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"Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself." - By John Dewey

Dear Readers

As the year gently takes its bow and winter lingers in the air, we pause to reflect on a journey enriched by learning, creativity, and shared moments. The year slips away like the last golden rays of a setting sun, leaving behind memories of effort, growth, friendship, and discovery. It's like a well-read book resting gently on a shelf.



This edition of our magazine stands as a beautiful testament to the imagination and sincerity of our students. Each poem, story, painting, and thoughtful expression featured in these pages carries a voice — unique, hopeful, and deeply inspiring. Your contributions have transformed these sheets into a living tapestry of young minds dreaming, questioning, and creating.

Dear students, the approaching examinations are not storms to fear, but horizons waiting to be reached. You have prepared more than you believe, grown more than you notice, and are far more capable than your doubts may suggest. Let discipline be your companion and confidence your guiding light.

Remember, life's truest lessons are not only written on answer sheets but etched in resilience, curiosity, and the courage to rise each time you stumble. Pause, too, to appreciate how far you have come. Education is not merely the pursuit of marks, but the shaping of character, the awakening of thought, and the nurturing of dreams that will one day find their wings.

As one chapter closes, another quietly opens its blank pages before you. May you carry forward the wisdom of yesterday, the strength of today, and the promise of tomorrow! Let your aspirations be bold, your efforts sincere, and your spirit unafraid to dream.

Here's wishing each one of you clarity in thought, grace under pressure, and success that reflects your hard work. Remember always — the future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their aspirations and have the courage to pursue them.

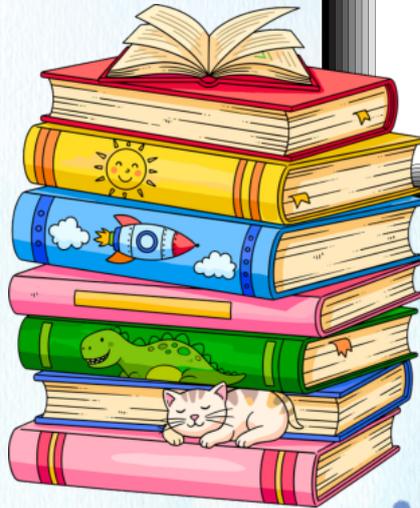
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SERENDIPITY

Shubhlaxmi, 11-E

I once thought stories were dull ink,
Pages pretending to feel.
I'd close them halfway through,
Never caring how they end.
Then one day, a book found me,
Its words a quiet storm.
I tried to stop reading, failed.
Each line pulled me deeper in.
Now I'm lost between its pages
Breathing every word it writes.
No turning back,
I've become part of the story.



DEPRESSION

Shivani, 9-F

Depression is a mental health problem that causes a feeling of sadness and loss of interest in activities. It affects how one thinks, feels, and behaves.

Depression can occur at any time in life. Nowadays, teenagers are more affected by it. It is difficult to tell the difference between ups and downs that are just part of being a teenager and teenage depression.

Issues such as peer pressure, academic expectations, and changing bodies can bring a lot of ups and downs for teens. But for some, the lows are more than just a temporary feeling—that is depression.

Factors that increase the risk of developing teen depression are low self-esteem, mental health issues, bullying, peer pressure, family issues, childhood trauma, etc.

Suicide is mostly associated with depression. Depressed teenagers may be at risk of suicide even if symptoms don't appear to be severe.

There is not a specific treatment for depression. One can also consult a psychiatrist if the situation is worse or one can take antidepressant medicine on the recommendation of a registered doctor/psychiatrist. But family therapy is the more effective one. Spending time with them and sharing love and support can easily come out of it. One should first know the reason behind it and try to work on it.



EXPECTATION V/S REALITY

Saksham Gupta, 9-F

Have you ever imagined something turning out perfectly - only to see reality laugh at your plans?

In today's world of social media and endless dreams, expectations have become higher than ever – but so have disappointments. Expectation v/s Reality means the difference between what we expect and what actually happens. For example, we often think that high school life will be easy and lots of fun, but the reality is lots of homework and exams. It's all about how life turns out differently than we expect.

Expectations give us our dream; Reality gives experience. We plan a picnic and expect sunshine; but reality brings rain. We expect our exams to go smoothly, but reality surprises us with tricky questions. But that's what makes life interesting. Maybe reality is not our enemy, but it teaches better than any imagination. Expectation creates illusions, reality helps to make them real.

We expect perfection from a world that is beautifully imperfect. Dreams fly high, but experience keeps our feet on the ground. Between both the paths lays our journey filled with laughter, tears and lessons. Reality may not give us what we desire but it always gives us what we need to become stronger. Expectation gives us motivation, reality gives direction. Together they give success. Expectation creates big dreams, reality builds discipline. Expectation is a clear and straight road but reality is a maze which helps us discover our own true direction. Reality may not be gentle, but it is wise. It teaches us more than discipline ever can. Reality hits hard sometimes, but it always teaches us something.

NATURE'S EMBRACE

Aamna Fatima, 9-F

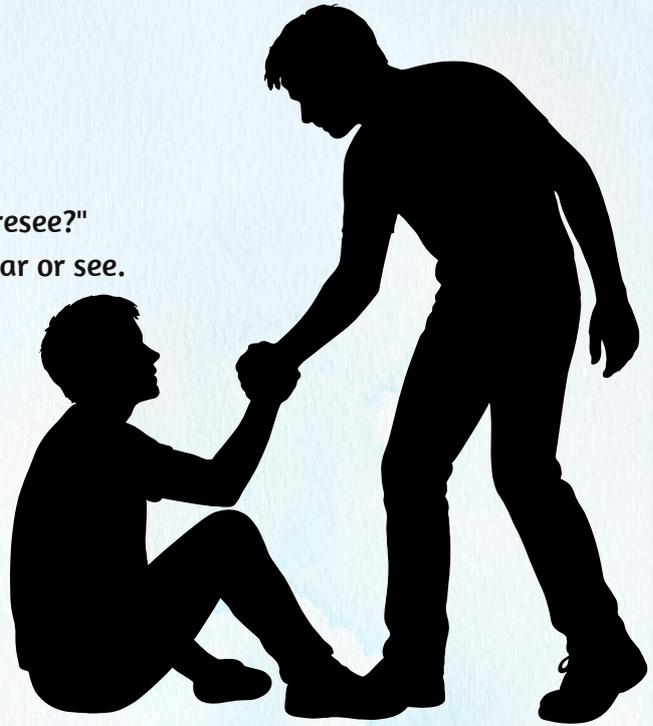
In whispers of the soft wind,
A chorus in quivering leaves,
The sun-kissed ways where shadows wander,
Nature's embrace enfolds the day.
Misty dawns, silent streams,
A world alive with silent dreams,
Beneath the vast and reaching sky,
All care floats on by.
Wildflowers dance, a colourful bloom,
The earth shows its heart in bloom,
In every place, there is peace found,
In nature's world, our spirits unbound.



KINDNESS ISN'T WEAKNESS

YASHI SRIVASTAVA, 11-E

They said, "What problems do you have or foresee?"
But being sad isn't always about what you hear or see.
It's the fear of not fitting in at all,
The worry of being judged, feeling small.
The fear turned her into a people-pleaser,
Always calm, never a teaser.
The fights around her made her scared,
So she stayed soft, kind, and cared.
She won't hurt others, not even try,
Afraid that God will question 'Why?'
People she trusted spoke behind her back,
That pain hit her like a hard smack.
She never thought bad, never wished wrong,
Yet she wonders, "Where do I belong?"
She can't make everyone smile each day,
But still, she tries, in her own way.
The comparisons break her from inside,
Isn't it cruel to hurt someone's pride?
Not all are great at every task,
So why put on a perfect mask?
Is it fair to judge her way,
Just for not shining in the usual way?



KINDNESS

Excerpt from "Butterfly in Her Thoughts", authored by Yashi Srivastava

AMAZING FACTS

SANVI JAYSWAL, 6-C

- Arunachal Pradesh, the land of rising sun witnesses the first rays of sun in India.
- Until December 1911, Calcutta was the capital of India during the British Raj.
- Flags are special designs with colors that show country's values, beliefs, and history.
- Every Flag is a special message for its country.
- India has 106 national parks to take care of animals and nature. The very first was Jim Corbett National Park, established in 1936 and named after a nature lover named Jim Corbett.
- A bird's heart beats up to hundred times per minute while flying
- One of the worlds, poisonous bird is Pitohui.
- The world's only wingless bird is the Kiwi of New Zealand.
- The pygmy marmoset is the smallest manga in the world, as small as a banana.



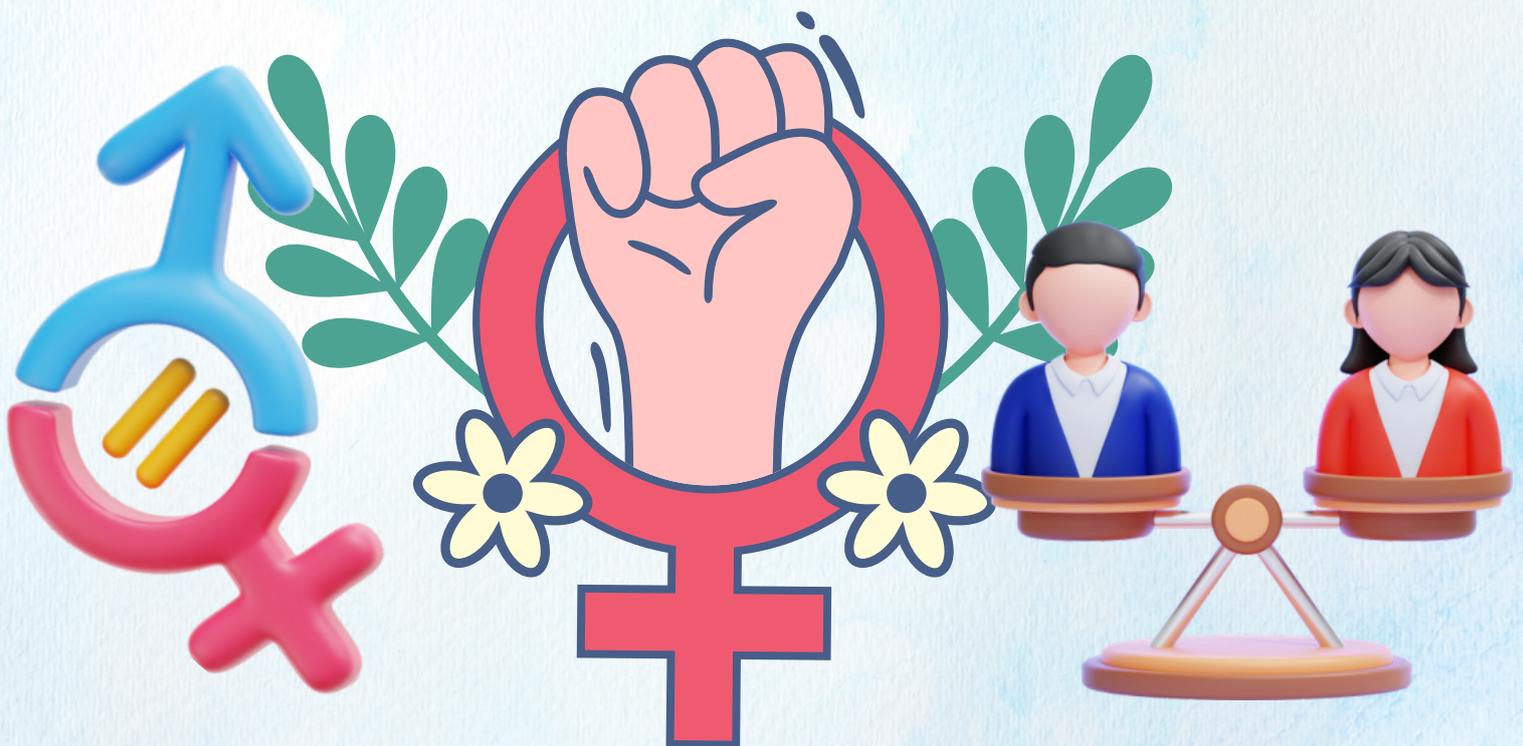
MICRO-ACTS OF PATRIARCHY

Anushka Singh, 9-B

Have you ever asked a girl to list ten football players as she mentioned that football was her favourite game? Have you ever used derogatory terms for a boy if he likes a Taylor Swift's song? Or have you ever brought up crimes against men only when the topic is about women's safety, and then, at the same time, questioned a man's masculinity when he reached for help? Or ever even used 'he' as a default pronoun? If you said 'yes' to any of these, then it's a sad plight. What you might count as negligible is just the tip of the iceberg, one that is generations old and carefully passed on as tradition when it concerns men. The 'tradition,' however, has to be carried on by women; have you ever seen a man wearing a mangalsutra or a boy wearing a dhoti-kurta/kurta-pyjama to school? If the argument is that it is less convenient, then shouldn't they too learn to adapt and conform to modesty like females have always done? The patriarchy runs so deep that our first instinct is to take it as a personal insult and try to defend it, like one is caught red-handed, proving my point flawlessly.

My personal experiences haven't proven much greater either; for instance, people assume that my weakest subject would be mathematics and my strongest would be English. I was called a feminist, hoping that I would take it as an insult. I have always been told to smile more, because it appeared to them that my foremost duty since birth lies in my ability to look sweet-natured. I was also told by someone not to keep my hair short, as they believe that I have to reach the expected norms of what they consider attractive on a woman; it would be socially unacceptable if I don't.

What we often label as the 'norm' comes with a butterfly effect that is more often than not simply ignored. If someone calls it out, she or he will, in turn, be labelled as someone who overreacts. To think that you are not part of this and not call it out is blissful ignorance.



MY EXPERIENCE OF PREPARING FIT IN DEUTSCH A1 EXAM

Bhavyaans Vats, 8-E

A few months back, that is on the 25th of August 2025, I appeared for the Fit in Deutsch A1 exam. I enjoyed studying German a lot for this exam. This exam was held in our school auditorium by the GOETHE INSTITUT. The opportunity to give this exam was given to students falling under the age group of ten to fifteen years-old.

The time we used to prepare for the exam was in the zero-period. It had magical minutes in it. It did not seem like pressure, stress or anxiety, unlike other kinds of examination. Yes, it's true that hard times appeared in front of me but I had to go through it and I went through it. We used to sit in a small classroom and solve interesting German exercises.

The examination had four sections {Hören (Hearing), Lesen (Reading), Schreiben (Writing) and Sprechen (Speaking)}. In the class, our teacher used to bring a CD player and played the audio from the book. We had to write the answers while listening to the audio twice. It was an incredible experience for me. We had direct online classes conducted by the GOETHE-INSTITUT.

On the examination day, the externals arrived from Kolkata's GOETHE - INSTITUT. I received my results. It was good according to me, but on introspection, I thought, I could have done better. I might not have received my desired result but knowledge never goes in vain. This may not have worked during my main examination but it really helped me in my Half Yearly Examinations. Although I noticed that my skills in the German language had gone from basic level to the clouds (Means that I improved a lot). I don't care about my result but I'm proud of my hard work. Overall, I enjoy studying German. It was a very new experience for me and I would recommend all my juniors studying German to participate in this examination. The bonus point is that I got exposure and experience to a whole new method of appearing at an international examination.



KALTER HUND JAR

Manya Shree, Akshant kumar, Ojas Chetan , 6-E

(GERMAN CHOCOLATE BISCUIT JAR DESSERT)

Ingredients:

- Crushed digestive biscuits
- Chocolate syrup or melted chocolate
- Whipped cream
- Nuts or gems (for garnish)
- Choco chips (optional)

Method

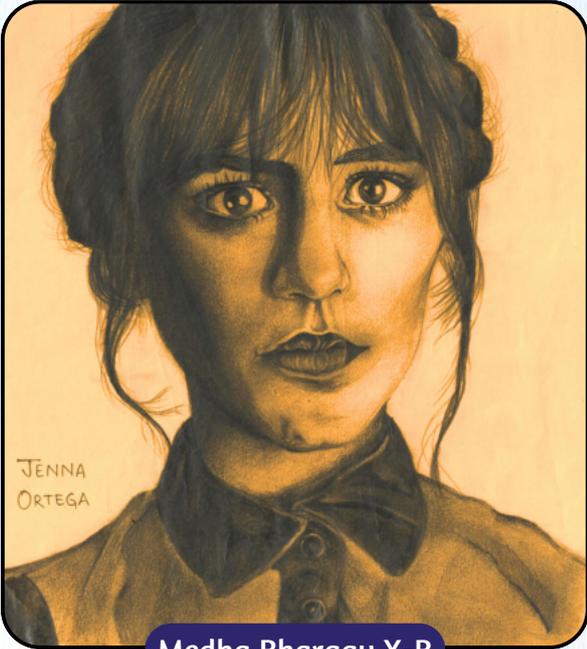
- Crumble the digestive biscuits and add a layer at the bottom of a jar.
- Pour a layer of chocolate syrup or melted chocolate over the biscuits.
- Add a layer of whipped cream on top.
- Repeat the layers until the jar is full.
- Garnish with nuts, gems, or choco chips.
- Refrigerate for about one hour before serving.

Fun Fact:

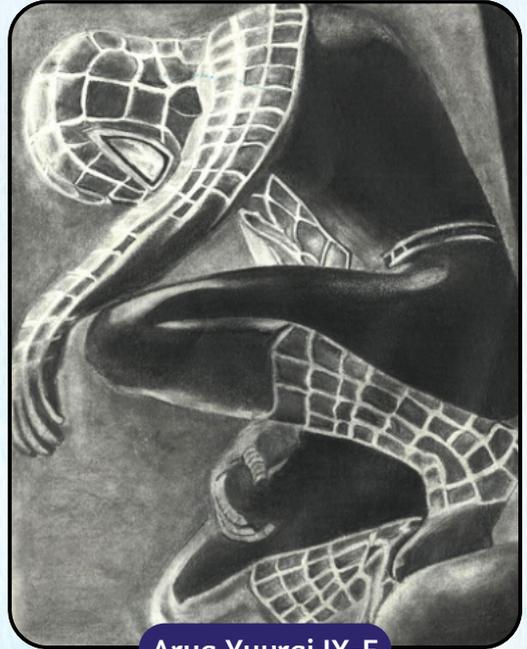
- Kalter Hund literally means “cold dog” in German — a no-bake chocolate biscuit dessert that’s loved for its creamy layers and rich taste!



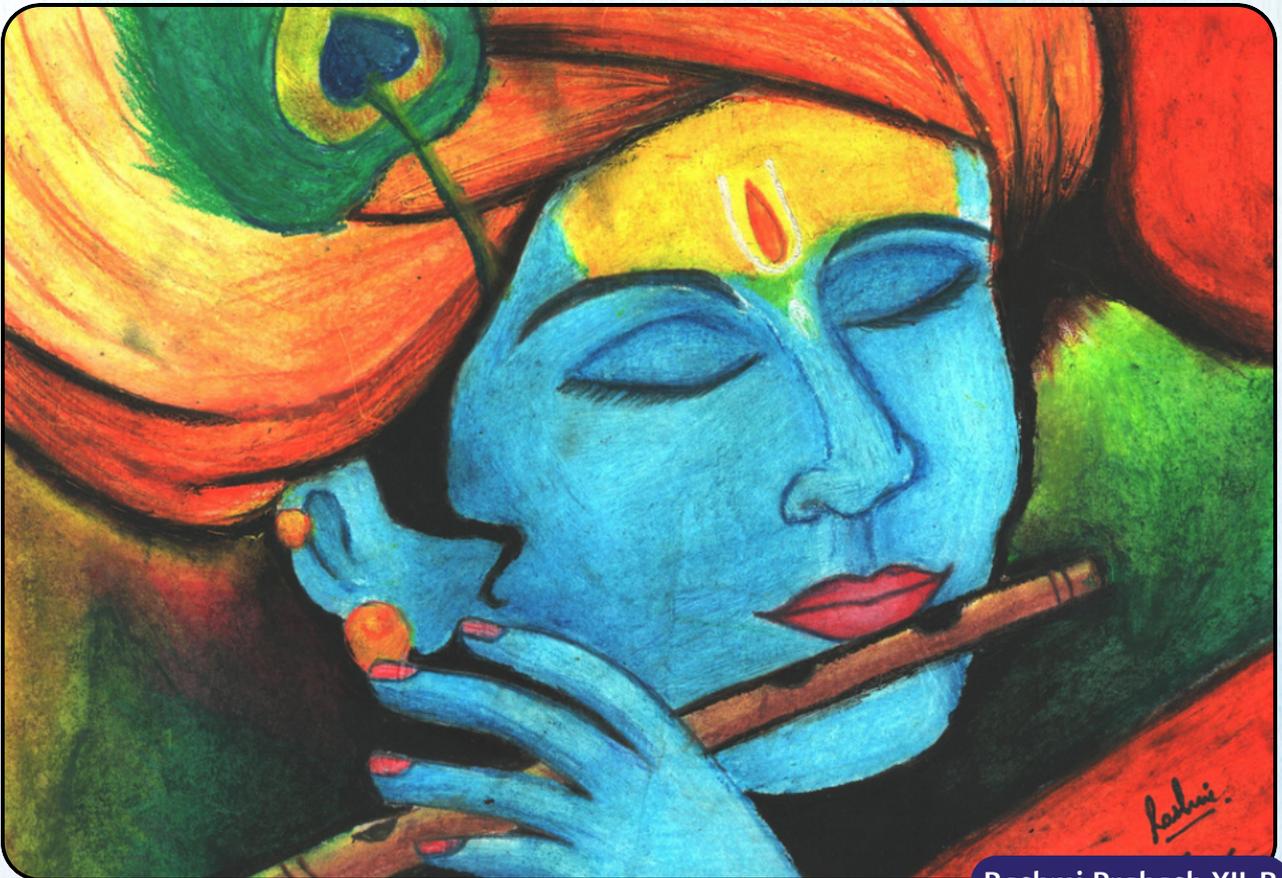
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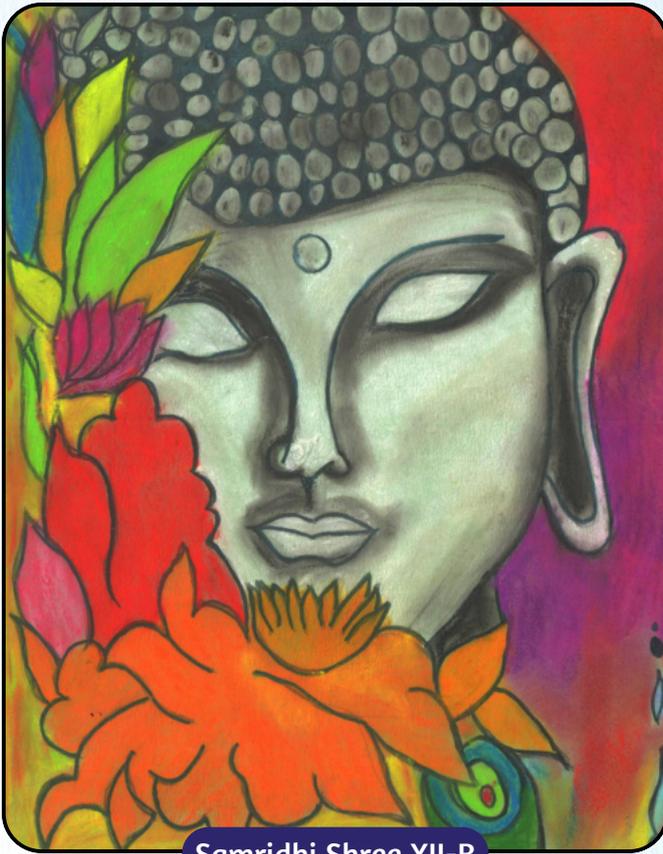
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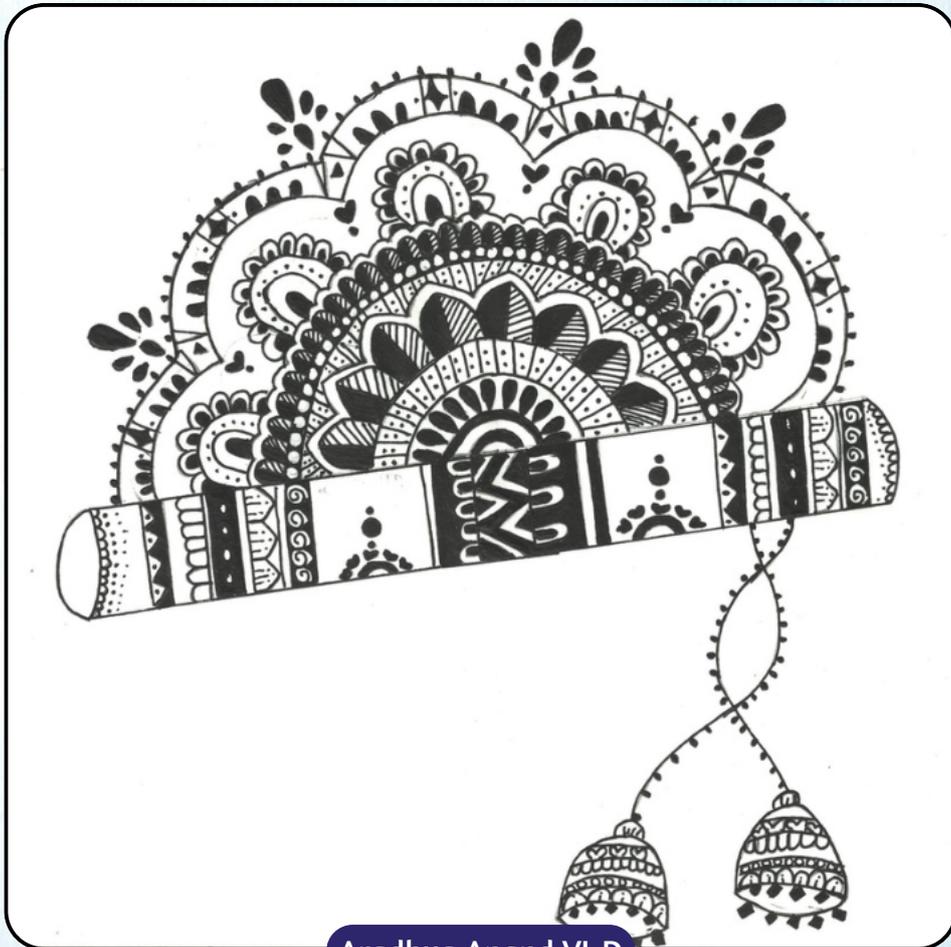
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