

## COVID WARRIORS

## Young warriors light up lives of underprivileged

The world is going through a transformational phase that has left a huge impact on the economy and most importantly, its people. The livelihood of marginalized communities has been drastically hit. In such times, it becomes crucial that every citizen steps forward and helps those who need it the most.

Sisters Dhriti Arya, 15, and Dhiksha Arya, 11, decided to make a difference.

For Dhriti Arya, animals and community service have always been

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close to her heart. During the lockdown, when a cat landed up at her doorstep at 11 in the night, meowing for food, she realised that there could be many more hungry stray animals. Researching and reading online, she discovered that even pet owners are abandoning their pets due to the fear of COVID 19 infection. She also learnt there are homeless and migrant workers stranded with no shelter or food. That's when she and her sister, with



help from her family created "Ligh-tUpLives", a student initiative to help needy animals and people. Their Motto: "Each one of us is capable of contributing in a small manner and every rupee counts".

Fierce with her goals and planning, she on-boarded three organisations - The Karnataka Jesuit Educational Society which helped procure

grocery kits for people, Aarogya Seva that helped distribute hygiene kits & sanitary napkins and WAHTS (We Are Here To Serve) Foundation, which works with various individuals and organizations to feed strays, including cattle. Veterinarian Dr Dheeraj Kashyap helped with an ambulance for animal rescue.

Through the support of friends,

family and well-wishers, she has been able to raise 1 Lakh till date. She has used this amount towards distributing grocery kits for the Gola Basava community and orphanages, and hygiene kits and sanitary napkins in the slums. This was done with the help of ASHA health workers through the Primary Health Centres.

"I knew I wanted to make a difference. I realized people wanted to support and are looking for trustworthy and reliable organisations, which are transparent and make a difference", says Dhriti.

Dhiksha loves ballet and baking. When she saw many migrant and homeless children getting nothing but basic food, she felt cupcakes would bring a smile on their faces. She baked more than 500 cupcakes. With the support of her parents, these were distributed in five slums. She was completely overwhelmed and thrilled to see the kind of warm and positive vibes she received from all the underprivileged children and their families.

The young sisters believe that no contribution or effort is small, if everyone can come together it will make a difference in millions of lives and build a more equitable world.

## Handmade rakhis, DIY gifts strengthen the bond

The school has been promoting handmade items during festivals in the Covid-19 situation. On the occasion of Raksha Bandhan, as part of their Socially Useful Productive Work

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students prepared rakhis, decorative pooja thalis, Arabic mehndi designs and rangolis. Some other made sweets for their brothers, while the boys made DIY gifts for their sisters and with creative gift wrapping.



GIFT WRAPPING FOR HIS SISTER BY JAI KIMAR XII A

## Founder's Day celebrated



The Samadhi Day of Pujya Gurudev Swamy Chinmayananda is celebrated as Founder's Day at the school. This year it was celebrated digitally on August 3, 2020. Students and teachers of the school took part in various activities.

## CHINMAYA VIDYALAYA, BANASHANKARI

Gurudev Swamy Chinmayananda was a Hindu spiritual leader and a teacher who inspired many. He established Chinmaya Mission to spread the knowledge of Advaita Vedanta, the Bhagavad Gita, the Upanishads and Hindu culture.



## School leaders get their badges

*'A leader is the one who knows the way, goes the way and shows the way!'*

It was a pleasant morning as the little leaders were honoured! It was a mesmerizing sight to see the leaders getting the privileged badge from their parents.

The chief guest was Wing Commander Nishikant Singh, a veteran Air Force Pilot, who has been a part of the Kargil War and Op Parakaram. He gave valuable insights on leadership and shared snippets of his magnificent career as ADC with former president the late A P J Abdul Kalam.

The sonorous voices in the musical display by students, and the enthralling invocation dances lit up

the show! The lamp lighting and prayer recitations added to the serenity of the occasion.

The school also released their newsletter, which was a virtual bundle of students' budding dreams, writing talent and splendid artistic abilities.

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The newly-elected leaders spoke their heart out with dignity as they took the oath! In a nutshell, it was spark, pride, enthusiasm, perfection, exuberance and gratitude in one screen! Our virtual investiture ceremony was thus a grander version of the real one!

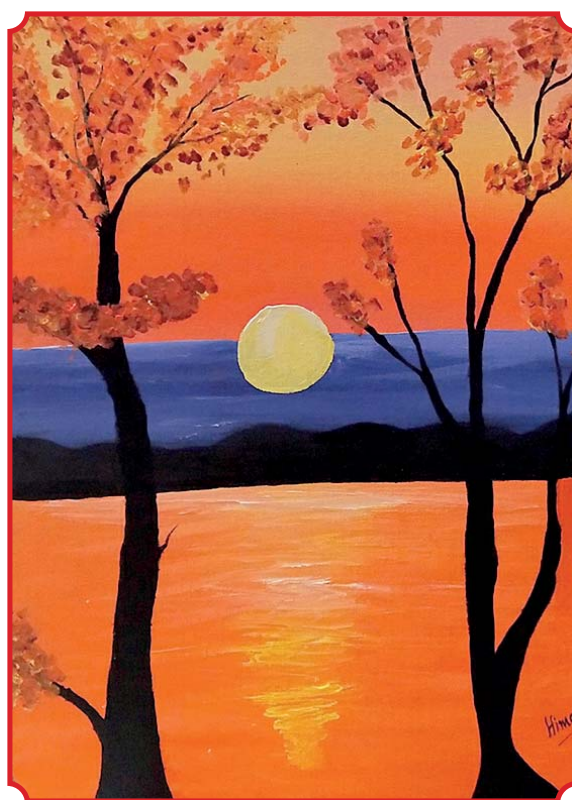


**FEATHERED WONDER:** Ananya Sathish, class VIII, DPS East, Bengaluru

## Painters' Gallery



**REMOVER OF OBSTACLES:** Devansh Mittal, class VIII, Sarla Birla Academy, Bengaluru



**BRILLIANT MOON:** Himani Prabhu, class IX, DPS East

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## Art integrated with history

An interesting activity was introduced by history teacher Taniya Guha. The students thoroughly enjoyed the activity as they used their creativity and understood the content with an increased level of excitement.

Anvi Khare and Sai Anshika of class VIII submitted impressive comic strips based on the chapter The Establishment of Company Power.



## THE GLASS HALF FULL

What has the world come to?  
Decimated by an invisible foe.  
What has the world come to?  
When we have nowhere to go.  
People destroyed in multitudes  
Bringing nations to their knees today  
Questions raised about our attitudes  
As millions in supplication pray.

Where is the world headed to?  
When economies see dark days.  
Where is the world headed to?  
As we all wish this scourge away.  
And we crave for life-giving oxygen  
Scrambling to disinfect  
Our doctors become supermen  
We are no longer perfect.

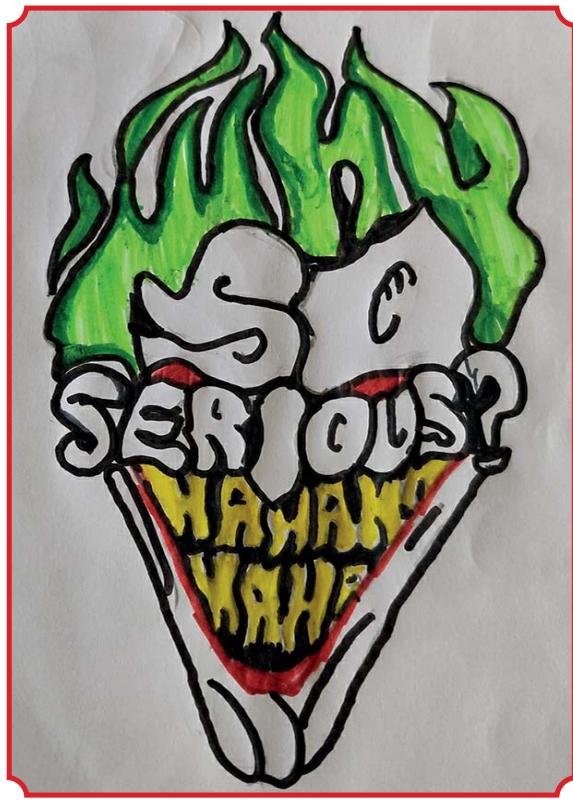
How can we live in these times?  
Where money is hard to come by.  
How can we live in these times?  
When essential stores run dry.  
We fight, we smile, we empathize  
As nations virtually unite  
We let flora and fauna rejoice  
And this terror we battle and smite.

Can we be happy now?  
As ugliness rears its head.  
Can we be happy now?  
When counting the millions dead.  
Let gratitude fill your hearts  
For shelter and sustenance  
Be joyful as nature rejuvenates  
Zephyrs whistling as flowers dance.

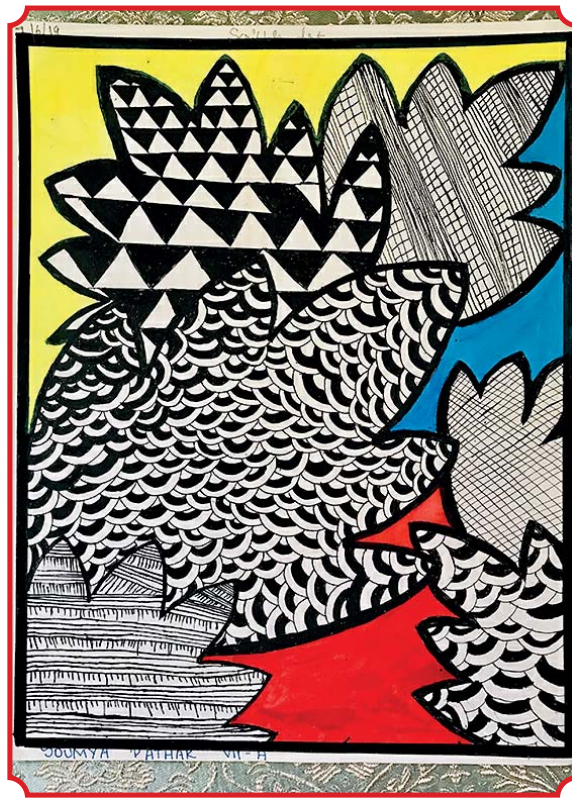
Swati Rathore, Curriculum Advisor,  
Brigade Foundation,  
The Brigade Schools



**PRETTI PLUMAGE:** Keertana M, class X, Samved School



**WHY SO SERIOUS:** Megh Mehta, class VIII, DPS Whitefield, Bengaluru



**BED OF LEAVES:** Soumya Pathak, class VIII, DPS Whitefield