# Earth Day 2020, 50th Anniversary......



We have come a long way and yet not....!

Understand our environment and affirm "Every day is Earth Day"

#### Celebration of 50th Anniversary of Earth Day, Loreto Convent Asansol

We grow up, live and die on the Earth. The mother nature is not just home to billions of humans, but also to infinite flora and fauna.

To celebrate the richness of mother nature and thank our home planet, we mark the celebrations of Earth Day across the globe on April 22. This year, it is the 50th anniversary of the Earth Day celebrations.

The first Earth Day was held on April 22, 1970. The day was commemorated with the goal to raise awareness about the role of mankind in protecting our natural world.

Due to the pandemic we are confined to our houses this year. However that has not stopped Loreto Convent Asansol from attempting to make the Earth Day a memorable one. We planned and executed a number of activities while we remain safely at home. This year was indeed special. Due to the endeavours of our Principal Mrs George, parents, students and teachers collaborated in raising awareness about the importance of an eco-friendly environment for everyone.

All the classes from class KG to class 12 participated in different activities while staying at home.

Junior school girls made crafts using newspaper, sowed seed and started nurturing them to grow, do-it-yourself crafts to recycle things available at home and many more.

The senior school girls were equally excited to celebrate the Earth Day 2020 in a special way. They showed the power of togetherness while maintaining social distance.

They made short videos to give a message to others about Protecting earth. They made the events more meaningful by appearing in symbolic green outfit. They made reusable grocery bags from old clothes, face masks, posters, old t-shirt painting and many more. They also made bird feeder and bird bath in their balconies and terrace. On that they decided to put the lights off and enjoy the candle light dinner which is otherwise a measure of conservation of energy.

Here is a video of how the Loreto family celebrated Earth Day this year. We hope this will be a shinning example for all. Stay home, stay safe!



**Earthday Celebration by Senior school students:** <a href="https://youtu.be/UfXprUqVZ5g">https://youtu.be/UfXprUqVZ5g</a>



#### **Earthday Celebration by Junior school students:**

✓ <a href="https://youtu.be/H91m8tiAOBs">https://youtu.be/H91m8tiAOBs</a>

✓ <a href="https://youtu.be/VIyswZJG9MA">https://youtu.be/VIyswZJG9MA</a>

#### ACTIVITIES BY JUNIOR AND MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS







TRISHI GUPTA 7A T-SHIRT **PAINTING** 

ASHIRBANI MAJUMDER 6B PLANTED SAPLINGS IN A TORN SHOE INSTEAD OF USING A CLAY POT

**SUHANA MUKHERJEE 4 B SPREADING AWARENESS AB** OUT THE ROLE OF MEDICAL STAFF **DURING THE PANDEMIC** 







About this year in January I was on a roadtrip with my cousin. All of a sudden we saw a box as we were walking around a village outskirts. What we saw there were little abandoned puppies, we searched that area and saw no sign of their mother, so taking those puppies in our hands we decided to adopt them. And till date they live with us.



The Earth Day Poem

Anoushka Pal (Class VIII A)

The earth is of millions, Who are killing the endangered lions Feeding on the coal and oil. We are setting the earth to boil.

Global warming must be stopped Or the earth will be dried For all, we must live in harmony And give the endangered a company.

Without the circle of life, We all will be extinct in a swipe We must preserve and protect Along with the ozone over our head.

The message to all dear people is to save the earth which is profitable And to stop it from destruction We need serious protection.

**4A** 

ADITI GHOSH

ANOUSHKA PAL 8A

#### Earth Day -2020

Man has always held a sacred connection with Nature. Every Earth Day reminds us to take care of our planet by planting more trees, recycling, cleaning up and going for a walk along a green trail. The corona virus pandemic has taught us even more to respect wildlife and adopt safe distancing measures in order to avoid catching new diseases from them. Though safely ensconced in the comfort of our homes, the pandemic has not stopped us from celebrating the 50th anniversary of Earth Day. Students from classes I to XII had submitted their work related to Earth Day to their respective class teachers through email and other medium. It was indeed overwhelming to see the response of students.

- Loreto Convent students took active part in the celebration, through media and virtual medium. It brings us immense joy to see young hearts spreading awareness in a society at a budding age. Children as we know are our only hope for a better tomorrow; it encourages us to see the circumspection.
- Eager hearts and creative minds have reached out in a flurry of activities to join in the milestone celebrations in the form of drawings, writings, singing and photography. We have spotted many hidden talents in the form of budding artists, poets and composers.
- Innovative ideas of students enthrall us every day and their enthusiasm even in this dire situation has given us a hope of a better tomorrow.
- The articles, poems, drawings, speak volumes of their approach to life and their understanding. Children ranging from primary to high school have all shared their thought process which is simply amazing and thought provoking.
- This is an hour of caution and introspection, though a frequent human trepidation in such situation is unavoidable. Earth has always taught us through its many seasons, an important lesson of calm and it continues to teach us well.

## "A thing of beauty is a joy forever."



Aarohi Chettri, VI C



Khubi Pareekh, VI C



Shravasti Lama, XII C



Rhea Pradhan, XII C



Apeksha Rai, VI C



Ming Suden Sherpa, VI C

# Let us flood the world with messages of hope, optimism and above all – action.





















#### **CELEBRATING EARTH DAY**



-https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A3-BXAVpvP0







#### FOREST-A JEWEL OF EARTH

I think that I shall never see,
A forest full of lovely trees.
A forest that may in winter wear
Protects creatures from cool air.
A forest that may in spring wear
Bloom flowers on their hair.
A forest that may in summer wear
Spread shed everywhere.
A forest that may in autumn wear
Get ready for its new wear.
Poems are made by girls like me,
Lets save the earth and plant a tree.
-Navya Ahuja 9-B

#### **BLUE DOME**

The Earth is yours and mine
It is our duty to keep it fine
You and I are all we need
To keep a check on our greed
We inherited it from our forefathers
Let's preserve it for the others
It satisfies all our wants and needs
A billion mouth it feeds
But we with our clouded minds
Have been to the Earth so unkind
Let's make a promise this day
To save this place where we stay
The only place we have called home
This beautiful bright blue dome.
- Sampurna Chakraborty VII- C



#### EARTH DAY: THE ENORMOUS CHALLENGE

The Effects Of Corona Virus On Our Environment | How Climate Change Can Lead To A World Without



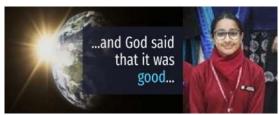
Amaira Kapoor - Class 11 https://youtu.be/4TaeErGbcTw

Humans At Risk



Rashi Pandey – 10B https://youtu.be/PhxQ6djC07I

How Climate Change Can Lead To A World Without
Humans



Raima Joseph - Class 12B <a href="https://youtu.be/kwgJGVrYGTs">https://youtu.be/kwgJGVrYGTs</a>

EARTH DAY SONG - Self Composed



Shreya Bhattacharya – School Teacher https://youtu.be/UkYIZ2gyHKI

#### **CARING FOR OUR EARTH**

Earth is the only planet in the universe known to sustain life. It is home to flourishing ecosystems, diverse fauna and a myriad of flora. The advent of humanity brought with it the need for a comfortable life. Though the early humans were mindful of replenishing the Earth's resources, their descendants (that's us!) slowly forgot this innate sense of duty.

Recent times have revealed the consequences of our ignorance. The planet's natural resources dwindle due to modern technology's exploitative nature. Hundreds of species face extinction, their homes in danger of human infringement. Crops no longer thrive as they used to, the toxic soil being the cause. Animals, birds and humans struggle to live. In the vanity of our industrial and technological advancements, we siphoned the very spirit of our planet.

By opening the forbidden box, Pandora released evil and illness into the world. However, as she shut it, she didn't let Hope out. Similarly, hope for our planet's future persists. Efforts of resolute activists have evoked widespread conscientiousness and participation in the global mission of restoring and reviving our planet's pristine glory.

It is only possible to fulfill this task if we all work together and believe that our unified efforts, however small they may seem, will restore nature's spirit and inspire others to do the same.

As a young climate activist, Greta Thunberg, rightly says, we have wasted far too many years sitting around being hopeful that this crisis will fix itself. We must recognize our place in this mission. We must act and change ourselves, our self-destructive ways, our self-centred lives. This unresolved goal will never be achieved unless we put aside our differences and stop blaming each other. This movement, this realisation should no longer be specific to a region or a nation. It should be a unanimous decision to preserve our planet, our beloved Mother Earth.



The Earth Day 'Online Interactive Session' was hosted by Loreto Day School, Dharamtala on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of April,2020 from 2:05-2:50 pm(IST).Reaching out to the Loreto Sisters,teachers,JPIC animators and students to help them channelize their initiatives as responsible global citizens was the sole motive behind this virtual conference. The guest speaker of the day was Ms Elsie Gabriel who is the founder of the Young Environmentalists' Programme and an award-winning climate action activist. The session was joined by a hundred participants who were listening intently to the several ideas and action-plans that could be adopted and practiced by all those who are indebted to their Mother Earth.

The motivating points shared by her can be summed-up as follows:

- \*We can have our own organic garden, growing mustard or coriander seeds in pots which can be kept in our balconies.
- \*We need to avoid the wastage of our natural resources.
- \*The students need to be action- oriented and record all their plans and ideas in a diary for the fruitful use of the lockdown period.
- \*The speaker's own experiences of visiting places during her school days which began her tryst with nature was shared to influence the students become nature-lovers themselves.
- \*Making the school campus greener by planting and having kitchen gardens.
- \*Painting,drawing,stitching,making videos of photographs and sharing the same on the virtual platform.Documenting all the creative ideas.
- \*The fact that all subjects are related to and interconnected with EVS.

She encouraged the students to send her their queries and questions via an e-mail.

It was a panoramic session of thoughts and ideas which fit in beautifully with the theme of the day.It was indeed a past pupil's tribute to her LORETO alma mater.

#### World without human

#### **EARTH DAY REPORT 2020**

#### WE WERE HERE.

Lives nearly ran you off the road, But it hasn't killed you yet; And suddenly you'll disappear, The Earth will rejoice to no ends.

Everyone wants a world without war, Looking for the hope of watching stars; But a world you'll never see my friend, Because you're no longer here.

Within weeks plants begin to take over buildings,

For no longer the "strongest species" is here to compete.

No one's' here to cut them back, and lines between cities and country sides are blurred.

Vegetation carpets the land, Global temperature and sea levels fall; Human ingenuity is bygone, And a brand new Eden is born.

Oh Human! It's no more a hand-me-down thing,

The bounteous Earth loves you everlastingly:





#### To Suffer and To Heal

There was a time, not too long ago when humanity wanted anything more than to stay at home and rest all the time. At that time, none of us could've imagined that our wishes would be granted. There's a saying, 'Be careful what you wish for', and it's one we all ought to have heeded. Now we are forced to stay at home, not only for our own safety but for others' as well, and for the sake of humanity's existence.

We are not only irritated, we are scared. We don't know what will happen, we don't know when or if the isolation under COVID-19 will at all end, we don't know if simply going to the balcony can make us vulnerable to the virus.

Everyone is suffering, from the rich to the poor, the powerful to the weak. Staying at home for so long, with limited resources and constant anxiety, is a difficult task for everyone and it is affecting us physically, mentally and emotionally.

But we must work hard and we must have hope, and we will prevail.

'You can do anything if you have enough nerve' is a quote we should all aspire to and follow- we must





#### What Would The World Be Without Us?

What would the world be without us?

A little more beautiful, a little more tranquil, perhaps there would be minimal fuss. Birds flving

free, fully bloomed trees,

Does this world really need me?

Wildlife would rejoice the absence of noise

And certainly marvel at the ocean's sparkle

Sky so clear, there would be no fear,

And the flowers would break into a celebratory dance.

And if there would be no trace

Of the cruel wretched human race,

Joy would blossom on the earth's face,

Turning the world into a better place.

Iffat Yousuf Class 12

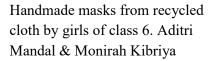




Contribution given for Earth Day by our Rainbow girls. These boards are placed permanently outside the school gates so that

















Dear Mother,

Everything was fine, Mother, your and my life. Our bonding, our war of words, our rebonding, our lifestyle. Who intervened? A known friend or an inquisitive stranger. We are both trying to detect. The change is our little world is unacceptable. Our goals were set. I may not have kept you happy, always, but I tried to, is still trying. A little birdie whispered on my window sill, 'Child, don't worry. Hope is arriving soon at all doorsteps". 'Till then, promise your mother (Earth) and give assurance that all is well. She will return to her original glaze with more fervour only because the woods are lovely dark and deep, but mother, you have promises to keep and miles to go before we all sleep". Mother, see the world from your child's eye, it gives a better view. Happy Birthday, Mother Earth. Feel protected with my arms around you

Kaushiki Biswas

X-2



#### Earth's worth

Once a year comes the earth day, Most people stay like a simple day.

"Save the earth" with the banners some say,

The very next day the banners limp lay.

"Earth day" they say is special, Though all the gratitude shown is superficial.

Earth is their because of tree, And we are here because we are free.

The continents are seven. And our Earth is like heaven.

Earth is only one, And to live here is a fun.



Ayesha Hussain Class: VIII-2

Raikamal Bhattacharyya VI-1











Suchandrima Gunin XII-1





Shreyoshee Das VI-2

Mother Earth is my home she's filled with different species The mountains, the plains, the deserts and the seas Listen to her sweet melody among the swaying trees.

The soft green grasses and the sun-lit fields They seem so glad as they dance with the breeze.

> The roses, the cherries, The cotton-candy skies The stars that twinkle Just like the fireflies.

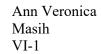
This is my abodefilled with lush green bromes She has undergone the torture of mankind but she still showers her blessings across the globe.

So, let's come together pledge allegiance to Mother Earth and not damage it anymore so that we can live in love and



Ashmita Roy X - 2







Have you ever looked at the trees?
Letting us with breeze so free.
Have you ever felt the warmth of the sun,
Which saves us from cold and gives us fun.

So what should we do to save our land? Should we just cut off trees and make those living flats?

Should we not preserve it?
Should we not care?
Or should we just keep destroying!
Till we get to inhale the junk full air.

Have you ever looked at those animals
Those birds which go flying!
Or do you just wait to bring them to your
home;

And put them into the cage which is dry?

So what should we do? Should we just keep polluting the air or should we save the moon and stars there?

It's a humble request to all our men,
Let the sun shine,
Let the trees stand,
Let the birds sing,
Let the animals be fine.

Please do not spoil the Earth
Do not let humans come to an extinct.
Save yourself and save us;
So that we live to the extreme.

Let our mother EARTH speak!
Let it not cry,
And let it take out all its pain with a sneak
or let it not die.
And let it take a peaceful sigh.

So live your life everyday. And make everyday an 'EARTH DAY'



Sangee Mukherjee Class: 10-2



Upanita Mondal Class:6-1



Ahana Majumder Class:6-2

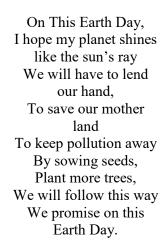








Alisha Rahman X-2





Saakshi Hriday Shah VI-2

At Loreto Convent Entally, Earth Day 2020 was celebrated with a lot of enthusiasm and fun.

In the Junior Section, fun activities were recorded, on videos explaining what is Earth day, crossword puzzles, posters and captions regarding the special day. These videos have been uploaded in the class blogs on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of April 2020.

In the Senior Section, a PowerPoint presentation was made which just ensures that awareness is spread. The students expressed their views on Earth day with drawings, poems and articles. Apart from this the students and teachers made a powerful video where each the teachers and students did home recording of dance and recitation of poetry and merged it into one video.

The presentation, videos, thoughts of students, crosswords are all uploaded in the blogs and in the school website.











#### **50th ANNIVERSARY OF EARTH DAY CELEBRATION 2020**

22<sup>nd</sup> April,2020

The 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Earth Day was destined to be a world wide celebration but amid the recent COVID-19 global pandemic, with social distancing restrictions in places around the world to fight the spread of Corona virus, the celebration has gone digital.

Keeping the same in mind, the students of Loreto Convent Intermediate College, Lucknow were encouraged to practice the principle of 'Reduse, Refuse and Reuse', to do small things to make a big impact in conserving mother nature.

The following activities were undertaken by the students:

1. Energy Saving at Home- The students turned off the lights in their homes on 22.4.2020 at 6p.m for 30 minutes and also took a DARK SELFIE CHALLENGE. They took a selfies with the flash on with the message small things go a long way in making a difference.





2. <u>Old bottles reused as planters-</u>Students of Nursery and Prep were encouraged to use old plastic bottles as planters instead of discarding them.





3. Nurturing and caring for mother nature—The Junior school, Middle school and senior school girls were urged to clean their gardens and nurture plants by watering and taking care of them regularly they took a pledge to take care of mother nature. Affirming their pledge they also made terrariums.











4. <u>Paper bags and Articles from old news papers</u>-Practicing the principle of Reuse, the senior school girls made paper bags, Decorative items and Notebooks using left over papers/news papers.



5. <u>Doormats from old clothes-</u>The senior school girls used old discarded clothes to make doormats again reaffirming the principle of Reduce and Reuse.





Chuzong Lepcha class: V

#### THE EFFECT OF THE CORONA VIRUS IN THE ENVIRONMENT

INTRODUCTION: Corona virus is a war with the environment which leads to pandemic. It is the latest new infection disease which causes a respiratory illness. The message from environmental health experts, it is the pandemic sweeping across the world. There is an inter connection between COVID-19 and environmental crises even though they sound unrelated. According to the reports of the doctors and the scientists we come to know that most of the infection diseases in people come from different types of animals. At present situation deforestation, is more rather than afforestation. Therefore clearing up the forest in different parts of the world removing habitat, and bringing wild animals closer to human settlements. Hunting wild animals for sell is the risk of diseases transmission from animals from human living. Types of diseases transmitted from animals to human beings are HIV/BIRDS FLUE etc. likewise infectious diseases like scars and COVID-19 is also thought to have originated in bats and transmitted to human being through another animal host. COVID-19 a war with environment which leads to pandemic. Many lives are gone. Many lives are quarantine. Let's not forget to join together, to fight such a panic attack. Several cold, sneezing, fever, coughing are some common significance and symptoms. Drink hot water and lockdown yourself to avoid transmission of such panic virus. Don't touch your eyes, nose and mouth frequently; wash your hands regularly with soap and water. Sanitize your hands very often with sanitizer. Try to maintain social distance, to avoid the transmission of such virus.

#### EARTH DAY 2020 THEME: CLIMATE CHANGE

The enormous challenges — but also the vast opportunities — of acting on climate change have distinguished the issue as the most pressing topic for the 50th anniversary. Climate change represents the biggest challenge to the future of humanity and the life-support systems that make our world habitable.2020 Earth Day is far more than just a day...it is an opportunity to rise and take a step forward towards a zero carbon future.

This year we celebrated through digital events which carried out throughout the week. An Ecare message were send to all the students of Loreto House in Solidarity for the protection and Conservation of Mother Earth. Students were asked to switch off all electric power in their homes for 20 minutes at 6:30 Pm onwards. Beside this various activity were also carried on.



Activity done by the Junior school students

#### JUNIOR SCHOOL ACTIVITY

- Students of class 2 3 and 4 were asked to make waste paper basket using old boxes and cartons.
- Students of Nursery made things with waste at home.





Collage on Climate change

#### MIDDLE SCHOOL ACTIVITY

- Students of Middle school had to do various Environmental worksheets the entire week.
- Two worksheets were specially given to the students keeping in mind the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our Mother Earth.
- The topic was Climate Change(Collage )and photograph gallery on the topic -HOW NATIRE TAKES OVER: ANIMALS RECLAIM CITY STREETS AS HUMAN REMAIN UNDER LOCKDOWN SITUATION.
- Around 300 worksheets were mailed an account which was created for earth day only. The Best were choosen for school website and magazine

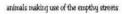




#### Photograph gallery -How animals reclaim the city Human remain under Lock down Situation

#### ANIMALS RECLAIM CITY STREETS WHILE HUMANS ARE UNDER LOCKDOWN







no disturbances in the wild



getting their freedom to venture around



animal's planet



nature's back!!



wildlife claiming their space jaahnvi singh



Its now their time to adventure when we are locked down



It's play time



Searching for Humans



Walking on cemented path What an experience



Not dancing to human tunes

Dishita Karnani VIII - 1 Roll No 23

#### SENIOR SCHOOL ACTIVITY

- Class X had a zoom cloud meeting on the Earth Day with Mrs Ditti Mukherjee. She is an active member of ASED. She emphasized on Web-Life and Green Rhino project. There were around 76 participants which included Principal of the school Mrs Aruna Gomes, Teachers and students.
- Class XII also had a session with Mr Pradeep Kakkar, an environmentalists and founder of Public. He addressed the impending danger on Eartg and how we are 'running out of Time'. He urged the students to be a part of the solution rather than just being worried about the problem. Through a few interactive videos and presentation he instructed the students to choose the focus for the solution in order to heal the beautiful planet we live in.



MR.PRADEEP KAKKAR



# EARTH DAY- 2020

#### **LORETO SCHOOL PANIGHATTA**

**Under the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change:** 

Government has launched the School Nursery Yojana, an initiative to bring students closer to nature, by involving them in raising of saplings in nurseries created in schools.

Under this Yojana little hands of Panighatta students are celebrating Earth day by planting saplings of different plants and trees, this activity is very close to their hearts.

In spite of lockdown students manage to spread awareness on saving electricity and water. Some of the students are involved in making handmade bags from old clothes by emphasizing on reduce, reuse and recycle.



Megna Dutraj, Class - II





Arohi Minj, Class-II

#### **EARTH-DAY**

1. An initiative was taken by our Principal, Sister Gloria Lakra to reach parents, students and their families. The following circular was sent so that each one could benefit.

#### Dear Parents,

Mr.Nitish Priyadarshi, Assistant Professor in Department of Geology, Ranchi University, who has also worked as Lecturer in Department of Environment and Water Management, has published several research articles in different journals, newspapers and websites. We are thankful to him for recording the video message for our students on Occasion of 50th the Anniversary of Earth Day, i.e.22nd April.



Kindly click the link to watch the video:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1TpUmRTGEFs1sNATSQFotouSP6Kz8zrWg/view?usp=sharing

Regards,

Principal

2.An interactive Zoom Session was attended by Mrs.Kawaljeet Kaur with Environmentalist Elsie Gabriel organized by LORETO DHARAMTALA, under the supervision of Principal, Ms.Meenakshi Bhadrish Kapur.

The message is shared with the students, and their families via Facebook.

Here is the link: https://www.facebook.com/100001829720728/posts/3969303119807306/?d=n

On the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day JPIC organized few activities to create awareness among students. We requested our students of

Class 9-12 to write Essay or poems

Class 6-8 to make Jingles and posters and

Class 3-5 to make Drawings on any one the following topics:

- 1. The effect of the Corona virus on the environment
- 2. World without Humans
- 3. Humans at Risk.

The response was overwhelming. Few selected ones are here:

Ananya Singh Class VII Loreto convent, Ranchi

# Mother Earth's Gifts

Mother Earth gives her gifts for all to share, She gives them freely, yet she's still aware, That things are changing, perhaps for the worse. How much more can she give if our future is

It's way past time to put Mother Earth first, To clean up the water before we all thirst, To clean up the air before our lungs sicken, To renew the soil and feel it quicken. cursed?

How long until the point of no return? How much longer until we all finally learn, That to this task we all must rise.

And stop abusing Mother Earth before she dies.

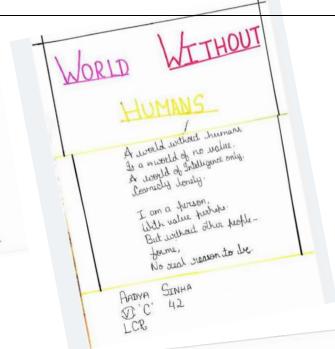
Corona Virus: Adiba Ali, Class X

it's a virus, most pandemic, wide and infinite. Corona, yes you heard me right. no a viruo, moon pandemic, whee and old are dying, youngsters to survive .
it's on fire, it's taking millions of life.

the world cries for safety, yet rules are being broken.
but in this global disaster instead of helping, news

but some insane people are fighting and some just spread are laked. thousands of mothers cry for dead son seeing the viral videos and having fun.

the biggest help which we can give, is to just stay at home and peacefully live. now let's hold bands and love and care looning our religion. hold hands and love and care, keeping our religion and love and Late, Reeping out aside, we can come out of any nightmare.



HUMANS AT RISK Wash your hands, don't touch your face;

Together, let's make this world as safe as a safe....

A world wide panic, a frenzy, a rush;

Let's stay distant, beat Corona Virus,... The world, paralyzed; The tiny virus has so much might;

That the entire world is apologetic for its plight....

Rules are simple.

Wash your hands, dont touch your face,

Together, lets make this world as safe as a safe.......Silvia Roy,6A.



#### **Humans on the Needle Point**

#### -Rajlakshmi Sharan, Class IX

After so many studies, some scientists still say that the Earth is the only place for comfortable existence of living world. The Earth has a very beautiful history of its creation. Everything was fine until the first existence of homo habilis. Homo habilis soon evolved into homo erectus and then homo sapiens.

What was to be done next? They started thinking that they were superior to all other animals. They are called 'Humans'. They still exist. They create a lot of trouble around the world. Nature is so wise and kind, that it forgave humans for most of their mistakes. But we can't take advantage of this gifted quality of nature. That's why this time we are caught in a catch 22 situation and our lives are at risk.

The whole living world is suffering because of the bad deeds of humans. God gave humans the intelligence to do something wise and impossible, so that the whole living world would benefit from it, not just the humans. And yes, indeed humans are doing the most "impossible things". We are leading ourselves to self destruction. Several human deeds have led us to future human extinction.

God gave us a balanced Earth with all balanced components but we have been disbalancing the equilibrium. Emission of hazardous gases, contamination of land, water, sea, collection of space debris (space waste) around the Earth due to launching of rockets, and satellites, which do not seem to be a problem now, will surely be a great problem in the coming years. Poverty is one of the biggest problems we are facing right now. Terrorism is not behind. It is the 'humans after humans' game. Global warming is also a specimen of human creation. Gender violence or unequal opportunities for women as compared to men is a black spot on human thinking.

The emission of hazardous gases have led to depletion of ozone layer, though now it has started to cure again due to lockdown. Testing potential of nuclear arms, which almost all countries are involved in to show their power and frighten other countries, causes serious damage over an extended period. Human activities have also led to the evolution of different types of diseases. Coronavirus or Covid-19 pandemic that we are facing right now is very shameful for humankind. This shows that all human intelligence is drained and it's a challenge for us. Some scientists say that it's a never-ending virus and it will keep on transmitting.

Nature has given us its last warning. It is the last chance for avaricious humans to change their cruel hearts. Now, we either have to change things ourselves or nature will do it. Each step of ours is leading to the destruction of the beautiful Earth and above all the destruction of humans.

#### THE WORLD IS FACING A THREAT

At this present moment of crisis, where the Coronavirus has taken its toll over the entire world, we are all at home and safe from the widespread disease outside because of lockdown. However, there is an enemy threatening our lives even inside our homes, i.e. the internet.

If we talk about present situation, the hazardous condition that the world is facing is truly distressing. Moreover, in this short span of time when almost the entire world is locked up in their houses, the access and use of internet for entertainment, education and other official works has increased drastically. If we look at the positive side of things, we realize that it has truly proved to be a boon for human civilization at a time when everything has come to a standstill. Nevertheless, it has many negative points associated with it too. The regular use of internet these days has made people prone to online abuses. They are likely to be trapped in cyber crime. The people who are busy on internet for the entire day are in a way giving malicious people a chance to perform their malevolent activities. This period of isolation has also given a perfect chance to the offenders to abuse children. The closing of schools has led to children spending much of their time online, which has made them prone to harmful content and online risks. Since, now people have more prime time, the social media engagements have also increased. According to a survey, 75 per cent people are spending more time on Facebook, Twitter and WhatsApp as compared to the week before lockdown. The time spent by Indians on social media has increased to more than four hours per day, which earlier was 150 minutes per day on an average. Thus, our condition can be vulnerable if we do not keep a check on our increased use of internet.

Today we live in a much advanced world, a world where each and every country is striving towards high levels of perfection and has left no stone unturned in proving themselves to be the supreme. However, no matter how much we boast of our supremacy or of us being self sufficient, we are all aware of the fact that somewhere we are interdependent and rely on each other for our survival. At present, we are trapped in a situation where people suffering from the COVID-19 disease are facing inevitability of death. However, we must remember that we are all interconnected. Hence, if one dies the other will also suffer. In this darkest of times we must join hands to protect ourselves and everyone else.

- Anushka Kumari, Class X

# **CELEBRATION OF EARTH DAY**



You Tube video link: <a href="https://youtu.be/YP5LRU0C6XE">https://youtu.be/YP5LRU0C6XE</a>

Fabian, Amita, Stella, Phunchuk, Immanuel, Noelle, Prstiksha and group

# **EARTH DAY**



You Tube video link: <a href="https://youtu.be/8ntz0WK\_lmE">https://youtu.be/8ntz0WK\_lmE</a>
Binney- Class 6







#### SAY NO TO PLASTIC YES TO PAPER /FABRIC:

What is the most popular common item that pollutes natural environment? Without doubt, it is the plastic bag. The plastic bag is the most usual and integral part of our life. Sometimes, we do not pay attention to the fact that every store provides us with packs of plastic bags. They are used as sacks or wraps of food products and all other kinds of goods. Thus, a supermarket uses thousands of bags daily. Therefore, billions of plastic bags pollute seas, oceans, rivers and soil. Very often, plastic bags are found in the stomachs of fish, birds and wild animals. The best way to stop the enormous rates of littering is to recycle plastic bags inasmuch as they are the main sources of pollution. Many people think that it is impossible to recycle plastic bags. Others think that plastic bags are ecologically unsafe and they prefer using paper recycled bags. If we recycle these items, we will save resources and protect our planet from pollution and littering. We will save thousands of animals, fish and birds from the terrible death caused by a simple plastic bag. So, we are the

#### POSTER AND DRAWING

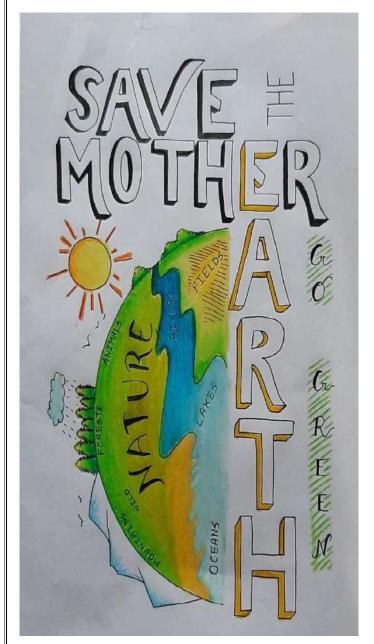
The earth day is celebrated every year on 22 April, to spread awareness about save the earth, because if we will not save our earth, there is no doubt it will destroy before fixed time limits.

Today global warming is one of the most common and dangerous reasons which is to decrease our earth life day by day. We should all take initiative to protect our earth from our common bad habits and thinks.

The predicament of the present situation calls us to save Mother Earth. From the earliest hunting age to the current technological age, man has had a definite impact on the environment. He had been exploiting natural resources to achieve economic growth. Without plans to replenish them, it has caused serious damage to Earth. A Mother is the source of life. Causing a mother to suffer cuts the life supply due to the child. So, to save Mother Earth is to save us children, in turn. With our combined efforts, it is possible to restore her former resources and glory. In the process, we would also contribute to the welfare of the future generations. From class 10 and 12 students are trying to depicting to protect our mother earth. How many Animals has become extinct, sky scraping building and mushrooms of malls has become the source of modern life at the cost of cutting trees, the emission of carbon mono oxide has increa6tge rate of heart and health problems, the death rate has increased because of the pollution and accident meet by the people using vehicles.

For example, the jar is the spirit that contains mother earth and its pouring out nature now that the world is unified and fighting together.

#### **LETTERS TO EARTH**



I would love to write letters to the earth,
Whisper them to the wind
Fold them into paper boats,
And find a stream to flow it in.
I would write about the beautiful sunsets,
About the bright orange and pink
But also about the ocean and meadows,
Which have hues of bright blue and green.
I would write about the changes,
That each and every season brings
From the hot sizzling summer to the frost bitten winter,

And the brown leaves of autumn to the blooming spring.

I would write about the dancing thunders, The drizzles and pouring of the rain That soaks my skin and makes me alive, By cooling down the flames of my pain. I would write about the evergreen forests, And the unknown birds that tirelessly sing Unknown that their voices hold such melodies, And the joy in my heart that they bring. I would write about the passing days, But soon my eyes will shed tears Because I know my letters you would never read, As I am one of your greatest fears. I know I am one of them, My greed and wanting never cease I hear you cry, but I still destroy, The nature that gives me peace. And so, my letters to you (earth), May leave less love more than scars I know you think I am a huge liar, As my words pull you near, but my actions push you far.











Shruti Majumdar Class X Oishee Biswas Class XII DevadritaMitra Class X

Zeba Khan Class X Sukanya Ghosh Class X

#### **WORLD EARTH DAY - 2020**

World Earth Day was observed by the JPIC Loreto Convent Shillong on 22<sup>nd</sup>April, 2020, which marked the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Earth Day. A special assembly was conducted online with a prayer and a song by the students followed by a documentary by the students of class 9, depicting the theme for the Earth Day 2020 - Climate Action on it.

Various activities were given to the students from nursery to class 12. Thus Earth Day was celebrated from home by sharing photos, audio, music videos, posters, collages, documentary and so on. Students got the opportunity to showcase their creativity in various fields. Here are some of the incorporated works by the students.

#### ART GALLERY













#### **WORLD WITHOUT HUMANS:**

Imagine the world And all the people it holds Just vanish away, Not a single soul To walk on the streets.

All you can see and hear Are the humongous trees And the sound of waves wash up on the shores.

All that's there now,
In the world where humans
once thrived are the things
Nature restored after it was nearly destroyed.

A world without humans sounds overwhelming. Making us wish to be a bit more caring, But this is just imagination
For now at least,
So we should try our level best to fix the things that need our help.
And if our fate allows us to stay
Let's cherish ourselves and our place.

By Darisha (X A)











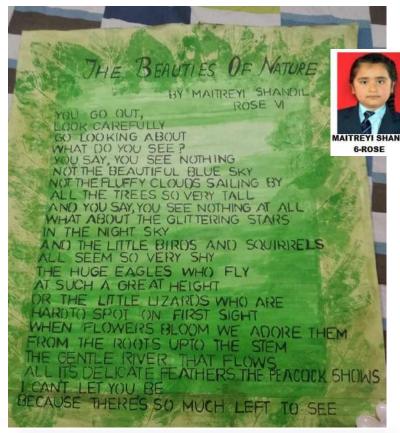
Mother Earth provides
But we do not realize;
Her tolerance yet abides.
We're why her love subsides.

We're why mountains collide
We're why wars are fought worldwide
As I write, we're under her cursePandemics, floods and droughts only make it worse.

We have only taken the Earth as rent.
Allow the past to turn to the present.
Let the animals and plants breathe
Let not the temperature rise to a hundred degrees

At this point, at this pace, Redemption is the only race. Things of value, now left barren-Shortly we'll be dusts in space. By Andrea (X A)

# **50th ANNIVERSARY OF EARTH DAY CELEBRATION**

























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# ST. AGNES' LORETO DAY SCHOOL,LUCKNOW



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Japjyot Kaur VIII





Zona Shakeel VI

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Devina Kohli VII



Radhikha VIII



Manasvi Khare IX



Vanya Mittal VIII



Bipasha Banerjee IX



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Earth Day 2020 Celebration

St Agnes' Loreto Day School

Sneha Khanna VI

Fariah Fatima VII Shambhavi Srivastava X

# $50^{TH}$ EARTH DAY - 22<sup>ND</sup> APRIL 2020

St. Teresa's Girls' H.S. School, Darjeeling observed Earth Day 2020 with the individual participation of the parents, teachers and students. Staying at home for everyone's safety against COVID – 19 did not deter us from doing our bit for Mother Earth. Various activities such as making compost out of kitchen waste, recycling old clothes, growing vegetables, making paper bags, putting up bird feeders, photography and poetry were taken up by the teachers and students in their respective homes.

RECYCLING OLD CLOTHES: Mrs. Kamlesh Rai is spending her days during this lockdown, making carry bags out of old clothes. She is giving these bags to the Jesuits of Darjeeling to be used as they distribute relief to the needy. She says that relief is distributed largely in plastic bags which adds to the waste crisis.

Students too made purses and mats out of old clothes.







SANIA ANSARI, CLASS 9 B



ANAMIKA PRADHAN, CLASS9B

#### LITTLE GREEN FINGERS:



MAKING COMPOST DIKSHA ROY CLASS 10 C



GARDENING YANGTENMA TAMANG CLASS 8B



HERBAL GARDEN PRANISHA RAI CLASS 8 B

#### **BEST OUT OF WASTE:**



MRS. PRALIKA LAMA



BRISHTI CHETTRI

SUBIKSHA BISWAKARMA



APARMITA PRADHAN

CLASS 5 C

CLASS 7 C

CLASS 7 C

#### FOR OUR WINGED FRIENDS:









DIYA RAI CLASS 7 C

MING DIKI SHERPA CLASS 7 C

RAJSHREE MUKHIA CLASS 7 C

#### POETRY AND PHOTOGRAPHY:

#### Repaying nature.

They say it's good to learn new words,

I learned one, every new day.

But since 'quarantine' slipped through my lips, life has been a dismay.

My mind has run out of thoughts.

My limbs ache, as I die throughout the day.

Sleep knows no boundaries. And life knows no spaces. It seems I have been carried away.

Uncertain life demands us to be scared of a certain death.

But to respire underneath the lonesome sky, makes me question my own fate.

I am tired of searching what I cannot find, inside these four walls.

I am tired of holding myself together, when all I want is to fall.

But perhaps this is how we repent our sins.

When innocent animals were caged and killed.

When wars were waged against one another, forgetting the fact, all belonged to the same kin.

Nature found its way, to enlighten the human souls.

Even if the answer was a virus.

We were one too, after all.

#### **HUES OF NATURE**











Children of Loreto St. Vincent's School Thakurpukur were asked to express their love for mother earth on this auspicious day. Our little ones from classes 2 & 3 poured out their best and came up with these drawings. The "Earth Day" was something completely new for them but their love for mother nature wasn't. Thus we feel proud of Rashi Roy of class2(first two pics) and Barshra Bairagi(last two pics) for showing true spirit and being a part of this celebration.









#### EARTH DAY: THE ENORMOUS CHALLENGE

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# WORLD WITHOUT HUMANS



Shreya Gupta Class- 10 Loreto Convent Darjeeling

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8dC6CAv4Ag8&feature=youtu.be

# HOW CLIMATE CHANGE CAN AFFECT HUMANS' LIVES



Raima Joseph Class- 12 Loreto Convent Delhi

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kwgJGVrYGTs&feature=youtu.be

#### **HUMANS AT RISK**



Rashi Pandey Class- 10 Loreto Convent Delhi

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PhxQ6djC07I&feature=youtu.be

#### Loreto Bowbazar:

Samriddhi Sharma- Rise of Nationalism <a href="https://youtu.be/Gqx0YA3Ygvg">https://youtu.be/Gqx0YA3Ygvg</a>

Roshni Veronica Mallik- Peace and Security <a href="https://youtu.be/qWg9cB7c8\_w">https://youtu.be/qWg9cB7c8\_w</a>

Sanjana Sarkar- Climate Change <a href="https://youtu.be/2wNi-e4iZdU">https://youtu.be/2wNi-e4iZdU</a>

#### **EFFECT OF CORONA VIRUS PANDEMIC:**



Lalrinmawii Fanal Lating Class- 12

Loreto Convent Shillong

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CJaeVArvbgM&feature=youtu.be

#### **IMPACT OF COVID-19.**



Mahi Tripathi Class- 11

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#### IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON INDIA.

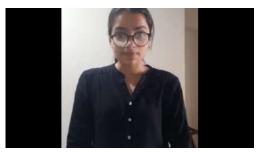


Amanat Chauhan Class-11

https://youtu.be/o5hV Ln4Biw

## THE EFFECT OF COVID-19

#### ON THE ENVIRONMENT



Ammaira Kapur Class- 11

Loreto Convent Delhi

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4TaeErGbcTw&feature=youtu.be



Nicole Nyuthe Class- 10 Loreto Convent Delhi

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TeG573raHOE&feature=youtu.be

# WHAT IS CORONA VIRUS?



Canvin Kaur Class- 5

Loreto Convent Delhi

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8MF0Iw 0 dJDw&feature=youtu.be

### **IMPACT OF COVID- 19**



Imaan Faiyaaz Loreto House

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JixiIFv17y8&feature=youtu.be

#### Loreto Bowbazar:

Khizra Batool Global Pandemic Corona Virus: <a href="https://youtu.be/ukfsbJEw2Xw">https://youtu.be/ukfsbJEw2Xw</a>

#### MULTILATERALISM MATTERS KEEPING IN MIND CLIMATE CHANGE



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Jahanvi Bhoomla Class-12 & Sampreet Veer Singh Class-12 https://youtu.be/CA6jbsFkDXY

## REFLECTION ON MULTILATERALISM - MIGRATION



Lisa D'souza Class- 12
Loreto Convent Delhi
<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rdTKRH8|4tE&feature=youtu.be">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rdTKRH8|4tE&feature=youtu.be</a>

#### **Loreto Bowbazar**:

Aditi A Sanjay – Internatinal day of Multilaterism: <a href="https://youtu.be/QheApMP7LjE">https://youtu.be/QheApMP7LjE</a>

Oishi Dutta -Migration- https://youtu.be/eLEaYasmJnc

# LORETO DAY SCHOOL, ELLIOT ROAD INDIA

# EARTH DAY 2020

What if all the Humans disappear from Earth	Effect of Corona Virus on the Mankind
Maham Jahangir Class 10	Aireen Jawed Class 10
https://youtu.be/x5sCe3tP5zw	https://youtu.be/Ev1IKqvsuZI
Questioning the existence of Human	World before and after corona virus
Srija Roy Chowdhury Class 10	Mahak Gupta Class 10
https://youtu.be/WlsX1vbiIYc	https://youtu.be/E3q7vn9H1bo
Covid-19. The virus endangering humankind.	Effect of Corona Virus on the Environment
Tannistha Bhattacharya Class 10	Namrata Das Class 10
https://youtu.be/ZvKsOQi23cg	https://youtu.be/_RDGuGXRC_8
Humans at Risk	PPT ON EARTH DAY 2020 PREPARED BY LORETO
Quaria Khan Class-10	DAY SCHOOL, ELLIOT ROAD CLASS 8 STUDENTS
https://youtu.be/Fb1REIJGpT4	https://youtu.be/SKv5EI25niA
Jingle on Mother Earth	Jingle on Corona- The ban on Humanity
Grace Olivia Dolby class 9	Subhomita Mukherjee CLASS:9
https://youtu.be/0ZRXFWLkVk8	https://youtu.be/sMkdNVOgjnk

#### **COVID-19: The Pandemic**

COVID-19 a respiratory illness was first reported in Wuhan, China, the infection has since then spread to many families around the globe turning into a pandemic. This deadly virus not only spread to the European Countries but the USA is also a victim of this virus .

The World Health Organisation (WHO) claims that most people who are infected will experience mild, moderate or severe respiratory illness and may recover without requiring special treatment. Preventive measures to this are maintaining social distancing, washing hands with soap for at least 20 seconds or using an alcohol based hand rub, avoid touching face and covering the mouth while coughing or sneezing

The people around the world have been quarantined in their houses to avoid the spread of the virus while the infected ones are being kept in isolation wards as a proper vaccine or antidote is yet to be developed. Researchers and Heath development centres are trying their best to find a quick cure to this.

Developing countries like India is facing complete lockdown over the last forty days. Economic conditions of these countries are falling as the Government is forced to adopt work from home which is not as effective as doing work in the office. Classroom study has been replaced by online classes.

The daily wage workers and homeless people are suffering the most. There is also a shortage of food supply.

Covid-19 has not only turned the infected ones weak but also the quarantined people mentally sick. The homeless are in despair, they have no place to protect themselves. Voluntary groups and NGOs are trying their best to help people in need. The economic conditions are worsening and many countries might even face recession . Although the situation is bleak and we feel desolate, we still look for a silver lining.

It is the time for us to stay strong and be there for each other in the name of unity and humanity. We need to be compassionate and hope for the best.



Ritisha Verma, Class XII

#### Together we change the world

To love the poor, die and rise with them was all the aim of Mary Ward. We Loreto students across the globe are recognised for our act of kindness towards the poor. During this Covid-19 pandemic, almost the whole globe is in a situation of lockdown which may last for a month or more. This pandemic came as a blow to the daily wage earners who couldn't go outdoors anymore to earn their livelihood. As per the situation, our dear Principal, Mrs J George stretched out a helping hand to a few people around. She with our Ankur Vidyalaya teacher Ms. J Michael and our manager Mr. E Gomes helped the parents of Ankur Vidyalaya students and provided each of them with the basic supplies so that they would not have to be hungry during this pandemic. We are grateful for the guidance and vision of our Principal Mrs. George who has been influential in embedding in our virtues of empathy and charity towards the poor. She is aware of this very challenging and difficult time our society and the less privileged are experiencing and has helped us build our skills of giving during this time. Love, Care, Sharing remain the maxim of Loreto students and we were able to provide basic necessities to the needy in our neighbourhood.







Elizabeth Bhushan, Class XII

Effect of Corona virus on the environment

#### SALVATION THROUGH OBLITERATION

"These are mad times we live in. MAD!"

-J.K.Rowling.

The state 2020 is in now definitely makes the quote extremely relevant to describe the past few months. The unrelenting pace of life, the dominance of hatred over love in a world of antagonistic dogma, the pursuit for dynamism, wealth and fame have led to the weird insanity of us being here now. COVID-19 has usurped the world.

This viral disease spreading rapidly like a wild fire during the fall causes illness ranging from common cold to severe diseases like Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) and Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS), according to the WHO. Till date, there is a steady rise in the number of infected people and the threat makes people vulnerable with every tick of the clock as we mourn hundred-thousands of departed souls and immigrants who are trapped away from their homeland. In a nutshell, human life and economy are wrecked. Now for the silver lining of this adverse circumstance.

#### Mother Earth is healing.

With about 90% of the vehicles off the road, the morning breeze has never been cleaner in the past few years. Satellite images show a significant drop in nitrogen dioxide pollution. Radley Horton, professor and researcher from Columbia University also a Climate Scientist claims the improvement of air quality by 30% in California. The murky and nebulous water from the canals in Venice have cleared up as the boat-traffic on the capital city's magnificent and renowned waterways are absent. Delhi, theof India has witnessed significant improvement in the quality of the air. A politician, writer who is currently serving as a Member of the Parliament of India Shashi Tharoor writes, "blissful sight of blue skies and the joy of breathing clean air provides just the contrast to illustrate what we are doing to ourselves the rest of the time". The decrease in commercial and industrial activities has caused a decrease in pollution but temporary ones. When it comes to the environmental damages there are no reversals, just noticeable or so or during the weekends depending on the gravity of the mistake we make, as we all stay quarantined indoors (sort of like Mother Earth grounding us) let us reflect on the mistakes we have made. For a species that has only been around on the Earth for about 200000 years, Homo sapiens have had a gigantic impact on the future fossil record, so much so that if any event in the next few days were to wipe out the entire human race, the evolution that follows would be driven and compelled by the choices we make to date.

So it is high time that people understand and appreciate the importance of an environmentally cleansed and pollution free atmosphere and make structural and economic changes to declutter the environment and reduce our carbon footprint. The pandemic will eventually be eradicated and our goal is to eliminate our hatred, greed, jealousy and ego along with COVID-19 and work towards a remarkably pollution free tomorrow that the obliteration we face now changes our mindset and becomes our salvation.

-Apoorva Gurung XII A

