

Thinker's Leaf

An Initiative of Manava Bharati



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Director's Message

Dear patrons,

Greetings from Manava Bharati ! As you all know, the Covid-19 pandemic has disrupted the education systems of the world. It has affected nearly 1.6 billion learners in more than 200 countries. Closure of schools and other learning spaces have been affected by 94% of the world's student population.



Under these difficult circumstances of Covid-19 lockdown, we had decided to publish three different monthly magazines. It helped us develop a strong relationship with teachers, students, and parents. I would like to mention here that any creative activity always diverts us from negativity to positive aspects of life.

I am happy to see that our students and teachers have now started participating in the publication of our English newsletter "Thinker's Leaf". I am confident that the teachers and the students will learn new skills during the process of the publication of Magazines.

Let us all take precautionary measures to stay safe and healthy and try to exchange happy and motivational thoughts with everyone. I hope and pray for the well being of each one of you.

Warm regards,

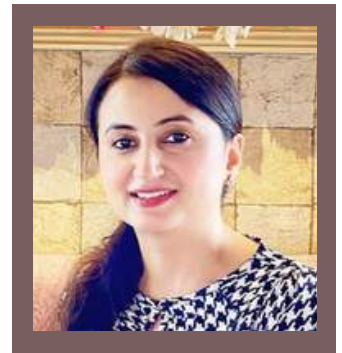
Dr. Himanshu Shekhar (Director)

From The

Editorial Desk

Dear readers,

I hope each one of you is keeping safe and sound. These are not normal times and it's quite distressing to see our loved ones and our near and dears fighting for their lives from this deadly virus. Our vision towards life has changed, our priorities have changed and so has our lookout towards



life. In these difficult times, no amount of words would feel right but all I can say is that we are together in this.

Though some of us are in yachts, some in canoes and some drowning yet we are together in this storm. Amidst all this, let us not forget that it's Mother's Day this month. However, just celebrating her for a day isn't enough.

She's the creator, the soul bearer and the basis of everything that eternity offers us.

My intention is not to add something fancy but something that sounded logical and quite appropriate. So, here I would like to quote Cardinal Mermillod.

"A mother is she who can take the place of all others but whose place no one else can take."

I sincerely hope that all your prayers get answered. Wherever you are and whatever you pray.

Stay positive and stay safe.

Kind regards,

Jasleen K

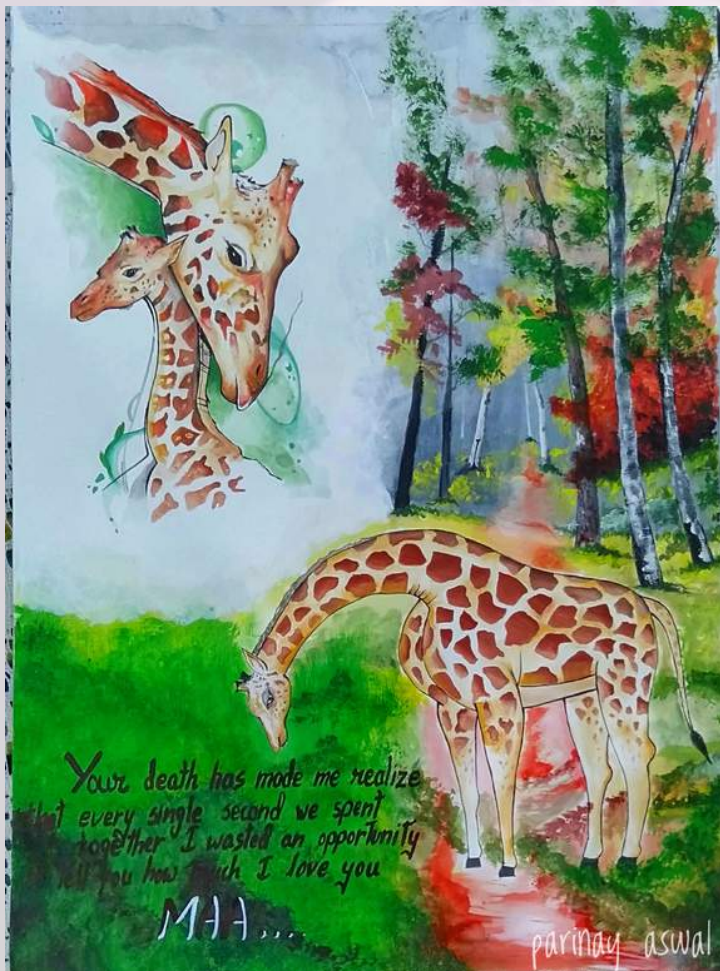
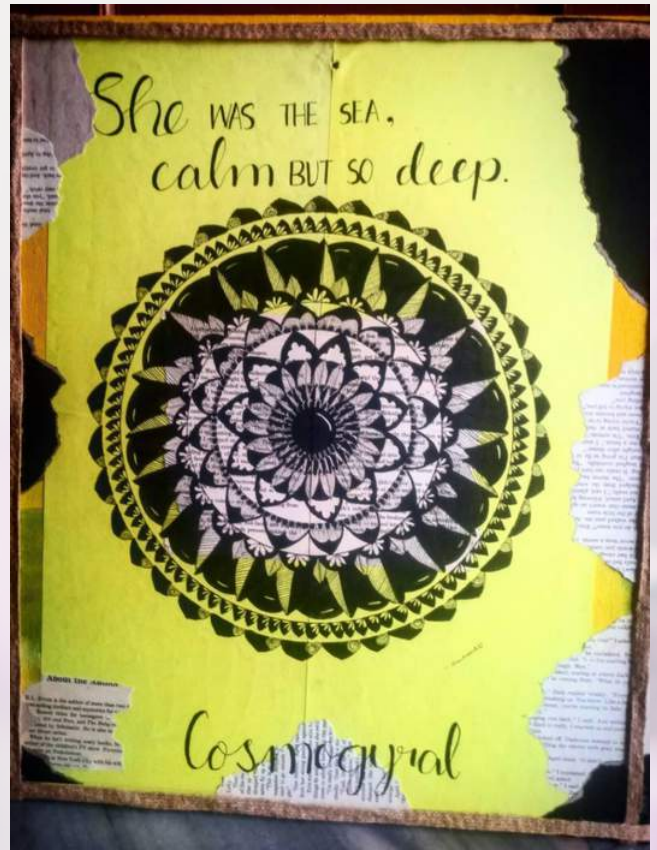
Creative corner (D.I.Y)

✓ Reuse old canvas

- Take a old or damaged canvas which you want to reuse.
- Paste sheets of your choice like scrap papers with fevicol.
- Draw a Mandala on the canvas or simply doodle on it.
- Write some quotes of your choice.
- To make it look aesthetic take some pages of any old book and some scrap papers. Paste them on the border of the canvas.
- Add a jute thread to the canvas as a frame.

And your beautiful canvas is ready !

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Book Review

“The Mother”

- Written by Maxim Gorky

Recommendation: Its a must read for children above 12 years

“A young heart is always nearer to the truth”

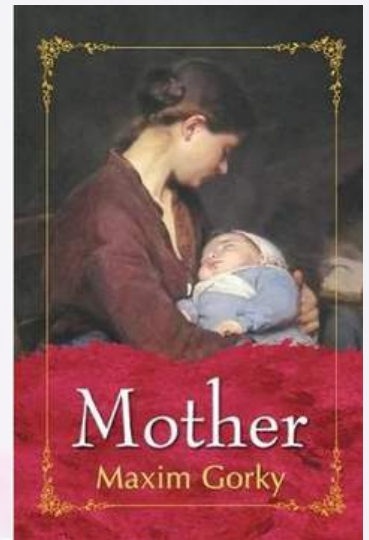
Set in the backdrop of the Czarist Regime in Russia in 1905, “The Mother” tells the story of the “Proletariat”, the common working class people. It explores the hardships of the factory workers amidst the rule of the autocratic Czar and his capitalist followers. Harsh winters, hunger, exploitation couldn't deter the spirit of the workers in planning for an uprising that finally led to the October Revolution.

The central characters of this novel are Pelagueya Nilovna Vlasova (Mother) and Pavel Vlasov (son). It shows the transformation of a homely, submissive woman into a confident lady with strong nationalist feelings. She is abused by her drunken husband who just perishes leaving the family into the dungeon of poverty. Pavel, as a child tries to emulate his father but as he gets into the university, he takes to serious reading. He realises the plight of the working class and immerses himself into reading books. Over the time he indulges in revolutionary activities and organises meetings to unite all proletariats. Pelagueya Vlasova suddenly realises that her son is preparing himself to fight for a greater cause. Initially she is cautious about these underground activities as she is illiterate and has no political interest. However, with time she is impressed and decides to help her son in his fight against capitalism.

The author uses simple language perhaps to reach out to every common man of Russia. He describes the autocratic regime of the Czar and the Bloody Sunday of 1905. His portrayal of “Mother” is simply touching. Nilovna distributes books, pamphlets to the factory workers. Her illiteracy doesn't come in the path of uniting the workers. When Pavel is sent on exile to Siberia, mother promises him that she would continue with the task of organising revolution. The story ends with Mother, who sacrifices her life for the sake of the nation and the proletariats. The vivid descriptions in this book momentarily takes us to the Russia of 1905, preparing for a big political upheaval amidst poverty and illiteracy.

I read this book as a student of class 11. The Mother and her supreme sacrifice is very heart touching. I have found the depiction of strong emotional bonding between Mother and her son to be the most captivating part of this novel. The novel is considered to be one of the most successful works of Maxim Gorky. Such is the popularity of this novel that it has been translated into different languages and featured in several plays and movies across the world. The author has several other books to his credit like “My Childhood”, “Collected short stories” etc. Children above 12 years will find this book quite absorbing as it delves into the lives of the working class of Russia. It will help them to understand the reasons that led to the Great Russian Revolution. They will know that the power of grit and determination is immense and unmatched.

- Ms. Sumana Ghosh (Faculty)



Mother's Day

Mother is that figure who is ready to do anything for her children. She sacrifices her happiness for the betterment of her children. She is the one in the world who understand us properly. Mother is endowed with all the power. No creature in the world can be as powerful as a mother!! She can manage and control everything in any situation.

Every year we celebrate second Sunday of may as Mother day. In this day children express their feelings to their mothers and thank her for all the work she does for them and wish her happy mothers Day. This is truly a special day for the mother who are mostly underrated in this male dominated society. It is the day which make people remember the importance and significance of mother in their life and observed as a day to give special emphasis to motherly figure around the world.

On this beautiful occasion children makes cards for her mother, give gifts, make special food items - all to make their mother happy. Schools organised programs to encourage everyone to understand the value of their mothers, competitions are held, dance-singing programs are also held.

Mother is a person who does not have any day off in her life because she has decided all time to her children in her life, no one can replace her at any cost. Celebrating mother's day is not enough to thank every single mother in this world. So take care of your mother and keep her happy.



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Mother's Day

A woman plays many roles in her life as a mother, sister, daughter, wife & many other roles. As a mother she is the most precious gift that God has given us. She is the one who lays the foundation of the family, she is the only one who stands by her family during crucial circumstances, always ready to sacrifice her happiness for the sake of her children & family without expecting anything in return. After enduring so much pain she gives birth to a child & that is the time when she smiles, when her child cries for the first time because after that she only prays for the happiness of her child. She is the most beautiful thing in this world with whom we have the most strongest & purest bond of love. She does every possible thing for the happiness of her children, one can never repay a mother's sacrifice and unconditional love, we can only honour, & respect her not only on this single day where we celebrate our mother's but every day of the year.

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INTERESTING FACTS ON LAUGHTER

- Scientists believe that laughter was used as a way for humans to relate to one other millions of years before they developed the lung strength for language.
- No joke! Just 10-15 minutes of laughing a day can burn up to 40 calories, according to a Vanderbilt University Study.
- Interestingly, scientist have identified that many primates including Orangutans, Chimpanzees, Bonobos and even rats are able to laugh.
- Couples who are able to laugh together are more likely to stay together.
- The average person laughs approximately 13 times a day. Kids laugh around three times more than adults.
- Laughter reduces the risk of heart disease.
- Babies usually start laughing when they are between 3-5 months old.

MOTHER

God's Angel on the earth who gave us
birth ;

Out of her love and care,
She helps us in every sphere.
Her affection is a never ceasing rain,
Under which every happiness we gain.

In the sea of sorrow of life,
She is always a Ray of light.
It doesn't matter how we look,
She is behind every success we took.
Her warm touch and lovely smile ;
Takes me to another world awhile.
We make many new relations
everywhere,
But haven't still lies in the feet of
mother.

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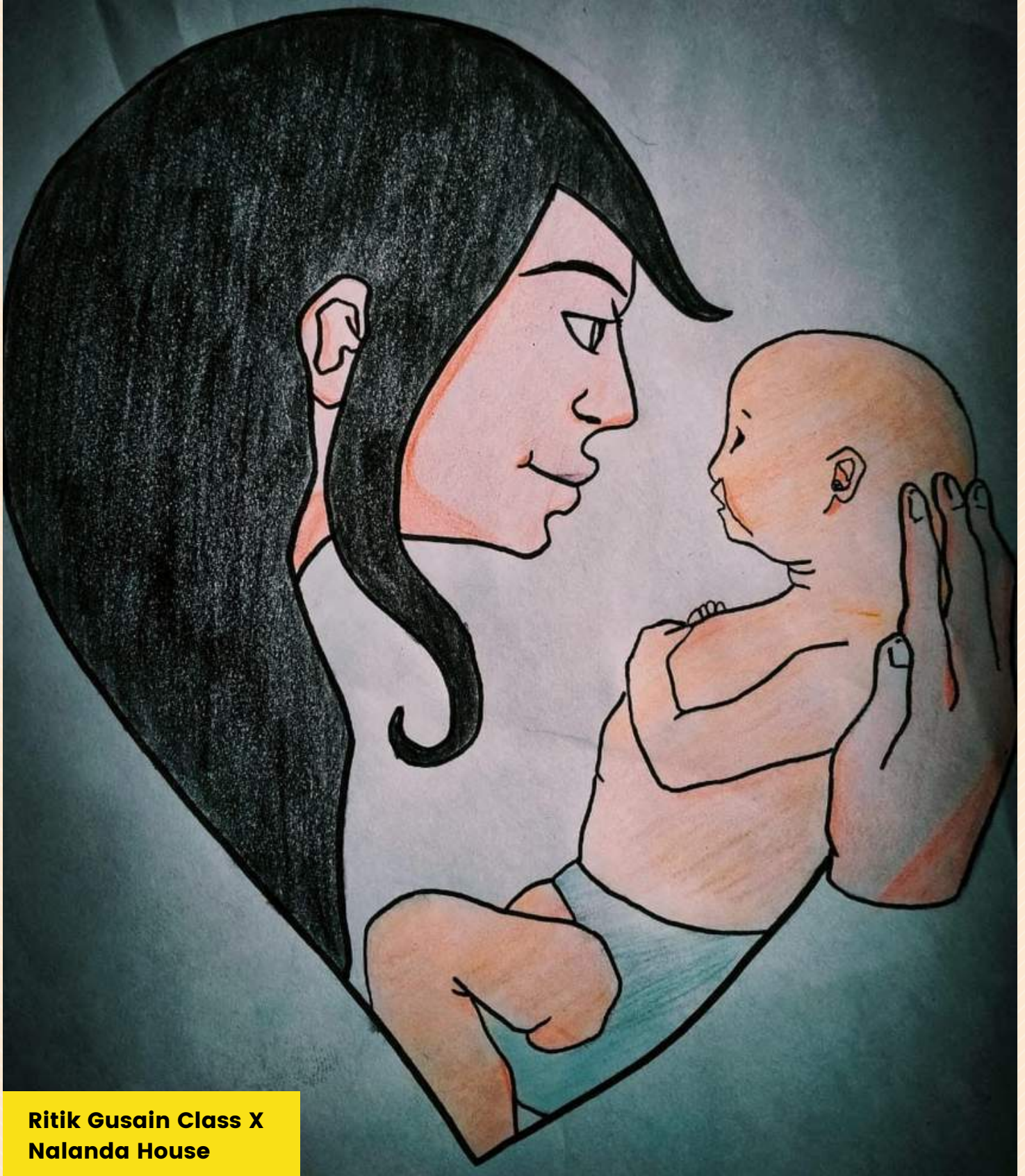
FACTS ON MOTHER'S DAY

- The first Mother's day was celebrated in 1908. Anna Jarvis honored her mother Ann Jarvis with a memorial.
- The youngest mother in recorded history is Lind Medina. She was just 5 years and 7 months old when she gave birth to a boy.
- The founder of Mother's Day, Anne Jarvis never become a mother
- There are about 122.5 million phone calls on Mother's Day, making it one of the busiest phone days of the year.
- Yerramantti Mangayamma became the World's oldest mum in 2019 after giving birth to twins at the age of 73.
- After very much persuasion from an activist Anne Jarvis, Woodrow Wilson officially declared that the Second Sunday of every May Month would be Mother's day.
- The most popular Mother's Day gift is a Card, the second most popular purchase is Flowers.
- Carnations are very popular flowers for Mother's Day and are thought to be made from the tears of Jesus' mother (Mary) when she wept at his feet the day he was crucified.
- Pink and red carnations are given to mother's that are still alive, while white ones are for those that have passed away,
- In the vast majority of the World's language, word for "mother" begins with the letter M.

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