



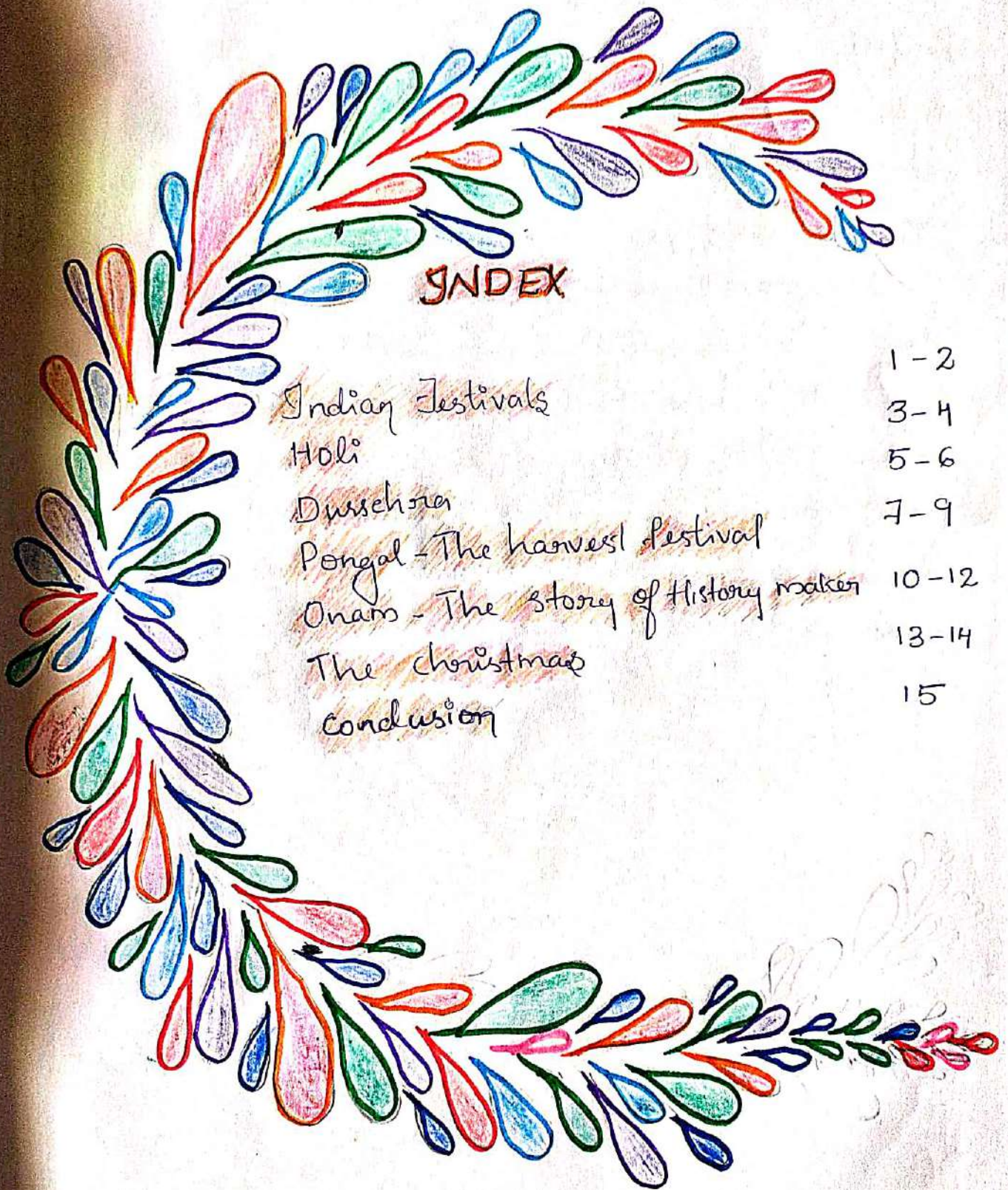
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A PEDAGO LITERARY EVENT OF EVENTS

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INDIAN FESTIVALS

Aditi Chopra

India is a land of festivals and fairs. The Indian men and women observe these festivals throughout the year. These festivals are observed from time immemorial. People are observing them right from the dawn of human civilization.

People observe these festivals with great devotion as they believe the fairs and festivals purify their minds and inspire them to lead a better and purer life. It is for this reason that the old, young and children all observe these fairs and festivals with great gusto and enthusiasm.

ACTIVITY ONE : Match the following

- (a) ONAM
- (b) HOLI
- (c) DIWALI
- (d) CHRISTMAS

- LIGHTS
- CRIB
- FLOWERS
- COLOUR

ACTIVITY TWO

- Write the major festivals of different States of India
eg: Tamil Nadu - Pongal

ACTIVITY THREE : Identify the following

- The grand festival of lights.
- The vibrant festival of colours.
- Witness the triumph of good over evil.
- The nine days of fasting, faith and devotion

HOLI

Holi or the Festival of colours is my favourite festival. The night before Holi I buy colours and Pichkaaris and get all the buckets ready to be used the next day. I wake up early on the day of the festival and wear clothes which have become quite old. Then my dad and I mix colours in the buckets and fill our pichkaaris. Before going downstairs I play Holi with my parents and my grandparents in our balcony. I put colours on my grandmother and turn my grandfather's hair red. Then I go downstairs in the ground in front of our house and play Holi with my friends. We have great fun but we make sure not to put colours in the eyes of one another. We also use good quality colours which are not harmful for the skin. When we are completely covered with blue, green and pink colours, we turn home and have a good bath.

[<https://www.holi-festival.org/holi>]

ONAM - Story of history maker

A long time ago, an Asura (demon) king called Mahabali ruled Kerala. He was a wise, benevolent and judicious ruler and beloved of his subjects. Everyone was equal, and lived in prosperity and justice. It is said that there was perfect equality, peace and happiness in his kingdom. No one dared to lie or cheat. Soon Mahabali's fame as an able king began to spread far and wide, but the gods grew envious at his acts of benevolence and growing popularity. When he extended his rules to the heavens and the netherworld, the gods felt challenged and began to fear his own powers. Presuming that he might become overpowerful, Aditi, the mother of the devas, pleaded with Lord Vishnu to curtail Mahabali's powers. Vishnu transformed himself into a dwarf called Vamana and approached Mahabali while he was performing a Yaga. Vishnu came there in the form of a Brahmin boy. He asked Mahabali for three feet of land and Mahabali granted the Brahmin boy's wish. The moment he approved the wish the boy began to grow till

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Sky. With the first step he measured the earth, heaven and the underworld. With the second step he measured all the oceans and sky and asked the king where to keep the third step. The humble king to save his word asked to keep the step on his head and measure the third

Vishnu's Patal third step pushed him to the netherworld, but before banishing him to the underworld Vishnu, moved by his integrity and humility, granted him a boon. Since he was attached to his kingdom and people, he was allowed to return once a year from exile.

Onam is the celebration that marks the homecoming of King Mahabali. It is the day when a grateful Kerala pays a glorious tribute to the memory of Mahabali who gave his all for his subjects.

ACTIVITY ONE : Arrange

- (a) Kerala national is of onam the festival.
- (b) Asura king benevolent was a Mahabali.
- (c) Onam in Kerala arrangements Onapookalam of flower bed is the done during.

ACTIVITY TWO

- Attempt an essay on onam based on the mythical story in relation with today's society

ACTIVITY THREE

- Collect the literary works based on Onam and make the critical appreciation of the work

