

SAKURA

A special flower for the people and the country. Cherry blossoms are a symbolic flower of the spring, a time of renewal, and the fleeting nature of life.

Cherry blossoms, also known as sakura in Japan, are the small, delicate pink flowers produced by cherry blossom trees.



HE REGRETS

BY-LISHAL ZACHARIAS

HE LOOKS OUT OF THE WINDOW AND REGRETS HIS ACTION, WHAT HE DID, WHAT HUMANITY DID FOR THEIR OWN SATISFACTION. HE SURVIVES ON HIS LAST OXYGEN TANK, ONLY HAS POLLUTION TO THANK.

HAD HE HEARD MOTHER
NATURE'S CRY,
HE WOULD HAVE GIVEN
SUSTAINABILITY AND
CONSERVATION A TRY.
REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE
WAS THE CHANT,
HE THOUGHT IT WAS A
RATHER BOTHERING
RANT.

MAKE IT OR BREAK IT, IT'S YOUR MOTHER EARTH, HE WISHES UPON A STAR, "MOTHER EARTH, REBIRTH!"

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My Little Sakura

LISHAL ZACHARIAS

I was only seven, and the little Sakura kept calling to me; It was bizarre, but felt so right, the wisdom so free.

I listened to its song of happiness and joy;

The many lessons I learnt and still enjoy.

Its budding blossoms were mere capes of pink;

Left me in deep solace, to daydream, to think.

We competed every day, to see who would grow in height; And felt the grass beneath our feet and roots in delight. I was only twenty-seven, and I recalled my Sakura tree;

Away in the city, with no happiness, no glee.

Oh, how we used to enjoy your petals that showered the gloomy skies,

And how I hugged your comforting trunk, as your bore my cries.

"Those who sow in tears, will reap with joy!", you used to say;

Your lullaby of motherly love, made me want to stay.

Yet I could not, I had to leave, to fulfil the duties of society; But your voice reminisced in my mind, weeping in entirety. I am only eighty-seven, yet I still remember you;

The little Sakura, rose high and mighty above the clouds, you grew!

Your bark speaks volumes of your strength, your branches sing hymns so rare;

Your petals dress the baren ground, and your shade now a cape of eternal care.

Preserve and cherish
the pale blue dot,
the only home we've
ever known.
—Carl Sagan

"Be a part of the solution not a part of the pollution"



We could have had a better 'NOW'

BY- YASHVI TALATI

Our survival and existence are dependent on trees, The trees, which took years to grow and make a life And just a second for us, to kill it. How are we so brutal? To give a life and take it back Now it seems, that we don't need to water the plants Cause the plants are crying Crying cause of the burden to grow and feed us Crying cause of the lack of humanity and care shown by us Are we staying in a world, where everyone is self-centered? Are we staying in a world, where we don't feel for this suffering environment?

Why are we so emotionless towards the plants and creatures around us? Creatures who share the same land with us

Creatures who can make us smile
Let's perceive the world, from the
eyes of the land beneath our feet
Let's realize, the pain of this barren
land

The pain caused by our actions and frustrations

The pain that is unnoticed It's high time now, to be a responsible citizen

That we were supposed to be when our surroundings needed us

If we were responsible then, we could have had a better 'NOW'.

UNSHOWN

BY- AASHI BHARDWAJ

Only time stands alone When warmth of life remains unshown "ALL THE ROADS LED TO ROME" for the place that the humans once called home The birds were chirping a millennia ago Now they're in the same category as the dodo Despite all the things that had been made Global warming shot up in a decade Now, the warmth of life remains unshown Did the humans lose their smarts? Or did they just lose their hearts After all, the wind, the sun, the water and light Are provided by nature to all animals alike Then why did humans kill nature? When clearly it was the maker That's clearly a topic of debate But in the past, to do this why did they hesitate If they did so, today, the warmth of life wouldn't be unshown



Sakura in
Japanese culture
represents hope
and optimism. It
also shows the
arrival of spring



NEW INVENTIONS MADE TO HELP THE EARTH IN 2021

On the side of a busy main road leading into Dundee, on the east coast of Scotland, a small wind turbine spins in the wind of passing cars and trucks. As it rotates, it charges a battery that is below the ground.

This is the prototype of an invention by Sanwal Muneer, a young entrepreneur which has received funding from Shell and won an award from the United Nations.

Muneer was inspired to create the turbine as he stood on the side of a Malaysian racetrack a few years ago. "At first, the breeze from the cars was just a welcome relief from the humidity," he says. "Then I started to think about how we could use that energy."

The turbine stands two-and-a-half metres tall. Made of recyclable carbon fibre, it weighs just nine kilogrammes, making it easy to transport and install. The fully-charged battery can hold a kilowatt of electricity, enough to run two lamps and a fan for around 40 hours. The idea is that this could be a source of electricity for rural communities in developing countries, or could power traffic lights or road signs in urban areas.



WE HURT OUR HOME

BY- AASHI BHARDWAJ

Each hole we dig for oil,
Each time we cut a tree
in the soil,
We hurt our earth,
We hurt our home

Each time we didn't turn of the light,
Each time we killed a bird from its flight,
We hurt our earth,
We hurt our home

Each time we used a resource carelessly, Each time we killed animals selfishly, We hurt our earth, We hurt our home

All this pollution,
It can't be the solution,
If we stop it,
We won't hurt our
earth,
We won't hurt our home

WORLD OZONE DAY

BY-RAUNAK RAGHAVAN 11-K

"The Earth is a fine place and worth fighting for" – Ernest Hemingway

International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer, commonly referred to as "World Ozone Day" is annually celebrated on September 16th. Designated by the United Nations General Assembly, on December 19th, 2000, to commemorate the date, in 1985, on which nations signed the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer, which saw the collaboration of governments, scientists and industrialists to protect the essential atmospheric layer protecting us from the harmful rays of the Sun. The day signifies not only a monumentally positive initiative towards environmental protection but also a rare symbol of global unity and understanding, highlighting the importance and possibility of harmonious co-existence, as on September 16th, 2009, the Vienna Convention and Montreal Protocol became the first treaties in the history of the United Nations to achieve universal ratification.

This year's theme is namely 'Ozone for Life: 35 Years of Ozone Layer Protection'. This year's commemorations not only seek to raise awareness about the issue but bring forward another aspect. This year, the world looks back at the 35 years of the Vienna Convention and Ozone protection, reminiscing in the prominence of this pact between nations, where the world came in unison to band together and defend this precious commodity, which yielded extremely positive results. In the turbulent and testing times of the pandemic, the United Nations reinforces the idea of the ozone treaties' more than ever, reminding everyone of the importance of working together in harmony and for the collective good, more than ever.

The positive results of this essential protocol were observed earlier this year, which significantly impacted the outlook for ecological concerns throughout the world. According to the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), the Antarctic hole, which was deemed to be one of the largest and deepest holes in the Ozone layer for the past 40 years, closed on January 6th, 2021, and has been reduced to periodic existence only. This was followed by the Arctic Gap, the North Pole's largest hole closing in 2020. Most scientists tie this myriad of fortunate environmental instances to the Montreal Protocol, which largely eliminated the existence of Chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs), halons and Hydrochlorofluorocarbons (HCFCs), thus, initiating the trend of protecting the ozone.

The essentiality of such united global movements cannot be understated, as it is such actions for the greater good that bring forward numerous solutions and results that benefit and conserve the Earth's resources while not hindering the development of mankind. But this should simply be the first step, as there is a cascade of ecological challenges for humanity. We must take solid steps for in the regulations for numerous other products such as carbon emissions, in order to minimize the damage being caused, while maintaining the current regulations for the ozone layer. The slogan of the day, "Ozone for life", signifies that not only do we require this precious layer for existence, but it is our responsibility to preserve it for the generations to come.

After all, we all share the same home, Earth.

WORLD RIVER DAY

BY-APOORVA SHARMA 11-A

A river doesn't just carry water, it carries life. ~Amit Kalantri."



The World Rivers Day which will be celebrated on 26th September 2021, is the globe's greatest commemoration of rivers, as well as the societies and lifeforms that they support. It emphasizes our rivers' numerous benefits, intends to boost public awareness, and urges improved stewardship of every waterway around the planet. Rivers in practically every nation confront a variety of challenges, and thus this event has been established to increase public awareness about rivers and to encourage their conservation.

The United Nations introduced the "Water for Life Decade" in 2005 to increase awareness regarding the significance of efficient management of water resources. Following that, the "World Rivers Day" was established in response to a proposal launched by the globally infamous river advocate, Mark Angelo.

The success of BC Rivers Day, which Mark Angelo founded and led in western Canada since 1980, inspired the idea for a global celebration to commemorate rivers. A World Rivers Day event was deemed a good fit for the goals of the Water for Life Decade by UN agencies, and the idea was approved. The initial WRD event was organized by river enthusiasts from all over the world. Rivers Day was celebrated in dozens of nations after the initial event in 2005 was a huge success. Since then, the event has grown in popularity. Now, every year on the fourth Sunday in September the WRD event is honored in more than 60 nations, with millions of people taking part.

"Rivers are the arteries of our world; they are lifelines in the truest sense," Mark Angelo says.



LETS STOP POLLUTING

BY-SAGRIKA MEHTA

As we look up at the sky
We feel Mother Earth's cry...
Mother Earth is shedding her tears
But no one here fears...

No one fears that mother may break down

Not knowing that we all will drown...

How much more pain does she need to bear?

Can't we all just care?

Her air which we fill,
With smoke and death
Her oceans were once clean,
But today, it's filled with waste...

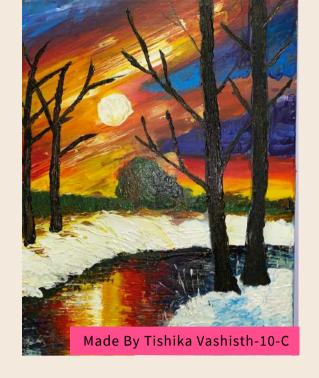
Remember, mother is angry So, let's calm her down...

Let's stop pollution
That's the only solution...

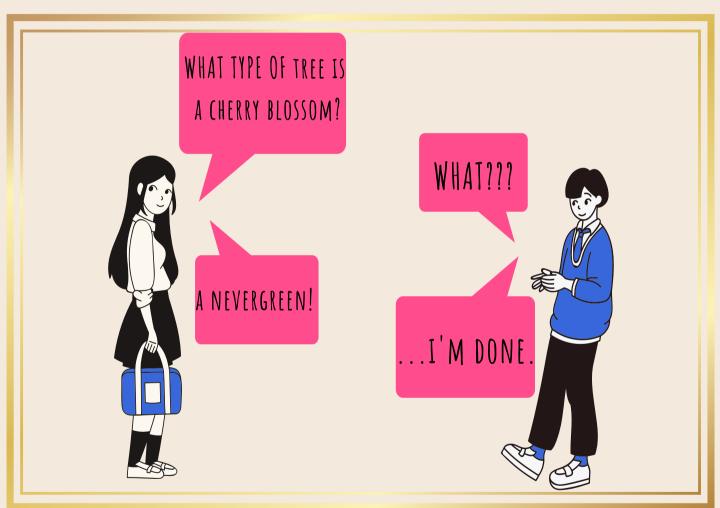












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