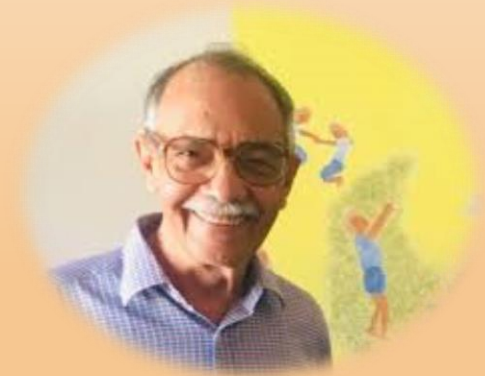


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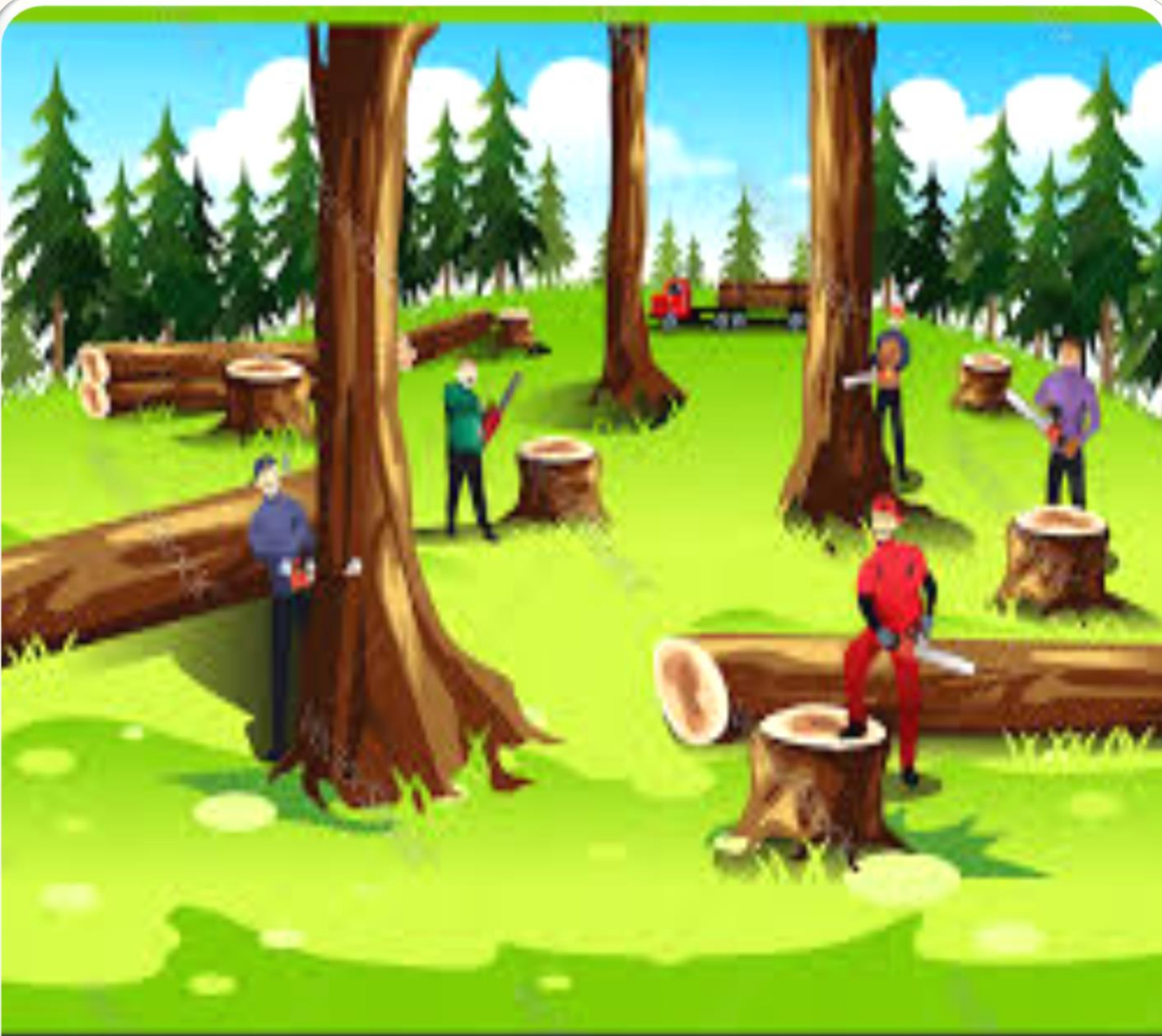
**CLASS – IX  
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## **On Killing a Tree**

**- GIEVE PATEL**



**Born in 1940**



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## **W.W.E. ROSS**

- **A famous Indian poet and playwright**
- **Born in Mumbai in 1940**
- **All education from Mumbai**
- **A Practicing Doctor**
- **Has many collections of poetry in his credit such as ‘How Do You Withstand’, ‘Body’ and ‘Mirrored Mirroring’ etc.**
- **Wrote three famous plays like – ‘Titled Princess’, ‘Savaska’ and ‘Mr. Behram’.**

# POETIC DEVICE – IRONY/SARCASM

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**IRONY** - *'A witty language used to convey insults or ridicule or scorn, especially saying one thing but implying the opposite. You may also call it sarcasm or satire.*

- ❖ *Eg. A traffic cop gets suspended for not paying parking tickets.*
- ❖ A pilot has a fear of heights.
- ❖ The police station gets robbed.
- ❖ A fire station burns down.

## POETIC DEVICES – IRONY AND SARCASM - STEPS FOR COMPLETELY KILLING/DESTROYING TREES

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- *Irony and sarcasm* are used throughout the poem to convey the following messages
  - ❑ *That we should not cut trees*
  - ❑ *That trees are living beings just like human beings or any other form of life*
  - ❑ *That we should protect and preserve trees*
  - ❑ *That trees are important in our life*



**DON'T CUT TREES THEY TOO HAVE LIFE.**



Tress are living beings just like human beings or any other forms of life. Like human or other creatures, they too bleed on being cut or hurt.

Thus, don't cut them.



# PICTORIAL EXPLANATION OF THE POEM



*It takes much time to kill a tree,  
Not a simple jab of the knife  
Will do it.*





*It has grown  
Slowly consuming the earth,  
Rising out of it, feeding  
Upon its crust, absorbing  
Years of sunlight, air, water,  
And out of its leprous hide  
Sprouting leaves.*





*So hack and chop  
But this alone won't do it.  
Not so much pain will do it.*







*The bleeding bark will heal  
And from close to the ground  
Will rise curled green twigs,  
Miniature boughs  
Which if unchecked will expand again  
To former size.*





***No,  
The root is to be pulled out —  
Out of the anchoring earth;  
It is to be roped, tied,  
And pulled out — snapped out  
Or pulled out entirely,  
Out from the earth-cave,  
And the strength of the tree exposed  
The source, white and wet,  
The most sensitive, hidden  
For years inside the earth.***





*Then the matter  
Of scorching and choking  
In sun and air,  
Browning, hardening,  
Twisting, withering,  
And then it is done.*



**“If you cut a tree, you kill a life. If you save a tree, you save a life. If you plant a tree, you plant a life.”**



**THANK YOU**