17th July
My maternal grand-mother stitched me a large cloth bag using scraps of fabrics together to carry shopping to the house. It was I who suggested her to stitch me one like these to minimize the use of shopping bags to carry shopping. This idea I got from a book that I read. Hereafter I will use these bags to bring shopping to the house and encourage others too to follow the suit.

19th July
Today I planted some seeds of tamarind, brinjals, ladies fingers, chillies in separate big metal trays to get plants. I'm impatient to see them shooting up.

21st July
I went to Kegalle to see the Greeting cards manufacturing centre using elephant dung. I was taken there by my art and craft teacher on an educational tour. Even from the elephant waste we could create things beyond imagination. It was marvellous and couldn't even believe my eyes. From the pocket money I had I managed to buy a few greeting cards from there. I will send these to my friends and relatives. What a way to use elephant dung!

23rd July
I did an environmental experiment to find out which rubbish is biodegradable (rot) and which is not. I came to a conclusion that natural rubbish rot away altogether but the man made rubbish does not decompose at all. I have explained the experiment with diagrams in my additional diary.

18th July
I was able to turn off a dripping public tap on my lane when I happened to pass that with my mother. She praised me for my good work and she explained me the value of water and how important for us to preserve it. I cannot even imagine life without water on this planet!

20th July
Today I observed vehicles that sent out black smoke while I travelled to school. I told this to my class teacher. She was good enough to explain me the bad effects that it has on the environment. Now I fear of my life and of others for breathing in such smoke causes lung diseases and health hazards. I wonder why the responsible authorities don't take action on removing these unsuitable vehicles from the roads - Pathetic!

22nd July
I read a paper article on 'salvinia' and how it has become a threat to the national flower of Sri Lanka, the Blue water Lily. These destroy the water life and spreads rapidly. My father also educated me of some harmful plants to the environment in Sri Lanka such as 'Grandapana', 'Puthum', 'Nitikumara'. He also said that the plant 'Grandapana' growing in Udawalawe National Park was removed recently by a group of environmentalists to pave way for the smooth growth of grass for animals there to gaze.