

Parag Agarwal, CEO Of Twitter

By Aniruddha Iyer (10 Years Old)

Parag Agrawal was announced the CEO of

Twitter recently. There are many more who have achieved this position before him like Anand Krishna of IBM, Santanu Narayan of Adobe systems, Sunder Pichai of Alphabet and Satya Nadal of Microsoft. Every time somebody goes to such a high post in global companies some Indians people feel proud. But, should we not also feel proud when Indians in India achieve great heights? I feel especially proud when I reflect on

the accomplishments of the Tatas, Birlas, Ambanis and Adanis. They have created companies that helped propel millions of Indians into the middle class.

They have developed job opportunities and made Indian products that make me feel proud. I feel inspired when I think about the accomplishments of young Indians Bhavish Aggarwal (Ola), Byju Raveendran, and others who are not only making a difference in India, but the world over.

National Pollution Control Day.

By Reyansh (8 Years Old)

2nd December 1984 was a very tragic day for India. On that day, at least 3,787 people died and more than 5 lakh people were injured. This tragedy took place in Bhopal the capital of Madhya Pradesh. The name of the company was Union Carbide India Limited. They produced pesticides in their plant, A very poisonous gas by the name of Methyl isocyanate leaked out of the plant at midnight. This incident turned the entire city into a gas chamber. The gas also got mixed in water pipes

killing many people. Thousands of people breathing problems for many more generations. Many animals, crops and fish died because of the gas exposure.

2nd of December is now declared as National Pollution Control Day. The N.P.C. day is remembered as a very tragic day, when half a million were injured, and their lives were changed forever.



General Bipin Rawat

By Aniruddha Iyer (10 Years Old)

Chief of defence staff (CDS) General Bipin Rawat and his wife Madhulika Rawat died in a

Chopper crash in Coonoor, Tamil Nadu on Wednesday, 8th Dec 2021. He was Born on 16th march 1958 in Puri, Uttarakhand.

He came from a military family , Many of his family members have served in the army. He had his school education at St. Edward School in Shimla; followed by NDA, IMA and finally graduated from DSSC wellington. General Rawat was commissioned into 5th Battalion of 11 Gorkha rifles in

December 1978. During his four decades in service Rawat has earned Param Vishisht Seva Medal, Uttam Yudh Seva medal, Ati Vishisht Seva Medal and Seva Medal, to name a few.

A decorated military man Rawat was known for his experience in high altitude warfare and spent ten years conducting counter

in surgency operation. He was also a part of UN peace keeping force and commanded a multinational brigade in Democratic Republic of Congo alongwith cross-border operations in Myanmar and POK let us whole heartedly salute this great son our Nation.

India Finally Has More Women Than Men

By Tanish Walimbe (10 Years Old)

Female foeticide and Infanticide

In India, gender discrimination and patriarchy have dominated the societal structure and the choices therefore made by the unaware citizens of the country. A girl child born to parents, has for many years in rural India been considered a burden. Lack of education of the girl child and demands of dowry from the groom's family on the wedding day, led to a rise in female foeticide and infanticide. A boy child was considered a blessing, a prospective bread winner and a significant member to support the parents in the future, unlike his sister.

Sex-specific foeticide was considered to be a relatively common practice in India, where the male:female sex ratio at livebirth was about 1.10 in 2010–12, as opposed to a comparable sex ratio of 1.06 for Asian countries in 2010.

These changes have occurred over recent decades, with one study of hospital deliveries in New Delhi reporting an increase in the sex ratio in 2005. In response to the introduction of ultrasound scanning in India in the 1980s, the national government passed a law-making determination of foetal sex illegal. This law became active on Jan 1, 1996, and was strengthened with a change that subsequently enforced this law on Feb 14, 2003.

More Females than Males in 2021

For every 1,000 males, the country now has 1,020 females, according to the National Family Health Survey-5 (NFHS-5), a nationwide survey by the ministry of health for the period between 2019 and 2021. This is the first time the sex ratio has tipped in favor of females. It is also a marked improvement from the NFHS survey of 2015-16.

It has been an uphill climb with social practices like female foeticide and infanticide being rampant. Prenatal sex determination was banned in India in 1996 to prevent sex-selective abortions.

The NFHS counts only certain women, who belong to specific demographic categories. We will have to wait for the next census figures to get a clearer picture," Jashodhara Dasgupta, a sex ratio expert told Down to Earth magazine.

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Electric Vehicles

By Archit Korke (9 Years Old)

An electric vehicle (EV) is a vehicle that uses one or more electric motors. It can be powered autonomously by a battery (sometimes charged by solar panels, or by converting fuel to electricity using fuel cells or a generator). EVs include, but are not limited to, road and rail vehicles, surface and underwater vessels, electric aircraft and electric spacecraft.

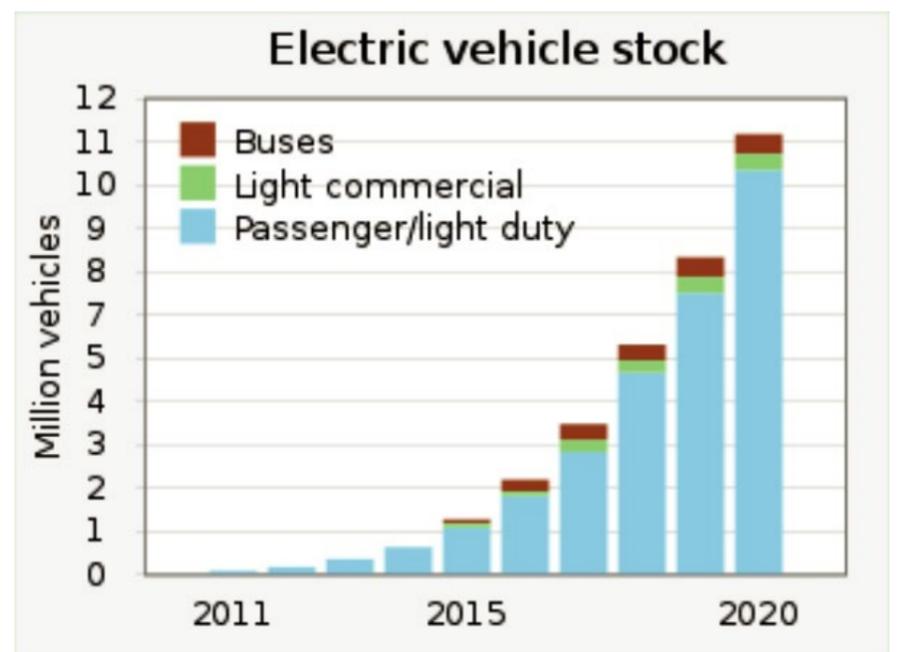
EVs first came into existence in the mid-19th century, when electricity was among the preferred methods for motor vehicles, providing a level of comfort and ease of operation that could not be achieved by the gasoline cars of the time. Internal combustion engines were the dominant propulsion method for cars and trucks for about 100 years, but electric power remained commonplace in other vehicle types, such as trains and smaller vehicles of all types.

In the 21st century, EVs have seen good growth due to technological developments. EVs help reduce carbon emissions

thus helping the impact caused on climate change and other environmental issues.

Project Drawdown describes electric vehicles as one of the 100 best contemporary solutions for addressing climate change.

Increasing public interest and awareness, is expected to greatly increase the electric vehicle market.



The Monster and the Human

By Reyansh (8 Years Old)



Once upon a time, there was a human whose name was Tom. While on his morning hike, Tom came across a little gecko. He put the gecko in a jar. Since Tom was a scientist, he took the gecko to his lab. At the lab, he used his pro-flap guns to mutate the little gecko into a monster. The Monster destroyed the entire lab. Tom tried to kill the monster but the monster was indestructible so he thought to tame the monster. The monster didn't want to be tamed so the monster was very, very, very, very angry. The monsters said to Tom "bring me some nucleus pods!!". Tom replied "Yes!". Tom went to

the Cryon dimension and fetched some Nucleus pods which made the monster happy! Then the monster said to Tom "I will stop to disrupt all of your network frequencies"

Moral of the story: Do not create things you cannot destroy!

Hippie At Heart

By Rashmi Walimbe

How do you define a well spent Sunday?

What are you going to do?

As important as it is to rest well, is it to organize yourself and do your personal stuff. Be it the cleaning, laundry or shopping.

In this competitive world in which we all race around, we tend to neglect and take care of our mental well-being, our personal, peaceful time spent in pursuing hobbies and spending time with family to strengthen our relationships.

Painting has been a hobby I have embraced for quite a long time.... In my own free time, I used to find peace in painting and looking back to how I enjoyed spending my leisure time, and it has undoubtedly been worth it. Painting boosts memory,

recollection skills and works to sharpen the mind through conceptual visualization and implementation.

Last Sunday, I attended an art workshop called 'PAINT & SIP', at a lively venue 'HIPPIE AT HEART', Bhandarkar Rd, Pune.

"Sip a mocktail and follow your heart" It was a pleasure to be with likeminded people and enjoy doing what you like.

, who gave us many inputs Each one of us painted on a canvas using acrylic paints, brushes and knives. This was done under the guidance of a professional about colours , textures etc.

Apart from that I got a chance to interact with newly made friends who were 10 or more years younger / older than me. It was a time well spent . By the end of the workshop we all had proudly completed a painting on canvas (while enjoying the drink!) that we could bring home to either display or for gifting a dear one.

With the weather getting colder, workshops are a great opportunity to spend your leisure time in your long lost hobbies.



Our family adopted our 3year old cat about 6 months ago. His previous mommy had to leave India and could not take him with her because of new rules in Covid pandemic.

His mommy did not allow Fluffy to go outside even in her gallery because she was scared to lose him. So when he moved into our house, he was a little scaredy cat. But slowly he started getting more and more brave and like any curious cat he also wanted to explore the world outside our apartment. My mommy

Fluffy's Rescue

By Anish Korke (6 Years Old)

would allow him to go outside our door and sniff the plants. One fine morning when we left for school, Fluffy decided that he needed an adventure, so he sneaked out of the door when it was slightly open for just a few minutes. He climbed down the stairs after sniffing all the plants on our floor and got to the 11th floor. Our house help, Niveta tai didn't even know that Fluffy was gone!!!

My dad was at his factory when his phone got a notification on whatsapp. He saw the message on our apartment group with a picture of a scared cat holding on to the ledge tightly with his eyes closed. The message read, 'someone's pet cat is one the 11th floor'. My dad immediately called Niveta tai and asked her to run downstairs and rescue Fluffy.

Niveta tai ran as fast as she could. When she reached the spot, Fluffy was sitting very dangerously on the ledge; one little mis-step and he could have fallen down the 11th floor. So she gently called out his name to make him comfortable and slowly lifted him up in her arms. When Fluffy got home, he was so scared that he hid under our bed the whole day.

Now, Fluffy never steps outside the door!

My favourite Harry Potter character - Sirius Black

By Archit Korke (9 Years Old)

Sirius Black was Harry Potter's father's best friend. He was also Harry's godfather and had promised his parents that he would protect Harry no matter what.

Sirius belonged to pure blood and a very powerful magical family. They were supporters of Lord Voldemort. Order of phoenix was a secret organization formed to fight Lord Voldemort (the main villain) and his death eaters. Sirius was part of the Order of Phoenix.

Harry's parents were killed by Voldemort at their home. Sirius was wrongly accused that he was the one who told Voldemort where they were hiding. Therefore he was put in the most secure magical prison called Azkaban.

Sirius was an animagus meaning he could turn into a large black dog at will.

Sirius broke out of Azkaban and convinced Harry that he was not the one who gave away his parents to Voldemort and was truly his godfather. He helped Harry with his emotional ups and downs and was always there for him. Sirius was the only family that Harry had and he depended on Sirius for his advice. Harry and Sirius shared a very special bond.

Sirius was unfortunately killed by his evil cousin Bellatrix Lastrange while protecting Harry.

I like Sirius because he always used to send Harry the best gifts and was a very loyal and brave friend.

Newspaper facts for kids

By Rashmi Walimbe (Kids Encyclopedia Facts)

A place for buying newspapers

A newspaper is a publication printed on paper and issued regularly, usually once a day or once a week. It gives information and opinions about current events and news. Usually people like to read them to stay informed about their local city, state or country. Newspapers can be delivered to one's home, by subscription. One also can buy a newspaper at a store or at a newsstand. Recycling paper is common. It may be converted to

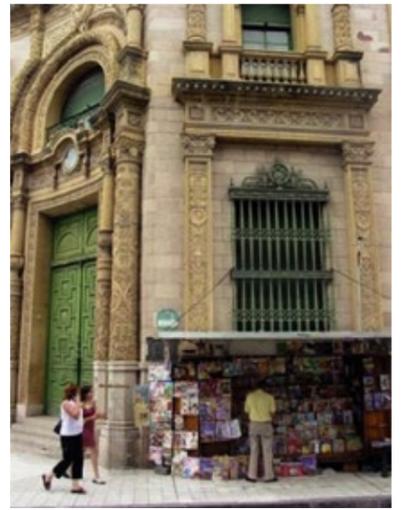
new paper, for example.

Newspapers usually have many topics. They usually include political events, crime, business, sports, and weather news.

Newspapers use photographs to illustrate stories; and also often include comics and other entertainment, such as crosswords and horoscopes.

Many have opinion sections.

These sections print the opinions of people who work for the newspaper. The opinions, which are usually on stories in the news, are called editorials. Opinion sections usually also print short letters from people who read the newspaper.

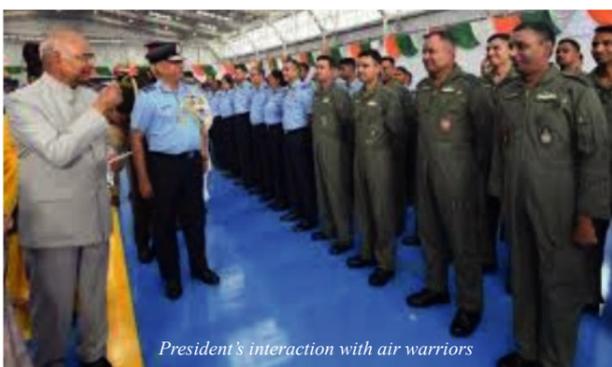


President Kovind's recent visit to Maharashtra

By Pragya Sambare (12 Years Old)

Last Sunday, Rashtrapati Bhavan confirmed president Ram Nath Kovind's Maharashtra visit From December 6th to 9th, 2021.

On the First day of his visit, the President paid tribute to Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj at Raigad fort. On Tuesday, a special performance was held by the Air Force station at Lohegaon in Pune, in honour of the president, where he interacted with the air warriors. On Wednesday, President Kovind presented the President's Standard to the 22nd Missile Vessel Squadron in Mumbai.



President's interaction with air warriors

Ventriloquist

By Shubha Pradhan

Ventriloquism is an art of speaking without moving lips. So naturally is this art performed, that it seems the voice is coming from another person or thing.

A ventriloquist does this sitting besides a doll or a puppet while moving the puppet's mouth, so that it looks as if the puppet is talking. It works because we as humans, keep moving our eyes from the Puppet to the ventriloquist to find the source of sound.

Now where did this art originate?

In the ancient Greek and Roman era this was used in the religious practices. These belly sounds were interpreted as the sounds of the dead people who still could speak to the living beings. These fake practices died soon. After the 18th century this belly speaking art as it was known became popular and developed as a "Performance Art" for entertaining people. It became popular all over Europe in the 19th century.

The credit of getting this art to India goes to a Marathi person Y.K. Padhye and Mr. M.M. Roy who pioneered these shows in

Maharashtra and Southern India.

Ramdas Padhye his son was the one who popularised these shows throughout India by performing stage shows and through the medium of television.

As a child I was fortunate to see these shows that had become very popular in the sixties and seventies.

Even today I still remember his show "Boltya Bahulya" and the names of our favorite Puppets, Avadhabai, Ardhavat Rao and Taty Vinchu.

However it is sad to know that this art is vanishing. Today there are barely 15 such artist left all over India. Cinemascope, puppetry, ventriloquism that entertained our generation as kids are getting outdated due to the strong influence of media, of video games and virtual games.

However we are fortunate to book one show for you The only female who performs live shows in Maharashtra today, Mrs. Chaitali Mazgoankar Bhandari will perform this live show at Unschool, for you, on the 24th of December at our Christmas party.

All children, parents, grand parents, friends, uncles and aunties are welcome to see this live show. Come in large numbers at 1.30 p.m. on 24th December to Unschool.

Indian Navy Day 2021

By Himani Bhaktani (13 Years Old)



India celebrates Indian Navy Day on 4th December every year to respect the Indian Navy's counter attack in operation Trident during the Indo-Pak war in 1971.

It was a devastating attack on the Pakistan Naval Headquarters of Karachi on the night of December 4th and 5th. The Indian Navy planned the attack in the night as Pakistan did not have aircrafts that could carry out bombings in the dark. The attack was successful as it sank a minesweeper, a destroyer and an ammunition supply ship. Operation Trident is considered one of the fastest victories in the history of world wars.

This year's theme for Navy Day was "Swarnim Vijay Varsh" to celebrate the 50th

Anniversary of India's victory in 1971 war.

The Indian Navy is an outstanding force which continues to protect our Nation. Jai Hind!

My Journey with Vedic Mathematics

By Aniruddha Iyer (10 Years Old)

One day, my grandfather's friend, Uncle Joshi, came to our house and started talking with us. We were talking about my studies and all that I have learnt. When I told him I really like Maths, he introduced me to an ancient method of calculation called-Vedic Mathematics.

I joined his class and was impressed by the simplicity and accuracy of the methods. I will give some examples here.

I have completed two levels out of seven so far and I am looking forward to learning more.

Un/Times Author Biographies



My name is Samaira Pradhan, I am 6 years old. Cooking is my hobby, specially love making chocolate balls. I like pets and also like singing. Christmas is my favourite festival.



My name is Ayansh Tundare. I am 5 years old. I like to play in mud and water. I do not like when my mother stops me from playing in mud and water.



Hello I am Anish Badsavle Korke. I am 6 years old. I live in Pimple Nilakh. My favourite festival is Holi. I like to play doge ball and go to UnSchool.



My name is Talisa Lunkad. I am 6 years old. I live in Pune. I like to come to UnSchool and do activities there.



Hello My name is Arham Bhatewara. I am 2013 born, so 8 years old. I like watching T.V. I generally watch Pokemon (Pocket Monster's). Math is my favourite subject. I love going on vacation.



My name is Reyansh Baralay. I am 8 years old. I was born on 15th August 2013 which happens to be India's Independence day too. I like Godzilla, monster's and dinosaurs. I have lately developed liking towards 3D printing and operating flight stimulator. I love my Mumma & Papa a lot.



I am Himani Bhaktani. I am 13 years old. I like to play cricket and do Origami. Sometimes enjoy swimming and reading books.



My name is Archit Badsavle Korke. I am 9 years old. I was born in Australia. I go to UnSchool. I like Pokemon. Skating, Karate and football are my favourite sports. I like reading Harry Potter books and also watch movies. I read books written by Enid Blyton. I enjoy Running & cycling.



My name is Tanish Mandar Walimbe, 9.11 years old. My Hobbies are playing Cricket, Skating and Tennis. I also enjoy doing Cross Stitch and helping my mom in the kitchen.



Hi my name is Sanay. I am five years old. I like to play and do cycling. Unschool is my favourite place to learn so many new things. Saylee mam is my teacher. I love my class.



My name is Anandi Nitin Kamble. I was born on 26th May 2014, so 7 years old. I love to make creative things like dollhouses out of boxes and other stuff. I enjoy paper cutting, watch cartoon movies. Elf and fairies are my favourite cartoon characters. I am ever ready to play with my friends.



Advika is my name, I am 7 years old. Making paper craft and playing with my little brother gives me happiness. I get very upset when my little brother sleeps, because that's when he does not play with me. I like to dress up and wear matching accessories on it. I love my baby brother a lot.



My name is Vivaansh Lad. I am 5 years old. I love to play with my friends in sandpit of UnSchool.



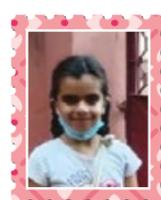
My name is Aniruddha Iyer. I am from Tamilnadu. I love playing basketball. Reading is what I like, specially reading Harry Potter and mystery stories by Enid Blyton.



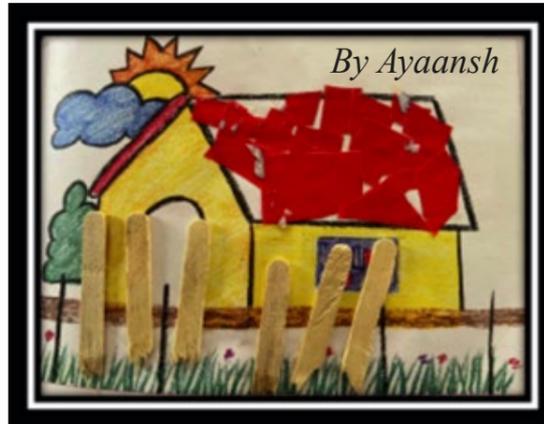
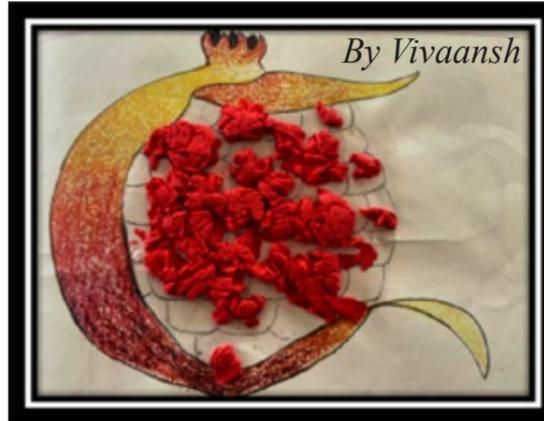
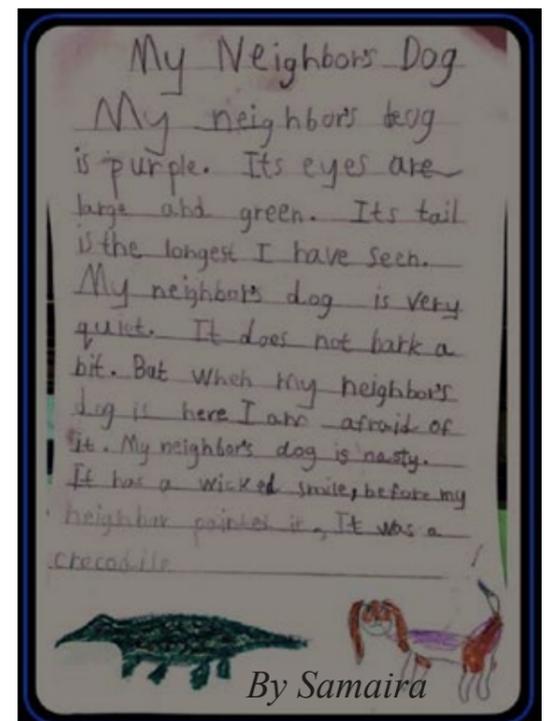
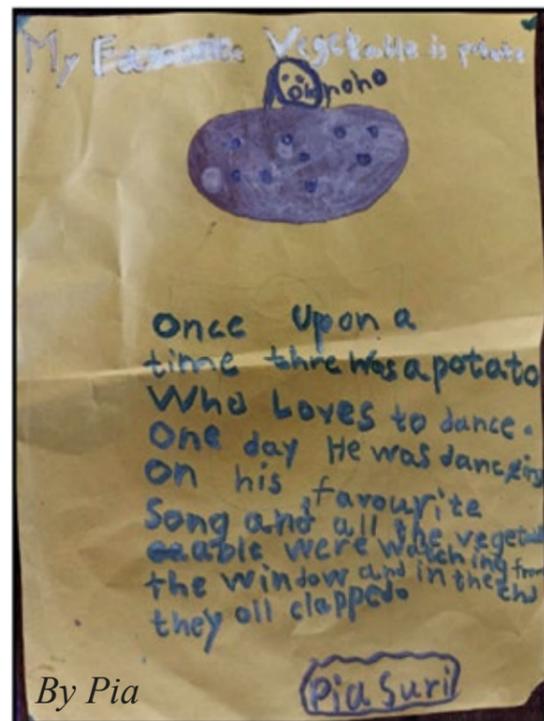
My name is Pranit. I am 5.8 years old. I like to play and do skating.



My name is Madhav Bhide, I am 6 years old. I enjoy doing craft and playing Harmonium. Playing is the most I like.



Hello everyone. My name is Pia Suri. I am 8 years old. I love to play with my friends. I like to dance and listen to stories. My father is my Hero.

Rainbow By Pia*I Love Rainbow**It has seven Colours**It comes in Sun and Rain**The shape of Rainbow is like a bow.**My dress has a Rainbow Picture.***My Favorite Colour** By Anish*I love white colour**White colour represents peace.**White colour comes in the Indian Flag**Its the colour of snow, milk and clouds.**I have super white colour teeth.**I wear white colour mask.***My Favorite colour Red** By Arham*It is one of the primary colour.**It is one of colour from rainbow.**It is the colour of blood and also of fire.**The colour of Lava is also RED.**I like red bugati. My parents gifted me red colour pokemon.**I like red colour flowers.***Pink** By Samaira*I love pink colour**It is a mix of red and white colour.**My toy- bear is pink in colour.**I like pink flowers.**I have pink colour shoes, bag, dress, and a hair-band too.**I am also stitching a pink colour cross-stitch Christmas Tree.**The colour of my bedroom is also PINK.***My Pet Cat** By Anandi*My favorite pet is cat I love my pet cat**Her colour is black & white**Her name is Popy**She likes to play with me**She likes to drink Milk.***Dolly** By Advika*I have many soft toys dolly is one of my favorite I have written a poem about her.**Dolly is my friend,**she sleeps with me every night.**My parents bought her for me.***Address:**

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