



REAWAKENING TO THE NEW BEGINNING



AAKANKSHA KULKARNI (X-A)

It is said, “Nothing stays in this world forever.” Life is a journey that embraces adventures, hardships and joy. The global pandemic and the lockdown crisis that we are facing today is an abysmal nightmare but that will soon disappear into thin air as another bright day will set in. Although the world has been engulfed in this catastrophe, one must never lose hope.

People have been complaining about the quarantine being mind-numbing, and miserable. I felt the same as well, since my school is closed, and I am being deprived of enjoying the last year of my school life. But, nonetheless, I have taken the confinement in my stride and have stayed positive and hearty. I have made a strong bond with Mother Nature. I wake up to the chirping birds and inhaling the fresh air which is a rare element in a busy city like Hyderabad. During this quarantine period, I have truly unfold and reinvented a new persona in myself. I have learnt to knit scarfs and write poems. This time has also made me empathize the struggles of the migrant workers and feel grateful and blessed to have a loving family and a privileged life.

The lockdown has also helped Mother Earth heal herself and spread her wings into the clear sky and her roots into the deep earth. It has sown the seed of revitalization and value life. Let us all be strong as time heals, because it may be stormy now but it will never rain forever.



MAKING LEMONADE WITH LOCKDOWN



DIYAANSH KANTAREDDY (IX-A)

"When life gives you lemons, make lemonade."

This age-old saying has inspired many generations to take a quick look back at their problems, through a filtered perspective, to find a solution to all their "sour" situations. I have learnt the true value and application of this adage in my life, during this lockdown.

The entire world is facing a pandemic with thousands of people dying every day. According to a survey by the Times of India, nearly nine hundred unnatural non-virus deaths have also been reported in the past few months, out of which suicide due to emotional distress has been a major concern. These alarming reports just reflect how important it is to have emotional stability and sail through this difficult period.

Although social distancing is the new normal, but I feel socially connected with my friends and teachers through online media. I watch shows and spend quality time with family. It has made me more perceptive and showed me that even online classes, which have been receiving a negative response, can bring a sense of individual attention in me. We must remember that being able to adapt to any situation is what humanity is known for, and that is what I have tried to do.

I have not let depression and social isolation take a toll on my sanity. These circumstances have taught me that no matter how sour lemons life presents us with, being able to whip them up into a refreshing lemonade is what life is all about.



CONNECTED TOGETHER WITH TECHNOLOGY

Stay safe, Stay fun



DHRITI KASIMSETTY (V-G)

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“Use your creativity.
Creativity is intelligence having fun.”

This lockdown proved that our home can be turned to heaven if we properly utilize our time. As the world has slowed down to discover ourselves, I discovered myself through writing and technology. When you discover yourself, you will know who you are, what is your talent and what you are meant for? These quarantine times, helped me to do so.

It is really a great feeling to experience, when others get addicted to the games designed by you. I got this idea in my mind and started designing games with my parent's encouragement, through an app called “**Scratch**”. Designing games has been my favorite pastime activity during these tough times. I designed few games like Flappy Bird, Shoot the Monster, Pong etc. “*Shoot the monster*” is a game related to the current situation which has 2 characters. A player and a monster. Monster symbolizes the corona virus and has multiple layers of defense. Player is stuck at home and has to shoot and kill the monster through small holes, in order to get released.

Through this game I tried to build the spirit of fighting with brave mental stability. Similar to this game, we all ought to fight for our world, against this dangerous pandemic. Stay home, eat healthy, exercise well and stay safe.

Creativity can make you a better person and it can bring a change during this lockdown.”

-Dhriti



MY BIRTHDAY @ COVID TIMES



HRUDAY ALAPATI (V-A)



Lockdown and pandemic has put our lives to a standstill. The world has changed a lot. Nevertheless, these times have given us the opportunity to make the most of anything and everything.

On one of these days, I woke up to a beautiful morning. A tempting cake awaited me in the hall and my parents sang to the tune of “Happy Birthday “. I then realized that it was my birthday. I spent the rest of the day with my family. We enjoyed a lot and played many games. I also helped my mother in cooking . In the evening my parents scheduled a virtual party with friends and relatives. They wished me over video calls. We had a lot of fun across the digital platform. If it was not for Covid, there would have been a grand celebration yet I was content with virtual celebrations and my happiness knew no bounds.

In a nutshell , while I was happy to spend time with family and friends on my special day, I was equally saddened by the plight of people who were struggling due to Covid. I went to bed with a smile on my face yet my heart grieved for the ones in pain. The lesson I learnt is that there is a positive side to every situation and experience is the best teacher. I sincerely hope that we all will learn from these difficult times and shall emerge stronger and victorious.

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All the best 



A HELPING HAND



JUDITH NICOLE JOHN (V-B)



“Great opportunities to help others seldom come, but small ones surround us every day.” The word lockdown was a new addition to my vocabulary, nevertheless it gave us time and opportunity to explore beyond our horizons.

The first few days of the lockdown went off well. I engrossed myself in reading, writing and painting. As the days passed by, I started missing my friends and I made it up by calling them once in a while. One day while watching news, I saw a lot of people who could not even afford a meal. This sad piece of news moved me so much and I found that our helper was facing a similar situation. It was sad to know that someone so close to us was in dire need of basic supplies. I took all the money from my piggy bank and handed it over to my father, which he transferred to our helper. The most memorable moment was when the helper's daughter thanked me over the phone. The little sacrifice I made, brought happiness in someone's life. From that day onwards, we ensured timely disbursement of salary to her. I was always ungrateful about everything I had, but this simple act of kindness taught me to count my blessings, be thankful and always be ready to help the less fortunate ones.

I sum up my lockdown learning through this saying by Confucius “I was complaining that I had no shoe till I met a man with no feet”.

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A PUNCH ON FACE



DIVYA PANDA (V-C)

“Give everyday the chance to become the most beautiful day of your life”.The above statement gives me the zeal to live life to its fullest. One of the most memorable day in my quarantine diary is my visit to the dentist with my father. Initially, I thought he would extract my tooth but to my pleasant surprise he advised my dad that the tooth will fall by itself as it is a milk tooth. Funnily he wrote on the prescription “Treatment – a punch on face".This very statement made all of us laugh aloud in the hospital.

Almost after a couple of months that day,I had stepped out, so to make my day more memorable my dad took me on a ride around the city. I felt so happy looking at the hustle and bustle on the road and crowds in the shops. It was so refreshing to enjoy the beauty of nature as well.After returning home,I happily showed the prescription to my mother and we all rolled with laughter.My sister was all ready to punch me on my face. While going off to bed that night, I sincerely prayed to God that this pandemic should come to an end so that we can lead a normal happy life with family and friends.

As the proverb goes “When it rains, look for rainbows and when it's dark, look for stars”, so let us all hope that these difficult times will pass and we shall emerge victorious.

Divya

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A SPLENDID SURPRISE!



SHIREEN MUKHERJEE (V-D)

“Memory is the diary that we all carry about with us.” My birthday was just around the corner. I was super excited as I was turning 10! I tried my birthday dress a hundred times to make sure I looked beautiful on my special day.

Just when I was taking the count for the party, I was told by dad to cancel the celebrations as an unknown enemy is lurking somewhere in the air. My excitement went off as quickly as a flash in the pan. I had a feeling that the rest of the day would pass gloomily. I could re-collect all that I had planned for this day!

I had just begun lamenting my loss when I heard someone honking outside. To my surprise, I saw my friends waving at me from their cars. I was mesmerised to see a beautiful picture of mine drawn in the driveway that read 'Happy Birthday'. My joy knew no bounds as this was the best gift I could have wished for. After a while, I jumped up at the ring of the doorbell and was amazed to see a tiny visitor with a mask. The visitor was none other than my best friend, Raya!. My day ended with the distribution of birthday cakes to all the helpers in my complex. I felt blessed. The quarantine phase has taught me the value of love, friendship and joy of sharing. My tenth birthday has given me priceless memories to cherish for all times to come.

Good Job Shireen. Well written article



QUARANTINE GARDENING



AKSHARA VOTTAPU (V-G)

"Nothing in life is to be feared, it is only to be understood. Now is the time to understand more, so that we may live fear less."

Corona virus hit us by surprise, no one predicted that it will kill so many people, force countries to lockdown, close schools and public places and put our lives on hold. People are staying at home and learning new ways of living. Now people listened more deeply and began to think differently and in the absence of people living in ignorant, mindless, and heartless ways, the earth began to heal. Pollution is being cleared off and at the end of this, the world will heal. The world is changing, it is healing, there is light at the end of the tunnel.

In this lockdown period I decided to do something helpful for the environment. Gardening is really an interesting and fun activity. Plants can be used in different ways - one can use plants to decorate the house, to grow organic vegetables and fruits that are used as a part of healthy life and also can be used as emergency supplies. I learned many new ways of growing plants, this was more like a practical learning. Gardening teaches science, math, nutrition and literacy. Gardening took a special place in my lockdown lifestyle.



IF YOU PLANT A TREE ,YOU PLANT A LIFE
IF YOU SAVE A TREE, YOU SAVE A LIFE
IF YOU CUT A TREE ,YOU CUT A LIFE.



A PART OF YOUR PRECIOUS TIME FOR OTHERS



ASHUTOSH TRIVEDI (V-H)

“We ourselves feel that what we are doing is just a drop in the ocean. But the ocean would be less because of that missing drop.”

During this covid-19 pandemic, self-isolation became a new normal way of life. No buses to school, no playground activities, and no to many more activities have become normal due to pandemic. This situational change has made many people to think not only about self but also to think of the difficulties faced by co-citizens of our localities. One such thought of the hardships faced by migrant labours made me to do something cherishable. “What we can do for the needy?”

I asked my mother about what can we, being in better comfortable position do about something that it could be helpful to the migrant labourers. My mother and I decided to give them atleast the meals which they are deprived off. Hence my mother started cooking few extra meals and we used to give them in their need of the hour .Even though this help was not a big help,it gave me enormous joy and happiness that it has triggered the thought of lending a helping hand to the needy when we are put up well.

I feel that giving them moral support and respect will make them feel that someone really does care about them. Helping a needy person is like serving God. Kindness and empathy makes a human being more humane.



SPACE ODYSSEY



DHRUV DEVINENI (V-H)

Imagine a vacation lasting three months long and you being stuck at home with nothing to do! Wouldn't you feel like an animal inside a cage?"Life is about accepting the challenges along the way, choosing to keep moving forward and savoring the journey. Thanks for the technology which has helped me realize my passions and touch the stars from the comforts of my own home.

Knowing my love for space, my mother registered me for an online space workshop conducted by Space Science Learning Club from Trichy, Tamil Nadu. We started our voyage by learning many amazing facts about our solar system. What started as just an introduction to our solar system, transformed into an exhilarating trip through space. Later we simulated eclipses and ventured millions of light-years to see faraway stars using 'Stellarium', a planetarium app. This app acted as our peephole to the cosmos. An interactive online quiz session too was organized where participants from all over India competed to test their knowledge of the universe. I was awe struck when I watched SpaceX send astronauts to space under this Pandemic. Elon Musk continues to inspire the world through his passions and explorations.

This learning experience was unique and memorable under the competent mentors who were articulate in nurturing our passion through pertinent technology. No wonder "***With great power comes Great Responsibility.***" As we explore life beyond earth, let us not forget 'Mother Earth' who nurtures us like one's own mother.



A VALIANT VOICE



AASHVI DACHEPALLI (VI-C)

Speak your mind even if your voice shakes. In the journey of these tough times of lockdown and isolation, with all the trials and tribulations around, I also had a beautiful and thoughtful learning.

As we all are aware, Covid-19 forced all of us to lead a new way of living and adjust to the uncertain world out there. One of my indelible chapters from my quarantine diary transformed me into a strong girl. Where all the students were busy in the new ways of learning through virtual classes, so was I. One day during my online class, a fellow student habitually interrupted me while I was speaking to the teacher. I was very disappointed as this was happening very often. What's the point of having a voice if you are going to be silent in those moments you should not be? So, I discussed this with my Father, who as always guided me through this crisis too. He taught me how to raise my voice to a bigger impact and how it brings change in perspective on self and others. I also learnt that how I express myself is a direct reflection upon how people imagine who am I.

I used this time of lockdown to develop a voice and now that I have it, I understood its power. My voice gives me a clarity in my life's path and my voice defines me. We should not forget what we have gone through and the empathy we have learned towards others in this process.



HOPE YOU'RE SAFE, LITTLE BIRDIE!



NIDHI RAJAKUMARA (VI-C)

"Never believe that a few caring people cannot change the world". The whole world started year 2020, only to witness new challenges due to the unprecedented pandemic, Coronavirus. The Lockdown caused unease in the lives of people.

Everyone had a story to tell and here is mine. A story about love and caring.

Usually during summer holidays, I would fill bowls with water and put them out for birds to drink. This summer, when the lockdown was enforced, I heard about a lot of people who were struggling to find food. It only made me worry more about the poor birds. So, I began to put out a few bowls of grains too for the birdies. One fine day, I spotted a little hatchling lying in my corridor struggling to fly. I immediately prepared a tray bedded with cotton and gently put the chick on the tray and placed it near the bowls. I genuinely cared for the hatchling all day. The next day, to my surprise, the tiny bird had disappeared. I didn't know where it went. I only hope that its mother picked it up and flew away. This incident was memorable to me as I found happiness in helping someone during the pandemic, if not the people who so desperately need our help.

The lockdown is meant for the wellbeing of the people. It might have caused hassle in many ways, but we have to cope with the "New Normal" and abide by the saying "Prevention is better than cure".



A MOMENT LOCKED IN LOCKDOWN



RAMPILLA RUSHIL (VI-D)

Amidst the world-wide tense at outbreak of COVID- 19, our beloved Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi has imposed nation -wide lockdown. New terms such as Lockdown, Quarantine and Isolation were added to my vocabulary. All the buzz started regarding how coronavirus originated from China and spread across the world.

Just before lockdown was announced, I went to my hometown Visakhapatnam along with my grandparents to spend my summer holidays for a very short period of 3 days. Since our home is located near sea shore, I spent most of my time playing with my cousins and collecting sea shells. I felt like I could not spend ample time as my days passed just in a snap. Suddenly, lockdown was imposed in the country for 14 days due to increasing COVID 19 cases and all people were confined to their homes including me. Luckily, all my cousins were with me in the same home, I spent joyful moments and never felt isolated. I took this opportunity to learn music, practise yoga and other immunity boosting exercises to make myself stronger and sharper than before. We didn't realize we were making memories we just knew we were having fun.

After a few days, the lockdown was relaxed and my fun time came to an end with my return to Hyderabad. These moments were locked in my memory for lifetime as COVID -19 has given me a possibility to create a long- lasting experience.



A DAY OFF SOCIAL MEDIA



AASHRITA CHANDHA (VI-E)

“Focus on how to be social, not on how to do social”.The outbreak of corona virus has put the whole world in chaos and resulted in great despair among people and introduced us to novel ways of experiencing the life. Confined to houses, there is an increase in engagement on social Media and my family is no exception. So, I decided to ask everyone to spend a day off social media. This is how it went.

The day began with a fun filled gathering at the balcony for morning tea. I helped my mother in some of the house chores as well as in cooking. The lunch was very peaceful with no one clicking pictures of the food to post on Instagram. I spend a lot of time playing with my grandparents. Mom helped with homework and it seemed fun to have her help. We went for a little stroll in the nearby park while maintaining the social distancing norms. My grandparents shared incidents from their childhood and I was very fascinated to know how the world has changed so fast. I wondered how my childhood differed so much from theirs. Even though dad was busy with his work, he joined us for the evening tea. Then we ended the day with scrumptious dinner.

From that day on, I learnt that there's a lot around us to learn from. I have made memories for a little time which I would have otherwise missed. All in all, I realized social media is just an illusion of connectivity not the connect in reality.



THE VIRTUAL DAY

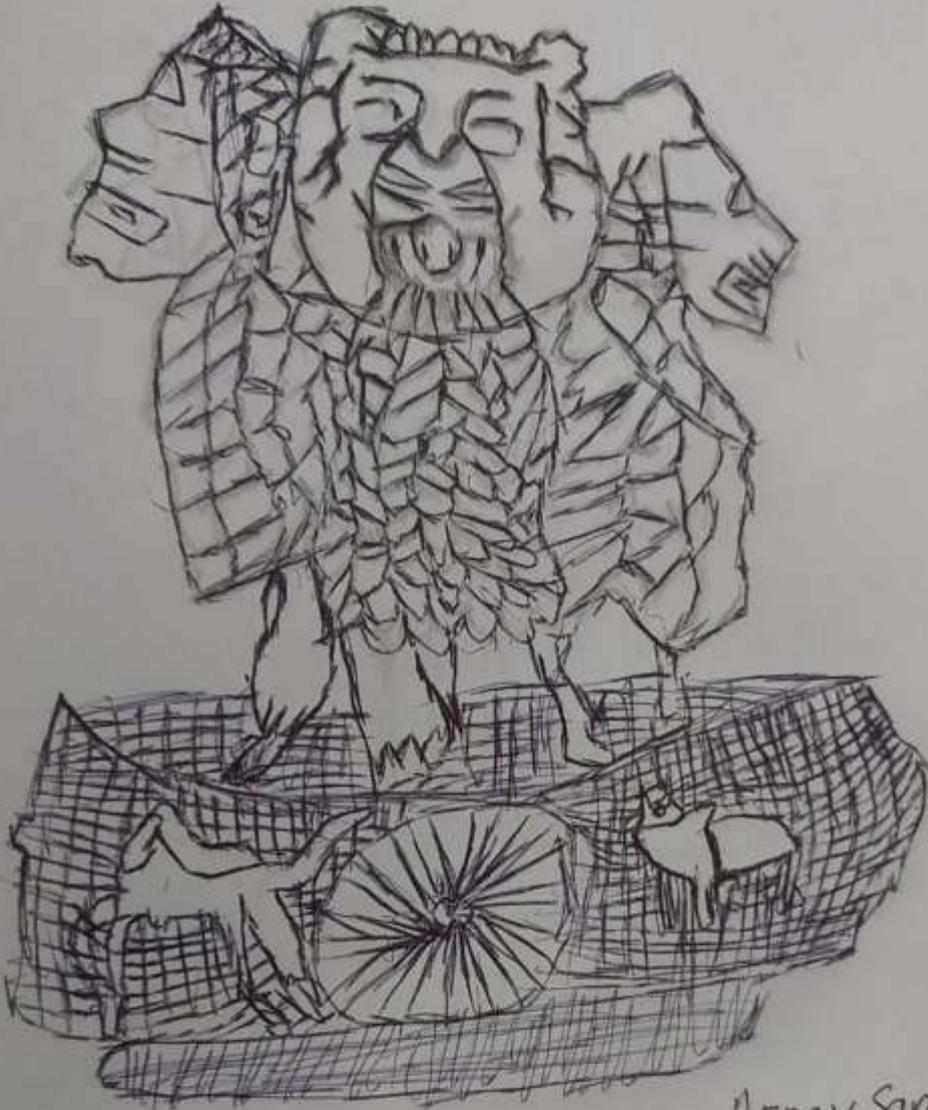


DEVLINA SARKAR (V-E)

The only source of knowledge is experience. For many, this lockdown period has given us enough time to explore many new things. The time we never thought that we would have. During this time, we could do a plenty of things, which we ever wanted to do. I would like to share a memorable day of mine during this quarantine.

It was my friends and I who planned to throw a virtual party. Our theme was pretty simple "Virtual but Actual". We divided the tasks among ourselves. One made invitation cards while others were busy with the preparations. Finally, when all the work was sorted out, we held our party on 23rd May. We all sat in front of our devices at our home and connected through Zoom app. My friend's mom helped us to set up the zoom meeting. Another friend's mom who is a Yoga trainer, helped us to do some asanas. We had a great party over zoom, and the day was absolutely splendid. Moreover, we cracked jokes, danced, played antakshari and some dares too.

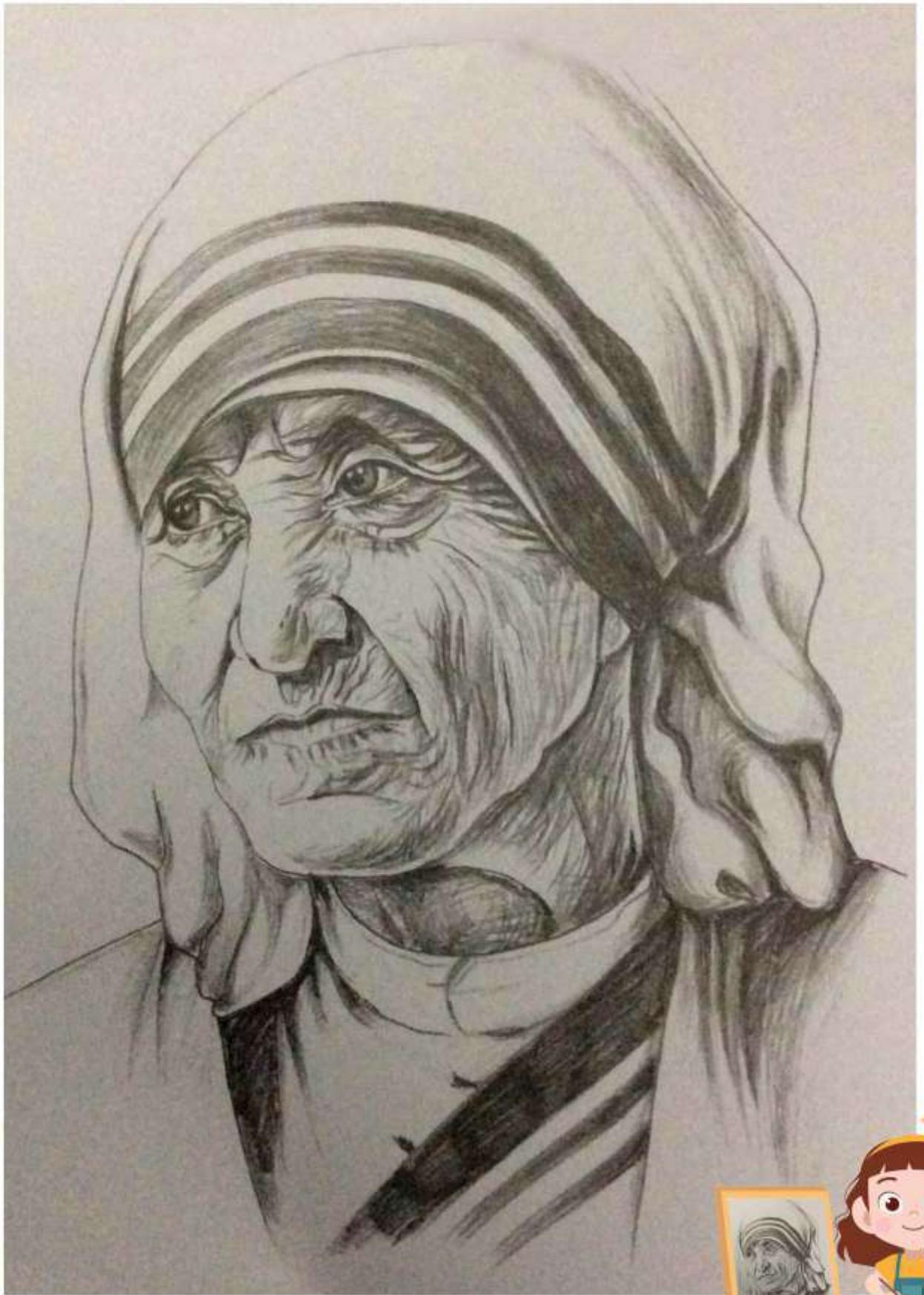
Although, it was really fun, I still miss being with my friends. But, that's okay. Social distancing is for our own good health. All of us can host amazing virtual days together. One thing everyone must remember that we might miss the actual fun but we can make ourselves happy with whatever we are doing in quarantine.



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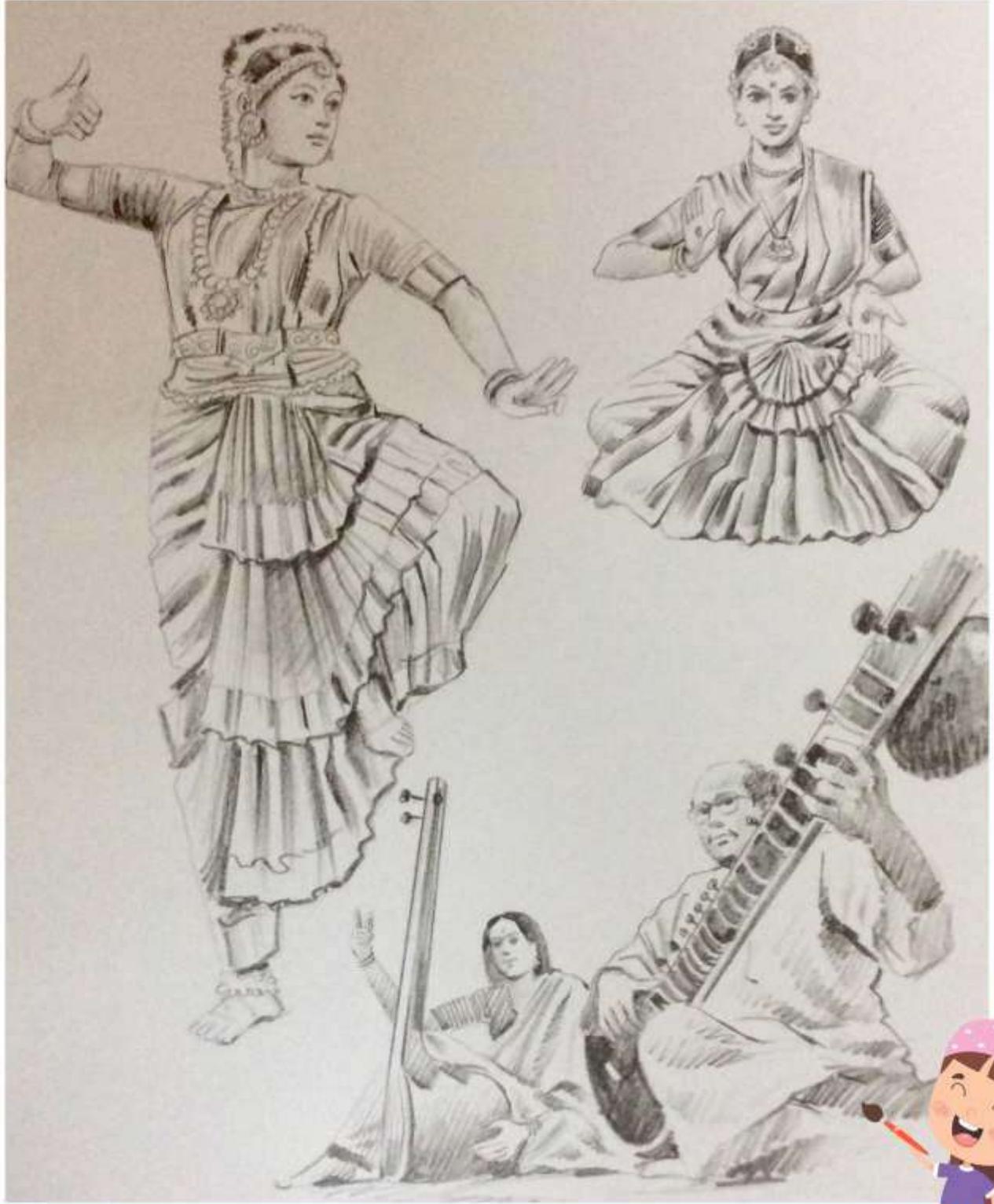


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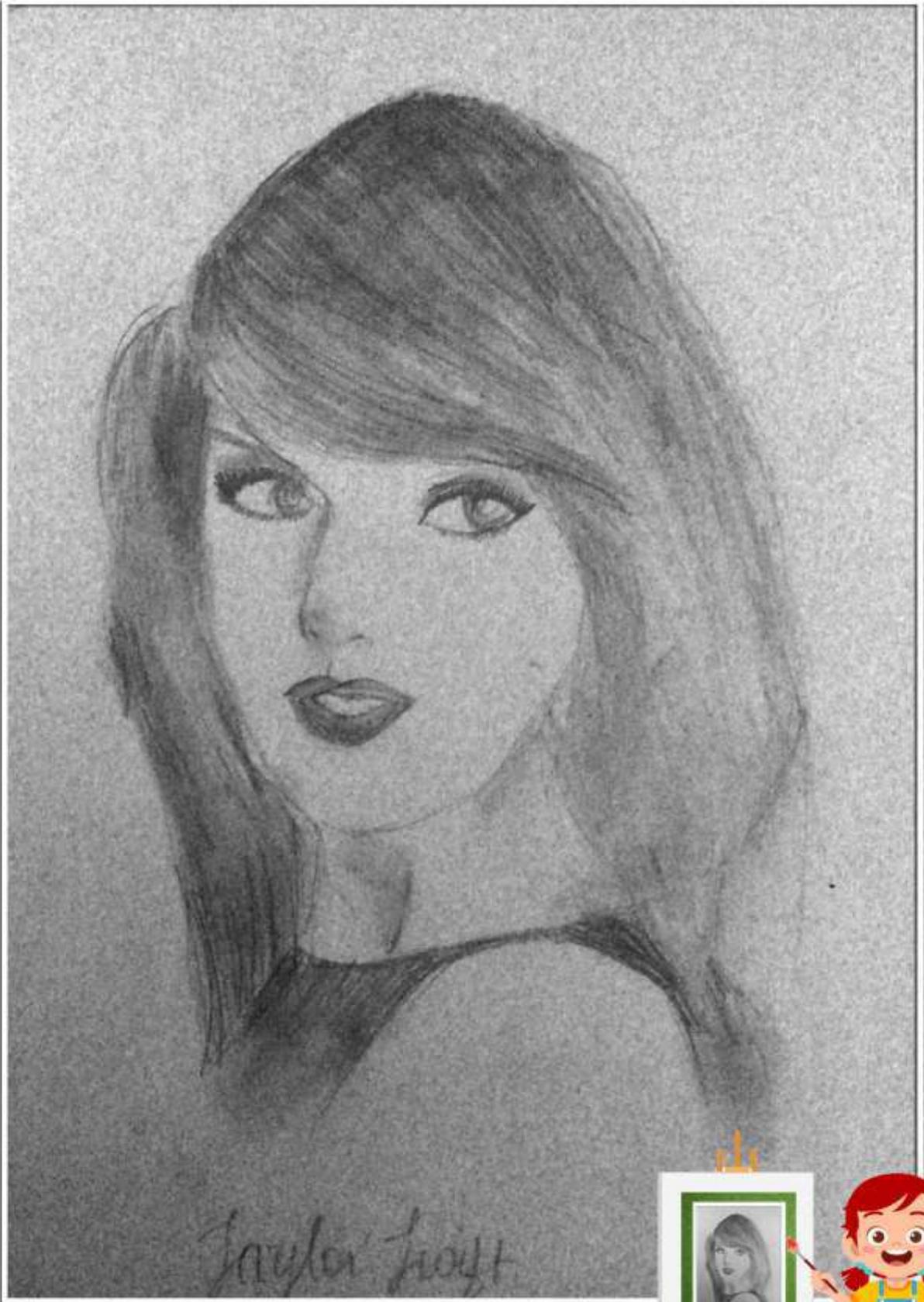
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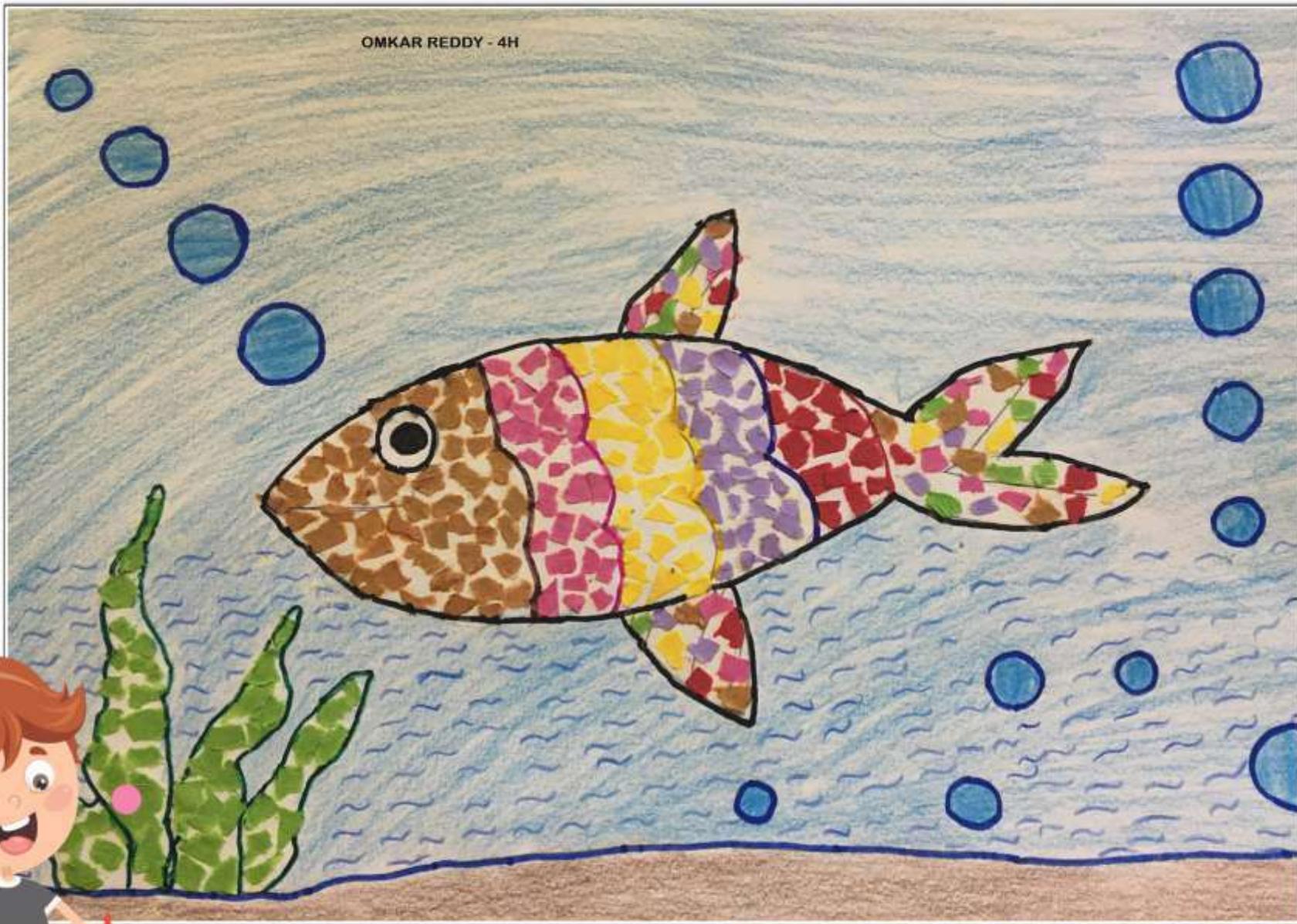
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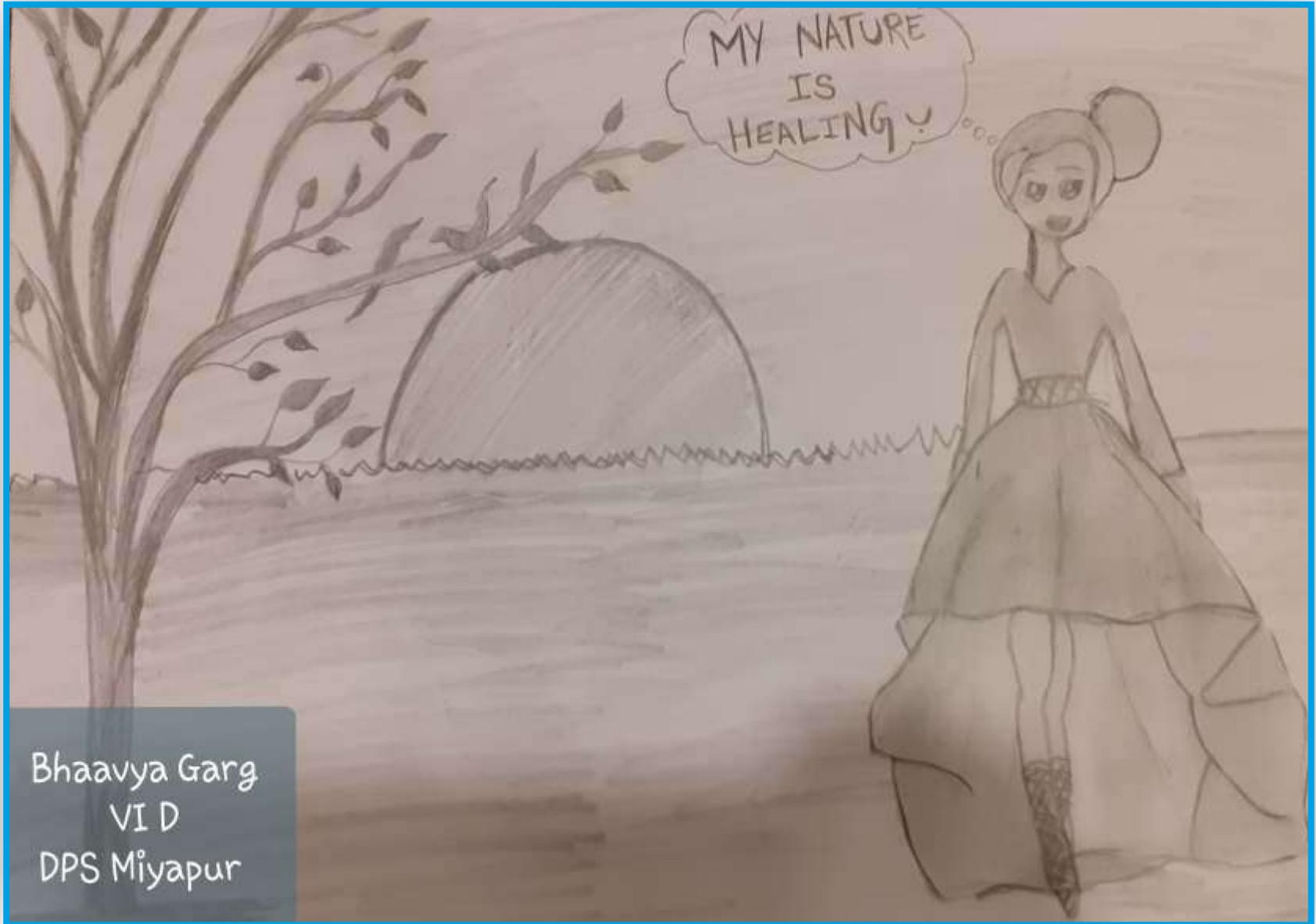


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