



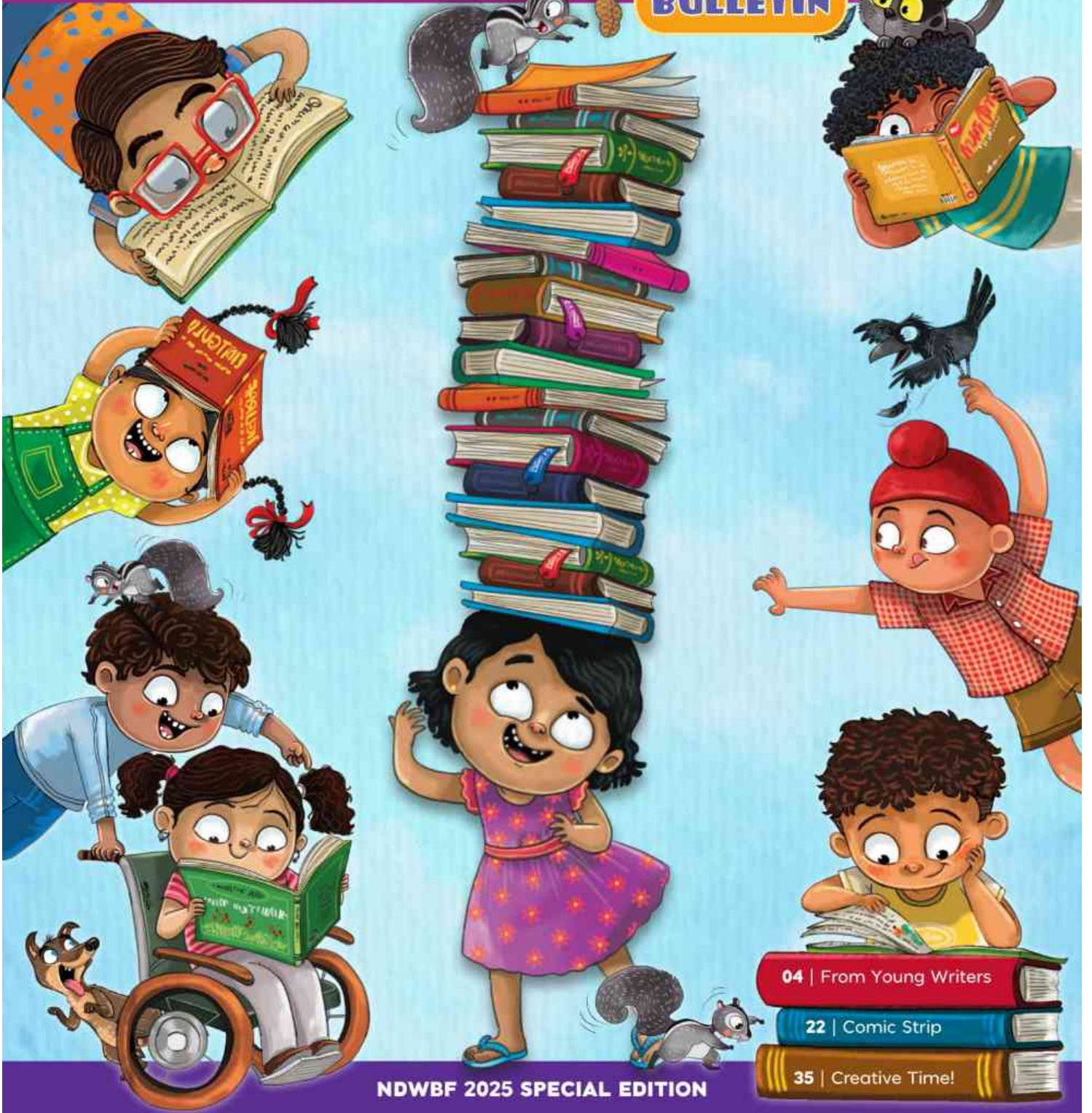
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From the Editor's Desk

Dear Readers,

Wishing you all a very **Happy New Year!** We hope **2025** brings you a world of excitement, new discoveries, and of course a lot of reading and writing. We're thrilled to share this special issue with you, packed with engaging content.

In this edition, we take you on a journey through the **New Delhi World Book Fair**- an event where books, authors, and readers come together to celebrate the magic of stories. Our special report will give you an inside look into this grand event, filled with inspiring tales and creative minds. And that's not all! We've also got a fun number puzzle that's been created specially for you.

Get ready to test your skills and unlock some brainy fun! So grab your favourite snack, dive into this issue, and let's make this year even more adventurous through books, imagination, puzzles, and creativity. **Happy reading and writing!**

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Creative Time!

Whispers of a Sustainable Future

I see a dream, I see a dream!
Neat and clean environment is the main theme.
To live this dream, We have to work as a team.

Let's make this environment green for all,
With no pollution and no plastic at all
Good health and well-being for all,
It is now become Mother Earth's call.
Clean environment is everyone's right,
It will make our Earth shine bright.

Recycling things do exist,
But animals, fish and birds not to be missed,
Mountain, soil and hills,
All are getting slowly killed,

Trees are being cut one by one,
But they are planted by none,
We have to plant more trees,
To make our Earth pollution free.

It's time to wake up & see Earth's pain,
Humanity's selfishness is becoming insane.

One can't blame pollution alone,
You shall reap as you have sown.

So, let's plant a better seed,
Tear our old roots, cultivate & weed.

I see a dream, I see a dream!
Neat and clean environment is the main theme.
To live this dream, We have to work as a team.

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The Road Ahead

FROM YOUNG WRITERS

The road ahead is a winding track
Obstacles rise but no turning back
The wind howls strong, the rain comes down

Tempting you to lose your crown
But you have to prove them wrong
So come on show them it's your crown!

Never give up when the fight is hard
Keep your spirit strong like a guiding star
Push through the pain with every beat
Because victory awaits a sweet defeat

Doubts may creep and fears may rise
But after the darkest night, the sun shines
Face the challenge the unknown way
Find your strength with every passing day
After a dark tunnel there is light
Waiting for you with a bright sweet smile

Never give up when the fight is hard
Keep your spirit strong like a guiding star
Push through the pain with every beat
Because victory awaits a sweet defeat

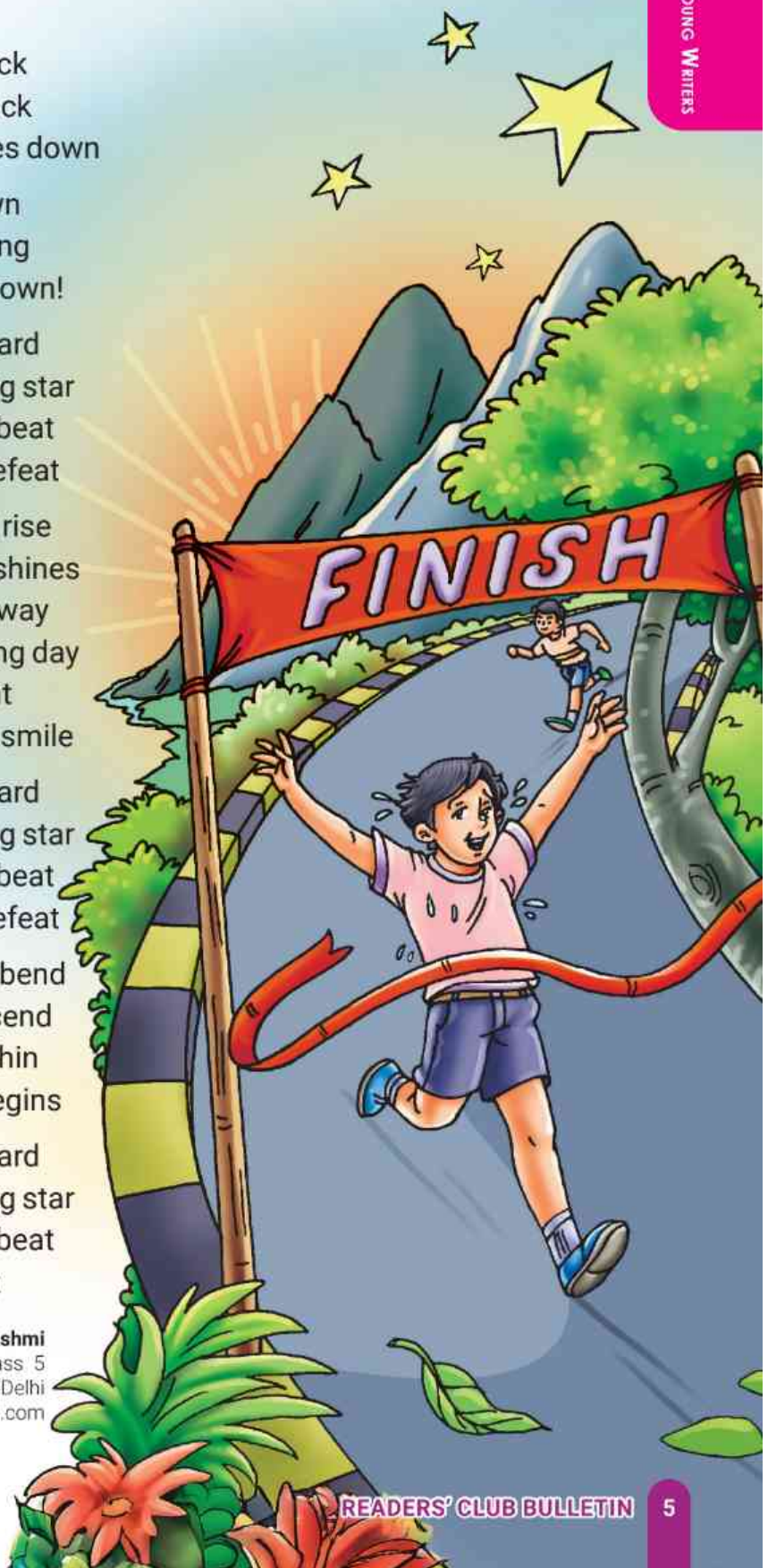
The path may twist and turns may bend
But with every step your spirit ascend
Believe in yourself the power within
A champion's heart where hope begins

Never give up when the fight is hard
Keep your spirit strong like a guiding star
Push through the pain with every beat
Victory awaits a sweet defeat

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Happy Republic Day

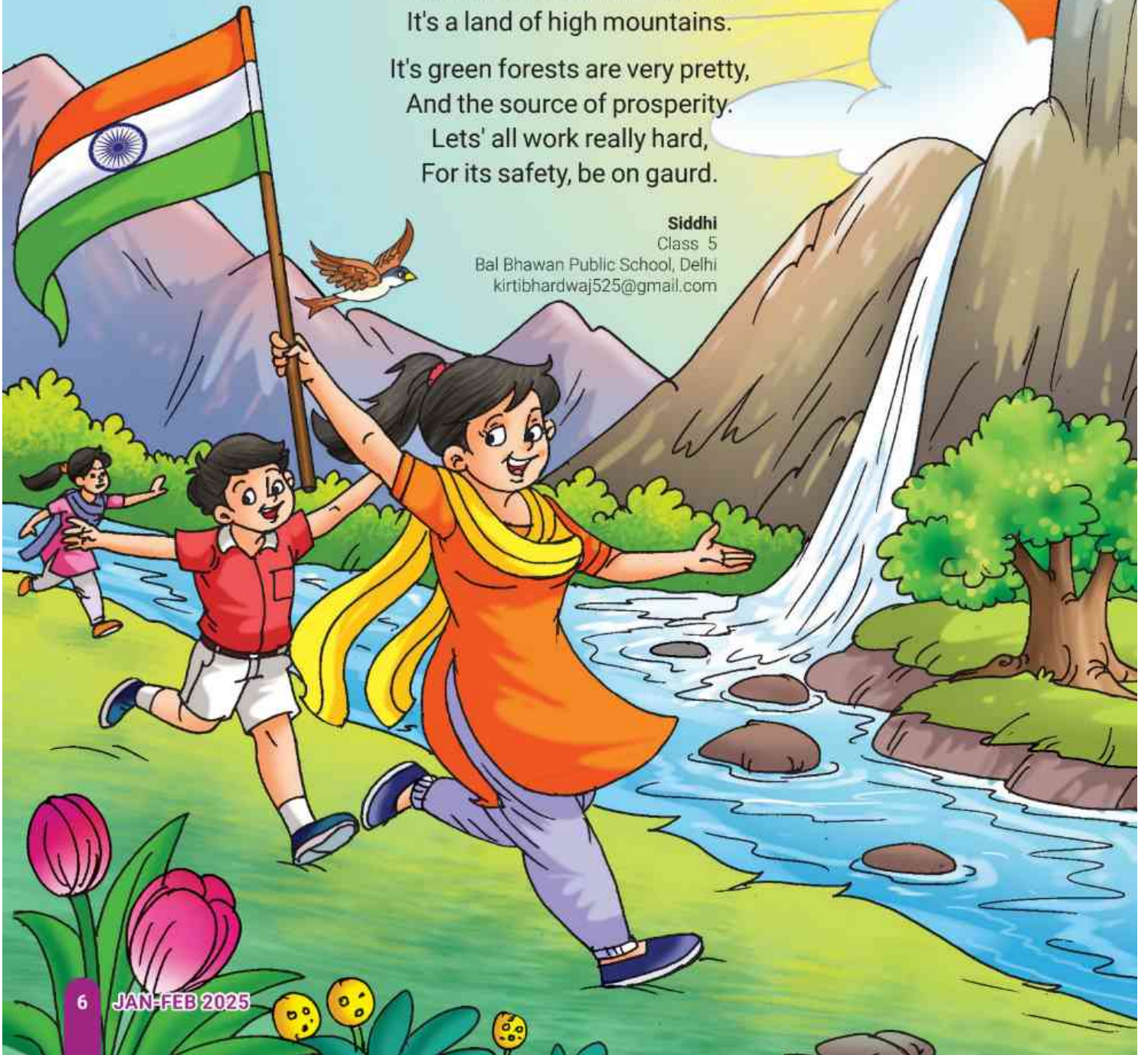
Our's is a land of sages,
Known for bravery for ages.
No other is capable enough to compete,
Its culture none can beat.

Whatever caste or religion,
All live here in unison.
With rivers, beautiful fountains,
It's a land of high mountains.

It's green forests are very pretty,
And the source of prosperity.
Lets' all work really hard,
For its safety, be on gaurd.

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My India

On Republic Day, so bright and clear,
We celebrate the day we hold dear.
Our flag waves high, in the sky so blue
A symbol of freedom for me and you.

The Constitution gives us rights,
To live in peace, with joy and might.
It helps us grow and be so strong,
Together as one, we all belong.

We honour those who paved the way,
For a brighter, better India today.
With courage, love, and unity,
We stand as one, proud and free.

So on this day, let's sing and cheer,
For the country we hold near and dear.
Happy Republic Day to all, we say,
India shines in every way!

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माटी

इस माटी का कण कण लहूलुहान है,
इस माटी का हर धड़ बेमिसाल है,
नमन इस माटी को जहाँ बनते महाराणा महान हैं,
जहाँ, खेल खिलौनों से पूर्व हाथ में तलवार और म्यान हैं,
जहाँ स्वयं का मान है, इस माटी को प्रणाम है।

जहाँ अस्त्र, शस्त्र, कुंडल को पूजते हैं,
जहाँ लहू से माटी को सींचते हैं,
जहाँ पुत्र न्योछावर करती पटना धाय है,
जहाँ वीरता से भरे अध्याय हैं
जहाँ स्वयं का मान है, इस माटी को प्रणाम है।

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धरती

आज की ना बात है,
रोज के यही हालात हैं।

बादल काले, पानी काला,
इंसानों ने ये क्या कर डाला।

गरम हवा जोरों से चलती,
शाम देखो फट से ढलती।

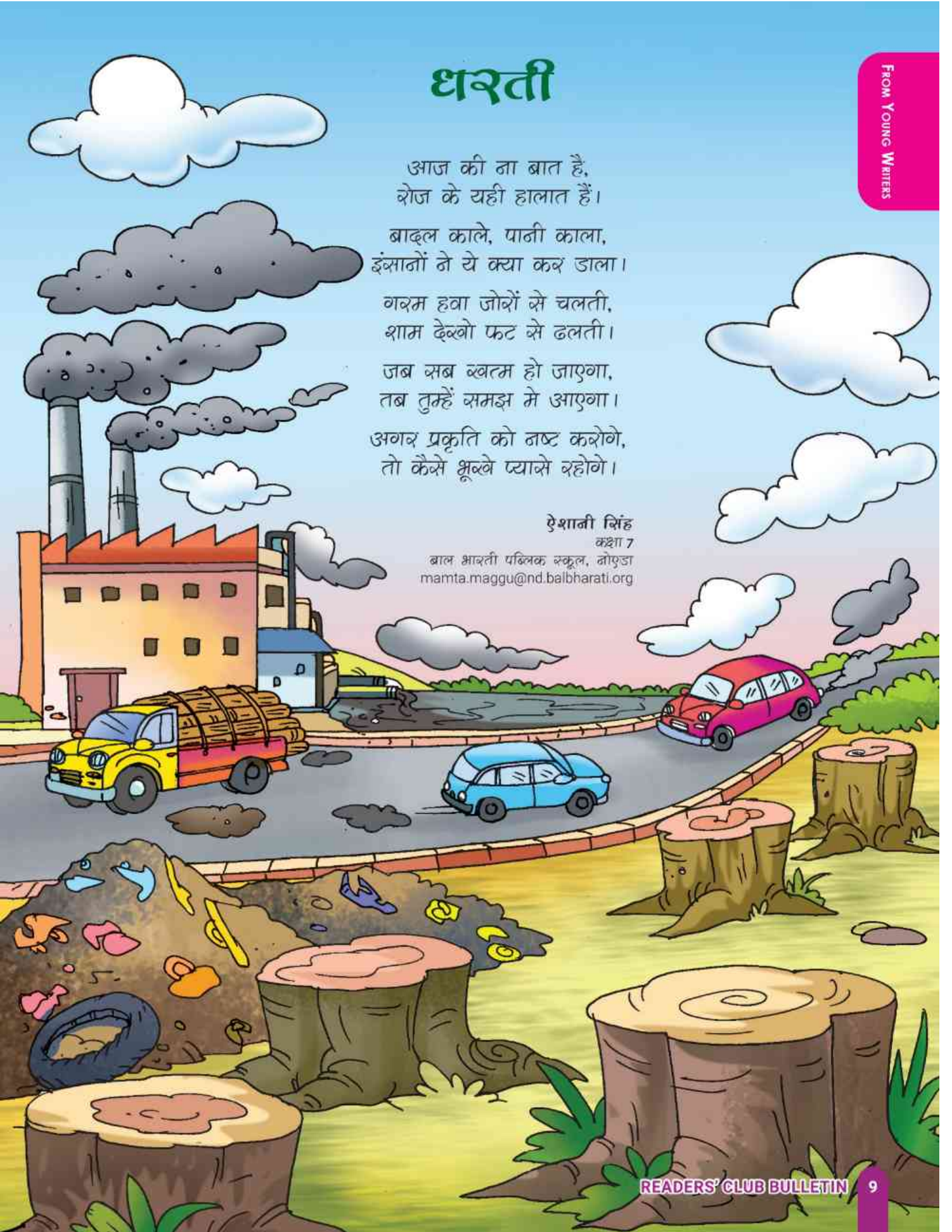
जब सब खत्म हो जाएगा,
तब तुम्हें समझ मे आएगा।

अगर प्रकृति को नष्ट करोगे,
तो कैसे भूखे प्यासे रहोगे।

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The Web of Life

In forests deep and oceans wide,
A vibrant world where creatures hide,
From tiny ants to soaring skies,
A dance of life before our eyes.

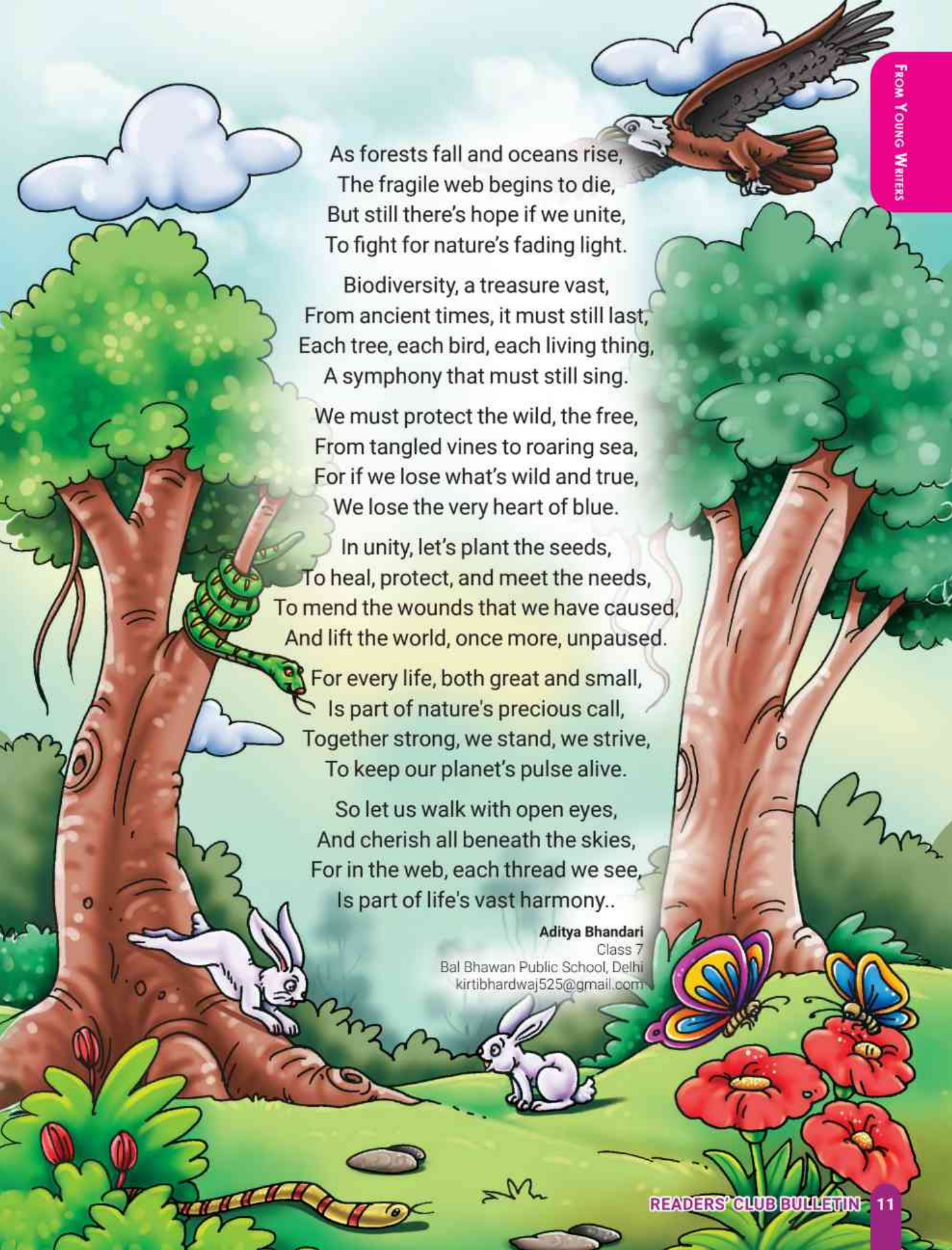
The trees stretch tall, the rivers hum,
A thousand species call it home,
Each one a thread in nature's loom,
Together they bring life to bloom.

From buzzing bees to roaring whales,
In every leaf, a story sails,
The colours of the coral reef,
A testament to life's belief.

In the skies, the eagles glide,
In the meadows, rabbits hide,
The jaguar prowls, the otter plays,
Each creature lives in wondrous ways.

The smallest insect, unseen by most,
Holds the Earth in balance close,
Pollinating flowers, spreading seeds,
Fulfilling nature's quiet needs.

Yet this rich world, so pure, so grand,
Is fragile, slipping through our hand,
For we must guard with love and care,
The Earth we share, the world we bear.



As forests fall and oceans rise,
The fragile web begins to die,
But still there's hope if we unite,
To fight for nature's fading light.

Biodiversity, a treasure vast,
From ancient times, it must still last,
Each tree, each bird, each living thing,
A symphony that must still sing.

We must protect the wild, the free,
From tangled vines to roaring sea,
For if we lose what's wild and true,
We lose the very heart of blue.

In unity, let's plant the seeds,
To heal, protect, and meet the needs,
To mend the wounds that we have caused,
And lift the world, once more, unpaused.

For every life, both great and small,
Is part of nature's precious call,
Together strong, we stand, we strive,
To keep our planet's pulse alive.

So let us walk with open eyes,
And cherish all beneath the skies,
For in the web, each thread we see,
Is part of life's vast harmony..

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A Dream of Peace

Amidst the chaos, fire, and fight,
A soldier dreams in the dead of night.
Where bullets cease and cannons rest,
More like a surreal quest.

No flags to raise, no lines to hold,
No tales of war, no hearts grown cold.
Just brothers, sisters; hand in hand,
Rebuilding hope on an unclaimed land.

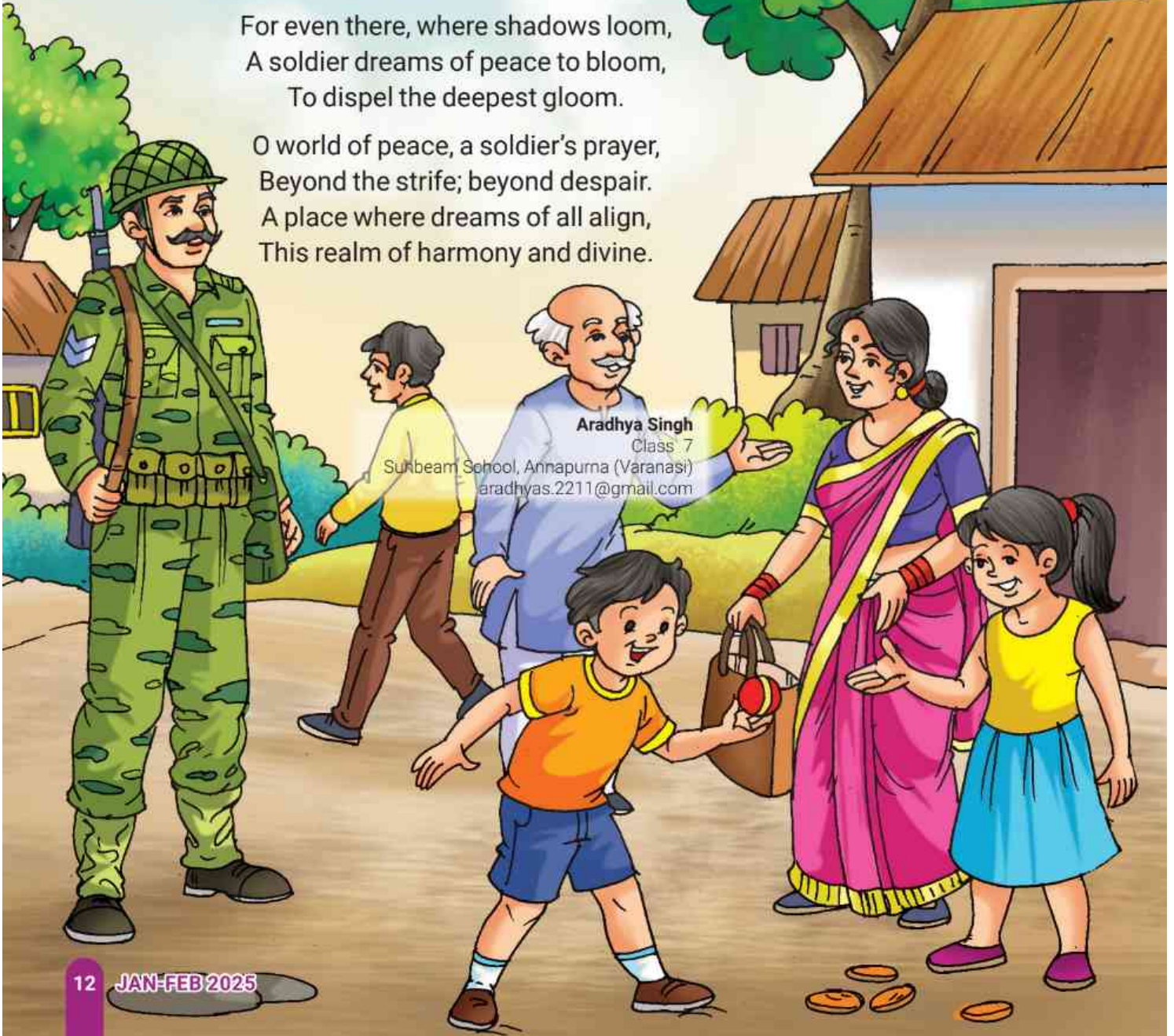
For even there, where shadows loom,
A soldier dreams of peace to bloom,
To dispel the deepest gloom.

O world of peace, a soldier's prayer,
Beyond the strife; beyond despair.
A place where dreams of all align,
This realm of harmony and divine.

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Ode to My Maths Teacher

FROM YOUNG WRITERS

In numbers and symbols,
She found her delight,
Guiding us gently from wrong to right.
Her voice, like music, made concepts so clear,
Turning confusion to joy, year after year.

She taught with patience, her heart in each sum,
With every equation, our fears would weaken.
Fractions and angles, once hard to see,
Became simple truths, like one, two, three.

Her laughter would echo when we got it wrong,
But her faith in us always kept us strong.
She guided us with warmth so bright,
And maths became magic, in her guiding light.

Thank you, dear teacher, for all that you do,
You taught us with love, and we love you too.

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The Golden Book of Magic



Once upon a time, there was a girl named Diana Cavendish. Diana was a very selfish and careless girl. She never listened to anyone, not even her friends. Diana studied at a school called Silver Valley School in Chicago. She had many friends, like Chloe Harris, Regan Kaogre, Charlie Thomas, Amanda Verma and Deepika Sharma.

One day, Diana's school planned a trip to a magical place called the Cave of Books. Her friends, Charlie and Amanda told her something exciting.

"The cave has many interesting objects to see, and it also has nine glittering books," they said. "There's also a golden book of magic! But humans are forbidden to

touch it. Something terrible will happen if they do so!" Diana didn't pay much attention to their warning. She was too excited about the trip.

The next morning, the children left for the cave. On the way, they saw amazing things—ogres, pixies, fairies, and even witches! After a long journey, they finally reached the cave.

Inside the cave, there was a giant banyan tree. The roots of the tree held the nine glittering books. The children were amazed as they explored the cave. They saw books in gilded-form, like *The Chaotic Night* by Avichal Sharma and *Emma the Silver-Eyed Girl* by Emily Dawson, and many others.

Just at the root of the tree, they came across the golden book of magic. It sparkled so bright that it caught everyone's attention. But suddenly, something was amiss. Diana was missing!

The children searched for her everywhere. Finally, Amanda found Diana standing near the golden book. But it was too late. Diana had touched the magical book! Slowly, her hands and legs began turning into gold. Within moments, Diana became a golden statue!

The cave began to rumble and shake. Rocks started falling, and the children had to run to save themselves. Sadly, they couldn't save Diana. She was left behind in the cave, forever a golden statue.

When Diana's parents heard the news, they were heartbroken. Diana's friends felt sad too.

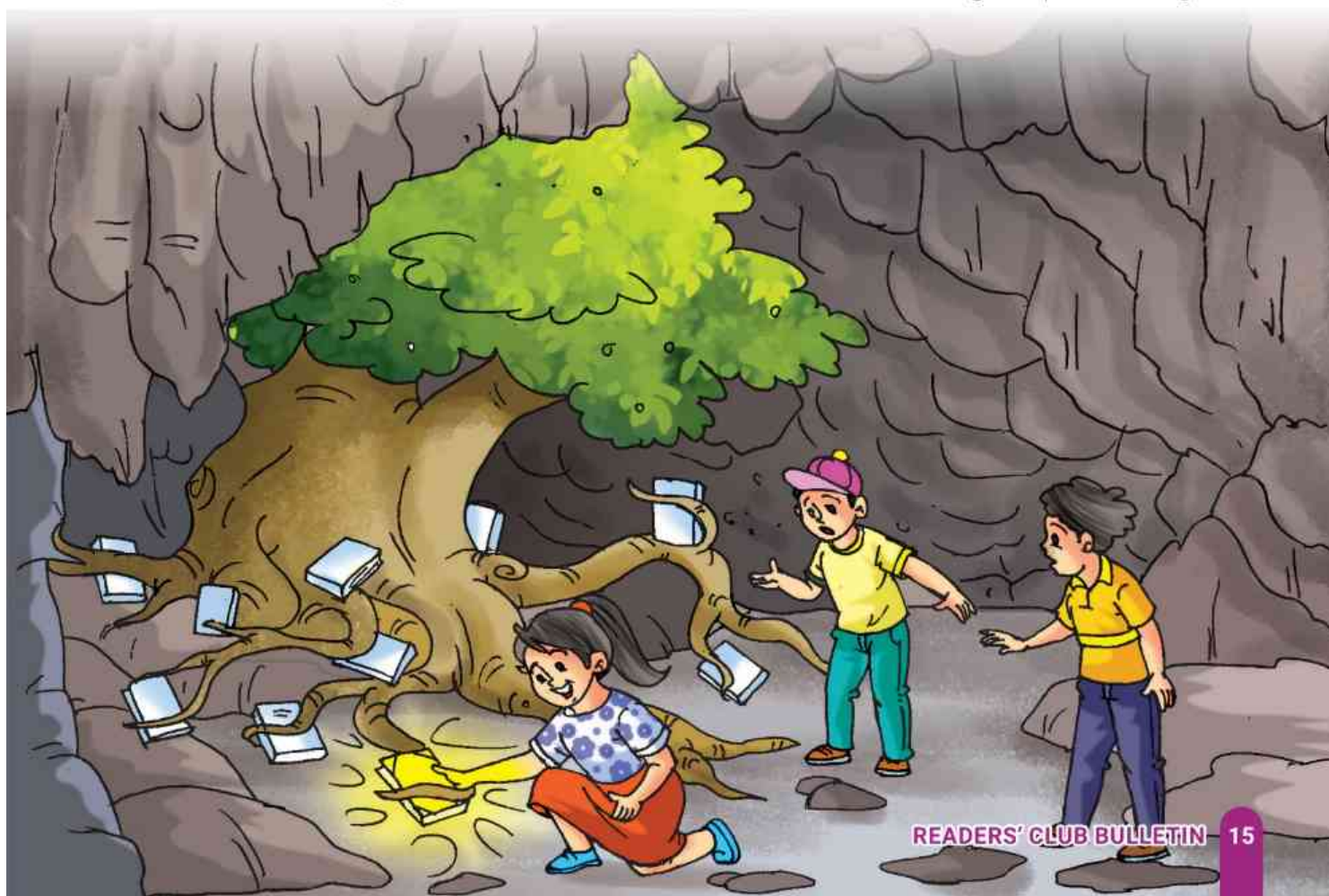
From that day on, Diana's parents visited the golden statue in the cave every evening. They sat beside her and told her how much they loved her and how much they missed her.

The story of Diana and the magical golden book became a lesson for everyone. It reminded people to listen to warnings and to be careful with their choices.

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India our Pride

"India is not a country, but a civilization."

- Will Durant

India, my motherland, holds a special place in my heart. It is the land of my ancestors, the cradle of my culture, and the source of my identity.

India leads globally with an estimated population of 1.44 billion. India, a land of vibrant hues, ancient wisdom, and unwavering spirit, has always been a source of immense pride for its people.

From the majestic Himalayas to the serene shores of the Indian Ocean, India is a tapestry woven with threads of diversity, resilience, pride and unparalleled beauty.

India has a rich history and has made significant contributions to the world in various fields, such as Mars orbiter mission, Aditya-1, Chandrayaan and many more successful satellite missions.

India is becoming one of the fastest growing economy in the world. From Agriculture to AIs, from economic development to spiritual development, India has it all! Many people go abroad and represent our country. We should always be proud of our country INDIA.

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Readers' Club Report

Igniting Young Minds



EVENT REPORT

Darshan Mela Museum Development Society, an active member of NCCL's **Readers' Club Movement**, has been organizing fun loving, educational and knowledge-enhancing activities for children for the last 21 years.

The Readers' Club regularly conducts activities and programmes to promote books and reading in Jharkhand. The institution is dedicated to nurturing a love for learning and creativity among children through books.

The activities conducted by this Readers' Club not only promote education but

also contribute to children's overall personality development, making them more informed and aware individuals.

Shri Chinmay Dutta, spearheading this Readers' Club at **Chaibasa** (Jharkhand), shared the book promotional activities held by the Club in February (during the Vasant Panchami Festival) under the Indradhanush program, emphasizing education, values, and reading habits.

Till Date, NCCL has set up over **1 lakh 33 thousand** Readers' Clubs across the country in various schools and educational institutions.

पाठक मंच ने शिक्षा को लेकर निकाली संध्या फेरी



शिक्षा उपलब्धता विशेष रूप से शक्ति बच्चे तथा पाठक मंच के सदस्य। • इन्द्रधनुष पाठक मंच, संघराजपुर। • अथ अंतुदा माता सराओ, अजयपुराकोट पहाड़ी... धरती काओ-बढ़ते जाओ, ज्ञान का दीप जलते जाओ... ज्ञान का दीप जलता है, नया पाठक बनते हैं... जय तक पूराज चंद रंजन, ज्ञान का दीप जलता लीगा... सच की पुष्प लेती फिलाफ, आनस सच कुछ देती फिलाफ... सादर का उल्कान फिलाफ, जीवन का सम्मान फिलाफ... शिक्षा से सम्मान मिलेने जैसे नतीजे



बच्चे मोबाइल का प्रयोग न करें : राज किशोर



संवाद सहायकी, जगन्नाथ साईंसाहू, पार्लियामेंट के एडिशनल मेम्बर, इन्द्रधनुष डेवेलपमेंट सोसायटी के प्रमुख सचिव। पाठक मंच द्वारा इन्द्रधनुष कार्यक्रम की 80वीं वारी के रूप में बसों पर पोस्टर रात 21वीं नवंबर तक। कार्यक्रम में मुख्य अतिथि एडमोनी मिशन वालस सचिव विद्यालय के पूर्व प्रधानाध्यक्ष राजकिशोर साहू हैं। कार्यक्रम में वीर प्रख्यान के राष्ट्रीय सरकारी बाल शोध प्रयोगकर्ता व पुस्तकालय अतिथि बनने हुए श्री साहू की टुकड़ी के साथ कार्यक्रम की शुभारंभ भी हुई। इसके बाद साहू ने 11वीं नवंबर तक मोबाइल के लिए डिजिटल बंद की टुकड़ी निकालने और स्कूल पर भी विद्युत बंद करने का प्रस्ताव पेश किया।

Children's Pavillion at NDWBF 2025

Kidz Kingdom

Once upon a time...

EVENT REPORT

Imagination came alive at **New Delhi World Book Fair 2025**, when children stepped into the Children's Pavilion that had transformed into an enchanted kingdom of stories, creativity, and endless adventures. Aptly named the **KIDZ KINGDOM**, the young visitors were greeted by a spectacular gateway that set the stage for the magical journey ahead.

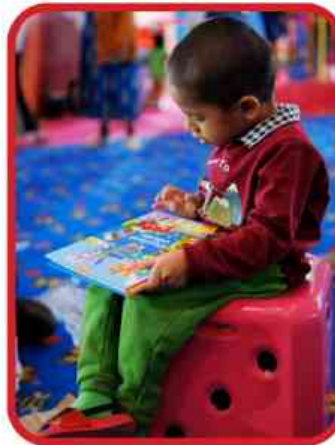


The red castle with its **fairytale-like entrance** featured popular characters who have captured children's hearts across generations – the wise Birbal sharing his clever tales, the witty Tenali Rama ready with his witticism, the brave Little Singham standing guard, Mowgli swinging by with jungle adventures, graceful Princess Jasmine adding royal charm, and the NDWBF mascot Vidya spreading the joy of knowledge.



The magic began the moment children entered the Pavilion, as each young visitor was crowned as a prince or princess of the Kidz Kingdom. Wearing their special Kidz Kingdom **crown**, children explored the various enchanting activity corners that awaited them.

The **Reading Corner** beckoned with its cozy nooks and comfortable seating, creating the perfect environment for young readers to lose themselves in new stories and adventures.



EVENT REPORT



Books, soft toys and balloons hanging from the ceiling made this space feel like a personal reading hideaway where imagination soared freely.

Throughout the Pavilion, creative spaces invited young visitors to express themselves in countless ways. The **Doodle Wall** stood ready for spontaneous artistic expression, while the **Mandala Mania** wall offered a chance to colour mesmerizing patterns.



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In a special tribute to great art, the **Wall of Museum** gave children the extraordinary

opportunity to paint masterpieces like the *Mona Lisa*, *The Starry Night*, *The Girl with Pearl Earring* and *The Scream*. These artistic adventures helped young minds connect with world-famous artwork in an engaging, hands-on way.

The Pavilion also featured several interactive zones designed

to spark creativity and engagement. The **Face Tattoo Corner** transformed young faces into magical creatures, superheroes, or popular book characters.

At the **Calligraphy and Handwriting Corner**, master calligraphers taught children the art of calligraphy. The

Find it, Colour it Corner combined the excitement of discovery while **I-Spy a Cat** turned exploration into a delightful game.

The **Leaf Your Thoughts** area encouraged children to share their ideas and dreams, creating a growing garden of imagination.

Young visitors explored

their creative abilities in the **Puppet Making Corner** and the **Art and Craft Corner** where puppet making and paper folding activities brought stories to life in three dimensions.





The **bioscope** added an element of wonder, offering peek into magical worlds through its special lens. Every corner aided in create lasting memories and inspired the next generation of readers, writers, and dreamers. The kids exited the kingdom through another **Magic like gate of purple hue**, which took them on a safari into the space and universe.

Every day brought new adventures in this royal kingdom of books. Young visitors unleashed their creativity through various **workshops**, clay modeling, caricature design, and both English and Hindi calligraphy sessions. The pavilion featured daily storytelling **sessions** with master storytellers, including musical narratives and puppet **shows** that brought tales to life in magical ways. For young minds eager to learn, there were engaging sessions on Vedic Mathematics, science magic shows, and mind-bending number games that made learning an exciting adventure. The evenings began with daily **screening of children's films**, gluing the young and the old to the cinema-like screen.

The children also met their favourite **cartoon characters** from *Chhota Bheem*, *Little Singham*, *Tom & Jerry*, *Robin & Starfire*, to *Geronimo*, *Dogman*, *Mr Water* and *Thea Stilton*.



The Kidz Kingdom was visited by **5000+ school children** from **113 schools**. Additionally, nearly **500+ children** with their parents also visited, where every moment was filled with the **magic of discovery** and where children experienced the wonder of stories that came alive in this specially designed kingdom of **books and imagination**.



EVENT REPORT

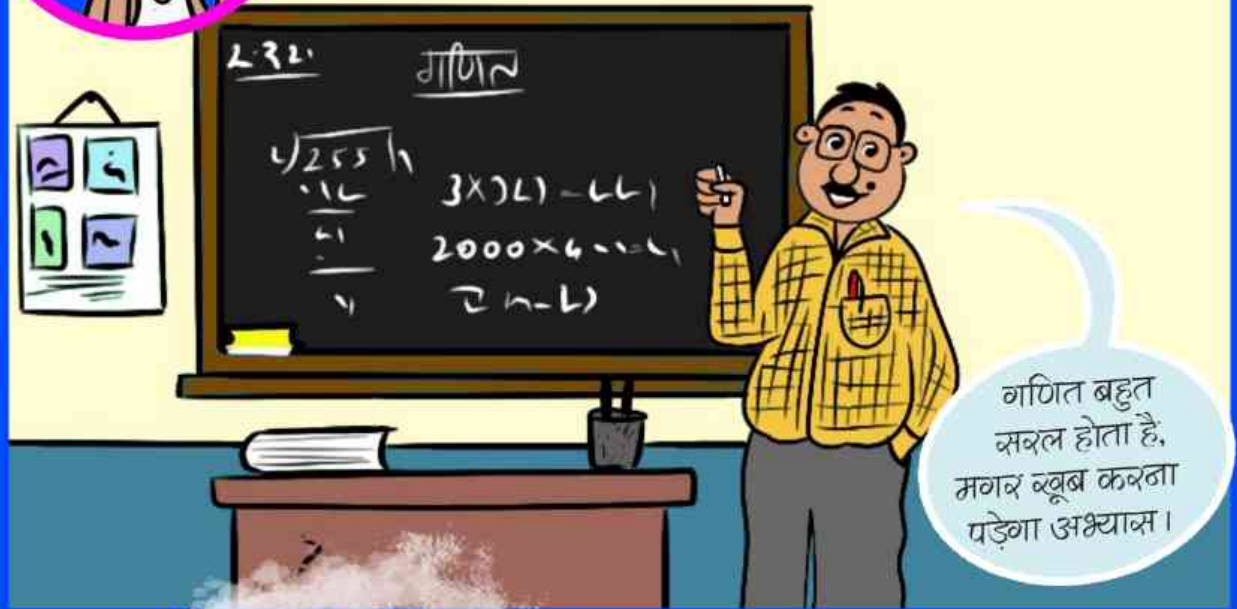


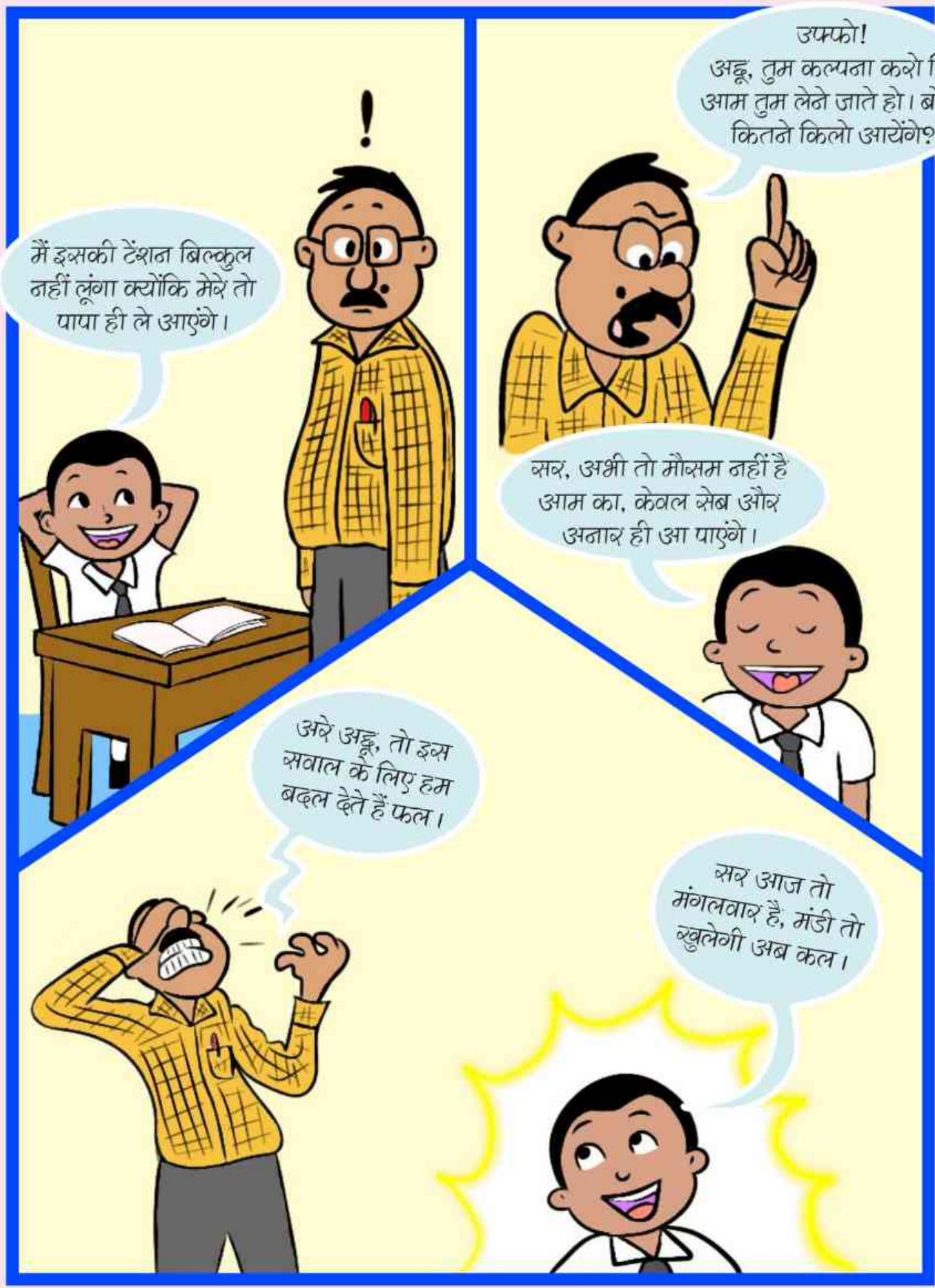
अद्दू की दुनिया

समय का पसे

Episode 2

COMIC STRIP





मैं इसकी टेंशन बिल्कुल नहीं लूंगा क्योंकि मेरे तो पापा ही ले आएंगे।

उफफो!
अहू, तुम कल्पना करो कि आम तुम लेने जाते हो। बोलो कितने किलो आरेंगे?

सर, अभी तो मौसम नहीं है आम का, केवल ब्रेब और अनाब ही आ पाएंगे।

अरे अहू, तो इस सवाल के लिए हम बदल देते हैं फल।

सर आज तो मंगलवार है, मंडी तो खुलेगी अब कल।

COMIC STRIP

सब कुछ है मोबाइल में

लिखना-पढ़ना, खेलना-कूदना
सब कुछ है मोबाइल में।
हर किसी की जान बसती
अब तो बस मोबाइल में।

टीवी, वीडियो, समाचार
सब कुछ है मोबाइल में।
चार दोस्तों के सब फोटो
सब कुछ है मोबाइल में।

दुनिया की सारी चीजें
सब कुछ है मोबाइल में।
खुशियों का सब खजाना
सब कुछ है मोबाइल में।

पैसा, रुपया, बैंक बैलेंस
सब कुछ है मोबाइल में।
हर किसी का सारा डाटा
सब कुछ है मोबाइल में।

वीडियोकॉल का सारा आनंद
सब कुछ है मोबाइल में।
जहां भी चाहो बात करो
सबका नम्बर है मोबाइल में।

नये जमाने का सारा विज्ञान
सब कुछ है मोबाइल में।

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मुद्रा का सफरनामा



मोहर कहती अपनी कहानी
सुनो-सुनो ए गुडिया रानी
मेरी कहानी बहुत पुरानी।



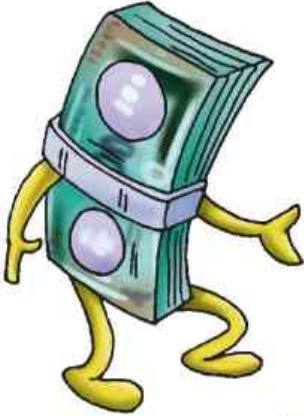
सैंधर्व सभ्यता से लेकर क्रेडिट कार्ड तक
कब-कब मेरे आकारों में बाढ़ आई।

हर काल में राजा-महाराजाओं ने मेरी रचना करवायी,
शिल्पकारों ने रच-रच कर मेरा मान बढ़ाया।
कई राजाओं ने सोना-चाँदी, सीसा ताँबा में ढलवाया
कोई पत्थर घिसकर, उस पर अभिलेख खुदवाया,



कोई कागज में छपवाया,
तो कोई इलेक्ट्रॉनिक में मुझे कैद करवाया।

मिश्र-रोम की सैर कराई,
तो कोई चीन-जापान, ईरान घुमाये।
बिना पंख में उड़-उड़ जाऊँ,
सुदूर गलियों से चौक-चौराहे तक आऊँ।



जब मैं जाऊँ तो सब जागे
मैं सोऊँ तो सभी अभागे
अगड़ी-पिछड़ी सब मिल मेरे पाँव परबारे।
राजा हो या बंक मैं हूँ सबको प्यारी।

मोहर कहती अपनी कहानी
सुनो-सुनो ए गुडिया रानी
मेरी कहानी बहुत पुरानी।

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अपना यह रविवार

सात दिनों में सबसे प्यारा, अपना यह रविवार।
हम बच्चों का मनभावन दिन, लगता ज्यों त्यौहार॥

नींद चैन की पूरी होती, सोते हम भरपूर।
पीठ सराहे हमको दिनभर, रखकर बस्ता दूर॥
झटपट उठना आज नहीं है, चाहे दो उपहार।
हम बच्चों का मनभावन दिन, लगता ज्यों त्यौहार॥

होमवर्क अब नहीं गँवारा, जी भर खेलें खेल।
धमा चौकड़ी, सैर सपाटा, मित्रों से हो मेल॥
छुपन-छुपाई खेलें आओ, बनकर जोड़ीदार।
हम बच्चों का मनभावन दिन, लगता ज्यों त्यौहार॥

ताल, नदी में हमें तैरना, बाग-बगीचे सैर।
पंख मिले तो उड़ते जाना, रखें न नीचे पैर॥
अवनी अंबर तक हम देंगे, सपनों को विस्तार॥
हम बच्चों का मनभावन दिन, लगता ज्यों त्यौहार॥

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मेरा देश, मेरा गर्व

देश की ध्वजा झुके,
कभी नहीं कभी नहीं।
देश की प्रगति रुके,
कभी नहीं कभी नहीं।

देश पर मिटा नहीं,
युद्ध में उटा नहीं,
देश के विकास में-
जो कभी जुटा नहीं,
देश का वह नागरिक,
कभी नहीं कभी नहीं।

शत्रु पर चढ़ा नहीं,
सामने बढ़ा नहीं,
देश के इतिहास को,
जो कभी पढ़ा नहीं,
शान से वह रह सके,
कभी नहीं कभी नहीं।

देश पर मरे मिटे,
युद्ध में उटे रहे,
शत्रु के जो सामने,
एक पग भी न हटे,
पीढियाँ झुला सकें,
कभी नहीं कभी नहीं।

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अभिनंदन वर्ष नव।
चहुँदिशा सहर्ष नव।।

नव वर्ष पर हर्ष नव,
चिड़ियों का कलरव नव,
उम्मीदों का रवि नव,
मधुकर का स्पर्श नव।

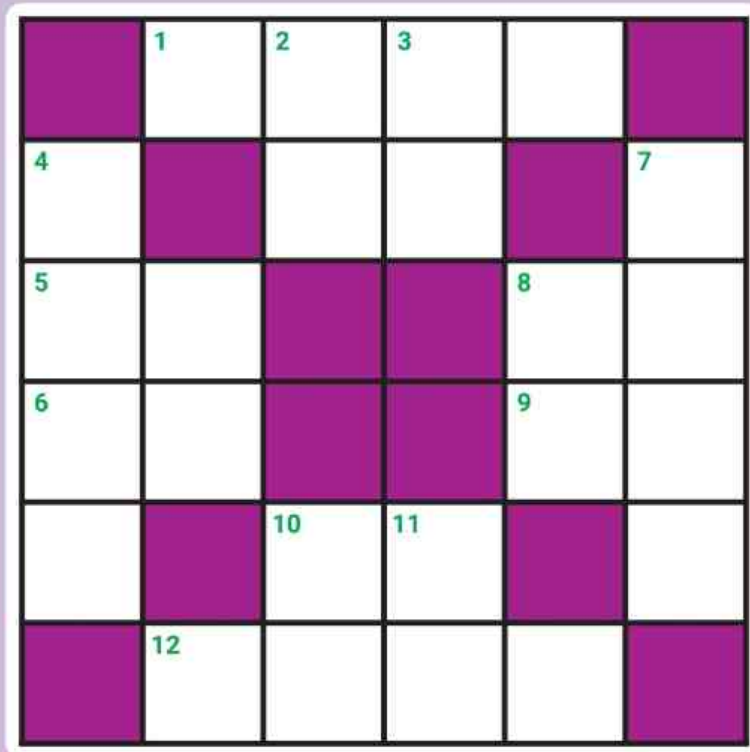
संघर्ष पर विमर्श नव,
प्रकृति का उत्कर्ष नव,
मन की अभिलाषा नव,
जीवन का आदर्श नव।

सौंदर्य का दर्श नव,
सपनों का अर्श नव,
मुस्कान नव साहस नव,
सफलता का वर्ष नव।

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Cross Numbers



Across:

1. Three less than one-third of largest 4-digit number.
5. Half of the number having 7 tens and 14 ones.
6. A 2-digit number whose sum of the digits is 6 and the product is 5.
8. Three less than nine times ten.
9. Eleven more than nine multiplied by itself.
10. Sum of first ten natural numbers.
12. Square of square of eight.

Down:

2. A 2-digit number whose digits differ by 4.
3. Six more than three times of the 2-digit smallest number.
4. The smallest number made up of 3, 5, 5, 4.
7. Cube of third multiple of four.
10. The average of all odd numbers between 1 to 100.
11. One less than the smallest number that is divisible by 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6.

ANSWERS:
 Across: 1. 3330, 5. 42, 6. 51, 8. 87, 9. 92, 10. 55, 12. 4096
 Down: 2. 37, 3. 36, 4. 3455, 7. 1728, 10. 50, 11. 59

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Children's Pavillion @ SAMBALPUR BOOK FAIR

National Book Trust, India, brought the magic of books and creativity to Sambalpur by organizing the Sambalpur Book Fair 2025, held from 18 to 26 January 2025 at P.H.D Ground, Ainthapali. The book fair buzzed with literary fervour, cultural performances, and an unmissable energy that drew book lovers, students, and creative minds from across the region. The grand inauguration by Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, Hon'ble Education Minister, set the tone for an eventful nine days filled with knowledge, inspiration, and artistic expression.

One of the most delightful corners of the fair dedicated to children, was the **Children's Corner**, set-up by NCCL having curated a series of engaging activities that combined fun with learning.

Each day, more than 200 eager young minds participated in thoughtfully designed activities that encouraged self-expression, creativity, and cultural appreciation. Whether it was the painting competition, **My City, My Sambalpur**, or the poster-making contest, children found colourful avenues to showcase their imagination. The **bookmark-making** sessions saw tiny hands crafting unique keepsakes. At the same time, the elocution competitions on topics like **Books vs Screens** and **Clean and Green India** turned the stage into a platform of powerful young voices.

The spirit of storytelling was celebrated with vibrant storytelling sessions, where tales came alive in both Hindi, Oriya and Sambalpuri.





Creativity knew no bounds as the **Ikkat Imprints** workshop introduced young artists to the intricate textile art of Odisha, while the **Let's Write a Story** initiative encouraged budding writers to pen their narratives.

Adding a cultural flourish, students took the stage with folk dance performances, mesmerizing the audience with their Odissi presentations. Their enthusiasm and dedication to preserving tradition brought charm to the fair.



Winners of the various competitions, held during the book fair at the Children's Corner, were awarded with books and certificates, reinforcing the joy of learning and the value of reading.

NCCL remains steadfast in its mission to make bagless days an enriching experience for children, ensuring that learning extends beyond classrooms into moments of joy, discovery, and boundless creativity. The Children's Corners at book fairs provide such platforms for children.



Know Your State

- (1) The capital of Meghalaya is **S_I_L_NG**.
- (2) **B_NGLA_ESH** is the country which shares its international border with Meghalaya.
- (3) **K_AS_** is the largest tribal group in Meghalaya.
- (4) Shillong is known as the **S_OT_A_D** of the East.
- (5) Meghalaya is a Sanskrit word, which means the '**_B_DE of _LOUDS**'.
- (6) **_H_RR_PU_J_** is known as the "Rain Capital of the World" because it receives some of the highest annual rainfall in the world.
- (7) Meghalaya is one of the **S_V_N** Sister States of Northeast India.
- (8) The Nohkalikai Falls is located in **C_ERR_P_NJI**.
- (9) The state of Meghalaya, formed on 21 January 1972, was carved out of the state of **A_SA_**.



ANSWERS: (1) Shillong (2) Bangladesh (3) Khasi (4) Scotland (5) Abode of Clouds (6) Cherrapunji (7) Seven (8) Cherrapunji (9) Assam

Do You Know?

When a mosquito bites, why does an "outgrowth" on the body occur?

The mosquito first injects a chemical which stops the blood from coagulating its narrow pricking and sucking needle. The body's immune response to that chemical results in the boil that we ascribe to a mosquito bite. The bite in itself does not produce boil, just as we do not get a boil after a sterilized needle punctures our skin to draw blood.



बापू

भारत में महात्मा गांधी को 'राष्ट्रपिता' के रूप में सम्मानित किया जाता है। उन्होंने अपने कार्यों से अपने जीवनकाल में हमें प्रेरणा देने वाला अमूल्य ज्ञान प्रदान किया। इस अंश में हम उनके जीवन के एक रोचक किस्से के बारे में जानेंगे। यह अंश उमाशंकर जोशी द्वारा लिखित और राष्ट्रीय पुस्तक न्यास भारत द्वारा प्रकाशित पुस्तक "सब का साथी, सब का दोस्त" से लिया गया है।

बापू जी से मिलने बहुत से बच्चे आया करते थे। एक दिन एक छोटे-से बालक ने बापू की वेश-भूषा देखी तो उसे बड़ा दुख हुआ। इतने बड़े बापू, और शरीर पर कुरता तक नहीं! उससे रहा नहीं गया, पूछ ही बैठा, "बापू जी, आप कुरता क्यों नहीं पहनते?"

बापू ने बालक को प्यार करके कहा, "मेरे पास पैसे कहाँ हैं, बेटा। मैं तो बड़ा गरीब आदमी हूँ। कुरते के लिए पैसे कहाँ से लाऊँ?"

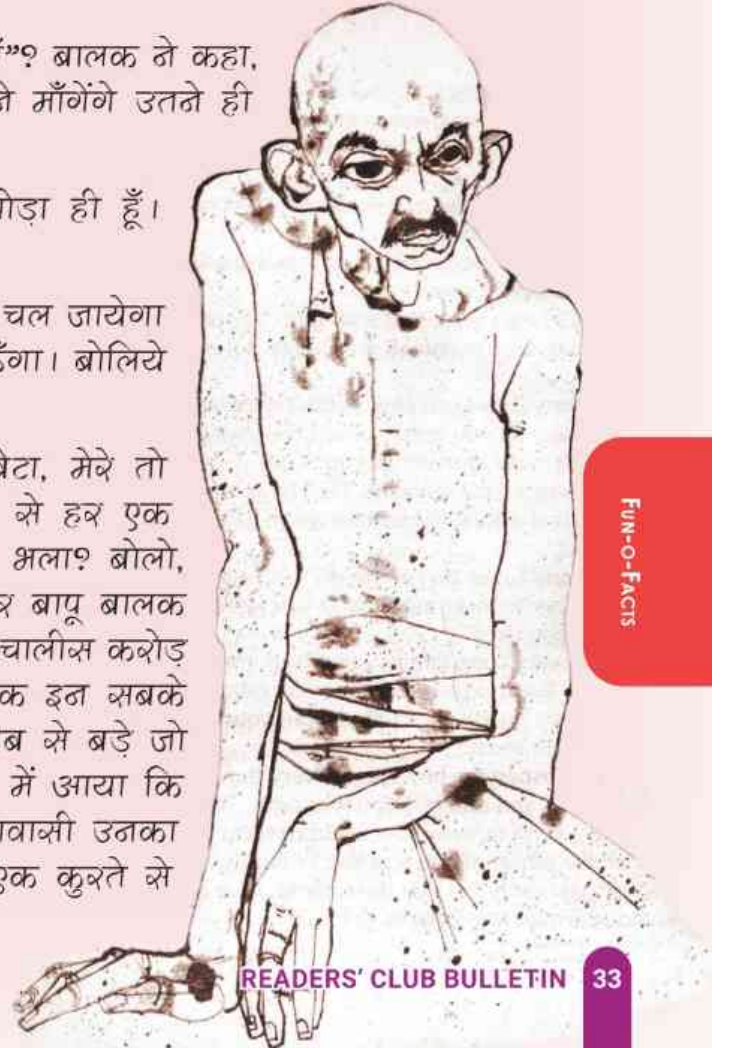
बालक का मन पसीज गया। उसने कहा, "मेरी माँ को सिलाई आती है। देखिए न, मेरे सब कपड़े वही बनाती हैं। मैं अपनी माँ से कह कर आपके लिए कुरता सिलवा दूँगा। फिर तो आप पहनेंगे न?"

बापू ने पूछा, "कितने कुरते सी देंगी, तुम्हारी माँ?" बालक ने कहा, "आपको कितने चाहिए? एक, दो, तीन? जितने माँगेंगे उतने ही सी देंगी।"

बापू ने सोच में पड़कर कहा, "मैं अकेला थोड़ा ही हूँ। अकेला कैसे पहन लूँ कुरता?"

बालक ने कहा, "लेकिन कितने कुरतों से काम चल जायेगा आपका? मैं माँ से उतने ही कुरते सिलवा लाऊँगा। बोलिये न बापू, कितने कुरते चाहिए आपको?"

बालक का आग्रह देख कर बापू ने कहा, "बेटा, मेरे तो चालीस करोड़ भाई-बहन हैं। जब तक उनमें से हर एक के तन पर कुरता नहीं होगा, मैं कैसे पहनूँगा भला? बोलो, तुम्हारी माँ सबके लिए सी देंगी?" यह कह कर बापू बालक का मुँह निहारने लगे। बालक सोच में पड़ गया। चालीस करोड़ भाई-बहन! ठीक ही तो कहते हैं बापू। जब तक इन सबके पास कुरते नहीं होंगे, वह कैसे पहनेंगे? वह सब से बड़े जो हैं, सब के बापू जो हैं। भोले बालक को समझ में आया कि सारा देश ही बापू का परिवार है। हर एक देशवासी उनका बंधु है। वह सब के साथी, सब के दोस्त हैं। एक कुरते से भला उनका काम कहाँ चलता!



Ink & Imagination

Following the vision of Viksit Bharat by 2047, NCCL is happy to announce a special competition that will last for a whole year! Yes, you heard it right, lots of fun and creativity!

All the classes will get a chance in the upcoming 7 issues of the magazine. Just keep reading your favourite magazine, **Reader's Club Bulletin**, and watch this page for more details.

NCCL is inviting ORIGINAL Stories, Poems (in English and Hindi) and Drawing (in any medium) for the 'Ink & Imagination' section of next issue of **Reader's Club Bulletin!**

THEME	TOPIC	LAST DATE FOR ENTRIES
Viksit Bharat@2047	India Republic @ 75	15 May 2025

Winning Entries: 1st Prize / 2nd Prize / 3rd Prize

Rules:

- The edition's competition is open to school children of **Classes 6 to 8**.
- Each participant is allowed to send ONE written entry/or ONE drawing only.
- Schools can send a maximum of TEN written entries & TEN drawings.
- The written entries must be typed; handwritten entries shall not be accepted.
- The word count of prose shouldn't exceed 200-250 words; poems shouldn't exceed 25 lines.
- Each entry must clearly indicate the word count for prose/line count for poems.
- Any departure from the given length would disqualify the entry.
- The entries should be sent via email (MS Word .doc file for written entry & Scanned jpegs for Paintings).
- Each entry must be accompanied by the Declaration form (given on next page) duly filled. Photocopy of the declaration form is permissible.
- Each entry & Declaration should be sent in a single email as attachments to: **nbtindianccl93@gmail.com**



Declaration

For Students

I, _____
age _____, declare that my entry, _____
_____ is my
original, unpublished work. If found otherwise,
the entry will not be accepted NBT-India.

(Participant's Signature)

Declaration

For Teachers/Parents

Name _____
Address _____
_____ Pincode _____
Mobile no. _____
Email _____
Name of School _____
School Address _____
_____ Pincode _____
_____ Date ____/____/____

(Teacher's/Parent's Signature)

Here are the winners of the ongoing competition for classes 6 to 8
(from Indian School, Sadiq Nagar, New Delhi) on the theme of
'Viksit Bharat@2047'. The topic for this issue was 'अनेकता में एकता'.

For our next edition, the topic is 'India Republic @ 75'.
Details are provided on the previous page. We look forward to receiving your entries.

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Kanishka
Class VIII



2

Vardaan Singh
Class VII



3

Anushka Verma
Class VI





NEW DELHI WORLD BOOK FAIR 2025

Kidz Kingdom बाल मंडप



- Puppet Making Corner:** STRING UP THE FUN
- Calligraphy Zone:** MAKE YOUR WORDS LOOK EXTRAORDINARY!
- Reading Corner:** TURN PAGES TURN WORLDS!
- Little Authors' Wall:** Start Small write BIG!
- Mandala Mania:** TURN WILDLIFE INTO WILD PATTERNS
- L-Spy a Cat:** 'THE' PUZZLE CHALLENGE
- Movie Screening:** LIGHTS CAMERA SCREENING
- Bioscope:** small window BIG magic!
- Sessions & Workshops:** STORYTELLING WORKSHOPS, QUIZ CONTESTS AND MANY MORE...
- Face Tattoo Zone:** Wear your ART on your FACE literally!
- Art & Craft Corner:** UNLEASH YOUR inner ARTIST
- Learn Your Thoughts:** LEAF YOUR MARK LET it SPEAK
- Find it, Colour it!** TURN CHAOS INTO COLOURFUL GENIUS!
- Doodle Wall:** from doodles to giggle!
- Wall of Museum:** masterpieces seeking tiny ARTISTS



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