

TTM! CONNECT



As we commemorate the seventy-sixth year of India's Independence, my hopes and dreams for the land of our birth are inspired by the words of Rabindranath Tagore:

"Where the mind is without fear and the head is held high;
Where knowledge is free;
Where the world has not been broken up into fragments by narrow domestic walls;
Where words come out from the depth of truth;
Where tireless striving stretches its arms towards perfection;
Where the clear stream of reason has not lost its way into the dreary desert sand of dead habit;
Where the mind is led forward by thee into ever-widening thought and action –
Into that heaven of freedom, my Father, let my country awake."

Like Tagore, I yearn for a country where all our people live without fear, their heads held high. Not a country broken into fragments, segregated into tighter and tighter compartments. We are born with no consciousness or awareness of caste or creed. These identity tags are injected into fragile brains; ideas that crystallize rapidly into a false truth. As mentors, we have the responsibility to remind our mentees that we are all born from the same creator, that we are kindred souls, all intricately linked to each other in this web of life.

~ Malavika Sharma



India in 2028 - The Future Speaks

It's been five years since I've gone down there. It's 2028 down on Earth, but outer space has no time. As I peek through the spacecraft window, I see my country divided by three colours, united by a dream.

Saffron - Their fingers stain as they eat with their hands, discarding the forks and spoons. A thrill runs down my spine as I feel that the "culture" is not forgotten and their heads are held higher during Jana Gana Mana.

White - Did they stop comparing their professions with each other and start believing that no work is small? Did they decide, once and for all, to treat each other with respect? Well, I feel they most certainly did! Because I could see seven different colors burst together into a peaceful white.

Green - This colour is more spread around the country than the rest; almost half of the nation is green. They must have planted more trees and didn't exploit Mother Earth for selfish reasons. I see more butterflies than blizzards; more flowers than floods; more plants than pollution; and more happiness than hunger.

These colors are getting brighter day by day. Although some aspects may take more years to flourish, it's a better place to live in now. And I think it's time. I'm coming, my beloved India.

As an Indian, I love my motherland and have a golden dream for my country. My aim is to fulfill this dream and make India the ideal country in the world to live in. I would definitely like to see my country progress in all fields, including science, technology, health, education and a lot more. India is a developing country today. It will be more developed in coming 5 years from now. People will have a better standard in education as well. Years have passed since India has become free. Since it was free from clutches of the British till today, India has come a long way in terms of growth and development. Here are some changes I would like to see in my country in the coming 5 years i.e. in 2028:

1. Say "No" to poverty/beggars.
2. Say "No" to corruption.
3. Proper sanitation should be provided in school.
4. Respect for religions.
5. Stop early marriages. (Girls should not be forced to get married in their early teens). Also girls should feel safe in India. (Stricter laws should be made for rapists).
6. India should be clean. (Segregation of wet and dry waste).

These are just some of the changes that we would like to bring in India for the overall betterment and welfare of the nation. But we as Indians need to understand that to bring a change in the country, firstly we should bring a change in ourselves.

KAJOL YADAV

Balvantray Mehta School

It is 2023. I love my country and am so happy to share my views on India of 2028. There will be so many positive things in India of 2028. By 2028 education in Indian villages will become free and primary schools will be free in cities. Robots will be doing a lot of our work in schools, colleges, offices and hospitals. Healthcare will be much better in India. By 2028 India will develop medicines to cure many dangerous diseases and help other countries by providing them medicines and healthcare. I think by 2028 people would work online from home, students will study from home, we will see doctors online. With developed technology we will be very successful in controlling crime and corruption.

Few negatives I foresee by 2028. People will become lazy and have health problems because of less exercise. We will also have health issues due to heavy pollution in India by 2028. Everything will become expensive. We will face many problems because of global warming, deforestation and killing of animals. India may experience more floods and earthquakes. We may face another epidemic like corona virus. India maybe at war with another country.

Lastly I am going to do some wishful thinking for India of 2028. I wish we have clean drinking water for all. I wish that villagers earn better and live a better life. I wish there is affordable housing and jobs for all. I wish India in 2028 has more shelters for stray animals. In conclusion, I'd like to say, to bring a change in India, we first need to bring a change in ourselves. If we want a healthy and prosperous India in 2028 then each one of us needs to start taking the right steps now.

India is a country where people of all cultures and religions live together, and each of us have dreamed about a new version of India. As Indian citizens we are continuously looking for methods to improve our country and want to see a better India. My hope for our great country is peace and prosperity. India will be a great country when every citizen follows the rule of law and supports the nation.

The India of my dreams would be a country where women are safe and walk freely on the roads. Also, it will be a place where there is equality for all and everyone can enjoy it.

It would be a place where there is no discrimination of colour, gender or economic status. I see it as a place of abundance of development and growth.

If we all look into everything deeply, we will be able to identify the causes and solutions to all our problems. That is why we all must work together to bring out some changes in our country.

There is a lot of discrimination against women, but women are still stepping out and making their careers in different fields and making us feel proud of them. However, we have to work hard to change our mindset and also our society's mindset, because we all want to place women on an equal level with men.

There are many efforts by the government to promote education, but still, there are many people who do not realize its actual importance. I wish that India should be a place where everyone is educated. I would like the people of my country to appreciate the value of education and encourage their children to pursue it.

At last, I would like to express that it is difficult for us to achieve our dreams for India because of the political problems. When we can get rid of these things, then we can make our dreams come true.

"Every citizen of India must remember that he is an Indian, and he has every right in this country, but with certain duties." This quote attributed to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel has a deep meaning. The East India Company ruled in India for around 100 years. With the help of our great leaders and unsung heroes, India finally became free on 15th August 1947.

After that, the Indian journey has started. Our country is still developing. Although the government is taking initiatives to make India better, we still have a long way to go.

As a densely populated country we have to improve our hospitals so that poor people can get treatment in time.

To increase the number of schools so that every child can be educated.

Due to the poor condition of the roads 3,564 accidents were reported in 2020. This needs to change!

There are gender equality issues such as - uneven access to education and poor medical care.

The most important thing which I desire is for equality among men and women, and safety of women.

As a youth I want to see my country prosperous. A country where everyone lives in harmony, with tolerance towards each other. A country where there is no discrimination towards gender, caste, and religion. A communal riot free country. A country where as a youth I can earn better.

As an Indian it's just not the Government's responsibility to make India better, it's every Indian's responsibility to make India number one, because at the end India matters most. We must remember that with every right comes a corresponding duty!

I am a young person from an ordinary Indian family, and I can picture some big changes happening in India over the next 5 years. Even though we face challenges, I truly believe our country is getting better and making steady progress.

One thing I really hope for is better schools for everyone. Right now, many kids from poor families go to school, but the education and teachers could be better. I hope that in the next 5 years, all kids can go to good schools. This will help them learn, find good jobs, and even start their own businesses.

I want to see young Indians becoming confident entrepreneurs. This would help them have better financial situations and create more jobs. For this to happen, the government should make good rules, provide better education, and create an environment where they can try new things without being afraid of failing.

I also want fewer poor people in India. In far-off places, some people don't have enough money for food or a good life. The government has started plans to help them, and I hope to see positive changes for them in the next five years.

Most people in our country now use mobile phones and the internet. Large number of people are doing financial transactions online. This is helping our country's economy and making people stronger. I hope this continues to grow over the next five years.

Women now enjoy the same rights as men. They can be doctors, engineers, leaders, or whatever they want. They can even be security guards, drivers, chefs, and businesswomen. Women are smart and talented and amazing.

We also need to take care of our environment. We should use clean energy like sunlight and stop polluting our land and rivers. We should manage waste better and teach people about it. The government is working on this, but we should do more. This way, we'll have a clean place for us and for the future.

To sum up, I have big hopes for India in the next 5 years. Our country is ready to grow quickly. Our Prime Minister says, India could become the third strongest country in the world. I'm proud of my country, and together, we can make it even better.

When we hear the term 'Independence', as an Indian we always remember the momentous day of 15th August 1947 and how we got independence from British raj. The meaning of 'Independence' is 'Azadi' and we all know from our history books on how our country got freedom, and how extraordinary Indians fought for freeing India.

Today, we talk about the future of this Independent India. When I imagine my country five years from now, my perspective leads me to an optimistic India.

I imagine our country will have civil code system and our Parliament will make some constitutional amendments on some of burning topics that we currently face. I hope that we see equality across various castes and lesser privileged sections of society. That we believe in secularism and have peaceful land.

I foresee India as a superpower, topping GDP charts as a developed country, ISRO to be the most respected in space study and expeditions as we make progress with the current Chandrayan 3 launch. Futuristically, I see India having one of the largest defence forces as we lead in nuclear and hydro missiles.

I'm optimistic to see India working on our educational system. I foresee all of us creating action plans and implementing innovative ideas so that the future children don't gain book-knowledge alone, but they are truly connected to their studies in the practical sense having a global worldview and are able to think and apply their studies in their daily lives.

I also reimagine a country where women should be able to dream big and work in whatever field they choose, feeling safe and secure. And that women know how to protect themselves and be self-dependent.

I imagine India to be all this and more. I can see India beaming bright in progress in 2028.

I love my country and I want India to be a global leader among all countries in important issues that are facing today's world. India has the potential to show the world how to make our environment clean so future generations can enjoy it. I want India to stop depending on other countries for basic needs like food and oil for her people, and to use the size of its population and its diversity to contribute to science and arts and to end poverty. In 2028, my vision is that all Indians live in harmony and help each other to better their lives.

A clean environment is the best gift we can give our children. Clean air and water are essential for healthy living. India is the country with the largest population in the world, so making India clean and green will not only benefit our country but will also make the world a better place to live in.

Today, India can send Chandrayaan to the moon, but many of her citizens do not have access to basic education and jobs. To end poverty in India, we will need to educate our children and invest in science and technology so that we can make sure that we are able to provide a comfortable and safe country for all Indians and not only the rich Indians.

India is a country of different languages, customs, and religions, but we are now dividing ourselves rather than coming together. I want India to celebrate the diversity in her people and be a place where women and men can follow their dreams, and everyone has equal freedom and opportunity.

The India I see in 2028 will be a clean and safe place, where poverty will no longer exist and everyone will live in peace with each other. In the words of Tagore, "Into that heaven of freedom my Father, let my country awake."

In the year 2028, India will be thriving in every aspect of progress. I think India will be a very popular place because of its historical and mythological past.

India will be among the world's top three economies by 2028. It will be also among the world's top three largest energy consumers by 2028. There will not be any people without any basic needs. Everyone will have shelter, food, clothes, etc. which are basic needs of people.

India is still a developing nation, but it has shown great growth in all these years. We have taken huge jumps in technology, science, sports and many other fields. I especially want the problem of pollution to be resolved as it is one of the major problems in our country nowadays. One of the ways the common man can help in reducing pollution levels is by starting to use electric cars as a norm. Another issue that bothers me is the lack of cleanliness and proper sanitation in India. A lot of initiatives should be implemented in India for proper sanitation.

I also want stronger armies more than now. I hope our Defence Minister will take care of this. Our country should also give quick response to anyone for their health treatment. For our country to prosper and rise in every field and present a strong face to the world, I want all the different communities to live harmoniously and in unity with each other.

PRANJAL GUPTA

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I want India to become the world's largest economy in the next 5 years. All the people of India will work hard. People will become educated and responsible. I want people of India to do something about the increasing population. There will be zero corruption, and the people, politicians, and government officials will be honest and much responsible for their work. Health and education facilities should be provided to all the people at the lowest cost possible. If the people are well educated and healthy they will be able to give their best for the development of our country. Metro trains and electric vehicles should be used in all parts of India so that there will be less pollution and the environment will remain clean. People will not pollute the environment (soil, water, etc.). They will do everything possible to save the environment. I want India to become a developed country as soon as possible.

JASHANDEEP KAUR

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India is a developing country going through many changes. The India I would like to see in 2028 should be more technologically advanced. The women should have equal opportunities in every field and be encouraged to take up any profession. Their safety should be paramount. The other pressing issue is poverty. India should be a country where the poor get employment and thereby have a reasonably secure life. They should get standard education so they can be confident.

Our citizens should take it upon themselves to make sure the 'Clean India - Green India' movement is a success. People should refrain from littering in public places. Pollution and deforestation lead to drought and floods. Every single person should have access to education and means of employment to be able to look after themselves and their families. Every child should be provided

with quality and moral education. Every profession should be given equal importance. As a farmer's daughter I would like agriculture to be an attractive career option. Every citizen should feel he/she belongs to India. So we are proud of our heritage as well as wanting to contribute to the country. India should be able to overcome its shortcomings. The people of India should feel free to do anything that they want to do.

ARPANJEET KAUR

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In the year 2028, we Indians will imagine a surrounding which will be the best from all over the world. India is a vast country. We all prefer a good atmosphere. These days our India does not have any good economic health. I want my country to be fully independent. Women don't have good conditions in our country. I want the infrastructure of roads and buildings to be developed. The education system should be developed. There should be clean and green India. I want my country's people to be fully literate so that everyone can think about their country's development. Finally, I want to say that I want a good atmosphere and a united country.

GURNEEL KAUR

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India is a country of great people and great opportunities. In India, we are independent and have democracy. We see that India has developed a lot over time. Today the Government of India is selected by the people, for the people, and by the people.

Today India has a literacy rate of only 77%. By the year 2028, I see India having a literacy rate of 100%. With an increase in the literacy rate, I hope to see India have a better and stronger law and order system. In 2028, I see India having more qualified and educated politicians. Our Government should have merit. This will lead to the abolition of corruption. Today some of the deserving people do not get jobs because they are discriminated against. In 2028 I would like to see the end of all kinds of discrimination and equal opportunities too for people of all castes, religions or genders, etc. India has already overtaken China to become the country with the highest population. India has a large young population; if they are well used, then India can make great progress. I see the Indian economy as being number one in the year 2028.

Finally I feel with all their development and progress, I see India my country right on the top.

Jai Hind! Happy Independence Day!

ANSHIKA ARORA

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India has come a long way since gaining Independence in 1947 and becoming a Republic in 1950. In 2028, it will have completed 81 years of its Independence.

India is still a developing country, but it has shown immense growth in all these years. India's development in the recent few years has shown the world what Indians are capable of doing. We've taken huge jumps in technology, science, sports and many other fields. I imagine India to be one of the top countries in the world.

My vision for India in 2028 is to see a less polluted nation. Pollution is a major problem in our country which is destroying Mother Nature. I envision that India must be able to provide education to every child regardless of their gender, caste and religion. I want my India to be a prosperous, healthy, corruption-free, self-sufficient, poverty free, hunger free, and an advanced nation. India should be aware of striking out this issue and provide education to every child.

We have achieved success as a country in various aspects such as defence, technology, sports and many more. The Government is trying to make India self reliant and digitalised. India will surely be a developed country by 2028 and will be one of the top countries in the world. It will surely become a superpower nation having the whole world at its feet.

India is one of the most ancient civilizations still existing today. Through centuries India was known to be the epicenter of knowledge and wealth. It was known for its advanced knowledge in Mathematics, Science and Spirituality. One thousand years of invasions had dulled India's prospects significantly. However, after Independence in 1947, the country started growing slowly and steadily.

In the past decade India has risen to become the third largest economy in the world leaving behind major economies like Germany and Japan. In space technology India has become a leader having successfully launched missions such as Chandrayaan-3, Gaganyaan (India's first manned mission), Suryayaan (mission to circumnavigate the sun) amongst many others. Artificial intelligence is another industry that has grown to become more than 8 billion dollars. Apart from this, India is today a leader in multiple industries such as semi-conductors, automobile, pharmaceutical, defence and many others.

As an 18 year old in 2028, I am very proud to call myself an Indian citizen. Over the years I have seen India regaining its past glory as a Vishwaguru and by 2047, on the centenary of our freedom from the British, we will be a "Developed Nation." I see many opportunities to excel in both my education and career in this land of opportunity and look forward to contributing to the growth of this great nation.

India is a vast country. In India there are many types of people, religions, rules, rituals, etc. However, today we are talking about India in 2028. India is very low in technology now. But in 2028, India will develop like Japan. Robots were made by the engineers. Schools will not have books and copies for writing. Students will go to school without any bag. They will only have a tablet with them which will store all their school work. People of India will change. They will depend on robots totally. They will do work from home. Robots will do all the work - household chores, etc. All the work will be so easy to do.

However, we have to understand that independence is very important to us and to remember it. We have to teach our history to the coming generations so they can know the importance of Independence Day. If we didn't get independence we would still be ruled by the British. We should be thankful to all our soldiers who sacrificed their lives for us.

LAVANYA AGGARWAL

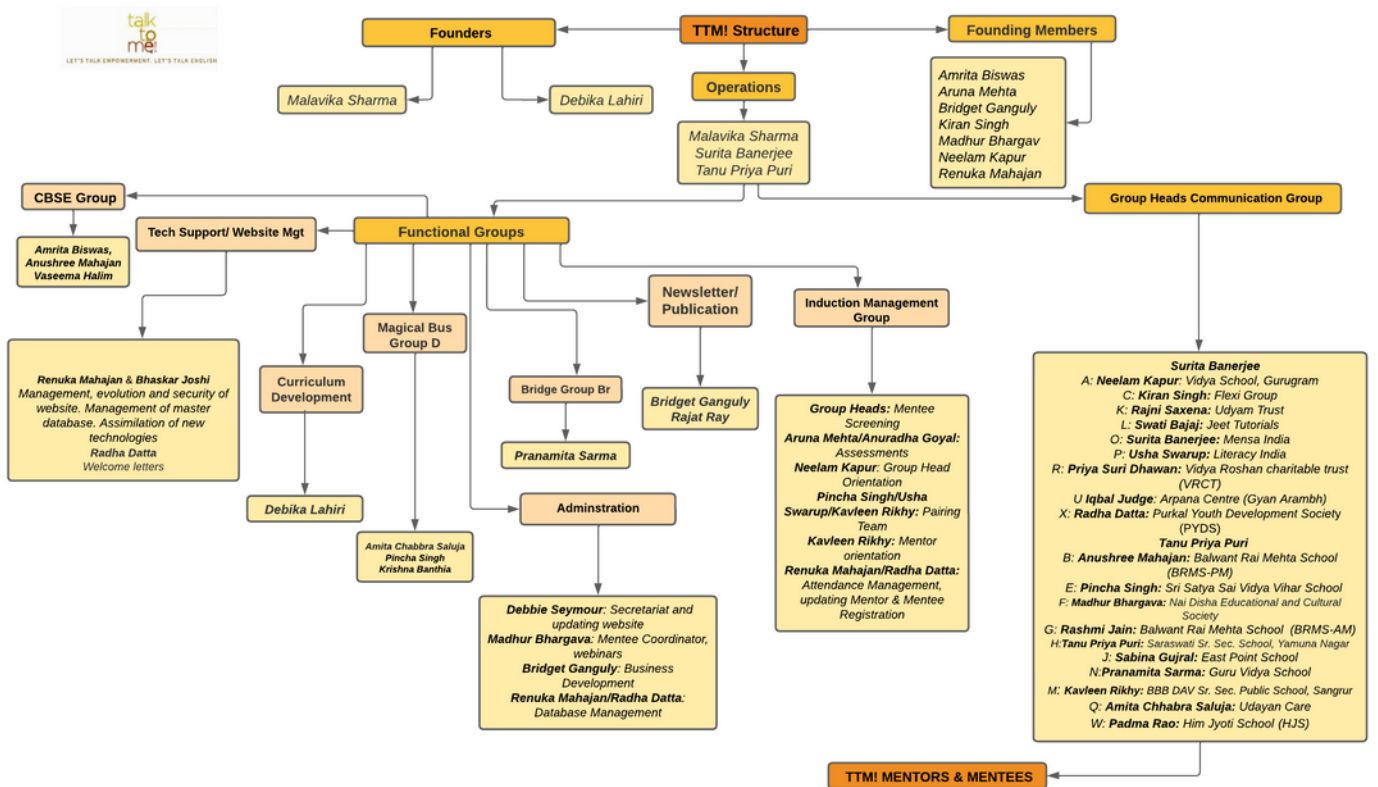
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Independence Day Celebrations at Udyam



TTM! Organisation Chart



Mentor Talk

Aakriti, a confident young girl from Dharamshala, Himachal Pradesh, is my mentee. I met her in Bir during the eye camp organized for the community. She was representing TTM! and was made the ambassador for spoken English, to encourage other village children. Akriti spoke with confidence and was very self assured.

When a lady in the audience asked her whether she could speak in Hindi or Himachali, I assured the lady that she was bilingual. To my surprise, when Vivek, my husband, asked her to read something from the papers in Hindi, as he was not wearing his spectacles, she promptly refused. According to her, she reads and speaks only in English!

Such is the magic spell of TTM! and the phenomenal influence it has on its students.

Such is the impact of having a mentor, rather than sitting in a class full of students and becoming one of the many. Aakriti was a star that day and you bet she knew it! Incidentally, this was her first exposure to addressing a gathering.



ANUSHREE MAHAJAN
Balvantray Mehta School



The card and message from my mentee, Reena was so touching; it brought tears to my eyes!

I read it out to Ma and she has sent her blessings to Reena. Thanks for all your prayers. She should be home soon, hale and hearty.

Thank you God for making me part of such a beautiful organization TTM!



MANJULA TREHAN

Him Jyoti



Just taking a moment to acknowledge that Mehak scored 84 in English, in her last exam.

She is so grateful to TTM! and ecstatic over her performance.

Personally, I also thank TTM! for the opportunity to make a difference in the life of at least one child.



ANITA SIVARAMAN
Guruvidya Foundation

Tanya Yadav, Vidya Mensa Gurgaon mentee, has been with me since the last four years and her growth & confidence is commendable. She has evolved from a shy, introverted teenager to almost a 'grown up lady' - a good singer, a painter (both shared in earlier Newsletters), a Korean YouTube watcher and a keen Astronomy 'fan' - all-in-one.

Very proud of her!!!

SWATI BAJAJ
Jeet

Career Workshops

The Career Workshops started with the idea of giving our mentees food for thought on career choices. Happy to announce the workshops successfully done so far:

1. Lawyer
2. Teacher
3. Doctor
4. Architect
5. Chartered Accountant
6. Graphic Designer
7. Indian Navy
8. Indian Army
9. Air Force
10. Civil Services

On popular demand, we are restarting these career workshops. Following is a list of what we are planning:

1. Tour Guide
2. Hospitality
3. Food Industry
4. Airline Industry
5. Computer Programming
6. Software Engineer
7. Company Secretary

Positive feedback from our Mentees has been very encouraging. The speakers have not only been very knowledgeable about their individual careers but have also been speaking like life coaches. All are very approachable and are willing to answer queries even after workshops are over. Hope these workshops help our mentees in pursuing the right career path.

The first workshop scheduled for Sunday, 6th August has been postponed to later in the month.

Mentee Talk

I am able to attend TTM! (Talk to Me!) classes because I am able to learn new things. It helps in improving my English vocabulary. By taking these classes I get opportunities to explore many new things present in the world.

This improves my English reading and pronunciation, and I get a chance to find out my grammatical errors. Reading expands my imagination and helps me to dream big. It enhances my thought process and I learn many new and difficult words.

I look forward to my weekly TTM! classes with my mentor Mrs Neelam Ma'am, where I feel comfortable in discussing different topics, inspiring stories and clearing doubts. TTM! has made me more confident in using English language in my communication.

I hope to keep improving this skill.

NAITIK RAJ

East Point School



Creativity

THE MYSTERIOUS LIE

Do you know why, You tell a lie?
Is it just for fun,
Or to hurt someone?

Lies are not always bad;
But it may be the reason,
For some trouble you had.

Some lies makes you feel miserable
Since, you messed up something,
Which you weren't that capable.
Or, you did it by mistake,
Maybe to cover up something great.

Some lies fills happiness in life;
And you feel that,
You did something which was absolutely right.
Some people just lie to get attention,
But later realise how it takes them to depression.

Lies too, has its own benefit;
Until you become it's serious addict.
And on time, it you don't say it a good bye,
You realise that you are in a black hole of lie.

Say the truth, believe in you,
Abundance of happiness you will view.
Do whatever your mind says
So you don't need to justify
As nobody knows about this mysterious lie.



MY MOTHER

ANJALI KHAREL

Mensa Rishikesh

NEW YEAR

Let's open a new door in our life, And stab all the negativity from a knife

New year, New hope
No nah, no nope

Let's clean the mess in our room, And make our brain happily bloom

Let's hope 2023 brings us joy, And Let's not play any ploys

Today is 1st of January, Let's end all our fights, And hold onto the year tight

Let's not kill other's hope, And make our decisions like a dope

Let's fill the bottle of our lives with happiness, And forget all the last year's mess

Let's fill this diary of 365 days with memories, And forget about all the worries

Let's kill all the negativity, And lighten our lives with the lamp of positivity

At last we all have to die

Let's live our lives happily

Until it's time to say goodbye

The Artist

Krishika is pursuing her Master's in Fine Arts from Maharishi Dayanand University, Rohtak. She would like to be a Fine Arts teacher and an Artist. Krishika is a Mensa scholar from Gurgaon.

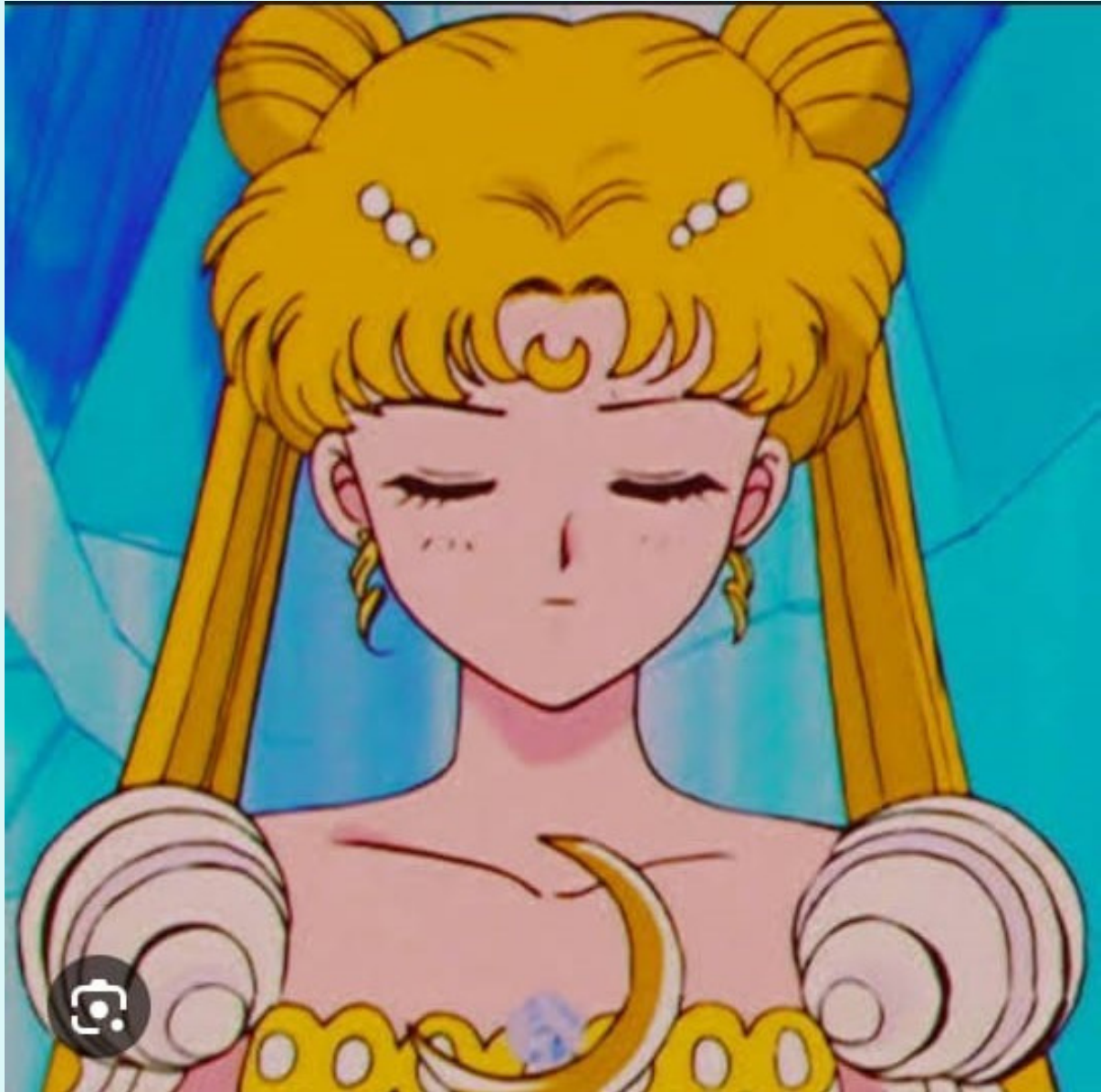
My Vision I feel Art should be beautiful as well as something we can connect with. It may be worthless if there is no message or meaning conveyed by it. Whatever I draw or paint is inspired by meaningful thoughts. My artwork reflects a constant search to interpret ideas about the world I live in. I try to make my artwork simple so that the viewers can relate to it with their own experiences and have a new dimension of understanding.

My Artwork

Goddess Saraswati symbolises knowledge and a mother is the first one to teach life lessons and give knowledge. In every step of our lives, she teaches moral values (sanskars). Hence, I want to portray that a girl should be educated enough so that when she becomes a mother she will be able to educate her child.

KRISHIKA CHHABRA





TANYA YADAV

Vidya Mensa Gurgaon

elements of Poetry

Rhyme → Words that end in the same sound.



Whale → mail

Rhythm → The musical quality or beat.

I'm a little teapot,
Short and stout, here is my handle, here is my spout



Repetition → to repeat sounds, words, or phrases.

I have a **funny dog**,
funny dog, **funny dog**.



Imagery → a vivid description using the 5 senses.



Simile → Compare 2 things using "like" or "as".

She was as quiet as a mouse.



Metaphor → Compare 2 different things without using "like" or "as".

The boy is a sweet cupcake.



Alliteration → repeat beginning sounds.

Paul's Penguins
Play ping pong.



Onomatopoeia → Sounds like the noise or action.

Boom
Crash Ding Bang
Pow drip Beep
Zoom splash

Personification → makes a non-human animal/thing seem human.



I have created some memes (funny images) from what I saw in today's Magical Bus session. Hope all who attended would understand the joke and laugh!!!



Me and my friends waiting for Immature Flatid Leaf-bus to drop honeydew ...

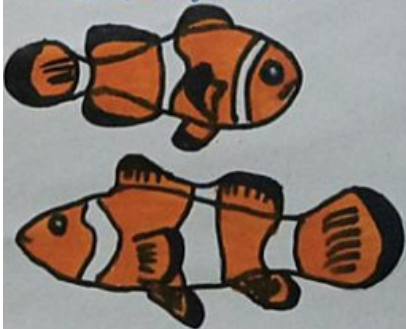


Human: Look at that... it's a monkey.
[Lion-tailed Macaques]

WONDER OF THE SEA

Clown Fish

Clown fish is the name of several types of fish that live in tropical oceans. They are also known as anemone fish because they live among sea anemones. Clown fish are active and a territorial fish with an erratic swimming pattern. Clown fish live in the warm waters of shallow reefs and shallow seas in the Pacific and Indian Ocean. All clown fish are born male. When the dominant female dies, the dominant male will turn itself into a female. Clown fish communicate by making popping and clicking noises. Clown fish can be many different colors, depending on the species, including yellow, orange, red and black. They are very small, with the smallest around 7 to 8 cm long and the largest 11 cm long. Clown fish live at the bottom of shallow seas at depths of 10-15 feet (3-5 m).



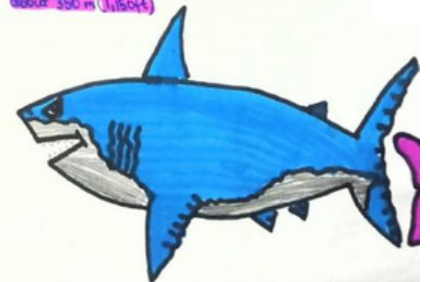
SHORDFISH

Some fish also known as broadbills in some countries, are large, highly migratory predatory fish characterized by a long, flat, and pointed bill. They are a popular sport fish of the billfish. Swordfish are elongated, sword-bodied, and lose all teeth and scales by adulthood. These fish are found widely in tropical and temperate parts of the Atlantic, Pacific, and Indian Ocean and can typically be found from near the surface to a depth of 950 m (3,100 ft) and exceptionally up to depths of 2,281 m. They commonly reach 3 m (10 ft) in length, and the maximum reported is 4.55 m (14 ft 11 in) in length and 650 kg (1,430 lb) in weight. Over 25,000 fish species, only 22 are known to have a mechanism to conserve heat. These include the swordfish, tuna, and some sharks.

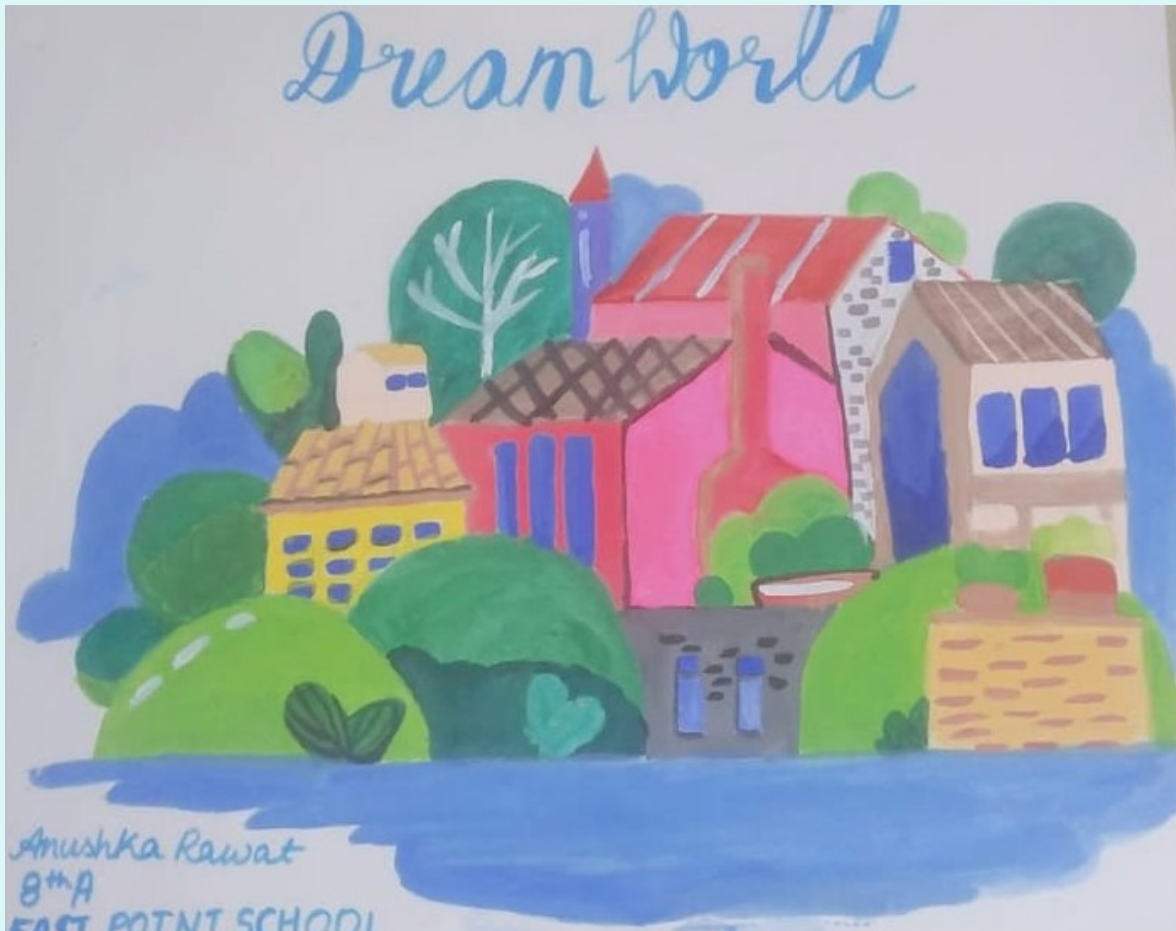


BLUE SHARKS

The swordfish known as great white shark found in temperate and tropical waters. The blue shark is noted for its attractive deep blue coloring, especially along the sides. It is a large shark, reaching up to 4 meters in length and weight 2,000 kg. Blue shark populations are distinct in the Atlantic and Indian Oceans. In some places, the blue shark is an important species for human consumption, especially in the Pacific and Indian Oceans. Blue sharks are common, open-ocean predators. Blue sharks are found world-wide in deep temperate and deeper waters from the surface to about 350 m (1,150 ft).







ANUSHKA RAWAT
East Point School



Magical Bus

This summer, The Magical Bus took our TTM! Mentees on a journey through forests and oceans with Sir David Attenborough. Every Saturday we met and went on a new adventure together, discovering things about our planet, we never knew ! We also did special sessions with children at Nai Disha, through the summer, taking them on a journey through India, exploring arts and crafts from different states.

Once schools began, we added not only one more class from Himjyoti to our Magical Bus family, but also one more Masi - Padma Masi joined the team and is now cruising along creating magic !



Magical Bus Lessons - Mentee Accolades

The poems, after attending Magical Bus this summer 2023:

It's beautiful and heartbreaking at the same time - eagerly waiting (like an eagle), for the next session!!!

NORTH-WESTERN FORESTS

I'm Forest

Amidst me lives the rarest

Almost mythical of all.

A Siberian Tiger

It trudges miles and miles

To stay alive, to hunt a life

But no roar round the clock

Tells how it didn't find its prey.

The Wild Boar who starved,

With no pine corn in sight.

BOREAL FORESTS

The Bald Eagle

Beauty over its head and

Power in its sharp eyes.

It may be singing

All around the forest

It's easy to catch

its prey

But harder to make

It stay

They fight to survive.

SOUTHERN FORESTS

The sun baked it
Turned it as dry as Tinder
Fire. Fire. Fire.
Deaths. A little portion
Of the wildlife was alive
But must have lost its vision
Due to the fire.
Those blind ones
Would still be seeing something
A World on Fire.

By default, I'd find shelter in a storm. But look at the Torrent Ducks; it fights its way through the strongest of currents in search of Blackflies underwater!!!

I know how to dive, but the Kingfisher knows how to do it gloriously and magnificently. I might learn fishing, but the Osprey knows how to do it skilfully and single-handedly!!!

Then there's this heart-breaking fluttery insect who lives for 3 years as larvae under Tisza River till it comes out, and guess what? It dances around as much as it can. And why not? It has about 3 hours to live!!!

I'm not like these creatures, but I can learn from them; much more than my school will ever teach me about life!!!

The beauty of Nature is such that the most menacing and dangerous of animals such as a Caiman can seem cute if a butterfly sits on its nose!!!

Fishes are sweet and smart; I mean, look at the male Callipterus Cichlids; they collect shells and create something like an exhibition - an exhibition of various shells for the female Cichlids, attracting them to lay their eggs!!!

Then there's this Siamese Fish in Southeast Asia, fighting to survive in the Mekong River. They come to the surface for a long intake of breath, go down the river and create a bubble raft out of their mouth with such finesse that the female Siamese Fish is not reluctant to cuddle him and lay her eggs!!!

There'd be more fish and aquatic life would flourish if we could just let them do their own work!!!

ASHUTOSH RAI

Mensa Rishikesh

I loved the way Amita Masi explained the big and important lessons of life with some easy and beautiful conversations linked with the big or even tiny animals. Also, as an educated human, it is our role to protect the planet - charity begins at home!

ANJALI KHAREL

Mensa Rishikesh



Congratulations !!!



HEAD BOY, Class XII

Ashutosh Rai

Mensa Rishikesh



SPELLING BEE WINNER

Olympiads 2022-23

Anjni Panda
Literacy India



FINALIST IN VOLLEYBALL

Sangrur Zonal Competition

Karan Singh
BBADAV

Chicken Soup - Shruti's story

Although my previous mentee, Shruti Path, from BRMS, is now in Class 12, and is busy juggling the demands of her academic schedule, we have stayed connected. I was therefore really touched when she decided to drop in for a visit, the primary purpose being to update me on what's going on in her life, and her future aspirations. (Last year she sat for the Mensa test and is now a Dhruv scholar). Shruti (also happens to be my daughter's name!) turned up with a beautiful pink carnation, a bar of chocolate and a handwritten note. We enjoyed a wonderful afternoon together, and I only read her note after she had left. Needless to say, the note made me very emotional. All I can say is that I'm so grateful to Shruti, and to TTM! for giving me this opportunity. Happy and blessed to be part of the amazing TTM! family.

BRIDGET GANGULY



11 Aug 2023,

To My Dear Ma'am

Date _____
DELTA Pg No. _____

It's been more than 4 years since I first met you. I know, I don't tell you this enough but I'm really grateful that I met an amazing teacher and an wonderful woman like you. I'm writing this to express my heartfelt gratitude towards you for always rectifying my mistakes and showing me the right path. Meeting you was surely in my destiny and I'm glad that we did. Because of you I've become who I'm as a person. I really hope this piece of paper won't disappoint you because of my writing skills. Honestly I've become way more conscious about how I frame my words and doesn't do any grammatical errors, even while I'm writing this 😊

Although we don't have our classes now but I can never forget what you've taught me — be it grammar or any other life lesson. I assure you that your little girl will always be your little girl even when I grow up. Also, as teacher's day is coming up I wish you a very happy teacher's day in very advance as I won't be able to come and greet you then. & I apologise if I ever made any mistake and once again with lots of wishes and love I thank you for each and every bit you've done for me. I love you and I thank you ma'am 😊

from: Your little girl!
Shruti :)

Editorial team signing off

Mala's editorial, as well as our mentees' reflections, have beautifully expressed the meaning of freedom. The sacrifices and commitments of our freedom fighters eventually resulted in our Independence that we celebrate with much joy and a feeling of national pride on the 15th of August. We have been given the opportunity to contribute to the progress of our great nation through commitment, hard work and care for our fellow citizens.

Now as we look forward to Raksha Bandhan, and the significance of this meaningful festival, as mentors, we are reminded of our TIEs (Teach, Inspire, Empower) to our mentees. Let's strive to strengthen our commitment and the TTM! ties that brought us all together.

BRIDGET GANGULY

DEBIKA LAHIRI

RAJAT RAY

