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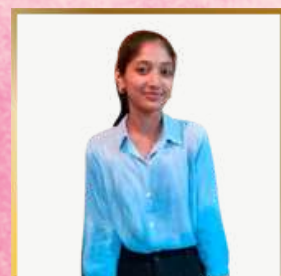
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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE



Dear Students,

It is with mixed emotions that I write this address to you as the Chairman of the Bengaluru branch. This moment is especially meaningful as it marks my final communication in this capacity, and I am delighted to share some remarkable news that makes this farewell even more special.

With immense pride and joy, I congratulate SICASA Bengaluru for achieving the prestigious Best Branch Award, securing the first position at the national level. This outstanding achievement reflects the dedication, hard work, and exceptional spirit of our students, faculty, and staff. Your commitment to excellence has brought this national recognition to our branch, and I couldn't be more proud as I conclude my tenure.

Our institution has consistently maintained high standards of educational excellence, and we have together nurtured an environment that produces not just professionals, but future leaders. Here in Bengaluru, the technology capital of India, we have created a unique learning ecosystem that combines theoretical knowledge with practical industry exposure.

During my tenure, I have witnessed the remarkable growth and achievements of countless students. The state-of-the-art facilities, distinguished faculty, and innovative curriculum have all contributed to creating an environment where talent flourishes and ambitions take flight.

As I prepare to hand over the responsibilities of chairmanship, I encourage you to continue maintaining the high standards that have brought us this national recognition. Your success has been and will always be a source of pride for our institution. Keep participating actively in both academic and extracurricular activities, as these experiences will shape your professional journey.

Though this is my last address as Chairman, I will always cherish the memories and achievements we have shared. I am confident that you will continue to raise the bar higher and bring more laurels to SICASA Bengaluru.

Wishing you continued success in all your future endeavors.

Best Regards,
Pramod R Hegde
Chairman
Bengaluru Branch (SIRC)

The Rise of AI-Powered Code Assistants: Transforming Software Development in 2025

The world of software development is witnessing a quiet revolution — one that is fundamentally reshaping how we write, test, and maintain code. At the heart of this transformation lies a powerful set of tools known as AI-powered code assistants. These aren't just glorified auto-complete features — they are intelligent, context-aware systems that understand programming logic, human intent, and even industry best practices.

From GitHub Copilot and Codeium to newer entrants like Replit Ghostwriter, these assistants are increasingly becoming integral to the developer's toolkit. Backed by large language models (LLMs), they are capable of generating boilerplate code, explaining complex logic, detecting bugs, and even offering optimized alternatives — all in real-time.

This has had a particularly profound impact on new and intermediate-level programmers, for whom these tools act as learning companions. A beginner can now type a comment like “write a function to merge two sorted arrays” and receive a functional, correct code snippet in seconds. This type of guidance, which once required forums or mentors, is now instantly accessible. It's like having an experienced developer sitting beside you 24/7.

But it's not just about speed — it's also about quality. Many of these assistants are trained on billions of lines of open-source code and curated repositories, which allows them to recognize patterns that prevent common bugs, enforce cleaner syntax, and promote security best practices.



Yet, with such convenience comes responsibility. As developers rely more on AI-generated code, there are growing concerns about code originality, intellectual property rights, and data security. Questions arise — who owns AI-generated code? Is it safe to use code suggested by a tool trained on potentially copyrighted materials? These discussions are now entering legal and ethical arenas, and rightly so.

Organizations are also facing strategic decisions: Should they encourage these tools in production workflows? Should code written by an AI be peer-reviewed differently? Tech leaders are beginning to develop guidelines that ensure human oversight remains at the center of software development.



On the positive side, the integration of AI in coding is fostering a more inclusive development environment. Non-developers from marketing, design, and operations teams can now contribute to simple scripts or automation tasks with minimal technical background. This democratization of coding is unlocking new potential for cross-functional collaboration within businesses.

Educational institutions have also taken notice. Universities and online learning platforms are integrating these tools into curricula, not to replace fundamental learning, but to accelerate conceptual understanding and productivity. Students are being taught not just how to write code, but how to collaborate with intelligent systems.

In conclusion, AI-powered code assistants are not just a trend — they are a glimpse into the future of work. As we embrace this AI-augmented era, our role as developers and digital creators must evolve from code writers to code architects — guiding, reviewing, and refining what machines propose. The journey ahead is filled with promise, and if approached with responsibility, it can lead to one of the most innovative chapters in the history of software development.

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Digital Minimalism: Reclaiming Focus in a World of Constant Distraction

We live in a time where our lives are deeply intertwined with screens. From sunrise to midnight, we are pinged, tagged, nudged, and notified. A typical day begins by reaching for a smartphone before we've even left our beds, and ends with scrolling until our eyelids give up. In such a landscape, the concept of Digital Minimalism has emerged as a powerful response — not as a rejection of technology, but a mindful recalibration of our relationship with it.

Coined and popularized by author and computer science professor Cal Newport, digital minimalism advocates for using technology intentionally, and only when it adds true value to our lives. It's not about throwing away smartphones or deleting every app. Instead, it's about asking: What purpose does this serve in my life? and Am I in control, or is the screen controlling me?

In 2025, digital minimalism is becoming more than a buzzword — it's evolving into a cultural movement. As burnout, anxiety, and information overload continue to rise, more individuals — especially students and young professionals — are questioning the role of tech in their daily routine. Many are engaging in "digital declutters": 30-day breaks from non-essential apps and digital habits to reset and rethink how they use technology.

One key insight from this practice is that not all screen time is created equal. A Zoom call with a mentor or an online coding bootcamp can be deeply enriching. Doom-scrolling through social media at 2 AM? Not so much. The shift, then, is toward intentional usage — prioritizing content that uplifts, informs, or connects us meaningfully.



The benefits of digital minimalism are both subtle and significant. Reduced screen time often leads to improved concentration, better sleep, and a more grounded sense of self. People report feeling more present in conversations, rediscovering old hobbies, and even developing deeper emotional resilience simply by limiting digital noise.

For students, especially in high-pressure academic or professional environments, the ability to focus is a superpower. Constant context switching — between WhatsApp messages, email alerts, and Instagram reels — chips away at deep work. Adopting even small digital minimalist practices like disabling non-essential notifications, keeping phones outside study rooms, or using grayscale mode can lead to measurable improvements in productivity and peace of mind.

At the organizational level, some companies and educational bodies are now introducing "tech wellness" policies — encouraging screen breaks, promoting in-person collaboration where possible, and redefining what "availability" means in a digital-first world. The goal isn't to reduce output, but to create environments where humans — not algorithms — are in charge of attention.

It's important to note that digital minimalism isn't a one-time decision, but a lifestyle choice. In an ever-evolving tech ecosystem, maintaining digital boundaries requires constant awareness. But like any meaningful discipline — from fitness to financial planning — the rewards far outweigh the effort.

To conclude, digital minimalism isn't about rejecting modern life. It's about reclaiming control. In a noisy world, the ability to be intentionally connected — rather than perpetually distracted — may just be the most essential skill of the decade. As we scroll, tap, and click our way through 2025, perhaps it's time to ask: Are we using our devices... or are they using us?

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National Talent Search 2025 – Debate Competition



National Talent Search 2025 – Poetry Competition



National Talent Search 2025 – Dashboard Visualisation Competition



National Talent Search 2025 – Drama Competition



Republic Day Celebration



The Bengaluru Branch of the Southern India Regional Council (SIRC) of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) celebrated the 76th Republic Day on January 26, 2025, at the ICAI Bhawan in Vasanthnagar, Bengaluru. The event commenced with the hoisting of the National Flag by the Managing Committee Members, followed by the singing of the National Anthem. This ceremony was attended by members and students. In addition to the flag hoisting, the celebrations included the distribution of scholarships to 27 deserving students and the presentation of prizes to SICASA students, recognizing their academic achievements and contributions to the profession. The Republic Day celebrations at ICAI Bengaluru not only honoured the nation's heritage but also reinforced the values of professionalism and community among Chartered Accountants.

Tricolour Competition

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India is OUR Country

In a Nation's notion, I picture
Harmony and humanity; Unity and power
Surrounded by States, United by souls
Adopted the constitution, amidst the chaos.

In a Nation's notion, I hear
Smoking is injurious to health, yet they don't ban
Sometimes its politician's politics, which didn't pan out
Accepting the reality, beneath the voices.

In a Nation's notion, I see
Poverty and malnutrition; Corruption and terrorism
PM Awas yojana, penalties and punishments
Alleviate the poverty, ripple in the crime.

In a Nation's notion, I dream
I die with Indian flag draped on me
For the reason that, I deserve it
For uplifting my Country, yeah, OUR Country.

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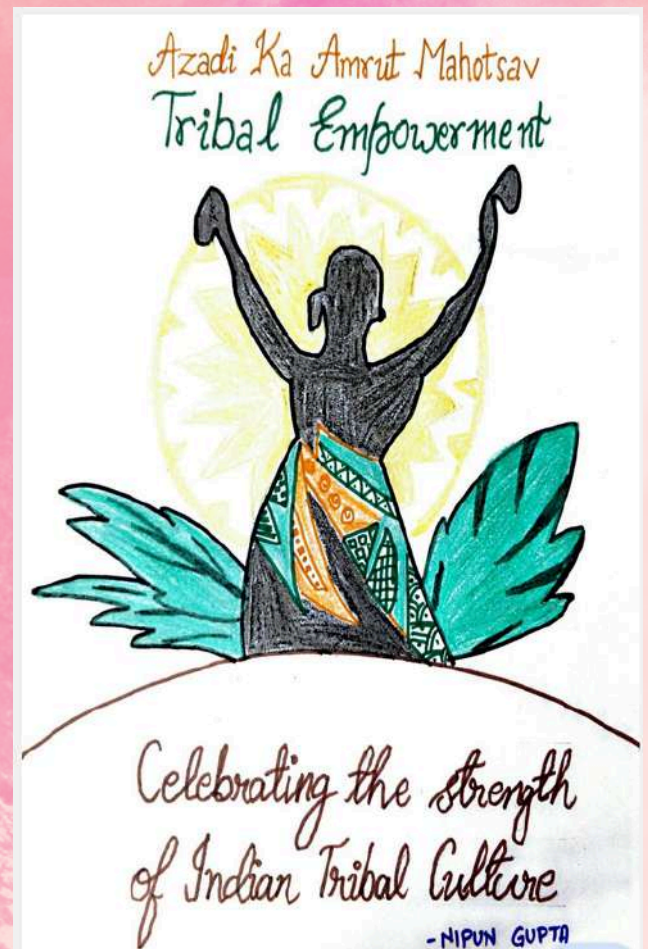
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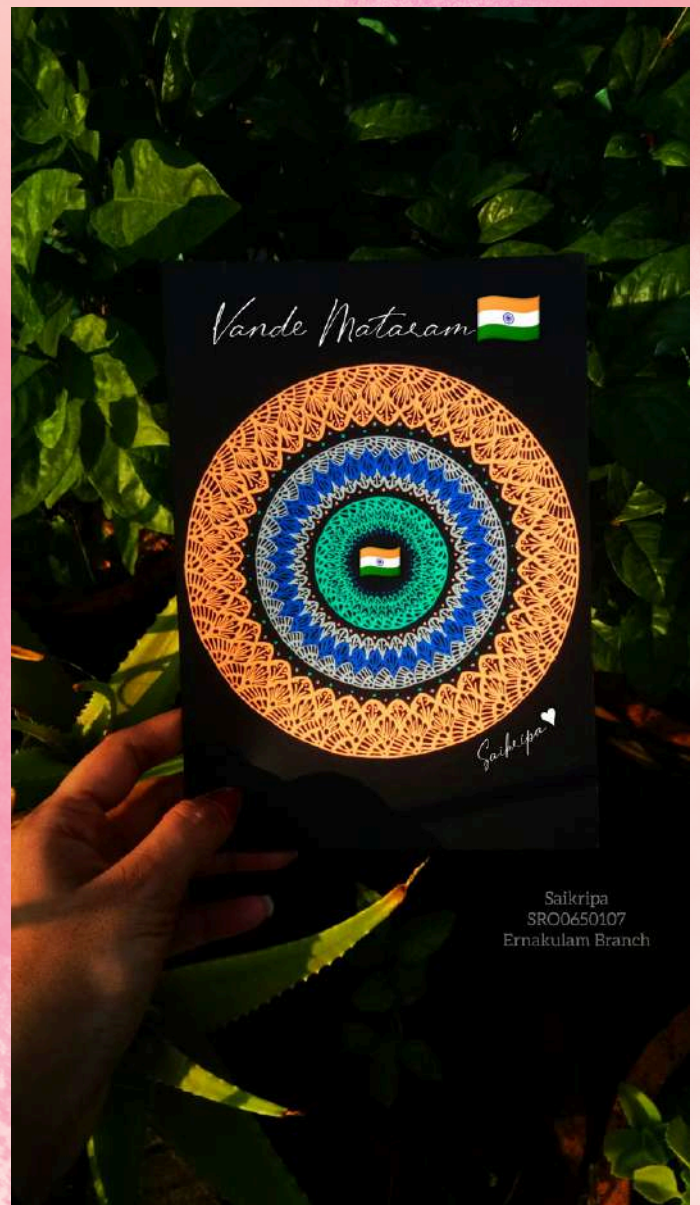
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**1950's tri – colored acceptance of the Indians' self-rule,
From caste diversity to united education in school.
26th January – the day of the awareness inception,
Pledging the change of the perception.
The modern era for the self – realization,
Accomplishing 'Poorna Swaraj' is the absolute actualization.
To remember the constitutional rights,
Sovereignty, Democracy are the pillars of our fights.
No to inequality among the residents,
All rights granted just like the presidents.
Saffron colour determining unity in diversity as factual inspiration,
Defensive gallantry being our perspiration.
Time for the flag unfurling,
The flow of patriotic waves prevailing.
Citizens gathered to meet and greet,
Occasion celebrated through chocolate and sweet.
Patience in waiting for the chief guest's speech,
Possessing a great lesson to teach.
Surrounded by wrongdoings and corruption,
Being the catalysts for Mother India's disruption.
Martyred ones hold the loving memory,
White colour justifies their sacrifice for harmony.**

**Commitment to protect rights through prosecution,
Justice served becomes the motto of the Constitution.
Don't let the gender decide the lives,
Green colour signifying polluted nation never thrives.
No hesitation for the assistance,
Being fearful is the most significant resistance.
Utmost care for socialism,
Utmost care for secularism.
Freedom and rights cannot be confined,
Our self-rule is forever defined.
Blued Ashok Chakra signifying our diligence,
Let's join one on one hand for self – governance.**

Swetanshu Sudhanshu Singh

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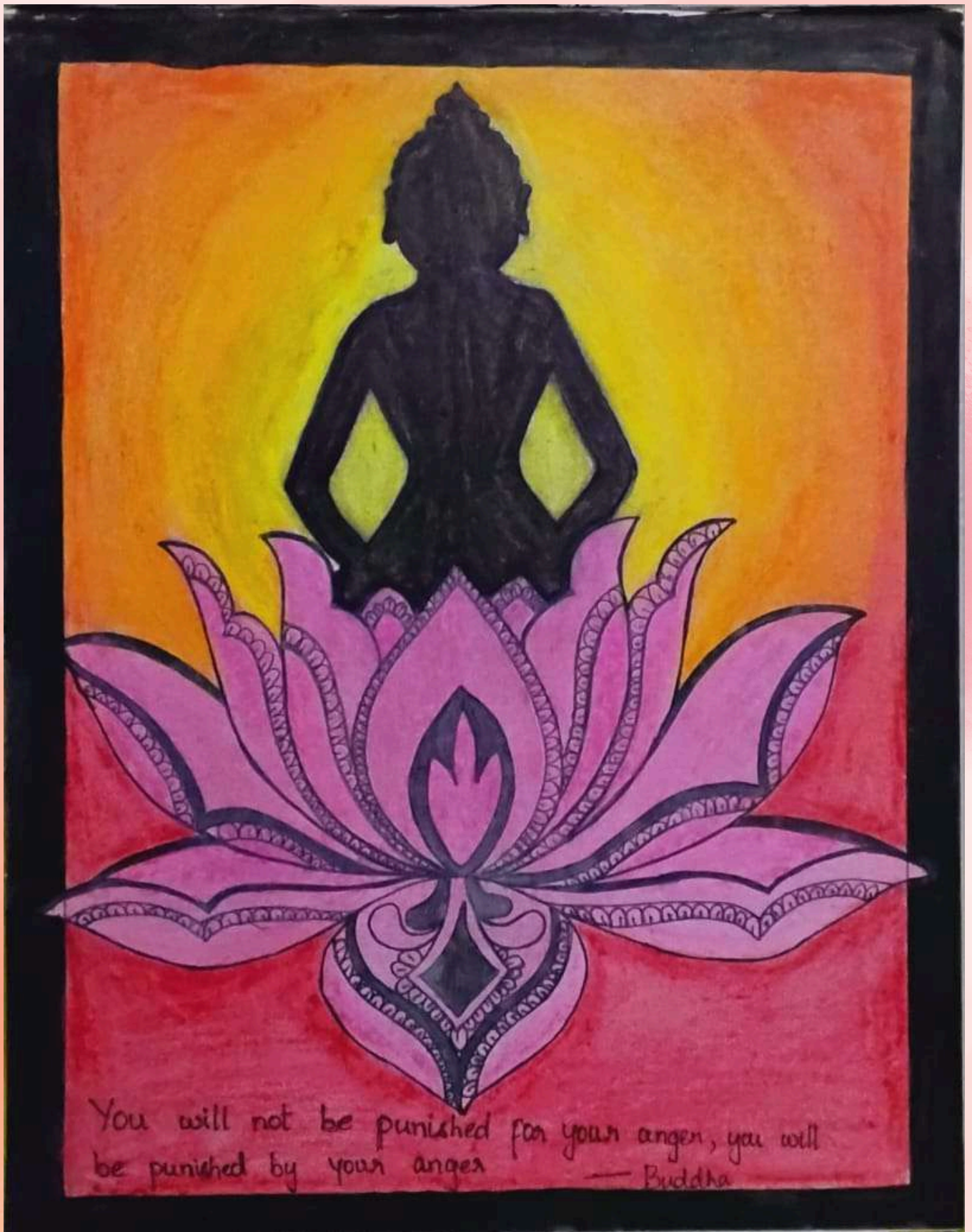
Saffron means sacrifice, white peace and green prosperity and when they combined they make a mighty combination , unmatched and unbeatable. Celebrating the legacy of freedom and strength. Here is my entry for CASA's got talent. Handmade crochet tricolour flowers.

**Harshita Makhija
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Nature's tricolor mirrors the flag of life itself. The vibrant saffron of dawn, representing the warmth and strength of the sun, fuels the earth. White, like the purity of clouds, brings balance and peace, symbolizing the harmony in nature. The green of flourishing forests and fields stands for life and growth, while the deep blue of the sky and oceans reminds us of vastness and depth. Together, they form the essence of nature, reminding us of the beauty and balance in every element!

**SAGAR AGRAWAL
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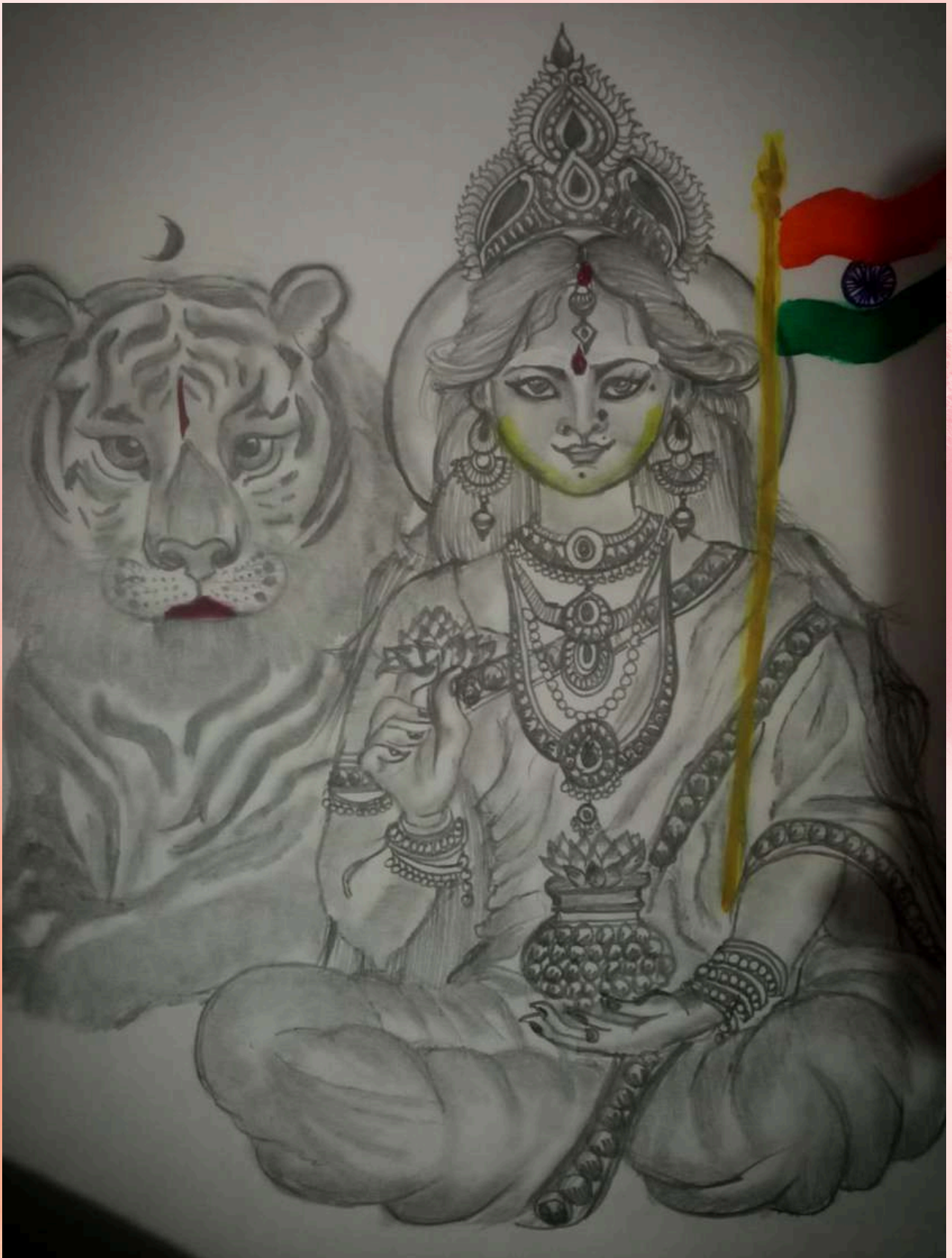


Anchal Tiwari
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Priyanka Joshi
NRO0497095





Gokul B
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🕒 " Through time, the tricolor unfolds,
In the eye, its reflection holds.🇮🇳
A moment to see, where history resides,
The flag in our gaze, where pride never hides."

Suhas
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Mere Tirange Ki Shapath

Mere tirange ki shapath, ye dharti jhukne na doonga,
Shaheedon ke armaano ko, kabhi mitne na doonga.
Kesariyaa lehraaye jahaan, saahas ki kahani likhoon,
Har peedhi ko garv doon, aisi zubaani likhoon.

Safed rang ki saadgi mein, sachchai ka vaas hai,
Sangharsh ki har raah mein, shaanti ka vishwas hai.
Ye rang kahe, chalo badho, sachchai ki mashaal lo,
Har dil mein ujala bhar do, andheron ko nikaal do.

Hara hai hariyaali ka rang, jeevan ka ye abhimaan hai,
Kisano ke paseene se saja, vikas ka ye pramaan hai.
Ped, nadi aur parvat ka sandesh, sanjo ke rakhna hai,
Prakriti ke is uphaar ko, jeevan bhar takna hai.

Tirange ko jab thaamta hoon, mera dil bhi dhadakta hai,
Gaurav, garv aur ishq se, har kona mahakta hai.
Bharat ke har kone mein, bas iska hi shor ho,
"Jan Gan Man Adhinayak", har dil ka zor ho.

Chakra Ashok ka pahiya kehta, mat rukna, bas badhte chalo,
Har mushkil ko paar kar, sapno ki raah gadhte chalo.
Ye pahiya hai Bharat ki raftaar, badlaav ka prateek sada,
Jo sangharsh mein bhi na jhuke, wahi veer hai, wahi ada.

Tirange ki shapath hai, ooncha ise rakhoonga,
Bharat ko vishv mein, sabse aage banaye rakhoonga.



Harshit Garg
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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Two days Intensive programme on Zoho Books
- Art of the Heart – CASA's Got Talent
- Industrial Visit