



HOPE FOR TOMORROW

A compilation of essays and poems on
climate justice from children and young people



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**The world will not
be destroyed by
those who are evil,
but by those who
watch without doing
anything**

— Albert Einstein

Preface

There is not a today without a tomorrow
No, we are not going to live in sorrow
For the generation to come
We shall not have today without a tomorrow.

These are the lines from the poem, 'Hope for Tomorrow' written by 14 years old, Manasvi. Her poem underlines the climate crisis from the perspective of a child, and reminds us that there's no today, without a tomorrow - calling for greater action, and accountability to address the climate crisis, together with children and young people.

'Hope for Tomorrow', the booklet, features a series of essays and poems written by children and young people highlighting the plight of climate change in their lives. These essays and poems reinforce the undeniable fact that, climate crisis is a child rights crises, and it is a code red for humanity. As we go through the personalized anthology of essays and poetry, one can't help but ponder, if we are doing enough to protect our children's future?

The booklet not only caution us about the grave and mounting threat of climate change, but also spotlights on the need to engage and listen to children: as the climate change conversation is incomplete without them. But most importantly, children and young people's involvement in leading the climate conversation paves way for hope, and these lines from the young poet, Drishya, reminds us that giving up is not an option: but we need to acknowledge and rectifying our mistakes for a better today, and tomorrow.

Inside the empty void, where I guess
Lies our generation's hope
someday, somewhere, some place
The earth won't be so damaged
And it will be better again
Our hope, our home, our earth.

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Warmest regards,

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EARTH IN CRISIS

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We live on a planet called “earth”. From what we know, it is the only planet that sustains life and many other diverse ecosystems. Human population is increasing rapidly, reaching 8 billion, and forcing the planet to warm up unusually. Climate is not a negligible subject as it has wreaked havoc in the world and might continue to do so. It is a vital concern that all countries need to work on. Climate change is interpreted as the change in pattern that alters the global composition of the atmosphere and the environment. Climate change is a global issue. Hence, it is our duty to stop anything that is a threat to humanity.

Since 1906, global temperature has been increasing at an alarming rate that can destroy humanity. It has caused death, suffering, and has badly affected the earth’s biodiversity. Climate change brings extreme weather conditions like droughts, wildfires, and heatwaves. The earth has various harmful gases and the number of gases is rising remarkably causing climate change. The burning of fossil fuels, the use of chemicals on livestock and crops are some of the human activities contributing to climate change.

Many organizations and networks are contributing to encourage children to participate in climate movements and support children affected by climate change.

We should encourage young people to recognize the value of our planet, and not make the same mistakes. We should not be obligated to adapt to climate change, instead we should be obligated to remove such issues. We must understand that the earth provides enough to satisfy every individual’s need but not everyone’s greed.



THE PERILS OF CLIMATE CHANGE

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“The world will not be destroyed by those who are evil, but by those who watch without doing anything” — Albert Einstein

Climate change is an adverse effect of global warming, and it isn't a topic to be ignored or neglected. It is happening now! It is a must for each of us to become a part of the prevention, and not become a bystander. Climate change is the shift in patterns of the weather and atmosphere as well as environmental conditions of the earth. It is one of the important global concerns, and we have been experiencing its impact over the last few decades.

It goes without saying that the effects of climate change have been constantly visible with the melting of glaciers resulting - the rise of sea levels by 0.12 per year, intensive droughts, rise of CO₂ and increasing temperature with an average of 1.5 degrees. Is this the future we want? Don't we all know that we do not have a planet B?

Numerous factors contribute to climate change becoming an even greater issue. Humans are known for their intelligence and ability to differentiate between good and bad, but unfortunately, they are the major reason behind climate change. You may ask how? Well, the burning of fossil fuels and oil leads to an abundance of heat trapping gases in the atmosphere. Deforestation, clearing land for industries and houses, air pollution, and acidity of seawater have majorly increased, causing damage to the environment. This has been affecting our ecosystem and will cause destruction to a lot of flora, fauna, and eventually, us.

Nevertheless, it is not too late to act now, with smaller steps leading to a bigger change. Sustainable Development Goal 13 aims to take urgent actions to combat climate change and its impact. Therefore, there is an urgent need for us to act now. It starts from you and me, so let's work together for a better tomorrow starting today.



INSPIRING CHILDREN TO CREATE A BETTER FUTURE

Ojashwi
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Children are small people with big dreams. They are the learners of today who grow up to become the leaders of tomorrow. I truly believe in the saying, “children are one-third of the population and all of our future.” The significance of children in the future is monumental. As they are young, innocent, and new to this flawed world, they need to be supported and empowered in every way possible.

Children live in their own land of hope, enchantment, and make-believe. But, one day, they will wake up and face the real world, full of inequality, poverty, violence, climate change and uncertainty. They deserve better. They should not have to deal with the consequences of other people for which they are least responsible.

I believe that the environment is the foundation that supports us, the walls that give us shelter, and the roof that keeps us safe. Yet, it is being exploited and degraded endlessly. Today, as we move towards a future full of heatwaves, droughts, floods, wildfires, pandemics, plastic ridden oceans, and wars, it is becoming more important than ever for everyone to unite and overcome this. It might be difficult to believe but our small acts and efforts can make a difference. While it is true that we cannot completely reverse the environment back to how it was before in a matter of months or even years, we can contribute towards making it better and not worse.

Adding to the adverse effects of climate change, the COVID-19 pandemic has affected millions of people and children around the world. I feel extremely privileged

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to have had the access to online classes and virtual learning during the lockdown, but the situation was not the same for children across the globe. I strongly believe that education should not be a privilege, but a basic right.

We must begin the movement of conserving the earth and restoring our ecosystem as well as take consequential actions against inequality, poverty, world hunger, child labor and poor education so that the upcoming generation will follow our footsteps and build a world where no child needs to be saved. James Baldwin once said, "Children have never been good at listening to their elders, but they have never failed to imitate them." Let's create an environment where everybody respects and pays back to the nature that gave birth to them: to the nature that keeps them alive. Let's give children great things to imitate.

We all experienced a tough and challenging year with all sorts of humanitarian crises and disasters. With all the hardships, we and many children around the world have been going through, hope and will is all that we are left with. So, for now, let us all hope and unite for a better tomorrow, a better future and a better generation.





CLIMATE CHANGE AND ITS IMPACT ON CHILDREN

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Lewis Gourd Pugh once said, “climate change is the Everest of all problems, the thorniest challenge facing humankind.” The earth’s climate has altered and evolved over time, mostly because of human activities, as well as natural causes. Human activities such as deforestation and combustion of fossil fuels generate a large proportion of greenhouse gases that contribute to the greenhouse effect and global warming. Climate change has been a serious issue and a global concern over the last few decades; affecting life on earth in various ways. These climatic changes have various impacts on the ecosystem and ecology, leading to the extinction of multiple species.

Climate change is a direct threat to a child’s ability to survive, grow and thrive. Almost every child is exposed, to or faced with one of these climatic or environmental hazards. These children face extreme climates with poor water access, sanitation, and healthcare. As the impact of climate change worsens, children are forced to grow up in an increasingly dangerous world.

However, now, the younger generation seem to be well-informed of the reality that there are indeed climate solutions to this global problem. Greta Thunberg is a 19-year-old Swedish environmental activist. Her bold, decisive, and informed rhetoric has inspired a global movement of school strikes called, ‘Friday for the Future’, orchestrated by students all over the world. Some resolutions to protect children from climate change include making them the center of climate change strategies and plans, recognizing them as agents of change, protecting them from the impact of climate change and environmental degradation, and educating them about the situation. There should be local, national, and international level campaigns related to climate change, its effects, and consequences. In conclusion, our generation is the only hope to save the planet and mankind.

Therefore, everyone should support and follow their lead.



CLIMATE CHANGE AWARENESS AMONG CHILDREN

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“A nation without a productive youth is a nation without hope, and a nation without hope is a nation without future.” We all can change the future into a bright and wonderful world. Small steps can change the future. Climate change is one of the recent issues we have been facing globally. You can observe that it has become very hot in summers recently and it has been raining unexpectedly. These are only some of the adverse effects of climate change.

Climate change is defined as a long-term shift in temperature and weather patterns. Human activities, population growth and industrial development are few causes of climate change. In the name of development, we use modern machines. People travel for work and for various other reasons. The aircrafts, vehicles and ships we use for traveling and other machines release harmful gases like carbon dioxide, methane and nitrous oxide which causes global warming.

Climate change may be a huge problem in the future, and it can affect nature in many ways. There's some current news related to it. In different parts of the US, heat has become unbearable for people; lakes are drying; glaciers are melting, and it is affecting both humans and animals. This is also why many animals are becoming extinct and many are endangered. We are fully enjoying nature, but the coming generation might not be able to do so. So, let us not be selfish and destroy their hopes.

Children learn from elders and schools. Elders should set good examples and avoid setting bad examples. Schools are being closed due to extreme heat in many parts of the world. This disrupts children's learning process and their right to education is taken away.

As children, we can do many things to reduce these problems. We need to first create awareness. “You are never too small to make a difference. So, let us make some difference.” Greta Thunberg started taking initiatives to spread awareness about climate change. We need to support and follow her wholeheartedly.





HOPEFUL FOR THE NEXT GENERATION

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Hope is an impactful term. While its meaning may differ from person to person and place to place, in general it could be defined as a strong will for something to happen. 'Hope' can have a strong influence in our past, present and future and to create a better future we have to remain hopeful.

At present, there is a lot going on around the globe. People are at their lowest points - multiple political issues, everyday life problems, from poverty to corruption, we have it all.

Nepal is not free from such issues. In our country, youth aren't provided with the right platform to make the country a better place. Instead, the older generation have been portraying them as an antagonist in the path of development. Another problem is brain drain. Since our government hasn't been able to provide the youth with the right platform and technology, most of them have moved abroad in hopes of a better future. 'The youth, our new generation is migrating elsewhere. So, how can we develop our nation if the the future generation feels neglected?'

Nepal needs youngsters with novel plans to be in all degrees of navigation. If we are given a chance, then Nepal will head towards advancement and thrive!

What we can do is make the term "hope" a real thing and protect our future. We can see many problems in our country, as mentioned. However, we can change the future of our country. Instead of complaining, let's mend our country together and make it a better place for us and the next generation, and hope for a better Nepal.



CONSEQUENCES OF CLIMATE CHANGE

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Climate change is the change in average weather condition of a place throughout a period. The change in the earth's average weather pattern including changes in temperature, wind patterns, rainfall, and especially, rising temperatures of the earth's atmosphere, primarily due to the use of fossil fuels is known as climate change.

The main cause of climate change is the increase of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere which traps heat emitted by the sun and increases temperature, creating an imbalance in nature. Factories and industries produce a lot of harmful gases that damage the ozone layer and allow harmful UV rays from the sun to reach our skin, causing various problems like skin irritation, skin cancer, etc. The emission of greenhouse gases increases the temperature of the earth's surface. Due to increasing temperature, children along with adults have experienced poor water, sanitation, food etc. If this continues, children might face crises in their health, nutrition, education, development, survival, and ultimately, their future.

We should reduce the use of firewood, coal, gas, etc. and increase the use of hydroelectricity and solar energy, use big vehicles that can carry more people instead of small vehicles, plant more trees, control wildfire, save water, etc. These are a few preventive measures that we, as children and adults, can follow to control climate change.

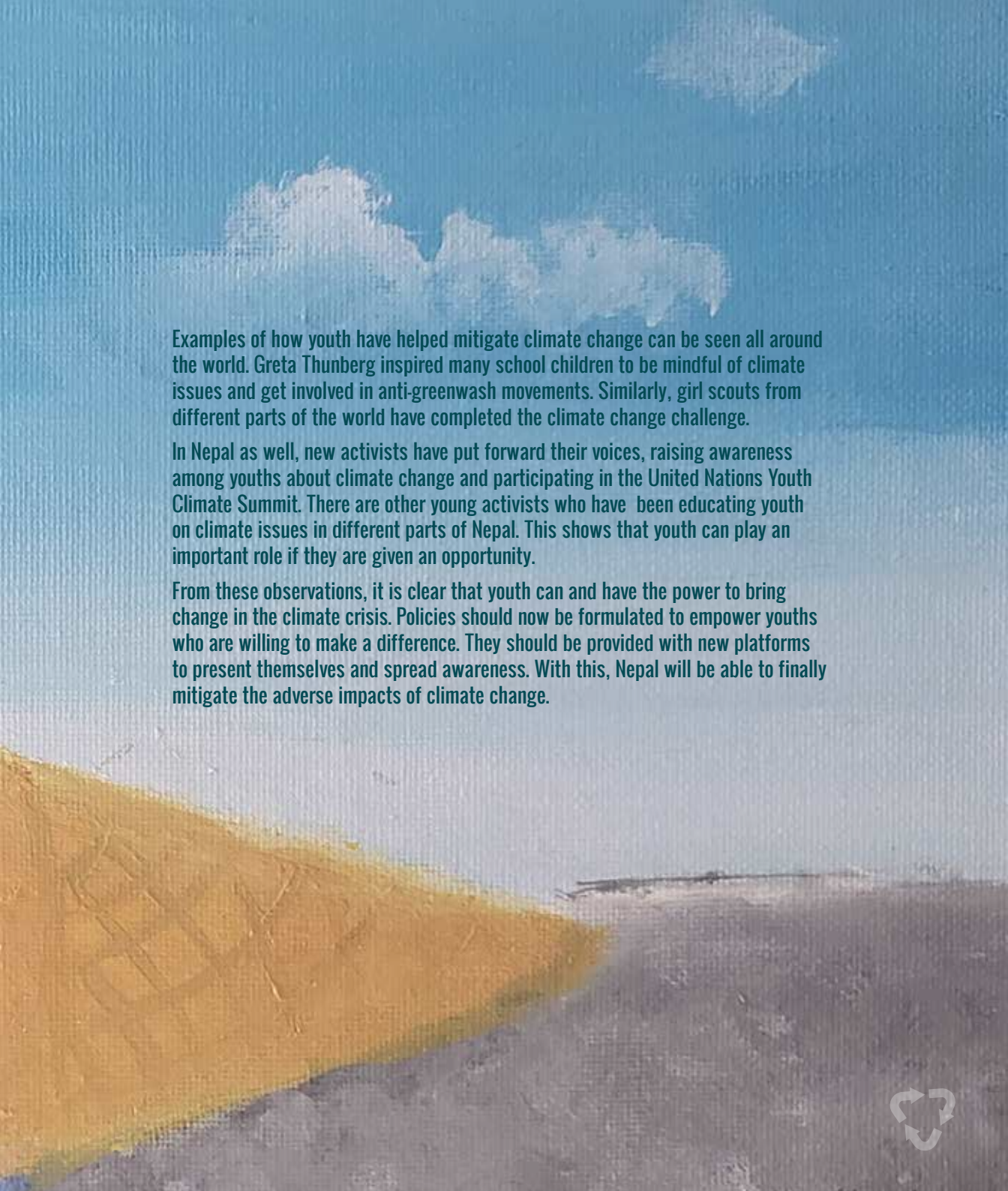


ROLE OF YOUTH TO ADDRESS THE IMPACT OF CLIMATE CHANGE

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The climate of a country is mainly an outcome of the country's available resources and political structure. While this may sound shocking at first, come to think of it and it is obvious. Similar to how other aspects of a country are heavily reliant on political stability, discussions related to climate issues are also dependent on it. Addressing climate change issues, however, is a slower process than other development activities. Climate change has a greater effect on youths. Active participation and provision to ensure youth's participation is necessary if Nepal wants to see a difference in the climate crisis it is in currently.

Nepal has been facing the most unpleasant consequences of climate change in recent times. Natural disasters such as droughts, landslides, soil erosion and floods have been increasing over the years. This has led many people who depend on natural resources for their livelihood and survival to suffer. The countless policies set by the government have failed to mitigate the impacts of climate change and the new policies seem to be based on the same old principles. With this, it is obvious that Nepal needs a change in its policy makers not the policies. If these policies are in fact being formulated for the youth's benefit, it would only make sense to include them in the conversation.



Examples of how youth have helped mitigate climate change can be seen all around the world. Greta Thunberg inspired many school children to be mindful of climate issues and get involved in anti-greenwash movements. Similarly, girl scouts from different parts of the world have completed the climate change challenge.

In Nepal as well, new activists have put forward their voices, raising awareness among youths about climate change and participating in the United Nations Youth Climate Summit. There are other young activists who have been educating youth on climate issues in different parts of Nepal. This shows that youth can play an important role if they are given an opportunity.

From these observations, it is clear that youth can and have the power to bring change in the climate crisis. Policies should now be formulated to empower youths who are willing to make a difference. They should be provided with new platforms to present themselves and spread awareness. With this, Nepal will be able to finally mitigate the adverse impacts of climate change.



NEW DEAL FOR NATURE

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Climate change is an open threat to humanity. We all are suffering from the impacts of climate change and are still overexploiting nature. Climate change has been destroying the earth and its creatures since it began. It has been a huge challenge for everyone, especially the young ones, and so they must be aware of climate change.

Climate change is caused due to the lack of awareness and consciousness. The act of destroying nature for personal benefits contributes to climate change. More pollution, excessive use of fossil fuels, deforestation, wastage of natural resources, etc., are all responsible for climate change. These activities should be minimized to reduce the harmful effects of climate change as these directly hamper children in various ways.

Climate change is causing destruction to our earth and is subsequently harming its beings. The change occurring in the average weather pattern is negatively affecting the climate. Melting of snow, rising sea levels, irregularities in rainfall, forest fire, global warming, greenhouse effect, shortage of water, food, minerals, etc. are the consequences of climate change that is highly affecting mankind, mostly children. Due to scarcity of food, water, lack of proper health care, balanced diet, and fresh and healthy air, children may suffer from malnutrition, asthma, malaria, diarrhea, mental health issues and various kinds of flu and infection.

These problems should be minimized in time. All of us should unite to conduct eco-friendly development. We should follow the process of reuse, reduce, and recycle. We should focus on afforestation, and alternative renewable sources. We should create awareness through different media and implement it in our daily life. In addition, we should prepare a plan to get rid of this problem permanently.

Thus, we should avoid destroying nature to reduce its harmful consequences. "Save nature to save our future"



EMBRACING THE WHOLE CREATION IN ALL ITS DIVERSITY, BEAUTY, AND WONDER

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When the world was created, everything was decided from the creation of the earth to its end. Our past to our future, our parents, our life, what we will do in the future - just everything.

In the past, our ancestors took full care of the world for their future generation. They never littered, or polluted it and kept it beautiful like a special creation. They accepted the earth's beauty and wonder. But when the world began developing, people started to have a better understanding and discovered new technologies. They were introduced to wonderful facilities, but they were harmful to the earth and even us. They didn't notice anything, they thought what they were doing was beneficial to the world, but they were wrong.

Their incorrect way of thinking led to worse things that affected the earth badly. Over centuries, the world started to change, but people rarely noticed these changes. Many people have not noticed. But there are some who truly care about this world and use renewable sources of energy like biofuel, biogas, solar power, hydroelectricity etc.

People don't realize that the energy they are using like petrol, diesel, LPG gas etc. can run out and our future generation may not get access to these sources. So, we must limit the use of non-renewable sources of energy because they will not last forever. Unlike our ancestors, we haven't learned to appreciate the earth's beauty and wonder. We are changing the universe's wonderful creation. We are destroying the only planet that has all the facilities for human beings to survive. We should start to care more about the earth and accept its whole creation: embrace the wonderful world we are living in and all its beauty, diversity, and wonder.

THE RISING EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE

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Climate change is a long-term change in temperature and weather patterns. Since the 1800s, human activities, primarily combustion of fossil fuels like coal, oil, and gas have been the primary cause of climate change.

Fossil fuel combustion produces greenhouse gases that serve as a blanket around the planet, trapping heat from the sun and increasing temperatures. Carbon dioxide and methane are two examples of greenhouse gas emissions that are contributing to climate change. These are produced, for instance, while burning coal or gasoline to heat a building. Carbon dioxide can also be released during forest and land clearing. Methane emissions are primarily produced by waste landfills.

Among the major emitters are industries, transportations, buildings, agriculture, and land use.

The amount of greenhouse gases is at its highest point in two million years and emissions keep increasing. The finding is that the earth has warmed by around 1.1°C since the late 1800s. The most recent ten years (2011-2020) were the warmest ever. But the story doesn't stop with increasing temperatures. Changes in one place might have an impact on changes in all other areas since the earth is an interconnected system. Intense droughts, water scarcity, destructive fire, rising sea levels, flooding, melting polar ice, catastrophic storms, and a decline in biodiversity are some of the effects of climate change.

Climate change has various effects on people. It may have an impact on our work, housing, safety, and ability to grow food. Some of us, such as residents of small island states and other developing nations, are already more susceptible to the effects of climate change. Long-lasting droughts are putting people at risk of starvation, while conditions like sea level rising and saltwater intrusion have progressed to the point that entire communities have been forced to evacuate. The number of "climate refugees" is expected to only increase in the future.

We can choose to pay the bill now, or risk paying a higher price later.

CLIMATE CHANGE AND ITS ADVERSE EFFECTS

Swekshya

Climate change refers to changes in the earth's environmental condition. This phenomenon takes place due to various internal and external factors. Climate change has become a global concern over the last few decades. It affects life on earth in various ways and has a major impact on the ecosystem. Due to these changes, several species of plants and animals have become extinct.

Since the last century, the effects of climate change on human life have become evident. According to research, the rising temperature of earth's climate is caused due to a phenomenon called the greenhouse effect. The warming up of earth's surface causes ozone layer depletions and affects agriculture, water supply, and transportation.

Human activities like pollution, deforestation, overuse of natural elements like fossil fuels, destructive war, use of nuclear power and explosive elements etc. have negatively impacted nature and climate. It has also caused the extinction of many plants and animals.

Climate change has a negative impact on nature. The warmer temperature over time is changing weather patterns and disrupting the usual balance of nature. It has caused changes in rainfall, scarcity of water, rising ocean and sea levels, loss of species, lack of enough food, increasing diseases and viruses, melting of glaciers, warming of oceans, frequent wildfire and many more. In addition, it has contributed to the overall degradation of human health.

We can stop climate change but for that every one of us must come forward and adopt ways that can reduce and control habits that are hampering the environment. We must take the initiative and make everyone aware of climate change.



SILENT APPREHENSION BEFORE CATASTROPHE STRIKES

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Climate change is perhaps best defined as change in average weather conditions over a long period of time in an undesirable way causing natural disasters. At present, greenhouse gas concentrations are at its highest level in 2 million years. In fact, the World Health Organization (WHO) considers climate change as the greatest threat to the present generation.

Climate change accounts for millions of deaths per year. According to UNICEF's child focused climate change research, approximately 1 billion children are at an 'extremely high risk' from the impacts of climate change. Some people are more vulnerable to this change, especially those living in extreme poverty. People living below the poverty line have to work hard in scorching heat and the recent heat waves have only worsened the situation. The change in temperature has awakened intense tropical storms, longer and hotter heat waves, droughts, forest fires, and loss of many species. Climate change not only affects people physically, but people's mental health is also worsening due to climate change.

As greenhouse gases surround the earth, it traps the sun's heat and causes global warming leading to climate change. At present, earth is warming faster than ever recorded in history. So, safeguarding oneself from increasing temperature, rising sea level, fiercer storms, unpredictable rainfall, and acidic ocean is greatly needed. Climate change is nothing less than a code red for humanity. Young generation should be given a platform to raise their voices against climate change. Today's children will be the ones who will face the harsh consequences of climate change soon. So, it is important for them to be aware of the adverse effects of climate change.

At present, many youth are acting on reducing and mitigating the impacts of climate change. Their strategies include educational awareness and campaigns for behavioral change. One of the most influential young activists, Greta Thunberg, is a Swedish environmental activist who has single-handedly changed the perspectives of world leaders and inspired more youths like her to fight with her against climate change. Youth have realized that they are not only the victims, but also the contributors who can bring positive changes in the world either through education, science or technology. Youngsters are scaling up their effort and using their ability to fight against climate change and accelerate actions for its mitigation.

To sum up, for the prevention of further damage from climate change, everybody should be well informed about the causes and effects of climate change. Similarly, younger generation should also be included in climate related discussions to make them more aware and responsible.

Climate change is the code red for humanity.





ASSISTING THE EARTH TO HEAL HER WOUNDS AND IN THE PROCESS, HEALING OUR OWN

Yangji
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Mother earth is the one who gives birth to billions of living beings, provides them with a home and nurtures them. However, today, our mother Earth is being treated poorly by her own children. We, humans, as the children of mother earth, should protect her at any cost.

Humans were created nearly 300,000 years ago and in the past 200 years, we have utilized almost 50% of the earth's natural resources. With every new generation, humans gain more knowledge and start living a better, more advanced life. Our ancestors struggled so that we could live a better life. But what are we doing today? We are misusing our natural resources, cutting down forests and hills for settlement, wasting water, throwing garbage everywhere, and killing animals for entertainment. We are the ones responsible for global warming and it is severely damaging the earth.

We can heal the earth by using renewable sources of energy, not building factories in residential areas, planting trees, avoiding deforestation, and releasing less chlorofluorocarbon (CFC) gases. We should educate people and help the earth heal. We can begin helping even with a small act like picking up a piece of plastic.

Earth is the place where our existence, as humans, started from. Therefore, it should be our highest priority to help repair something on which our entire existence depends on.

“Our home, our Earth.”







PROTECTING NATURE WITH HOPE AND ACTION

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We evolved years ago with a sixth sense which makes us feel superior to other living beings. But I believe that we have received this sixth sense to protect everything and make sure that all organisms on earth remain safe in our hands. However, we are doing the exact opposite and we need to put an end to it now.

We have a serious problem. We are afraid to bring a change because we have to adjust to new ways of living. We are way too afraid of the fact that we need to make more inventions, invest more money and work hard. This is where the issue lies. Our job is not just to aware people about climate change, but also to spread hope and positivity in ourselves and the new generation. We need to work on a can-do attitude. Let's not say later but start now, today.

Many years later, we may find ourselves in a hospital bed with oxygen masks on because the outside air is too toxic to breathe. However, it is not too late to realize the importance of nature's resources and preserve them, at least not yet.



SEPARATED FROM MY MOTHER

Prajna
Rajarshi Gurukul

The world seems to fall apart as I walk out.
There must be a problem without a doubt.
I just stood as I saw everything go up into flames.
People crying and screaming as I was put into the blames.
I tried to find my mother whom I got separated from before,
Until I saw her on the ground, not moving anymore.

They took me away from what I saw.
I was left in a room and forced to draw.
I wished for my family to be back with me,
But all I could do was try to break free.
There were people coming in and out of my room,
A lot were in weird clothes, kind of like a costume.

On one random time of the day,
I heard that one of us was being sent away.
I begged that I would be let out into the world,
But what they were discussing ended up being swirled.

I was called to the room to meet a group called, 'Generation Hope',
They told me that they could help me cope.
I gave a smile saying that I was really pleased.
Now that I left, all the bad things were eased.

They took care of me, and I met a friend.
We had fun until I was called to attend.
I went to the room, and I saw my mother.
As she called out my name, we spent time with one another.



STEPS ALONG THE GENERATION

Aditi

It all started after we began to step,
The surrounding around us is a big place.
Activities overall is messy enough not to say,
They say, 'don't judge' we aren't the game.

If not a game, I wouldn't be here to play.
Degraded environment, unbelievable mindsets,
'STOP' shouts the youth but attention isn't paid.
We are the one to begin, we are also to mend.

'SPREAD', 'REPEAT', 'LOUD' but help is never made.
Come on, join the campaign, relay the message!
Increase of CO2 and all is happening to melt
How about the pollution around, the unnecessary gases?

Cutting down trees, littering the surface
Influencing all people, climate change is a case.
Zero hunger, peaceful nations, violence shan't be let
Oh! just move forward, expectations to be met.

Every time we search for change, they stop and stare,
Small feet, light steps, shouldn't everyone care?
New generation, new ideas but government doesn't spare,
Maybe we aren't enough to spread, at least you should share.

Ozone layer depletion, one main cause, our nightmare,
Don't blame anyone, you might be the reason too, who are we to say?
Come along, aware the world, it would really be fair,
I would learn, here is the challenge, no one would even dare.

Past, present, future is all that brought us here.
Conservation, preservation, we are the ones to care,
Pressure is suffocating, a time comes, you can't bear.

It is time for change — "SPREAD" "REPEAT" "AWARE"!



HOPE FOR TOMORROW

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What is today if not for tomorrow
We don't want a life of sorrow
The cause that we give,
Should not come as grief
Because we all are people
Living in disbelief.

What is today if not tomorrow
Do we even have hope for tomorrow?
Kids are like seeds who need to grow
Into trees they will turn tomorrow.

The world is big with many people,
Who often do things that are illegal
We must hold on to this life of ours
Before it loses its power.

What is today, if not tomorrow
Would we want a life of sorrow?
Hope is what we need
For ego is what it shall feed.

There is not a today without a tomorrow
No, we are not going to live in sorrow
For the generation to come
We shall not have today without a tomorrow.

Art by Prashant

THE EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE

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How devastating is climate change
There is a world we need to rearrange
We need to find a solution
There are many diseases due to pollution.

Of climate change, there are many causes
Due to this, we need to go through hard phases.
It is affecting children
We need to do something about it as humans.

Let's stop deforestation
And start restoration.
We need to protect the forest
Why build so many houses when we can live modest?

Global warming is also a cause
We need to put greenhouse gases to a pause.
Let's protect our earth
Because the earth has no rebirth.

Children can spread awareness
And put a stop to the negligence.
We need to be courageous and not be scared
If something bad happens to the earth, we will not be spared.

Let's not only talk but also take actions
We are the cause of earth's destruction.
Climate change is more dangerous than bombs or guns
If we let this go on
We will no longer be able to see the bright sun.



THE GENERATION I WAS BORN IN

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I was born in a generation where happiness was attached
to wires
Not wires of love, but wires of the internet.
In a world that was very different from the one
My parents were born in
A world that didn't care about its mother,
A world that destroyed her.

I was born in a world where people spent a lot of time
Not solving issues like climate change
But spending time "spreading awareness" on the internet
In a world where people never understood
Showing response is something you do to solve an issue
A world that always found flaws in one another
And never saw the real issue that lay within
I was born in a world where people destroyed their
grandeur as well as hers.

Our mother, she cries, and weeps so that she could
nourish us with her tears
Our cries, when we are yearning, she hears
They used her all they could but never did a thing to help
her as they should
But I swear our generation isn't like the people that came
before us
Oh mother, we shall avail thee!



MOTHER EARTH

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Can you imagine our world without plants or animals?
Can you imagine our world without its beauty?
The world that gives us life, and the land that gives us a home
The nights we stared at the stars
Or the time we played at the beach
Will we still see the sun or the moon
In the years to come?
Or will mother earth find peace when she sees climate change
coming to her headfirst?

She worked so hard for the beauty
Will she have to see her creations beg for mercy?
Not only animals, but even humans have also lost their homes
Will we see a day where no animal or human will lose their homes?

The answer for all these questions, my friend, is yet to come
But what we can do right now is encourage everyone to work as one.

Remember those people who were holding campaigns against
climate change?
Why not give them a hand instead of ignoring them with a blind face.

Now, wouldn't you want generations to come to see mother earth's
beauty?
Let's work hard so that those generations can see her beauty.



THE GIFT OF NATURE

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Kasthamandap Vidyalaya

Children around the world
Who are curious, happy and lovely and all
They thrive to know and are always eager to explore
They dance through the spring to the fall

They are all smart and bright
And they enjoy the gift of nature
They want to save the Earth's plight
Like a 5D creature

They want to overcome the limitations of humanity
They want to remove any belief of insanity
They want to know the secrets of the black hole
And be free like nature's pure soul

They want to stop destruction of natural disaster
They want to restore nature and make the world a
utopia thereafter

Art by
Ushma

CRISIS WARNING

Anushka
Euro School

Until you know how it feels
You don't know climate change is real
From the same land, the crops we eat grow
And in the same land, the wastes we throw

From the dense trees we breathe
Cutting down the same tree for our greed
One day we may all retreat
We may be punished for all our deeds

The ice glaciers are melting
And there is no sign of helping
The land is cracked like a broken plate
Save our Earth before it's too late!

The animals are going extinct
And we don't even have a hint
The forest is burning like dying embers of fire
We vowed to protect our Earth but ended up being a liar

As our surface is getting drier
Our ocean levels are getting higher and higher
Global warming is causing a problem
Now it is high time for better flowers to bloom.

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MY HOME LOOKS LIKE THE PLACE I USED TO HATE

Drishya
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What is this strange place I am in?
It wasn't like this the last time I checked
You call it home, but all I see is an empty space filled with hate
Hate for each other that no one is ever going to get.

I can't call this sick, dying planet, my home
How is it supposed to give me life
When it is on the verge of its own death?
I would rather be homeless than stay somewhere like this.

Now where is hope when I need it most?
Where is my hope for things going back to the way it once was
With green leaves floating in the air
With birds hovering empty blue skies
With me happy and smiling in my childhood bedroom
Chasing the sundown
Wondering if that's what peace looks like?

Where did that little kid in me go?
Did the smoke suck her in too?
Inside the empty void, where I guess
Lies our generation's hope
How will we get it back?
With so much to lose and nothing to gain?

Though I can't fathom this change
I, for sure, know it's causing pain
Hindering the purest of souls, bringing chaos
Ripping the last remaining bits of hope
And shattering it into pieces
Unable to mend, even with the strongest glue.

But someday, somewhere, some place,
The earth won't be so damaged
Maybe it will all be better then
Our hope, our home, our earth.



Art by Sarbani

CLIMATE DESTRUCTION

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The Earth revolves around the sun
And it is full of beauty
Where people enjoy and have fun
Exercising their rights and fulfilling their duties

Earth is a home to many creatures
Loving each other is its feature

But we have started building industries
That pollute the air and harms nature
That is so not fair!

There is so much use of fuel
Its impacts are so bad and cruel!

Pollution has a bad effect on the ozone layer
Continuous depletion of ozone can give us a nightmare

Ozone layer protects us from harmful rays of sunlight
If it is well, our future will be bright

From the beginning of the earth,
Metals were turned into rust
With the increasing rate of climate change
The Earth is going to burst

The Earth is starting a new game
Melting mountains, acidic rain
These are all effects of climate change

GEN Z – HOPE FOR A NEW GENERATION?

Shreyadita
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What will Gen Z be known for?
Will anybody ever say that
We were the peak of mankind?
Have we really succeeded or
Will we be just another failure?

We think power and money is the way to go
We believe happiness comes from money.

Changing the world for better, is it something we can do?
And working hard, oh it is a joke!
We have grown up on a diet of Harry Potter, Marvel movies and Hunger Games
Oh! What should one expect from GenZ?

BUT

This morning, I told the sun,
“Now I know what it is like to be swallowed by darkness night after night.”
She replied with a shimmering grin,
“Well good, then you know what it is like to keep rising again.”

Then I learned, there are losses
But there is also hope for avant garde
Unexpected things will slide in,
We will move forward from barely making it to having more than enough.



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Merry

ACTIVITIES



DIY SCRAP FABRIC BASKET

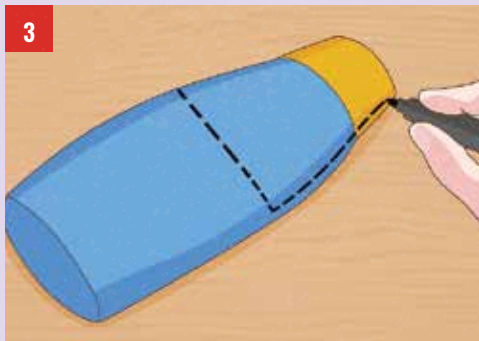
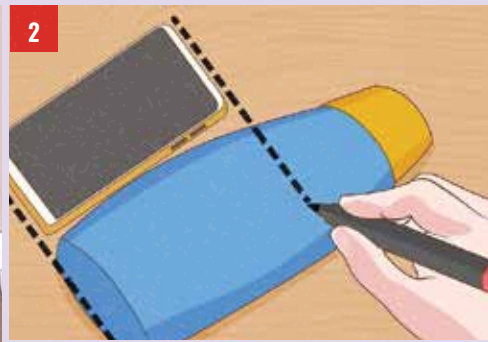
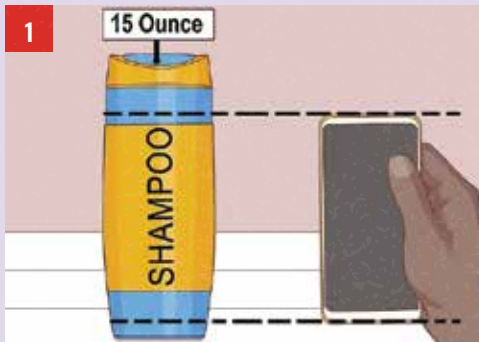
The basket is made of a fabric “rope” made by weaving together fabric scraps from old clothes and sewing thread. When the rope was finished I made it into a basket using some hemp thread. Making the actual basket was the easiest part of this project. You just sew together two rows of rope at a time and shape your basket as you go.



Re-Use

TURN SHAMPOO BOTTLE INTO A PHONE CHARGING STATION

Re-use a completed plastic bottle to a phone charging station just by using a blade. You can add a cloth cover to make the bottle more attractive.



FUN ACTIVITIES

1. How many times has the word “earth” been used in the book?

2. How many times have you seen this symbol in the book?



3. Research how your city will be affected by climate change in the next 20-30 years, and make a game that teaches people on how to prepare for our climate future.

4. Interesting facts

CLOTHING

- It takes 700 gallons of water to make a cotton shirt
- Clothes can take up to 40 years to decompose
- 95% of textiles can be recycled
- 60% of clothes are made with plastic-based materials

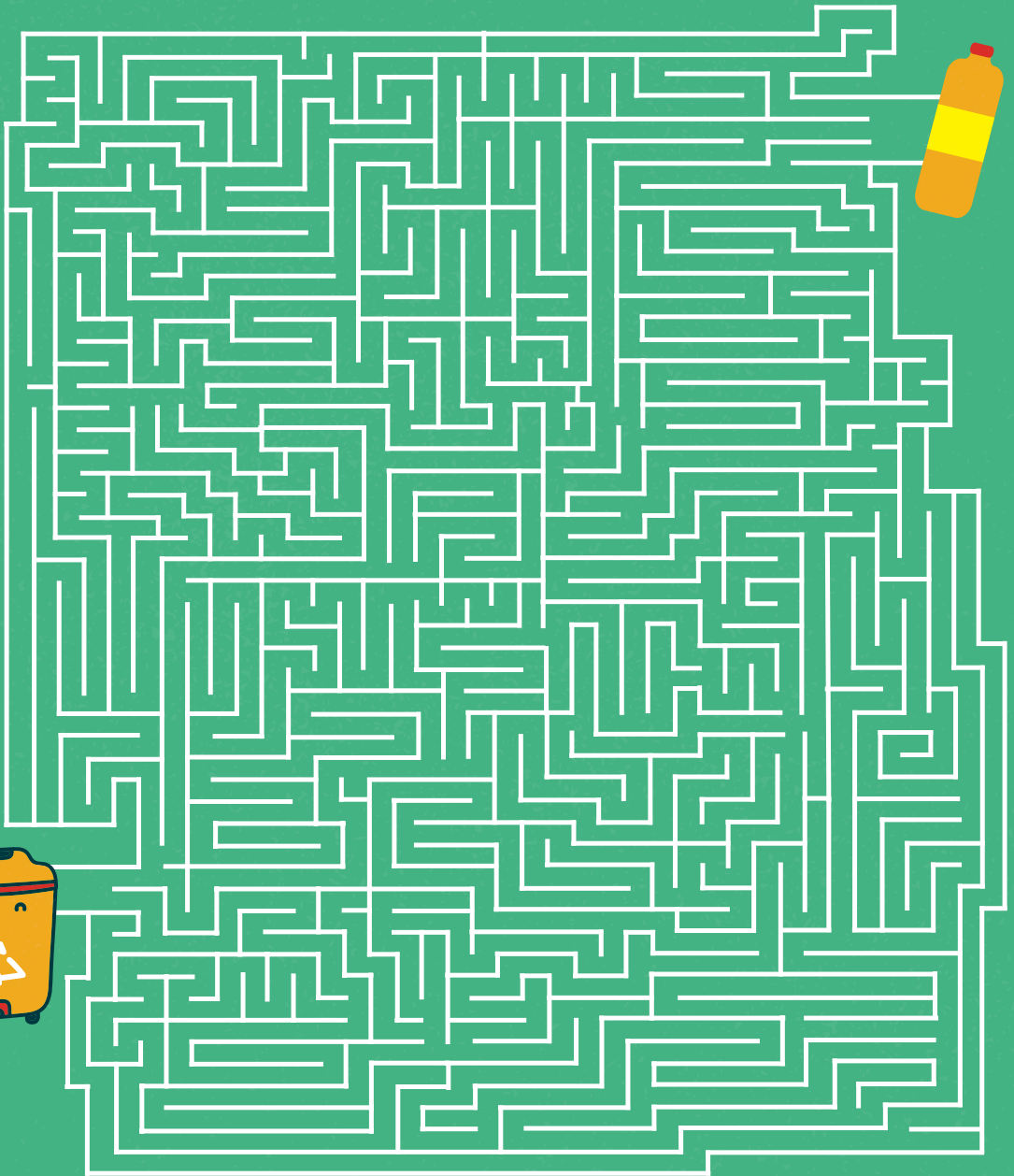
Source: <https://earth.org/fast-fashion-facts/>

AIR POLLUTION

- Air pollution is a greater threat to life expectancy than smoking, HIV or war
- 10 of the world’s 15 most polluted cities are in India
- Death rates from air pollution are highest in low-to-middle income countries

Source: <https://earth.org/10-facts-about-air-pollution/>

HELP THE PLASTIC FIND ITS WAY TO THE RECYCLING BIN











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