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MUMBAI OF MY DREAMS

Illustrations by School Children





MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT

Mumbai 4.0, which captures the vision of vibrant & modern Mumbai, is a key and important plank of Bombay Chamber. Who could be better than the future and upcoming generation, millennials & young children to express their vision and thoughts about how they would like their Mumbai to be. We also remember the words “Children are not things to be moulded but are people to be unfolded” - Jess Lair. Hence, we approached these children to express their visions of Mumbai. As if they were just waiting for the trigger to pour forth, the children went about telling us about their dreams through drawings and small messages. The deluge of creativity and enthusiasm touched our heart and left us in a tight spot as to the final short listing!

The book which you see shines with these beautiful yet simple drawings with clear messages of what they expect us to work towards, whether as institutions or as individuals. The children have asked Mumbai to be pollution and plastic free, green, with play grounds and housing for all. Borrowing the famous words of Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore to suit the context we could say-

“Where the clean stream of reason has not lost its way
Into the dreary, smoky city & dead habits,
Where the green traffic moves people
& the mind and the body are nurtured by clean air, into that heaven of freedom
My father, let my city awake.”

We owe to this generation a city which would be true to their dreams, as John F Kennedy once said, “Children are the living messages we send to a time we will not see.” With technology and financial capital, we can make this culminate into an alchemy of golden results for future generations. That’s what I saw as a sum and substance in these drawings.

I am sure each one of us will connect with these drawings and see more messages, indeed that’s the beauty of this medium.

The children of Mumbai have given messages for us: They deserve a better future. Can we give a message of hope to these children that we will design that better future? Bombay Chamber, of course, will strive to contribute in a small way to make their dreams come true, but you can support in a much bigger way by being large hearted and championing the cause through your own sphere of influence. Collectively we can hope to achieve what seems to be a dream today,

We look forward to continued dialogue and action so that we all contribute to this noble cause.



V S Parthasarathy
President
Bombay Chamber of Commerce and Industry



According to my drawing my city is a clean city. In my city we don't use 'Plastic'. The people in my city follow the traffic rules. We should not pollute our city.

Student Name : Sejal Popat Walunj Std. : 9th A

School Name : Colaba Municipal Secondary High School (Hindi)



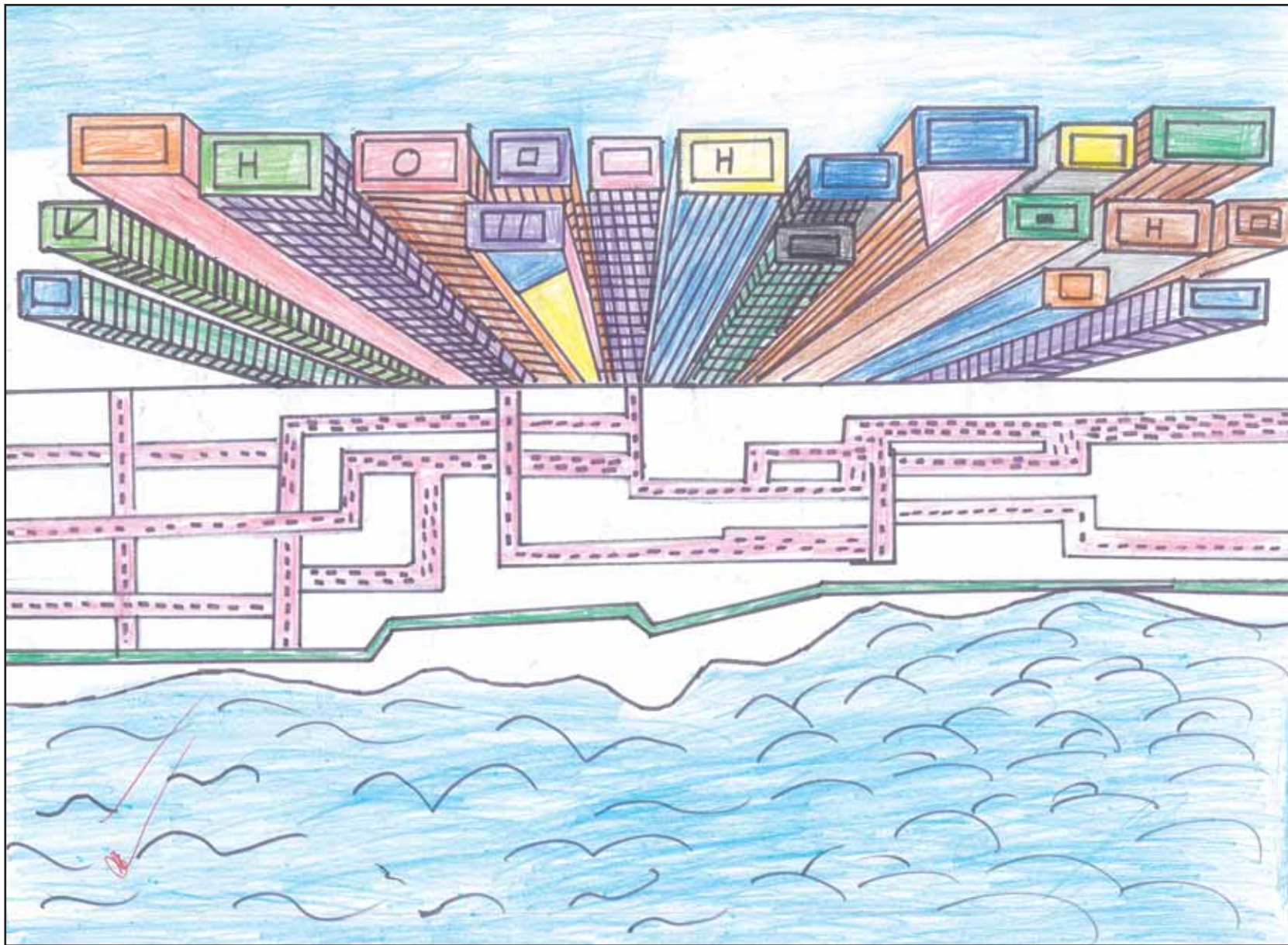


According to my drawing I wish to see Mumbai with different types of buildings and lot of cars. I also wish to see boats and lots of trees.

Student Name : Harsh Deepak More Std. : 5th

School Name : Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Mun. Sec. School, worli



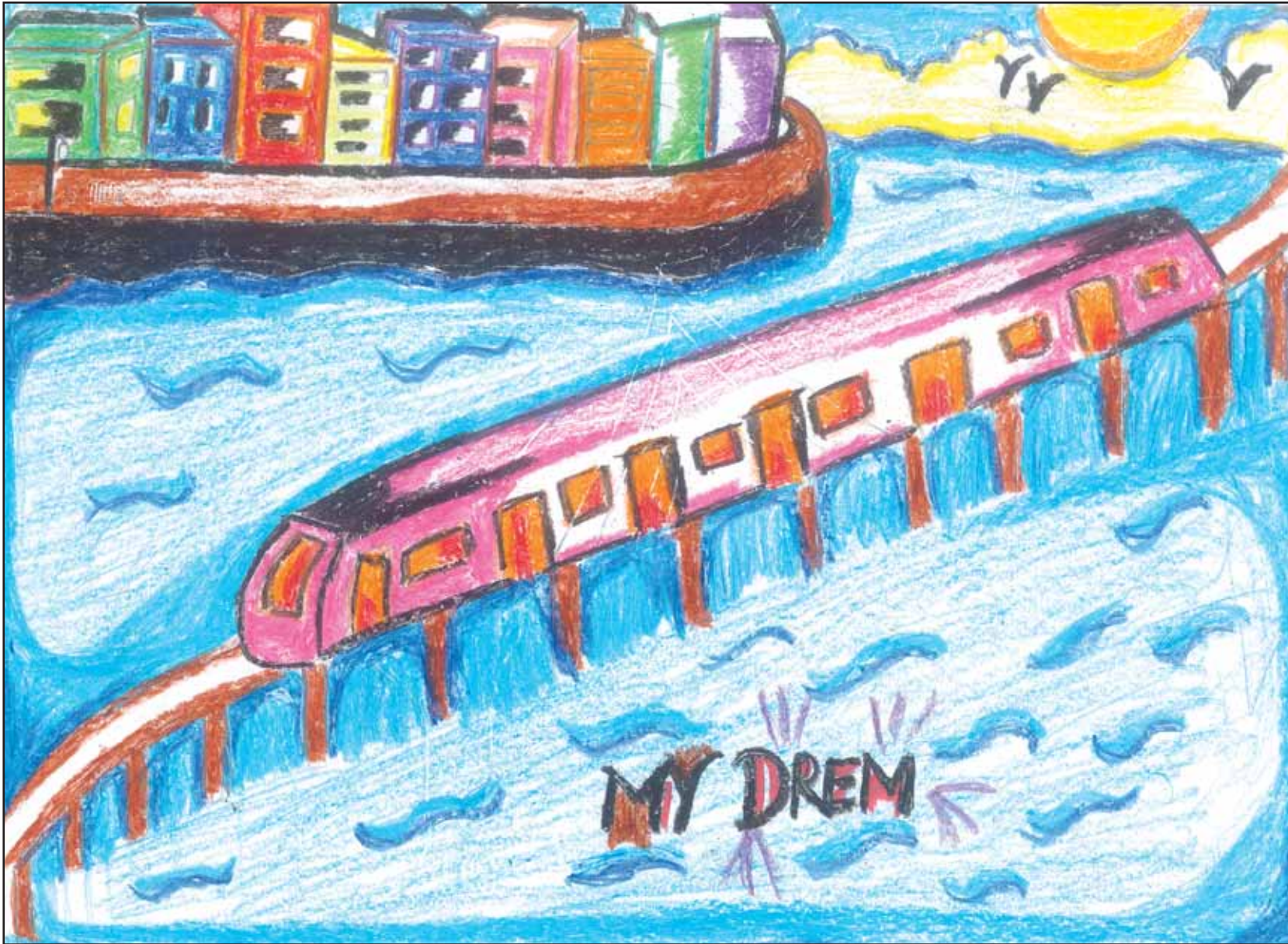


This is a bird's eye view of Mumbai which is neat and clean with buildings and clean roads. I wish if there were more birds.

Student Name : Ritesh Jaiswar Std. : 8th

School Name : Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Mun. Sec. School, worli





This drawing is about Mumbai of My Dream. It is about how I want the future of Mumbai to look like. I love my Mumbai.

Student Name : Aditya Raju Divate Std. : 8th A

School Name : Colaba Municipal Secondary High School



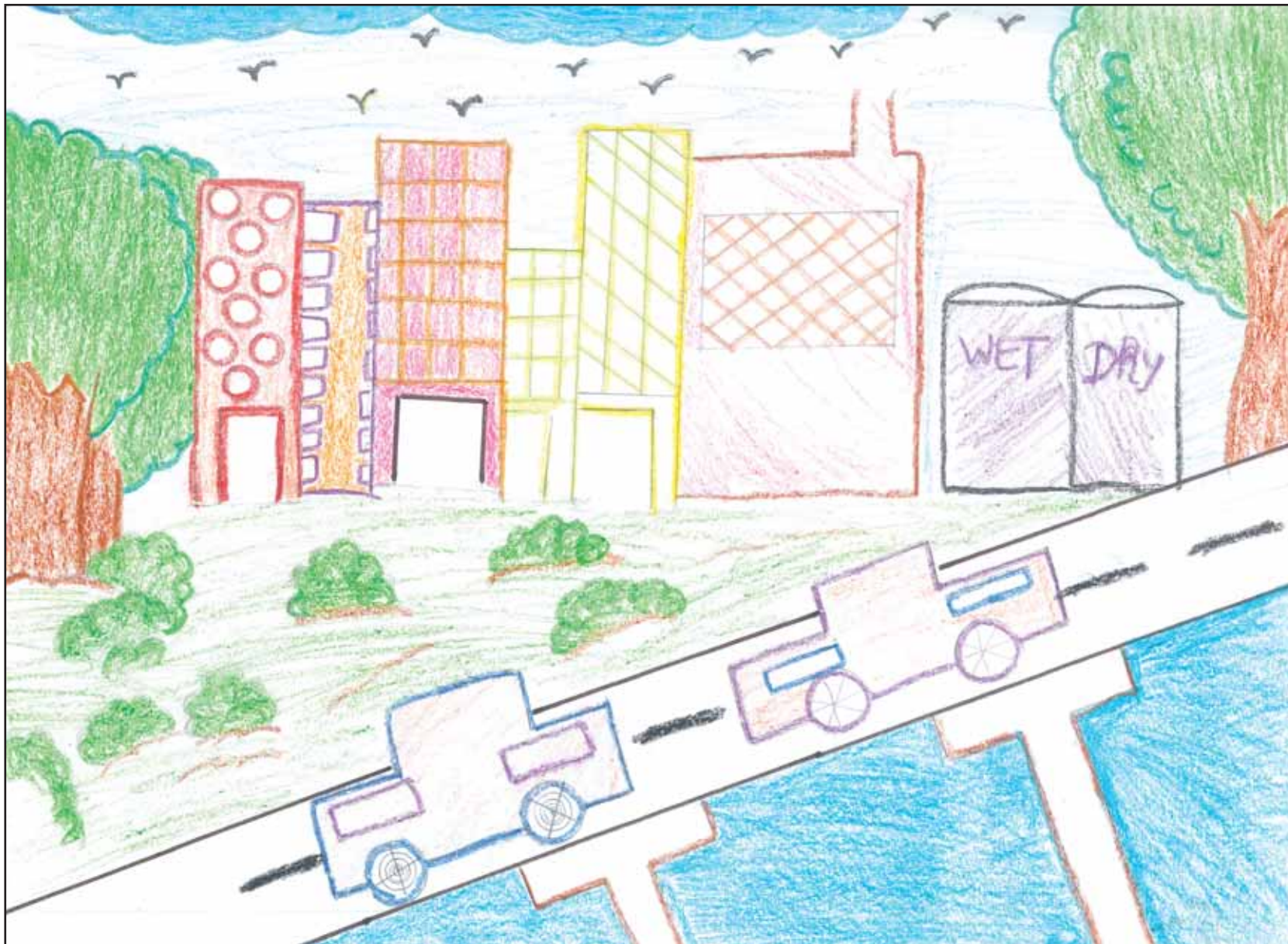


I wish to see Mumbai as a fully developed city and I also think that we should plant more trees in Mumbai.

Student Name : Dnyaneshwar Shubhash Jadhav Std. : 9th A

School Name : Colaba Municipal Secondary High School





I wish to see a green Mumbai and in order to do that we should start planting more trees. We should not pollute our city. We should keep our city clean and throw the garbage in the Dustbin. We should reduce the consumption of plastic.

Student Name : Neha Akin Rathod Std. : 8thD

School Name : Colaba Municipal Secondary High School





This drawing is about trees, because trees are very important. This drawing is about Nature. My dream is to make Mumbai green and clean.

Student Name : Roshan Ramesh Ingle Std. : 8th

School Name : Colaba Municipal Secondary High School (Hindi)





This drawing is about pollution free Mumbai. That is why I have made the drawing of clean atmosphere. I wish to see a digital Mumbai.

Student Name : Vitthal Popat Gund Std. : 9th

School Name : Colaba Municipal Secondary High School (Hindi)



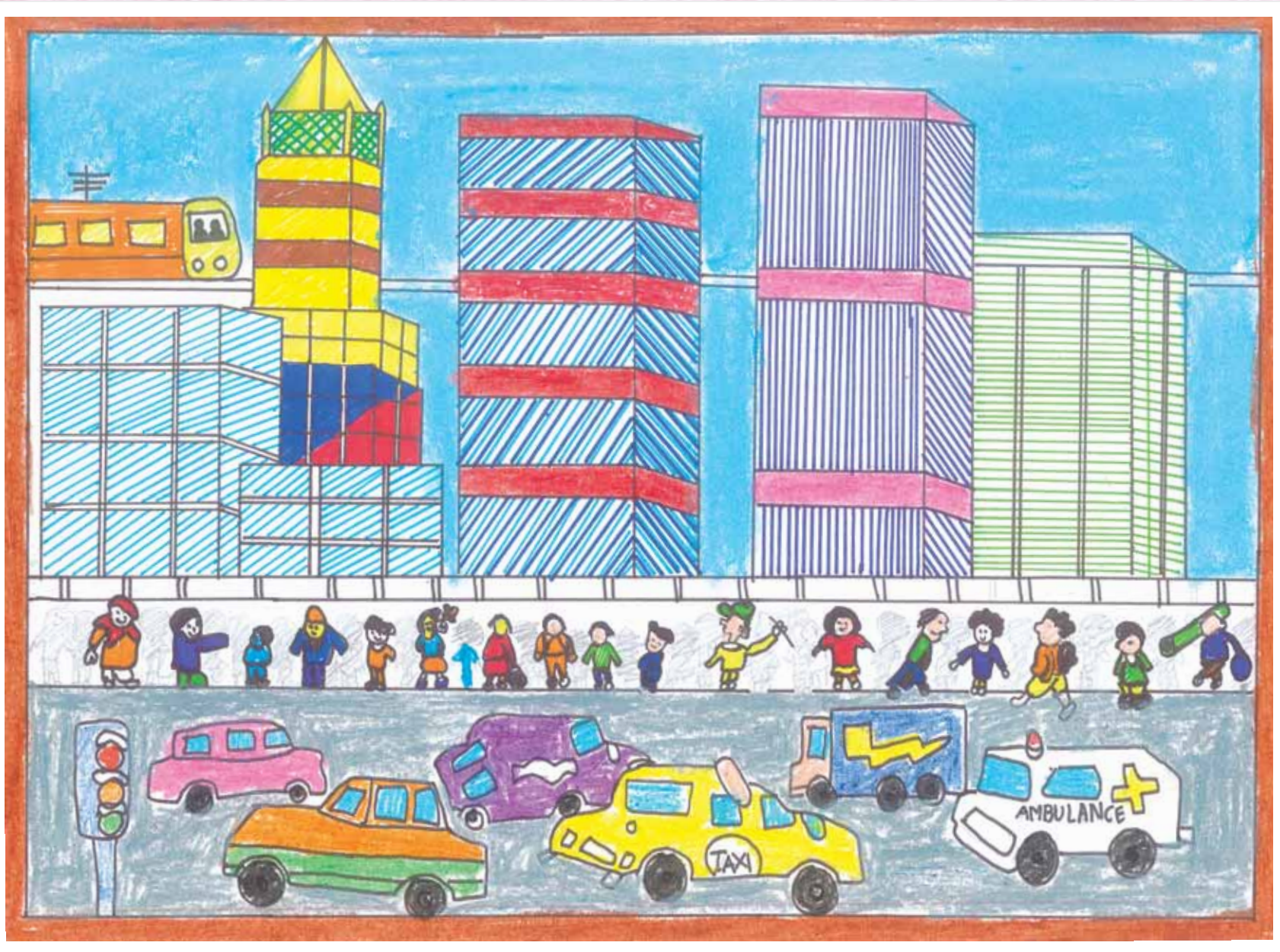


In future I would like to see everybody educated and everybody should have a job. Farming should be done on a large scale so that nobody stays hungry.

Student Name : Sadik Mehboob Shaikh Std. : 9th C

School Name : Colaba Municipal Secondary High School (Marathi)





From my drawing it can be seen that Mumbai is a very crowded place with lot of tall buildings. Everywhere there is crowd and a lot of traffic Jam.

Student Name : Aarti Babu Sonkamble Std. : 7th

School Name : Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Mun. Sec. School, Worli





From this drawing I want to show that there should be greenery in Mumbai with lot of trees and no plastic pollution. People should not waste water.

Student Name : Aditee Anil Shinde Std. : 7th

School Name : Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Mun. Sec. School, Worli



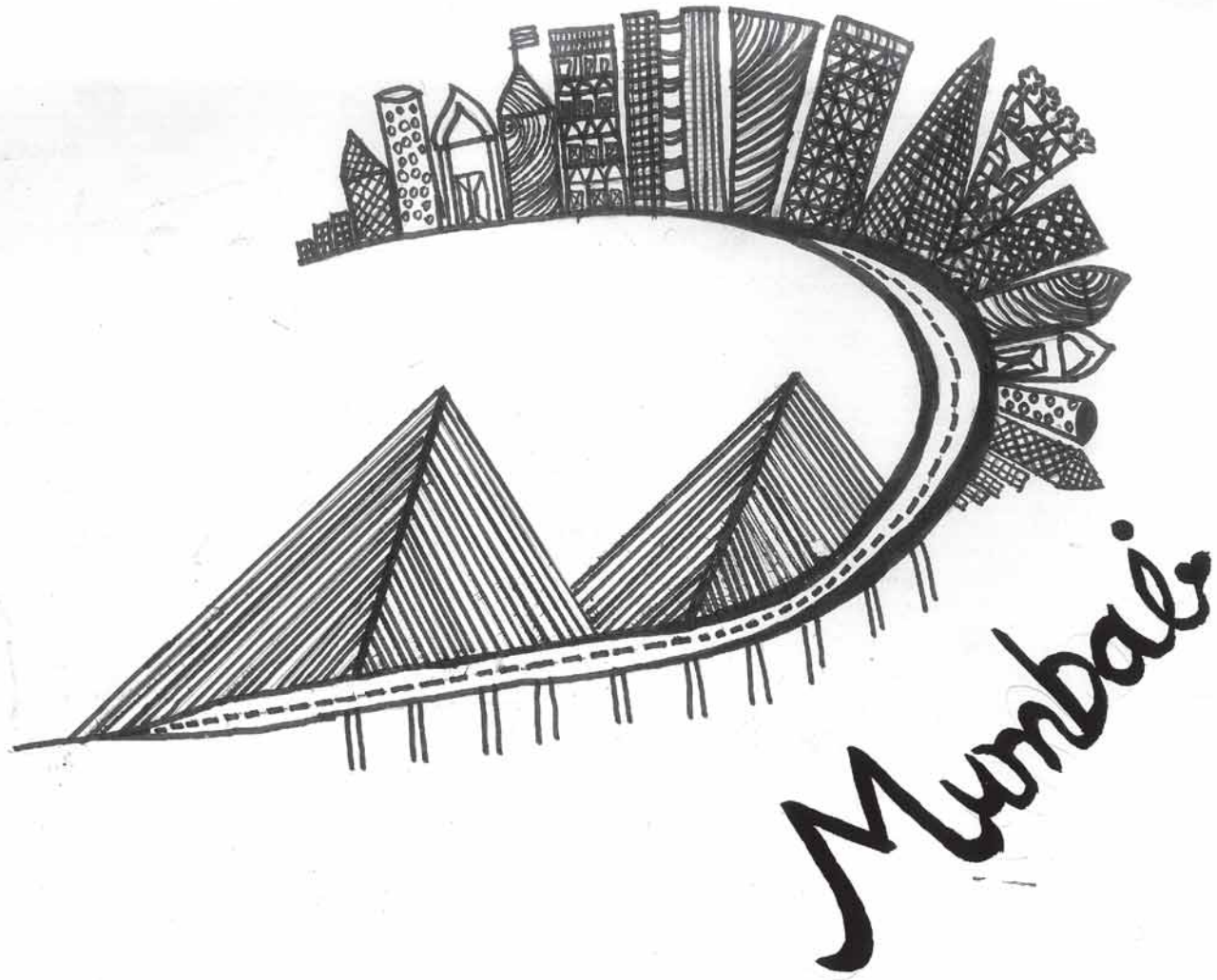


I dream of Mumbai as a nice city. My drawing is about clean and beautiful Mumbai.

Student Name : Kiran Babu Sonkamble Std. : 5th

School Name : Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Mun. Sec. School, Worli



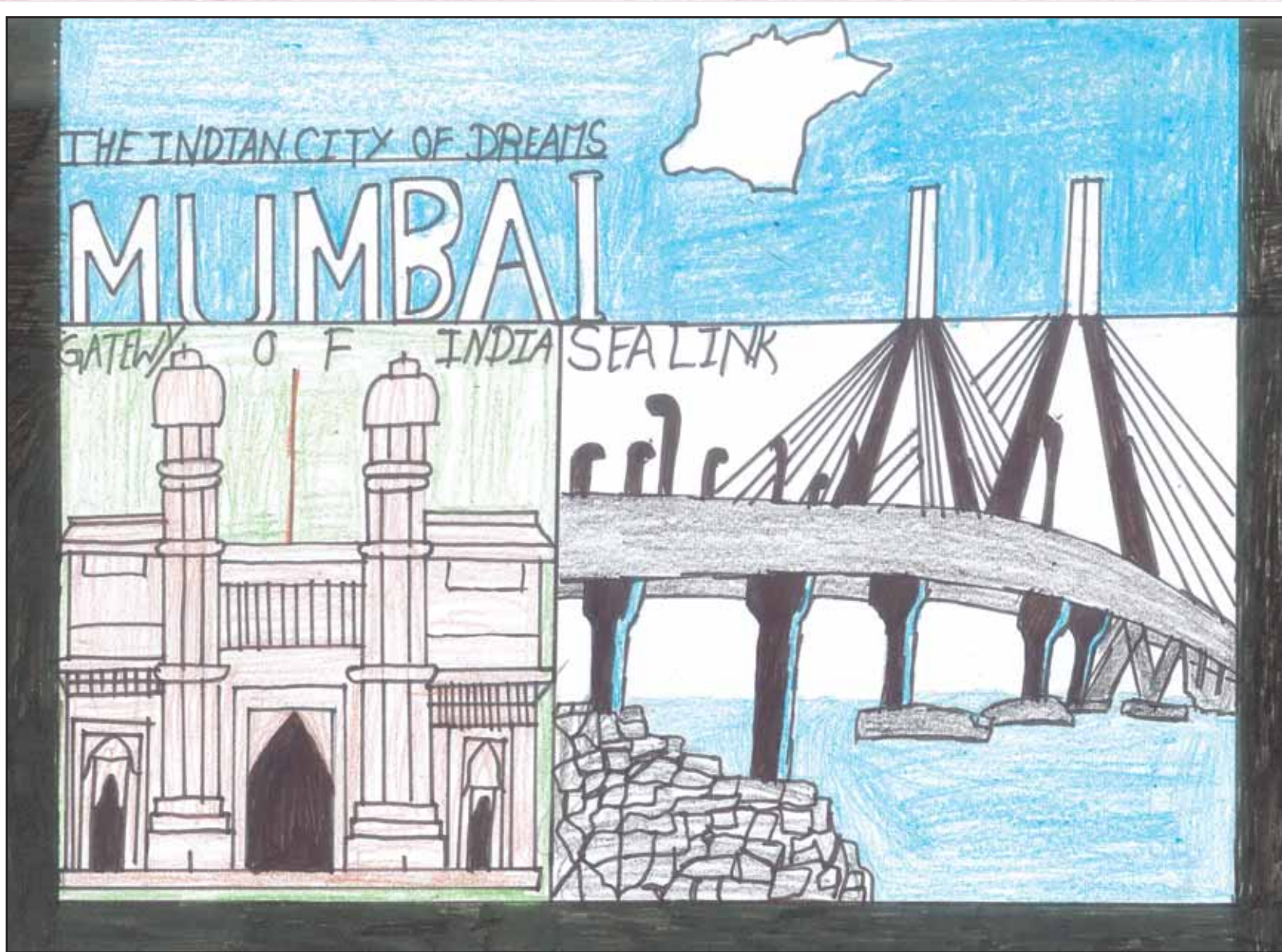


I wish to see Mumbai with advanced technologies and with lots of tall buildings.

Student Name : Neha Lalchand Yadav Std. : 8th

School Name : Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Mun. Sec. School, Worli



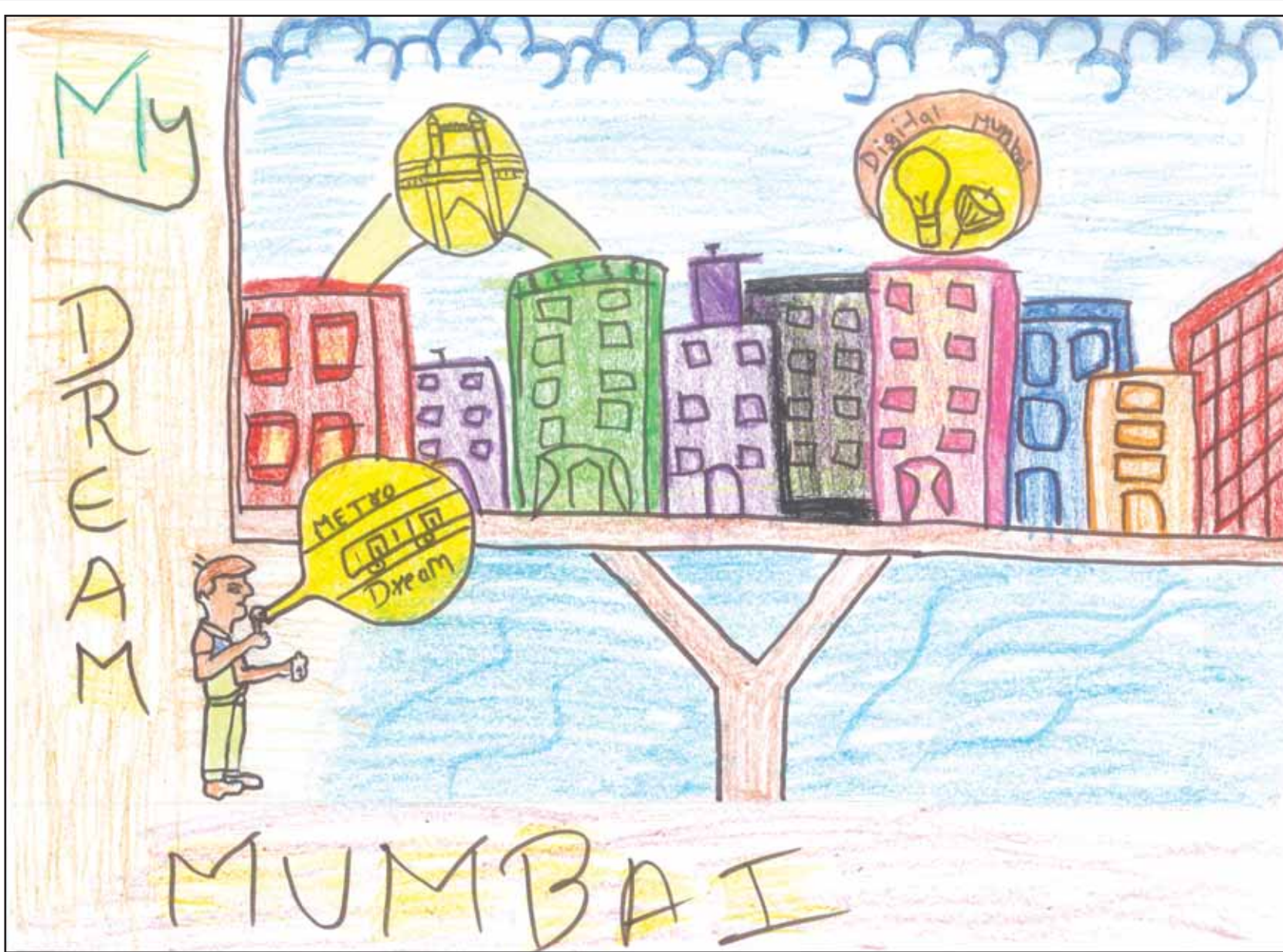


Mumbai is a beautiful city. There should be greenery and no slums. There should be a big zoo and animals should be looked after well.

Student Name : Pravin Jaiswar Std. : 8th

School Name : Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Mun. Sec. School, Worli



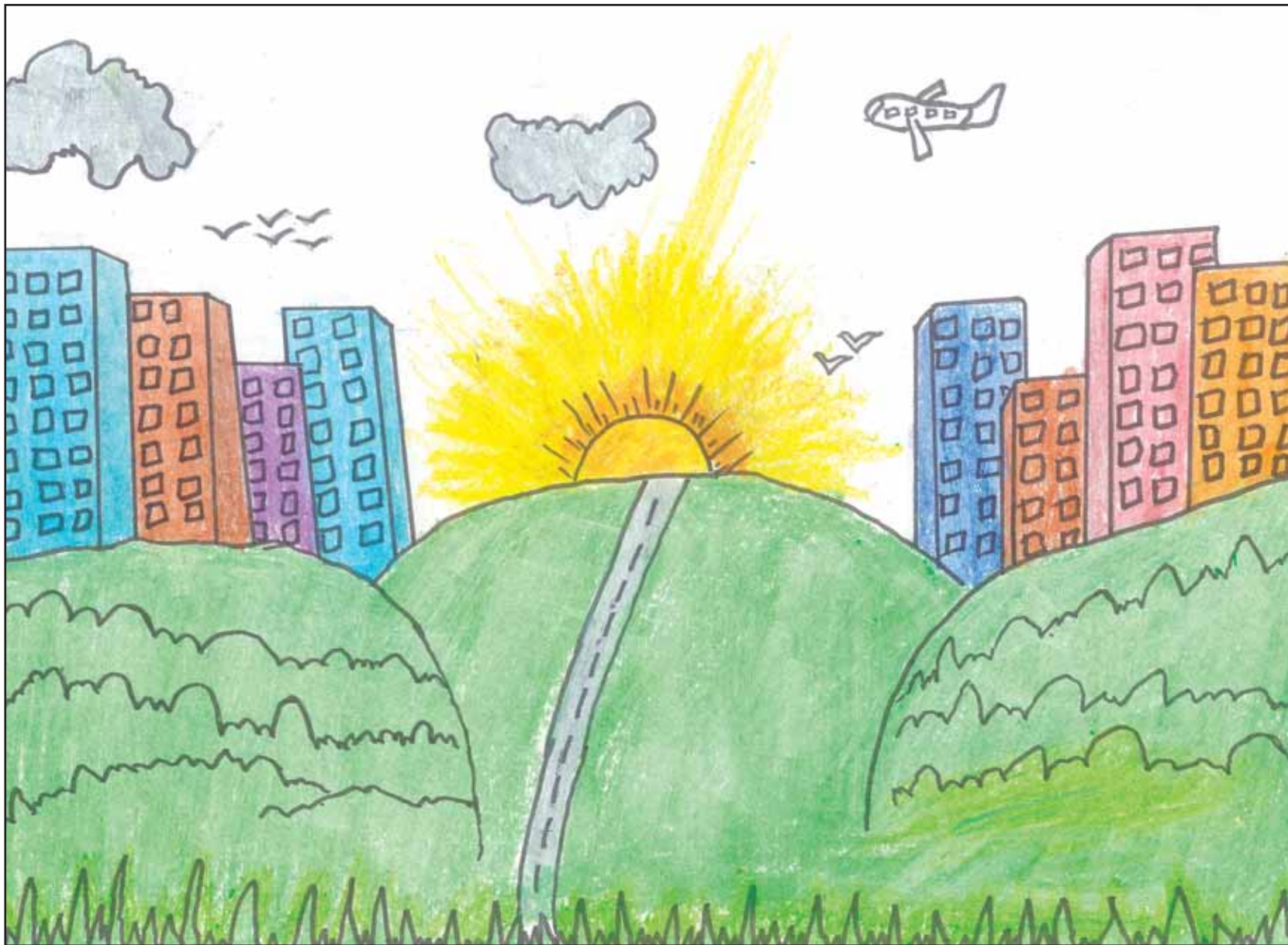


My drawing about digital Mumbai. I wish to see a digital Mumbai.

Student Name : Shilpa R. Sahu Std. : 9th

School Name : Colaba Municipal Secondary High School (Hindi)





I wish to see green Mumbai with buildings and greenery everywhere with clean roads and gardens.

Student Name : Saif Hashmi Std. : 8th

School Name : Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Mun. Sec. School, Worli



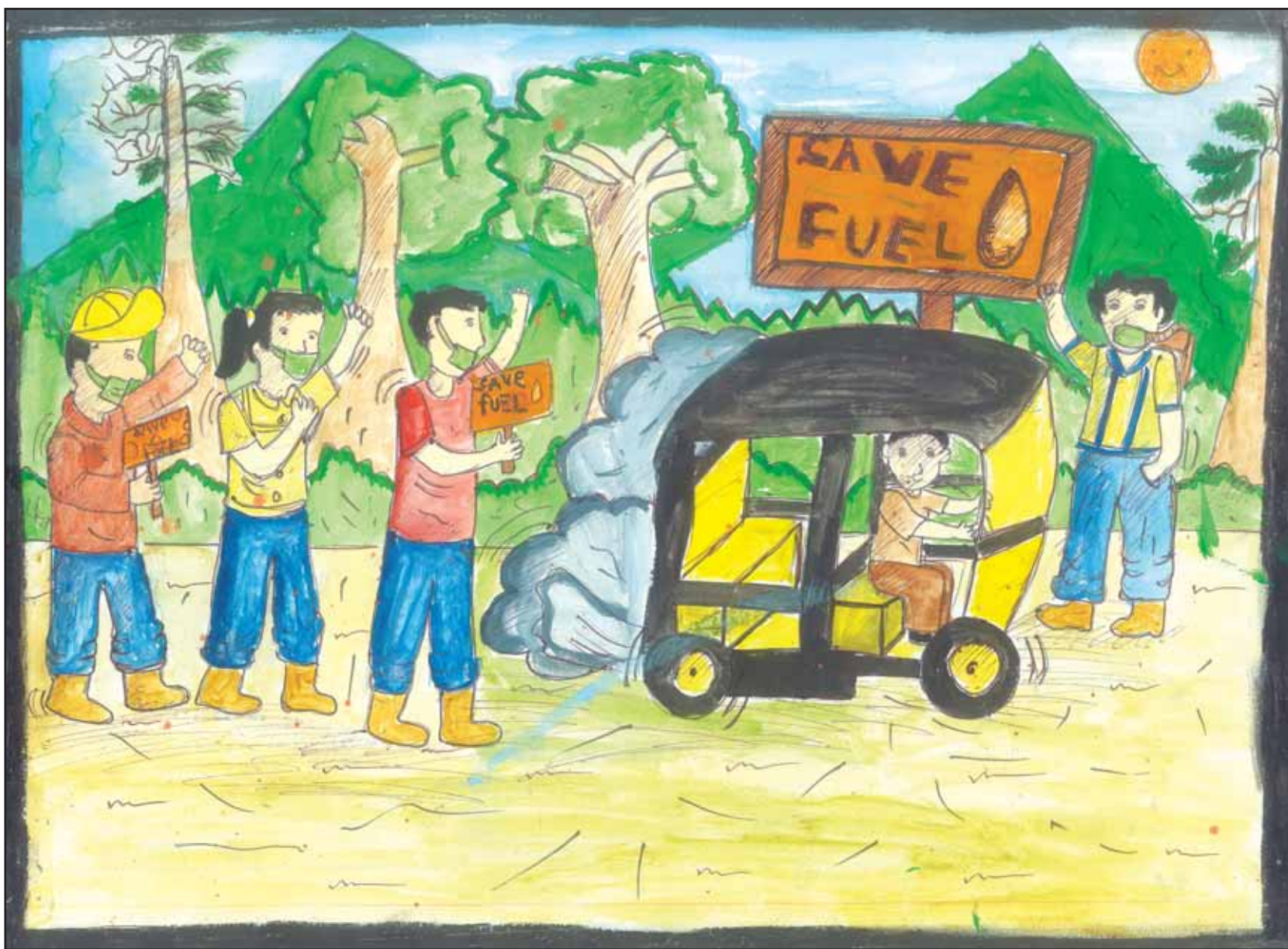


From my drawing I want to show that I want buildings but I also want greenery in my Mumbai. This is my wish that Mumbai should be the pollution free and clean city.

Student Name : Shivam Jaiswar Std. : 8th

School Name : Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Mun. Sec. School, Worli



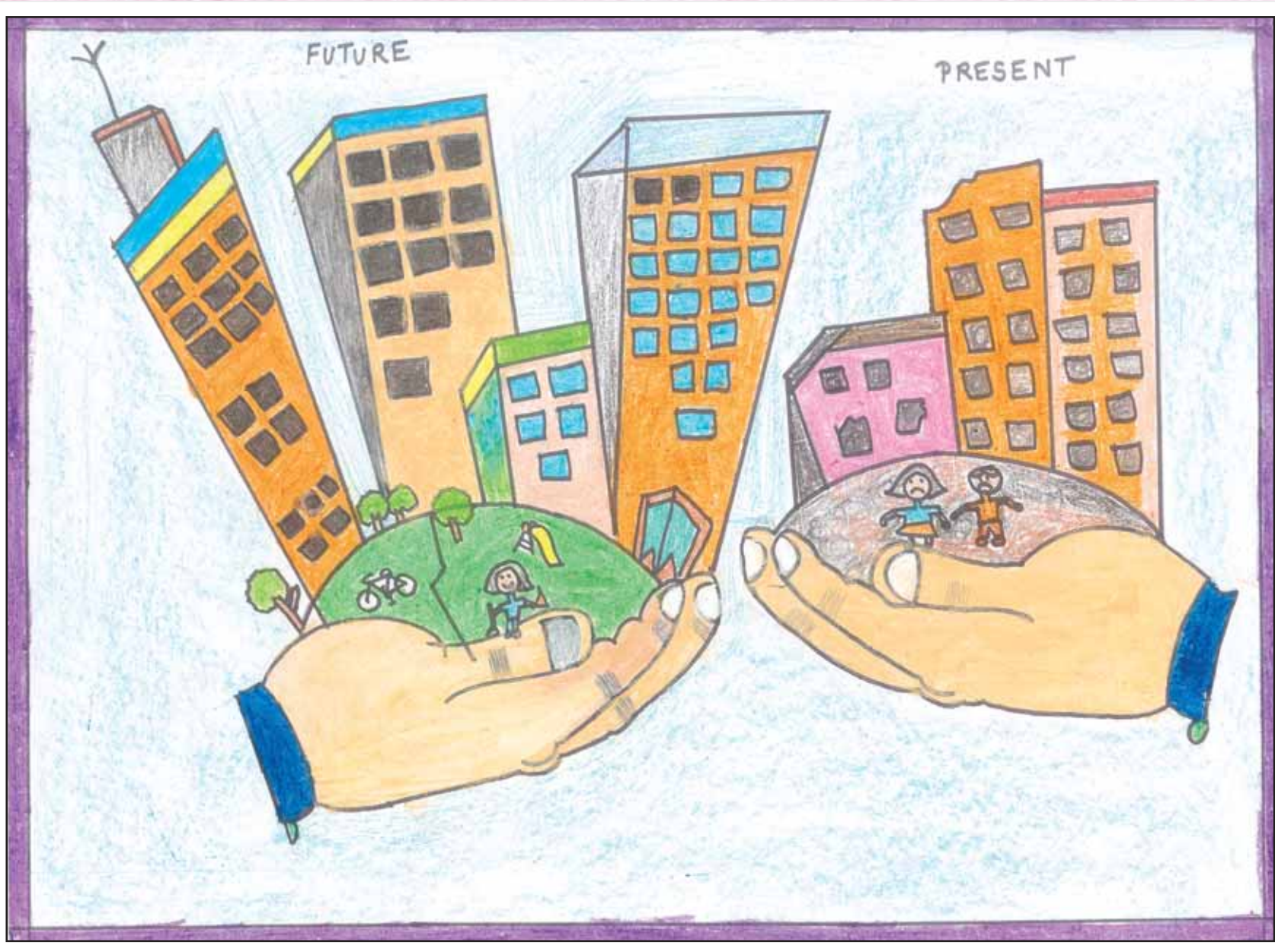


I want to show that we should have a pollution free Mumbai. Everyone should save fuel. We should have lots of trees in Mumbai.

Student Name : Aarit Lkha Std. : 9th A

School Name : Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Mun. Sec. School, Worli





In my drawing one can see Mumbai in present and future. The present is dirty but the future is green and clean.

Student Name : Ishali Pramod Kamble Std. : 7th

School Name : Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Mun. Sec. School, Worli

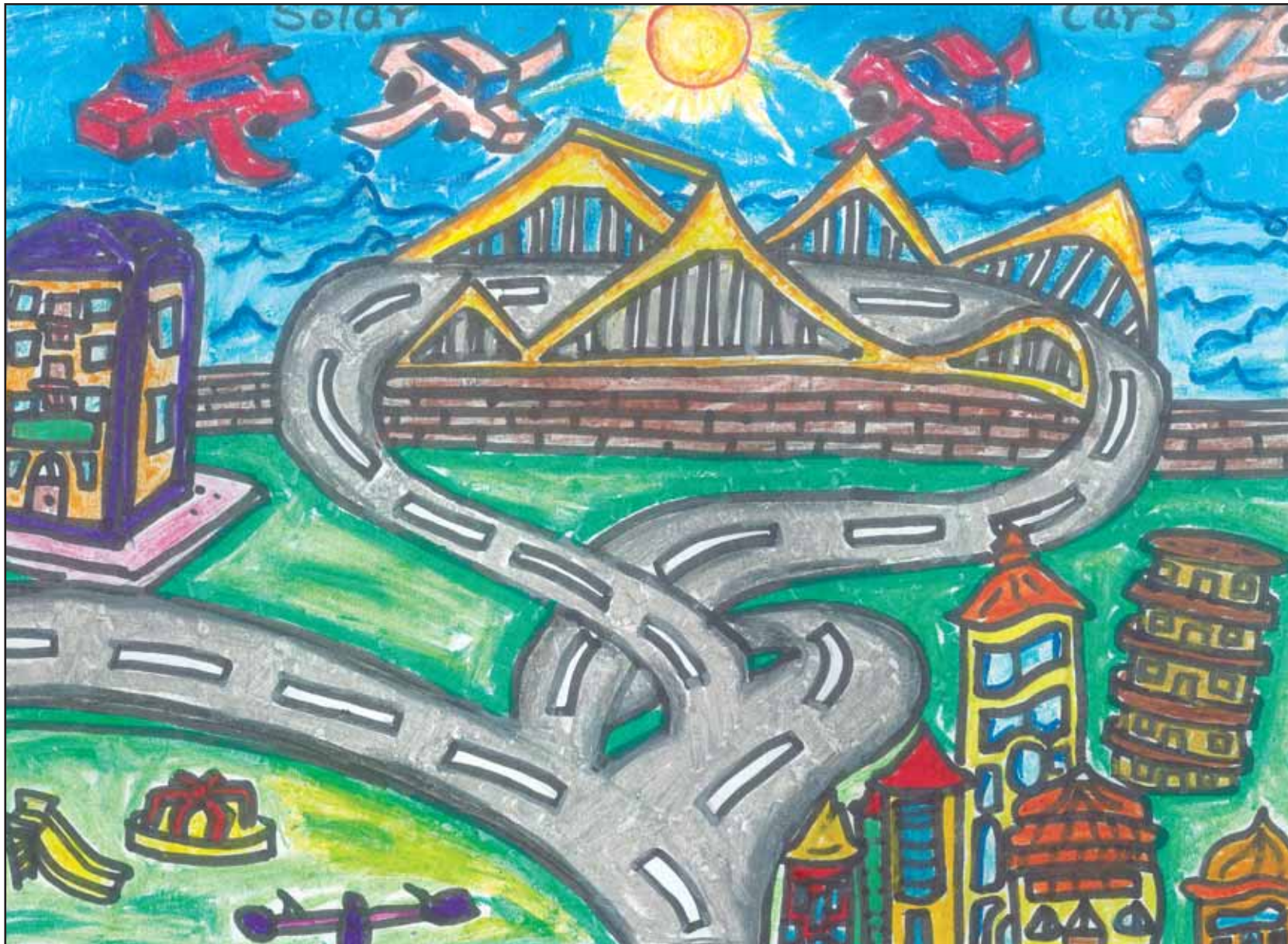




Student Name : Adarsh Kori Std. : 6th

School Name : G. K. Marg, Manpa Hindi School





My dream Mumbai
should have Solar Cars.

Student Name : Ganesh S. Parab Std. : 6th

School Name : G. K. Marg, Manpa Hindi School





Mumbai is my pride.

Student Name : Savita Pandit Std. : 4th

School Name : G. K. Marg Manpa Hindi School





My Mumbai should be pollution free, so that we can get clean air.

Student Name : Harsh N. Chavan Std. : 7th

School Name : N. M. Joshi Municipal Secondary School, Delisle Road





My Mumbai has many malls and shops and they should be kept neat and clean. I wish to see new modern roads and children to be happy.

Student Name : Neha Niles Savaratkar Std. : 5th

School Name : N. M. Joshi Municipal Secondary School, Delisle Road



Mumbai In My Dream



The girl in the drawing is thinking about future Mumbai which is clean and beautiful.

Student Name : Nisha Naresh Kamble Std. : 8th

School Name : N. M. Joshi Municipal Secondary School, Delisle Road





In my drawing there is a nice garden where people play and sit at night and it can also be seen that there are two players playing in the garden in my Mumbai.

Student Name : Nitesh Raju Kasare Std. : 8th

School Name : N. M. Joshi Municipal Secondary School, Delisle Road





As it can be seen in my drawing that behind the Gateway of India there is a symbol of the Indian Flag which represents patriotism. In the midst of the India. I want my Mumbai to flourish beautifully. I wish to see a modernised Mumbai with new technologies and inventions.

Student Name : Omkar Dattatray Ambole Std. : 8th

School Name : N. M. Joshi Municipal Secondary School, Delisle Road





I want to see a clean Mumbai without plastic bags and with separate Wet and Dry Garbage to keep my city clean.

Student Name : Rashi A. Kokate Std. : 5th
School Name : N. M. Joshi Municipal Secondary School, Delisle Road



MUMBAI IS MY DREAM

AVOID PLASTIC



I want to see Mumbai clean and green. People should stop littering on the road and start throwing garbage in the dustbin.

Student Name : Sara S. Shirke Std. : 5th

School Name : N. M. Joshi Municipal Secondary School, Delisle Road





I wish to see a
Pollution free Mumbai.
I love my Mumbai

Student Name : Divyanshu Jaiswal Std. : 5th

School Name : N. M. Joshi Municipal Secondary School, Delisle Road





CONCLUDING REMARKS

The Chamber, together with Mahindra & Mahindra, sought to capture a snapshot of young children's thoughts and feelings around the subject of "Mumbai of My Dreams" by inviting drawings from school children belonging to select Municipal Schools in the city. Sixty four children from four municipal schools participated; thirty drawings were selected for publication in this Coffee Table Book. The drawings cover Environment, Infrastructure, and Social Development for the city.

Environment drawings emphasise trees, limited population, greater use of electric cars and lower fuel consumption, pollution free city; Infrastructure drawings visualise more playgrounds, gardens, parks, zoos, adequate housing, modern roads, water availability and technology for a Digital City; Social Development drawings emphasise employment, literacy and poverty reduction

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This publication will have served its purpose if it assists in moving towards "Mumbai of my Dreams"...



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