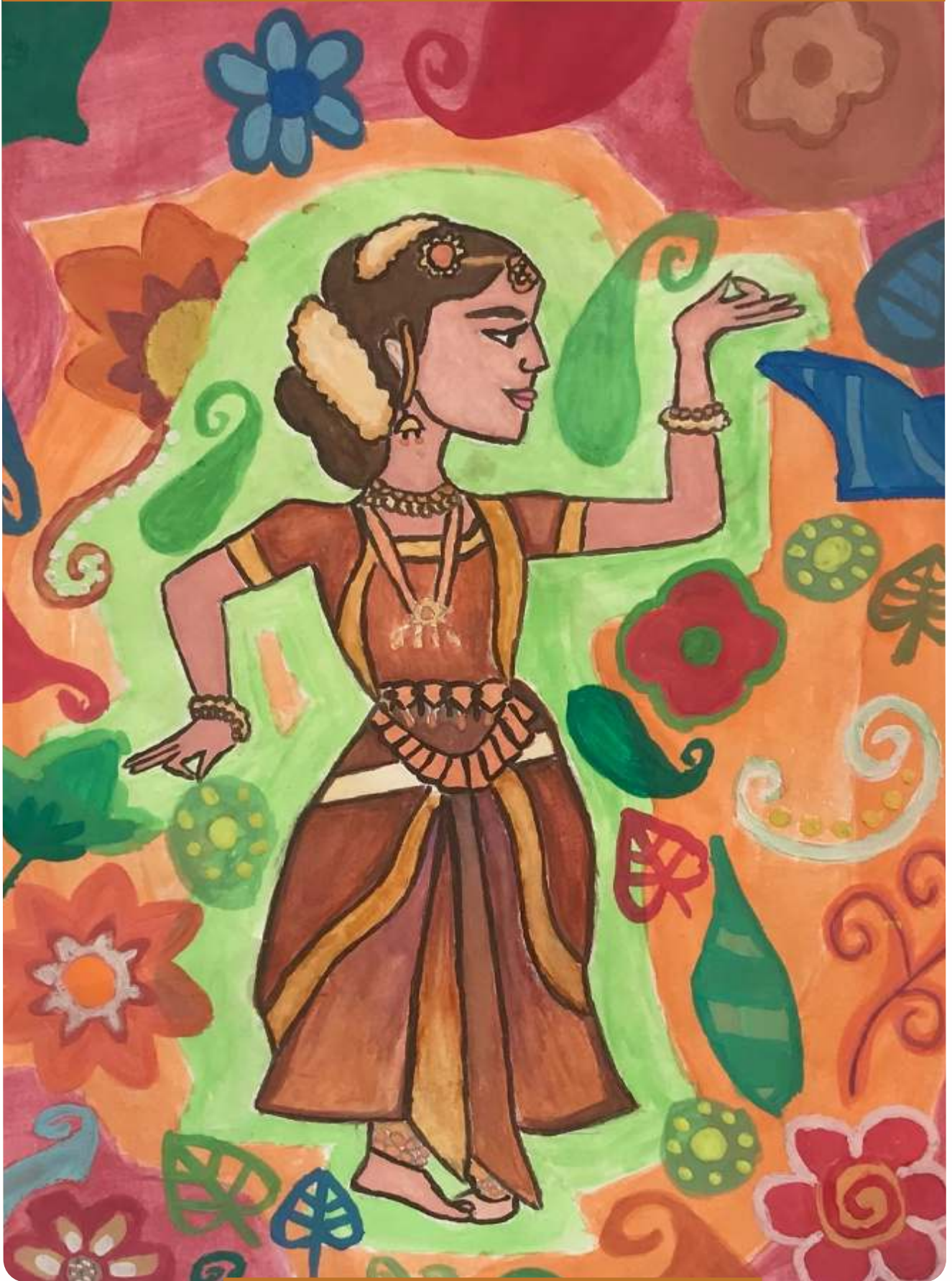


ESHITHA (VIII - C)







# REPUBLIC DAY

## THE DAY OF INDIA'S FULL INDEPENDENCE

AKSHIT DAMERA (V - J)



Republic day is a great Indian festival. It creates a feeling of patriotism among us. It also reminds us of the many great sacrifices that the freedom fighters have made to make independent India possible. Republic Day is celebrated on January 26 every year. The parade marches from the Rashtrapati Bhavan along the Raj path in New Delhi. Several regiments of the army, navy, and air force, along with their bands, march to India Gate. The parade is presided over by the President of India, who is the Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Armed Forces. It also makes us proud to be Indians.



**AASRITHA LAKSHMI AMBATI (VII - A)**





DAMERA AKSHIT (V - J)





## DEBATE

SUHAS RAO (VII - C)

### Topic: Life in modern days is better than life in ancient days.

Here I support 'For' and the reasons for supporting 'For' are the following.

- ⦿ We can live more luxuriously with all new and improvised technology which makes our life much easier. E.g., Aeroplanes, Robots, etc.
- ⦿ Education levels have increased massively. Sources of knowledge are also found very easily. E.g., 'Google'. Here we can find whatever information we want and is also available to all.
- ⦿ Casts and gender races have considerably decreased i.e. women and lower caste people were given no respect in society in the olden days.
- ⦿ Technology such as robotic surgery also helps us in curing people of diseases. In ancient times, there was no facility to cure people of rare diseases.
- ⦿ Democracy has come up which has stopped wars. In the olden days, many deadly wars took place between 2 or more kingdoms of the same country. In these wars, many people would've lasted their lives.
- ⦿ Countries are more connected nowadays with which we can have more knowledge





**DHRUV SAI BIRAVELLY (VI - B)**

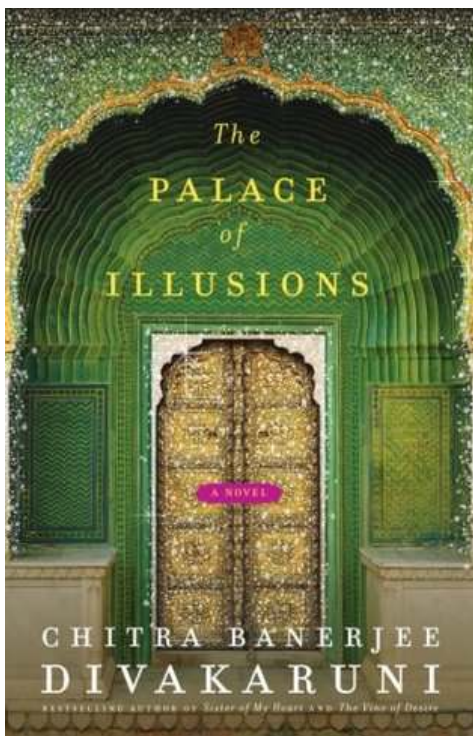




# THE PALACE OF ILLUSIONS

NIDHI RAJAKUMARA (VII - C)

## Book Review on 'The Palace of Illusions' by Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni



Our Indian culture is famous for its Mythology and Literary Works such as the *Ramayana*, the *Mahabharata*, and *The Gita*. Owing to their threshold of values, flamboyant stories, and applicable life lessons, these chronicles have been translated into many different languages like the *Razmnamah* – a translation of the Mahabharat in Persian and have gained critical acclaim across the globe.

It's worthy to note that out of all these religious works, the Mahabharata is the most 'human story' we can find. Based on contraries as diverse as possible, like morals and deceits, love and hatred, vengeance, and forgiveness, it covers all the situations we imperfect mortals can come across. But when we cross the bridge of morals present in the Mahabharata, one can't help but notice that most of these ideologies have been presented by the male characters in the story.

'The Palace of Illusions' is a marvelous novel, a contemporary Mahabharata. Penned by the magical hand of Dr. Chitra Divakaruni, it opens a new door, a novel perspective on the age-old saga. Here, the narrating voice has been shifted to Panchaali, daughter of King Drupad, sister of Dhrishtadyumna, the *Sakhi* of Krishna, and the wife of the Pandavas. Born from fire, with a fierce character, she tells her own story - neglected, rare, and just as precious. She fills in the gaps of the epic with her feelings and views that aren't considered. From her secluded childhood, where her brother and Krishna were the only beacons of light, to her marriage with five of the greatest warriors of her time, to the devastating war - the result she had to reap of her actions, and at last, to the ultimate end she faced, this story covers all that she has been through. Hence, by giving primacy to her feelings, it's proved that women have their morals, their hatred, and yes, their vengeance too...

This is a must-read novel for the years 13 and above, a woman's take on a domain dominated by men and gods. An event that took place when the world was shifting into the grip of the Kali-Yuga.



ESHITHA .A (VIII - C)





## ISHITA TRIPATHI (VI - C)







## TRAVEL DIARY

SUHAS RAO (VII - C)

### Switzerland

Ahh! What a splendid outing it was, actually, it was my BEST trip ever! Oh yes! this was certainly one of those trips, that remain for a lifetime. Yes, I am talking about my trip to Switzerland (the scenic country where the alps flow). We (My family and I) started our trip from a bus stop in Brussels, Belgium, from which we took a d-line bus to the airport. From the Airport we boarded a plane called EASYJET. When I first heard that name, I thought it was a jet, but it turned out to be a normal aeroplane, anyway, I did not much mind about the plane. My seatmate was a French engineer (at least, that's what I thought of him) who was telling me about the 'working of a plane', which was so interesting to know about. Finally, our plane landed in Zurich (pronunciation- Zoorikh, in Dutch). From Zurich, we took a train to Lucerne. Outside the window we could see so many ice cap mountains, we could also see lakes that were transparently turquoise in colour. i.e., they were so pure that we could see the floor of the lake. By the time we reached Lucerne, we were very hungry, we decided to go to a hotel, but we only had 20 minutes left for the next train, so we just went into a grocery store and bought some fruits. Now we only had 5-minutes left, but then my brother realized that a bag was missing. OMG, I was completely horrified when he said that, cause that bag contained all my belongings. That's when my father remembered that we might have forgotten our bag in the grocery store. When we had only 2-mins to board the train, my father quickly ran into the grocery store and found our bag there. Our next stop was Interlaken Ost, which was our final destination as well. Here, we booked a room in Backpackers Villa. We rested in the room for 1 hour or so. At this time, I had 2 hot chocolates from the minibar, and then we made our move to Harder Klum. Harder Klum was a Steep Mountain climbing train that looked like this:

Once we reached the top of the mountain, we could see the entire Interlaken Ost. It was so beautiful with all those light-lit individual houses. 2 lakes covered the major part of Interlaken whose borders were also lightened by warm white light.

After coming back to our room, we had our supper and slept excited for the next day. Our trip to Switzerland was for a week, but in this journal, I have only written one day from it.





N SRI CHAKRIKA (V - A)





## SAARA LAVANIA (IV - I)







## THE HUGE DIVINE WORLD

BHAAVYA GARG (VII - D)

The world is divine  
With The Invisible power the  
power for good and therefore  
its steadily stood and  
understood

It's very special  
we ourselves are a live example  
of it we are humans and we are  
proud of it

Made from five major elements,  
especially mud  
we are still standing walking running fighting  
and making a livelihood

All these powers are made for good  
for protecting not only livelihood  
but our whole wide universe



DHARMISTA SUSAN BEHERA (IV - H)





# SAHASRA (V - J)

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## I LOVE MY COUNTRY

SUYASH (V - B)

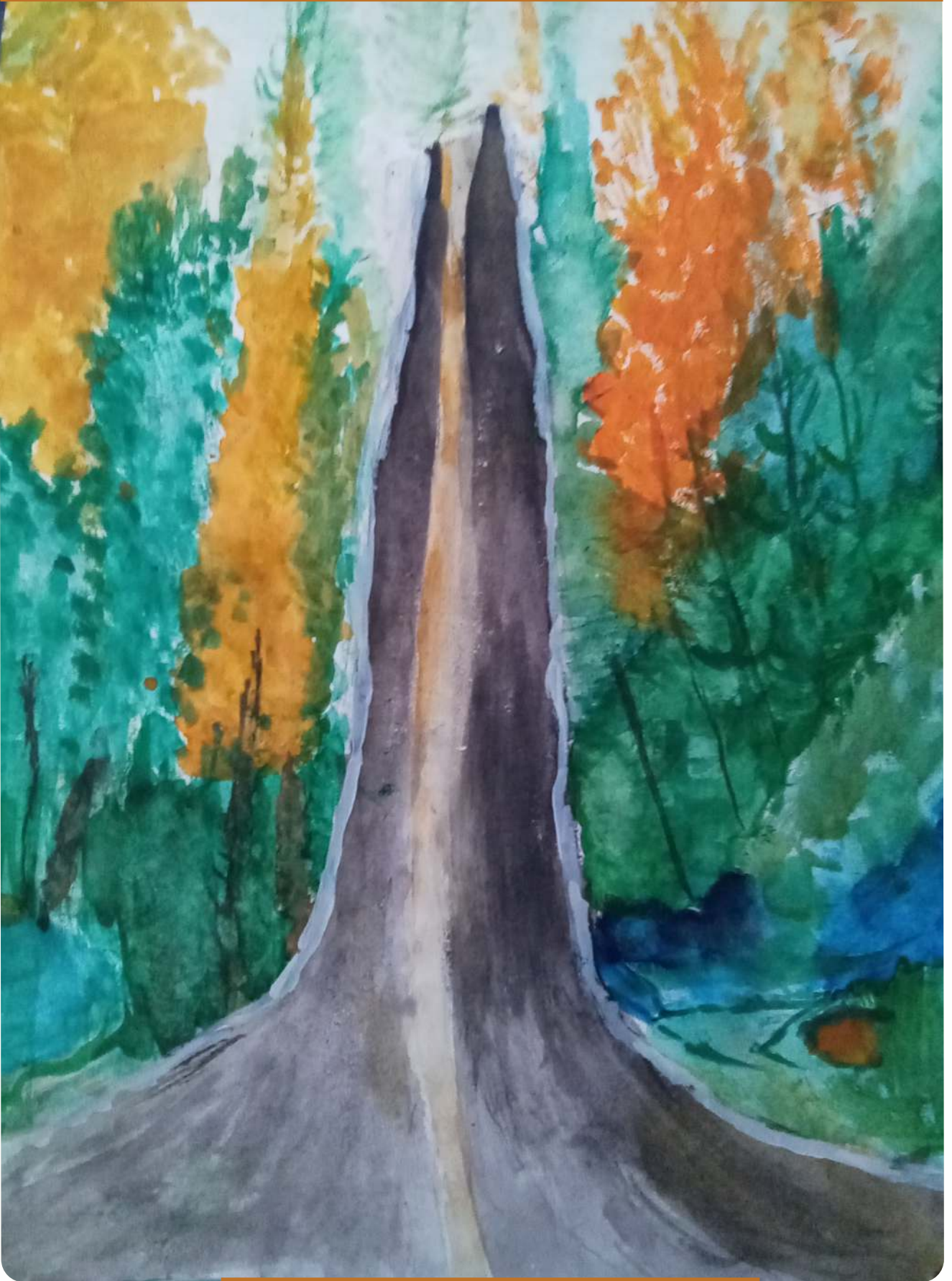


### **Tribute to my motherland: India**

If there is a country I would choose to live in for my life,  
I will need it to be rich in history, culture and spice!  
I will choose a country which is rich in taste and food,  
A country which always has a food fit for my mood!  
I will choose a country where religion varies for every mile,  
A country which has rivers almost as long as Nile.  
A country which has different Gods, but have a lot of might,  
A country where temples with rich architecture are treats for my sight!  
A country which has beaches, mountains, rivers, jungles and deserts too,  
A country where parts are very cold, while at some places it blows loo!  
A country which has festivals like the colorful Holi and sparkling Diwali,  
A country that's capital is the beautiful New Delhi!  
A country whose flag is called the Tri-colour,  
A country where all are same and not different from each other!  
A country I love so dearly and bow down to is India,  
There is no other country so great in this world, it is only my INDIA!



**DHRUV SAI BIRAVELLY (VI - B)**







## LIFE GOES ON

SRIKRUTHI MAHIDHARA (VII - C)

“Like an echo in the forest, the day will comeback around as if nothing happened”, “like an arrow in the blue sky, another day flies by”, “on my pillow, on my table, life goes on, like this again”. During this pandemic, I've been living by these very words.

March 24th, 2020. Due to COVID-19, a nationwide lockdown was announced on this day. I used to think it would be peaceful if no one stepped out of their homes, but during the lockdown, it felt eerie and had me wishing everyone would come pouring out onto the streets again, that the bustle would return. It's been 2years since I wished for it, and I'm still running in search of it, but can't seem to find it. Why haven't I stopped? Because I still have hope. So should everyone in this whole world.

Remember that you simply having hope won't do anything. You too need to contribute to see the day where no one has to worry about this deadly virus anymore. Doing simple things like covering your nose and mouth with a mask, washing your hands frequently, maintaining social distancing, not attending gatherings of any sort, not traveling unnecessarily, etc. can save not just your life, but many others as well. Think of the situation this way: if you take the necessary precautions as long as the coronavirus exists, you can put an end to it sooner, and then, you'd be free to do what ever you want! You'll only have to wait for a little.

**Therefore, stay safe and remember, “Life goes on, let's live on”!**



ESHITHA (VIII - C)





HARSHITH (VII - ?)





JESTA NAISHITA SRIMANVI (IV - A)  
Digital Painting







## IF I WERE THE PRIME MINISTER

PRAKHAR MISHRA (VII - C)

If I were the Prime Minister of India, then first I would focus on literacy rates in India, and also, I would try to make India 100% literate. I would focus to decrease the crime rates so that I can make India a better place for people to live in. Also strengthening the borders and the army of India so India would be safe from attacks and if any country attacks India, we can counterattack them. I would also make sure that in all the States of India people have good homes and a better livelihood to live in. I will focus on women's empowerment in India. I would also make sure to implement policies on population control so that the available resources of India are used wisely. The development of any country depends on the source of energy and we know that there is a scarcity of traditional sources of energy just like coal, petroleum, so I will focus to generate more renewable sources of energy such as hydropower, solar power, wind power, and natural gases. I would also increase the Production of items in India, instead of importing them from other countries so that the people get jobs. I would invite investors to invest in India so that more jobs could be created. Also, I will try my best to promote the local handicrafts and small-scale industries to develop entrepreneurship. I Would also focus to improve the quality of education and will also ensure every student of India that he/she will get the best education with less cost. I would even focus on the medical sector of India and also make sure that India has the best and cheap hospital in every part of it so that every people get the best medical treatment at less cost. I would also ensure that no one in my country can bribe anyone for his or her benefits. Then I would look forward to making and implementing policies to improve public transportation so that people can use more public transportation than personal transport indirectly it will help to reduce the use of petroleum which will reduce pollution. I would make policies on sanitary problems to end them and also will make sure that in every part of India there are good toilets. Then I would focus to promote our Indian culture to make it world-famous. I will focus to attract the world to come and see our Indian culture, mythology, cuisine, and learn about our ancient history. I would promote research and development in India. I will focus to make the vision and mission for the development of India with an achievable timeline. At last, but not least I would inspire India to become a peaceful country with the ideology of *Vasudeva Kutumbakam*.

LAHAR ROY (VI - H)







## IF I WERE A POKEMON...

MIHIR SAWANT (VII - C)

I will just give you a brief info about Pokémon if you don't know about it -

Pokemon is the name of an anime in which Pokémons are living creatures that look a bit like the animals in our world. There are many types of pokemon, from water type to fire type, from dark type to fairy type, from fighting type to normal type and every single Pokémon created in this world has at least one weakness, except the god of Pokémon, Arceus which is said to have created the whole universe and 3 legendary Pokémon, (being honest there are 6 but the other 3 are not that important) Dialga (the controller of time), Palkia (the controller of space), and Giratina (the controller of death or afterlife). So, this was some info about Arceus too. Every Pokemon has a weakness as I said for Ex- A fire type Pokémon has an advantage against a grass type or steel type Pokémon and it has a disadvantage against a water type or ground type Pokémon. This info should be enough because if you ask me to tell more then I can go on and on and on...

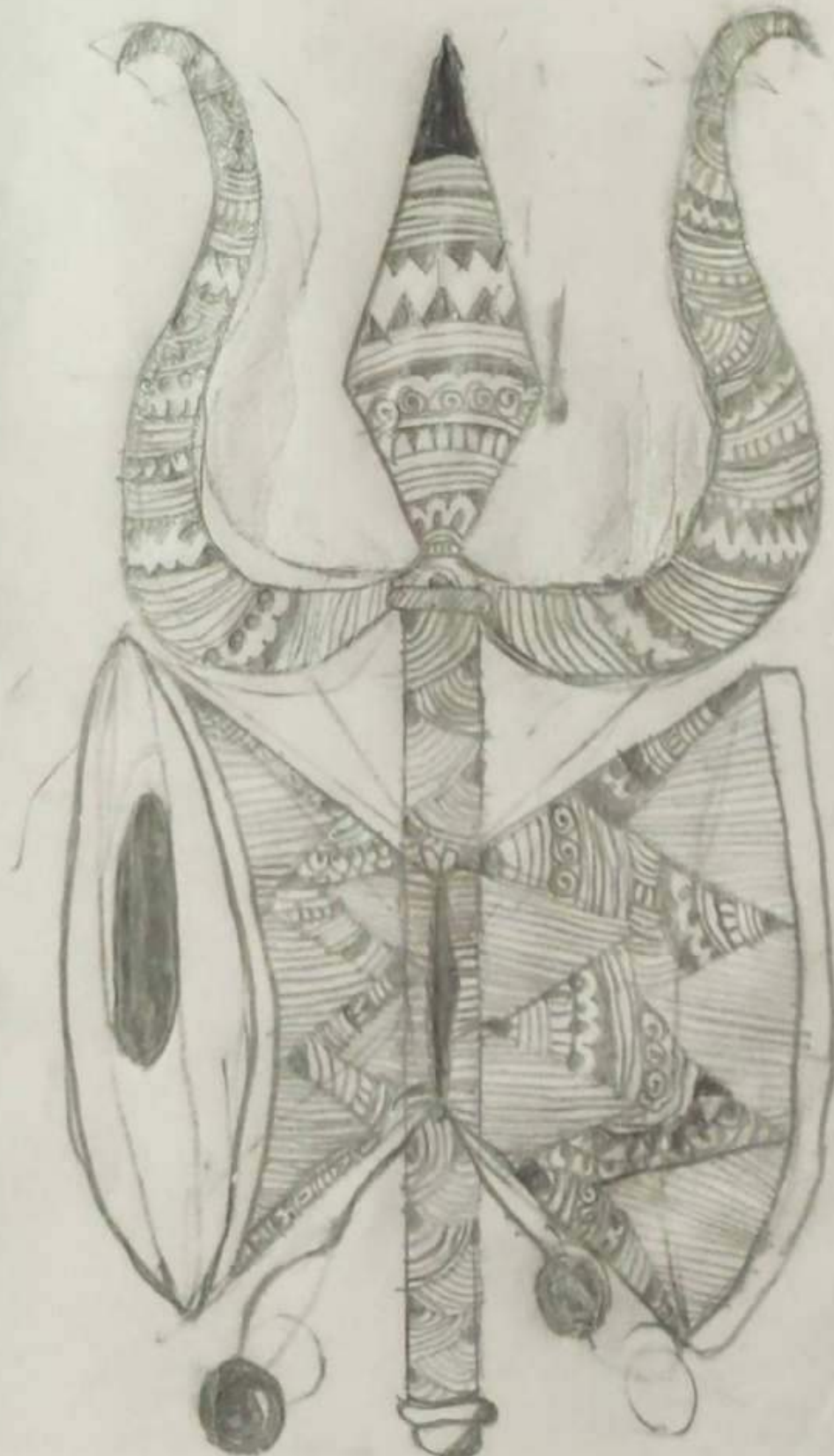
So, if I were a Pokemon and would have been able to choose which Pokémon I want to become, then I would have chosen to become a Lucario. The first reason, why I would have chosen to become a Lucario is that it looks cool, its legs are black with a pant-like thing which is in blue, the chest and stomach are yellow, its arms are blue and hands are black with a needle in its palm and the ears are also blue in color. I like both blue and black so of course, liking a Lucario is a must.

The second reason is that it is a fighting and steel type Pokémon which means it has only one weakness i.e., fire type Pokémon. It is also a pseudo legendary and everyone who has seen or played Pokémon games knows the strength of pseudo legendary. A Lucario is a Pokémon which has only been seen or heard in the team of strong Pokémon trainers like Tobias (It was not shown in the anime that Tobias has a Lucario because he was able to defeat all the trainers only by revealing only 2 of his Pokémon but it is said that he does, and riolu was Tobias's first Pokémon which further evolved into a Lucario.), in Sinnoh and Ash the main character of Pokémon anime also catches a Lucario in Galar region. So, we can say that a Lucario either makes the whole team of its trainer stronger or it is caught by a trainer who is already strong, well usually that is.

So, the main or you can say the important reason that I would have chosen to become a Lucario is that it can mega evolve which means that it can be almost as strong as a normal legendary like Darkrai, Cresselia, etc.

Now what would have I done if I were a Lucario- I would have been caught only by a strong trainer who at least seems to have some passion to become a Pokémon master, someone like Ash, Tobias, Red, or Gold. I would have helped my trainer to be the best Pokémon trainer. I would also love to be released by my trainer in my group after my trainer becomes a Pokémon master. That is if I were a Pokemon.

LASWITHA (VI - E)



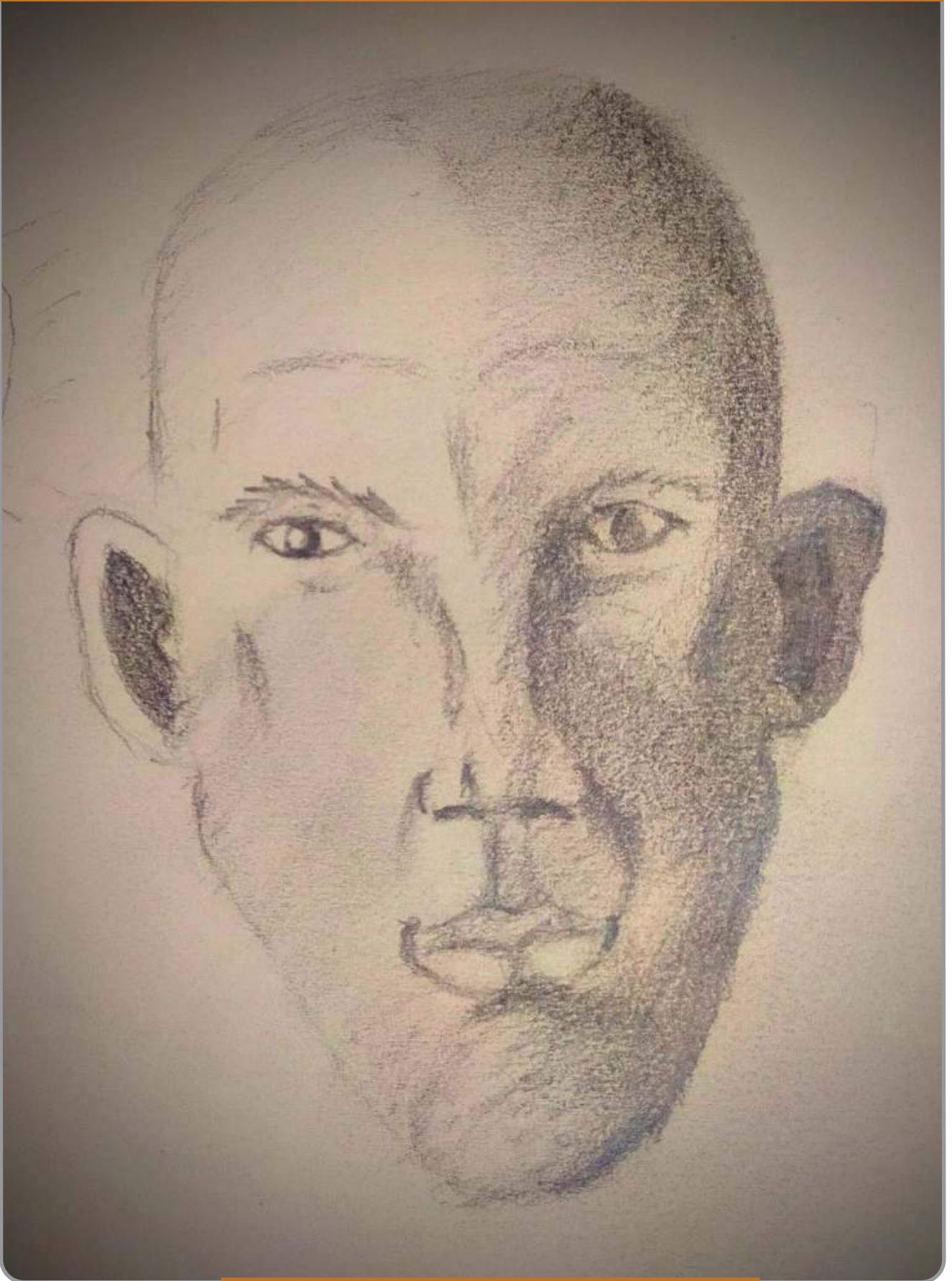


SAHASRA (V - J)





SHYLAVI GARIKAPATI (VIII - C)







## DARK DESTINATION

KAVYASHREE (VII - A)

**Characters- Alex, Dekka, Kelly, Hannah, Chuk.**

Kelly: guys my parents accepted our Children's Private trip after a lot of drama.

Everyone: Me too!

Chuk: My dad has booked the bus.

**The next day. They take the bus. After a few miles, it stops and the driver checks it. Meanwhile, all the friends planned to stay at the outskirts of a jungle as it was almost dark.**

Alex: It is too cold, I Forgot to bring my sweaters.

Chuk: You can use mine.

**Suddenly, there was a horrible sound from the Jungle.**

Dekka- Guys did you all hear that?

Hannah- Yes. I guess this place is not safe.

Chuk- Are you guys kidding me? Jungle is little far away and we are at the outskirts of the jungle.

Alex- We will sleep now. However, tomorrow morning we will leave.

**AFTER 8 hours**

Chuk- Guys why is this place still dark...???

Dekka- No, it is so bright here.

Chuk – But I cannot see anything.

**After a few seconds, there comes a Saint and says**

Saint- My dear children what happened?

Kelly- Actually, one of our friends is not able to see anything.

Saint- Yes, this happens with only one of the visitors of this place. This place is cursed.

Chuk- Saint, did I lose my eyesight forever?

Saint- May or may not. I suggest you all leave this place as soon as possible.

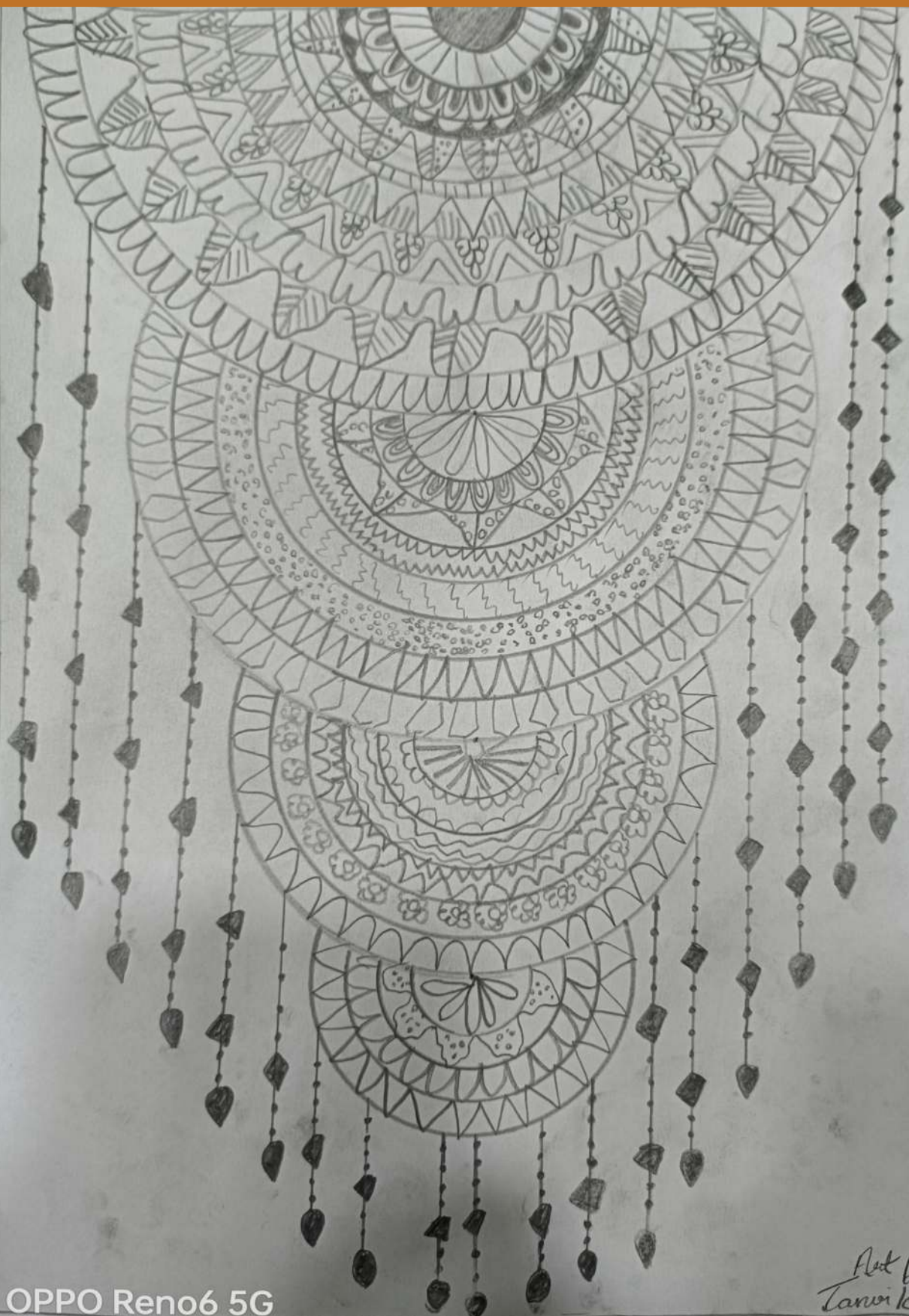
**All the friends returned to their home and,  
Chuk got his eyesight back after 2 days.**

SUDEEP .K (VI - C)





TANVI KANNURI (VIII - D)



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## THE RISE AND FALL OF THE BERLIN WALL

AKSHIT DAMERA (V - J)

The Berlin wall was a large wall that was built in Berlin has started construction on August 13th, 1961, and continued for the next decade. To understand it further we must go back to the 2nd world war when the allies were trying to defeat the axis powers. Once they had defeated Nazi Germany each of the victorious nations had occupied a part of the nation. This division was meant to be temporary but the former allies had found themselves at odds for their vision of post-war Germany. The western powers like America, France, and Britain wanted to promote liberal market economies while The Soviet Union sought to surround itself with obedient communist countries including a weakened Germany. As their relations deteriorated 2 new nations were formed were a federal republic of Germany (FROG) and The German democratic republic (GDR) which were located in the west and the east in that order. The soviet countries didn't want any resources from western Germany so a virtually impassable border known as "The Iron Curtain" was formed that separated the 2 nations. Things were even more complicated in the former capital of Germany Berlin which was entirely in the GDR as per the agreement FROG also had a bit of Berlin's territory and would take the western part of Germany. Eastern Germans were also banned from leaving the country they could just go over to West Berlin by foot, bus or any other means of transport and travel to The territory of FROG or leave Germany though for this posed a problem for soviet leaders as millions were leaving their half so they had decided to construct the Berlin wall which extended for 43 kilometres and further 112 kilometres through east Germany the initial wall comprised of barbed wire and mesh fencing though many Berliners jumped over the wall or jumped from a window into West Germany but as the wall expanded this became more difficult by 1965 106 Km of 3.6 metre tall concrete walls had been constructed topped with a smooth pipe to prevent people from climbing over the wall over many years the protection was strengthened with guard dogs, land mines and spike strips along with 302 watchtowers and 20 bunkers a parallel fence in the rear set off a 100 meter area called the death strip there all buildings were demolished and covered with sand so that the guards could see people trying to escape and shoot them. About 100 people made it to West Berlin but many more were killed trying to cross. Eventually, families could meet each other through the Berlin wall but it cost high fees and it was a very tedious process. In the year 1980, the process was made less tedious after the announcement hundreds of Berliners protested and surprised the guards. The guards tried to stop them but they just couldn't and they tore down the Berlin wall leaving some parts as a sign that division is not permanent after this loss The Soviet Union fell for good.



LASWITHA (VI - E)

