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**I thank my Parents  
and my teachers  
for their incredible  
Contribution to  
my life**





## Foreword

In an increasingly complex global future, the "Hemamala Upahara" book project, led by Mahamaya Girls' College, stands as a turning point in girls' education. Over a decade, it has successfully nurtured thousands of children to become young authors.

This year, by collaborating with other schools, we aimed to provide students with a wealth of new experiences. The goal was to develop multi-faceted skills, including communication, values, and creative growth. As a result, children have written books that pay tribute to Princess Hemamala, who brought the Sacred Tooth Relic—the supreme symbol of the Buddhist world—to the Hill Country (Kandy).

I extend my gratitude to everyone involved, including the students who contributed their creativity and the teachers who guided them.

Shashikala Senadhira

Principal

Mahamaya Girls' College



## Congratulatory Message

It is a great honor for me, as the Governor of the Central Province, to send a congratulatory message for the launch of the books created through the Hemamala Tribute Book Creation Project initiated by Mahamaya Girls' College, Kandy.

Education is the fundamental foundation for the progress of society, and it is further strengthened through books and literary creations. It is clearly commendable that students' talents, creativity, and intellectual abilities are emerging through projects such as this.

I believe that this book creation project will provide valuable knowledge and a precious literary contribution not only to the students but to the entire society. Furthermore, I hope that through such efforts, future writers who will bring pride to Sri Lanka will emerge.

I extend my heartfelt appreciation and blessings to the Principal, the academic staff, the students, and everyone involved who dedicated themselves to this successful endeavor. I wish this project and the book launch ceremony great success.

Sarath B.S. Abeykoon

Governor, Central Province

Emeritus Professor, University of Peradeniya

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## Congratulatory Message

I highly appreciate the noble and outstanding effort of the Principal and the academic staff of Mahamaya Girls' College, Kandy, the student daughters, the students of other participating schools, and everyone who dedicated themselves to plan and implement this book publication project. The project was organized under the leadership of Mahamaya Girls' College, Kandy, with the participation of other schools in the Kandy Zone, with the aim of encouraging children toward book creation within the current school system, as a tribute to Hemamala Kumariya who brought the Sacred Tooth Relic to Sri Lanka.

For several decades, Sri Lanka has been committed to providing free, compulsory, quality, and equitable education to all children, thereby producing a future generation of intelligent and skilled citizens. In such a context, this book creation program for school children helps develop creative ability, critical thinking, and other positive qualities for a balanced and well-rounded personality, and contributes to building a future knowledge-based society.

May all activities of the Hemamala Tribute Book Creation Project be successful through the blessings of the Sacred Tooth Relic.

Pradeep Nilanga Dela

Diyawadana Nilame,

Sri Dalada Maligawa.

2026.05.10.



**Polar bears are beautiful  
white bears that live  
in the Arctic.**

**Today, they are facing a big  
problem.**

**Their Icy home is melting.**





**The Arctic is a very cold  
place at the top of the world.**

**It is covered with snow and ice.  
Polar bears live in the Arctic  
because they are build for  
cold wether.**





**What is happening to the ice?**

**But today, Something bad is happening in the Arctic.**

**The ice is melting faster than before.**

**While Polar bears are facing a Polar problem because their home is disappearing ?**



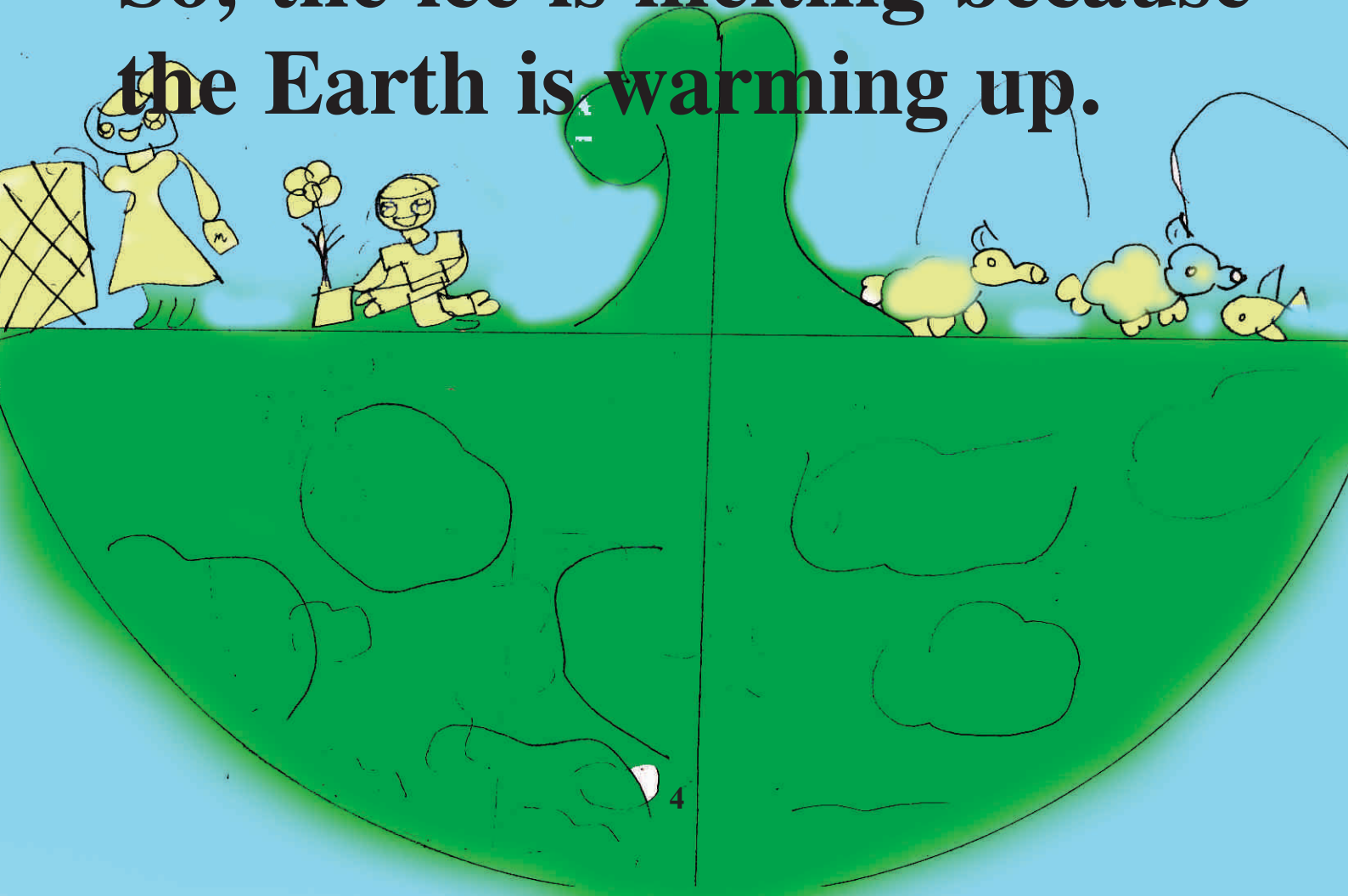
# Why is the ice melting ?

The main reason is the Earth is getting hotter.

People use cars, buses, and these things release Smoke and gases.

Then air becomes hot.

So, the ice is melting because the Earth is warming up.





# How Melting Ice Affects Polar Bears ?

**Polar bears depend on ice for hunting.**

**They hunt Seals, and they need ice to wait quietly near holes where Seals come up to breath.**





**Melting ice means Polar bears lose their homes, their hunting grounds, and sometimes even their babies.**

**This is why melting ice is a big polar problem for them.**





# How Can We help ?

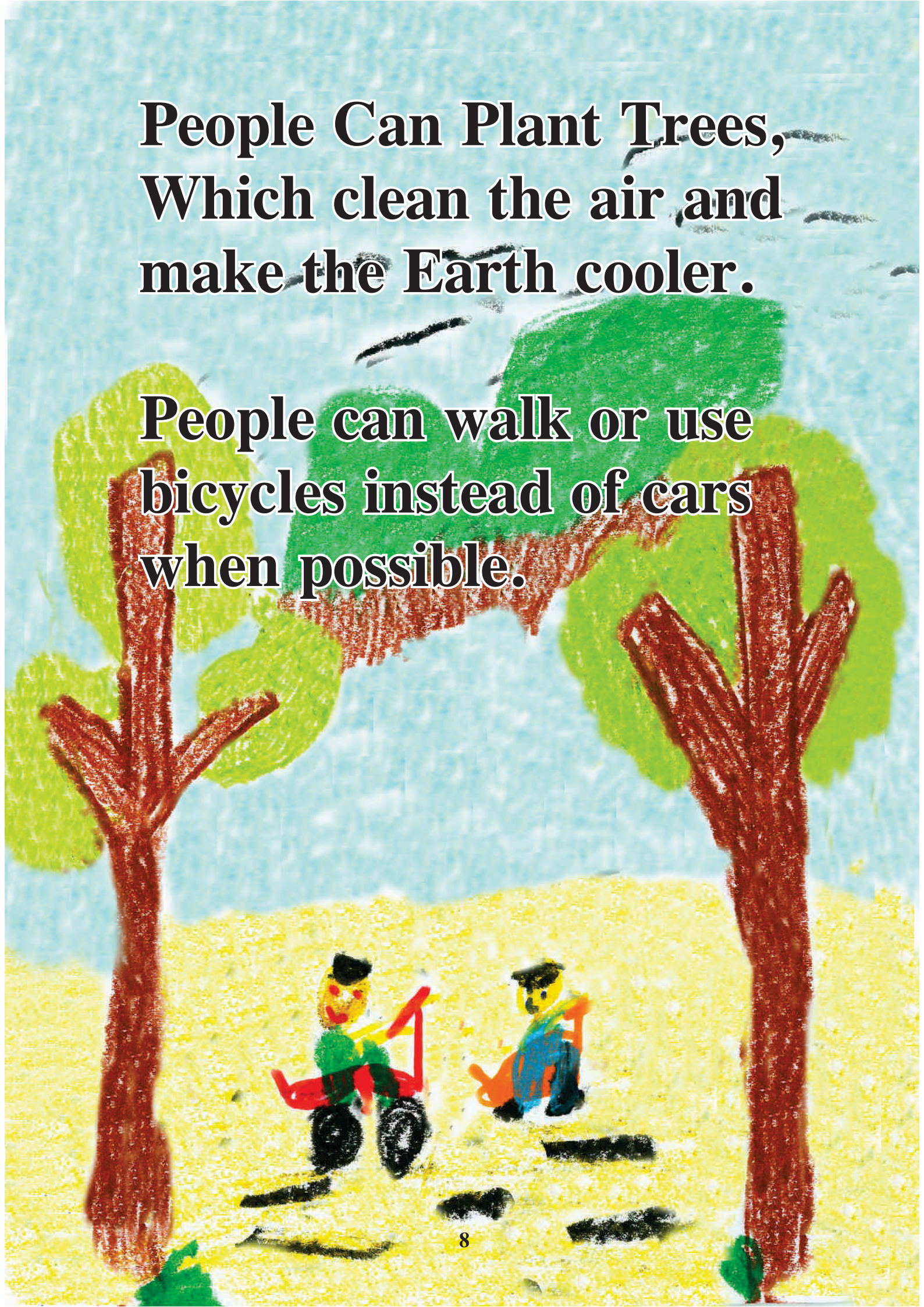
**People can save electricity  
by turning off lights when  
not needed.**





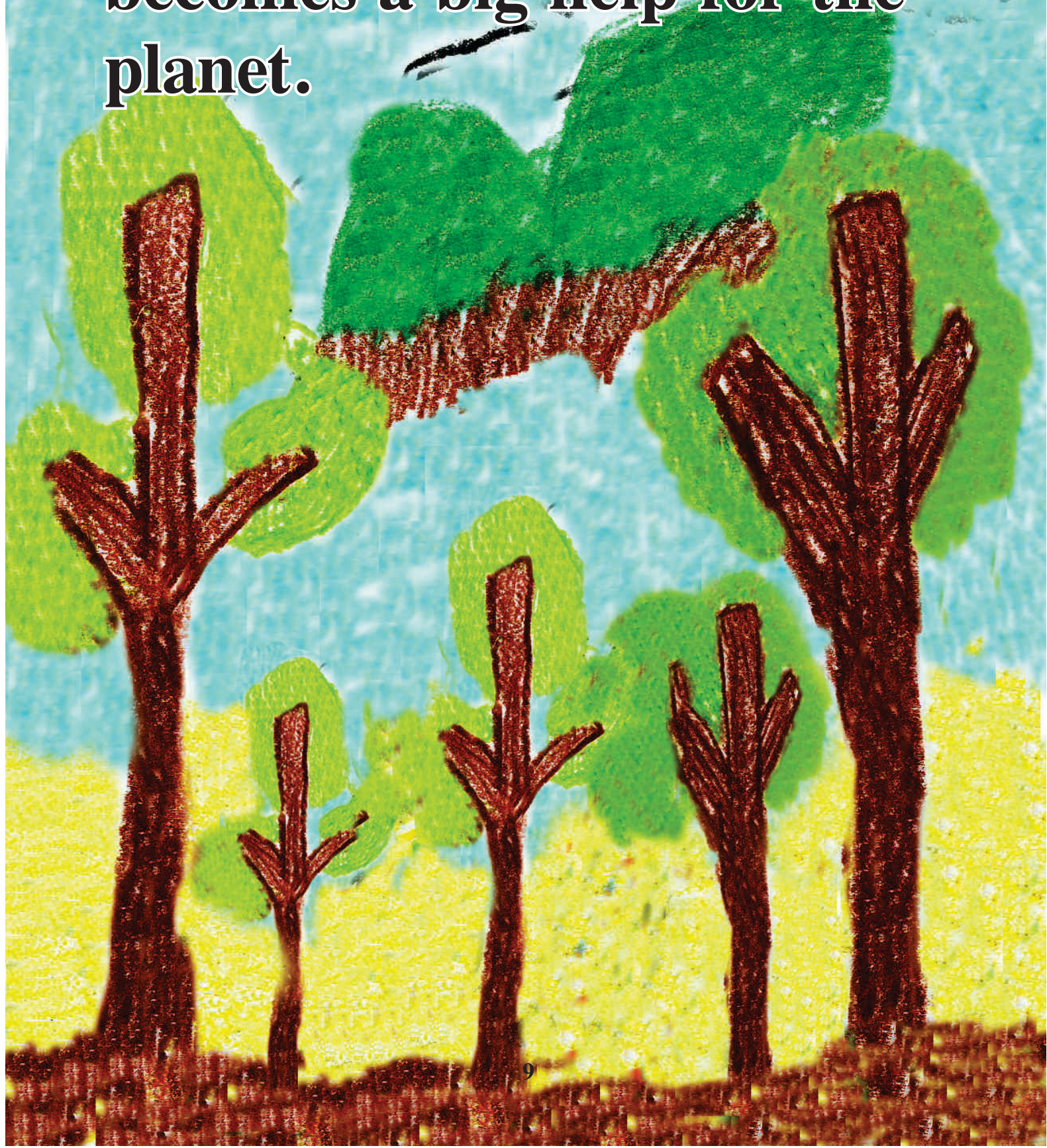
**People Can Plant Trees,  
Which clean the air and  
make the Earth cooler.**

**People can walk or use  
bicycles instead of cars  
when possible.**





**When many people do small  
good things. together it  
becomes a big help for the  
planet.**





**Even though children live  
far away from the Arctic,  
They can still help protect  
Polar bears and the doing  
good things.**

**Small actions make a  
big difference.**





## Afterword



With the approval of the Ministry of Education, this research-based project has empowered thousands of student authors for over ten years. Educationists recognize it as a program that significantly enhances the quality of school education.

In alignment with modern educational reforms, encouraging students to author a research work is a milestone in this journey. In this digital age of "Smart" technology, the modern school must demonstrate through research that books and technology should be used together. This is because the unique joy a child receives from a book cannot be replaced by anything else.

To prevent children from drifting away from books—which remain our primary educational tool and storehouse of human knowledge—Mahamaya Girls' College has spearheaded the "Hemamala Upahara" project for many years. Its primary objectives are to foster academic discipline, promote values, and pay tribute to Princess Hemamala, who fulfilled a historic mission to empower women.

We express our gratitude to the Principal, teachers, parents, alumni of Mahamaya Girls' College, representatives of other schools, the Diyawadana Nilame, and the staff of the Sri Dalada Maligawa (Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic) for their support.

Seneviratne Mahalekam

(Project Creator)