

REVIEW

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on her new book and a
behind the scenes look
at her TV show.

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The 74th Independence Day of our nation was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm at the Fort with adequate safety precautions and careful social distancing. The celebration started with the arrival of the Chief Guest, an eminent Old Boy of the school, Mr Yashwant Mahadik (Ex- Sh, 1985). He was received by the Principal, Dr Madhav Deo Saraswat. The Chief Guest hoisted the tricolour and the staff sung the national anthem with pious dedication. The Principal, Dr Saraswat welcomed the Chief Guest and applauded the courage and determination of the staff for participating in the celebration by substituting for the presence and spirit of the students who are held back at home in these unprecedented times. While addressing the representative gathering, the Chief Guest expressed his gratitude for being a part of the ceremony and delineated how the school has contributed to his life. After the inspiring words of the Chief Guest, the Scindian fraternity presented a melodious rendition of 'Saare Jahan Se Accha'. The performance proved that though we are separated due to physical distancing, our hearts are one. Thereafter, the community left for the Astachal, the spiritual centre of the School, where floral tributes were paid to the statue of Mahatma Gandhi, which was followed by some thought provoking pieces and soulful singing. The silence at the Astachal provided the introspection to gather the internal strength to persevere for being better, individually and as a community. The Principal presented the Chief Guest with a silver plaque as a token of gratitude. With this, the event came to a close.

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The festival of Ganesh Chaturthi was celebrated on the Fort with great enthusiasm but with due precautions and careful social distancing. The custom of Ganesh Sthapna was observed on Saturday, 22 August 2020, amidst the customary *puja*, *bhajans* and chanting of *shlokas*. The Assembly Hall reverberated with positivity. As customary, the next day, on Sunday, 23 August, the idol was taken to *Dhobi Taal* for *visarjan*, where it was immersed in water with hearts full of gratitude for a fulfilling year and prayers on the lips inviting Ganpati, the God of good fortune to bless the community with his presence.





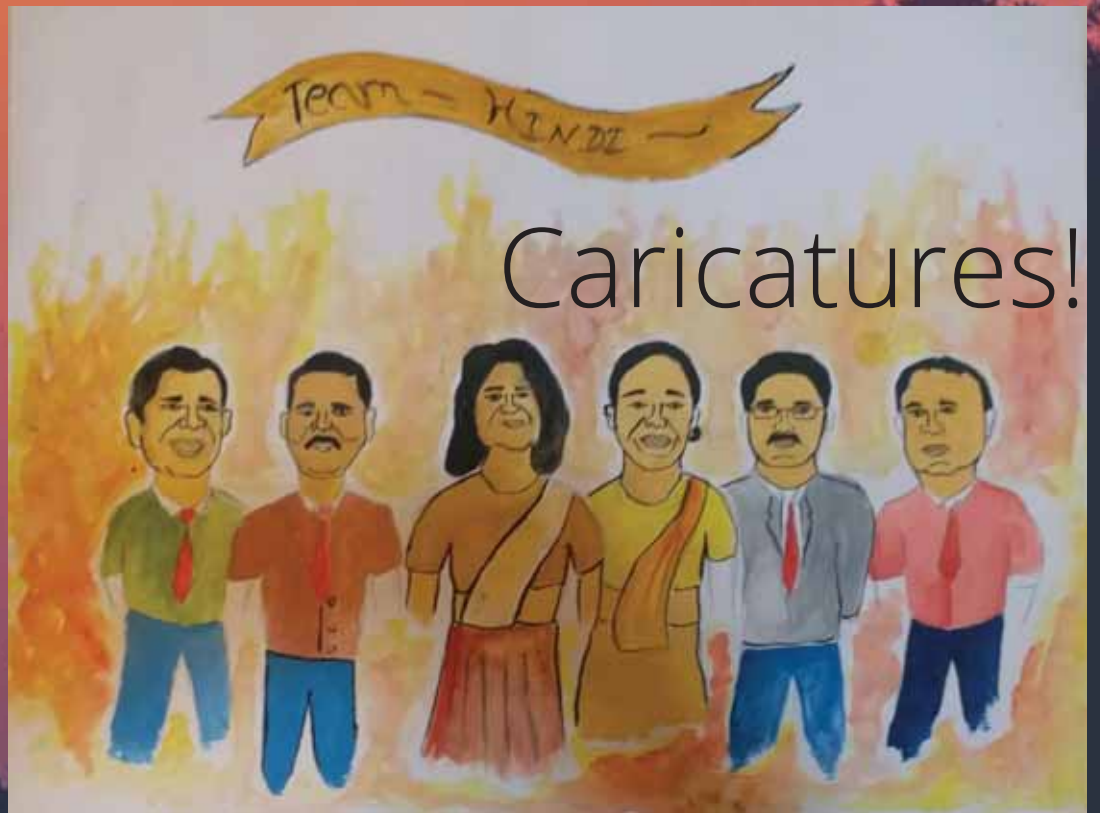
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Teachers' Day

Amid the pandemic, the students of the school found new ways to show their love and affection towards their teachers in the most innovative way on the virtual platform. In the early morning, the teachers received their digital cards and the caricatures made by students, through mail. In the evening, the teachers came to the Assembly Hall where proper seating arrangements had been made to ensure safe physical distancing. Aditi Joshi and Kartikey Kulshresth welcomed the teachers. The welcome song, *Aa chalke tujhe main leke chaloon* was presented by the choir. The PPT presentation by the boys sent us rollicking into laughter and the dance of Ranjan Nagpal and Kartikey Kulshresth drove great applause. Parikshita Singh sang a retro musical composition in her soft, melodious voice and Kartikey put the stage on fire with his dance on Bollywood numbers. A virtual musical composition 'Phir Muskrageyega Scindia' by Devarsh Lokwani, Arya Adhikari, Aditya Tibrewala and Sidh Agarwal mesmerized us and Kshitij Dogra's Rap Song stole our hearts. Aditi talked about the special bond which teachers and students share in a residential school. The hosts of the Teachers' Awards programme, Chirag Rathi, Aaryan Nagpal and Shivang Kumar presented the teachers with awards in different categories. The Principal, Dr Madhav Deo Saraswat, congratulated and appreciated the sincere effort of students and recognised their planning and hard work in bringing out the programme in such a successful manner.

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A MEMORABLE CELEBRATION!

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Caricatures!



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Bhuvanesh Gonugunta

Class 10
The Scindia School
Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh



“The Qriosity Quiz Competition was a very informative and creative quiz. I got a lot to learn from the same. The questions were framed very well and were from varied sources. Overall I had a wonderful experience and really appreciate the manner in which the quiz was organised.”



The 10th Vasant Valley School's Aaj Tak 'Hindi Vad Vivad Pratiyogita' was held on 10th, 11th and 14th August 2020. Satyam Raj, Atharva Karwa and Shishir Pandey participated in the same. 47 schools participated in the preliminary round of the Debate. Our School Team made a place in the 12 semi-finalists. Satyam Raj was declared the Best Speaker in the preliminary round of the Debate.

Shivansh Bansal ran a social service programme with 10 other members, including sanitizing and cleaning different areas and colonies of the city, under the Corona Fighter's initiative started by the Mayor.

Bhuvanesh Gonugunta participated in Qriosity National level Quiz organised by History Diaries and secured the third prize.

Harsh Bansal participated in the virtual International German Youth Camp .



Pratik Garg participated in the simulation of IPL Auction 2020 in Kolkata Knight Riders from 4th to 5th July and won the second prize.

Arnav Gupta participated as Rati Shankar Shukla in the Committee, Mirzapur, in the Virtual MUN by Munflix held from 27th July to 5th August 2020.

Lalit Kumar participated in the online Youth Camp organized by In-DaF.

Vansh Goel participated in the CBSE Preparatory Camp for two weeks.

THROUGH THE SCINDIAN LENS

Pragyesh
Maurya,
Class IX C



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Inesh
Agarwal,
Class IX D



THROUGH THE SCINDIAN LENS



Arnav Chandak,
Class IX D

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Hrishikesh
Ghosh,
Class IX B

THROUGH THE SCINDIAN LENS

Manan Gupta,
Class VII A

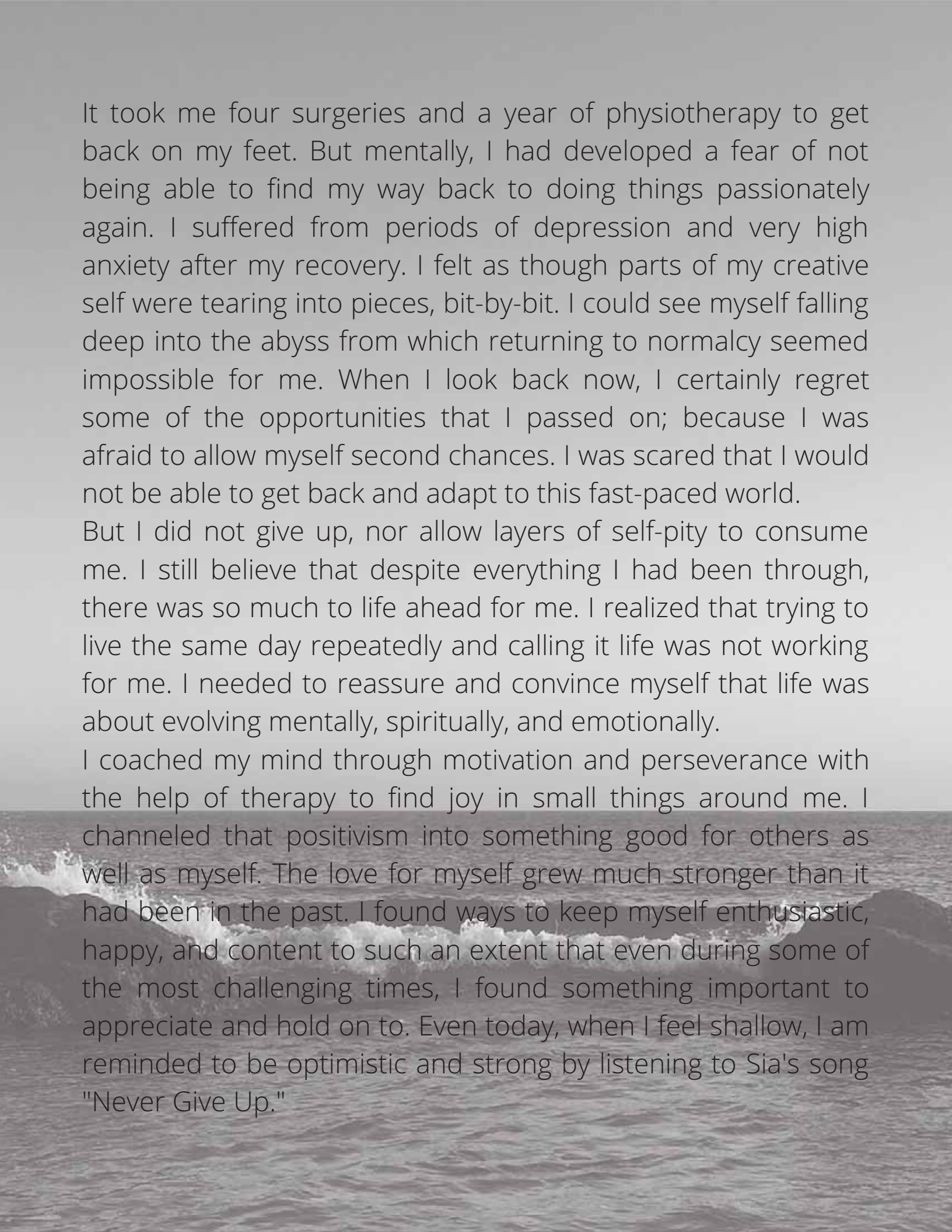


The Enigma of Life



Mr Anubhav Sarkar,
Faculty

I have always wondered why some say, "Life is too big" while others say, "Life is too small". Often, we invest so much time in trying to see the bigger picture that, we tend to neglect the little signs which life shows us with the message that we must all live in the moment and make the best of it. I've been thinking a lot about impact lately. The other day, I was very excited to catch up with one of my university classmates during this COVID-19 pandemic, over a zoom session and it left me with some thoughts as to how we, approach life in general. Since my graduation out of high school and stepping into the big, bold, competitive world, every choice we were trained to make, had the primary objective of focusing on delivering results because that is what mattered. I was a very inspired and motivated individual, and things were going great. I was calling the shots in university during my undergraduate study in London. I enjoyed playing cricket which I am highly passionate about, made lots of friends and life was going the way I had pictured it. However, in 2015 a tragic road accident left me crippled from having my lower spine broken. I think that was the first time I genuinely understood the value and importance of life. I didn't think about life being too big or too small at that moment.



It took me four surgeries and a year of physiotherapy to get back on my feet. But mentally, I had developed a fear of not being able to find my way back to doing things passionately again. I suffered from periods of depression and very high anxiety after my recovery. I felt as though parts of my creative self were tearing into pieces, bit-by-bit. I could see myself falling deep into the abyss from which returning to normalcy seemed impossible for me. When I look back now, I certainly regret some of the opportunities that I passed on; because I was afraid to allow myself second chances. I was scared that I would not be able to get back and adapt to this fast-paced world.

But I did not give up, nor allow layers of self-pity to consume me. I still believe that despite everything I had been through, there was so much to life ahead for me. I realized that trying to live the same day repeatedly and calling it life was not working for me. I needed to reassure and convince myself that life was about evolving mentally, spiritually, and emotionally.

I coached my mind through motivation and perseverance with the help of therapy to find joy in small things around me. I channeled that positivism into something good for others as well as myself. The love for myself grew much stronger than it had been in the past. I found ways to keep myself enthusiastic, happy, and content to such an extent that even during some of the most challenging times, I found something important to appreciate and hold on to. Even today, when I feel shallow, I am reminded to be optimistic and strong by listening to Sia's song "Never Give Up."

I think sometimes we can get overwhelmed with the world and its large problems. We feel as though we cannot do much, so we do nothing. We tend to think that to have a big impact means to strive for personal greatness. Influence is power and most of us feel as though we have little or no power. There is always this thought in the back of our minds that "I feel guilty that I am not doing enough to change the world in larger ways."

In recent years, I have learned that a great way to bring about a positive change in others is to be hopeful and self-confident that we can achieve our best; no matter what. My interactions with various people from diverse cultural backgrounds and the experience of living overseas in Great Britain and New Zealand have developed this calling, of all callings that "creating a culture of kindness for ourselves" is a step closer to appreciating the different dimensions to life. And I strongly believe, that as a community here at The Scindia School, we follow this calling in our lifestyles and inspire those values in our students. In a way, and this might sound strange, but perhaps somewhere in the back of my mind, I am glad to have been the victim of that road accident. All those hours in the hospital, healing and being in denial that I could not make a comeback, had subconsciously transformed me into a newer, stronger, happier version of myself. Following my recovery and once again being able to walk was a joy. It led to more success in being able to do many other things and enjoying life one day at a time.

Whether someone says to you that "life is too big" or "too small" – it does not matter. Everyone has an individual approach to work out the answer, and nobody is right or wrong in the pursuit of that answer. 'Life is 10% what happens to us but 90% how we react to it.' It is in our power and control to inspire ourselves and share that inspiration with others. That is why I have come back to my *alma mater* to share some of the inspiration I gather every day. No matter how big or small your life is, you can change the way you interact with others, through the decisions you make to support yourself. It was Abraham Lincoln who once said "And in the end, it's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years."

नमक तो है पर चीनी थोड़ा कम है |

-श्री आशीष मिश्रा,
अध्यापक



हर तरफ लोगों का काफिला है, सब भले हैं,
नाम तो सबको पता है, पर पहचान थोड़ी कम है,
और सीमित हैं सब अपने तक ही क्या करें,
घर में जगह तो बहुत है पर दिल मे थोड़ी कम है,
क्या है कि खिड़कियाँ बड़ी और दरवाज़े छोटे हैं,
पड़ोसी हैं, बगल में , पर नज़दीकियाँ थोड़ी कम हैं
बस यूँ समझ लो कि नमक तो है पर चीनी थोड़ा कम है |
यहाँ खुशबू तो बहुत है पर वह सोंधी महक थोड़ी कम है |
आज दोस्त तो बहुत हैं, बातें हैं, मुलाकातें हैं
पर जिसपे दिल यूँ ही उड़ेल दें, वैसे यार थोड़े कम हैं |
शोर है, हंगामा है, मस्ती-भरा माहौल है |
इस भीड़ में फिर क्यों अकेली आँखें नम हैं ?

सुनने वाले बहुत हैं, बिना कहे जो सुने वैसे यार कम हैं |
बस यूँ समझ लो कि नमक तो है पर चीनी थोड़ा कम है |
एक अंधी दौड़ है सब भाग रहे हैं
किसी के पास शोहरत कम तो कहीं दौलत कम है |
और खुद से इतना दूर हो गया इंसान
अपने को समझ पाए इसकी मोहलत भी कम है |
थोड़ा ठहरो, खुद से बातें करो |
हमारा मन, दिल, जो भी नाम दो, वही हम हैं |
खुद को समझ लिया तो पार हो गए ,
बस यूँ समझ लो कि नमक तो हैं पर चीनी थोड़ा कम है |

The Arrival of That Vicissitude

Aditya Singh, IX D

The arrival of that vicissitude,
Which changed the human attitude.
The arrival brought a change,
A change that made life a bit strange.

It is impacting our lives,
And in our horde it thrives.
It has been spreading an atrocious fear,
And its only the victim's scream which one can regularly hear.

It is spreading in our society as fast as a rumour,
And it is counting lives as bare humour.
It has taken the world as hostage,
And made us realise what zoo animals feel in a cage.

It has closed our schools, colleges and offices,
And we have ended up counting our houses' vertices.
It has been exaggerating a loud silence,
On human lack of reliance.

It showed the kindness and anger of nature at the same time,
Which was punishing us for our crime.
It paused our lives with just a snap,
And put the entire human race in a trap.

Yes, it is the deadly coronavirus,
Which has put our lives on hold.
But it has also taught us a lesson,
On unity, courage, strength and on that nothing is foretold.

So stay bold, courageous and strong,
And it won't last long.
Invest your faith and trust in the Master,
And he will bring back all that lost laughter.



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