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## Introduction

Prof. G.V Sreekumar teaches Typoghraphy at IDC School of Design.

He says the following about teaching Typoghraphy:

My students at IDC come from various backgrounds, Fine Arts, Graphic Design, Architecture, Engineering, Fashion Design, Interior Design and so on.

Many of them hear the term “Typography” for the first time and for many of them, the “font world” starts and ends with .....grrrrrrrrr.....Arial!

As a teacher, I try my best to introduce them to the new world of letterforms, a world I believe is beautiful and colourful and so fascinating that one lifetime is by no means enough even to study the surface. Slowly they begin to understand the beauty of the world beyond Arial and then they begin to enjoy it.

I make attempts to introduce them to well-designed fonts (many of them my favourites!) like Univers, Helvetica, Meta, Franklin Gothic, Griffith Gothic, Rotis, Eurostyle, Trajan, Stone Sans and Serif, Berkeley, Berling, Palatino, Optima and so on...

They work with many beautiful fonts in their life in IDC that when they pass out from here and practice design, they don't get stuck with only Arial and Verdana.

The course teaches them the importance of going deep into the content, understanding the meaning in the real sense, getting into the context, creating and understanding the whole picture and then going through the design process.

Students learn the importance of type and their impact on the overall design solution.

The assignments are designed to take the students from one simple task, slowly moving on to more and more complex issues.

I start with one letterform, then move on to a word, a sentence, a paragraph, a page, a poster, a book and so on...

I get around 3 modules of 4 days each in one semester.

Most of the work gets done at the end of each module so that the students are not burdened with too much homework (and too many pending assignments!).

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Computers are not allowed in many assignments where I feel it is important for a student to use his hands and get a feel of relationships between type and space.

In the beginning, many students feel very frustrated not to work on a computer, but slowly they realise the joy of handling type.

In the beginning, the students are taken to our letterpress studio to get accustomed to the letterpress environment and basic fundamentals of typesetting.

This helps a lot in basic understanding of letter space, word space, alignments etc.

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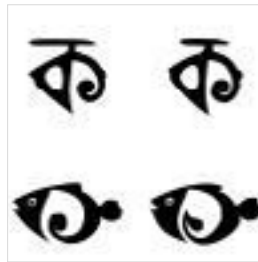
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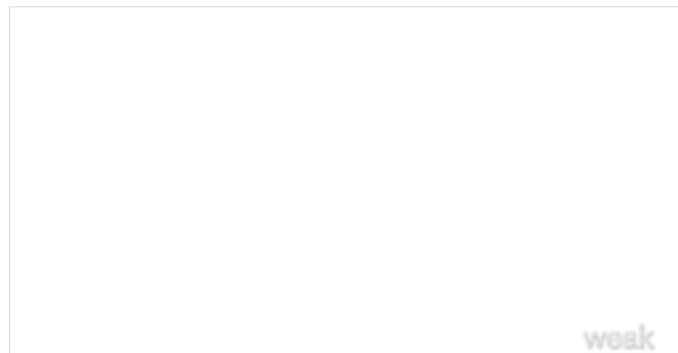
### Project - Expressive typography (Emotions)

**Task** - To discover how the meaning of a word can be enhanced by the right choice of fonts, font size, orientation, letter spacing, weight variation and composition in a visual field.**Assignment** - Interpret the meanings of the given words (emotions) and compose them using appropriate fonts in order to express them. Two variations are to be explored for each word. No constraints on font and font size.**Format** - A4

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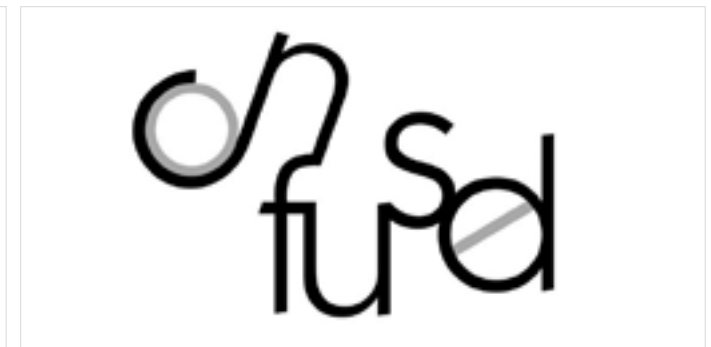
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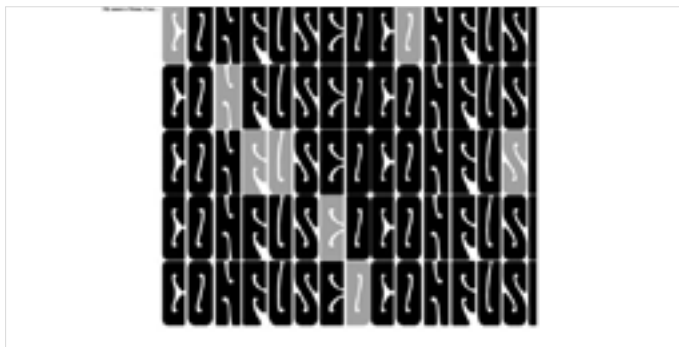
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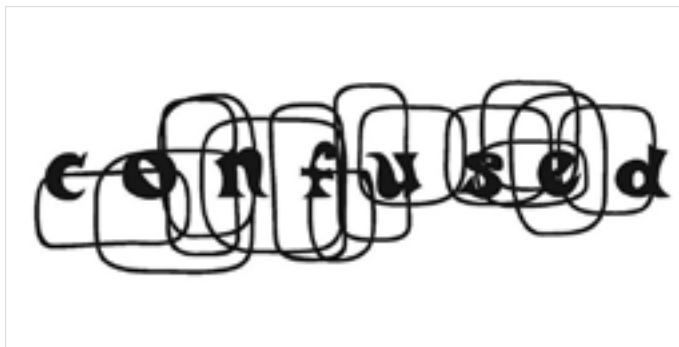
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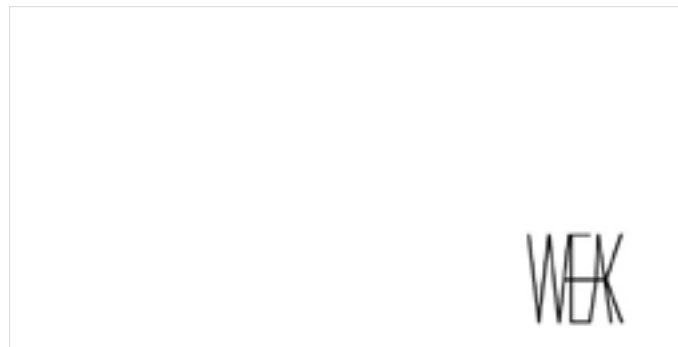
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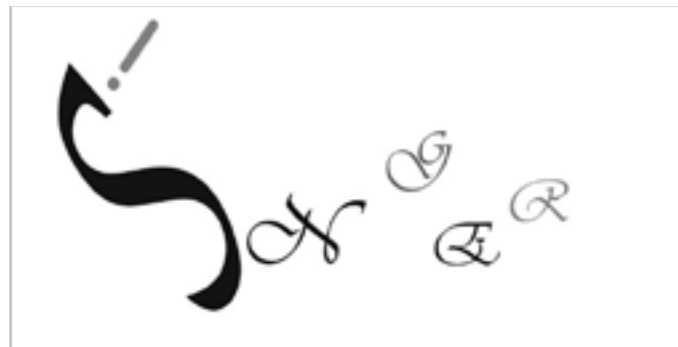
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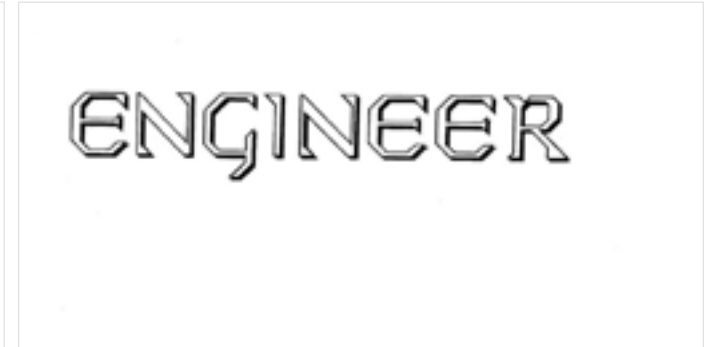
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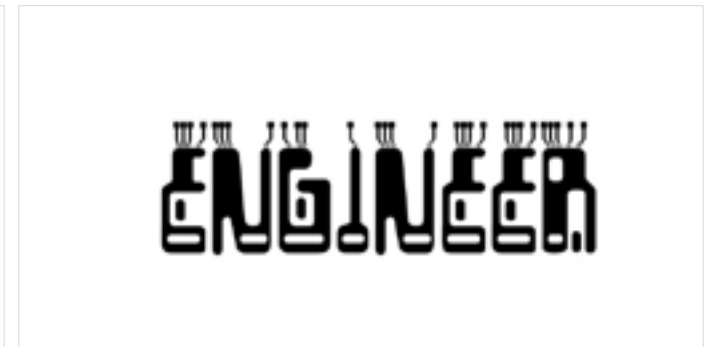
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## Expressive Action

**Task:** The class was made to explore the possibilities of expressive typography. They were made to try changes in orientation, size, position, style, weight, width, angle, etc.  
Only Univers font was to be used. The class could use any weight and width of the font. The constraint was not to use any colours but the grey values could be freely explored



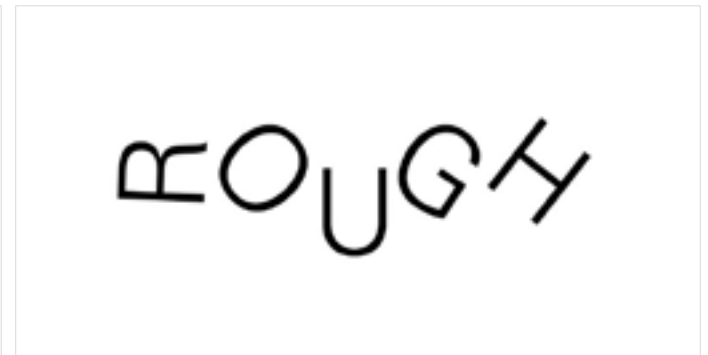
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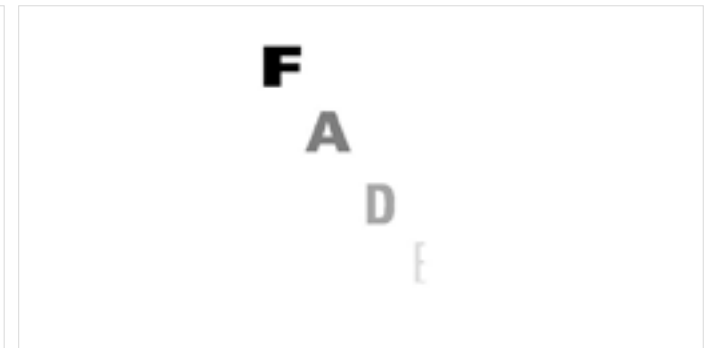
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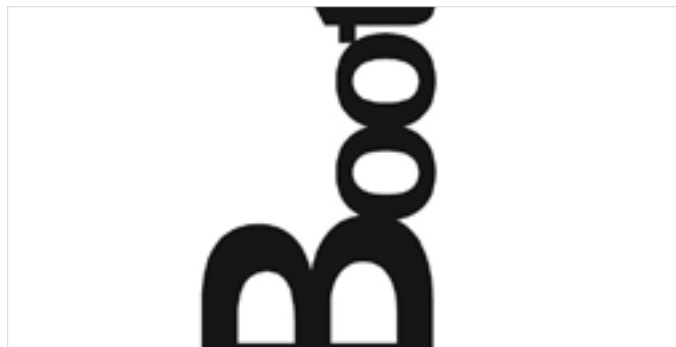
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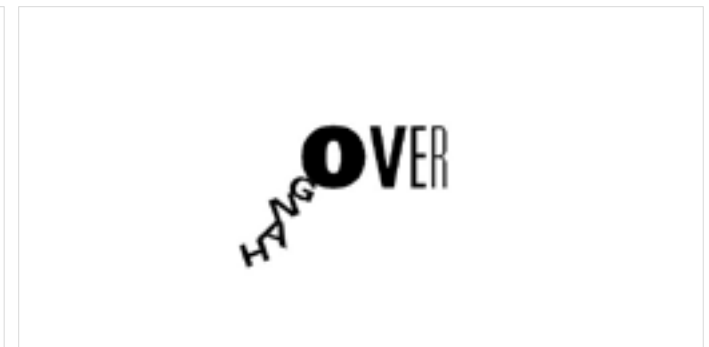
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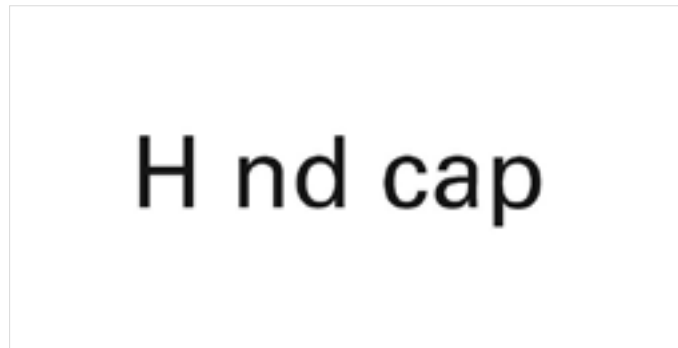
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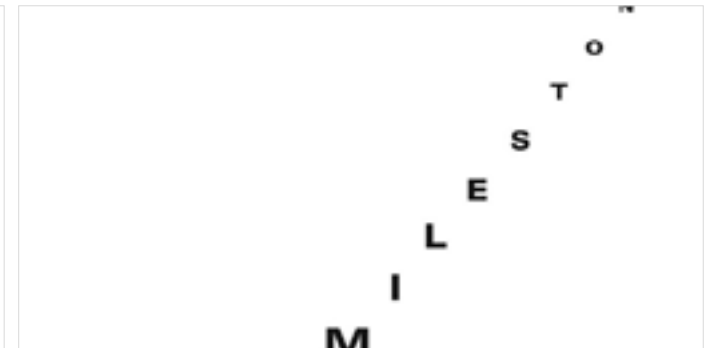
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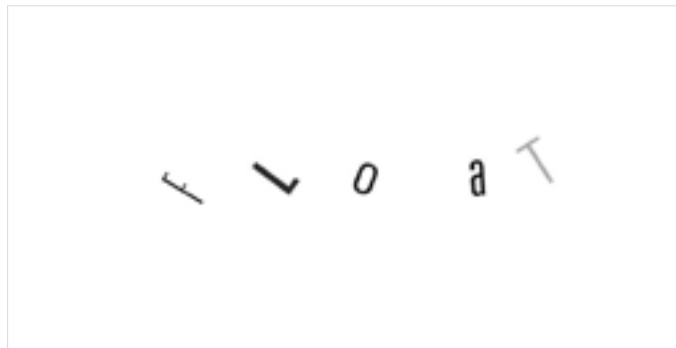
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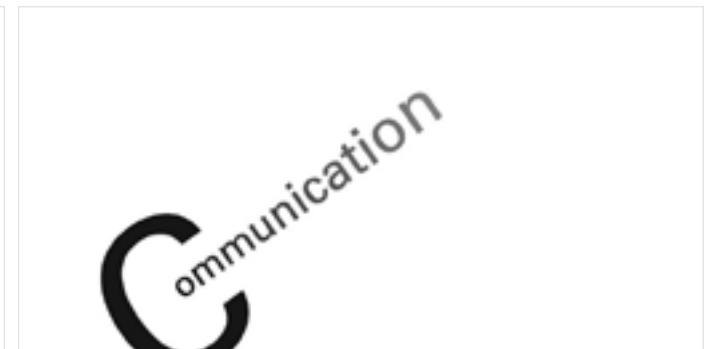
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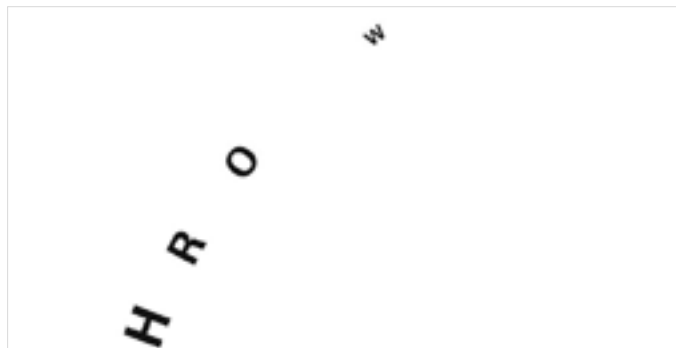
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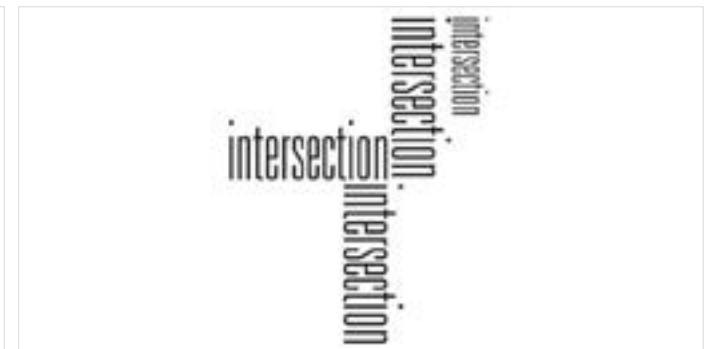
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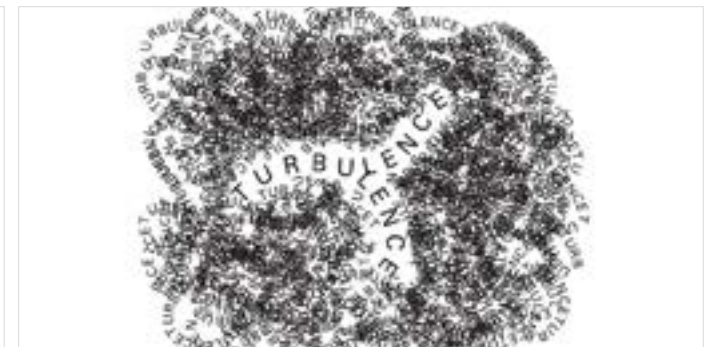
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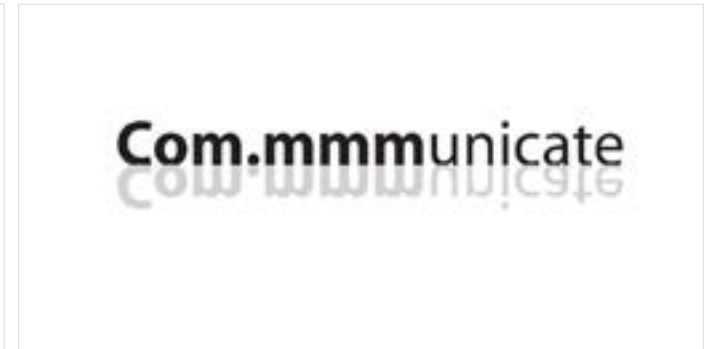
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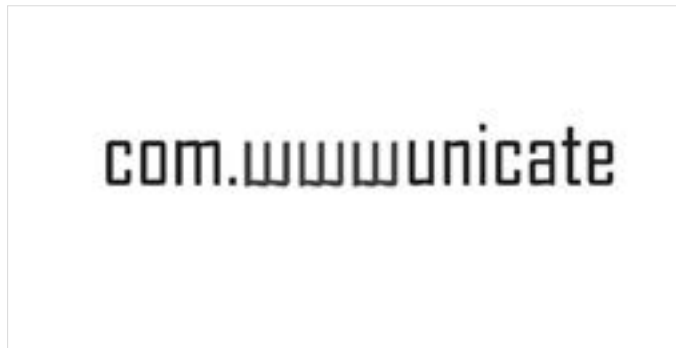
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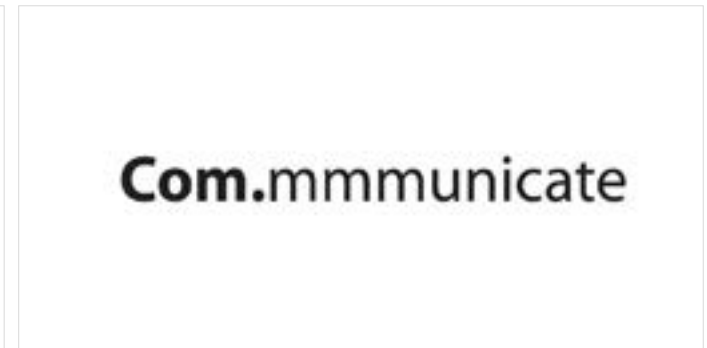
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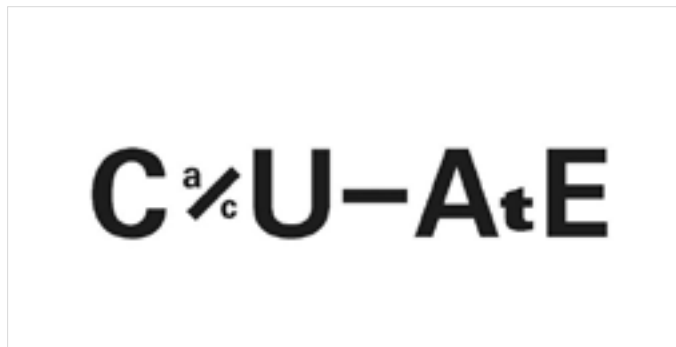
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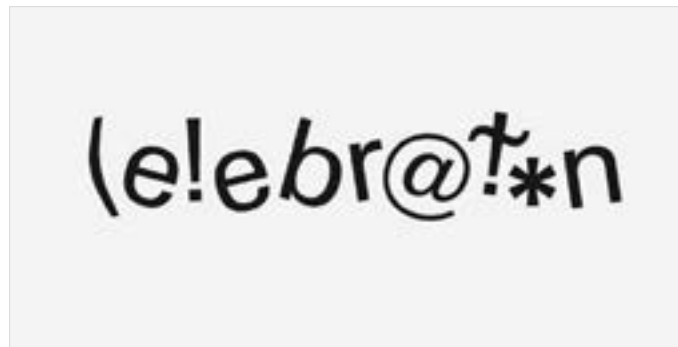
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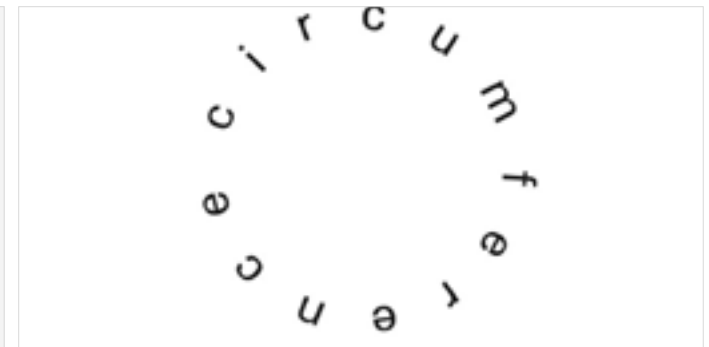
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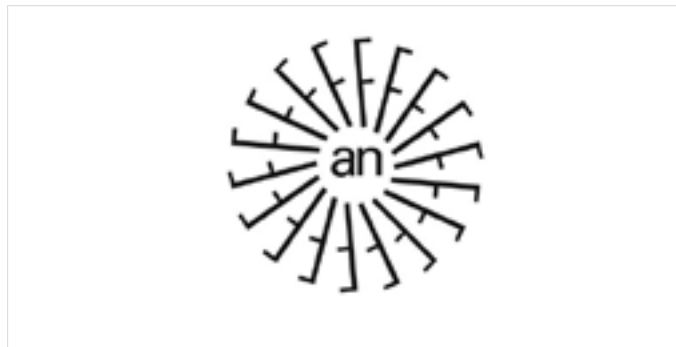
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## Installation

**Task:** The first letter of student's name in native language is taken for this assignment. The aim is to explore the three dimensional quality of letter forms and then use available objects and materials to create an interesting installation which reflects a particular thought associated with a name and a theme.



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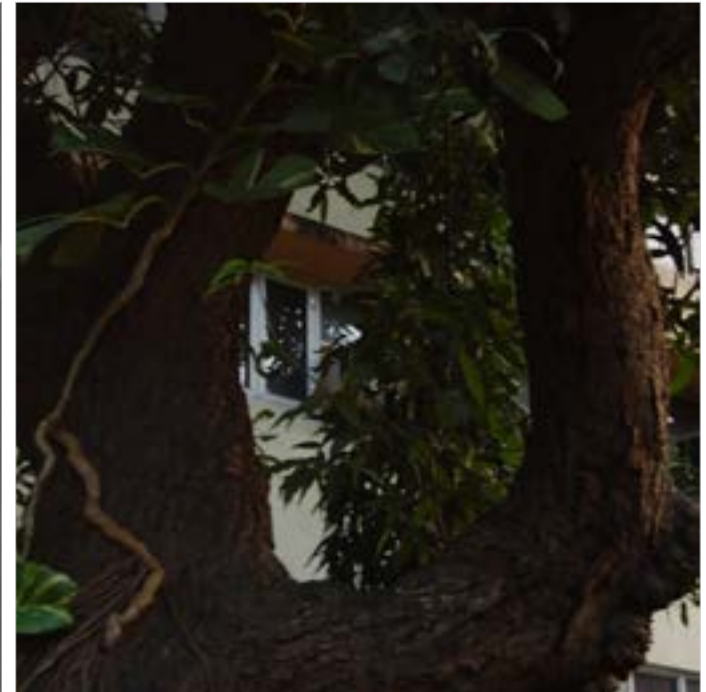
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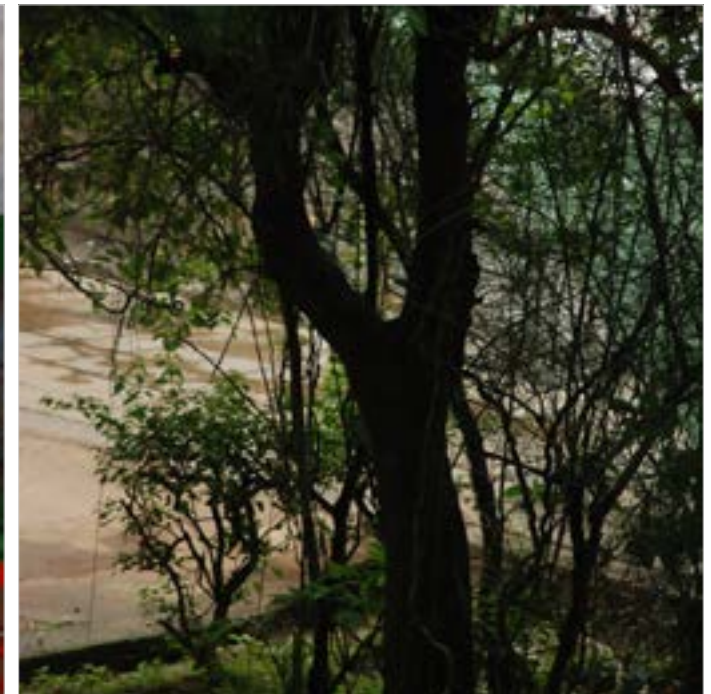
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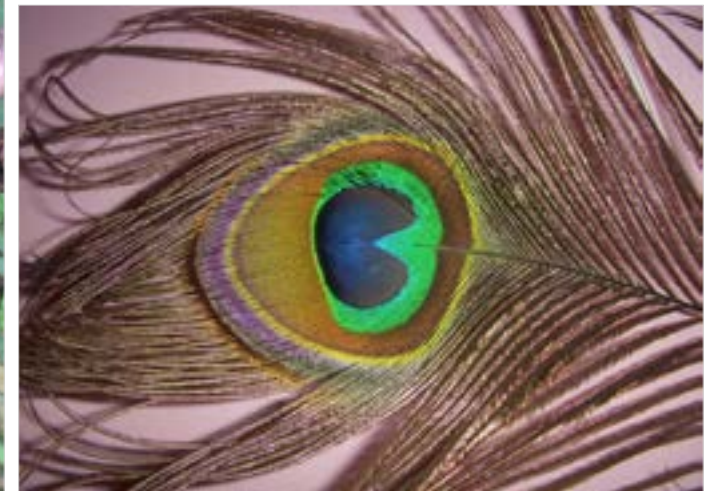
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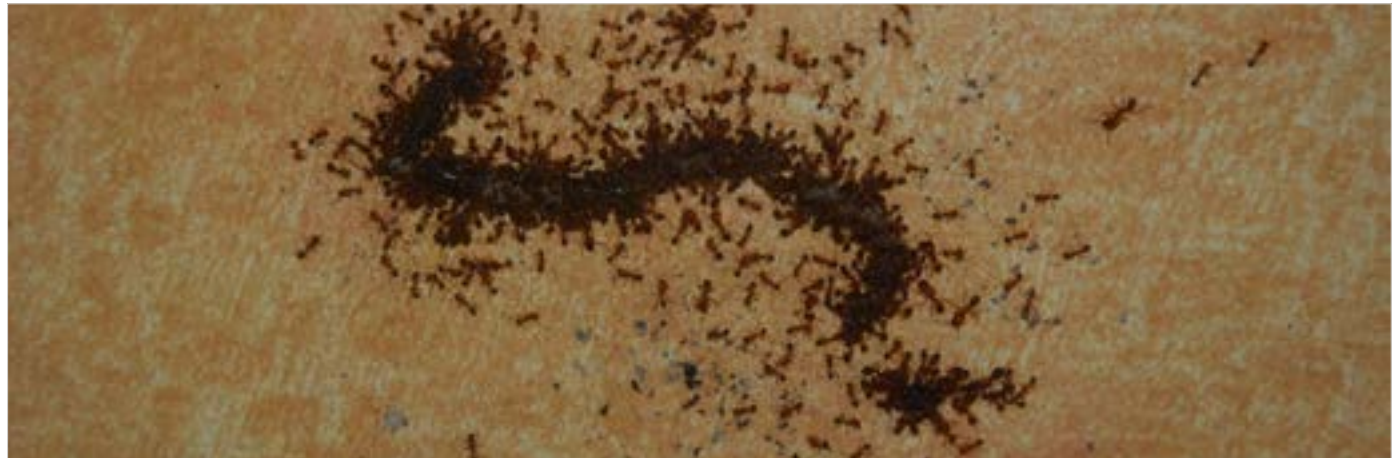
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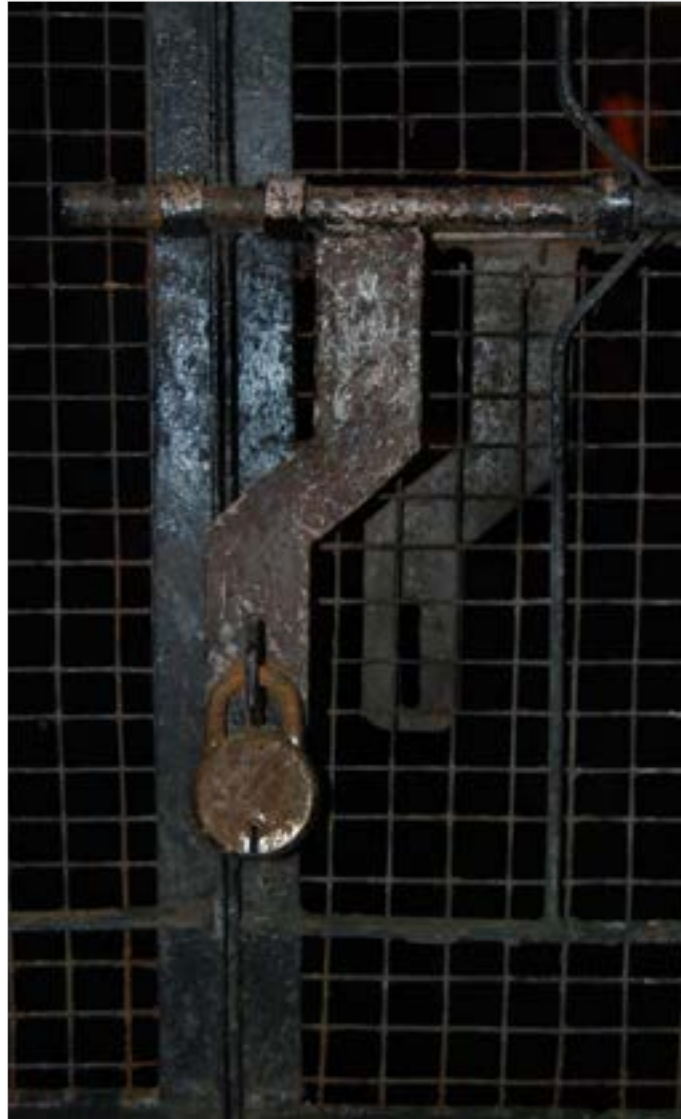
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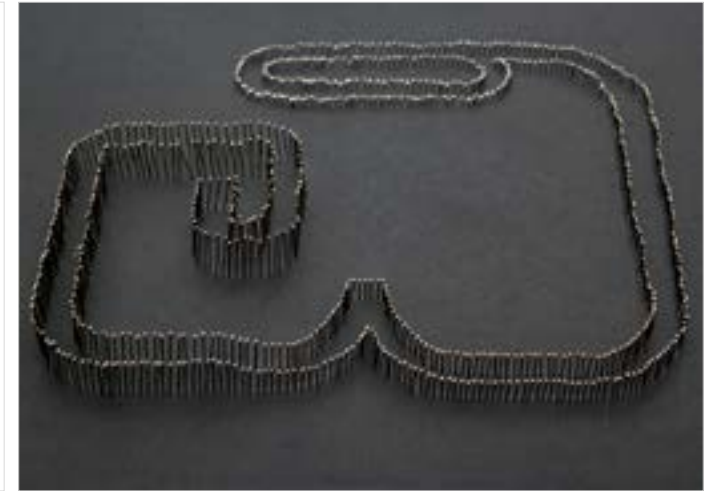
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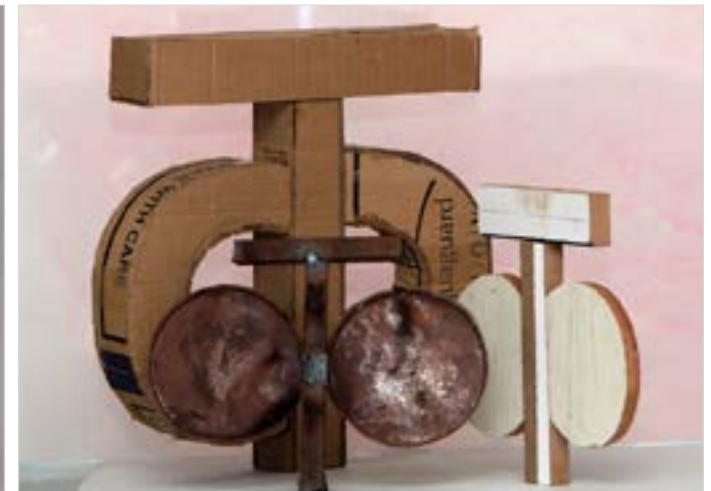
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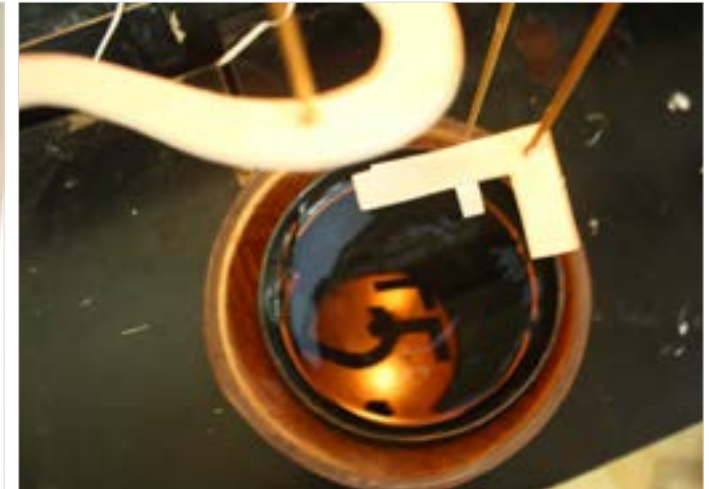
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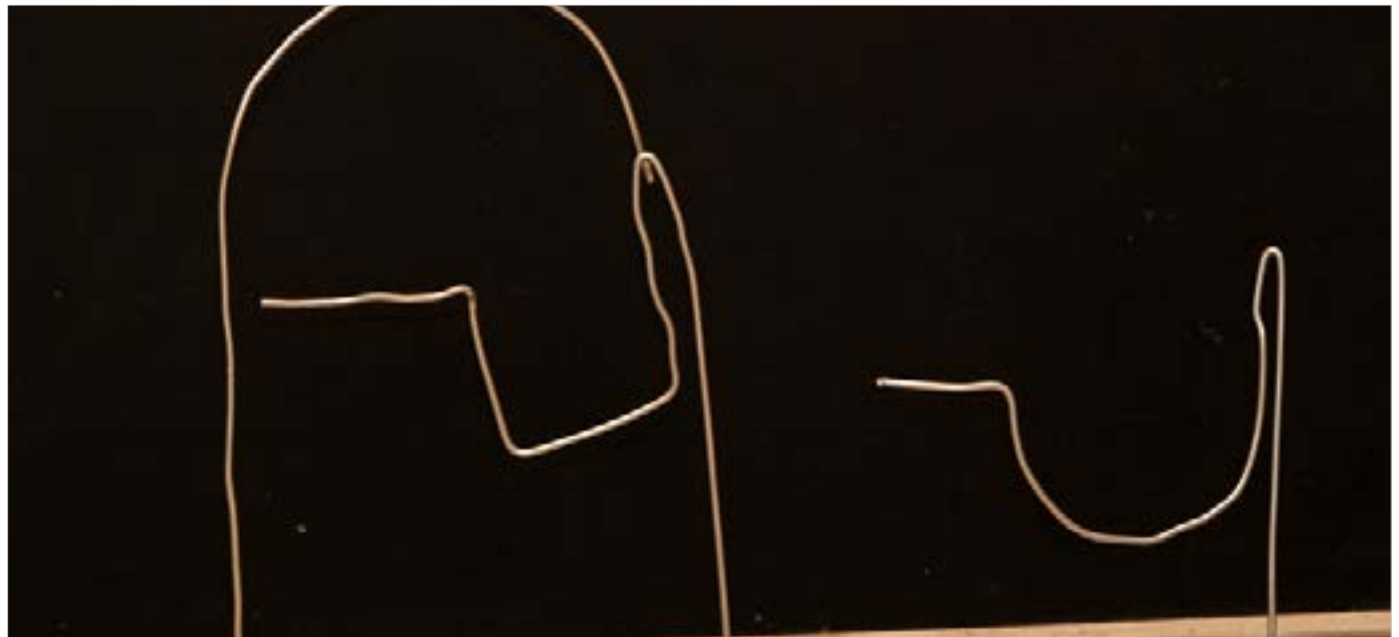
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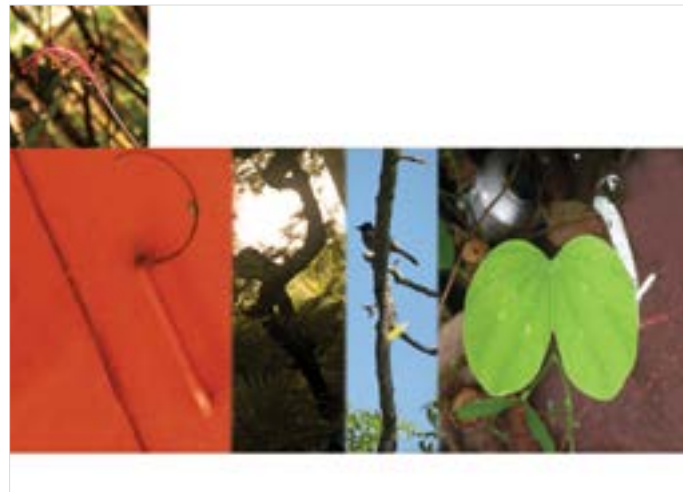
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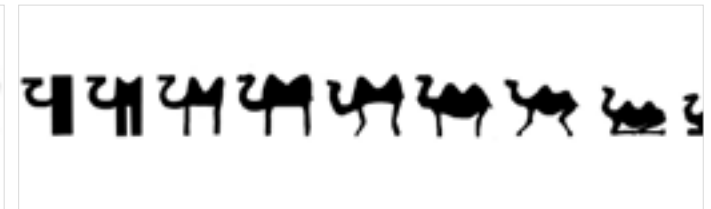
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**Assignment** - Draw a natural object. Transform the natural object into the initial letter of your name, in the script of your mother tongue, in twelve steps. The transformation has to take place in 12 steps and the amount of change between two steps has to be equal. Only black and white were used.

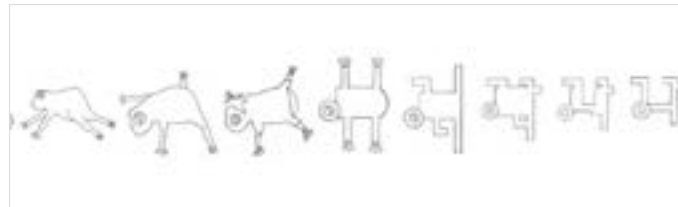
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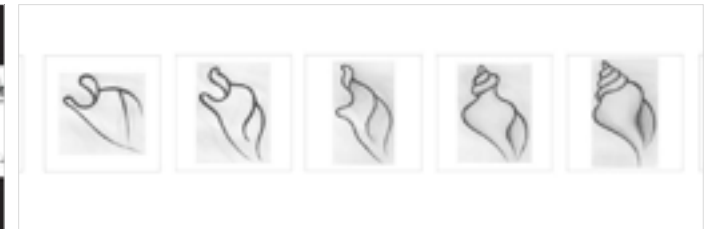
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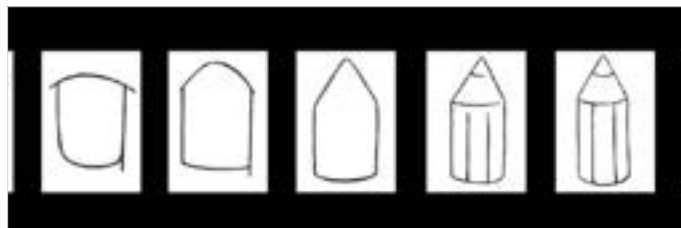
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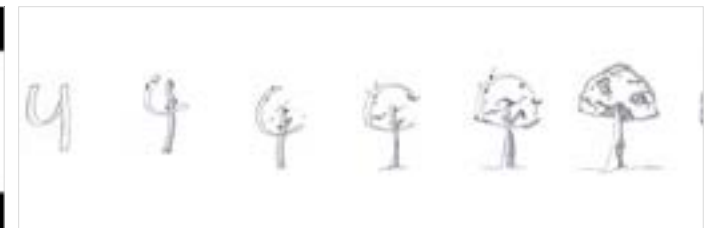
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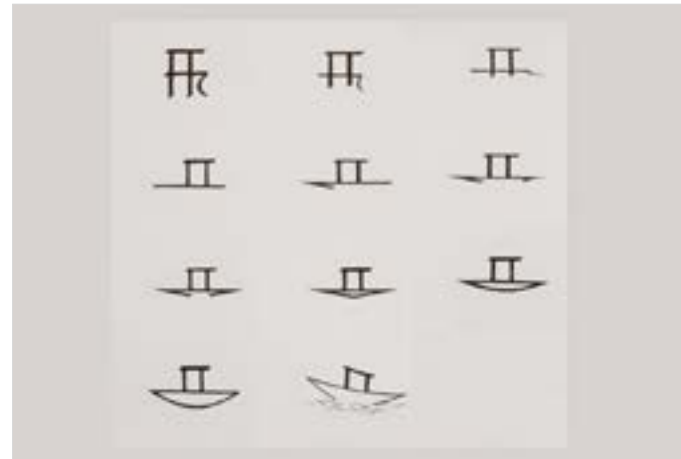
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## Expressive Calligraphy

Expressive Calligraphy - Express the word Rain

**Task:** To express the word "Rain" through calligraphy. Students were encouraged to experiment with various tools.

This was immediately after a workshop on Calligraphy by Mr. Achut Palav and the students were fresh from the wonderful experience of different techniques and tools demonstrated by Mr Palav. Students were free to choose from either English or Devanagari.



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