

## **PRINTING**

**Printing is the art and act of making impression such as picture, letters or designs on a surface.** Many school badges, school sign post, church sign post, mosque sign post etc. are printed works. Printing is a very useful thing in our society. We also print banners, posters, billboards and other things.

### **Types of printing**

People engage in printing through various ways or methods. The types of printing are given below:

1. Intaglio method
2. Relief method
3. Planography

#### **Intaglio method**

This is achieved when ink is applied on blocks or lino bearing engraved designs. The paper is placed and the impression is made on it by applying little pressure.

#### **Relief method**

In this method, the block's surface has the images or designs raised over them. Ink is then applied and the printing is made on a prepared paper.

#### **Planography**

This is the employing of mesh or silk screen and lithography. This method is also considered as an advanced method. One needs the use of photo-chemicals and lights for this. People apply these methods for printing on surfaces such as cloth, plastics, metal, nylon etc.

### **Class Activity**

**Leaf printing:** This is the use of leaves to create images on a surface. The way this works is that colours are applied to a surface of a leaf. This surface is pasted on a desired material. This transfers the image of the leaf to the chosen material. The material may be a cloth or paper

### **Use of stencil:**

Another way of doing this is by drawing a motif on a small cardboard paper (stencil). Use razor to carve out this motif. Paste the stencil (in this case, a cardboard paper), on the surface of a cloth or cardboard and dab colours through it. Use this procedure to create a pattern.

### **Summary**

Printing is the art and act of making impression such as picture, letters or designs on a surface. Types of printing include Intaglio method, Relief method and planography. One can create motifs of design on a surface using leaves or images out of a stencil.

### **Review Questions**

1. What do you understand by printing?
2. List the three types of printing.
3. Create a design using either leaves or a stencil.