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MY SCHOOL, MY TEACHERS MY DREAM OF QUALITY EDUCATION

-Students' Voice



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Inspiring Students through Quality Education across Rural India

ABOUT BHARTI FOUNDATION

Established in the year 2000, Bharti Foundation is the philanthropic arm of Bharti Enterprises. It implements and supports primary, elementary and senior secondary education through its flagship initiative of Satya Bharti School Program as well as through Government school interventions under Satya Bharti Quality Support Program and Satya Bharti Learning Centre Program.

Satya Bharti Schools provide free and quality education to underprivileged children across rural India, with a focus on the girl child. A salient characteristic of the schools is that most of the students are first-generation learners. The program aims to deliver transformative education to students so that they become educated, responsible and self-reliant citizens with a deep sense of commitment to their society. Both classroom as well as out-of-classroom activities are given equal importance making students learners for life and from life with the right values, attitudes, life-skills and confidence instilled. Parents, community members and like-minded organizations are active partners of the school program and all 254 Satya Bharti Schools uphold this way of functioning. The Satya Bharti School Program completed a decade of its operations in 2016.

In addition to its primary focus on education, the Foundation is running *Satya Bharti Abhiyan* since 2014 to improve sanitation facilities in rural Ludhiana, and *Nyaya Bharti* since 2015 to provide legal and financial assistance to deserving under-privileged under-trials languishing in jails across the country for petty offences.

The Foundation's education programs currently reach out to over 2,00,000 students through more than 1,700 schools and centres and engaging over 7,000 educators across 13 states. Its initiatives have together impacted over one million community members of rural India, since inception.

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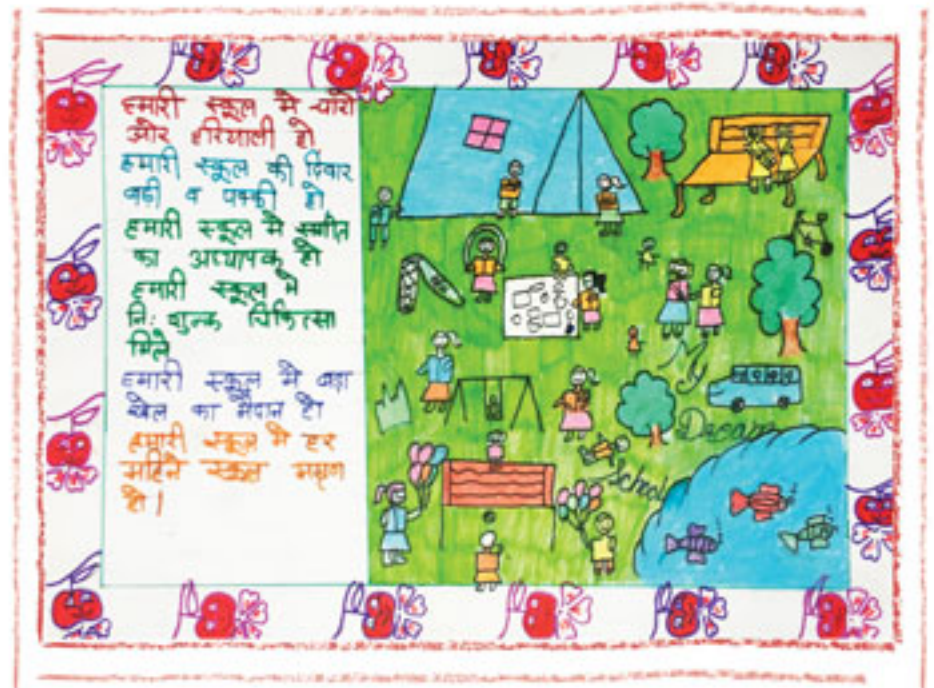
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This issue of the *Voice of Change* Newsletter encapsulates the dreams and aspirations of students towards an ideal schooling experience. Students used various forms of art-work to express this with a view to sharing their ideas with Shri Pranab Mukherjee, the Hon'ble President of India. The idea was realised through *Bal Sabhas** at various school locations where students were encouraged to think, discuss and share visual representations of their aspirations and expectations of quality education.

This is the first time when our students, from diverse backgrounds and under our various programs, have come together to share a collective view of how their schools and education systems should be. They have used varied art-work such as cards, crafts, drawings, essays, poems, posters and slogans to highlight what they believe are the issues that can impact their schooling experience. Their hopes, ranging from access to basic necessities like clean water and toilets, to the vision of India becoming the "Number One" country of the world, are just as instinctive as any child anywhere in the world.



* *Bal Sabhas* are children's meetings that provide opportunities to students to engage in discussions with each other on the selected topic. These meetings host ideas through collaborative mediums, such as skits, debates and question-answer sessions. The aim is to facilitate children to share their opinions and to learn to ideate.



It is, however, the style of expressing their thoughts that deserves commendation. With a backdrop of communities that often lack basic amenities, these pages will reveal that children are indeed the true forbearers of change. Displaying unique optimism towards the current way of schooling, gratitude towards their teachers and the Bharti Foundation team members who inspire their teachers, these young citizens hope to become active contributors to the betterment of society in future India.

The activity was carried out across 11 states of rural India, by students of all 254 Satya Bharti Schools, 325 Government schools under the Satya Bharti Quality Support Program and 212 Satya Bharti Learning Centers located in Government schools. This newsletter aims to provide a visual experience on the boundless creativity and energy inherent in students' thinking process. As they weave their dreams into narratives, they demonstrate how they are starting to think beyond the ordinary and emerging as role models of change across rural India. As a community of lifelong learners and champions of their own success, each one of these children has a story to tell. We invite you to be a part of this special issue that celebrates their aspirations in their own way!

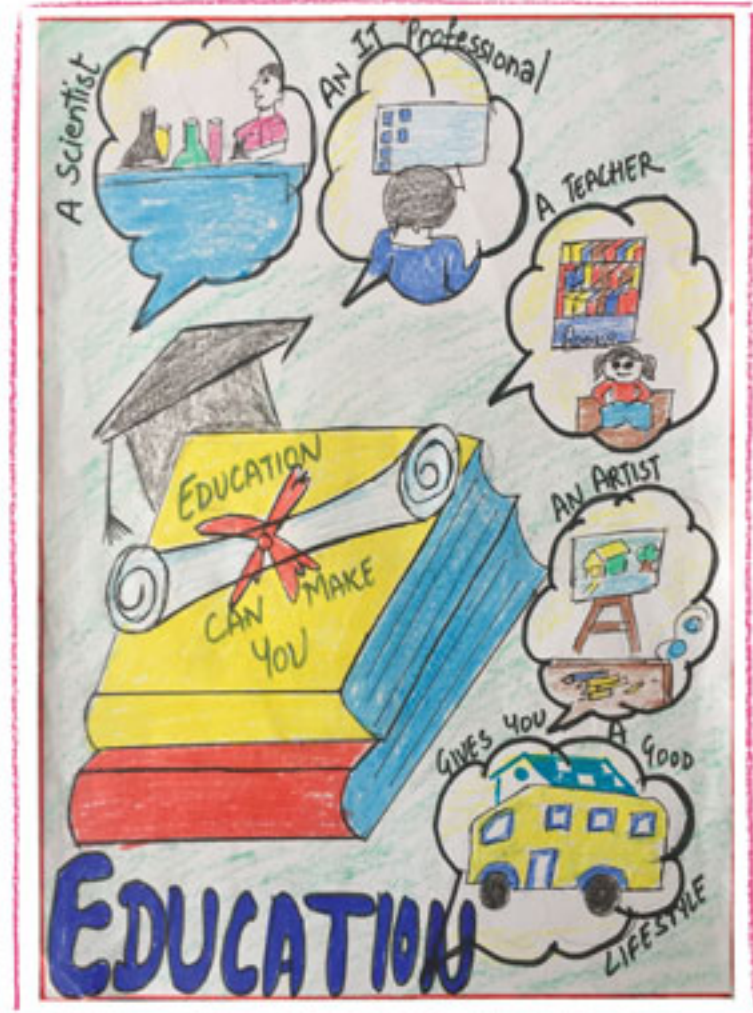


EDUCATION

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world"

-Nelson Mandela

Thank you for setting up schools within our villages; now we can go to school every day. Every child should have the opportunity to be educated so that we progress as a nation and India becomes the Number One country in the world! Our dream of a good school is where we receive education that is related to real-life situations and creates room for exposure. Education in schools should be such that it can make us employable and also give us the possibility of meeting inspirational leaders like you! Schools must have lots of engaging activities, a fun learning environment, provide help in developing social and moral values, as well as guide us to become good future citizens. Learning from exposure and experience is limited in the remote rural areas where our schools are located. We aspire to travel in an airplane and in a metro rail one day. Every time we see an airplane crossing the skies high above our little school in the desert, we dream that we too may one day have the opportunity to fly and now we await this dream of ours to come true!





EDUCATION

सेवा में

श्रीमान राधुचरि मर्होब जी

मैं हरजीराम कक्षा ५ में राजकीय माध्यमिक विद्यालय रिण मल्लार में पढ़ता हूँ। मैंरे विद्यालय के बच्चों की मेट्रो रेल एवार्ड जहाज में बैठने की इच्छा होती है। लेकिन हमारे गुरुजी हमें नहीं ले जाते हैं। एवार्ड जहाज को आवाज में उड़ते देखते हैं तो हमें बहुत अच्छा लगता है। हमें भी एवार्ड जहाज में बैठने की इच्छा होती है। हम सभी बच्चों का एवार्ड जहाज में बैठने का सपना सब का ब कैसे पूरा होगा।

नाम - हरजीराम

कक्षा - ५

विद्यालय - रा. मा. वि.
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(संकेत)



मैंरे सपनों का विद्यालय

1. मैंरे विद्यालय में सभी आवश्यक सुविधाएँ होंगी - पानी, फर्निचर, बोयवालों आदि लेनी-गर्दिनी।
2. स्कूल में शिक्षा खेलकूद व क्रियाक्रीडा द्वारा दीनी चाहिए जिससे बच्चों में शिक्षा के प्रति जिज्ञासा पैदा हो।
3. अध्यापक गुणवत्ता पूर्ण शिक्षा दे जिससे हमारा सभी विज्ञान में विकास हो सके।
4. खेलकूद व अन्य गतिविधियों पर शिक्षा के बराबर महत्व दिया जाना चाहिए।
5. स्कूल हर बालक कि पूर्णता में हो।
6. गरीब बच्चों की निशुल्क शिक्षा दी जाय ताकि देश लबके कर सके।



हर बच्चा शिक्षित हो, देश की सोच लबके करे तथा विश्व का न-1 देश भारत बने।



School name - Satya Bharti
Government Upper
Primary School
(Khundriath) Girls

Topic - Dream of good education

House - Vaibhav

- (1) T.L.M. का use होना चाहिए।
- (2) विभिन्न प्रकार के खेल करवाए जाने चाहिए।
- (3) खेल का बड़ा मैदान एवं हरा-भरा पार्क होना चाहिए।
- (4) महापुरुषों के बारे में बताया जाना चाहिए।
- (5) विद्यालय में स्वीमिंग पुल होना चाहिए।

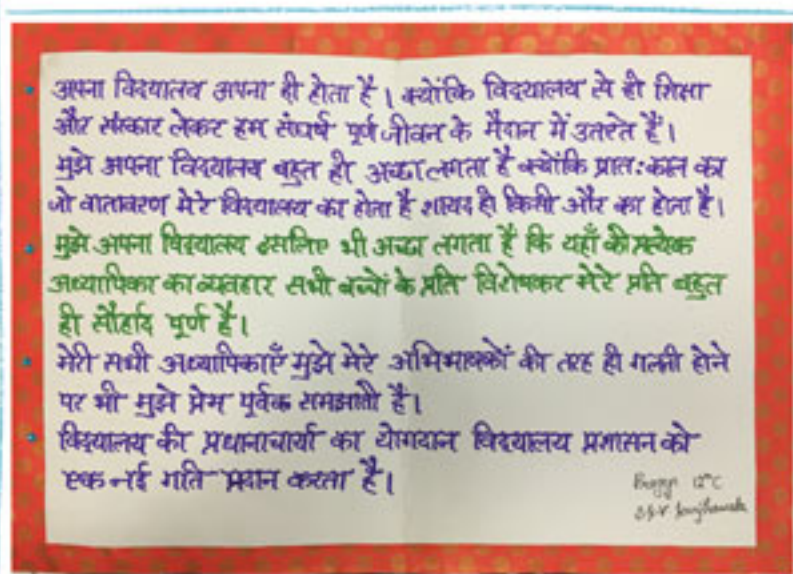
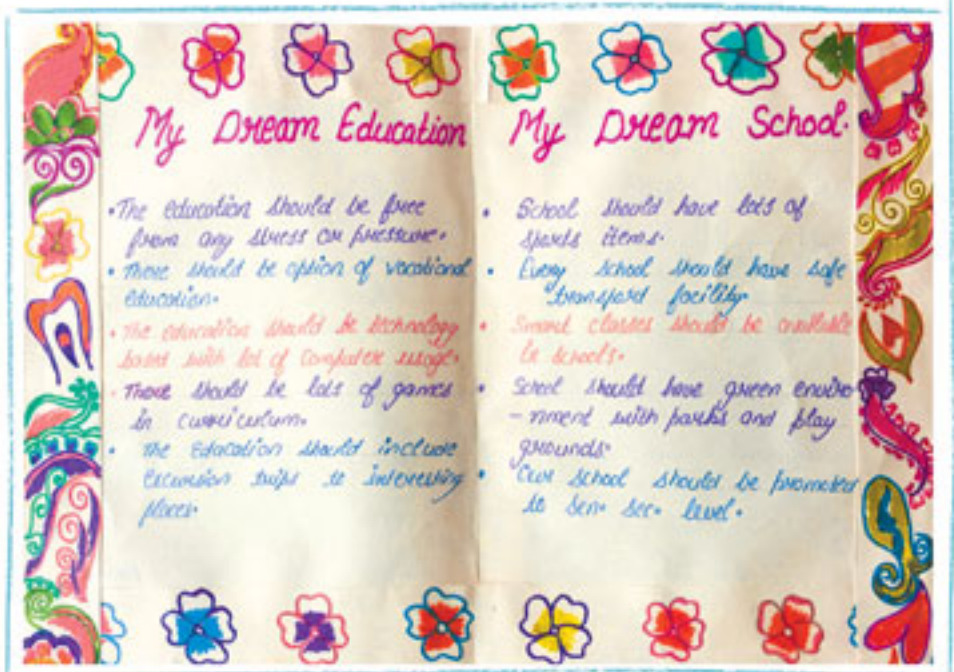
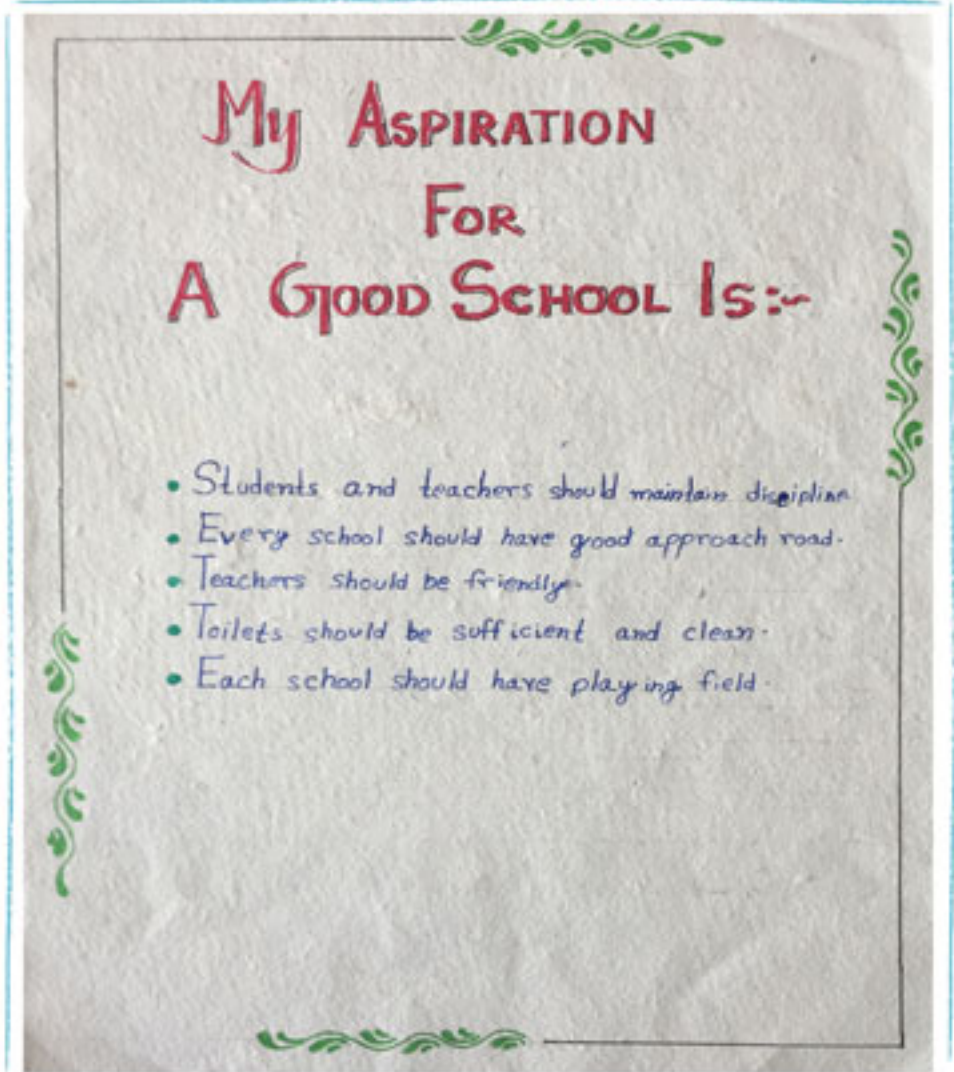


SCHOOL

"The years spent in school are the ones you remember long after the formal education has ended"

-Michael Forbes

All schools should be up to senior secondary level so that we are able to complete our education in the same school and don't have to miss out due to distance or any other reason. The roads leading to all schools should be in good condition so that all children, irrespective of age and/or physical ability, can reach school easily. We believe that every child should be treated equally without any discrimination on the basis of our caste or gender. Girls should be given equal opportunities and encouraged to participate in the various events and activities. There should be a counsellor in every school to help us overcome any stress and also for career guidance. Vocational education should be available in our schools so that we can gain technical skills. Education officials should visit our schools regularly and interact with us so that we can inform them of our requirements and also share our aspirations. One more request, can we have fruits in our Mid-Day Meal, at least once a week? 😊



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* जय मां शरत्तनी *

मेरे सपनों का विद्यालय

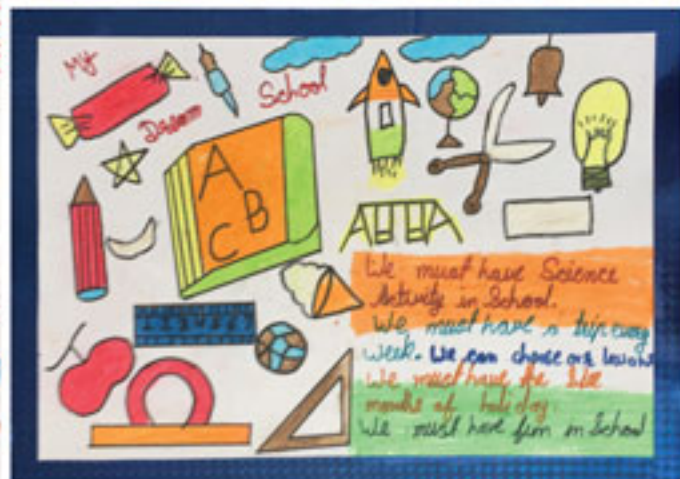
आदरणीय

श्रीमान राष्ट्रपति जी

मैं एक सरकारी विद्यालय में पढा हूँ मैं आपसे यह अनुरोध करता हूँ की मेरे विद्यालय की भाध्यतिक विद्यालय में क्रमोन्नत करने का कष्ट करे मेरा आत से धटी अनुरोध है मैं आपका प्रिय विद्यार्थी नाम कानविह द्या-द्याद कला - 8

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प्राथमिक विद्यालय



मेरा विद्यालय
 मेरा विद्यालय सबसे अच्छा है मेरे विद्यालय में खेल कूद की सामग्री है मेरे विद्यालय में दो मैदान है मेरा विद्यालय में बाग बगीचे है मेरे विद्यालय में अच्छा खाना पनाया है मेरे विद्यालय में हर सुविधा है मेरे विद्यालय में कम्प्यूटर है मेरे विद्यालय में हर साल अच्छे फल मिले मेरे विद्यालय में खेल कूद का मैदान है मेरे विद्यालय में हर शनिवार चाल सप्ता मनाने मानी है.
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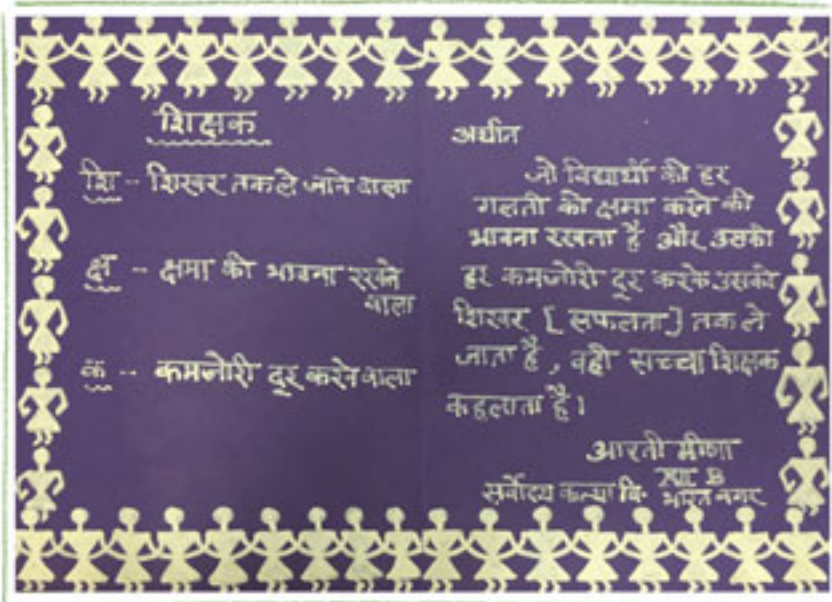
हमारे सपनों का विद्यालय
 1 साफ, सुन्दर एवं स्वच्छ विद्यालय बनाने का प्रयत्न हो।
 2 जहाँ हम सभी के लिये के लिए पर्याप्त सुविधाएँ मिलें।
 3 जहाँ हमारे लिये आराम, खेल सुविधा, पर्यावरण सौजन्य और शान्ति का वातावरण हो।
 4 जहाँ हम सभी के लिये शिक्षण के माध्यम से शिक्षण हो।
 5 जहाँ हमारे लिये शिक्षण के माध्यम से शिक्षण हो।
 6 जहाँ हमारे लिये शिक्षण के माध्यम से शिक्षण हो।

TEACHERS

"An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest."

-Benjamin Franklin

Teachers are our mentors, guides and our inspiration. They help us to realize our potential, forgive our mistakes and turn our weaknesses into strengths. We want them to be kind-hearted, friendly, humorous and disciplined, and to have love and care for us. They should connect with our parents and visit our homes. We should get adequate number of teachers in our schools for specific subjects, sports, music and other activities. Our teachers should be well-qualified, active and ready to support and help us, and to cooperate with us. Beyond teaching the lesson, our teachers should also teach us humanity with social and moral values. We respect our teachers a lot and many of us dream of becoming teachers one day.

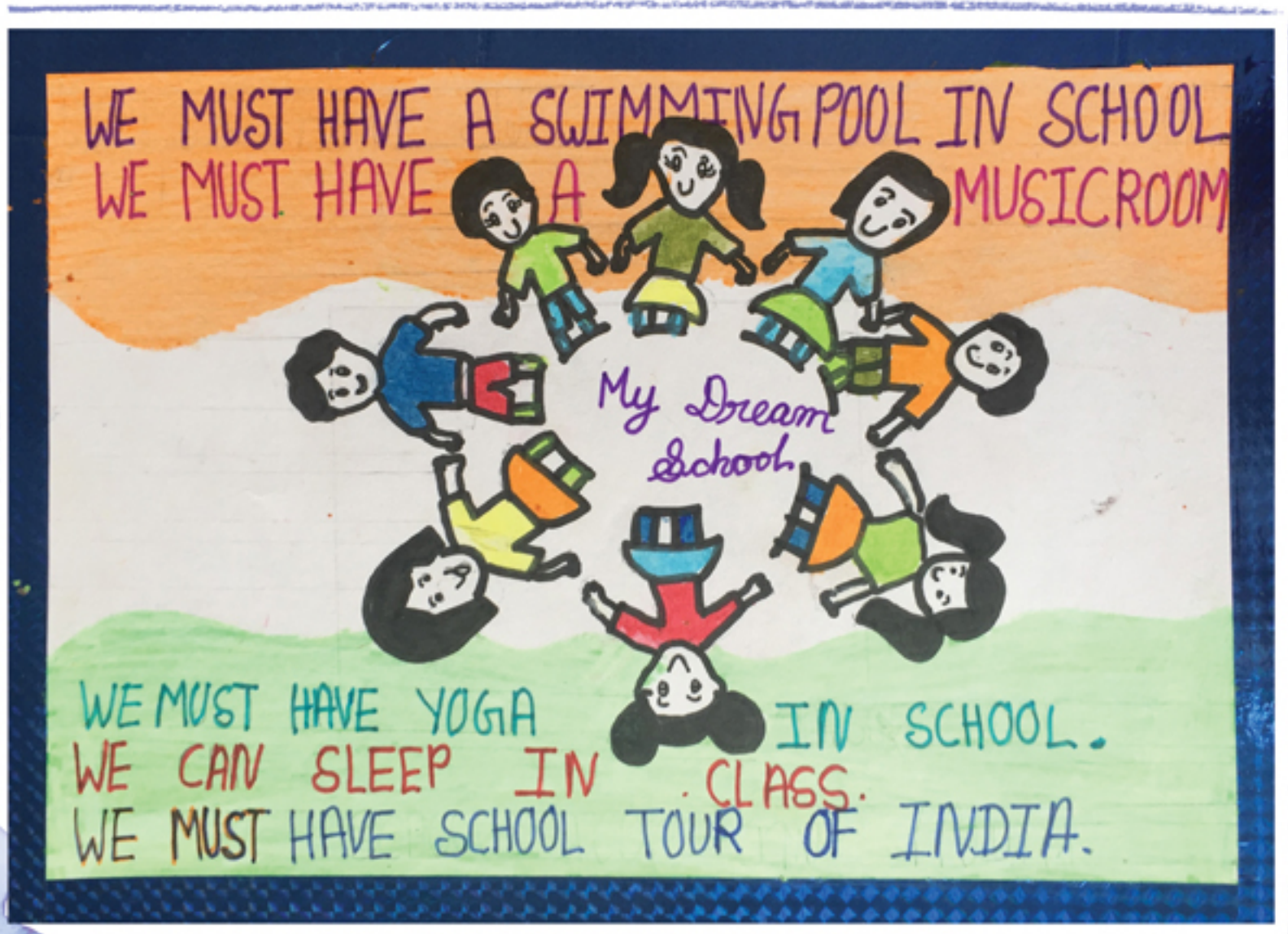
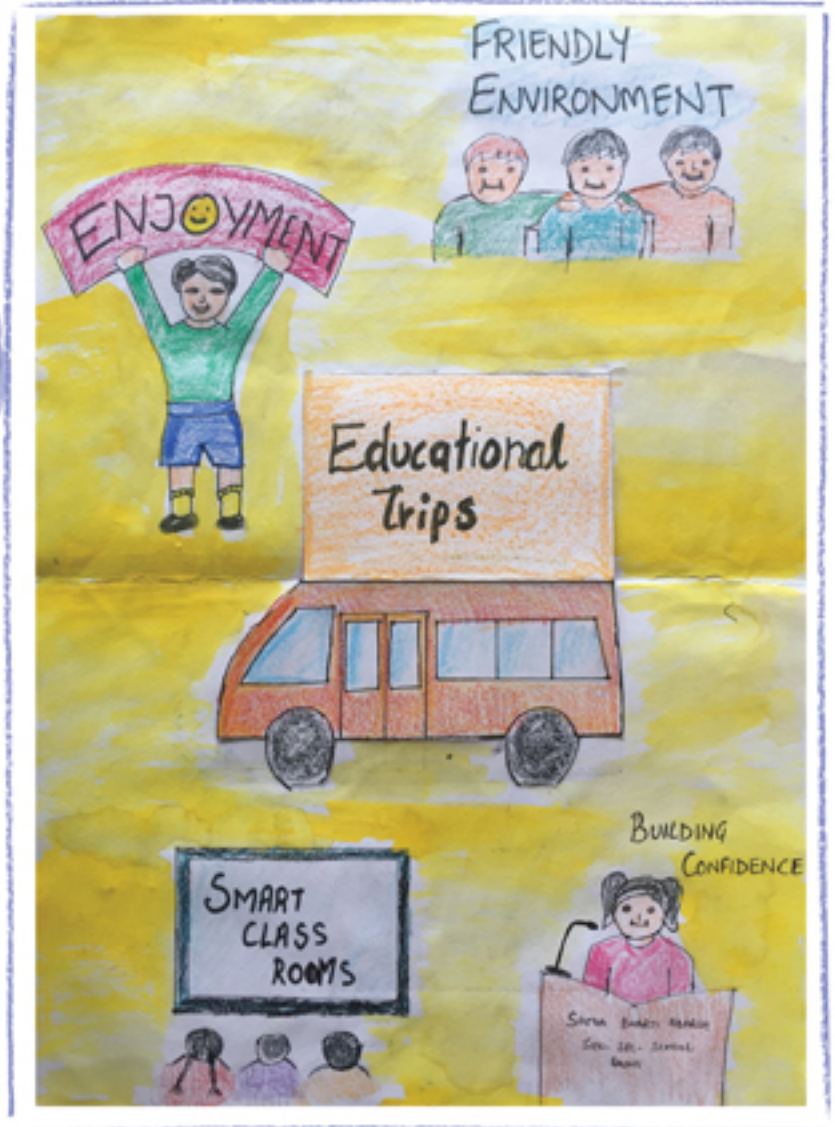


INSIDE THE SCHOOL

"To build up a library is to create a life."

-Carlos María Domínguez

School is our second home and the best place for us to be in. We wish it to be a happy and clean place, and have dustbins and also a watchman for our safety. The schools should have regular morning assembly, Bal Sabhas, and lots of competitions and expedition trips, and little children should be given a sleeping period. Along with our studies, there should also be a focus on sports, art, music and dance. The school-level assessment should have at least two sports competitions. We should have a lot of books in our library and other learning materials to make learning fun and enjoyable.





INSIDE THE SCHOOL



ENVIRONMENT

"The earth, the air, the land and the water are not an inheritance from our fore fathers but on loan from our children. So we have to handover to them at least as it was handed over to us."

-Mahatma Gandhi

We have planted lots of trees in our schools; we feel great when we see greenery, plants and trees in our environment. A clean and hygienic environment, colourful classrooms with display of student work, teaching-learning materials and cleaner toilets would help us learn better in our schools. Working toilets inside the school, especially for girls, is an important need so that we are not forced to relieve ourselves in the open. All schools should organize plantation drives on a routine basis and have a gardener to take care of the plants. A Swachh Vidyalaya is critical to the success of the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan. With such an environment in place, we will be really happy to welcome and host you in our school soon!



आदरणीय
राष्ट्रपति महोदयजी,
मेरे में युवराज रा. मा. वि. रिण मलार
का कक्षा X में पढ़ता हूँ।
मेरे विद्यालय में शौचालय सही
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को सच्छा बनवाये। जिससे हमें
खुले में शौच के लिए नहीं जाना
पड़े।

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अध्यक्ष

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 Make green our india



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ENVIRONMENT

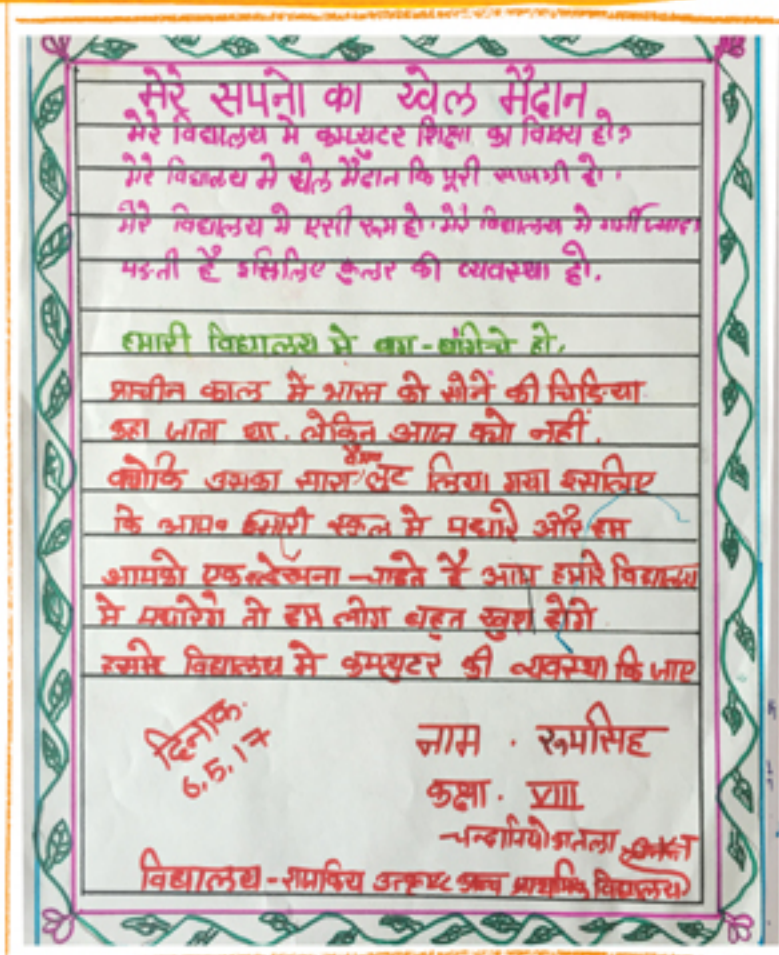


INFRASTRUCTURE

"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."

-Eleanor Roosevelt

Proper and sufficient number of classrooms, working and clean toilets, and availability of clean drinking water within the school premises are our three most earnest requests. Absence of any of these facilities has a huge impact over our studies. Inside the classroom, the presence of proper desks, benches, fans, sufficient lighting and ventilation would enhance our learning experience to a great extent. The availability of a playground with adequate play materials for indoor and outdoor games is necessary to keep equal focus on sports. A library, computer lab, science lab, medical room, music room and some coolers during the sweltering summers would be great! A mandate to provide free solar lights in all schools would go a long way in supporting our journey of learning, especially for schools such as ours that are located in remote rural pockets with acute electricity crises.



SPORTS

"Students are born with the wings.
Don't make them crawl. Teach them how to fly."

-Dr APJ Abdul Kalam

Our love and passion for games is something that we share with all our friends and classmates. We should have more games' periods in our time-table. Having a big playground with lots of play materials, swings, and even facilities for games like Basketball, Volley Ball and Yoga is what we aspire for. The dream of having a swimming pool in our school brings smiles on all our faces and also a hope to have it in our own school premises someday. Sports should be given equal importance as academics. Every examination should have test for sports as well with at least two games. We hope to fulfil our dream of bringing lot of awards and medals for our country.

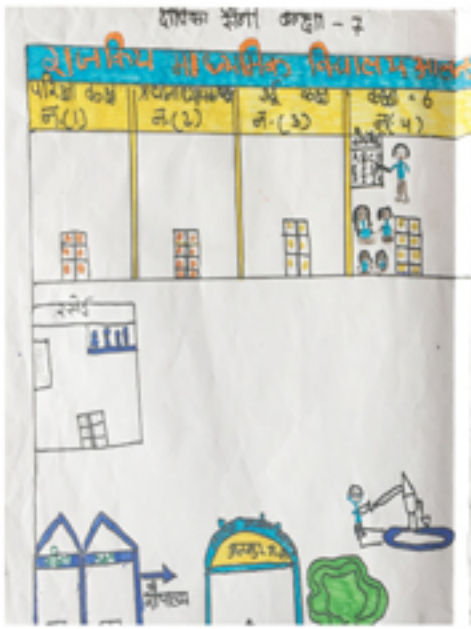


SCHOOL NAME ⇒ S.B.G.U.P.S.M.S. PURA (NEEMRANA)

TOPIC ⇒ शिक्षा में सुधार हेतु विचार

1. प्रार्थना सभा के साथ योग, प्राणायाम का भी आयोजन नियमित रूप से हों।
2. हर परीक्षा के साथ-2 खेल-कूद प्रतियोगिताओं का आयोजन हो तथा खेलों को अनिवार्य रूप से लागू किया जावे।
3. Computer आधारित शिक्षा को अपनाया जावे जिसमें Projector विधियों द्वारा कराई जाय।
4. सभी स्कूलों में एक बड़ा सा खेल मैदान बनाया जाय।
5. सभी स्कूलों में स्वीमिंग पूल हो और बच्चों को तैरना सीखाया जावे।

माहिल लाली ललिता मौनिका दीपिका
प्रिया माहिल यादव, रिंकू मुन्काल, प्रायल



प्रिय राष्ट्रपति जी यह स्कूल 10 पैठक
 ही बहाववा की भाग यह स्कूल 12वीं
 तक करे हम भी अदर भापके तरह
 * कि हमारा स्कूल बहुत अच्छा
 ही भौर बहुत अच्छी पढाई
 होती है हमारे लिये खेलने
 के लिये मैदान नहीं है इसलिए है
 कि हमारे स्कूल में मैदान बनाने

SPORTS



प्रिय राष्ट्रपति हमारी स्कूल
 में अच्छी पढाई होती है लैके कि
 लगत है लेकिन हमारी स्कूल में
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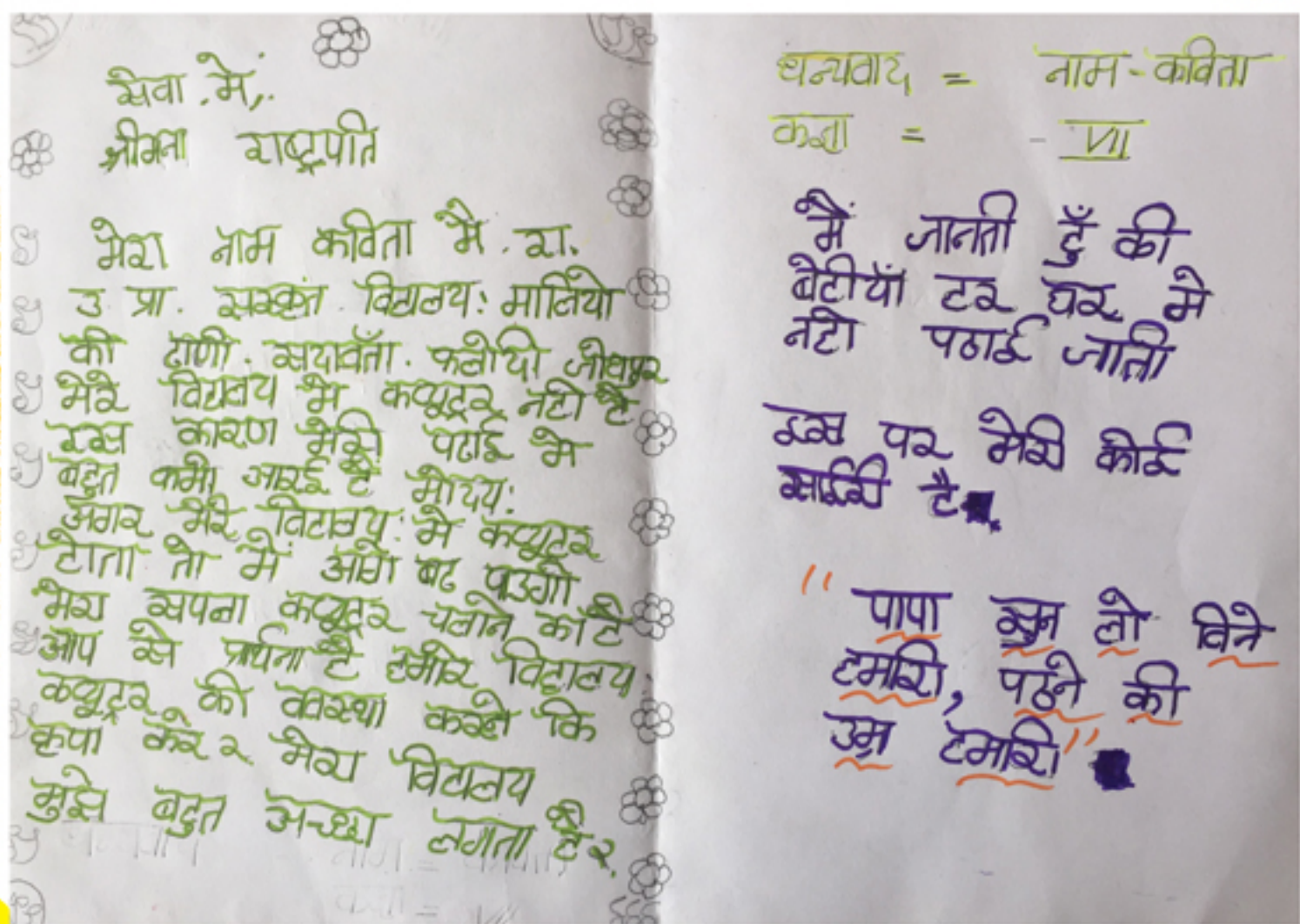
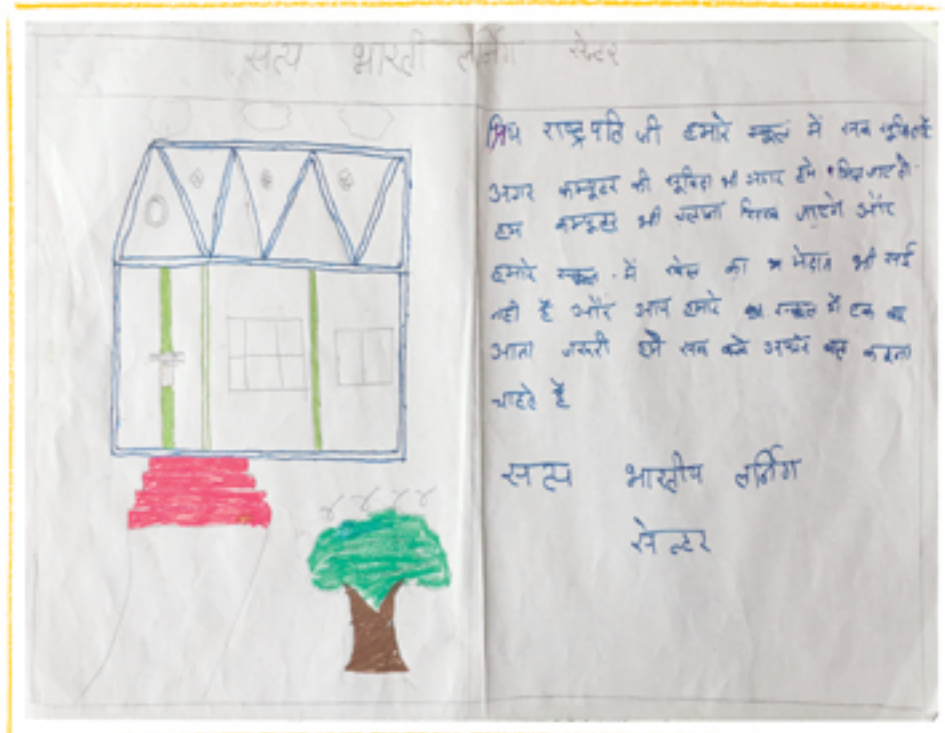
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 कक्षा - 6

TECHNOLOGY

"Technology gives the quietest student a voice."

-Jerry Blumengarten

Technology is an important medium for us to keep pace with our times and to connect ourselves with the external world. Many of our schools still need computers and a constant source of energy to operate them. Though having a computer lab and smart classes is a distant dream, but at least a few working computers with internet connection will improve the education experience in our schools. Even our teachers make attempts to e-connect us in a small way through their mobile phones but we aspire to have fully functional computers in our school so that we can enjoy online education and also learn more about the world around us. In addition, this will make us employable as computer literacy has already become a must today.



It would be an honour for us if you could kindly share our voice with the entire nation and inform them of our dreams and aspirations. It is also our dream to have you visit our school in future and spend a day with us.

मेरा पत्र राष्ट्रपति के लिए
 मेरे मन की बात
 श्रीमान महोदय राष्ट्रपति जी

सेवा में, आदरणीय

राष्ट्रपति मैं म.रा.उ.पा. वि. चन्द्रगिरी का तला में कक्षा प्राण

में पढ़ रहा हूँ राष्ट्रपति जी हमारे विद्यालय में कम्प्यूटरों
 की कमी है इसलिए आप हमारे जिला बाड़मेर में आकर
 समस्या देखें और उस समस्या को दूर करें राष्ट्रपति जी
 आपसे हम मिलना चाहते हैं आप हमको जल्दी मिलें।

दिनांक - 6-5-17

नाम - अनसिंह
 कक्षा - 8

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