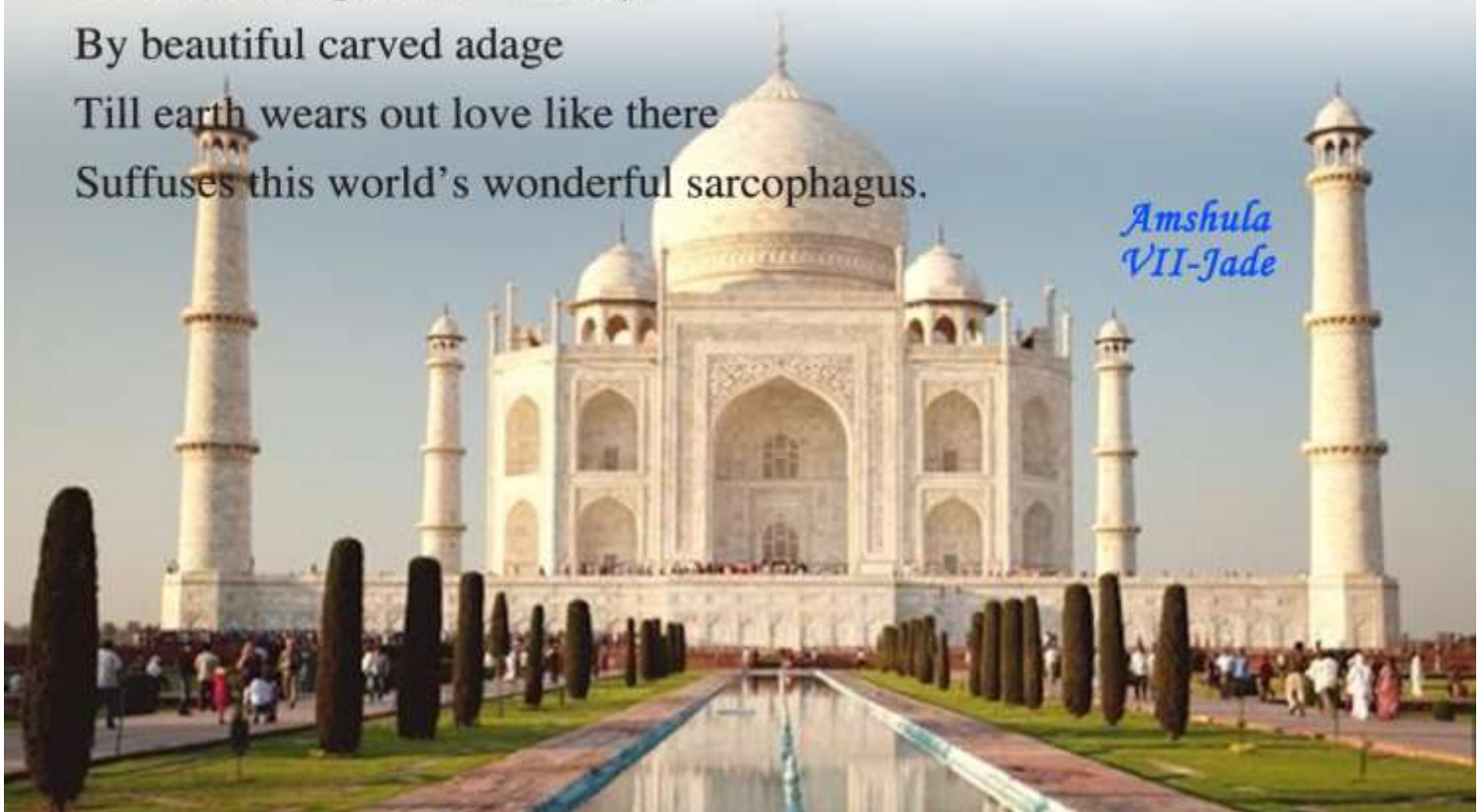
I like the rainbow

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II.Topaz*

Taj Mahal

Wonderful is not so much
The mausoleum's chisel cut beauty
As the beauty of love
Arrested in its architecture-
Starry white dome in starry space
Ray lit clouds set a glow
Fairer than the sky; with insight true,
Akin to the third eye,
Visitor's minds illumine with cosmic bliss
As night's snuffs asleep.
What's bricked up looking glass.
Down sun polishes
Till Jamuna's surface looks back
Hallucinating but still real
There's it, no beauty
That's not surpassed in beauty
By beautiful carved adage
Till earth wears out love like there
Suffuses this world's wonderful sarcophagus.

*Amshula
VII-Jade*



പെയ് മുഖങ്ങൾ

കുളിരുള്ള റാവതിൽകുളിർതെന്നലായ്
വന്നു നീ കാട്ടരുവി നദിയോടുചേരും പോൽ
അറിയാതറിഞ്ഞും അടുത്തും അകന്നും
പലകുറി ഇണഞ്ഞും പിണഞ്ഞും മുന്നോട്ടിതാ . . .

അറിഞ്ഞുനാം വല്ലാതടുന്നതും വളർന്നതും
തവസാന്നിദ്ധ്യമെൻ ചേതോഹരത്തിൽ പെയ്ത
ആമോദവർഷത്തിൽ നാം ആനന്ദത്തോടൊപ്പിയും
ദിനങ്ങൾ കൊഴിയുന്നു ബന്ധങ്ങൾമുളപൊട്ടുന്നു;

പ്രഭാതത്തെ പ്രകീർത്തിച്ച് അന്തിയാകുമ്പോൾ
അന്തഃരംഗമലയടിച്ചതും, നിശയുടെ
നിശിഥിനിയെ തളളി നീക്കിയും പ്രഭാത-
കിരണത്തെ ആനന്ദത്തോടെതിരേറ്റതും;

കടന്നുപോയ ദിനങ്ങൾകറയാർന്നബന്ധത്തിൽ
കടലോളം പരപ്പേറിയതായിമാറി
സൂര്യകിരണത്തിൻ മങ്ങലേഴ്പ്പിച്ച
കാർഷ്ഠ്യം പോലായിമാറിനിൽ ക്ഷണവേർപാട്

ആഴിയോ? അഗ്നിയോ? പാതാളമോ?
ആറിയില്ലെനിക്ക് വർണിപ്പാൻ ഇത്രമേൽ
പൊള്ളലും വേദനയും എഴ്പ്പിച്ചുവോ
എന്നിലെതി കെടുത്താൻ സമുദ്രംപോലും തോറ്റുപോന്നു.

ഏതുദൈവത്തെ പ്രാർത്ഥിക്കണം ഞാൻ
ഏതുപ്രപഞ്ച ദേവതയെപുകഴ്ത്തിപ്പാടണം
എന്തിനും ഏതിനും തയ്യാറായി നിൽപു
എന്നിലേക്ക് വരുന്നദിവസമോർത്ത്നിമിഷങ്ങൾതാണ്ടി . . .

സന്തോഷവർഷം പെയ്തിറങ്ങിയെൻ
മനതാരിൽ, വന്നുണഞ്ഞല്ലോ നീയെൻചാരത്ത്
സ്വർഗതലമുദ്രമോ ഈഭൂമിയെന്നുഞാൻ
സ്വാർത്ഥമോഹത്താൽ സ്മരിച്ചുപോയി

നിസ്വാർത്ഥ സന്തോഷത്തിൻ പ്രതിഫലമായ്
നിസാരലോപത്താൽ പ്രതികരിച്ചതും
വല്ലാതകന്നു നീ സാമ്യകാന്ത ധ്രുവംപോൽ
കഥനങ്ങളെല്ലാമേറ്റുവാങ്ങി ഞാൻ അഴിമുഖംപോൽ

മാനവമനസ്സ് ഇത്രമേലോപേക്ഷിതമോ?
ഇത്രമേൽ വ്യർത്ഥമോ? ഇത്രമേൽ ദുഷിച്ചതോ?
അറിഞ്ഞിരുന്നില്ല ഞാൻ അടുക്കുമുൻപേ
അറിയാവുന്നതൊന്നുമാത്രം ഇനിയും മറക്കാത്ത ഓർമകൾ . . .



Mr. Hakkim H
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I am special !

I'm a special girl, with heart so bright,
My sparkle shines, like a precious light,
I'm unique and talented, in every way,
My individuality makes me special each day,
I celebrate, with a confident smile,
Being myself, is my greatest style!



Akshara Sakshi K
II-Ruby

POEM

God is one

Flowers are many
But garden is one,
Stars are many
Our universe is one,
Ways are many
But solution is one,
States are many
But nation is one,
Members are many
But family is one
Religions are many
But God is one.



Anushanth R
VII-Jade

Brave Boy

This is an old story of Holland. Due to floods, a railway bridge over a river was damaged. Train was about to come. As information about the broken railway bridge was not available, there was every possibility of a serious accident.

A small boy saw the broken bridge and planned to stop the train somehow. He tore his shirt to make a flag. He also made a cut on his arm and soaked the shirt in blood, to make a red flag. He stood on the track waving his red flag. Train was coming but he risked his life and did not leave the track.

Driver saw the boy and stopped the train. Accident was averted and the train was taken back. That small boy was “George Stenlay”. Everybody praised his wisdom and bravery. He saved hundreds of lives.



*J. Berin Justus
VII-Sapphire*

Mercedes-Benz Where Luxury Meets Innovation

A Legacy of Excellence

Mercedes-Benz, the brand that pioneered the modern automobile, continues to set the gold standard in automotive luxury and innovation. Founded in 1926 by Karl Benz and Gottlieb Daimler, the company has been at the forefront of engineering excellence

for nearly a century. With the iconic three-pointed star, Mercedes-Benz represents dominance on land, sea, and air, blending performance, comfort, and cutting-edge technology into every vehicle.



Karl Benz

Performance and Power

Mercedes is renowned for crafting vehicles that not only exude luxury but also deliver exhilarating performance. Whether it's the brute force of an AMG engine or the precision engineering of an S-Class sedan, Mercedes models are designed to deliver power and sophistication.



Mercedes-Benz AMG GT

From the supercharged Mercedes-AMG GT to the all-electric EQS, every vehicle offers a driving experience that balances speed, agility, and refinement.

Innovation and Technology

Mercedes-Benz is a leader in automotive innovation, constantly integrating advanced technology into its lineup. The MBUX infotainment system, autonomous driving features, and the latest safety technology are examples of how Mercedes seamlessly merges luxury with futuristic convenience.



Mercedes-Benz EQS with
MBUX hyperscreen

In recent years, Mercedes has also pushed the boundaries of electric mobility with their EQ line, proving that eco-conscious vehicles can still deliver performance and luxury.

Design and Craftsmanship

Mercedes-Benz vehicles are a perfect blend of sleek aesthetics and luxurious craftsmanship. The exterior designs are bold, with aerodynamic lines and a commanding presence on the road. Inside, drivers are treated to plush leather seats, ambient lighting, and high-end materials that create a cabin experience unlike any other. Every detail, from the ergonomic design to the sound system, is crafted with the drivers comfort in mind.

Mercedes-Maybach S 680



Sustainability and the Future

Mercedes-Benz is not just focused on performance and luxury; it's also leading the charge toward a sustainable future. The EQS, Mercedes' flagship electric vehicle, is a testament to the company's commitment to reducing its carbon footprint while maintaining luxury and performance. Mercedes is aiming at having a carbon-neutral fleet by 2039, making strides in electric vehicle technology without sacrificing its signature elegance.

The Mercedes Experience

Owning a Mercedes-Benz is about more than just driving a car—it's about embracing a lifestyle. Whether you're cruising in a sleek coupe, dominating the road in an SUV, or gliding in the ultimate luxury of a sedan, Mercedes-Benz offers an experience like no other. With models that cater to every taste and need, Mercedes ensures that every journey is one of comfort, style, and excellence.

*Ahamed Fadil
X-Jade*

The Gift of Advice

In whispers soft or voices clear,
Advice is given, meant sincere.
A guiding light through life's thick haze,
A compass for our wandering ways.



It speaks of paths both tried and new,
Of lessons learned by just a few.
It asks you pause, reflect, and see
What lies beyond, what yet could be.

But advice, like seeds, must find its ground,
In hearts prepared, it will abound.
For though it comes with care and grace,
It's you who sets the final pace.

So take the wisdom, sift it through,
Decide what's best and right for you.
For every voice that shares their view,
Remember, the choice is always yours too.

*Carolyn Seffi
XII-Med 1*

The Timeless Power of a Mother's Love

A mother's love is one of the purest, most powerful forces in the world. It transcends time, space, and circumstance, offering comfort, protection, and unwavering support through every stage of life. From the moment a child is born, a mother's heart beats in rhythm with theirs, filled with an instinctive desire to nurture and care.



Motherhood is a journey of sacrifice, resilience, and unconditional love. From sleepless nights of tending to a newborn to guiding a teenager through the complexities of life, a mother's love has no bounds. She is the first teacher, the most patient listener, and the constant source of strength in moments of uncertainty. A mother's embrace can heal wounds both visible and invisible, offering a sanctuary where a child feels safe, understood, and cherished.

One of the most extraordinary aspects of a mother's love is its selflessness. A mother gives without expecting anything in return. Her love is a well that never runs dry, no matter how much is drawn from it.

Whether it's making sure her children are fed and clothed, sacrificing her own needs for theirs, or simply being present when needed, a mother's love is a continuous flow of care and devotion.

But a mother's love is also about guiding and shaping. It's in her wisdom, her gentle discipline, and the life lessons she imparts. She encourages her children to be kind, brave, and resilient, instilling values that will carry them through life. A mother knows when to hold her children close and when to let them fly, trusting that her love will always be a part of them, no matter where life takes them.

For many people, a mother's love is a lighthouse in the storm, guiding them through life's challenges. It's the reassurance that someone will always believe in them, no matter how difficult the journey becomes. Whether expressed in a tender word, a warm meal, or simply the presence of a loving hand to hold, a mother's love is a constant, steady force that shapes the lives of her children.



*Vandana
XI-Non Med*

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Fun Facts

About Bees



1. Only female bees can sting.
2. Like humans, bees sleep when they need rest.
3. Despite popular belief, bees tend to be gentle natured.
4. Most bees do not die after stinging.
5. Unlike wasps, bees do not eat meat.
6. Bees hibernate or go dormant during the winter.
7. Bees aren't the only insect that produces honey.
8. Female bees make up the majority of the beehive.
9. Carpenter bees are the largest native bees in the US.
10. Honeybees can have over 50,000 bees in a single hive.
11. A queen honeybee can lay over 2,000 eggs per day.
12. There are more than 20,000 bee species.
13. Bees have five eyes.
14. Ancient Egyptians used honey as food and medicine.
15. Bees communicate with each other through a unique 'waggle dance.'

*Danish
X-Jade*

Examination



In quiet halls where silence reigns,
Papers rustle, tension gains.
Pencil poised, the clock ticks slow,
Thoughts race fast, then ebb like flow.

Questions loom like shadowed peaks,
Knowledge tested, heart still speaks.
In the struggle, dreams take flight,
A journey forged in morning light.

With each mark, a hope unfolds,
Stories of effort, quietly told.
When the last page turns at last,
Strength is found in lessons past.

*Deona Mersh
X-Jade*

Through Tantrums and Laughter



We've thrown our fits, had silly fights,
Chasing wrongs and making rights.
Through every tantrum, loud and bold,
Our friendship only grew more gold.

We've rolled our eyes, we've made a fuss,
But that's just what good friends do to us!
In every storm, in every cheer,
You've always been the one so near.

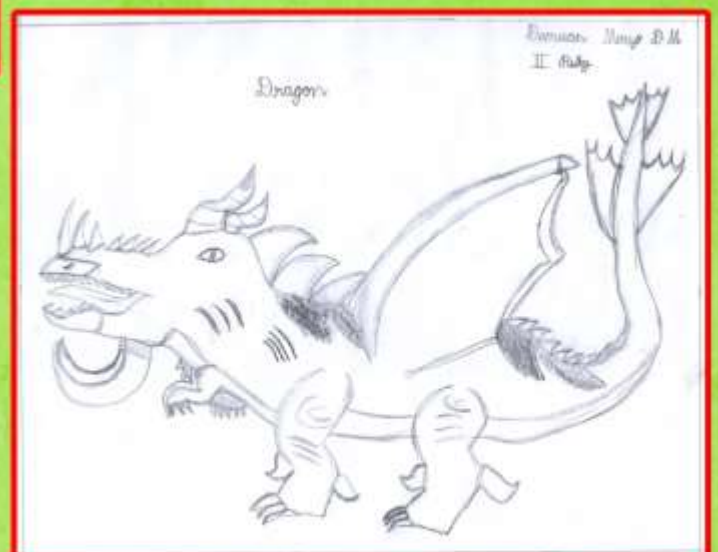
We laugh, we cry, we make amends,
That's how it goes with real best friends.
Through ups and downs, we always stay,
Side by side, come what may.

For in each tantrum, there's no end,
To the bond we share, with my dearest friend.

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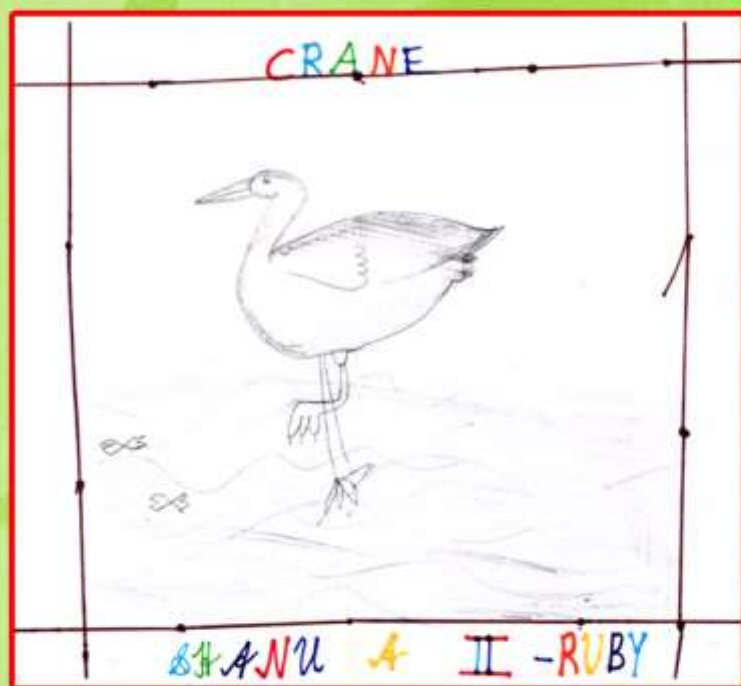
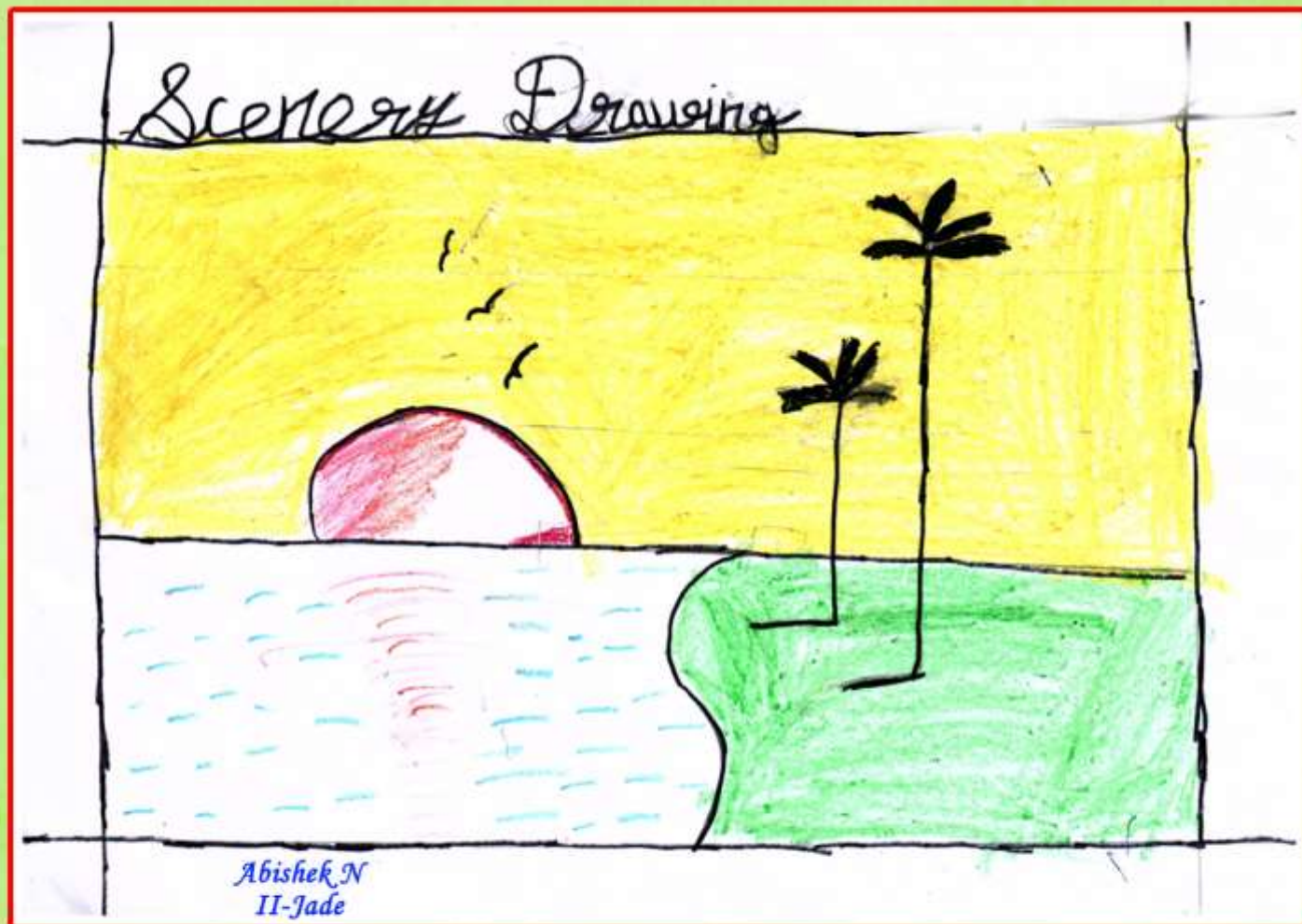
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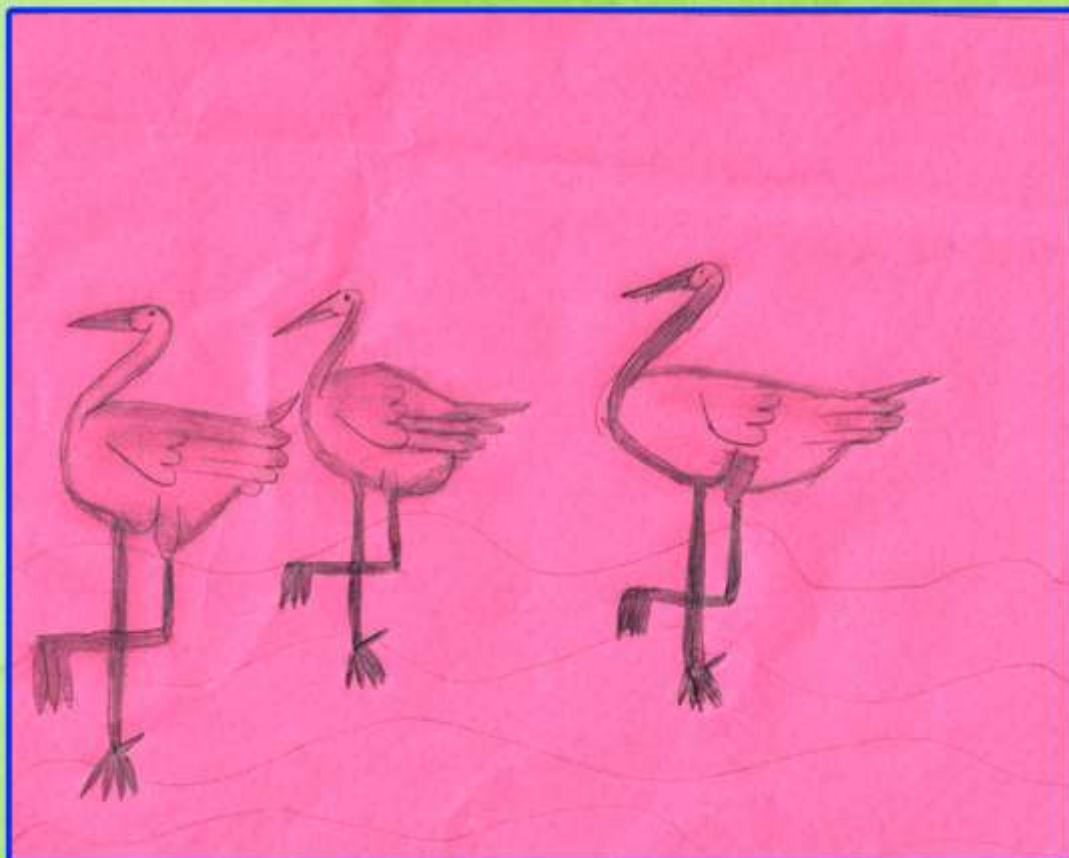
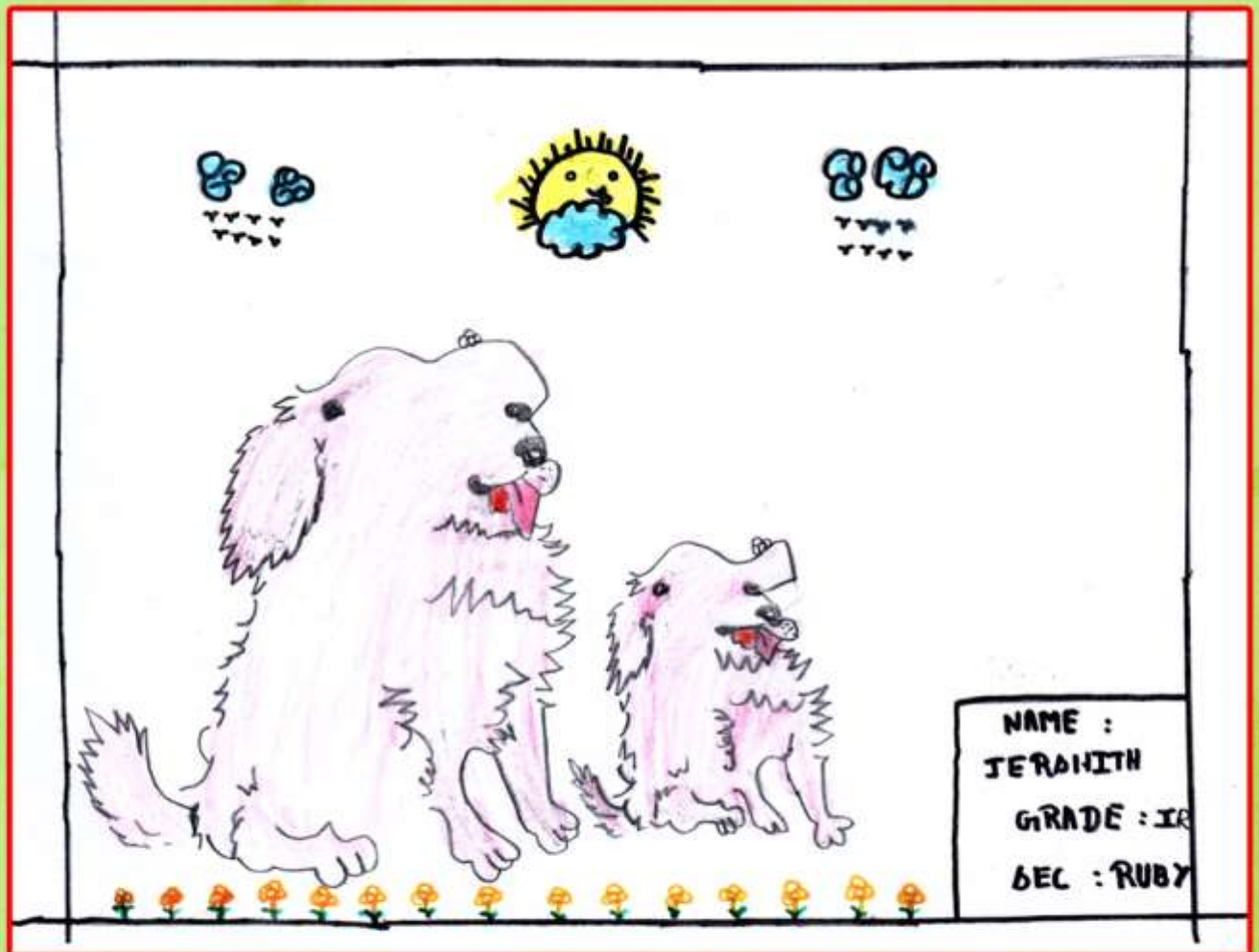
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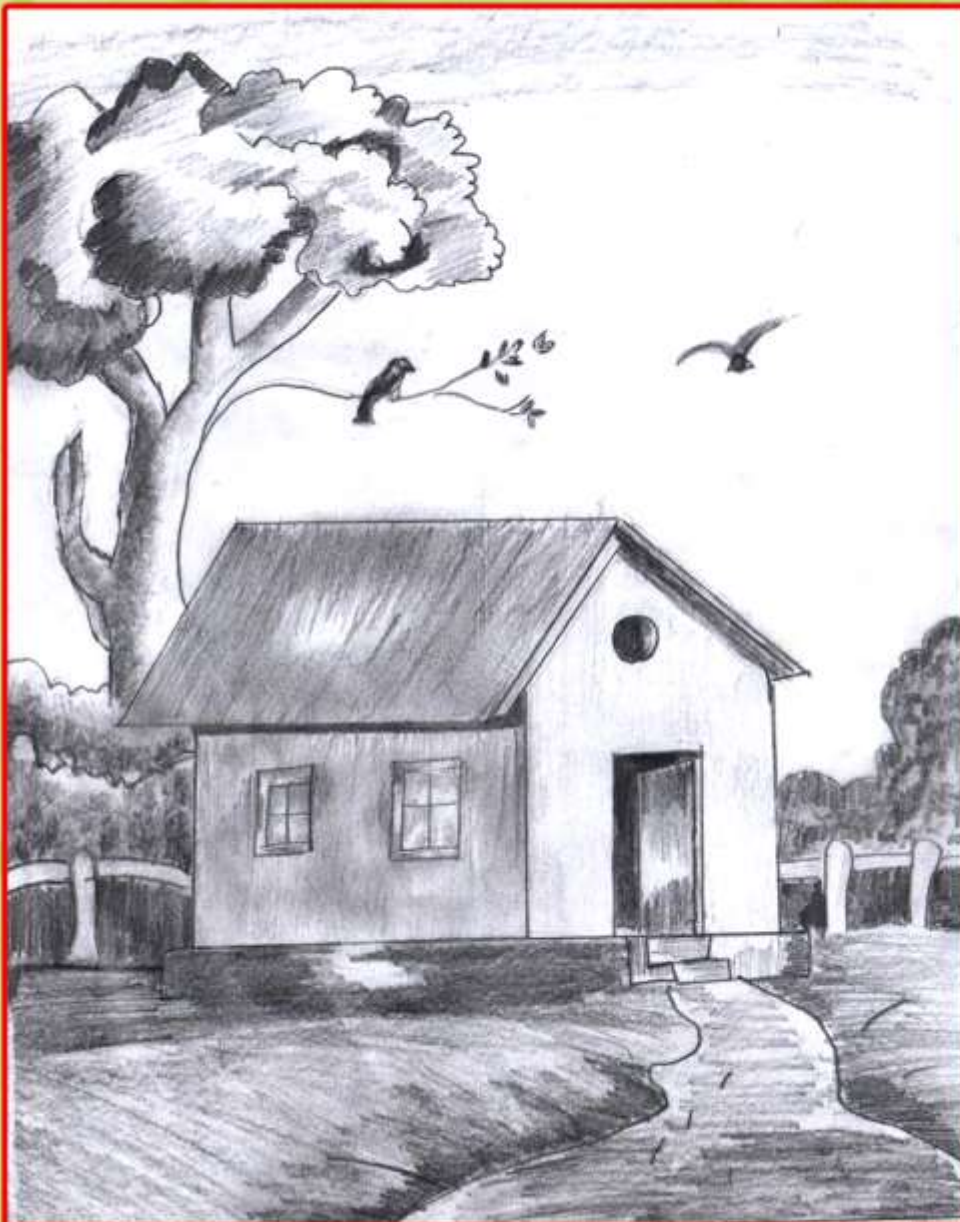
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