



The Scholars' Home

A co - educational English medium public school, was founded in the year 2004 by Thakar Singh Memorial Educational Trust. The school is open to all irrespective of caste, creed, color or religion and strictly secular.

Our Goal

The founders of the school have envisaged a school where stress free environment would help in the development of intellectual, moral and spiritual faculties of the children. The stated goal of the school is 'To produce well balanced, good human beings of world order who will be able to stand on their own at any forum.'

Our Logo

The School Logo illustrates a child going to school with a bag in his/her hand thereby signifying the journey from darkness (ignorance) to light (knowledge). The rising sun illustrates the selfless transmission of light of education for the betterment of one and all.

Our Mottos

Shaping the future:

We believe that today's students are the future citizens of the society. It is only by shaping them properly at the initial stage of character building; our society can be shaped for a better future.

Competing with self:

We believe that the only competition that the students need to be exposed to is the competition with self. The students are motivated to compete with self in order to promote congeniality and building a healthy environment to learn.

Our Ethos

Creating A Caring Environment:

It is our earnest effort to create a caring environment with stress on moral and spiritual values so that the students feel at home away from their homes.

Generating Environment Sensitivity:

We take pains to generate environment sensitivity among our students. We believe that we are the custodians of our environment and it is our duty to protect it by adopting environment friendly practices. We try to create awareness about the ill effects of our own selfish acts.

Creating Excellence in All Walks:

The school lays great stress on doing the things to the best possible with given resources. The students are inspired to put in the extra bit of hard work in their routine works so that it becomes distinct and excellent.

Message

The school not only provides education but also the rites, the virtues, the seeds of diligence and the ability to walk in step with the world. The school teaches about humanity in all its brilliance. Inspired by this objective, The Scholars' Home was established in 2004. I express my deep gratitude to the Supreme God who gave us the strength to walk our path of purpose 17

years ago. Our endeavors in the field of education continued despite the pandemic of 2020-21, the testament to the commendable efforts of the school. The successful launch and implementation of our online classes for our students ensured that the process of teaching and learning was maintained in the safety and security of the homes of our students and teachers. I sincerely thank our teachers, parents and well wishers for their unflinching support in these tough times of Covid-19. Thank you, Dear TSH family and friends for your rock solid faith in us. I assure you that TSH will live up to your expectations and will forge ahead in pursuit of quality education, our humble offering to our society, our city, our country, our world. Narender Pal Singh Narang



Warm Greetings.....

Despite the global pandemic and the impact that it has had on our community we are proud that TSH has successfully transitioned to distance and digital learning platform from the moment the government ordered all schools to be closed.

I whole heartedly congratulate the dedicated and the committed TSH family who took these changes & challenges as new opportunities by reinventing and upgrading themselves, by shifting from classroom teaching and learning to online teaching & learning, by providing quality education in these exceptional times.

TSH has continued to provide each scholar with a faith based academic program, ensuring that they are being challenged to learn everyday.

The Parent community of TSH has also contributed immeasurably to the success of this new digital learning initiative.

I congratulate our scholars who have allowed themselves to be shaped and moulded especially during these tough time, when they were confined to their homes.

I am very happy to share that our scholars grabbed every opportunity that came their way to learn, to evolve & to grow.

I whole heartedly congratulate and compliment editor of the Bridge Ms. Sapna Punj for motivating the scholars to contribute despite the lockdown & appreciate her efforts in bringing out this year 2021 publication of the School Magazine 'The Bridge'.

Gurmeet Kaur Narang



"The old order changeth, yielding place to new".

We all have witnessed an unusual beginning to the school academic year, 2020, but it has been equally satisfying too. We are on cloud nine to see the works of our adorable young Scholars and the diligent staff in the annual magazine 'The Bridge'.

Though the pandemic induced lockdown restricted all of us but it could not put skids on our aims, spirits, and aspirations which are governed by the relentless implementation of the child -centered curriculum.

I am extremely elated to assert that The Scholars' Home, Paonta Sahib has taken a quantum leap by not only catering to the academic pursuits of its Scholars but also in the domain of coscholastic activities which provide a virtual platform to unleash their latent skills and energy in umpteen ways. 'The halls of ivy' has been nurturing young minds of the town with the belief that "The heart of Education is the education of heart". Even as we impart education to match the advancement in technology and globalization, we march our children ahead with TSH norms of moral values and principles aimed at developing credible civic education evolving citizens who are successful, accomplished, and triumphant showing incredible Sangfroid!

The Scholars' Home, Paonta Sahib stands tall among the leading institutions of the region, and this has been possible only because of the unstinted support from the visionary Management, professionally competent and committed staff, diligent learners, and the parents who stood with us like pillars of support to manage the changes the pandemic inflicted on us by pinning implicit faith on us.

The school magazine 'The Bridge' reflects the endeavours of the dedicated and zealous TSH team, which firmly believes in nurturing the young minds and helping them blossom into confident youth with strong values.

My heartiest felicitations to the Editor for brilliantly putting together this excellent string of events in the magazine, and also my blessings to the young scholars whose inputs and contributions have made all this possible.

Nisha Parmar



Dear Reader

The more I think the more I am certain that the lockdown happened to apply the much needed brakes on the fast paced life hurtling towards hara-kiri.

The meaningless consumerism, the tasteless imitation and the directionless exodus towards the frivolous definition of success had confused our children, frustrated the youth and left our society superficial.

Of course it was inconvenient. It was scary and immensely strenuous.

But it made us stop and think. It made us look around and take stock of relationships. It made us ask difficult questions and gave us the courage to greet the tough answers head on.

The Bridge on your screen tries to capture the essence of that journey. The emotional trek each one of us was forced to go on , made us confident enough to share our stories. The inner voyage taught us to have faith that we ought not to fear the judgemental society.

And that our stories, however small or seemingly trivial, matter.

Sapna Punj

Editor

RESULTS

Ihe Winning Streak Continues....

With the blessings of the Almighty & our well wishers, the hard work of Our Scholars and Teachers ensured a wholesome results of our Board Classes X & XII Session 2019-20

CLASS - X



Jasmeet Kaur (98.20%)



Deepanshi Gupta (97.20%)



Tanishq Chauhan (96.40%)



Soham Juneja (95.60%)



Anmol Goel (94.80%)



Japneet Kaur (93.60%)



Saanvi (92.40%)



Anshika Negi (92..40%)



Shivani Choudhary (92.40%)



Aastha Garg (92.40%)



Dixita Thakur (91.60%)



Devesh Chauhan (91%)



Krati Dhenkawat (90%)



Harshit Mohan (90%)



Shashank Deva (89.40%)



Aabhash Anand (89.40%)



Aryan Kede (89.40%)



Arnav Pundir (88.60%)



Arnav Singh Saini (88.60%)



Bhavya Thakur (88.20%)



Anirudh Singh (87%)



Ritvik Singh Thakur (86.80%)



Yashika (86.20%)



(85.60%)



Brahamjot Singh Vaibhav Mohindra (85.60%)



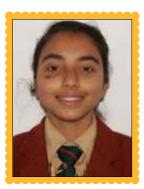
Akshat Palyal (85%)



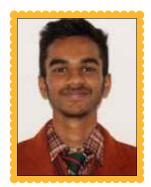
The Batch of 2019-20 Our Pride

CLASS - XII (Commerce)

Session (2019-20)



AASTHA VASUDEV (94.8%) Commerce



PRATYUSH RASTOGI (94%) Commerce



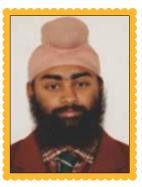
PRAKHAR AGARWAL (92%) Commerce



TULSI SHARMA (91.6%) Commerce



SHRUTI SINGH (91.2%) Commerce



GAGANINDER SINGH (90.8%) Commerce



SAMARTH GUPTA (89.4%) Commerce



YAMINI GULERIA (88.8%) Commerce



HARSIMRAT KAUR (86.8%) Commerce



CLASS - XII (Science)

Session (2019-20)



AKSHAT AGGARWAL (97%) Non Medical (DISTRICT TOPPER)



JAPLEEN KAUR (95.2%) Medical



NIKHIL KUMAR (94.6%) Non Medical



SHRUTEE GUPTA (95.2%) Medical



PIYUSH VERMA (93.2%) Medical



VIJESH DIXIT (93.2%) Medical



DEVANSH BHARDWAJ (93%) Non Medical



GURNEET KAUR (92%) Medical



SHASHANK KASHYAP (91%) Medical



VIDHI (90.8%) Medical



AMAN KUMAR (90.6%) Medical



CHETANYA VASUDEV (88.6%) Non Medical



KARISHMA SHARMA (89.6%) Medical



ARYAN ANAND (87.2%) Non Medical



GURKIRAT KAUR (85%) Medical

THE UNSTOPPABLE SCHOLARS

The lockdown may have applied brakes on the real world but couldn't halt the teaching - learning process at TSH.

Online Debate Competition

Organised by MUN (Model United Nation)



Aakanksha Saklani
(XII) 2nd Position and a Cash Price of Rs. 1000/-

Online Coding Competition

by Anand International College of Engineering, Jaipur



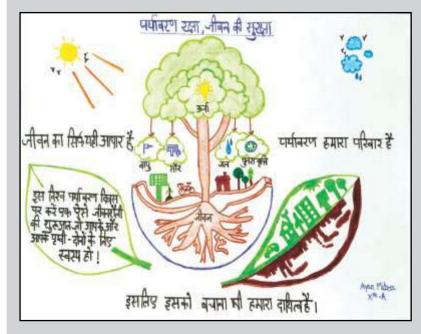
Geetansh Saini
2nd Position and a Cash Price of Rs. 6000/-



Environment









ANTI TOBACCO DAY

This Anti-tobacco day we renew our pledge to continue our fight against the menace.

The World is your Oyster, Not your Ash tray!



Kill Your Bad Habits....Not yourself

Tobacco companies kill their customers and earn

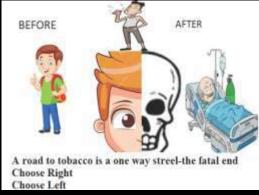
Put it out....before it puts

Smoke away your warries...not yourself

Celebrate the whole year as anti tobacco

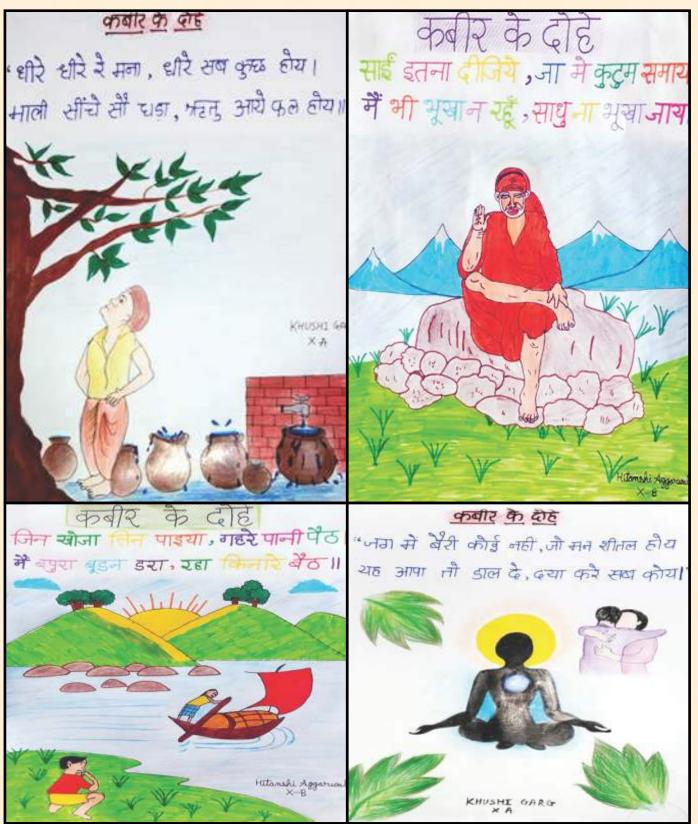
Not only on 311 May.....





KABIR JAYANTI

(कबीर के दोहे)





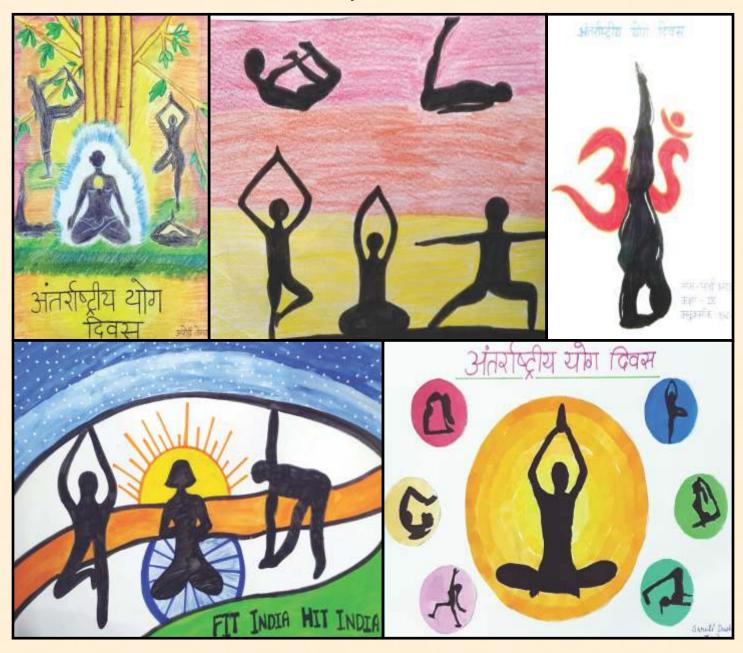
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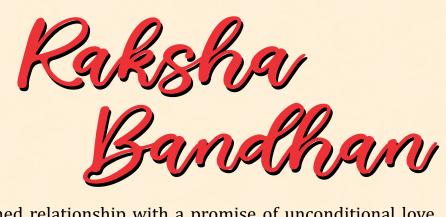
Yoga Day

On the occasion of 6th International YOGA DAY 21st June
YOGA - The subtle science which focuses on bringing

harmony between mind and body.

The sooner you start the better would be the result.





A cherished relationship with a promise of unconditional love. Despite the Pandemic, without the freedom to play in the parks and not meeting our friends, little scholars continued to explore various avenues to one their creativity.

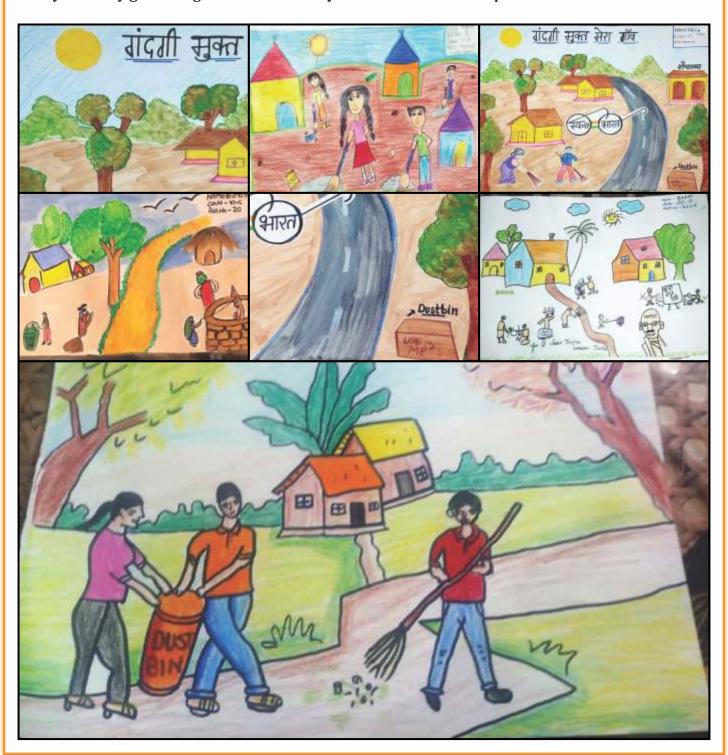


Gandagi Mukt Bharat

Campaign by CBSE

We appreciate the efforts of each child who has actively participated in Painting Competition. The students of classes VI to VIII participated in an online painting competition as a part of GANDAGI MUKT BHARAT Campaign by CBSE..

They not only gave wings to their creativity but also learnt the importance of cleanliness.



Independence Day

Happy 74th Independence Day.....

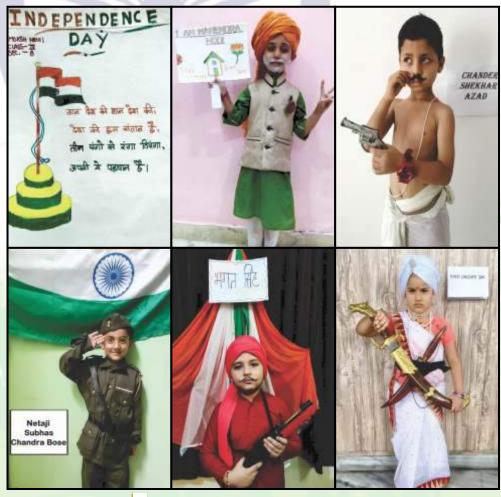
Today is a day to feel proud about being a part of this great nation. May this spirit of freedom leads us all to success and glory in life. Happy Independence Day!

The virus may have impacted every aspect of our lives. But it has and will fail to come anywhere near our love for our country and our patriotism. As long as our collective pride in the Tricolour is intact, we keep marching ahead, trouncing every obstacle. Jai Hind.

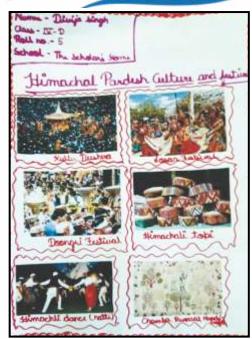


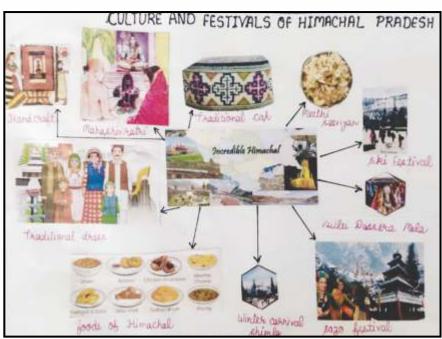
The pandemic has changed the world. It has altered the way we celebrate our happiness. As responsible citizens of India scholars of The Scholars' Home celebrated the 74th Independence Day virtually.

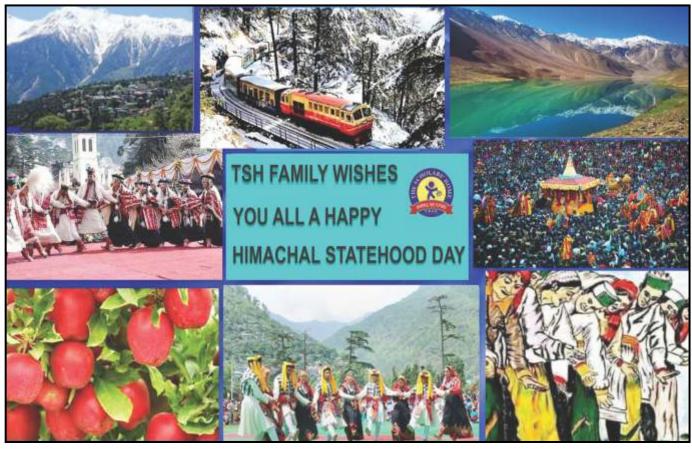
Our little scholars of Class K.G. dressed up as National Leaders because they look up to the great past of our country to inspire them selves to step into the future with the courage of



Himachall STATEHOOD DAY





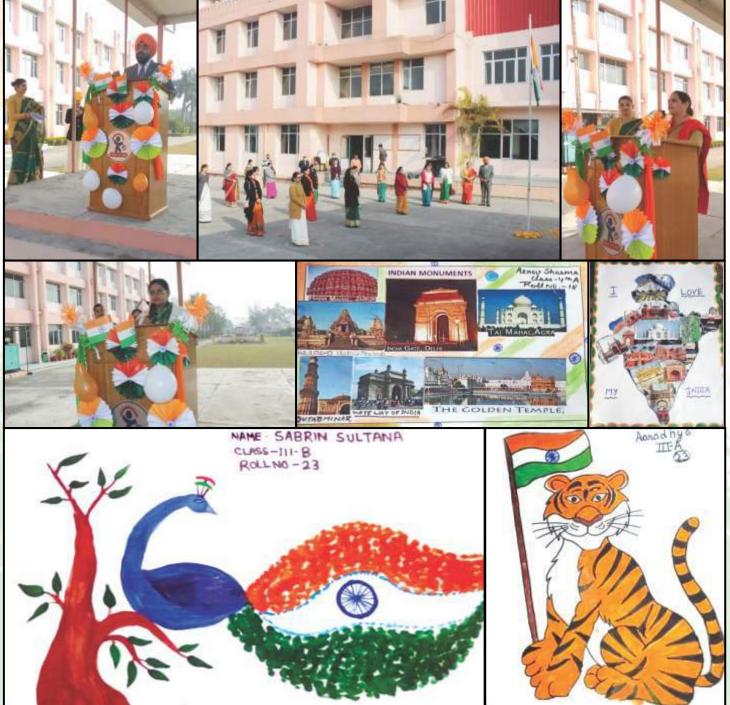


Republic Day

The new year dawned on a very promising note.

The Scholars' Home celebrated the 72nd Republic day on a bright note with our new principal Mrs. Nisha Parmar unfurling the Tricolour. The ceremony was attended by a small team of teachers of classes Pre-Nur to IV





Teacher's Day

On Teacher's Day TSH management awarded the **Nation Builder Award 2020** to

Ms Jyoti Sharma
and

Ms Shrutee Negi

for being the pillar of strength.



IMPORTANCE OF PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AND EXERCISE DURING AND POST COVID-19 PANDEMIC

We are meant to move. Many of our body's systems work better when we are consistently physically active.

For children and adolescents, moderate-to-vigorous physical activity and exercise during the day are associated with elevations in self-esteem, improved concentration, reduction in depressive symptoms and improvement in sleep.

Although many things feel beyond our control right now, we do have the ability to be creative and indulge in physical activity and exercises. We may even look back on this difficult time as the turning point when we learned new ways to build our emotional resilience and our physical health.

Eating a healthy diet is very important during the COVID-19 pandemic. What we eat and drink can affect our body's ability to prevent, fight and recover from infections.

TIPS FOR MAINTAINING A HEALTHY DIET:

Eat a variety of food, including fruits and vegetables

- Every day eat a mix of wholegrains like wheat, maize and rice, legumes like lentils and beans, plenty of fresh fruit and vegetables with some foods from animal sources (e.g. meat, fish, eggs and milk).
- Choose wholegrain foods like unprocessed maize, millet, oats, wheat and brown rice when you can; they are rich in valuable fibre and can help you feel full for longer.
- For snacks choose raw vegetables, fresh fruits and unsalted nuts.

Cut back on salt

- Limit salt intake to 5 grams (equivalent to a teaspoon) a day.
- When cooking and preparing foods use salt sparingly and reduce use of salty sauces and condiments (like soy sauce, stock or fish sauce).

Eat moderate amounts of fats and oils

- Replace butter, ghee and lard with healthier fats like olive, soy, sunflower or corn oil when cooking.
- Choose white meats like poultry and fish which are generally lower in fats than red meat; trim meat off visible fat and limit the consumption of processed meats.

Limit sugar intake

• Limit intake of sweets and sugary drinks such as fizzy drinks, fruit juices, liquid and powder concentrates, flavoured water, energy and sports drinks, ready-to-drink tea and coffee and flavoured milk.

Stay hydrated: Drink enough water

Good hydration is crucial for optimal health. Whenever available and safe for consumption, tap water is the healthiest and cheapest drink. Drinking water instead of sugar-sweetened beverages is a simple way to limit your intake of sugar and excess calories.

Regular physical activity can help give our days a routine and be a way to stay in contact with family and friends. It's also good for our mental health - reducing the risk of depression, cognitive decline and delay the onset of dementia.

How much physical activity is recommended for your age group?

WHO has recommendations on the amount of physical activity people of all ages should do that would benefit their health and wellbeing.

Children under 5 years of age

- All young children should spend at least 180 minutes a day in a variety of physical activities of any intensity.
- 3-4 year old children should spend at least 60 minutes of this time in moderate- to vigorous-intensity physical activity

Children and adolescents aged 5-17 years

- All children and adolescents should do at least 60 minutes a day of moderate to vigorous-intensity physical activity
- This should include activities that strengthen muscle and bone, at least 3 days per week

ANOOP K MENON

(Sports Coordinator)

National Sports Day

FITNESS CHALLENGE

Congratulations Dear Students...

Class VII - VIII

Shaurya Raghav - VIII A 1st Position Kanwal Nain Kaur - VIII B. 2nd Position Simarpreet Kaur - VIII C 3rd Position

Consolation prizes

Rajveer Singh Raina VII B



Congratulations dear students...

Class V & VI

Gurmanpreet - VI B 1st Position

Bavin Arora - VI B 2nd Position

Jasmine Kaur - V C 3rd Position

Consolation prizes

Samridhi Das - VI C

Manya Sharma - VI B

Karanveer Singh - V D

Nurturing TSH Scholars in Nature...

NURTURING THE SELF IN NATURE

Run for India

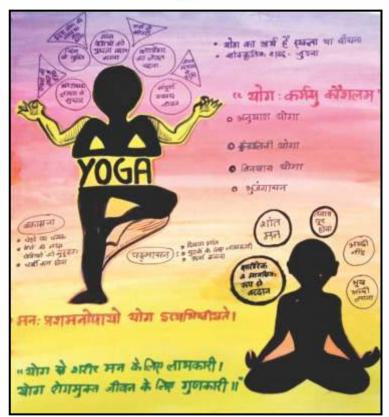
214 health conscious members of the TSH family participated in the Run for India movement and have jointly covered a daunting distance of 1009.51 kms.



NEW INDIA FOR FIT INDIA

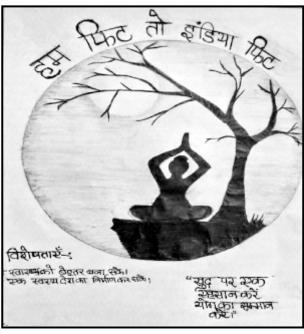
Scholars of **Class X** have created very informative and beautiful Advertisements during Fit India Week.

HUM FIT TOH INDIA FIT



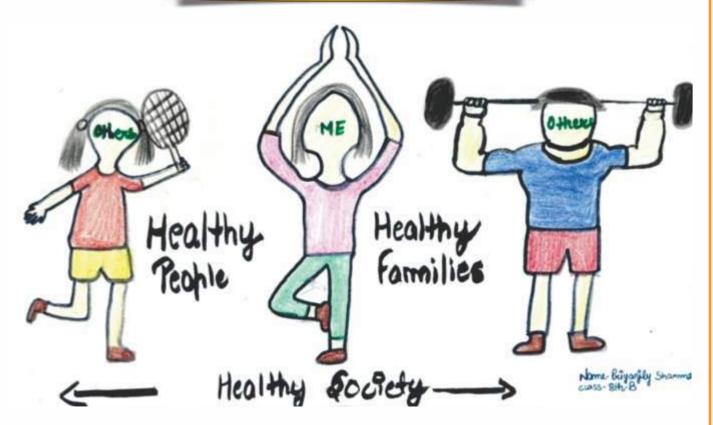


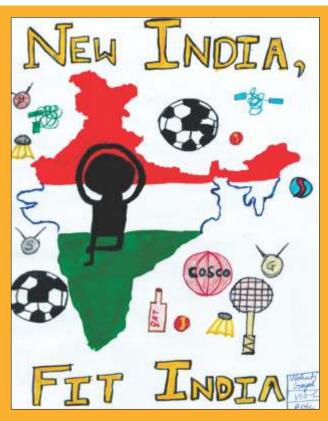




POSTERS CREATED BY THE SCHOLARS OF CLASS VIII

HUM FIT TOH INDIA FIT



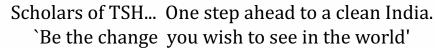






Cleanliness Drive on Gandhi Jayanti







Star Athletes of TSH Brought Home 4 Silver Medals in

District Athletics Championship

held at Paonta Sahib

on

27th October 2020



U 18 - Rakhi Silver Medal in Discuss Throw

U 18 - Himani Silver Medal in 3000 m

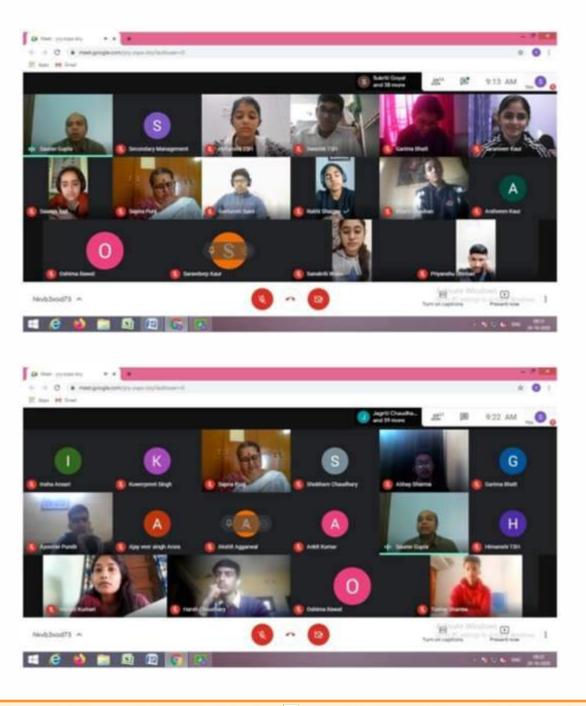
U 16 - Sonakshi Silver Medal in 100 m.

U 18 - Harsh Chaudhary Silver Medal in Long Jump

CAREER COUNSELLING THROUGH WEBINAR

TSH has always been working for a strong foundation and a fruitful future of its scholars: the promising young adults.

Keeping in mind the motive and the mission of TSH, a webinar was organized to disseminate the knowledge and bring it to the homes of our students to update them about the global requirements and the challenges of the



CHILDREN SCIENCE CONGRESS

ACTIVITY CORNER AT THE SUBDIVISION LEVEL

Junior Category

- Yash Dhurkari (VIII-C)

Senior Category

- Pratham Khanduja (X-A)

Senior Secondary Category - Akanksha Saklani (XII- Med)

They all are in best three and have been selected for the District Level and the State Level



Yash Dhurkar (VIII C) Junior



Pratham Khanduja (X A) Senior



Akanksha Saklani
(XII) Senior Secondary



All the three contestants have graduated to the State level.

SCIENCE QUIZ AT THE DISTRICT LEVEL

Senior Category - 2nd Position

- Aayush Sharma (XB)
- AditSharma (XB)

Senior Secondary Category - 3rd Position - **Kishan Kumar** (XII)

- Hardik Goyal (XII)



Adit Sharma (X)



Ayush Sharma (X)

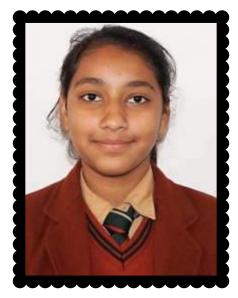


Kishan Kumar (XII)



Hardik Goyal (XII)

PROJECT REPORT AT THE DISTRICT LEVEL



Gursimar Kaur (IX) Senior

Our scholars have won the First position in SCIENCE QUIZ IN JUNIOR CATEGORY, AT THE SUBDIVISION LEVEL and got selected for the District level.



Priyanshi Juneja (VIII)



Manasvi Dhingra
(VIII)

Our scholars have won the First position in SCIENCE QUIZ IN SENIOR CATEGORY, AT THE SUBDIVISION LEVEL and got selected for the District Level.



Adit Sharma



Ayush Sharma
(X)

Green Diwali Celebrations!

Social distancing and the lockdown gave a fresh meaning to our Green Diwali.

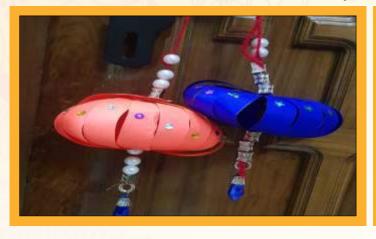
Nothing could dampen our festive spirit. From the cheerful Torans

(Door - Hangings) to colorful rangolis, from paper lanterns to handmade kandils, our scholars ensured that the sparkle of Diwali was intact.

To encourage the scholars to celebrate green, safe and happy

Diwali, various activities were conducted virtually for all the clases





















THE GENIUS WINNERS OF THE MATHEMATICS QUIZ

Organized by Rotary Club, Paonta Sahib



Rashmeen Kaur VI-B



Chirag Fanda
VII-B



Raja Rakshit Chauhan
_{VII-B}



Dhruv Agarwal
VII-B



Jaipreet Singh



Anubhav Garg

MATHEMATICS OLYMPIAD AT THE SUBDIVISION LEVEL AND THE DISTRICT LEVEL

Junior Category

- **Anubhav Garg** (VIII-A) (2nd position)

Senior Category

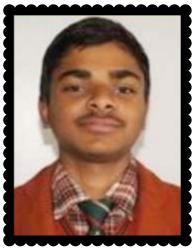
- Manik Chauhan (X-B) (1st position)

Senior Secondary Category - Ananya Garg (XII-Non Medical) (3rd position)

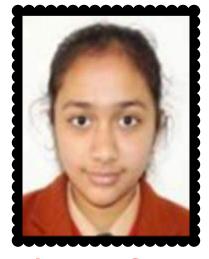
They all are selected for the District Level and the State Level



Anubhav Garg (VIII) Junior



Manik Chauhan (X) Senior

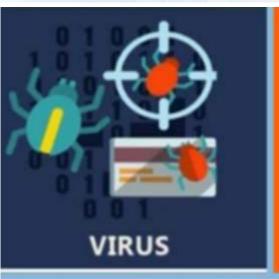


Ananya Garg (XII) Senior Secondary

Cyber Security

Cyber Security awareness month was the observed and e-poster were created by the scholar's of Class XII

THE NEED OF THE HOUR













CYBER SAFETY: If you connect it protect it!

BE A HUMAN FIREWALL

ROUND 1

Be Aware of Phishing and Scams



Use Unique Passwords for Each Account

ROUND 2

ROUND 3

Apply Patches and Updates



Don't be the weakest link, be the strongest defense against cyber attacks.





Priyanshu Dhiman

XII-Non Medical

WAND OF WORDS

A WORD OF CAUTION

I was scared of this scary time where there is corona, all the time We have to put on the masks With a sanitizer in our arms

We couldn't go to school And always stayed in our room We are missing all our dear ones

But if you want to be safe Don't go to a crowded place And take care Make others also aware.

Saanvi Saini

I MISS YOU, DEAR FRIENDS

I am stuck at home
All alone
In isolation
I miss my school and
My relatives are in trouble.
I am trapped in the lockdown bubble.
It is raining
and I am complaining
I want to see my friends
before the world ends.

Vanyaa Sharma

IF WISHES WERE HORSES

When it is safe, I'll hold my arms open wide, And shout to the world we can all go outside! Don't give up hope the end is in sight, If we all stick together, we'll all win this fight!

Supriya Swami

HIDE AND SEEK

Lock down - Lock down Lock the door

Shut the lights off Say no more

Go Behind the Desk and Hide Wait Until its safe outside

Lock down - Lock down Its all Done

Now its time to have some fun

Adamya Saini

TERROR AND THRILL

All of a sudden the world came to a standstill, and brought in all of us a feeling of terror and thrill.

No more cinemas, restaurants or even going outside, all due to the pandemic which is spread worldwide.

Attending online classes doesn't seem very interesting, hopefully things will get better that's what we all are expecting.

Thank god we have technology during these tough times, which has connected us to each other even across the border lines.

People are dying there is an air of misery everywhere, to protect us and our families we must take care.

WISHFUL THINKING

2020 was like a tragedy

Like a sudden stolen property

I was happy at first Disappointed later

And felt that life was better in the past

Moreover, School came online
Study pressure, tuitions, frustration
began hurting my spine.

I hope next morning, when I wake up

Virus would be dying

And everything would be fine.

Harshdweep Kaur

JOURNEY WITHIN

It's been 8 months since we are indoor,
Not even gone to Dehradun, Delhi or Indore.
It was a very difficult life in lockdown,
There is no fun no smile or frown.
Everyone thinks corona has made us weak,
But is has made us much stronger week by
week.

This lockdown can't stop us from being strong,

But being a corona patient is wrong. For this we need to be cautious,

Thus using masks and sanitizers is judicious.

Bhavpreet Singh

LOCKDOWN MEANS...

- L Lot of people staying at home.
- **O** Our families are missing each other.
- C Can't see our friends.
- **K** Keeping safe distance from each other.
- **D** Dedicated self-care.
- **O** Our school is closed.
- W When will it all end?
- N Now is the time to love and care for others.

Aditya Chugh

LITTLE DID I KNOW

When lockdown just started,
Got happy thinking holidays got extended.
Little did I know I won't be able to travel,
All my plans got cancelled,
And I was off to rear the cattle.
Little did I know I won't meet my friends,
My plans to play were destroyed,
And the life of my dolls came to an end.
Little did I know my world would limit to my home,

Only "good entertainment" was T.V. and phone,

And the couch became my throne.

Little did I know I would miss school that badly,

No one knew what to do exactly,

And I had to ACCEPT the lockdown sadly....

Vanshika Kaushish

कलम की कारीगिरी

आखिर क्या चाहते हो

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क्यों बचपन को इस कदर आजमाते हो, अपनी हर मर्जी खुदगर्जी से थोपना चाहते हो, नन्हें—नन्हें कंधों पर बोझ मुस्तक बिल का डाल कर हसीं ख्वाब इन मासूम आँखों से छीनना चाहते हो। आखिर क्या चाहते हो?

तुम्हारी महत्वकाक्षाओं के चलते जीवन मासूमों का प्रतिस्पर्धा बन गया है, शत प्रतिशत अंकों का खेल यह अंकुश बच्चों के हुनर के लिए बन गया है, क्यों हर बार हर शय में मुकाबला चाहते हो आखिर क्या चाहते हो?

शोख़ हवाओं में भरने दो परवाज इन परिंदों की जिंदगी कहीं बन जाए ना अजाब, फरिश्ते हैं ये खुदा की पाक मूरत हैं क्यों पर इनके हौसलों के कतरना चाहते हो आखिर क्या चाहते हो?

ये तितिलयाँ फड़फड़ा रहीं किताबों के बोझ तले बदले वक्त की बेकल जह नियत की हसरतों के तले अपने ही बच्चों से चुलबुला बचपन छीन कर तुम आधुनिकता की दौड़ में मशीनें बनाना चाहते हो आखिर तुम क्या चाहते हो?

सुनो, रुको, कुछ देर सोच—विचार तो करो! मुरझाते हुए बचपन की दबी हुई आवाज तो सुनो! क्यों खिलखिलाती हुई दुनिया को रौंदना चाहते हो? इस बाग—ए—बहार को बेदर्दी से कुचलना चाहते हो? आखिर क्या चाहते हो?

एक तो आफत का असर है हर तरफ, और सिमटी दुनिया बचपन की खौफ की फिजाओं में! उस पर किताबों की कफस में कैद मासूम ख्वाब हैं शिकार माँ—बाप की तमन्नाओं की ख्वाबगाहों के! अपने बचपन की नादानियां भूलकर तुम सारे समझदारी की उम्मीद इस बचपन से लगाना चाहते हो आखिर क्या चाहते हो?

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आखरी साल

स्कूल का वो आखरी साल, उसी में क्यों मचा बवाल, हर जुबान पे एक ही सवाल।

उनकी हालत मैं कैसे बंया करूँ, जिनकी आँखों में खून के थे अश्रू. मैं चाहता था उन्हें पोंछ दूं, पर हाथ लगाने से घबराता हूँ।

स्कूल का वो आखरी साल, स्कूल का वो आखरी साल, उसी में क्यों मचा बवाल, आँखों का भी बुरा है हाल, घट गई है सब की चाल।

जब भी मैं घर पर खाली रहूं, खाली बैठा रब से मैं दुआ करूँ, मैं हर दुआ में एक ही बात कहूं, के ठीक हो जाए बने मरीज जो।

स्कूल का वो आखरी साल, उसी में क्यों मचा बवाल, उसी में क्यों मचा बवाल।

Swastik

XII-Non-Med.

कोरोना काल का बवाल

समय कोरोना काल का अचानक आया है बवाल सा गरीबों का हाल तुझको क्या पता बंद कमरे में हो रहे हालात पता

छाया हुआ है, अँधकार सा कुदरत का खेल है, कमाल का अब इन्सान है कैद, पंछी आजाद ये उनका कर्म बनके आया है शैतान सा

छा रहा अँधकार इस लोकडाउन में आलस का माहौल तुमको कैसे बताऊँ मैं कमरे को बंद कर गाने चलाऊँ मैं और पागलों की तरह बस उनको रटता जाऊँ मैं

फिर कलम से अपनी खुद के गाने बनाऊँ मैं आलस के अंधकार को दूर भगाऊँ मैं लोकडाउन को अपने रैप से डराऊँ मैं खुशियों की तरंगो को खुद में बसालूँ मैं

ऐसे ही मैंने लोकडाउन को दी मात रैप सुनाके की खुशियों की बरसात बस जल्दी से खत्म हो जाए ये कोरोना काल फिर अध्यापकों और दोस्तों से हो फिर से मुलाकात

Deepak

XI-Medical

बस एक सवाल

दिल में है एक सवाल जब थे पिंजरे में पंछी बंद तब हम थे हस्ते, अब जब हम घर में बंद हैं और पंछी आजाद तब हम क्यूँ हैं रोते? अब है आया समझ पंछी का दर्द ? और अब पता चला कि जान है तो जहान है।

Sukhreet Kaur

VII-A

जिंदगी एक जिम्मेदारी

आपदा में है देश फंसा विपदा बड़ी ये भारी है घरों में खुद को कैद करो देश बचाना जिम्मेदारी है।।

घर में तुम जो नहीं टिके आना—जाना तुम्हारा जारी है वक्त रहते संभल जा ऐ बंदे वरना यह जानलेवा बीमारी है।।

चीन अमेरिका हो या इटली या फिर फारस की खाड़ी हो सारे विश्व में है हा हा कार मचा यह कैसी भयावह महामारी है।।

संकट से उबारने में जो भी लगे सबका यह राष्ट्र आभारी है घरों में खुद को कैद करो देश बचाना जिम्मेदारी है।।

Dhruv Choudhary

VII A

डर लगता है

घर जाने से डर लगता है।
अपने बच्चों को गले लगाने से डर लगता है।
घरवालों के साथ समय बिताने से डर लगता है।
किसी से भी मिलने से डर लगता है।
दूसरों को में संक्रमित न कर दूँ।
इस लिए डर लगता है।
इसलिए नहीं की में डरपोक हूँ
पर इसलिए कि में करोना योद्धा हूँ।
हाँ, मुझे डर लगता है।

Lakshay Mittal

X-B

मूर्ख जो कहे तुझे अबला

छोटे से इस वायरस ने आज दुनिया में, आतंक यह कैसा मचाया है,

हर स्त्री-पुरुष, बच्चे-बूढ़े, इंसान-जानवर, राजा-रंक के फर्क को मिटाया है,

इस मुश्किल डगर पर चलते हुए हम सबने, कई हथकंडो को अपनाया है,

कभी म्यूजिक बजाया, तो कभी खाना पकाया, कभी गार्डनिंग की ,तो कभी डांसिंग, कभी बच्चों को डांटा, कभी प्यार से मनाया, परिवार के साथ भी खूब टाइम बिताया । पर एक दिन बैठे बैठे मन में यह ख्याल आया, में कौन हूँ, मैं क्या हूँ, मेरा अस्तित्व क्या है, इसी ख्याल ने मुझे खुद से मिलवाया, मेरा आप, यानी मेरे भीतर की औरत। एक औरत जिसे सीता के चिरत्र पर गर्व है, पर अग्निपरीक्षा

मंजूर नहीं, जो अपनी संस्कृति और सभ्यता को नहीं छोड़ना चाहती, लेकिन उसे अपने सपनों के साथ समझौता मंजूर नहीं, जिंदगी की उलझनों में उलझी इस औरत की कहानी आज

तुम्हें मैं सुनाती हूं,

में कौन हूँ, मैं क्या हूँ ,आज तुम्हें यह बताती हूँ । इस युग की औरत यानी अपने भीतर की औरत से आज तुम्हें में मिलवाती हूँ! ''इस युग की नारी'' वह है मूर्ख जो कहे तुझे अबला बेचारी!

घर और ऑफिस को साथ लेकर चलना, अपने पंखों को पसार कर ऊंची उड़ान भरना, सुबह जल्दी उठकर घर के सारे काम करना, ऑफिस में भी फिर समय पर पहुंचना, घर के हर बच्चे—बूढ़े की इच्छाओं का ख्याल रखना, बिना थके बस जीवन में आगे बढ़ना, अपनी जिम्मेदारियों को हंस कर पूरा करना, हर आंधी और तूफान से बिना डरे लड़ना, कहां से सीखा तूने इस युग की नारी, वह है मूर्ख जो कहे तुझे अबला बेचारी!!

हो सीता सा चरित्र, फिर यह अग्नि परीक्षा क्यों, जिन खुशियों पर है हक तेरा, दे उनकी कोई भिक्षा क्यों, हर जीव में है प्राण तुझसे, तुझी से है यह सृष्टि सारी, वह है मूर्ख जो कहे तुझे अबला बेचारी!! सम्मान दे अगर औरों को, अपमान खुद वह सहे क्यों? जो प्यार बांटे हर दिल को, दर्द में वह रहे क्यों? धृतराष्ट्र क्या कम है इस जग में, तू बनना गांधारी, वह है मूर्ख जो कहे तुझे अबला बेचारी!

द्रौपदी है तू, पर कृष्ण यहां कोई नहीं, यह चूड़ी वाले हाथ क्यों कोई शस्त्र उठा सकते नहीं? तू शक्ति है, तू चंडी है, तू अन्नपूर्णा भी है, तू मोती है उस सीप का जिस में बूंद ने जिंद डारी, वह है मूर्ख जो कहे तुझे अबला बेचारी!! दायरे बनाए लाखों समाज ने तेरे लिए, हर चुनौती से यह औरत, बहुत हिम्मत से लड़े, फर्ज हर पूरा करे बिना झुके बिना डरे। जितना झोंका आग में, वह उतनी ही ज्यादा खिले भंवर में फंस जाने पर भी, हिम्मत ना तूने हारी, वह है मूर्ख जो कहे तुझे अबला बेचारी!!

ठोकरें हर राह की, हिम्मत बनी तेरे लिए वह चाह मंजिल पाने की, ताकत बनी तेरे लिए। हर तूफान, हर आंधी को तू, जब रौंद के आगे बढ़े, हिम्मत को तेरी देख, अब तो झुकी दुनिया सारी, वह है मूर्ख जो कहे तुझे अबला बेचारी!!

हर जीव में जब प्राण तुझसे, फिर संकट में तेरे प्राण क्यों? जो खुद है वात्सल्य से भरी, फिर सहती यह प्रताड़ना क्यों? ममता मई, करुणा मई, तू है कोमलता भरी, है कर्जदार तेरे जग में हर देह धारी, वह है मूर्ख जो कहे तुझे अबला बेचारी!

ना तुझसे आगे, ना तुझसे पीछे, बस साथ चलना चाहती हूं। ना तुझसे कम, ना तुझसे ज्यादा, यह मान बराबर चाहती हूं। कम और ज्यादा का यह सौदा नहीं है, आपसी समझ की है अब यह बात सारी, वह है मूर्ख जो कहे तुझे अबला बेचारी!!

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में और मेरा अक्स

कुछ अलग सा महसूस हो रहा है आजकल, मैं वही हूँ जो पहले थी, <mark>पर न जाने क्यूँ</mark> कुछ तो अलग है यह पल। <mark>दुनिया</mark> थम सी गई है, सूने रस्ते, बंद दरवाजे अब खटकने लगे हैं। घर में रहना अटक रहा था. मन इधर-उधर भटक रहा था। तो खुद से बात करी थी मैंने, अपने आपको जाना था मैंने । अच्छा लग रहा था, खुद से बात करके, अब नई किरण जगी है मन में , कुछ करने का हौंसला है मन में। खुद को जानकर, अपने विचारों को पहचान कर. जिंदगी का धुंधला रास्ता अब थोडा साफ नजर आ रहा है। माना सबको पुराने दिनों की तलाश है। 20-20 से सब निराश हैं। पर क्यों ना इसे खास बनाया जाए, खुद को जाना जाए, अपने विचारों को पहचाना जाए, और इस पल को अपना बनाया जाए।।

> **Shivani** XI-Humanities

हम राही होंगे कामयाब

सड़क से जा रही, जानें हारी, सर पर जिम्मेदारी क्लेश भारी, पेट खाली, साथ ये बीमारी,

तड़पती धूप में हैं चलते ये बनके आवारा तनाव सारा, तन हारा और चल न पा रहा ।

बांटो इन्हें खाना जैसे पक्षियों को देते हम दाना क्योंकि पंख तो इनके नहीं है, यह अफसोस हमारा,

गरीब—गरीब बनते जाएँ, अमीर—अमीर बनते जाएँ और मदद मांगते—मांगते कहीं दम ही न टूट जाए।

महामारी से बचे तो भुखमरी का है खतरा कब तक दूसरे के स्वार्थ के लिए रहेगा ये तड़पता।

नेता लड़ते रहें आपस में और ये चढ़ते रहें चिता की सीढियों पर, ताकि महल बन सके उनके और कुछ हासिल न कर पायें।

क्या बतायेंगे अपनी अगली पीढ़ियों को? की हमने अपने देश की रीड की हड्डी खुद ही तोड़ डाली और जब सबसे ज्यादा जरुरत थी इनको हमारी, तब हम इन्हें नजर अंदाज करने लगे?

एक बार खुद को इनकी जगह रखकर देख जरा, हार मानकर घर जा रहा होकर अधमरा, कि काम सब किया, खुद से लड़ा, फिर रब पर वफा रख कर भी क्यों मिलती है यह सजा?

तो आओ करें इनकी सहायता और विरोध करें इन नेताओं का, क्योंकि होते हैं यह एक, लेकिन शक्लें इनकी चार लेकिन जनशक्ति के सामने इनकी होती है हार!

Ayan Mitra

X-A

लॉकडाउन में जीवन का अंदाज

लॉकडाउन ने हमें एक नया ढंग सिखाया कम समय में भी हमें जीने का अंदाज सिखाया। हुए तो बहुत वीरान हम इस माहौल में पर फिर भी नया सबक सिखाया।

घुटे हम जंक-फूड से घर के खाने का हमें खूब आनंद आया प्यार के हाथों से बनी गरमा गरम रोटियों का हमने खूब आनंद उठाया नहीं चिंता गृह कार्य की न कोई फिक्र स्कूल की जी भर सोने का हमने खूब आनंद उठाया जीने का नया ढंग सिखाया।

हुए हम दोस्तों मित्रों से बहुत दूर हमने उनको याद किया जो थे हम से बहुत दूर पर फिर भी बहन भाइयों के साथ घर में रहकर लूडो कैरम खेलने का आनंद उठाया भले ही रहे हम बाहर जाने से वंचित पर परिवार के संग हमने खूब वक्त बिताया लॉकडाउन ने हमें एक नया ढंग सिखाया।

Samridhi Gupta VII-B

विचारों की उड़ान

जिंदगी के सफर में, भीड़ से हट कर चलो! हार गम भुलाकर, उम्मीदों का दामन थामते चलो!

यही है जिंदगी कुछ ख्वाब चंद उम्मीदों की, खुद अपने आप से बाहर निकल सको, तो चलो!

जिंदगी में लाखों गिराने वाले मिलेंगे, अगर जिद्ध है जीतने की अपने आपसे, तो चलो!

बहुत लोग स्वपन देखते हैं, सूरज बनने का अगर सूरज की तरह जल सको, तो चलो!

चलते रहो जिंदगी में, रुकना मत क्योंकि जिंदगी तो अपने दाम पर ही जी जाती है, दूसरों के कन्धों पर जनाज़े उठाए जाते हैं।

अगर राह मुश्किल लगे, थोडा रुक कर चलो! पर चलते रहना!! क्योंकि

परिंदों को मंजिल मिलेगी यकीनन, ये फैले हुए उनके पर बोलते हैं, अक्सर वो लोग खामोश रहते हैं, जमाने में जिनके हुनर बोलते हैं।

> Japneet Kaur XI-Humanities

WHEN MY PEN SPEAKS

CHEF IN THE MAKING

Because of Corona Virus there is a complete lockdown. I have learnt many things like cooking, comic making etc. I love making momos, sandwiches and now I am planning to make a pizza. I make stickman comics and its name is Henry. But life is boring without friends. On festivals we couldn't go anywhere without masks. In lockdown I developed a hobby of reading. I read 18 comics like Phantom, Supandi, minecraft and a comic on Indus Valley adventure. I played with my brother too but because he is 6 years younger than me I can't enjoy much. I like to study in school but I don't know why I don't like to study in online classes.

Shreyas Sood

FERVENT PRAYER

There is no temple, no school, no friends, no festivals, no peace of mind.

The playground, schools, gardens are asking about us.

All around us empty roads full of sadness
There are yellow leaves on the road, but there
is no one to pick them up or walk upon them.
Earlier I would say to everyone "I want to be
alone". But today I want to be with friends
and family.

I miss my freedom, the freedom to be a child, to just run and play under the open sky with friends, without any fear.

I want my days back, with friends in school, teachers in class.

O God please make everything fine, once again.



STRANGE ENCOUNTERS

Two things really astonished me in this lockdown. If I talk about my mother, she is the one who is always concerned about my marks and always expects better results from me. But this year despite being the board class, she is not very concerned about my marks. I was quite amazed that this pandemic has changed the thinking of my mother. Since her concern is only about my health. Now the next thing is about vacations. Not only me, all the students have the desire of more holidays or vacations. But this year, we had such a long vacation that we are bored and are eager to get back to school. But there are a few students who would still be rather at home. And I can't say anything about the strange thinking of such students.

Harshieta Gupta

YOUTUBE: THE NEW COACH..

Life was little bit boring during the lockdown and online classes were boring too, it was boring in the evening but the good thing in lockdown was that I had a lot of time to play cricket. I have improved my cricket both bowling and batting and fielding also. Earlier my cricket game was a little poor but now it has really, really improved because of lots and lots of practice at home. Thanks to the coaching from YouTube.

Bhavin Arora

TREASURE HUNT

Do you like treasure hunt? Do you like exploring the world? This quarantine, I got ample time for TREASURE HUNT. Yes a hunt, where I peeped inside me. This quarantine, I understood that gaps in my mind can be bridged. I got to know, that I have labelled some of my traits as my weaknesses. I cannot name all of them, but the one I could mention - LONELINESS. I hated being alone, I hated the feeling of no one near me, I hated the fact that it was not possible that each of my loved ones could be near me, could be present even in parallel universe. I hated to lose people. I hated to be insecure. I could only love me, RESPECT me, CARE for me, only when I was with someone I loved. This would have been the case if I didn't practice self-love, self-care, self- reflection to enhance my self confidence, self-esteem and self-worth. And being alone now is my strength. I am happy alone.

Gursimar Kaur

गुजर जायेगा यह दौर भी...

लॉकडाउन की वजह से सब लोग घर हैं। सब स्कूल और कार्यालय बंद हैं। इस वजह से कुछ लोग खुश है, कुछ दुखी है और कुछ गुस्सा या डरे हुए है। डरे हुए इसलिए तािक वो कोरोना वायरस से सिक्रिमित न हो। आज मैं भी लॉकडाउन में अपने जीवन का वर्णन कर रही हूँ। लॉकडाउन के शुरूआती दिनों में मैं भी बहुत दुखी हुई थी। सब लोगों की तरह मैं भी नहीं चाहती थी कि मैं भी कोरोना सिक्रिमित हो जाऊँ। मैंने घर से बाहर जाना बंद कर दिया और घर में ही रही। घर में रहना मुझे कभी नहीं भाया लेकिन कोरोना की वजह से मुझे घर में बंद होकर रहना पड़ा। उस समय मुझे कोरोना और चीन के लोगों पर बहुत गुस्सा आया जिनकी वजह से यह वायरस फैला था। कुछ दिनों के बाद हम गांव आ गए। गाँव का वातावरण बहुत साफ था। वहां बहुत पेड़ थे। जो आमतौर पर शहरों में देखने को नहीं मिलते है। गांव में कुछ दिन रहने के बाद मेरी सोच में बदलाव आया की रोज के कार्यों की वजह से गांव में हम बहुत कम आते थे। तथा जो लोग काम करते थे वह अपने परिवार के साथ ज्यादा समय नहीं बिता पाते थे। लॉकडाउन का एक यह फायदा भी है की हम गाँव की स्वच्छ वायु में सांस ले सकते है तथा अपने परिवार के साथ समय बीता सकते हैं।

इस लॉकडाउन की एक यह भी गलत बात थी की हमारी पढ़ाई रुकी हुई थी। लेकिन कुछ दिन बाद इसका भी हल मिल गया। हमारी पढ़ाई फोन तथा लैपटॉप जैसे उपकरणों द्वारा होने लगी। और पढ़ाई का खतरा भी टल गया लेकिन मोबाइल पर इतनी अच्छी तरह पढ़ाई नहीं हो पाती थी जितनी हम कक्षा में करते थे। तथा इस से नजर कमजोर भी हो सकती थी। पर इस के लिए भी हमारे अध्यापकों ने हमें बीच में १० – १५ मिनट का ब्रेक दिया।

सब कुछ सही चल रहा है ये तो मैं नहीं कह सकती पर हमारी जरूरतें पूरी हो रही थी। पर तब भी इतने महीने से घर पर सारी सुविधाओं के साथ रहने के बाद भी मेरे मन में घर से बाहर जाने की इच्छा तथा दोस्तों व अध्यापकों से मिलने की इच्छा होती है। और भगवान से मैं यही प्रार्थना करूँगी की यह सब कुछ वापस ठीक हो जाये।

Ananya Thakur

VII-C

WHEN LIFE GIVES YOU LEMONS MAKE LEMONADE

The whole world has come to a standstill, and the reason is the pandemic. All of a sudden, it seems we are a part of a horror movie. The villainous coronavirus is killing thousands of people, and we are feeling helpless. It has turned our lives upside down. Even in our dreams, we could not have imagined ourselves confined to our homes, with no outings and unable to meet our friends and relatives.

Reasonably, the situation has given us a chance to look at things differently. In the beginning, this lockdown was considered as holidays by some children like me. Once extended, it has made us realize the value of attending schools. We appreciate the hard work of our teachers who are trying their best to teach us through online classes and providing us with study material. Teachers are not leaving any stone unturned so that we do not waste our precious time sitting idle.

Although initially taking online classes was a challenge for them, they have quickly adapted so that our academic path does not get affected. This has taught us never to run away from challenges when life throws them upon us and, to try to adapt according to the situation.

These hard times are teaching us the value of everyday food items like fruits, vegetables, and groceries in our lives. They have become so valuable that nowadays they are not readily available. We are learning to manage ourselves with limited resources. We have learned to respect our farmers and the vendors who are bringing these essentials to our doorsteps. We have realized that we should never waste food because many people are unable to have even a single meal during this lockdown

period. It has also showed us life beyond junk food as now we know that delicious food can be cooked at home too. We have become more alert about personal hygiene and cleanliness.

The lockdown has also made us appreciate our parents, who usually work day and night to fulfil both reasonable and unreasonable demands but never complain. Spending more time with them gave us an opportunity to understand them and to learn what quality time is. Life is not only about studies, TV and games. It is about sharing and standing with each other during tough phase of life. We also got a chance to know about our parent's childhood days, watching Ramayana, Mahabharata, etc. playing games like Ludo. Parents have also taught us the value of money, and how necessary it is to save money for rainy days. We have learnt that it is our moral duty to stand by the work force in offices and factories and domestic help because they are the people who make our life easy. The current situation has made us value the organizations who keep working day and night to make our lives easy and smooth.

We should be thankful to our government and police officers who are trying to make people follow the rules of social distancing. We should also be grateful to health workers who are putting their lives in danger to save thousands of lives.

Lockdown is giving us many lessons about life. We have learnt to handle difficulties with a positive mind and I hope these lessons remain with us throughout life. There is an

end to every nightmare and this one shall

STRAIGHT FROM THE HEART

Dear Diary

The nationwide lockdown in India began on 24th March 2020 which was the first level of lockdown for 21 days. It's been more than 5-6 months that we are in lockdown. Although it has its own pros and cons. It has been kind of stressful that you can't go outside but still have a probability of getting COVID. I always wondered what would it be like to get a 1-year long holiday. You know without any work, only free time.

Although my wish was still granted one way or the other. As the time passed in lockdown, it eventually became less stressful and I was able to enjoy sitting at home. This lockdown gave me the opportunity to spend time with my family. Learn new things which was rarely possible because of my busy life.

Yes, I do my school work these days too but I still manage to take out time for my family and myself and I love it. Everyone had a hard time with this outbreak but everybody is getting through it. It isn't the happiest times but I am going to cherish these memories of lockdown my whole life.

Yashwant Tomar

Lock down can be called an era of realization, comprehension and revelation. In this busy world, people are absorbed in their mundane routine life and have forgotten to live. And the worst victim of this is our parents.

Throughout their lives, they have not realized how their roles have changed. How from being children to teenagers they now have become adults.

One day during lockdown, my mother said to me that when she was my age she also used to think that why parents keeping saying something to us all day long. She said that she has not realized that how from being a girl she has become a woman, a wife, a daughter-in-law and a mother. I was very touched and I wondered that in this tedious busy life people have not realized how their life has changed and especially HOW THEY HAVE CHANGED.

But these few months of lockdown gave people time to introspect and find what they are actually doing in their life and WHAT THEY ACTUALLY WANT IN THEIR LIVES.

Dear Diary

As you know pandemic is going on and we all are stuck in our homes. I was at my Nani's place when the news channels were giving hints of this situation. On 21st March 2020 I came back to Paonta with my father, and got a surprise. My Uncle, who lives in Delhi had also come here after the news. On 22nd as told by Mr. Narendra Modi, we banged utensils and my cousins and I enjoyed a lot that evening. Then on 25th March we lit candles. Some used flashlights. This was also requested by the Prime Minister.

Every day we played games together. But the most popular was LUDO. My Grandfather fell in love with that game. He himself told us that he'd never played this much LUDO in his childhood. We were enjoying the Lockdown but then came the Online Classes. Our parents made us sleep early at night. But on Saturday nights all the cousins slept in one room. Actually we didn't sleep, we watched movies, played games, and had a lot of fun. For many people Lockdown was a curse, but for my family and I it was a blessing and we all were together after about 6 months. My Grandmother told me that my Uncle spent the longest time here in lockdown after he went out for studies. In short, we enjoyed this lockdown period with our family.

Yes, life in lockdown. Actually, this title is related to everyone as everyone has experienced and are experiencing lockdown. Today, I will share my life and my emotions in lockdown. So, let's start from the beginning.

When Corona was spreading our final exams were going on and we were busy preparing for our exams and I did not know much about this virus. I had only heard that a disease is spreading in India. On the day of our last paper all the students and teachers had a meeting. I heard this word for the first time!! Teachers told us about the precautions we had to take while fighting this disease. Then our lockdown started and we were waiting for the results and when the results came we were waiting for the school to reopen.

Then an announcement came from the government about lockdown. It meant that the whole country will be locked as Covid-19 was spreading. Then staying at home was really boring. But school decided to start online classes. Then our classes started and we did our classes without any disturbance. We had our classes on Google Meet. I always watched news and many cases were being reported and I was quite worried for them. Then our exams/test started and I was worried about how to attempt the papers online! But we did that too. Then came the festivals. I was very happy during these festivals. I learnt to live

March 13,2020 (8 months ago),

I was going to take my last final exam of class 11. The day I thought I was finally going to get a break (did not imagine the break would be so long!).

The moment I got home; I was so excited that I had already made plans about how to spend this break. But after a week or so all the plans had ceased to keep me upbeat. March 22, 2020 Sunday, I remember the first experimental lockdown, when the chirping of birds seemed all new. No one drove their bikes and cars by our house. No one honked. And you could even hear the sound of a falling leaf. And then on March 24, 2020 the PM announced a 21 day nationwide lockdown.

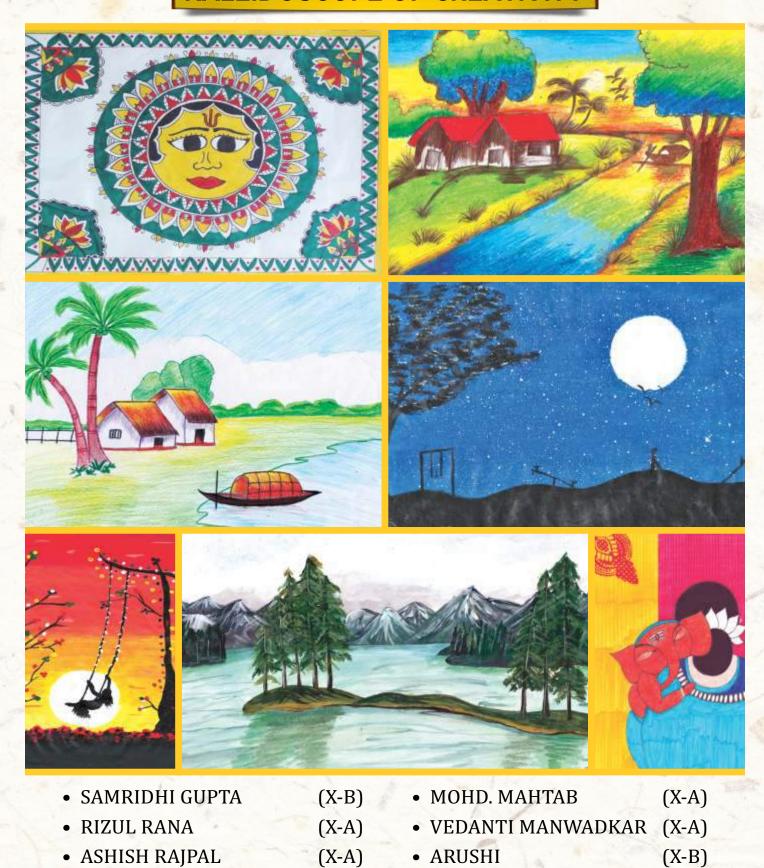
Here I am in the forced hibernation stuck under the flavourless haze of restless nights. "It's happening with all of us, you are not the only one" says Ma when she hears me grumbling over this pandemic. May be, it is like we are all together in this situation but not together (remember social distancing). Life had become a hall of distorted mirrors. It felt like instead of searching a way through them, I was constantly banging my head on all of them. For days, I've been getting up early to see the scorching heat of the sun melt everything except the virus. The empty road in front of my house devoid of any human made me realise how suddenly everything had become so transient. No gadget, not

Then the worst part came, when I had to celebrate my birthday without the joyful

Dear Diary

I spent one month of lockdown at my village with no work or home work to do. I was very happy while playing with my friends, doing some house work, working in the fields and feeding grass to cows. But when I came back home I felt so alone and bored. When our online classes started the first few days I felt it is a good idea to study but later I was bored with it. I was fed up with it because we couldn't see the teacher and other students also. After vacations, our school decided to have the classes on Google Meet where we could see our teachers and other classmates also. Now, I am having fun in attending the classes and I wish that our school opens as soon as possible. I am missing school, teachers, and my classmates.

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