

TRIVANI

Association of Nepali Teraian in America's Quarterly Newsletter



President's Message

by Aprajita Jha

It has been almost two months since I have taken over the Presidential role of ANTA and I am already feeling an edifice of responsibility and ownership in my role towards our community. I have been encouraged by a great deal of interests, excitement, willingness, and outpour of help to our new team. This issue of *Trivani* is a testament of collective contributions and participation from the community members across the USA including youngsters.



As my new team is embarking on its journey of service to the community, we seek your active guidance and support in binding the community and imparting a sense of fulfillment to everyone. The forum of *Trivani* presents a powerful anchor of expression & achievements and above all, a channel to bring everyone together within the Teraian diaspora spread across the continental US.

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Editorial

Dear ANTA Members, Family, and Friends,

It is with great pleasure that the newly elected executive committee of ANTA presents the fifth issue of *Trivani* for the first quarterly newsletter of the year 2020. The purpose of this newsletter is to highlight the past activities of ANTA during the quarterly period and to provide support for communities suffering from enormous pain in our motherland country. We wish to enhance the cultivation of our cultural promotions in North America through *Trivani*.

On behalf of ANTA, I would like to take a moment to thank you all for the generous support you've sent us for publication, like pictures, event activities, and so on. A great way to strengthen the community bonds of ANTA is to give everyone a warm welcome and express gratitude for their contributions. I have always believed that your contributions to *Trivani* help us reach the highest level of this excellent publication. We are looking forward to the next issue of the upcoming quarterly, and I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to think about contributing to a future publication. It would also be my pleasure to ask you to take the opportunity to make comments and valuable suggestions on how *Trivani* is doing presently and how we should improve it in the following issues.

Finally, I would like to thank all the members of the editorial board of the 2020-2021 Executive Committee for their dedication to *Trivani*. I extend thanks to our editor and executive editor, who have given their valuable time for the successful publication of *Trivani*.

Sincerely,

Bindeshwar Sah

Editor in Chief, *Trivani*

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ANTA UPDATES

ANTA CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (2020-2021)



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Joint Treasurer
(PA)



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(NY)



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(MI)



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Member
(KY)



KHUSNANDAN THAKUR
Member
(MO)



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Member
(IN)



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Member
(NE)



BIKASH SINGH
Member
(MD)



Formation of ANTA Sub-Committees

As per ANTA bylaws, the following ANTA sub-committees were formed to fulfill the functions of the Association and to attain the objectives set forth in ANTA Bylaws. The committee members have been provided an extended time until the next meeting to withdraw their names if they do not wish to serve on any committee.

Membership and Chapter Development Committee

Coordinator: *Mr. Dhiraj Chaudhary*

Members: *Mr. Bindeshwar Sah, Mr. Mukesh Karna, Mr. Santosh Sah*

Finance Committee

Coordinator: *Mr. Mukesh Karna*

Members: *Mr. Santosh Sah, Mrs. Aprajita Jha*

Project/Fundraising Committee

Coordinator: *Dr. Indra Dev Sahu*

Members: *Mr. Mukesh Karna, Mr. Anil Dwivedy, Mr. Dhiraj Chaudhary, Mrs. Aprajita Jha, Mr. Randhir Sharma, Mr. Prabhat Jha, Mr. Mohan Yadav, Mrs. Sunaina Chaudhary, Mr. Kusheshwar Mandal, Mr. Bindeshwar Sah*

Governance Committee

Coordinator: *Mrs. Aprajita Jha*

Members: *Dr. Indra Dev Sahu, Mr. Mohan Yadav*

Youth Committee

Coordinator: *Mr. Prabhat Jha*

Members: *Mr. Manish Singh, Mr. Khushnandan Thakur, Mr. Kusheshwar Mandal, Mrs. Sunaina Chaudhary*

Women's Welfare Committee

Coordinator: *Mrs. Sunaina Chaudhary*

Members: *Mrs. Aprajita Jha, Ms. Kanchan Thakur, Ms. Minu Karna*

Formation of ANTA Sub-Committees (continued)

Global Outreach/Network Committee

Coordinator: *Mr. Anil Dwivedy*

Members: *Mrs. Aprajita Jha, Mr. Randhir Sharma, Dr. Indra Dev Sahu, Mr. Vijay Singh, Mr. Dhiraj Chaudhary, Mr. Manish Singh, Mr. Mohan Yadav, Mr. Mukesh Karna, Mr. Prabhat Jha*

Publication and Media Committee

Coordinator: *Mr. Bindeshwar Sah*

Members: *Mr. Randhir Sharma, Mr. Manish Singh, Dr. Indra Dev Sahu, Mr. Mohan Yadav, Mr. Santosh Sah, Mrs. Sunaina Chaudhary, Mr. Dhiraj Chaudhary*

Cultural Committee

Coordinator: *Mr. Mohan Yadav*

Members: *Mrs. Aprajita Jha, Chapter Presidents*

Ethics and Disciplinary Committee

Coordinator: *Mr. Dhiraj Chaudhary*

Members: *Dr. Indra Dev Sahu, Mr. Anil Dwivedy, Mr. Randhir Sharma*

Advisory Committee

Dr. Sushil Choudhary

Dr. Rambabu Yadav

Past President's Message

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

With the arrival of New Year 2020, ANTA's new team took the responsibility for the next coming two years under the remarkable leadership of Mrs. Aprajita Jha. The dynamic team under her direction will achieve further prosperity. We hope this team will receive great support from our entire society and accomplish more and more success in the coming days. ANTA received historical achievements in my two and half year's tenure. This became possible due to the tireless work of my team members and full support of our Madheshi community, our Nepali community and many friends. I am very proud along with my team members to have had the honor and opportunity to lead and take ANTA to new heights. I want to extend my deepest gratitude to each and everyone who supported my team and helped us make our organization great during my tenure. I wish everyone a very happy, prosperous and blessed Happy New Year!



Sincerely,
Vijay Kumar Singh
Past President

Midwest Chapter's New Executive Team for 2020-2021 Term

ANTA would like to congratulate Mr. Dipak Yadav on his Presidential appointment and his exceptionally enthusiastic team leaders. We wish you the very best for your tenure. We would also like to express my sincere gratitude to the wonderful past President Shrawan Jha ji for his contributions.

Team Midwest: Dipak Yadav, President; Navin Karn, Vice President; Ravi Kumar, General Secretary; Anil Mallik, Treasurer

Members: Ishwar Chaudhary, Indira Karn, Sneha Mahato, Dharmendra Yadav, Sarban Bhagat

Advisors: Lalit Jha, Arbind Karn, Dhiraj Chaudhary

D.C. Chapter's New Executive Team for 2020-2021 Term

ANTA would like to congratulate Dr. Bikash Singh on his presidential appointment and his dynamic team leaders. Bikash ji has recently served as an Election Committee member. We offer my sincere thanks to Anil Dwivedy ji for his stellar tenureship and contributions as the past president.

Team D.C.: Dr. Bikash Singh, President; Sujit Mishra, Senior Vice President, Sunil Dwivedy, Vice President; Rajdhair Yadav, Vice President; Kanchan Thakur, Secretary; Nilu Karna, Joint Secretary; Brajesh Thakur, Treasurer; Rahul Thakur, Joint Treasurer; Bikrant Jha, Spokesperson

Members: Lokesh Adhikari, Manju Yadav, Gautam Shah, Sudhir Yadav, Rajesh Tiwari, Dilip Jha, Himanshu Tiwari

Advisors: RK Dwivedy, Vijay Kumar Singh, Anil K. Dwivedy, Dharmendra Thakur, Vijay Pratap Singh

Formation of Trustee Task Force

by **Aprajita Jha**

An independent and autonomous Task Force comprising of Dr. Tribhuban Choudhary, Dr. Shyam Karki, and Dr. Dilip Shah has been established to look into the Board of Trustees matter and related issues. The Task Force is expected to deliver their suggestions/recommendations to the Central Executive Committee in 90 days. I wish them a pleasant and fruitful experience with their endeavor.

I look forward to the ideas and thoughts on how to get more engagement from the community within the local chapters and across the USA. Please don't hesitate to contact me personally if you have any questions/concerns/comments.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Vidyapati Samaroh Celebrated in NJ

The cultural legacy of the renowned Mahakavi Vidyapati ji was celebrated under the combined banner of ANTA and Maithils of North America. This community-building cultural event showcased the cultural assets of Mithila through songs, trinkets from Mithila, and authentic flavors of the communities. The chief guests, Dharendra Premarshi ji and Rupa ji, mesmerized the audience with their soulful voices, along with many other talented local participants who enchanted the audience.



A Shradhanjali Sabha for Dr. Navin Singh

The community came together to pay homage to their beloved friend and mentor Dr. Navin Singh. Dr. Singh was a life member of ANTA, an adviser to ANTA's Greater NY Chapter, and an integral part of the diaspora. Dr. Singh's Contributions to the world of linguistics and literature, his several published books, and his unparalleled commitment to serve the community selflessly were shared by the attendees in the Shok Sabha. This occasion was partially live-casted to his only son and his widow in Nepal. ANTA has lost a great patron.



Coronavirus Outbreak- a Global Health Emergency

by Dr. Dilip Shah

The novel coronavirus, also known as COVID-19, originated in Wuhan, China. The outbreak is believed to have begun in a seafood and poultry market in Wuhan, a city of 11 million people in Central China. The virus is readily transmitted from person to person, scientists believe, and has spread in 63 countries with a total of 86,021 cases worldwide and a death toll of 2,941 people. In the United States, 65 people are infected, almost all whom traveled from Asia. However, the recent new cases in Washington state, Oregon, and California suggest local, person-to-person spread of the virus in the United States. On Saturday, Washington state announced three new cases of the virus—including the person who died—with circumstances that suggest person-to-person spread in the community. US officials, including the President and Health and Human Secretary Alex Azar, urged Americans not to panic. Azar said, "for the vast majority of individuals who contract the novel coronavirus, they will experience mild to moderate symptoms, and their treatment will be to remain at home, treating their symptoms, the way they would a severe cold, or the flu." Here is more information regarding the novel coronavirus, symptoms, prevention and treatment, and what to do if you have suspicious symptoms of coronavirus infection.

What are Coronaviruses?

Coronavirus (CoV) was first discovered in 1960. Some coronaviruses cause illness in people, and others circulate among animals, including camels, cattle cats, and bats. The animal coronaviruses evolve into human coronaviruses that subsequently infect individuals, and they spread between people similar to previous outbreaks SARS (2002-2003) and Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS, 2012).

Coronavirus Outbreak- a Global Health Emergency (continued)

by Dr. Dilip Shah

How easily does the coronavirus spread?

The virus is readily transmitted from person to person and spread from contact with infected surfaces or objects. The main source of infection is the respiratory droplets when someone infected with the virus coughs or sneezes. It's unclear exactly how contagious the virus is, but computer modeling suggests that each new case infected 2.5 other people on average, making this virus a pandemic.

Symptoms

It seems to start with a fever, followed by a dry cough. After a week, it can lead to shortness of breath, with about 20% of patients requiring hospital treatment. Mainly, the patient experiences a fever, cough, and shortness of breath.

How does one protect themselves from the coronavirus?

There is currently no vaccine to prevent the coronavirus disease in 2019 (COVID-19). The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to the virus. However, as a reminder, the CDC always recommends everyday preventive actions to help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases, including:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Stay home when you are sick to avoid spreading illness to others.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
- Follow the CDC's recommendations for using a face mask.
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Dr. Namrata GR Raut on Inspiring Young Girls to Pursue Higher Education

by Namrata GR Raut

My name is Namrata GR Raut. I am from Khajuri-Chanha, now called as Janak-Nandini Village Committee. We are three sisters and from early childhood we have seen the subtle discrimination between boys and girls in our society. We three sisters were fortunate to have parents who always encouraged us to live for our dreams. We always had the privilege of doing, studying and pursuing the career of our choice.

I was always interested in science and following the dream of being a scientist, I came to USA. It was not an easy journey but hard work, and positive guidance from my parents, teachers and friends helped me to achieve the goal of my life. I defended and graduated with a Ph.D. in Molecular Biology (Neuroscience) from Texas Woman's University, Denton, Texas, in 2019. I always get excited to see fellow Nepalese presenting at international conferences when I get chance to present my work there and sincerely wish to see more girls from Nepal and from Terai to complete their education and live for their dream.

Lastly, I want to add "always try to challenge yourself and work for the betterment of the society."



होली आ गइल

by Dhiraj Chaudhary

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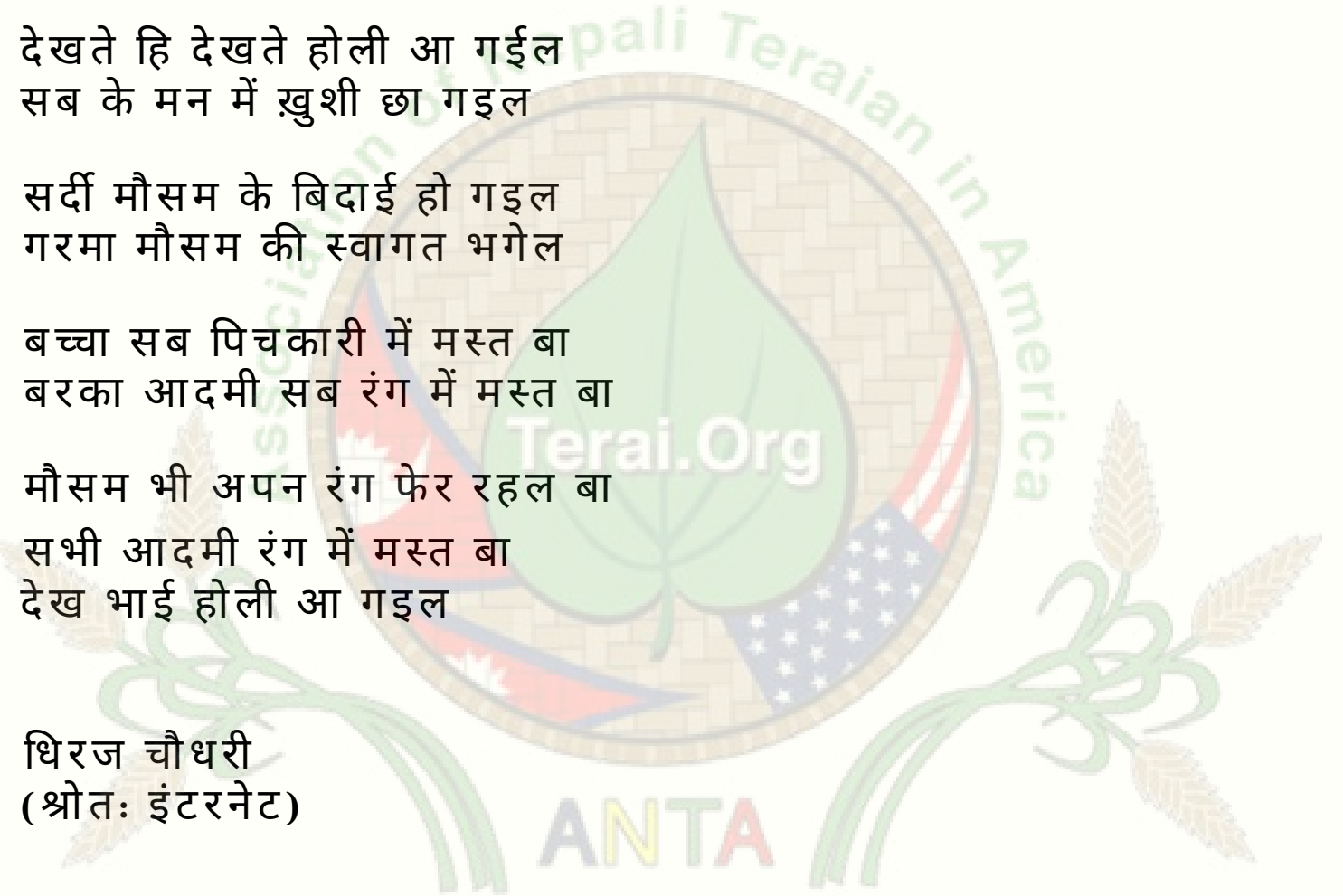
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धिरज चौधरी
(श्रोत: इंटरनेट)



मोहना के कनिया

by Aprajita Jha

Offering a poem which is based on a true story which I confronted while in Nepal this winter-a lack of opportunities locally for men is having a deleterious impact on women, growing children and traditional family values.

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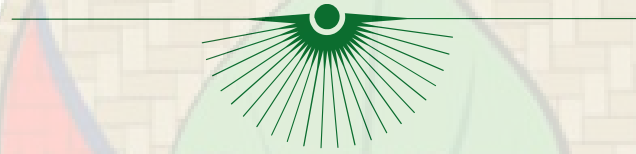
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चमचम
पतरका साड़ी,
संग
साँझक दीप
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महाशिवरात्रि' के विषय में भिन्न - भिन्न मत राखल गेल छैथ, पौराणिक "शिव पुराण" कथा मेंकुछ विद्वानक मत सऽ आजुक ही दिन शिवजी और माता पार्वती विवाह-सूत्र में बानल गेल त कुछ विद्वान् कहैत छथि कि आजुक दिन शिवजी 'कालकूट' नामक विष पियनै छैल जे सागरमंथन के समय समुद्र से निकलल छैल। आर एक कहानी के अनुसार एक शिकारी के कथा जुड़ल छै जेहि में कि कोना कऽ अनजाने में केल गेल पूजा सऽ प्रसन्न भऽ भगवान् शिव शिकारी पर अपन असीम कृपा देलखिन्ह।



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 दीन दुखी के भोला बाबा करे छैथ बेड़ा पार।।
 जन कल्याण के लेले बाबा करेछै बिषपान।
 योगी मुनि ऋषि जिनकर करछै नित ध्यान।।
 जटा में गंगा के धार, बाबा छैथ बसहा पर सबार।
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 फुफकार।
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 आबि हम सब मिल के करी बाबा के पुकार।।

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KID'S CORNER

Art

by Saanvi Shah
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Blurred Borders: the Kashmiri Crisis

by Adya Jha

Kashmir is said to be a paradise. A postcard brought to life. A place where one must hold their breath in fear of disturbing the quiet tranquility in the atmosphere. A place where the sunlight permeates the cerulean sky in beams, like a message from the heavens. The towering mountains, though unyielding, have a certain majesty to them. It is as if Nature herself has put on the grandest show for the viewer, with the most beautiful assortment of colors and scenery. Then, the fantasy shatters.

India gained its independence from Britain in 1947. After years of bitter revolt, the country freed itself from an endless cycle of massacres and brutality. A new nation was born from the ashes of a colony, one that was once the crown jewel of the British Commonwealth. The birth, however, did not come without a cost. In 1947, Britain announced its intent to withdraw from the region, a decision that rapidly tore apart the seams that so delicately held India together.

Hindus, represented by Jawaharlal Nehru and the Indian National Congress Party, and Muslims, represented by Mohammad Ali Jinnah and the Muslim League, immediately engaged in political conflict. Muslims wished for a separate country, while Hindus argued for one united India. This was just the beginning of a clash between the two religions that would last for decades. When Sir Cyril Radcliffe, who was put in charge of drawing the new borders for this country, unveiled his plans, areas with a majority Muslim population (i.e., northwest and northeast India) now resided in a new country, designated as Pakistan. Everywhere else, where there was a majority Hindu population, was identified as India. Many found themselves to be on the wrong side of the border and were religious minorities in their new country.

A wave of mass migration occurred, with Hindus and Sikhs moving into India, and Muslims into Pakistan. Over fifteen million people left their homes and moved into a new country. With Partition, as it was called, came bloodshed. Minorities in both countries were terrorized. Entire villages were wiped out, rape and abduction thrived, and corpses were strewn across both lands. To many in India and Pakistan, it seemed as if the world was collapsing on them.

In the midst of this was Kashmir. It had a majority Muslim population but was ruled over by a Hindu king who treated them terribly. The Kashmiris were caught in the middle of a border conflict between the two countries. When tribesmen from Pakistan started flooding into the princely state, the King begged for India's help in fending them off, and in return, Kashmir was to join their country. When giving his kingdom to India, however, the King agreed on a set of specific terms. Kashmir would become part of India, but it would be different from the rest of the states. It would be allowed to retain a certain level of autonomy. They would have a separate constitution, flag, and laws. Article 370 of the Indian Constitution outlined these terms.

These events occurred over 70 years ago.

If one attempts to unravel the knotted threads behind the conflict between India and Pakistan, their hands will come up slick with blood. Today, the area is known as Jammu & Kashmir. Years of violence between the two nuclear powers have caused an almost perpetual war. Kashmir stirs up a nationalistic pride in the citizens of both countries. The valley is a hotspot for Indian tourists and is teeming with precious natural resources—so much so that India is willing to go to great lengths to preserve their hold over the region.

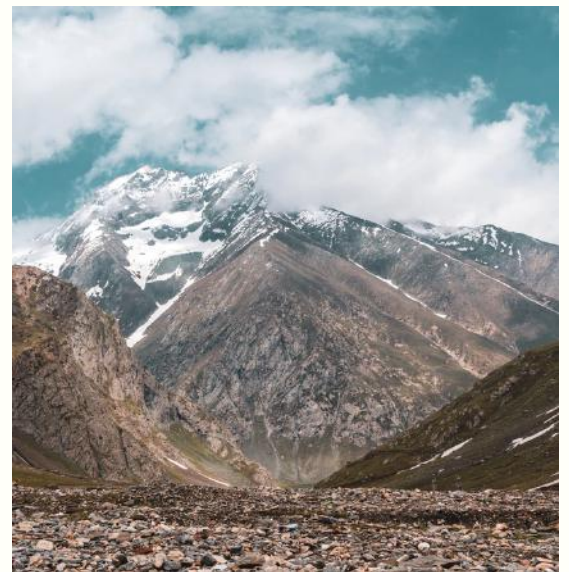


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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Hi, my name is Adya. I am thirteen years old and an eighth-grader at Princeton Day School in Princeton, New Jersey. I love reading and writing; I am a published author. Last month, I received the Gold Key award for this piece, under the Critical Essay section of the Scholastic Art & Writing Competition, one of the premier writing competitions in the United States. I love reading and writing, so if you enjoyed this piece or would like any book recommendations, please visit my blog at adyajha.com to see more from me.

Blurred Borders: the Kashmiri Crisis (continued)

by Adya Jha

In the 1970s, there was a war between Pakistan and India about this matter. There have been several close brushes since then. Until recently, they stood at a bitter standstill. In August 2019, however, India's government, under the leadership of the Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and the prime minister, Narendra Modi, revoked Kashmir's special status and altogether scrapped Article 370.

For days, Indian soldiers had been coming in by the hundreds into the area. Many suspected something was to happen, and they began the well-known Kashmiri routine of stocking up with food and provisions in case war broke out. When India officially announced their plans, it was as if they plunged Kashmir into ice water. No one had expected such drastic change. The Indian government initiated a full lockdown: phone lines were cut, cables went down, and Kashmir was left alone in a sea of darkness. Panic and unrest spread quickly, and once again, Kashmiris were in a political war zone.

Many speculate that India wished to remove Kashmir's special status to prompt more Indians to move into the area, making Kashmiris a minority in their homeland. They claimed that they were trying to hinder the growth of homegrown Kashmiri terrorists recruited by Pakistan. Still, in truth, their actions were strategic business moves, engineered to make Kashmiri Muslims feel powerless. Despite the suffering of the Kashmiris, support of the abrogation of Article 370 was transcendent across party lines in India. Hindu nationalist attitudes towards Kashmir only grew, deepening the divisions between Hindus and Muslims in the country.

Many questioned the BJP's power. It is not clear whether or not the government had the authority to change the Constitution. When India was first established in 1947, the country was made to be a purely secular state.

India is a melting pot of religion, language, and culture. Abolishing Article 370 goes against the principles of secularism and is a threat to democracy itself. Now that the Kashmiris are trapped in an information blackout, it is easy to strip them of their fundamental human rights. People are afraid, and social media and disinformation are only aggravating the fears.

If one is to look at the full picture, they must acknowledge the violence against Hindus as well. Many Indians are still resentful for the actions made against their religion in the past. For hundreds of years, Mughal emperors exerted a tyrannical hold over their freedom. Kashmiri Hindus have been chased out of their homeland by terrorists. We cannot forget about actions made against Hindus, either. India today, however, is scapegoating Muslims for the actions of a select few who have radicalized their religion. This is not just happening in India. This is happening around the world.

One could argue that this is another ordinary conflict between India and Pakistan and that it will die down soon. When does one draw the line, however? The issues and circumstances surrounding Kashmir are morally gray. There is no right and wrong. Despite this, the world should not look away. India made the most undemocratic action when it revoked the special status of Kashmir. One must look past nationalism and xenophobia, and instead, hone in on the innocents who are trapped in a world where there is no hope for them. India has not ventured to the point of no return. There is still time to turn around. The Kashmiris deserve justice and a fair chance at hope. Their cries for help are echoing around the globe; the least the outside world can do is acknowledge the ripples.



Peace

by Ashna Singh

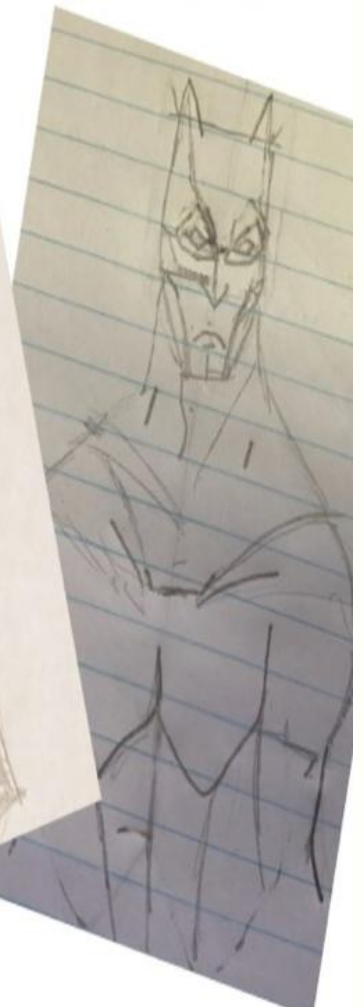
What is up with this world filled with hate
Why do people feel the need to discriminate
Why can't we have more peace, more love
Why can't we all forgive and rise above
We are all unique in our own special ways
These hurtful things are senseless to say
Positivity is what we should share
Treating each other with kindness and care
Being nice is easier than mean
Yet these kind acts are still not being seen
What does it take for people to use their hearts
To kick off with a great start
We can all feel bad and apologize
But once words are out, they can't be masked or disguised
So let's all put in great effort
And in our hearts, let happiness insert
Let's fill this world with equality
Come together with love and unity!



Drawings from Reyansh Thakur

by Reyansh Thakur

Hi, I am **Reyansh Thakur** from Fremont, California. I am five years old and I love to draw. Along with drawing I also love Cars, dressing up like Micheal Jackson and dancing like him. I am in kindergarten and can't wait to be first grader soon. Sharing some of my drawings, let me know how you like it...



Mithila Art

by Prisha Karna

Mithila art on vase (gamala) using permanent markers. Trying to preserve our Maithil culture.



The Unknown

by Arpan K. Sah

Once upon a time, in a land far-far away there lived the unknown. No one knew what the unknown was, but they knew that the unknown was a thing.

But one fact was when you got near the unknown you heard strange and weird sounds. It was scary and the closer you got to the unknown the louder the sound got.

One day two brave explores went to explore the unknown. Suddenly 4 minutes later when they walked into the unknown, fog started to come. The unknown's noise was getting scarier.

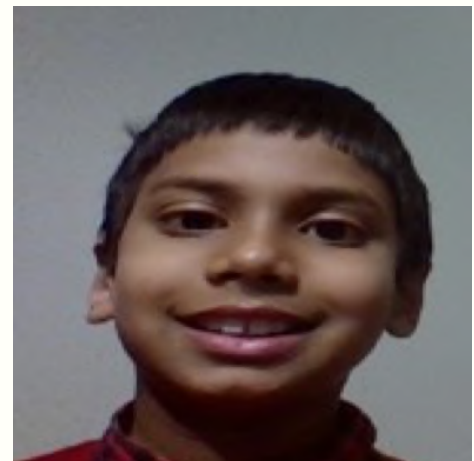
Suddenly the fog disappeared after 14 minutes in the unknown. They started to see a castle in the distance. When they got near the castle, they saw dead bodies, but they still went in. They saw jail cells.

In one of the jail sells they saw a lot of money. They went in and BAM! They were trapped. They found a key and made it out alive. They found 1249 chest.

They looked in all of them. On the 100 chest they found 1,400,648 \$ in the chest. When they looked in the 1000 chest, they found 1 dead body so they decided to run back home as fast as they could and made it. No one knew who they were.

The End

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Drawings

by Aradhya Mishra

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Aradhya loves to draw, dance, paint, play basketball, and go swimming,



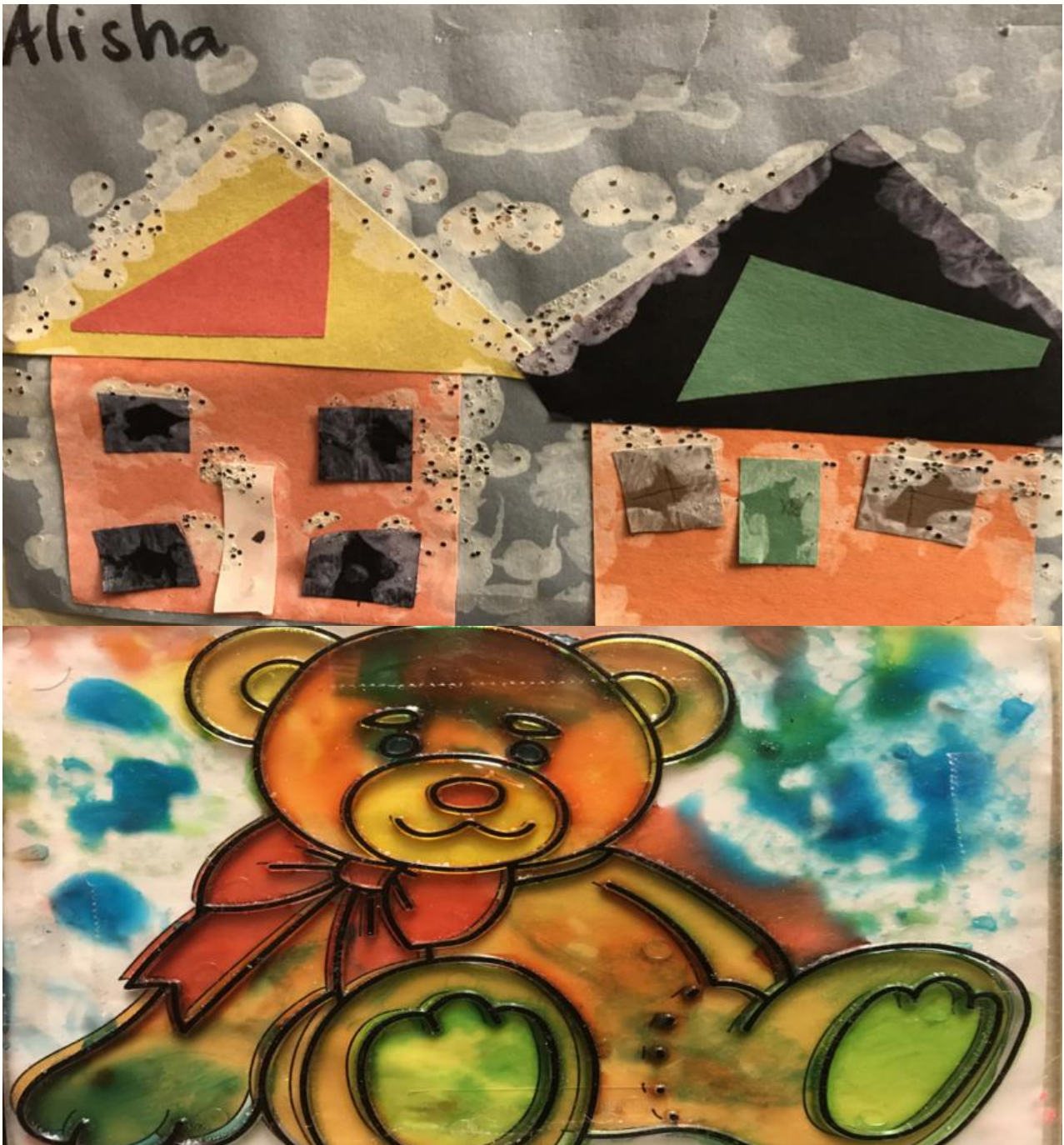
Mixed Media

by Alisha Sah

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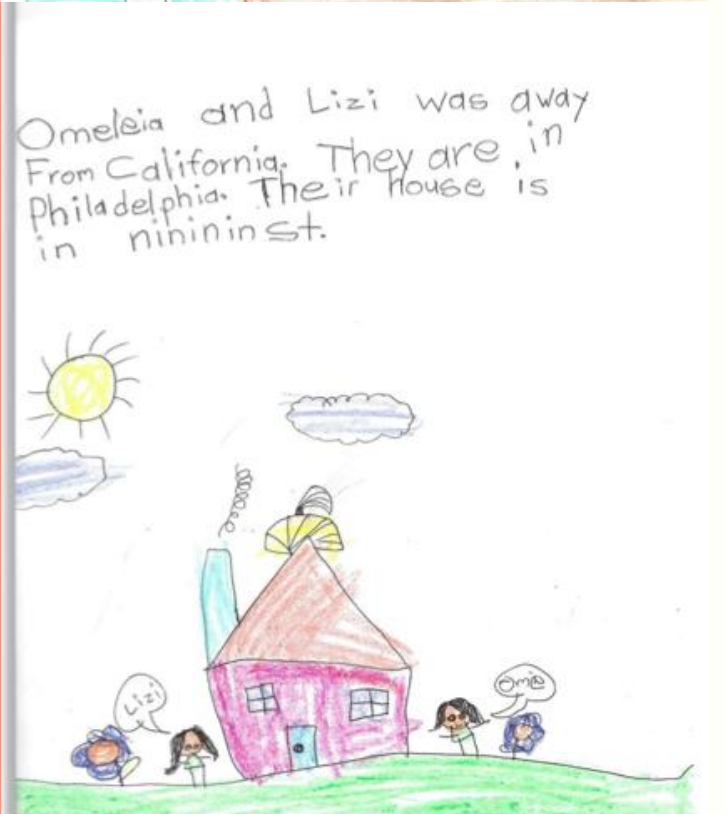
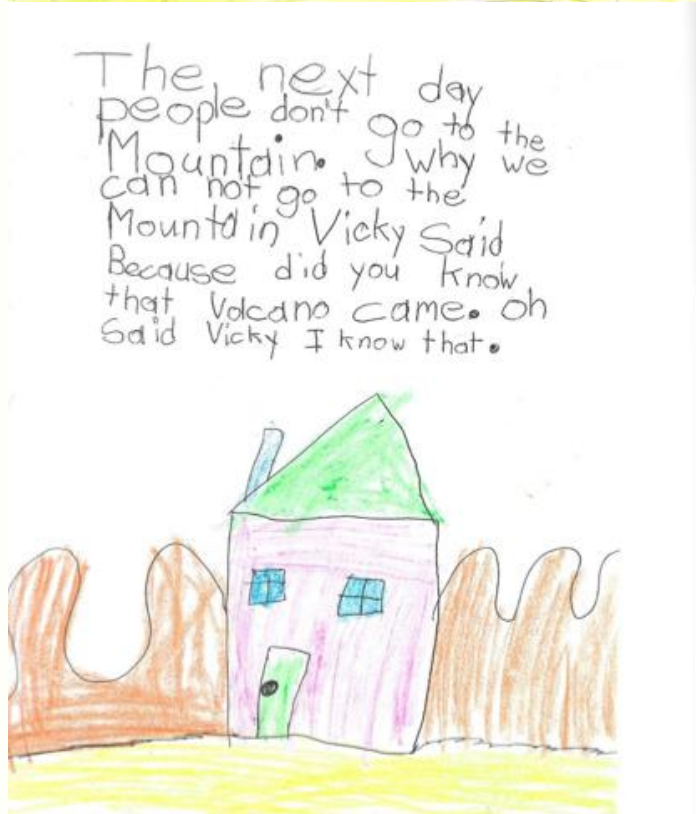
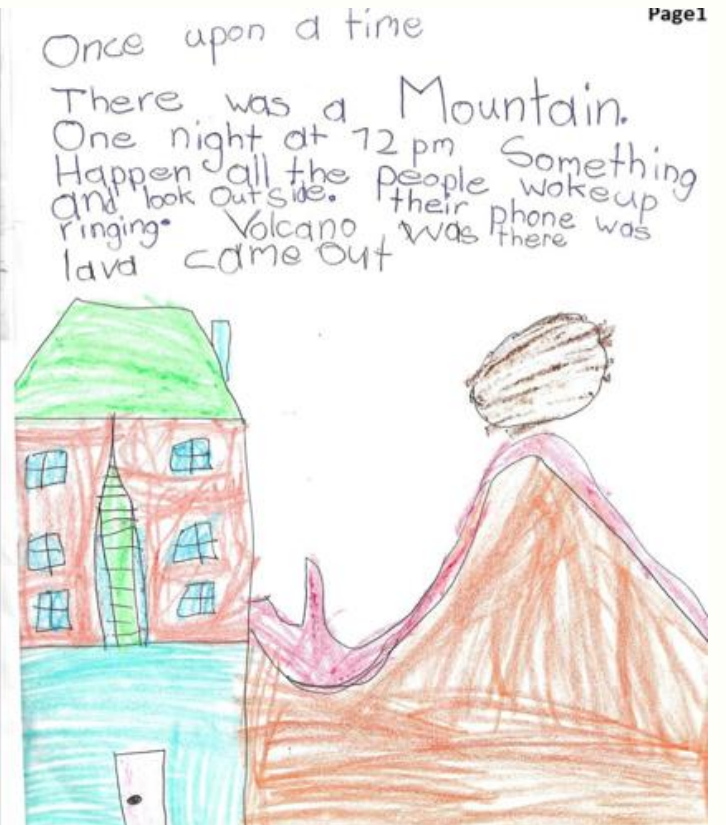
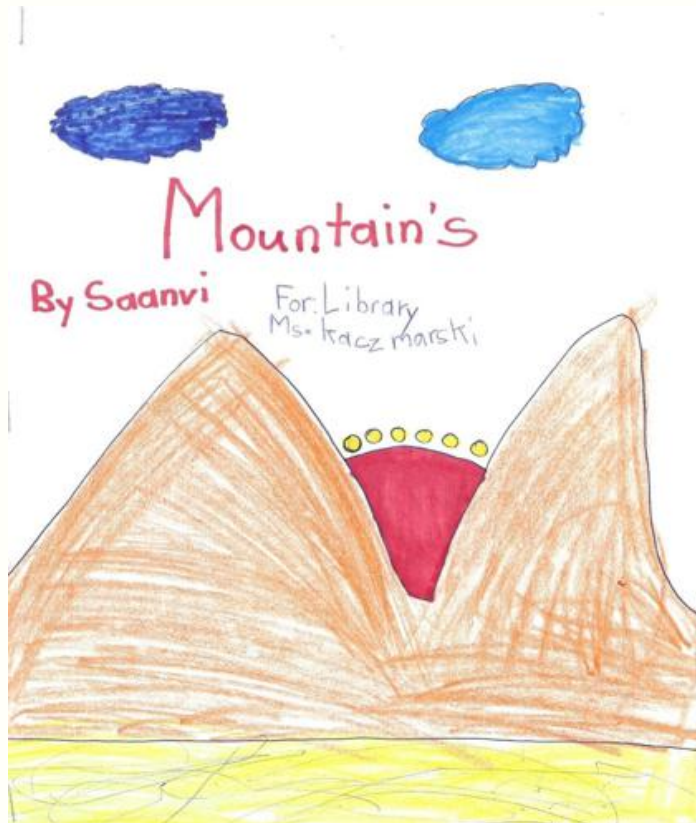
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Saanvi's First Storybook

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Saanvi's First Storybook (continued)

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Ricky and Slity like Spinnj.
Stop Said Spinnj I don't like
you They are in China



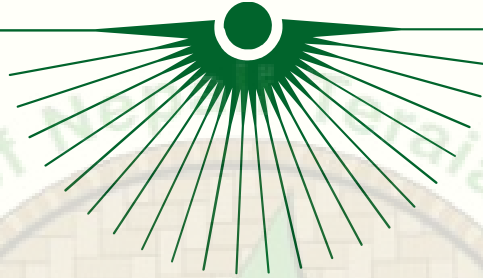
Miana and Sritopi like kinky.
They are in California



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