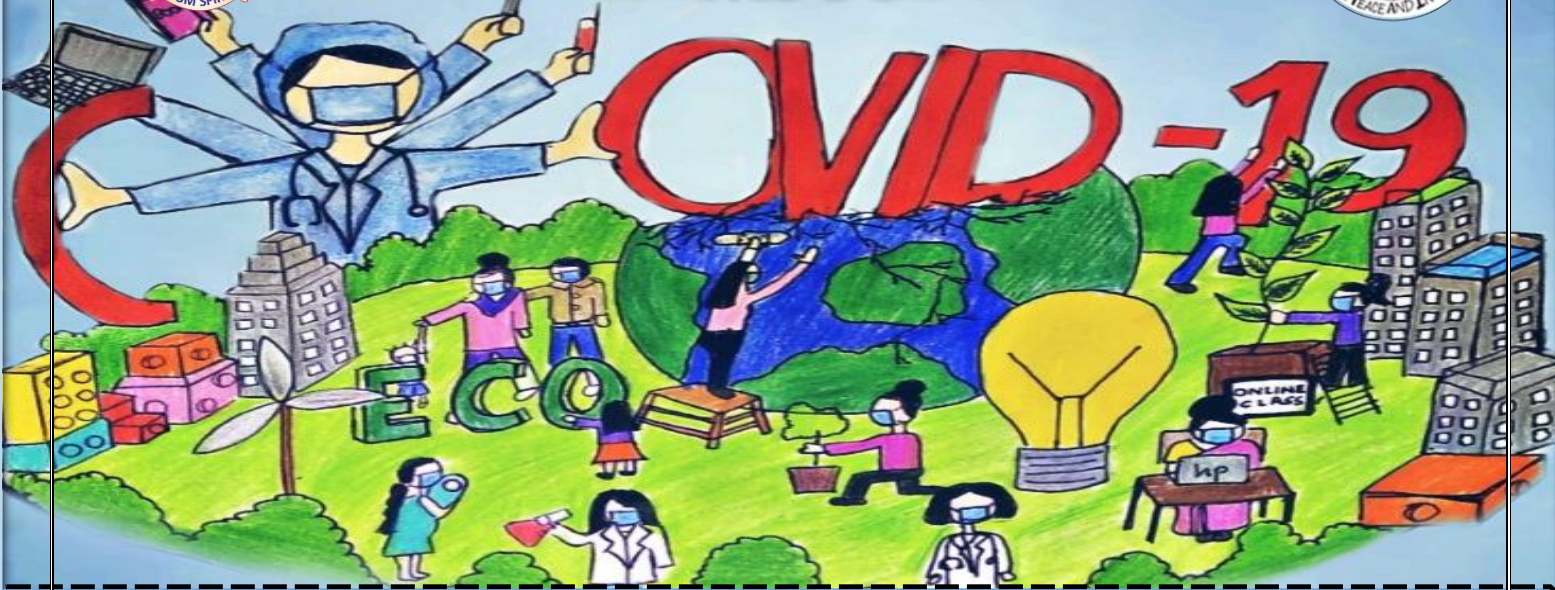




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Dear friends,

We are glad to announce the much-awaited 7th edition of our JPIC e-magazine.

This edition focuses on Sustainable Cities and Communities and also Women's Experiences,

Strengths and Commitments during the Covid19 Pandemic.

Once again, the magazine speaks volumes about team spirit, collaboration and enthusiasm of all the JPIC members.

We are deeply indebted to Ms. Georgina Menon, the West Zone JPIC Coordinator, for her efforts in evolving the magazine.

We would also like to express our heartfelt gratitude to Sr. Sabrina Edward, the Province leader and her team who has been a constant inspiration and driving force in this endeavor.

The magazine has made it possible for our young students to vociferously articulate their thoughts and opinions about the aforementioned topics and develop their thinking skills.

Happy perusing!

Mrs. Ratna Ranjan

JPIC National Coordinator, Loreto India.

LORETO CONVENT ASANSOL

Do we really have a sustainable future?

Well, the answer would have been 'NO', but fortunately it is 'YES'. The whole credit of this 'YES' goes to Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs, set in 2015 by United Nations General Assembly.) The Sustainable Development Goals are a blueprint to achieve a better and sustainable future. They balance the economic, social and ecological dimensions of sustainable development and place a fight against many crises prevailing in the whole world. There are 17 SDGs with their 169 targets from the core of 2030 agenda. It deals with poverty, hunger, health, equality in education, gender equality, hygiene, modern energy, economic growth, inequality based on caste, creed and religion, settlements, climate, ecosystem, promote peace and give justice.

Through the pledge to 'leave no one behind' the countries have committed to FastTrack progress for those furthest behind first. Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals requires the partnership of the government, private sectors, civil society and the citizens to make sure to leave a better planet Earth for the future generation. This can only happen through high standards of governance at all levels.

India has played an important role in shaping Sustainable Development Goals and ensuring balance



among its three pillars - economic, social and environmental. India is also running many programs to support and promote Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). India believes that with combined and sustained efforts at the national and global levels, it will indeed be possible to eradicate poverty and ensure a prosperous world for all.

---Priyanka Banerjee 10B



-Apala Chaudhuri, Class XII



Sharanya Hazra, Class XII

“When you look at a city, it’s like reading the hopes, aspirations and pride of everyone who built it.”

Hugh Newell Jacobson

We are humans and unless Musk or anyone finds a way to reach other planets, we still need to live on this earth. Now, forests and deserts do not sound too good to find our habitat and live peacefully when we are invading the forest habitants. Undoubtedly, we need cities. Cities provide employments and who wouldn’t like having high standards.

Now, there isn’t a bunch or about hundred people living on this earth. It consists of more than over 70 billion residents. We need space. To live. To grow. To settle.

Having highest standards for everyone seems impossible. We need to get things affordable. Yes, that is the word. India had a massive economic downfall during the COVID-19 and yes, progress takes years and years.

Now to make things pretty affordable we need zero poverty. Yes, it will take years but hope is what on which the world is still alive. Safe and affordable housing and basic services with safe transport. Protection of cultural and natural heritage. Green and public spaces for elderly. The deprived people are the most affected ones during a natural disaster, we need measures for them to overcome these challenges and stay strong. Helping rural areas to grow.

However, this is part of a dream. Yes, a dream. It means a big, drastic change. They need our coordination, our unity. If we want a change, we need to work for it. Goals are made, now it is up to us to take initiative.

That is possible only if we understand this:

"People here can't realize there are poor people in the world. They can't think about the needs of other people." Suburbia by Bill Owens.

We need T.H. Marshall’s full equal membership in a political community because we need to be a global thinker and care about others instead of being selfish.



-Manjari Theodora Bhengra X-B



- Debdyuti Neogi, Class X



-Renaisa Banerjee, Class X



-Bidisha Gupta , Class X

LORETO DAY SCHOOL, BOWBAZAR

HER LOCKDOWN TALE



Zoha Wasim Class 8

Tears running cold from her eyes , she looked out from the window of the one of the two room house she resided in with her three brothers and her mother who is a single parent. Being the only and the youngest one in a family , her dexterous feeble hand tied her long hair into thick beads, dressed up as she looked into the only mirror coating her face in thick mask of powder as instructed by her mother to veil her slightly dark and unmaintained face. She often questioned herself on such demand of a fair women to marry with, applied her borrowed makeup, all applied excess, wore her only red salary which was constant for this particular purpose, covered her hair with her achal as she sat on the little corner of her unkept house.

Images of those moments of harassment, ignorance, abuse and rejection came appeared on her mind crystal clear. She could see her family food crisis during the early months of lockdown, she recalled her plate with one roti while her brothers plate filled with two large rotis, images of her mother enrolling her from school class unable to manage the education of all four and she was the only one who could sacrifice .She had been detached from books since then, she could hear her mother requesting the known ones around for a suitable suitor for her 17 year old daughter. It was expected to be normal for her but unexpectedly she detested of it.

Was she the reason for her family's poor condition? Was she who had proposed for this sudden lock down adding to their trouble? Was she born a burden? Why was she born a "she"? These were the common questions which quite frequently appear to most of the girls in a country where people chant about feminism. These kind people had not yet reached the little girl in this dark corner of the world. Her family was not able to sustain her one roti. There was a knock she knew the family arrived and she knew that she will be showcased in a couple of minute again to be measured from head to toe and bargaining on dowry based on the many flaws one can take out. Are women a sheep for sale? Was she expected to forget it all? NO, she untied her hair , uncovered her head this time and said out loud "MEIN AAPKE BETE SE SHAADI NAHI KARUNGI."Throwing her dupatta she walks out of the house. The consequences after these bold words are still unknown but I believe this one line is enough for a woman with dignity to stand for herself. It should be bold and loud, perspicuous to all those family with this orthodox mentality. WE ARE NOT WOMEN , WE ARE "WE _MEN".

Barshana Chatterjee 10B

LEARNING FROM COVID 19

COVID 19 has influenced the lives of women? Life is all about learning. Time never stops so we shouldn't either. Covid-19 had brought a pause to our typical lifestyle but people found new ways to occupy themselves and cope up productively despite being walled inside their homes. Women are all rounder. They must manage the entire household, take care of the younger ones, see to the family needs and they are the ones who hold the family together levelling it with their work life. The pandemic has left thousands homeless and jobless. The economy was affected drastically. This never stopped women, they tried applying for a new type of work from home . Some tried working more on their pursuits and found themselves engaging in something they had never given another thought. We had a lockdown for over three months and till now we are still inside our houses most of the time. Women who loved gardening has now opened a nursery that is profiting and supporting their family after she lost her job. Women have a way to create something beautiful from broken things. They find a way to use and recycle almost everything. Painting, decorating broken crockery and glasses they found a way to make beautiful showcases and open their business. A lot of women have opted for selling garments, jewellery and crafts online. Some worked on their cooking skills and prepared recipes which they shared to the world through social media. Working women who had to stay home now found more time to spend with their family. A busy mother who never had the time to make tiffin for them now could read bedtime stories to her children daily. Young undergraduate students took degrees and internships that would benefit them in future. They were able to connect to long lost relatives and able to smile and breathe without worrying about the office meetings. Women became more strong, they were ready to fight for themselves and give a second chance to things they never considered before. Covid- 19 brought about the urge and lit the fire inside the hearts of many. It helped them sort out their priorities with time. We are always grumbling about all the negative impacts of the pandemic, but never once seeing the bright side. Life is full of ups and downs but it's up to us how we utilize the time we get in our best possible way. There is no end to learning and creating and nothing can stop us from what we are meant to do.

SUSTAINABLE CITIE

MS RITTIKA GHOSH



LORETO CONVENT DARJEELING

Women`s experiences ,strengths and commitments during Covid-19 pandemic

Women have been playing a huge role in molding the society with their respective characters throughout the decade. The presence of women has been found in all fields necessary. Irrespective of age the strengths and struggles have been known by all.

Starting from the very beginning of World War I, while the men went to war women filled the void in the work force of the country and very soon were seen in the war field as nurses. Florence Nightingale has been said to begin the profession of nursing when she led a group of female nurses in the British War of 1854.

The fact is 60% of the healthcare workers are females aged from the early 20`s to late 50`s. During these times of fear and death they provide care to the sick and suffering putting their lives on standby. The women working on the Covid duties consist of expecting mothers, women due for retirement and women who have to provide for the children at home. But due to the patriarchy and societal standards women furthermore have to be present for all the activities in the house as well. At the end of the day women are to work outside as well as shoulder all the responsibilities at home.

The women entrepreneurs facing gender inequality for equal income have partially overcome this problem. But due to the pandemic many working women have lost their jobs due to insufficient provision of salary by the companies. The balance of working male and female has once again fluctuated with decrease in the female ratio.

Amongst all the daily life problems and the Covid 19 Pandemic women have been providing with all they have. Talk about saving lives in the operating theater, managing the economy of the country, doing groceries or breaking the norms of society, they have done it all.



Biwechana Rai, 9B



Angel in disguise



Shreya Lama, 10B



Lasata Pradhan, 10C



Women Saviours in times of Corona

Women's experiences, strengths and commitments during the COVID-19 pandemic.



Leah Sonowal Class IX

The unexpected advent and continuation of the COVID-19 pandemic has brought changes and hardships for humanity and its impact resonates globally. The ensuing lockdowns have had unprecedented effects in all sectors of life; be it social, economic, political or personal life. Pandemics make existing gender inequalities for women worse, and can impact how they receive treatment and care. Though the pandemic has affected all people, the measures to resolve its effects must take gender into account. Out of the many new and challenging experiences that women and girls have had to face this year, this article will highlight the impact of domestic violence and the closing of schools in particular.

In terms of women's experiences, an important development during the lockdown period is the alarming increase in reports of domestic violence against women. While there are the reported cases, many more go unreported and therefore unaddressed because the victims are threatened into silence. Hence, there's no saying how many more women are in need of protection. A ray of hope shines as more and more women are speaking out, thereby empowering other women to uplift themselves from oppression.

The closing of schools will definitely have a large impact on young girls. According to a Business Insider report, as many as 11 million girls are projected to not return to school after the pandemic. Young women are at a clear disadvantage as for many, school was the only source of health or security and was a safe place. The consequences would be putting them at risk of illiteracy, abuse, forced marriage and early pregnancy.

Despite all the prejudices put up against them by years of a system that is based on gender inequality, many women have displayed exceptional strengths. The working woman today juggles a busy work life in an online environment and takes care of her family/household. These women are to be applauded for fulfilling all their responsibilities with grace and the kind of strength that only exceptional humans possess. Women have displayed resilience and the transition to multiple roles was effortless, thereby showing women's capability in multi-tasking. For example, teachers who were used to filled classrooms up-skilled themselves to render online classes thereby ensuring that the future of their students did not get adversely impacted due to the lockdown. The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the strength of all women to adapt and persevere in the face of any adversity.

COVID-19 has reinforced the importance of women, especially their contribution towards the functioning of the household, society, nation and humanity as a whole. Women are also at the frontlines of the pandemic with them being the majority of workers in our health systems. As witnessed and reported by the NEWS media, nations with a female premier were seen to have handled the pandemic crisis more efficiently. It must be ensured that our recovery from the pandemic is inclusive as well as sustainable and women's equal participation will be essential for that.

Green City, Clean City




Shravasti Lama, 12C



TO BE A GIRL

To be a girl.
 How am I supposed to explain
 I'm just like any other
 I'm going through so much pain
 But they just don't seem to bother.

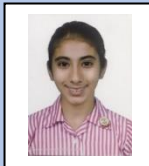
I have lost all my worth
 Even before my birth
 One so called mistake
 And now my life is at stake.
 Is this what it feels like to be a girl
 So much suffering, all my work in vain
 I know I am as precious as a pearl
 But the world keeps treating me like a bane.
 But in this despair,
 I hope the world will change
 And I want to stop this fight
 I want to set free from this cage
 And set things to what is right.



Wiekevi Michelle Nvuthe XII C

SHE HAS A VOICE

She has a voice,
 that doesn't know how to speak
 She has a voice,
 that really wants to weep.
 She has a voice,
 that can change the world,
 She has a voice,
 that is yet to be unfurled.
 She has a voice,
 that people dismiss,
 thinking it to be an age old myth.
 So stop and let her speak,
 for her voice will show you what goodness reaps.



Harneev XI B

WE WILL RISE TO RAISE



As they say, "water is the elixir of life",
 We've exploited it enough, now for clean
 water we strive,
 Parched will be the Earth who could ever
 guess: because while every drop count, we
 keep wasting countless!
 For water there could be inequality, it is hard
 to conceive,
 It demands change in not just how we live, but
 also how we perceive!
 Differences in name of colour, region, religion,
 castes and gender,
 These make our culture and the country weak
 and slender!
 Remember we must, that "Together we can
 make a change",
 If united, our voice will carry across the oceans
 or a high mountain range!
 We have to create harmony, together and also
 individually,
 we are the future citizens, must not let others
 take this casually.
 Like water, feminine is the source and nurturer
 of life!
 We must create peace with it and not let there
 be strife.
 Children of the same God, all humans are
 created as one,
 We must forget the differences, celebrate life,
 and have fun.
 Feminine symbolizes sensitivity, gentleness,
 strength and purity:
 It is time to grant the Feminine power her
 rightful place of dignity.
JUSTICE, PEACE AND INTEGRITY OF CREATION
 is the belief we hold on to,
 Yes! I am responsible for this world and so are
 you!

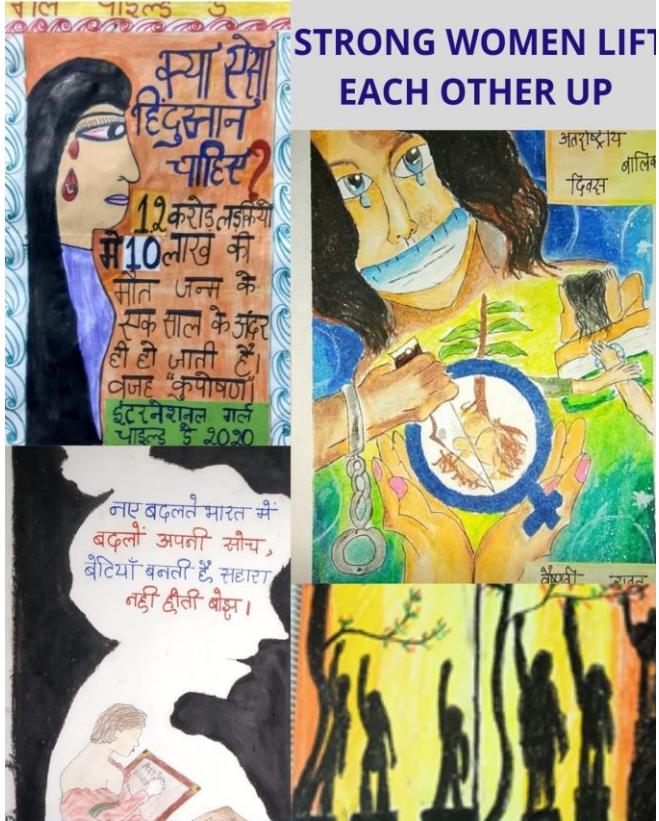


Gauri Atreya
 XI-C

Stopping pollution is the best solution



STRONG WOMEN LIFT EACH OTHER UP



"We are in this together-and we will get through this together"
 -Antonio Guterres (UN Secretary General)

LORETO DHARAMTALA

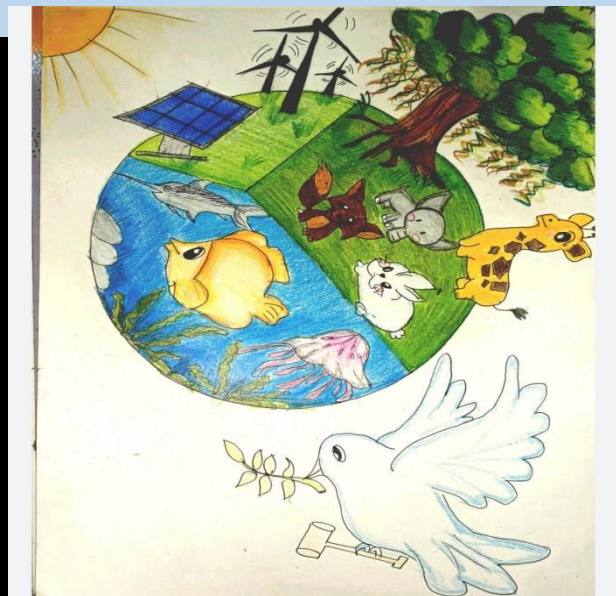
Women's experiences, strengths and commitments during the Covid-19 pandemic.



Vanshika Kothari
Class IX

Women, like everyone else have had to face a lot during this pandemic. While women are generally characterized as homemakers, they have worked hard in all fields of society over the years, to regain their place of reverence. This year was especially challenging for them.

As young mothers, one of the biggest hurdles for them was to work from home, do the household chores and look after their children. Although in many cases, members of the family were seen helping them but in reality many were not as lucky. With the absence of domestic help, the burden of work was put on women. The biggest hurdle according to me though, is an increase of 8% in sexual assault, making an average of 88 rape cases per day. Women have faced challenges throughout their lives. They have been compared, objectified, undermined but nothing breaks them in a way these attackers do. This is not a topic that is concerned with the pandemic, but it's a topic that I personally feel we should not cease to talk about until the crime is eradicated. A grand salute to all the female frontline workers, they have been the strongest and helped us get through this pandemic. They have sacrificed their family and their own lives for the country. There couldn't be a better inspiration for us during this pandemic than them. Women are beautiful and powerful in every way. They are mothers, daughters, sisters, wives, teachers, doctors, pilots, soldiers and can be anything they want to be. This pandemic has made me realize the importance of the women in my life. I salute them because had it not been for them, I wouldn't have been able to survive this catastrophic year.

SDG 11- Sustainable Cities and Communities

Muskaan Kothari XI



Suchorita Roy XI

LORETO DAY SCHOOL, ELLIOT ROAD WOMEN DURING THE COVID-19

Covid-19 has clearly shown that our Public Health infrastructure must be fortified and it has affected women much more profoundly. Self-quarantine and lockdown measures throughout the world has increased women's workload as people are home-bound for an immensely long period of time. Data from the Organization for Economic cooperation and Development show that Indian women do nearly six hours of unpaid care work each day, alongside their professional work (if any). Indian men on the other hand, spend less than an hour on an average doing the same. Globally, women perform 76.2% of total hours of unpaid care work. This is not to say that women must not engage in care giving work. In fact, many women take tremendous pleasure, cherish and prefer such activities when it comes to their families. Due to the Covid-19 lockdown system, many women are working at home and from home. The struggles faced by women on a daily basis are numerous yet they are serving on the frontlines against Pandemic and as a result, the impact of the crisis on women is stark. They continue to do the majority of unpaid care work in households, face high risks of economic insecurity and face increased risk of violence, exploitation and abuse during the times of this crisis, yet they work relentlessly, full of strength and resolute.



Mariyam Qifthiya Riyasath
Class XII

VIDEO LINK STRUGGLE OF WOMEN DURING COVID TIMES

<https://youtu.be/4nd1E4E5u4s>

Debopriya Saha Class IX



'Tis the Life of the Slums

Standing waters, too foul to sip.
Festering bread, too hungry to skip
Blank, distant stares, No tears to shed,
All bones and skin, Every day we dread.
Welkin dome, Papery walls to knock.
The angry 'pours drenched our only sock.
They call us trash, That's what we collect
To adorn our abodes,
With teeming families, Wrecked.
No one who bothers
No one who cares
Toiling under the blistering beams,
Our bodies bare.
Our lives so empty, there's only dearth,
In this fancy world, we have no worth.
When in need, whom shall we seek?
To save our lives, which remains bleak.
The chilly Winter's breath,
Makes our blood so numb,
'Tis the life of the slums.



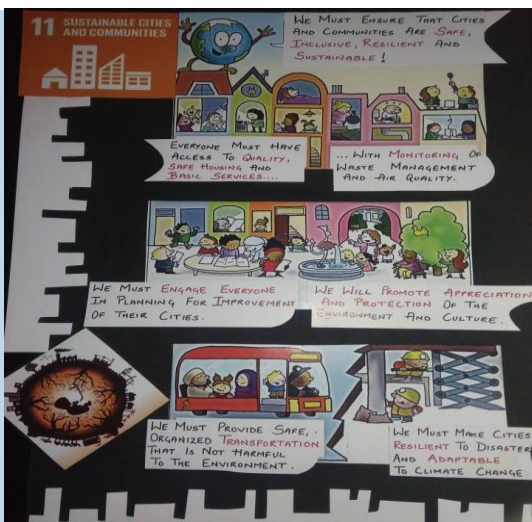
Ramisha Fathma Class IX



Shree Basu Class IX



Alisha Khan Class XII



Aamirah Khurram
Class XII



Resilient yet Graceful

She, In the dim,
 Found luminosity and illuminated
 Hopes and dreams.
 She, Is woven in strength
 And dedication
 Salvaged existence
 From the waves, of demise.
 She, has been encircling
 Far too long caught in his,
 Mortal and fatal gravity.
 Yet, she refuses to compromise
 And let him curb her, Glow.
 She, Is fire flaring up awful grime
 Won't stop until she has reached the End.
 She, Wakes up every dawn,
 Perspective clear in her intellect
 To extricate the unknown, the unidentified
 From fear and apprehension.
 She, Has the competence to blossom,
 Like a lily amidst the storm
 To shine like the sun,
 In the glacial, void of time. For she, Is a woman



Shreya Gupta
 Class IX



Tripti Jaiswal
 Class X



Anurima Biswas, Class x



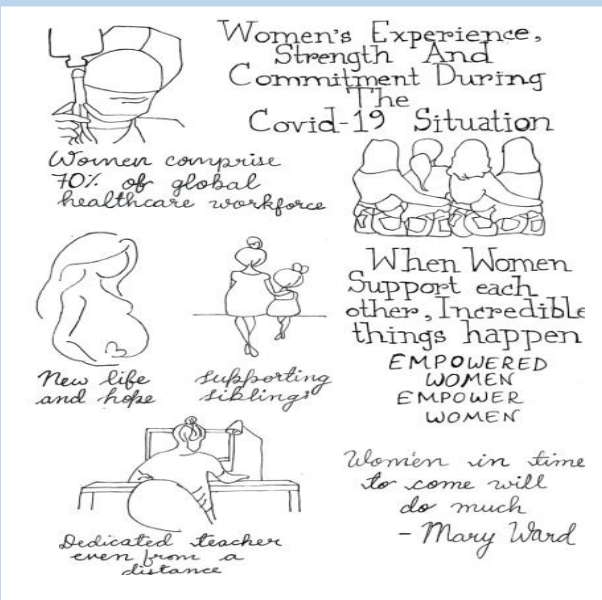
COVID-19 AND WOMEN

“Women in time to come will do much”, this is a maxim by our foundress Mary Ward. It holds true in every sense even today because women in this Pandemic have come to the forefront by fighting against all the odds that they have been facing in this situation. From girls in Afghanistan making low-cost ventilators for the covid-19 patients to Jacinda Ardern, the Prime Minister of New Zealand, handling the spread of the virus.

Statistics have shown that the least affected nations such as Denmark, New Zealand and Finland are led by women. Even in India, under the leadership of KK Shailaja, the current Health Minister of Kerala, only 4 people were lost to the virus in a population of 35 million.

But even in these bleak times, especially, in India women were being harassed. Cases of domestic violence have seen an alarming rise. This kind of rise has not been seen in India since the last 10 years. Even though about 86% women who experienced violence never sought help and 77% of the victims did not report the incident to anyone. This pandemic has also reduced the presence of women in the labor workforce and in other economic workplaces.

The road to economic and social independence for women was already hard. The pandemic has made it worse.



Farzeen Rahi Class IX



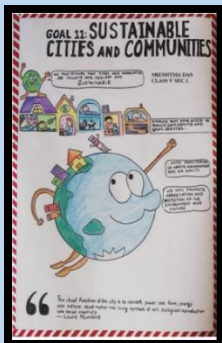
Rosemary Dessa Class X

LORETO CONVENT ENTALLY

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, people were forced to stay home, but more than often we forget that about one million of Kolkata's population is homeless. While the public was occupied maintaining sanitation at personal levels, there was and still is a part of the population to whom, the most basic sanitation facilities or even clean water is not available for use. As a nation we faced our worst economic downfall, from the wealthiest businesses to the migrant workers and daily wage earners lost their occupation. Even though, we saw a tremendous boost in the environmental status, from clear skies, lowered pollution levels to the blooming flowers along pathways, we cannot afford to stop here. This period was a precursor to what is to come our way if we do not act sensibly now. We cannot go about polluting our environment and increasing the pressure on our natural resources. We need to move ahead in a sustainable path, proper planning of cities, maintaining the balance between population and land-resource capacity, controlling the number of running vehicles, sustainable methods of waste segregation and disposal, greener cities with increased area under vegetation and most importantly active participation of citizens and special workshops to increase awareness about cleanliness and sanitation at both personal and social levels.



Shrutika Tiwari
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Bhattacharya
(VI-1)



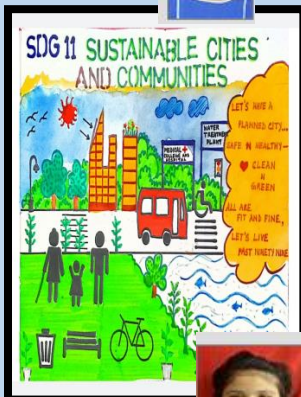
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Hussain
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Sohini
Pal
(V-1)



Aahel Kundu
(V-2)



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(IV-2)



Recycle – Paper bags made of recycled things



Promugdha Das
(III-2)

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Bhaduri
(III-1)

Shritani
Singh
(III-2)



Cities are engines for sustainable development. Urban spaces offer opportunities for people to prosper economically and socially, but this is only possible in prosperous cities that can accommodate people in decent jobs and where land resources are not overwhelmed by growth. Unplanned urban sprawl, as cities spill beyond their formal boundaries, can be detrimental to national development planning and to the global goals for sustainable development. These challenges to urban spaces can be overcome by improving resource use and focusing on reducing pollution and poverty. Cities can either dissipate energy or optimize efficiency by reducing energy consumption and adopting green energy systems.

India is urbanizing rapidly. Between 2001 and 2011, the country's urban population had increased by 91 million; India is projected to add 416 million urban dwellers between 2018 and 2050. By 2030, India is expected to be home to seven mega –cities with population above 10 million. 68% of the country's total population lives in rural areas, while 17% of the country's urban population lives in slums. The Government of India's smart cities mission, the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission, and the Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) are working to address the challenge of improving urban spaces. The Prime Minister's Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana aims to achieve housing for all by 2022.

Samriddha Adhikari (IX-1)





Krishna
Sarbari Ghosh
(X-2)



The COVID 19 pandemic has been stressful for everyone. But this is the period of asking questions, about ourselves, about experiences, about things that matter. Everyone has different opinions and different experiences. I, as a female, will tell you about women's experiences, strengths and commitments during the COVID 19 pandemic.

My mother is a homemaker, while talking to her I asked her about her experiences. She explained that as a homemaker she often can't tell the difference between the lockdown and her normal life. Women during this time have been working hard in their jobs and in the house. This lockdown has made me realize what the life of a homemaker is like, and that they deserve respect for the sacrifices they make. My grandmother is a professor; she has been working almost every day in the lockdown. So goes for all the working women in the world, the doctors, the scientists, the nurses who are especially important during this time. Women are working in every field and have progressed a lot. My teachers and my mother who guide me in life are examples of inspiration and love.

Women during this time are working in their jobs as well as in their homes for their family, this sheer level of hard work and selflessness is one the most beautiful and admirable things in the world.

As a girl, a student, a daughter I request everyone to consider the sacrifices made by a women and love and respect them, for this is what all of us want.

Alokita Sen(VI-1)



Here are some of my neighbours' and family members' experiences during Covid-19:

- My aunt** - She felt normal like every day because she always stays at home and goes out rarely.
- My mother**- She had a totally new experience during the pandemic. She really wanted to go out but cannot because of the lockdown. She said, "It was a new experience, sometimes it did not feel good but we must learn to adjust". She was really inspiring to me.
- A doctor** who lives in my neighbourhood- She said, "It has never happened before. We are totally new to it. As a doctor I have the responsibility to save people's life because they are like my family. We have to go for work every day as usual. Thus, we thought we can save someone's life. So, we advised everyone to stay at home. It's too difficult to stay at home for one year. But adjust with it. Save some lives. Be the saviour by staying at home". I learned a lot from her.
- My friend**- She said, "I was really missing school. I am still waiting for the school to reopen. But it's the only way to be safe. I felt good because I adjusted with it very fast". She is one of my best friends and also one of the best persons I have ever met.



Treeparna Paul
(VI-1)

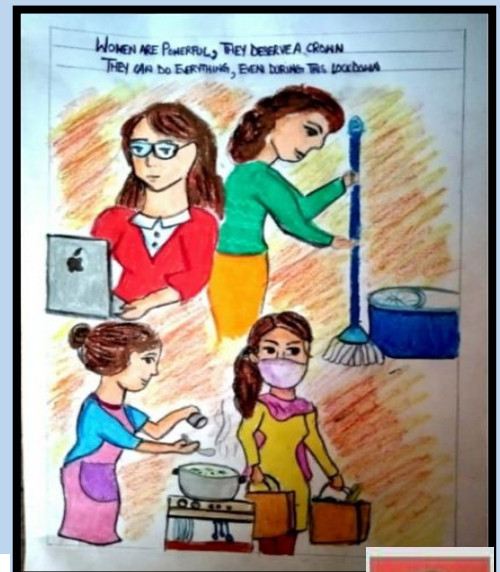


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The pandemic created a profound shock worldwide harming health, social and economic well-being. After a certain point of time we all lost our hopes but women in every house remained strong and besides being strong they taught us how to be strong and kept on motivating us no matter what situation came and what hard times came. Science says that women have a greater risk of infection in almost all communicable diseases. Nearly 60-70% women make up the health care workforce, who increases their risk of infection but they did not lose their strength. They continued working for the well-being of all the patients without thinking twice. On the other hand women were burdened since the time of lockdown. Women did their regular household work and the extra work of the maid. Working women did their office work as well as their household work. They are truly our inspirations.

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IMPORTANCE OF SUSTAINABILITY

The importance of sustainability in the urban setting cannot be over emphasized. As it concerns the very survival of a city, healthy cities contribute to a healthy nation. Clean environment and economic growth are complimentary to each other and result in a vibrant community. Given that a large population of India is dependent upon agrarian economy, and lives in vast coastal areas and Himalayan regions, India is highly vulnerable to adverse effects of climate change. However, India also has 30% of its population under poverty; 20% living without proper housing; 25% living without electricity and is a growing economy, thus economic and infrastructural development is critical too. Thus, it is most important that development projects be encouraged and conceptualized doctrine of Sustainable Development in mind.



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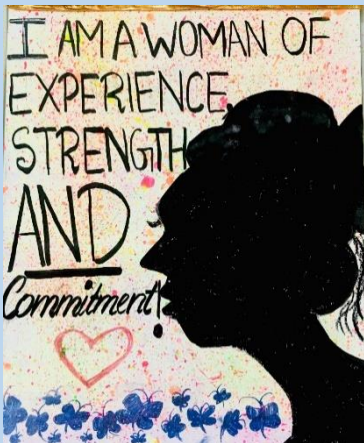
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SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES

The world is becoming increasingly urbanized. Since 2007, more than half the world’s population has been living in cities which projected to rise to 60 per cent by 2030. Cities and metropolitan areas are powerhouses of economic growth; however, they also account for about 70 per cent of global carbon emissions and over 60 per cent of resource use. Though the goals are wide-ranging and interdependent on each other, a 2017 UN resolution made it more actionable by identifying specific targets for each goal. The Targets identified for SDG 11 are as follows: • Safe and affordable housing • Affordable and sustainable transport systems • Inclusive and sustainable urbanization • Protect the world’s cultural and natural heritage • Reduce the adverse effects of natural disasters .These

targets are resilient.



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Fedora Kolentine-IV



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Lets be humans first and then be divided into gender:

Today, all countries are facing the same crisis, and none will prevail over COVID-19 by acting alone. Given that we share the same future, all of us must work to ensure that it is one built on solidarity and partnership. Governments and the UN must show leadership. We know that gender-equal societies are more prosperous and sustainable than those with deep disparities. The world’s decision-makers thus make gender equality their top priority.



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Strength and commitments of women during Covid 19

Covid 19 has been undeniably difficult, but it is the time to stand in solidarity and remain strong . It is a profound shock world wide but our sisters ,daughters and mothers continue to fight .They have adequately represented in Health sectors as well as continued with the majority of unpaid household care work. Women have always rendered themselves selflessly and their commitment to all situations is beyond words.



In these trying times, women have taken their places at the core of the fight against Covid-19. Nurses are now on the frontline against the Covid-19 pandemic and are responsible for providing holistic care for all types of patients. Apart from employment in the healthcare sector, women play a crucial role in their households. No matter how small the gender gap is today, it is a well known fact that women still partake in most of the responsibilities at home.. Therefore , they have served as the driving force behind the fight against Covid-19 by providing motivation and relentless



support.



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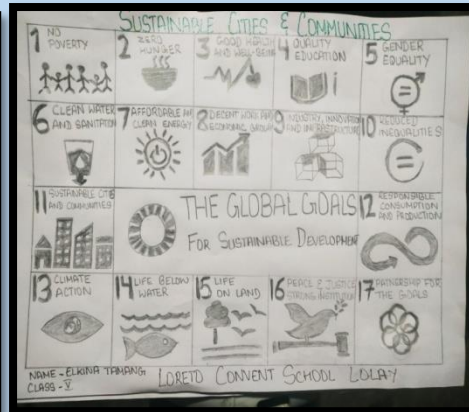
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Sustainable Cities and Communities

The meaning of sustainability refers to meeting our own needs without compromising the needs of the future generations.

In the modern era where in communities are susceptible to exploitation of resources, the needs for maintaining sustainability is of utmost important.

The usage of **3 R's** in the modern context has become prevalent to a great extent is **Reduce, Reuse** and **Recycle**. This concept has helped a lot in the notion of maintaining sustainable cities and communities. This includes using resources in a responsible manner and refraining from exploitations of the available ones. Making cities sustainable means creating career and business opportunities, safe and affordable housing and building resilient societies and economies. It involves investment in urban planning and management in inclusive ways. Sustainable development cannot be achieved without significantly transforming urban cities and communities.



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Women's Experiences, Strengths, and Commitments during the Covid 19 Pandemic

Corona virus disease is an infectious disease which leads pandemic to every parts of the world. It affected not only the health of the people but also social economic well being of the people throughout the year. It effected very badly both men and women but the number of men are nearly 60- 80% higher than women.



First and foremost, women are leading the health response. Nearly 70% of women are taking care of their health and making alert and aware all the people to be safe from the virus. Instead of having so much burdened at home, women are working to help the infected persons by taking greater risk. They are taking more responsibilities, taking care of their children for their education and health.

So, in this present situation they are the symbol of great strength for all the people in the world.



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SDG 11-SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES

Sustainable Development Goals are the long term goals undertaken by the UNITED NATIONS to make cities inclusive, safe, resilient, sustainable, and creating career and business opportunities. We will now talk about the goals. First, No Poverty, that is to end poverty in all its form everywhere. By 2030, eradicate extreme poverty for all people everywhere, currently measured as people living on less than \$1.25 a day. Second, Zero Hunger to end hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture. Third, Good Health and well-Being, to ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages. Fourth, Quality Education, to ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all. Fifth, Gender Equality, to achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls. Sixth, Clean Water and Sanitation, ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all. Seventh, Affordable and Clean Energy, to ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all. Eighth, Decent work Economic Growth, to promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all. Ninth, Industry, innovation and Infrastructure, build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation. Tenth, Reduced Inequalities, reduce inequality within and among countries. Eleventh, Sustainable Cities and Communities, make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable. The goal of sustainable development is to meet the needs of today by compromising the needs of tomorrow. This means we cannot continue using current level of resources as this will not leave enough for future generations. Stabilizing and reducing carbon emissions is the key to living within environmental limits.



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Sustainable Development Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities

Sustainable Development Goal 11, one of the 17 goals that make up the United Nation's 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, provides targets and guidance for urban planning to support cities with growing populations.

In 2015, the United Nations (UN) adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, a plan to promote peace and sustainable growth worldwide. One of the goals within the plan is SDG 11, which addresses urban development. The goal says cities should ensure access to safe and affordable housing, public transportation, and public green spaces. It states that cities should be resilient to natural disasters and protect those in vulnerable situations while also minimizing economic loss.

One sustainability target that is often overlooked is social sustainability and civic engagement. This includes actions individuals can take, like voting for measures that increase sustainability in their own city or for politicians who support these measures. People can also attend their city's public forums to give feedback on sustainability initiatives. Taken as a whole, SDG 11 is a comprehensive and complex goal: creating sustainable cities that can withstand both climate change and unprecedented growth.

The Agenda for Sustainable Development, and the goals contained within it, are important because nations are facing new challenges as their cities grow in size and in population. The 2019 progress review of SDG 11 stated: "Globally, urban areas are expanding at a faster rate than their populations. Between 2000 and 2014, areas occupied by cities grew 1.28 times faster than their populations." This means that cities are sprawling and becoming less dense. This leaves some urban residents without access to necessary infrastructure, like public transportation.

Many cities have already implemented sustainability efforts to meet SDG 11. Cities such as London, England, and New York City, New York, have passed legislation for congestion pricing to reduce air pollution. Congestion pricing is used to discourage people from driving by charging drivers higher tolls if they travel during rush hour or in certain high-traffic areas. Drivers of electric cars are sometimes allowed to travel for free in order to encourage environmentally conscious travel. Individuals can participate in this effort by choosing an electric car as their next vehicle or opting to walk or use a bike more frequently.

Though SDG 11 is primarily focused on government action, the initiatives need community buy-in from individual citizens as well as community leaders. For example, individuals can take actions such as fixing up their local parks, creating rooftop gardens, or participating in community composting programs to improve the quality of greenspaces and create additional ones in new spots. People can take small steps in their own neighbourhoods to support sustainable cities on a world-wide level.

-AMNA JAFRI ,12-SCIENCE



JPIC Activity Poster Making

SUSTAINABLE CITIES & COMMUNITIES

WE MUST STRIVE FOR SUSTAINABLE CITIES & COMMUNITIES. CHALLENGES: POPULATION GROWTH, CLIMATE CHANGE, POLLUTION, RURAL-URBAN MIGRATION, AND WATER MANAGEMENT. SOLUTIONS: SMART INFRASTRUCTURE, CLEAN ENERGY, GREEN BUILDINGS, AND SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION.

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OVERCOMING THE ODDS

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STRENGTH, COMMITMENTS, EXPERIENCES

OUR DEDICATED WOMEN POLICE OFFICERS, NURSES, DOCTORS & PARA-MEDICAL STAFF, OUR MOTHERS

Not Giving Up!, Keeping Hope Alive!, Finding Solutions!

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Fossil Fuels
Belong to the past...

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Belong to the past...

CLEAN ENERGY is our future.

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SDG11: SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES

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"URBAN PLANNING TO SUPPORT CITIES WITH GROWING POPULATION."

RAISING AWARENESS ABOUT WOMEN'S EXPERIENCES DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC!!!

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COVID-19

SOCIAL DISTANCING

Safety Concerns for women mostly women

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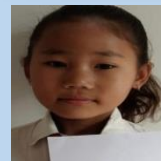
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SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES

With urbanization taking over every part of the world, the human race is moving towards development at a great pace . Development and sustainable living can be achieved simultaneously without exhausting the natural resources . The SDG 11 talks about Sustainable Development Goals. Leading a sustainable life will not only help us today but also the generations to come . Carrying our own shopping bags, cycling or walking to nearby destinations, carpooling, planting trees are few habits we can adopt which will have a noticeable impact . Small initiatives like these will help us to achieve sustainable living. No other example will best fit than that of the Covid 19 pandemic. With everyone locked inside their houses, the pandemic has taught us to live with limited resources.

Climate change is a real and an undeniable threat to our entire civilization. Marching towards sustainable living as swiftly as possible will help us to cope with the catastrophic effect of climate change .Therefore, we must act now. Sustainable society ensures better living conditions, efficient public transportation, provision of safe drinking water and good quality air.

India a nation of 1.3 billion people is one among 154 countries striving to achieve sustainable living by 2030. Unfortunately, India is ranked 112 with global index score of 59.1. India has to tackle issues like no poverty, zero hunger, gender inequality, quality education, etc. Providing employment to 1.3 billion people is not easy but not impossible. The National Employment Guarantee Act provides 100 days of employment to every rural household. The government should encourage self employment and provide aid to small scale businesses . It is estimated that 20 crore Indians sleep hungry at any given night but ironically food worth 14 billion US dollar is wasted every year in India. Organizations like 'Bhook' and 'Feeding India' are working towards reducing hunger. It is our duty as citizens to not waste food.

'When learning and teaching continually improves, everything improves'. No child should be deprived of education. Non-profitable organizations like 'Make A Difference' {MAD} and 'Voice Of Change'(VOC) are providing free

education to children residing in rural areas of the country.

The acceleration of urbanization in major cities like Mumbai, Chennai, Delhi and Bangalore has calamitous effect resulting in exhaustion of ground water, soil erosion, frequent floods, water pollution and threat to marine life. These can be prevented by thoughtful

consumption of ground water, construction and maintenance of sewers, planting of trees and factories treating their waste before releasing it into water bodies.

We must use our resources wisely without posing a threat to our ecosystem. Sustainable living is the only way in which we can conserve our nature and all the wonderful things it holds, as it is wisely said every grain of sand tells a story of the earth.

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SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES

There is no more green in cities now,
No more birds' melodious sound.

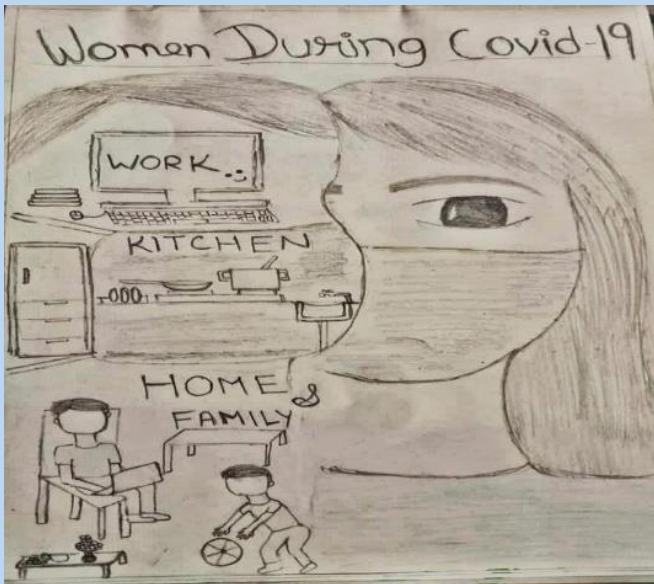
All that is heard is the beep of the cars,
And the environment turning more sour.
The last of the species seem now extinct,
For their habitat is now used to store filth,

Or to make settlements so that humans can fit.
Clear blue skies and clean air is now a dream,
For air, water and soil pollution are on the scene.

But our small actions can make a change.
Planting trees; reduce, reuse and recycle ;
using non- conventional sources and segregating non- biodegradable wastes from biodegradable,
Are some ways to make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable.

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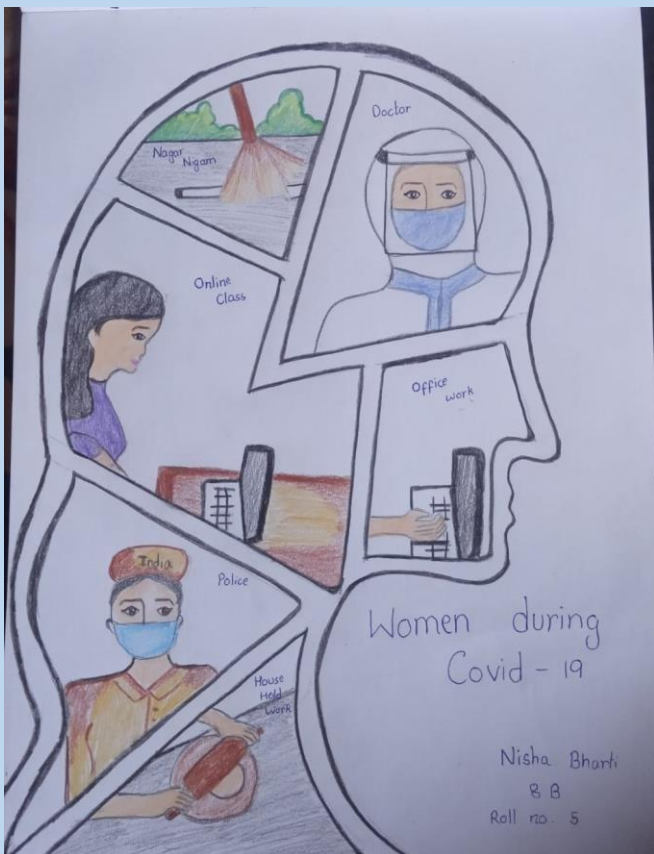


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OUR BELOVED TREES

- SIMMI TIGGA

Trees bear all the pains,
From summer heat to heavy rain.
But they never ask anything
in return,
So, isn't it our duty to
keep them in concern?
Do plant and protect trees
and contribute to sustain-
able development of cities
and communities.



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By - SIMMI TIGGA
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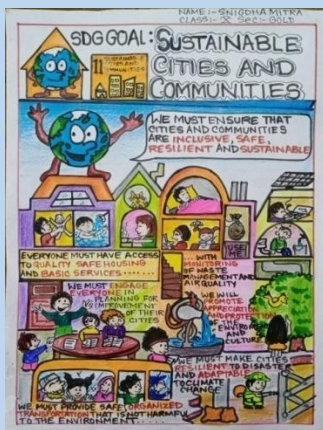
WOMEN ARE THE NEW HEROES

This pandemic has turned our lives upside down with more than a billion people in lockdown and we still don't know the answers to many questions such as - when will we meet each other without masks? When will we get back to our old normal? But, during these difficult and uncertain times women have inspired and are inspiring the world as we have overcome all odds, kept hope alive, never gave up, fought all sorts of discrimination and driven innovation despite all the problems and injustice that we have faced. We, women, have not only fulfilled our duties as mothers, daughters and leaders but also as female caregivers. In fact, data suggests, globally, women make up the majority of workers in the health and social welfare sectors. Whether it's Shipra Sharma Bhutani who has uplifted army widows, war-affected women in Afghanistan to lead a normal life and helped 20,000 migrants find work healthcare or the 17-year old Jyoti Kumari of Bihar who carried her wounded father to their home village on the back of her bicycle covering, women have done the most unimaginable things. When it comes to resilience and strength the world looks up to female leaders. Jacinda Ardern of New Zealand, Tsai ing-wen of Taiwan, Sanna Marin of Finland as these leaders have excelled in governance in this pandemic, inspired the world and have set an example for the unbroken community of women all over the globe.

There are so many women who have done so many remarkable things during this pandemic, we can't even name all of them at once. There are so many untold stories of women who are still battling injustice and prejudice that we're not aware of. But one thing that we surely know is that 'SHE' IS A HERO and 'SHE' WILL RISE!



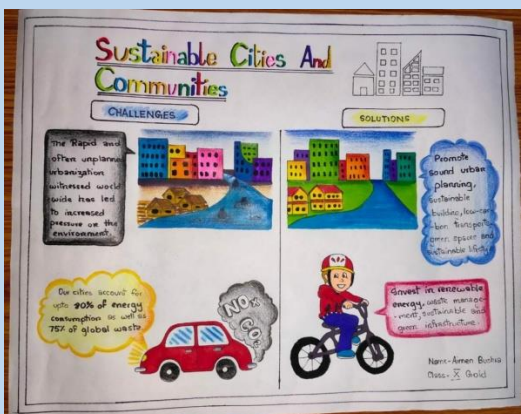
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Women's experience – Strength and Commitment during Covid-19.

The Covid-19 Pandemic struck the world and left the population of the world in shock, the Pandemic has affected every aspect of life be it in the social, economic, and cultural aspects. The Pandemic has dynamically changed the everyday life of all living beings- man, and all other living creatures of the earth.

The Covid-19 pandemic has adverse effects on the environment and the people living in it, all of us are victims of this pandemic. However, a new tomorrow would not be a reality without the strength and commitment of each and every person. We are the backbone of the world we live in.

WOMEN, are the core strength of the world and also the worst affected during the Covid-19 Pandemic. Women and girls experience the Pandemic differently, with the onset of the pandemic, we have all been staying home, and with this arises the difficulty faced by women. Women have been victims of domestic violence and abuse, women have been heroes by controlling work life and home chores and duties, women take up the responsibility of home schooling children and educating oneself in world affairs. Women also face gender inequality and biases, unpaid work, and harassment during the Covid-19 times.

Despite the difficulties faced by women during the Covid-19 Pandemic, women never fail to prevail their strength and commitment in fighting for a better future. Women make up 70% of the healthcare force, exposing them to high risk infection even though they are under-represented in leadership in the health care sector. Around the globe, women carry out much more workload than men, up to ten times more according to OECD Development Centre's Social Institutions and Gender Index (SIGI). Home Quarantines, Travel restrictions, and more impose high burden on women. Despite this, women's voices are not heard nor their hard work appreciated.

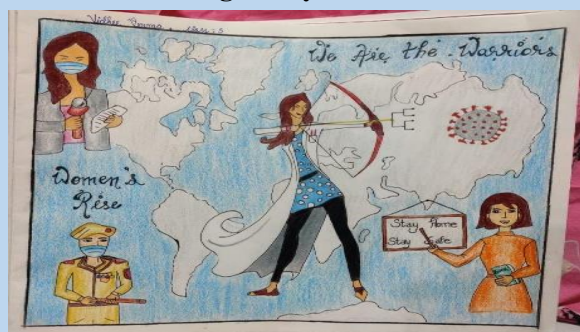
Early evidence show that Covid-19 does not affect men and women equally; men are generally at higher risk. While women's rate is lower than men, they have high risk of contact. Nevertheless, this shows the strength of women. In addition, women not only dominate employment in the health care sector but also do most of the unpaid work at home.

Since the onset of the pandemic, women's small scale industries have flourished with the help of media and of course, their unprecedented talents. Women have showcased their talent and their unheard voices are finally heard. Women's strength have been so well displayed during the pandemic be it in their commitment in the healthcare facilities, their strong will power in becoming successful and the strong voices they call for.

Without doubt, the Covid-19 Pandemic has been nothing but difficult for all people, but the difficulty faced by women is immense. Women all around however, showed their brave, fearless selves. Portraying their strength like never before. Women's commitment in making a better tomorrow for us all despite the hardships they face is one of the most selfless acts in today's world. Women are the backbone of the world especially during this difficult time of the covid-19 pandemic. Women are truly an inspiration to be strong, committed and selfless for all the people of the world.



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Theme 1- SDG 11 -‘A Letter from 2050’

Dear Grandma,

Mother told me about how life in the city was for you back in the early 21st century. Smog blanketing the city every morning, kids discouraged from going out, the electricity coming and going, the water tasting tainted by some unfathomable contaminant. While some moved around the city in their cars, thousands didn't even have a roof over their heads. How could people possibly live like that? Hard to imagine that was the city which today boasts of its green belts and parks every few kilometres, its vertical gardens and air purifiers, the clear and blue sky, the song of birds. The same city that, now always has clean water and reliable electricity from sustainable sources. Where services are distributed equitably and opportunities are free and fair. This is the city of 2050, a sustainable and inclusive one. I'm so immensely glad that my generation gets to share it with yours, the generation that fought for this future, and I can never thank you enough for it. With love, Your granddaughter.



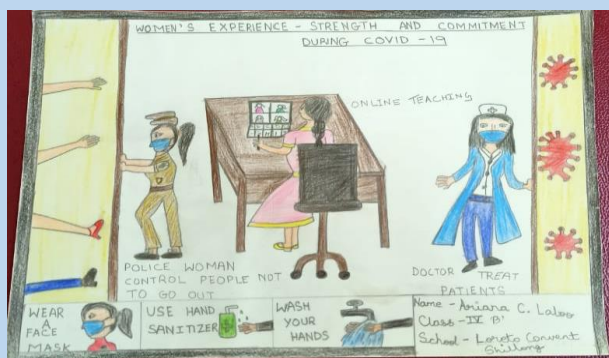
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SDG - 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities.

The Sustainable Development Goals are a collection of seventeen netted global goals designed to be a blueprint to achieve peace and prosperity for all, set in 2015 by all the Member States of the United Nations and are intended to be achieved by the year 2030. The eleventh Sustainable Development Goal focuses on “sustainable cities and communities”. According to the International Institute for Sustainable Development, more than fifty percent of the world’s population lives in urban areas. By 2050, nearly seventy percent will be engaged in the latter. This raises huge challenges for municipalities and city planners. Information and communication technologies (ICTs) offer solutions to many of these challenges. ITU (International Telecommunication Union) and the UN Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) launched „United for Smart Sustainable Cities“ (U4SSC) in 2016. The creation of smart cities requires an infrastructure capable of supporting an enormous volume of ICT-based applications and services. Commissions on standards for smart 5G systems, which will help improve the practicality of smart processes in large urban areas, is underway in some countries. Sustainable cities and communities are about more than just reduced energy costs and emissions as they also aim for the realization of a better quality of urban life for all.



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SUSTAINABLE LIVING

Today the word sustainable is the most common word heard nowadays every where. The Indian system of education has put the word sustainable education down our throats but never really explained it's true meaning and importance. Sustainability just refers to maintainability of something and thereby sustainable living refers to maintaining a lifestyle which does not harm the sustainability of other organisms on the planet. It's baffling to see how human kind is the only organism who has created a civilisation, which not only harms them and their peers but also other organisms. We have created an environment and a lifestyle which harms our well- being, and not just ours but put the very existence of the earth in danger. We as humans have single handed decreased the shelf life of our planet. Humanity refers to the compassion that humans possess and I guess the idea is that sustainable living is the most humane thing we as humans can do for the ecosystem. We need to live in the most environment friendly and ecologically sustainable way possible because we are the ones who put it in danger of Sustenance. We can help the world live a little longer just by shopping less, planting more, saving electricity and using renewable energy and just being human. It's a frequently used quote and very rightly used," We have not inherited the earth from out forefathers, we have borrowed it for our children". It is very selfish on our part to save it for our children but We need to save it none the less. We all are well aware of,



how we need to do it. We know the need of sustainable living and we need to follow it for a better tomorrow.

Khushi Gupta, Class XII

GENDER EQUALITY

-Ria Goel



Imagine a world where our life is governed by others. We are not free to do as we wish and our every move is confined by the traditional ideals of society. We might have a promising future, yet we cannot get there. Insignificant as it might be, something is holding us back, like a dog held back with a leash. Something we have no control over, yet it governs everything we are. This is the unfortunate situation faced by many women in India due to gender inequality. Whenever we ask people about gender equality they often have different perspectives about it. According to a view gender equality is prevalent in our society as women are free to live a life they aspire for while another opinion is that gender equality is completely vanquished from the society as women face too many restrictions owing to the Patriarchal norms that have undoubtedly marked women as inferior to men. As per my mind ,gender equality implies. a society in which no one is marginalised. No one is given extra privileges and no one is categorized as weak, outsider, strong or incompetent. Women, in their everyday life face many rejections either for their demeanor, for their dressing up or for getting involved in the so called manly activities. Isn't it ironic that "When men are oppressed it's a tragedy but when women are oppressed it becomes a tradition". The emotional, sexual. And psychological stereotyping of females begins when the doctor says, "It's a girl". The cries from the women have never been louder. Women in India should no longer be quelled by the traditional viewpoints of society. They must break the chains of prejudice and close the gap between their male counterparts. The task is daunting therefore each one of us. should find it, within ourselves to take action. The life we live is but a dream for so many. We live on one earth. share one spirit and thus should seek justice. As India's most famed freedom fighter Mahatma Gandhi ji puts it; "Of all the levels for which man has made himself responsible, none is so degrading ,so shocking or so brutal as this abuse of the better half of humanity: the female Sex." Now imagine the world once again but this time you are free. However gender equality is not restricted to females only, We all have heard that Gender equality is not a female fight it is a human fight' and 'Gender equality is not about feminism it is about humanism' however. We only think of women when it comes to gender equality but we all forget about the males and most importantly the transgender

If everyone, depends on others to start a revolution then humanity will never be able to win this war against gender inequality. Let`s learn to scream so that one day, a hundred years from now another brother or sister does not have to dry their tears wondering where in history did they lose their voice. Let's invite a realization within each one of us that Gender equality is not a need rather it is a precondition to overcoming starvation, poverty and epidemics. All through life there were distinctions, with which we all have grown - rest rooms for men, rest rooms for women ,clothes for men ,clothes for women but the truth remains that when we shall bid adieu to this mortal world, the graves will finally be identical.

-Ridhi Mahajan, Class IX



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SDG 11- Sustainable Cities and Communities

আমার শহরের পরিবেশ দূষণ

আমাদের চারিদিকে অপরূপ পরিবেশ,
দিনদিন দূষণের ফলে হচ্ছে তার নিঃ শেষ
শহরের নানাবিধ দূষণের ফলে,
ক্লান্ত জীবন আর নাহি চলে।
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এই ভাবে করে তারা বায়ু দূষণের সূচনা,
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দূষণের ফলে তা নেই যেন আর খাঁটি,
কলকারখানার আবর্জনা করে নদীর জলে
নিষ্কাশন,
এভাবে দিনে দিনে হচ্ছে জলে দূষণ।
পরিবেশ বাঁচাতে হলে দূষণ রোধ,
সকলের কাছে রইল ,আমার অনুরোধ।

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Al Azan Iqbal - Class 4



Sandip Singh Class V



Bijoy Mondal - Class IV



Let's change

Black smoke in the factory
The air is poisoned
Breathing is difficult
Who do I complain to?

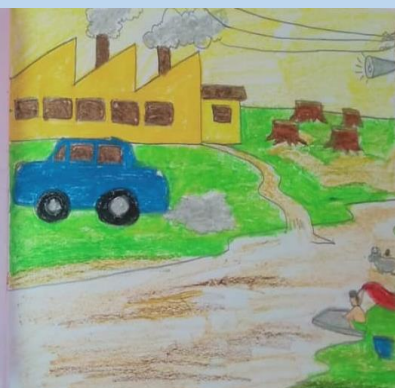
Water is getting polluted around us
Dirty water kills
My well being is questionable!

A loud noise all around,
The ear gets locked
I don't hear my own words,
Whom do I share with?

We are all responsible,
Why blame others
If we correct our own mistake,
Our world will be saved?



Rishika Singh - Class 4



Neha Sardar - Class 1



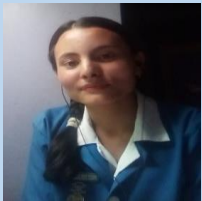
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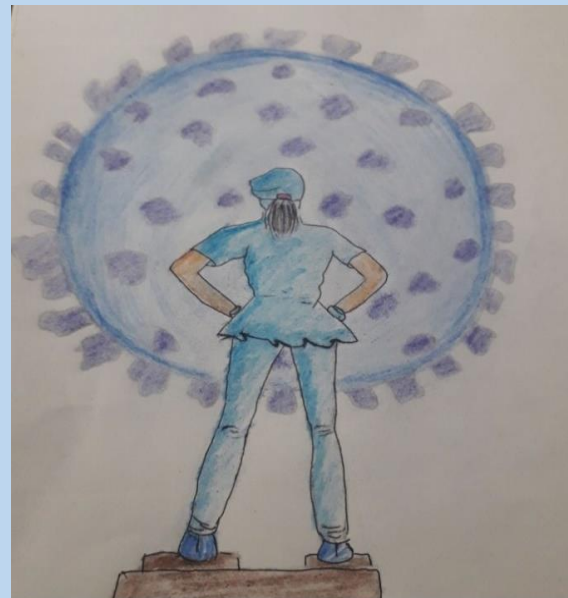
Women's experience, strengths and commitments during the Covid 19 pandemic.

The WHO declared the Corona Virus as an outbreak of global pandemic on 11th March 2020. Since then this has had a huge impact on a global stage. It is considered as the most crucial global health calamity of the century and the greatest challenge that humankind has faced since the Second World War. It has rapidly spread around the world posing enormous health, economic, social and environmental challenges. The study by Prof. Mariah Baird on the impact of the pandemic shows that women fare worse than men for many reasons. Around the world women carry out more care work than men. They are also shouldering much of the burden at home due to closing of schools and childcare facilities. Studies also showed a surge in the cases of domestic violence. For working women, the 'work from home' situation meant balancing full-time employment with household chores. However, despite all odds we see women shine even brighter whether it's in the role of a homemaker, a teacher, a health worker or a leader. During this pandemic we could see women fight the virus on a physical as well as mental level. Whether it was in PPE kits in the hospitals treating patients or in front of a laptop learning the skills of e-teaching and making sure that students don't miss out or behind the stove constantly working to keep the family well nourished, women have been in the forefront. Yes, the Corona Virus shook us badly, it rendered us utterly helpless, but it could not shake the indomitable spirit of a woman – homemakers, office goers, health workers, teachers – ALL WORKING SUPER WOMEN!



Sanjita Chettri, 12 B

COVID – 19 SUPERWOMEN



Nazia Tabassum , 9B



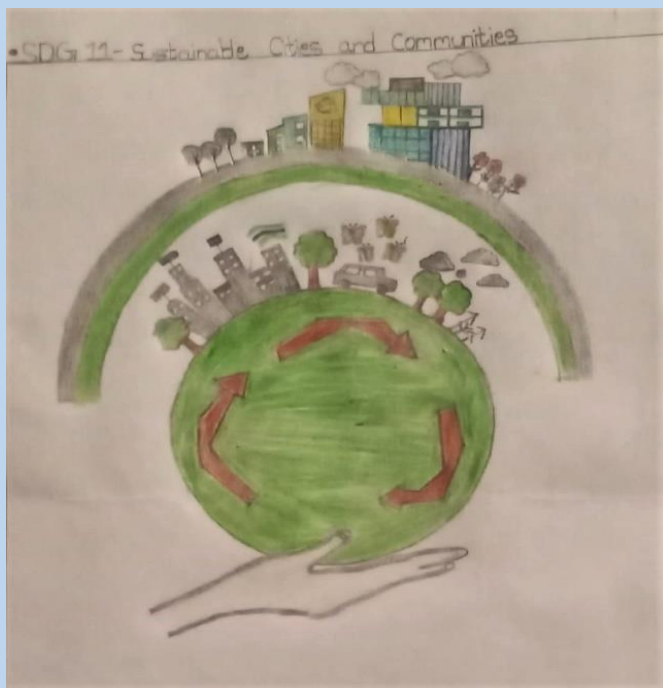
Muskan Shaw ,9C

SDG 11 – sustainable cities and communities.

The most indispensable component to construct sustainable cities is the solidarity and coordination between development and environmental protection. A sustainable community promotes resource conservation and pollution prevention. It also focuses on improving community health and quality of life as well as social equity. A sustainable community can persist over generations, enjoying a prosperous economy and it also develops in harmony with the ecology. It understands its natural, cultural, historical and human assets and resources and works to protect and enhance rather than polluting or abusing these resources. The foremost requirement of today is to be aware and to make others aware about the significance of sustainability. Since we all wish for a bright future, the only way to it is “SUSTAINABLE LIVING”. We as students can be the agents of this change in lifestyle and we can begin right now, right here, in our homes and in our schools.



Diwanjana Thapa, 9A



Sustainable development



My Green World



Dipika Roy, 10 B



Salvyra Raj Balmiki , 6 C

There's still hope

Such long afternoons, such sleepless nights,
 Taking every coin into consideration,
 Asking for loans with tearful eyes,
 Never before was she in such desperation.
 Smiling at customers at the mall,
 Had earned her keep since her husband's death,
 But now the mall had closed and her job was lost,
 A new wave of pity over her now leapt.
 Such she thinks as she pulls the needle through,
 Sewing was her only occupation nowadays,
 "Look, I have made a new shirt for you,"
 To her jubilant son she says.
 He replies as always with floral praise,
 But today he has something else to say,
 "You could make money in a better way,
 For I am sure that for these clothes people would pay!"
 His mother tried brushing it off as a child's fantasy,
 But she couldn't put the hope of it to rest,
 She had read stories of online businesses in magazines,
 and what harm could come off an attempt?
 Now allow me, reader, to skip ahead,
 And give this poem a happy end,
 I'll skip past the shaky start,
 And how she learned the business art,
 I'll tell you this, in the first few months
 better than her old job she fared,
 And she's sure it only gets better from here.



Sanskriti Agarwal, Class VII

Women's experiences, strengths and commitments during the COVID-19 pandemic.

COVID-19 has affected everyone's lives severely and likewise women all around the world have also faced both challenges and great responsibilities towards their families and in some cases even an entire nation. During this pandemic, women have been great supporters at home to their families which is an extremely significant role because of the mental toll that this situation is taking on everyone. At a global perspective, on one hand as the COVID-19 pandemic intensifies, its gendered effects have begun to gain attention. Though data are scarce, media coverage and reports from organisations that respond to violence against women reveal an alarming picture of increased reports of intimate partner violence during this outbreak, including partners using physical distancing measures to further isolate affected women from resources. Whereas on the other hand this pandemic has also brought in light on the fact that women leaders around the globe are managing the COVID-19 crisis better than their male counterparts, responding faster and communicating better about pandemic policies. It is as much in the hands of women leaders as their male counterparts to come up with COVID-19 policies to better the situation at hand.



- Manisha Mehta, Class XI

Reimagining Sustainability Our path to Actualizing SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities

With more half of the world's population living and working in urban areas, cities are the now the motors of this world. This is where one man's labour complements the others, to reach new pinnacles of human productivity and efficiency every day. As more and more individuals migrate to cities, we must reprogram our approach to space-utilization and the way we manage our resources, so as to enable equitable availability of the same and ensure the quality of life. Sustainable cities and living spaces can employ newfound social cohesion and technological innovation to drive out the evils of modern day living like poverty, pollution, and malaise. So far, cities are some of the greatest wonders of human capacity and capability, and making city-living sustainable and accessible count as the biggest questions awaiting our generation. As American Philosopher Susanne Langer said, "The seeds of civilisation are in every culture, but it is city-life that brings them to fruition."

Riya Bhargava, Class XII



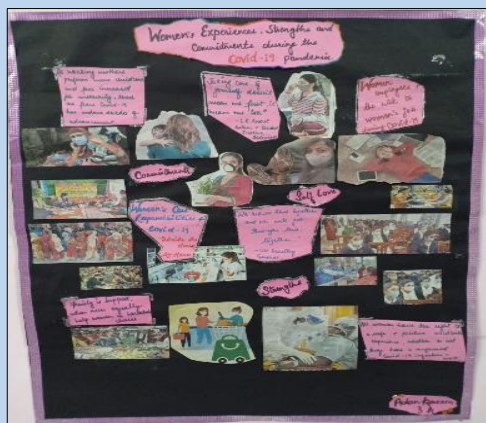


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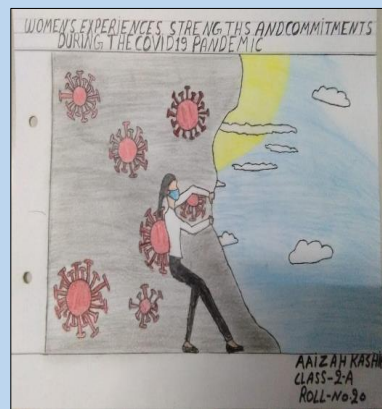
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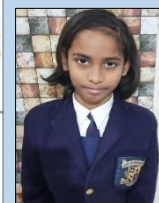
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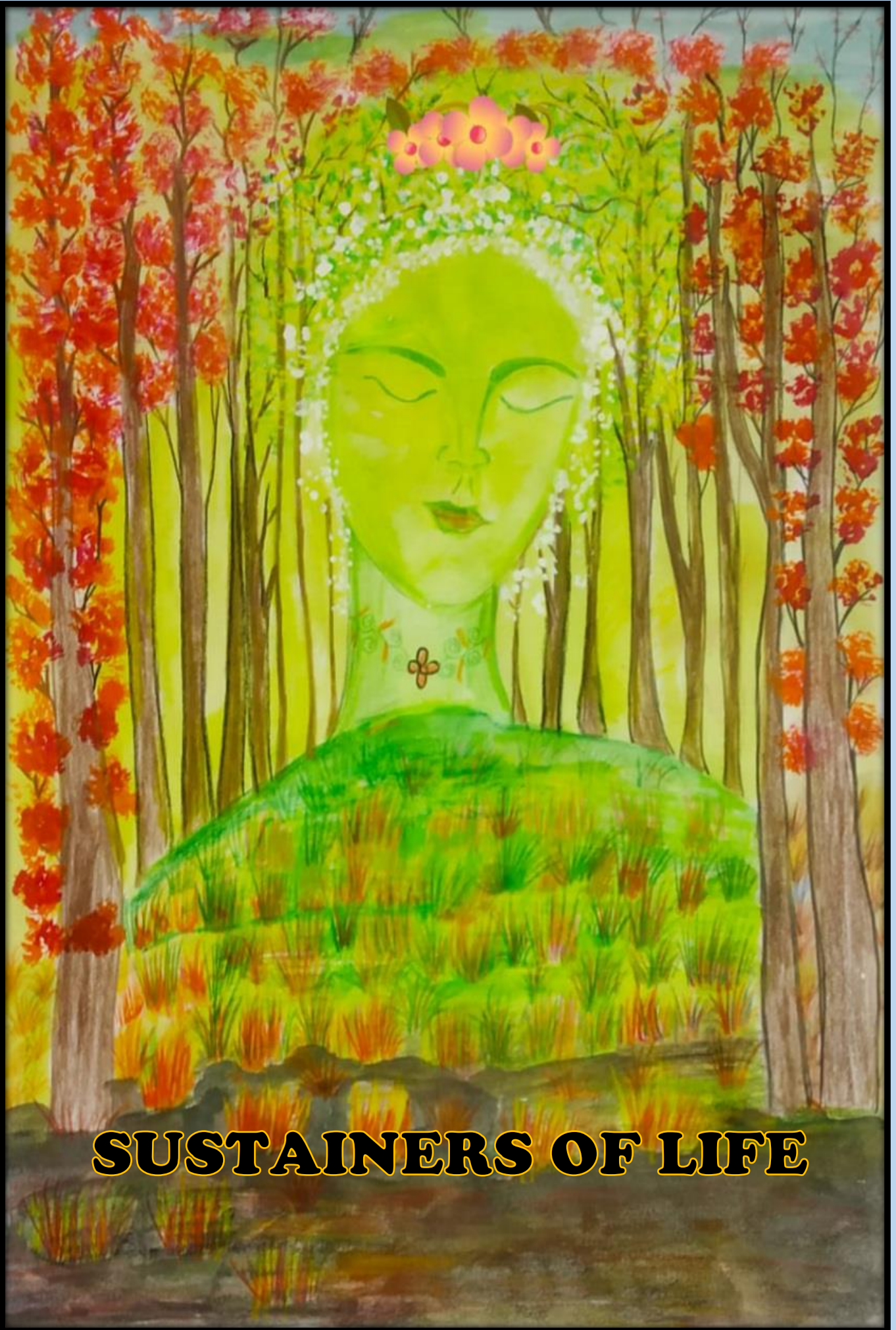


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