

**EARTH**

The earth is lovely  
But pollution is making it ugly  
Let us take a test  
And make our earth the best  
Earth is our home  
Don't make it plastic foam  
We are not free to cut a tree  
But we are free to plant new  
Earth is in pain  
Don't hurt it again  
God has given us nature  
But we are selfish creatures  
We are destroying earth badly  
It's dying very sadly

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When you feel sad and betrayed  
Who can you count on every single day?  
When you feel lost and alone...  
Who will be there for you in every way?  
When you've made mistakes and bad decisions,  
Who can you count on to tell you you're wrong?  
When you feel you can't go on...  
Who will be there with a feel-better song?  
  
Look into your heart and you will find...  
That person you can trust is not far away.  
Look deep into yourself, don't give up,  
For if you do, it's yourself you'll betray.  
When you're looking for answers  
To all your questions and dreams,  
There is one person you can count on,  
It's impossible, I know, it seems.  
But take a few moments to look deeper inside.  
Look into your heart and there you will see.  
You'll be surprised when you find out  
That you've been looking at 'ME.'

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As the month of August, laced with the friendship flavour embraced one and all, *The Global Times* checks out the legendary friendships - mythical, comical, reel and real that continue to inspire...



## Dosti Ka Dum

### Krishna-Sudama: Status no bar

“*Dheeraj, Dharam, Mitrr aru Nari, Aapad, kaal parikey chari*” quoted in Ramayana explains: The credibility of patience, values, friends and wife is tested during tough times. The friendship of Krishna and Sudama truly fulfils the parameters of friendship thus defined. The friendship of Krishna and Sudama is not only unique but exemplary as well. It defines that friendship is independent of economic status, caste, colour and creed. The over-whelming response of Krishna who rushes bare-footed from his palace to receive his poor Brahmin friend and offers his throne to sit as he washes his feet, defines the intensity of this friendship. Lord Krishna snatches the ‘meagre rice’ from a hesitant Sudama, and eats it instantly. Thus Krishna honours his friend who was shying from giving him the gift he had got.



Krishna futher extends financial support to Sudama, thus showing everyone what the term ‘friendship’ means. Since ages, their friendship has been an epitome and inspiration and shall continue to be. Kudos to their legendary friendship! ●

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### Archie-Jughead: Crazy Chemistry

Archie and Jughead are the wackiest, craziest and hilarious duo one has ever seen! Though dissimilar in so many ways, they are almost inseparable. Archie loves to hang around with the girls while Jughead is wholeheartedly devoted to Pop Tate's burgers. But both understand each other well and their unquestionable faith in each other keeps their friendship ticking. While their funny fights entertain the



readers, they never disrupt their friendship. The sleepwalking Jughead doesn't let go off an opportunity to leave the clumsy Archie in dire straights. What friends! Though they disagree many times whenever the backbiting Reggie is around, they act as a team and thwart his evil plans. We love this odd pair of friends and accept that friendship can exist between dissimilar individuals. When together, they usually brew up a lot of trouble which leaves the children in splits. One can only wish for a friendship like theirs, but it's hard to find. I do hope this Friendship's Day we understand the importance of true friendship and strengthen our bonds not just by tying friendship bands but also by being there for each other. ●

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### Duryodhana-Karna: Immaculate Commitment

A popular Jewish saying goes like this, “Who finds a faithful friend, finds a treasure.” Duryodhana found one in Karna. The greatest epic of all time, Mahabharata, produced two of the world's best of friends, Karna and Duryodhana. Though they were worlds apart, literally, their tales of friendship are still reminisced by Grandmas and Grandpas. Who knew that the emperor of Anga, one of the most powerful kingdoms of the time, would offer his kingdom to the son of a charioteer? Duryodhana defended Karna at a martial exhibition when Karna was mocked upon for challenging Arjuna to fight him, something an inferior could not really ask a Kshatriya to do. Duryodhana at once made him The King - so that he'd be regarded as Arjuna's equal. And so began their life-long commitment of friendship that blossomed into a bond so intense, that Karna eventually sacrificed his life for Duryodhana. Even though Karna's dexterity was far more immaculate than Arjuna's, Karna knew that Arjuna could not be defeated in the Kurukshetra



War, for he was protected by Lord Krishna. But he fought to keep Duryodhana's promise, to live up to his hope for victory. Could this sort of friendship exist today? I don't think so. Friendship today means catching up with friends on the phone or at the nearest mall-not dying for them or offering them everything that we possibly have! Nonetheless, it's always great to have friends around who can keep even our deepest, darkest of secrets! Why die FOR them, when you can spend your whole life WITH them? ●

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### Jai-Veeru: Jodi No 1

“*Main apni jaan dene ja raha hoon Jai, tu mujhe mat rok.....*” Do we need any second thoughts to guess the speaker? Not at all! At least, I cannot forget the super hit classic *Sholay* and the unforgettable ‘Jai-Veeru’ Jodi. As I think of friendship day, I think of this superhit *jodi* and their small antique ‘scooter’ on which they sang *Ye dosti hum nahi todege....* The world surely cannot forget the nostalgia of this cult film. Their unique bond of friendship symbolises loyalty and steadfastness through thick and thin. ●

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