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Creative outbursts of our young minds!

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The Editors' Note-



*One platform that unites together the past and the present, the teachers and the students, the creative attempts and aspirations, **Splashes**, is an e-magazine started by the Department of English of Maharaja Bijli Pasi Govt. P.G. College, Aashiyana, Lucknow. Students, with dreams in their eyes and the desire to conquer the world in their hearts, are the inspiration behind this initiative and the purpose is pristine, to enkindle as well as save the creative energies of the young minds and to not let the writer, the poet die in them and to conserve as well as develop the habit of thinking, articulating and writing all that flashes in their hearts and minds.*

~ Dr Shweta Mishra



*Though this venture of ours is still in its budding phase, yet I am extremely thrilled that we have been able to publish our first issue of **SPLASHES**. In fact, it is the participation of our students that has really breathed life onto this thought of ours. This magazine would prove to be a boulevard to our young minds to freely express their observations, retrospections, self-obsessions, ingenuities and aspirations. Not just will it be a canvas for them to showcase their literary flairs but also, would create and maintain a bridge of connection with our students from wherever they move on in their lives. I hope that our readers enjoy reading this issue.*

~ Dr Sarita Singh



***SPLASHES** is an initiative that aims to bring together the creative flights of the current as well as pass out students of English. Session 2021-22 is the opening session for this e-magazine with "Dreams & Memories" as its theme. Thoughts and ideas form the basis of literature. This is an attempt to capture the thoughts of the students of literature and preserve their creativity and uniqueness, and aims to maintain their interest in the subject by letting them discover their hidden talents and improve their writing skills.*

~Mr Abhishek Bhardwaj

Life Designs

~Sukriti Gupta

*I keep hearing about this each day,
there is a new beginning with the new sun,
perhaps life wants us to be gay.
To start again with all negativity drained,
as the past is full of scars.
But now we have come so far,
each passing breath teaches us to struggle till its last.
But every hard rock gets down our morale.
Nevertheless, barriers will never get over,
as we have opportunities forever.
Only keep in mind to ambient,
and work to prove your fate.
Pleasing the world will tire you,
so just carve your own niche and be a fragrance of hope.
Our tough memories will always enlighten,
to replenish the minds which are not determined.
Ambitions succeed with hard times,
as we don't have a shortcut to phenomenal life designs.*



Thought!

~Inderpreet Kaur

*Today, the morning was monochromatic,
white skies wrapped in black clouds;
our lives enchanted by the droplet of complexities,
in the form of poesy from the azure.*

*The petrichor mixed with grey yonder.
Slowly, it danced to the tunes of lucid dreaming on my stereo;
beautiful tango: requesting the stranger to dance along.*

*A wave of nostalgia struck like thunder to my soul.
Reminisce of those brown eyes engrossed in my head,
wet hair dropping pearls on Earth,
delicate elfin smile.*

My heart paused, wondering about all that has changed.

*An unidentified swap with the passage of time;
So much has changed, my head retorted.*

*I have forgotten the rush of adrenaline in my veins;
muse of every beat of my heart,
chasing the phases of dopamine.*

A merry-go-round of chaos and joy!

My heart on a drum beat like a free firebird.

*I returned to my conscience,
and checked on the miseries of becoming faint-hearted.
I pondered, life's still rushing on time: running relentlessly;
and, I begin to look at the firebird,
grinning and staring in the rain, at the old hag I am now.*

Dreams

~Ankít Kumar

Dreams - the very word conjures up vivid images, beautiful vistas, and experiences. For the moment someone might say that dreams are what we think of as the visions that we see during sleep. Thus, a dream can be defined as a series of thoughts, images, or emotions occurring during sleep. All of us have had dreams at one time or the other; some of them may have been happy dreams, some very strange, and some downright nightmares that wake us up screaming and make us say, "Oh, I am happy it was just a dream!"

Dreams are often said to have some meanings. Some people believe that dreams do come true. Whatever the truth of that it has been scientifically proven that the experiences and secret wishes we have in our minds but are not really aware of, come to us in all their clarity during a dream. Henry Bromell once said, "They say dreams are the windows of the soul--take a peek and you can see the inner workings, the nuts, and bolts".

The other way to define 'dream' is as 'ambition' or the goal in life – something that you long to achieve. Every achievement in this world – be it in science and technology or politics or any field- was the result of someone's dream and their efforts to realize that dream. Every man-made thing that we see around us began first as a dream in someone's mind. Great achievements were the result of people dreaming impossible dreams and wondering why they cannot be made into reality. George Bernard Shaw once said, "You see things, and you say, "Why?". But I dream things that never were, and I say, "Why not?"

Some of us may have grand dreams such as inventing useful machines for mankind or writing a book. Some others might have more down-to-earth dreams such as finding a job to support the family. For a young girl or boy, it is a frequent experience to be asked “What is your ambition?” We answer “I want to be a doctor” or “I want to be an engineer”, or a “teacher”, “a scientist”, etc. Whatever it be, it is as important to have dreams as to have noble dreams that are worth achieving. Making money by any means- by hook or crook- cannot be regarded as a dream that is noble. Similarly taking revenge on a person who has hurt you is not a healthy goal for one's life. Your dream should be something that serves you and society as a whole.

Why is it so important to have dreams? Why should we strongly desire to achieve a goal in life? It is because, dear friends, only if you have a goal or a dream in your life, you will have what is known as motivation. Motivation is the ‘will’- the will to work hard in studies, the will to sacrifice an hour of watching a movie on television to study for your exams. Dreams make you motivated to work hard and to have the right attitude to life. In the words of Henry David Thoreau:

“Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined.”

I have looked at the topic 'dreams' in two of its interpretations, one as a series of images during sleep and another as ambition. Both these definitions have one thing in common - images. What we see in dreams at night are images. What we call ambition is also an image of ourselves, as we want to be. It is the ability to see this image that marks a successful person.

Struggle of the Young Minds

~Apoorv Deep Bajpai

“Shakespeare said all the world is a stage and we are merely players playing the assigned roles ...” and I believe that’s true till some extent but half true. As I believe, roles we play in our life are not given to us but chosen by ourselves.

Just imagine you are playing a role of a son or daughter or brother or maybe of a soldier of the nation, but the way we play that part is in our hands. A man can be a good son or maybe prodigal son, but that depends on him and his nature, same goes with other roles in life. Now the question arises as to how can we enhance ourselves to fulfill our roles and dreams efficiently?

In this fast-growing world we just run after jobs, materialistic things, trying to imitate the others and forgetting the true self, which lead us to disappointment and lack of self-awareness and self-esteem. According to a survey by American Psychological Association, today’s generation is facing more psychological problems than ever and that’s because the youngsters today, are in a state of ambiguity regarding their options and decisions, they have forgotten to dream and thus, have become ambitionless. As we grow our ambit of responsibility increases, our parents, preceptors and others start to look up to us to know what we are going to be in life and sometimes that becomes pressure for growing minds because of lack of self-awareness and guidance.

We should think meticulously and try to focus on building our own judgement which will lead to personality building and development of our decision-making trait which in my experience is very much necessary and important for young minds like us as in this era of advancement where we have tons of different options all very enchanting and creating confusion most of the time lead us to the state of recklessness. Dreams become burden for them as they lose self-confidence.

The most important realization in life is that we need to make proper decision everyday by improving our skills and habits. A small trait like decision making can make you healthy, strong and confident in life and can make a huge improvement in our lifestyle. As youngsters, the earlier we realize this, the better our chances to improve. It's important for the youth to have confidence as we are the future. We should not think that anything is impossible for us because if we can't do it than no one can do it. We should follow our dreams and ambitions with confidence and happiness in our mind.

Great preceptor Swami Vivekananda has rightly said, "whatever you think that you will be. If you think yourself weak, weak you will be; If you think yourself strong, you will be."

So don't fear, be free to think and achieve, no matter how many times you fail as everyone knows failures are the part of learning. Stick with the company that pushes you forward towards learning and happiness, and which leads you to your dreams.

Another important trait in achieving our dreams is self-awareness and determination. We should know what we are good at and set our aim accordingly, we should not wait for the right moment to work for that goal. We have to work with small steps which will eventually lead us to our big achievement. This also leads to clarity and vanishes any ambiguity.

In the end what matters the most is the result, so we should not give up until we achieve our dreams. We should be experimenting things and hunting our way to our goal. We should not stop and look for any other alternative!

Our mantra should be, "Arise, awake and stop not, till the goal is reached."

~x~

Lights

~Inderpreet Kaur

*Yesterday, the night lights confronted me,
driving through my fear,
without a smirk – a drop of sweat and tear;
pondering and questioning –*

“What will I do?”

“How will I make it?”

*The signal lights – contemplates, and fights;
changing rapidly from green to yellow and red.*

*Reminding of life’s hurly-burly,
the intricacies of twists & turns;
what an Act in this intense show!*

I find myself holding on to “yellow”.

To wait and realize – I reached nothingness.

*Last night, the night lights during my cycle ride,
barged questions upon me;*

like thorny arrows piercing my chest.

*There was immense pain,
the clouds of melancholy gathered around me.*

*I – I could see time stir rapidly;
replacing incidents from one to another;
a bundle of questionnaires again –*

“What am I doing?”

“Where did I go?”

“Where are those dreams?”

*A haze, a blur all rising in the smoke of ashes with a dilemma in my
head and heart.*

*I stopped by and took a glance at all the lights around me.
pondering over a question –*

“Does all these matters in the end?”

*Hark, a white light flashed swiftly in my eyes,
Apprised – “keep trying,” and brought me back to consciousness.*

My Dream!

~ Vidushi Malik

All of us dream of attaining some achievements in our lives. They can be called our goals of life. It is necessary to be ambitious in life so that there is a motive behind our living. Without a motive, life would be like a burden and a sense of being lost would creep in eventually. After completing my school, I could not decide what career I wanted to be in. After a long time of discerning and researching, my interests directed me towards international relations and laws. I am fascinated by the ways the states of the world cooperate together to build a safe place for everyone. Yes, I'm talking about Indian Diplomacy. Indian democracy plays a huge role in shaping and balancing the power scenario of the world. Thus, I dream of succeeding in the Indian Foreign services examination so that I too can contribute in establishing Indian Diplomacy further. Representing one's country on an international level gives us gratification as well as a sense of pride. Thus, whatever objective one has in life, one should pursue it with positivity, hard work and persistence. One should not waste the precious gift of God i.e., life in vain, instead, make it worthwhile.

Regards!

OUR CREATIVE MINDS~



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