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Preface

The primary goal of the current educational system is to mould a productive citizen and a caring family member who is equipped with knowledge and skills. The main responsibility of the school is to identify and recognize children's talents, as well as to sharpen their skills to meet the needs of the nation and the world.

Our Alma Mater is constantly guiding and assisting children who are creative. This project has been an ongoing process at our school for many years, particularly in terms of writing books. Many skilled and enthusiastic young writers participated in this exercise for years, producing novice writers to field of literature. We regard this as a great victory and a national need at this hour.

To continue this effort, we have adopted digital technologies and an e-book project this year. I am confident that this unique event provided youngsters with valuable experience and challenges that will benefit them in the future.

The Ministry of Education has hailed the project as an important step toward motivating young authors in schools. As principal of Mahamaya Girls' College, I am grateful to all of the students throughout the country who contributed to this endeavor. I commend and applaud all of the young authors of these-books for their perseverance and devotion in this difficult task.

I would like to thank our school management committee, employees, parents, for my students, administrators, and teachers from other schools who encouraged students to take part in this worthwhile effort.

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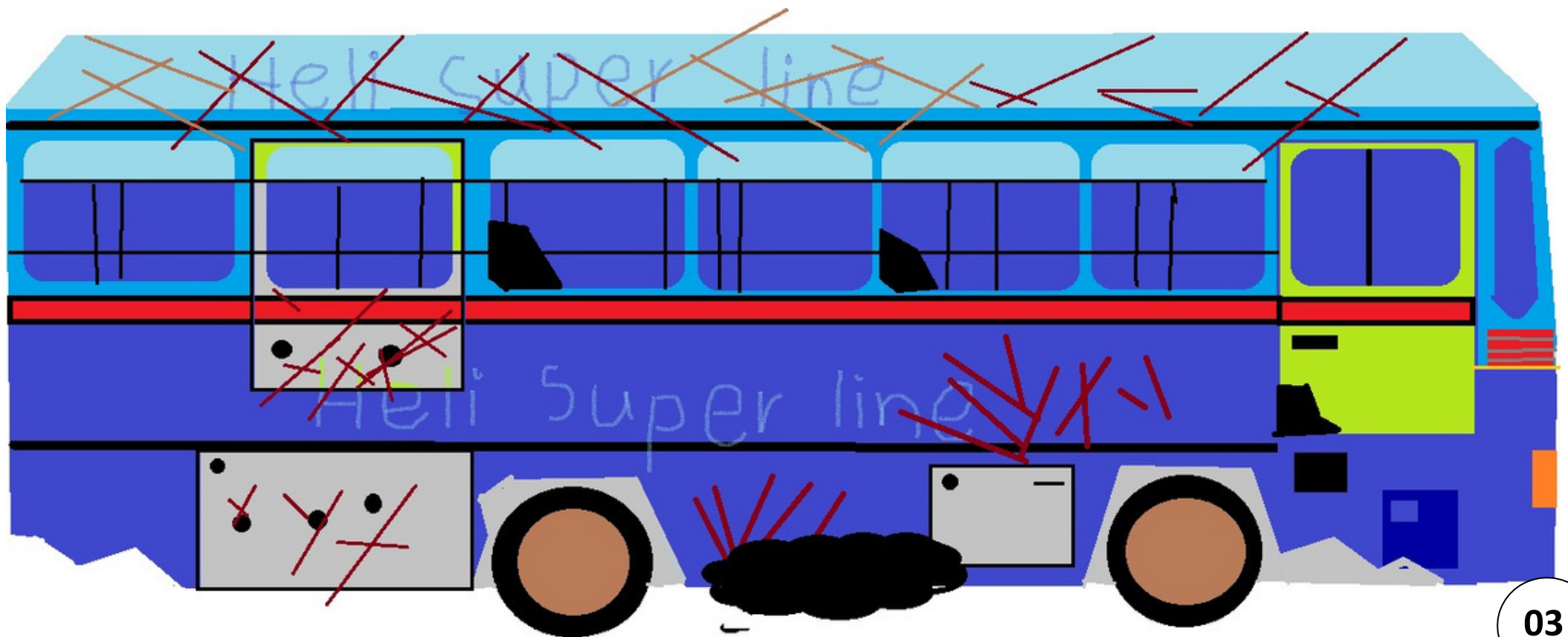
Once upon a time, there was an old bus. It was broken and dirty.



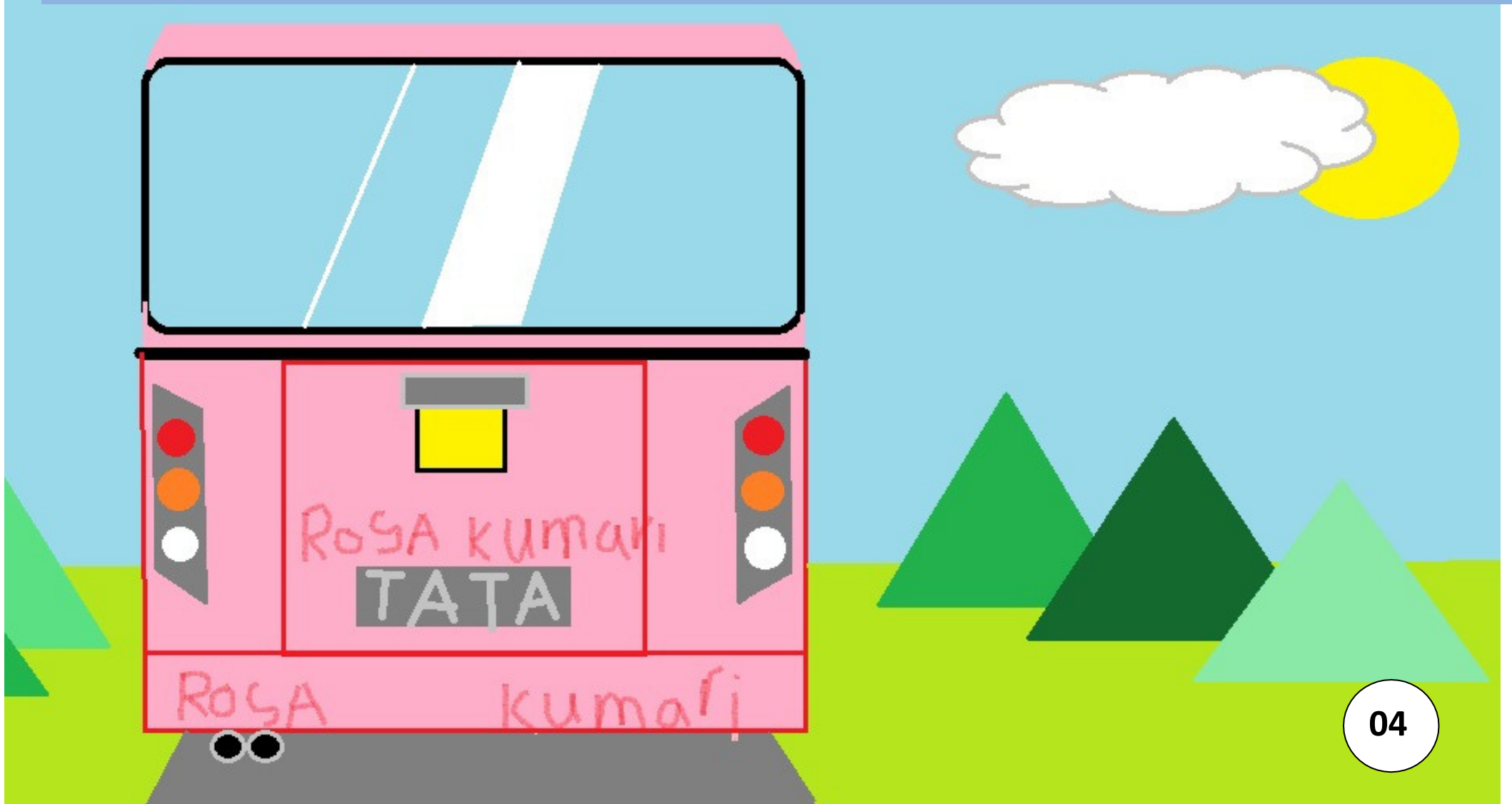
And the driver wasn't a good driver. He was a bad driver. So he made lots of accidents.

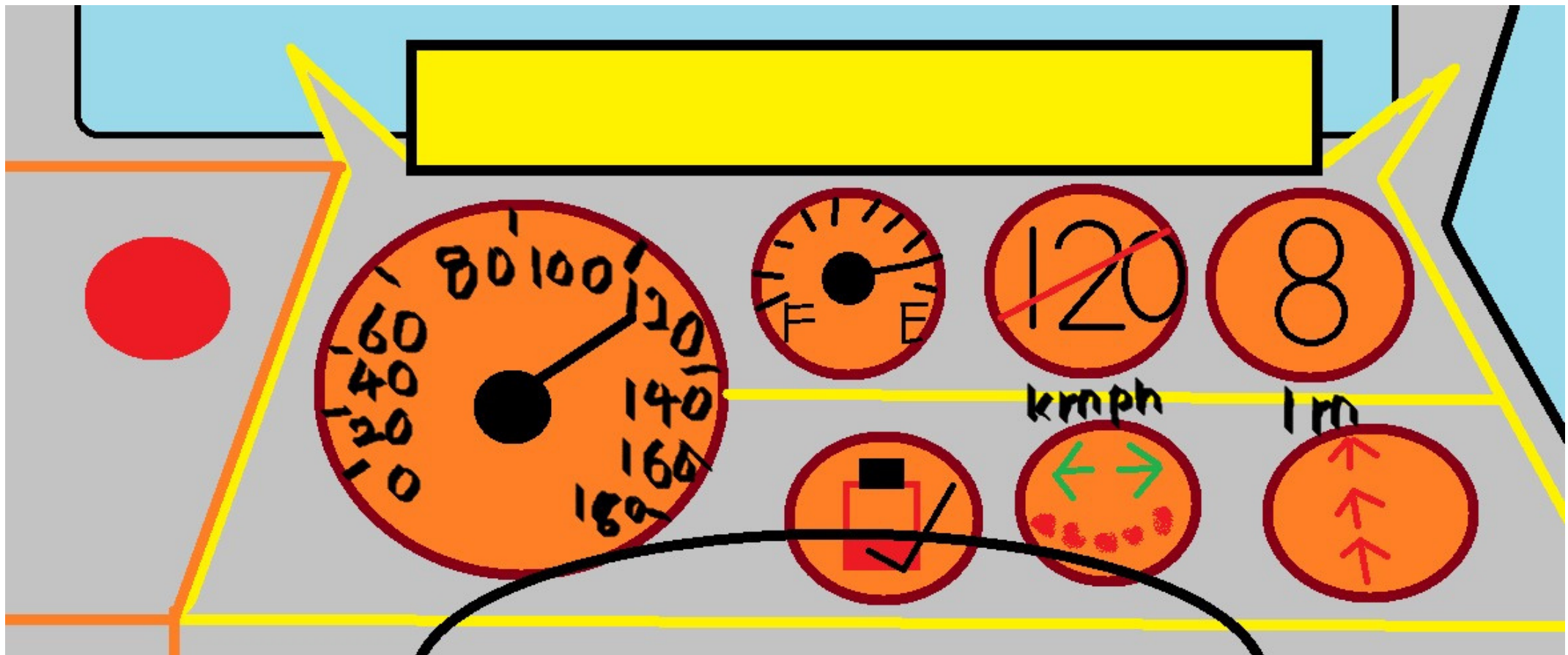


At work, the driver saw the most beautiful bus. It's pink in colour.



It was the most beautiful bus the driver had ever seen. He wished if he had a bus like that.





He was very excited to make his bus like that pink bus. So he raced in the road.



He was very excited. He got his bus into another accident. The driver was so frightened. So he had to call a breakdown truck. When the breakdown truck arrived he asked him to take him to the garage for repairs.

The bus was repaired. The driver was surprised to see the bus. He was so happy and determined to be a careful driver. Everyone liked the bus. Not only the appearance but also the carefulness of the driver. They enjoyed the ride.



Afterword

As modern technology permeates the social and economic arenas, students tend to distance themselves from the creative process, relying more and more on technological tools. To reduce this risk and help aspiring young writers produce their own books, I sought and presented a research proposal to the Ministry of Education in 2014. It was a fantastic opportunity for children to showcase their enthusiasm and knowledge. The students of Mahamaya Girls' College achieved a record for the most books written, paving the way for a new level of innovation.

The e-book project will enable the students to reach international readers, and I am confident that they have gained new experiences and challenges that will enable them to face the future with resolve.

I wish all of the young writers the best of luck in their future endeavors

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