

VASANT VALLEY TODAY

Is Lady Justice Truly Blind?

With the images of protests, police brutality, and disturbing truths being played out on our screens, the question arises- Is Lady Justice truly blind?

In the United States, a collusion between politicians, lobbyists, and corporations has led to a disproportionately high number of incarcerations of Blacks and Hispanics. Here's how it works: The Prison Industrial Complex (PIC) is a multi-billion dollar industry where State and Federal governments handover the management of their prisons to the private sector, which profits through mass incarceration. An agent of the PIC, the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC), is a group that designs legislative bills and caters to conservative and corporate interests. ALEC has helped formulate some of the most stringent sentencing laws such as 'mandatory minimums,' 'three strikes' etc. Governments sign long term contracts with corporations to create prisons. Private prisons profit from each incarceration. Therefore, in an attempt to directly benefit private prison operators, ALEC helped formulate laws which were passed essentially to fill up these prisons.



Two million people are imprisoned in the USA. That's 25% of the world's prison population. But is this population racially diverse? The historical oppression of the Blacks, the 'War on Drugs' (aimed at the Black and Hispanic communities), and the increasing cases of police brutality against these communities highlight the racist nature of the criminal justice system. African Americans are incarcerated at 5 times the rate of whites. The PIC and biased laws have criminalised the black community and ensured financial gain for private corporations.

This systemic racism transcends borders. In India, recent laws with unconstitutional nuances have paved the way for state-sanctioned discrimination. The criminalisation of Triple Talaq, while marital disagreements of other religions remain a civil dispute, is a case in point. CAA and NRC have been criticised by some for being discriminatory. Furthermore, there has been an increase in the number of mob lynchings of Muslims and Dalits. In such cases, the accused usually walk free, and are later seen as front row guests at political campaigns. Muslims are 36.6% and Dalits are 28.9% more likely to be in prison than their share of the population. This is evidence of the bigotry that colours the justice system which is supposed to ensure equality for all its citizens.

For every George Floyd and Mike Brown in the West, there is a Faizan and Akhlaq who go unnoticed here in our own home. Lady Justice, are you listening?

So, what can be done to tackle this issue of bigotry? Some US cities are considering dismantling and defunding police departments and replacing them with community led safety models. Furthermore, the bizarre business model of mass incarceration for profit is being questioned by many.

However, the fight against this pandemic of racism, religious discrimination, and casteism needs to start from deep within ourselves. We must inculcate a belief in equality, freedom, and respect for all beings.

-Laila Alva, 12

SCHOOL WATCH

Biology Multimedia Competition

Class 11

1st- Kavyini Garodia

Class 12

1st- Armaan Gandhi

2nd-PM Sayee Leyshya

Experiment and Model Design competition

Class 9

1st- Shubkarman Singh Sandhu

2nd- Kabir Datta

3rd- Sumair Gupta and Vivasvat Rastogi

The Inter House Social Science Quiz

Class 9-10

Udhay Aman Chopra (Yellow House)

Class 11-12

Anahita Kukreja (Green House)

The Economics Symposium

1st- Anahit Bindra, Anahita Mahajan, Laila Alva, Reana Soni

2nd- Ananya Malhotra, Sanaa Sharma, Rishnav Thadani, Vedika Bagla

3rd- Jai Kapoor, Rahil Datta, Mokshya Wadhwa, Aadi Jain

Board Results

Class 10

Average-83.7% and

Highest score- 97.2%,

Katayayani Jha

Class 12

Average- 92.8%

Highest score- 99.3%,

Suhasini Takkar

THE BAN ON TIKTOK

"THANK GOD TikTok is banned. Now people can do something productive with their lives. Indian Kids will have a brighter future now!"

With over 200 million Indian users, TikTok's popularity in India cannot be underestimated. The Chinese app is considered by many to be a hub of cultural and social growth. It should, therefore, be no surprise that the Indian government's decision to include TikTok on the list of the 59 Chinese apps to be banned as a part of its anti-China campaign has shocked countless people.



"An amazingly creative app. Initially, I was really sad but since 'I'm a savage', I got over it pretty quickly."

Even though there is no shortage of alternatives like Mitron and Roposo, many people have complained against the TikTok ban, calling it unjustified and unnecessary. I disagree. China has a lot of influence on the economies of various countries. Most products, from cars manufactured in India to iPhones made in the USA, have components sourced from China. By buying Chinese goods and applications, we feed the Chinese economy. There are claims that TikTok sends user data to the Chinese government. If so, then is the loss of one app truly worth going against the nation's security?



"As though being locked down at home wasn't bad enough, my daily source of entertainment really didn't have to go -"

I believe the younger generation will be more productive without TikTok. The only major setback, as far as I'm concerned, is cultural. One can talk about the great cultural history of India, but this app housed modern culture. Trends were made and forgotten; some people became famous, and others gained self-confidence. However, this is hardly the end. Trends can still be made and forgotten, and people can attain fame even without the app. The cycle of life will move on, and the app will soon be forgotten.

-Jehan Bhandal, 10

भारतीय शिक्षा पर COVID-19 का प्रभाव

भारत में स्कूल में कुल 32 करोड़ छात्र हैं, जिनकी शिक्षा COVID-19 से प्रभावित हुई है। जब हम एक के बाद एक जूम कक्षाओं में बैठते हैं, हमारे देश में अधिकांश छात्रों को कोई शिक्षा नहीं मिल पा रही है। केंद्र सरकार ने महामारी को फैलने से रोकने के लिए विद्यालयों को बंद करवाया है, और इसके फलस्वरूप अधिकांश स्कूल जो ई-लर्निंग ई सुविधा प्रदान नहीं कर सकते हैं वे पूरी तरह से बंद हो गए हैं। यह स्थिति 'डिजिटल डिवाइड' पर और प्रकाश डालती है। इसके कई सामाजिक-आर्थिक प्रभाव भी हैं; कई छात्र आर्थिक तंगी और गाँवों में प्रवास के कारण स्कूल छोड़ने के लिए मजबूर हो रहे हैं। सरकारी विद्यालयों में दोपहर का भोजन नहीं प्राप्त कर पा रहे हैं।



सरकार, और विभिन्न गैर सरकारी संगठनों ने बच्चों की निरंतर शिक्षा सुनिश्चित करने के लिए कदम उठाए हैं। टीवी और रेडियो पर शैक्षिक शो प्रसारित किए जा रहे हैं और DIKSHA और SWAYAM जैसे विभिन्न डिजिटल प्लेटफार्मों को बढ़ावा दिया जा रहा है, हालांकि उनका उपयोग सुरक्षित इंटरनेट कनेक्शन और बिजली की पहुँच पर निर्भर करता है। आज तक, देश में सिर्फ एक तिहाई से भी कम परिवार इन दोनों सुविधाओं के होने का दावा कर सकते हैं, इसलिए इस तरह के उपाय पूरी तरह प्रभावशाली नहीं हो पाते हैं। विभिन्न गैर सरकारी संगठन जैसे 'प्रथम', 'टीच फॉर इंडिया', 'मेराकी छात्रों को व्हाट्सएप और टेक्स्ट के माध्यम से शैक्षिक सामग्री भेजने की कोशिश कर रहे हैं, फिर भी उनकी पहुँच सीमित है।

COVID-19 ने हमें न केवल शिक्षा प्रदान करने के वैकल्पिक तरीकों को अपनाते पर मजबूर किया है, बल्कि हमें पूरी तरह से व्यवस्था पर ध्यान दिलवाया है। इस लॉकडाउन के समय शिक्षा में परिवार सम्बंधित और व्यावसायिक अध्ययन की ओर एक बदलाव हुआ है, जो हमारी मानसिकता के बदलाव को दिखाता है। इसके अलावा, स्कूल में प्रचलित स्मरण-आधारित सीखने के बजाय, अनुभवात्मक और मिश्रित अध्ययन सीखने पर अधिक जोर रहा है। यह परिस्थिति भारतीय शिक्षा को एक नया स्वरूप प्रदान कर सकती है।

-काट्यनी गरोडीया, ११

WORLD TODAY

The easiest way to ace a GK quiz!

The Assam floods have affected over 24 lakh people and damaged 109600 hectares of crops in 24 districts.

For the upcoming US Elections, Kanye West has launched an unconventional bid for presidency. In his first political rally, he touched on drug policy, abortion, religion, and his music business.

The head of ICMR stated that India is set for a pivotal role in the production of COVID-19 vaccines with two vaccines being trialed with 1,000 volunteers each.

Tech-giant Google has announced its plans to invest \$10 billion in India over the next 5-7 years by way of equity investments, partnerships, and other arrangements to accelerate digitization in the country.

Arson is suspected in the fire at the Saint-Pierre-et-Saint-Paul cathedral in Nantes, which has taken place a year after the devastating fire at the Notre-Dame cathedral in Paris.



WHAT IS BUBBLE TIME?

Plato, the Greek philosopher, once said, "You can discover more about a person in an hour of play than in a year of conversation". Our school administration, surprisingly, has a similar understanding of the human psyche, and this understanding led to the creation of bubble time. Hearing the term 'Bubble Time' was rather amusing, so I decided to ask the students what they thought the term meant, and the responses were insightful.

"Bubbles are fun and so bubble time"

"Time to be as free as a bubble"

"An opportunity to come out of our bubbles"

"One less academic lesson"

"Spending time within our section (which is our bubble)"

"A time to unwind from all the troubles of school"

"PE but without the exercise"

Jokes apart, Bubble Time is what you make of it. Have fun with your friends, teachers, and the Class 12 student who's conducting your session!

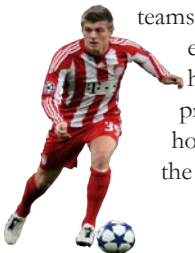
-Aryaman Mimocha, 12

THE RETURN OF FOOTBALL

Football fans all over the world were delighted when the restart of the football games was announced. The long wait was finally over. It was atypical, though, for there to be no fans cheering the players from the sidelines.

The winners in the top five leagues of Europe have been deservedly crowned champions. In the Bundesliga (Germany), Bayern Munich succeeded in defending their title for the eighth time in a row. After a term of 30 years, English giants Liverpool were finally able to lift the cup. Real Madrid was also able to snatch the title from their league rivals Barcelona. PSG was awarded the title before lockdown due to possessing many more points than the second place in their league. The return of football after such a long time resulted in tired legs and a few stiff limbs here and there for the players. Players in every league got an early break from football this time around which caused many delays in international competitions. The post lockdown restart gave the players a new start to prove themselves to their respective clubs, but it also took some time for them to demonstrate their best again.

The restart of football has been welcomed all over the world. It helps to bring a sense of normalcy in our lives. It is one of the positives in today's world. With the players reunited with their teams, the football leagues are now in full flow with everyone praying for the players to remain healthy and safe. The players have shown praiseworthy sportsman spirit and bravery. We hope for some more gripping football action in the coming months!



-Anivartin Daga, 9

आत्मनिर्भर

आत्मनिर्भर- यह शब्द आपने मोदी जी के भाषणों में बहुत सुना होगा। लेकिन आखिरकार, यह आत्मनिर्भरता है क्या?

शब्दकोश के अनुसार आत्मनिर्भरता का अर्थ है आत्मावलंबन और आत्मविश्वास- बिना किसी दूसरे की मदद के, अपना जीवन अपने बलबूते पर जीना। आज भारत में करीब ६००० उपयोगी वस्तुएँ १४० अलग अलग देशों से आयात की जाती हैं- और इन पर लगाया गया कर, इनका दाम और भी बढ़ा देता है। कोविड-१९ महामारी ने दुनिया को हिला के रख दिया है और भारत में अर्थव्यवस्था की रफ्तार थम सी गयी है। परदेसी आयात आज आसानी से उपलब्ध नहीं हैं और इस ही लिए एक बार फिर भारत में 'स्वदेशी' का नारा गूंज रहा है। आत्मनिर्भरता स्थानीय व्यापारियों को भी विस्तार का मौका देगी और अगर हम देश में ही साधन और संसाधन विकसित करने का प्रयास करें, तो यह महामारी हमारी अर्थव्यवस्था को संक्रमित नहीं कर पाएगी।

आत्मनिर्भरता को प्रोत्साहन देने के लिए, वित्त मंत्रालय ने "आत्मनिर्भर भारत" नाम का एक विशेष आर्थिक पैकेज निकाला है- जिससे वे भारतीय उद्योग को सम्पूर्ण स्वदेशी बनाने की कोशिश करेंगे। भारत सरकार के "मेक इन इंडिया" जैसे अभियान भी हमें इस ही दिशा में ले जाने का प्रयत्न करेंगे। हाल ही में सरकार ने ५९ चीनी ऐप्स प्रबंधित की गयी हैं- यह भी चीन और अन्य देशों पर अपनी परायता कम करने की ओर एक महत्वपूर्ण कदम है। आज के संदर्भ में भारत का आत्मनिर्भर होना बिलकुल अनिवार्य है- आयात का रुकना और अर्थव्यवस्था में समस्याओं का हल आत्मनिर्भरता ही है। क्या आत्मनिर्भर भारत का यह सपना आखिरकार सच होने वाला है? जैसे हमारे प्रधानमंत्री ने कहा- "आप अपना विश्वास, अपना हौंसला बुलंद रखिए, हम ये कर सकते हैं। हम आत्मनिर्भर भारत बन सकते हैं। हम आत्मनिर्भर भारत बना सकते हैं।"

-सुमाया बैरी, ९

THE CBSE SYLLABUS CUT

The COVID-19 pandemic has undoubtedly been the root cause of many reforms in healthcare, institutions, education and social systems. Recently, the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) announced a syllabus cut for classes 9-12. This decision was faced with mixed reactions by parents, teachers, and students alike- while some welcomed the change as a means to provide an academic year with lesser chapters to study, others were apprehensive of the impact this would have on the students' learning.

This reform was brought about keeping in mind the loss of teaching hours that the students have undergone due to the pandemic. Many students in government aided schools have little to no access to online learning. The decreased course content will help ensure the completion of their syllabus on time once the schools reopen.

For the students who have the privilege of attending private schools, which have successfully conducted online classes and continued to advance with the syllabus at full throttle, it seems as if the course might just be completed well before time! For such students, less syllabus implies less stress, more time to 'chill', and over-all higher grades (with a slight possibility of happier parents!).

The only disadvantage right now appears to be the temporary loss of chapters that would've made learning more holistic and cohesive for these students.

-Arshya Gaur, 11



Autobiography of a Leopard

I am a beautiful lemon-yellow leopard with chocolate brown spots. I was born in the dense green forests of the Amazon in South America. I love going hunting in the dead of the night. I spend the day hunting and playing with my friends Ameir, Kabir and Trishaan. I am the youngest in my family and my mother named me Nile. My favourite foods are zebra, wild boar and deer. Whenever I behave like a glutton, my stomach begins to misbehave and my mother forces me to eat grass, which I detest the most. I have always hated greens and take pride in being a carnivore. My family and I live in a humongous cave next to a clear blue stream. My family includes my father, my mother, and my little sister. I have learnt all the skills of hunting from my father and have learnt how to be patient from my mother. It saddens me to see that the Amazon forest isn't what it used to be. Our forest has become sparse. I wish humans wouldn't cut the trees in the forest because now I have to wander into the villages to get my food. I wish we could reclaim our lost forest. Humans have been engaging in activities that have been changing the climate year after year. Like this year there was a forest fire which destroyed a large area of the forest and most of the living creatures in it. I was so afraid of the fire that I hid myself in a cave and didn't come out for days. Starving and thirsty, I finally came out and saw that there was barely anything left. All I saw was destruction. The past few months, I have been hearing some villagers talking about a virus named Covid-19 which originated in China. The fear that I see in the eyes of the villagers is the same that I had in my eyes when our forest caught fire. The virus has spread and has become a pandemic. Due to this people have to lock themselves in their homes just like we had to lock ourselves in our cave. I hope this virus teaches them a lesson, otherwise the future will be uncertain for everyone.

Veer Ramchandani IV - C

जब मुझे शाबाशी मिली

भारत सरकार ने कोरोना वायरस से सुरक्षा के लिए देश में लॉक डाउन की घोषणा की। इस कारण हमारे विद्यालय की छुट्टी हो गई। मुझे इन छुट्टियों में अपने माता-पिता के साथ समय बिताने का मौका मिला। एक दिन मैंने सबके लिए नाश्ता बनाने का बिचार किया और दौड़कर मम्मी के पास गया। मम्मी ने मेरा हौसला बढ़ाया। मैंने

बिस्कुट, खीरा, टमाटर और चीज एकत्रित किए। मैंने बिस्कुट और चीज का सैंडविच बनाया। उसमें खीरा और टमाटर काटकर लगाया। साथ ही मैंने एक तरबूज काटा और मिक्सी में डालकर उसका जूस बनाया। प्लेट पर सैंडविच सजाकर और काँच के सुंदर गिलासों में तरबूज का जूस डालकर सबको खाने की टेबल पर बुलाया। सभी मेरे इस कार्य को देखकर आश्चर्यचकित हो गए। सभी ने मेरी पीठ थपथपाई और मुझे शाबाशी दी। इससे मेरा उत्साह बढ़ा और अब घर के छोटे-छोटे काम करके शाबाशी लेना मुझे बहुत अच्छा लगता है।

-अद्रित वाधवा 4-ब

The One-My Shadow

Where you will see the sunrise,
You will see me.

I will be the one for you,
You won't get to see me always.

I am the one with you,
See me or I will go away,

Just be with me then you know.

In the end of the world with me,
You will see the sunrise going up,
And I will be in the sea with you.

OH! THE SKY, THE WATER, THE
PLANTS, THE EARTH!

I am all the time with you,

Why is life so difficult?

I have no clue.

Just tell me why, just tell me why,
I will be with you in the world of life.

Just me and you,

Where you can see me in the sky.

In the plant, in the mirror,

I will be with you always.

Devina Bhartia 3-A



Budding Chefs!!!

Children of Class 1 have been enjoying their cooking activities. Each week they are given an easy to make nutritious recipe and they don chef's hats, turning their kitchen into their workplace.

From watermelon ice lollies to banana shake and chocolate ladoos, the list is endless. The children are not only having fun but also learning life skills through these activities.



'Fun with Play Dough'
Foundation Online Classes

“THB the government is playing its part well during the pandemic”

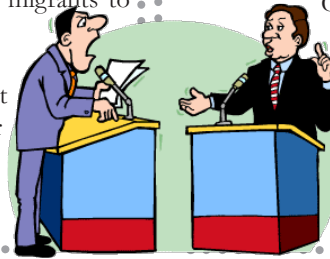
PROPOSITION

The success of any administration can be best identified in times of crisis. The Indian government acted swiftly on the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic with travel advisories issued, borders sealed, and a nationwide lockdown imposed. PM Modi showed creativity in thanking the frontline workers, instructing the public to clap from their respective balconies and to light diyas at a fixed time.

The government allocated financial relief of 20 lakh crores with an emphasis on the MSMEs (small traders) and promoted the concept of ‘Atmanirbhar’ Bharat. ‘Vocal for local’ echoed everywhere. Quarantine facilities were created using stadiums, railway coaches, and even hotels. The Centre and the States worked in unison. The gestures of goodwill in these trying times such as the PM visiting Bengal when Cyclone Amphan struck and Kerala doctors rushing to mitigate Maharashtra’s testing crisis are truly heart-warming. The issue of the migrant workers is also being handled well with the Shramik Trains that carried migrants to their hometowns free of cost.

The ravages and effects of today’s crisis will be felt for long, but we can applaud the government for the proactive efforts they have taken in the spirit of “Jaan Hai to Jahaan Hai”.

-Daksayani Chandra, 10



OPPOSITION

The 2019 BJP General elections slogan, which helped them form the government with a sweeping majority, was “Modi hai to Mumkin Hai”. However, it is not the spending of crores for redeveloping the central vista, building the largest statue or the most elegant Ram Mandir that show the true qualities of a leader. It is in testing times like these where a great leader emerges.

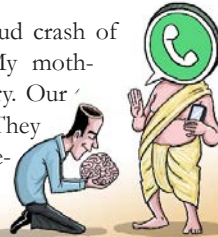
While the government’s quick response to the virus by calling a national lockdown controlled the initial spread of the disease, it abruptly deprived many citizens of livelihoods and left millions of workers stranded away from their homes with no food and no means of getting by. Had the lockdown been planned in a manner that allowed the workers to get home safely, we would not face the problems we’re facing today. The measures of transporting migrants have been woefully inadequate, without any basic provisions. Essential equipment such as ventilators are in short supply. The petrol and diesel prices in India have been rising despite falling crude oil prices. This situation exists despite the fact that thousands of crores have been collected by the PM CARES fund, the use of which has no transparency.

The government did not vigorously promote testing, accurately identify potential or emerging hotspots, properly allocate funds, and convey accurate and reliable information to the public.

-Anabita Kukreja, 11

A NOT-SO-MILDLY INSANE OBSESSION

These days, I don’t find the need to set an alarm. The loud crash of dishes tears through my dreams, startling me awake. My mother shoves us off to the garden to collect tulsi and rosemary. Our reward for this laborious task is piping hot herbal tea. They say it is a blessing, an immunity booster which is extremely important, especially these days. But in the blistering heat of summer, I’d call it a happiness de-booster.



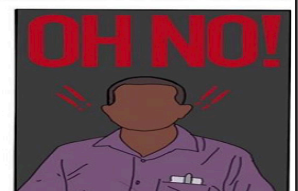
Dinner-table conversations are becoming extremely dull. “Maasi says garlic will build your immunity and the Uncle next door says steam with mint leaves and ajwain will ‘beat the COVID out of your system!’” (Source-Whatsapp). The daily gossip sessions of aunties have now transformed into ayurvedic gyaan centers. The latest gossip is that Neetu, from the house across the market, is taking three doses of Vitamin C and Vitamin D.

The endless stream of coronavirus prevention home remedies gives parents new ideas; our delicious chocolate milkshake has now been replaced by haldi doodh. Worst of these remedies, however, is the now popular Giloy Pani, touted as the miracle for boosting immunity. In Sanskrit, Giloy is commonly known as ‘the root of immortality’. Alas! Who knew that immortality tasted so unflattering?

Black Pepper Tea is said to be a possible Covid-19 inhibitor. All it takes is a small cough and people start rummaging through grocery stores to stock up on herbs and spices. The question is worth asking: will these home remedies will become the new normal? One thing’s for sure, I will do anything to never have a sip of Giloy Pani again!

-Shyla Upadhyay, 9

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-Aryaman Minocha, 12

Your Resident Educated Indian's views on Kanye's run for candidacy



Hey lovelies,

Politics in the United States have taken a turn for the better, and I thought that, as your primary information source (after Whatsapp), I would take some time to educate you about it. Rapper and party crasher Kanye West recently threw his hat in the ring for President. It's very refreshing to see such fresh and inexperienced faces in politics with no overarching reason or policy proposals to back them. The only thing that perturbs me about his entry is that if he takes office, it'll mean the end of my favourite reality TV show, starring the Trumps- Keeping up With the Caucasians.

Oh, US politics! The twists! The turns! The pride! The prejudice! It reminds of my favourite, critically acclaimed show, Riverdale. It's almost like everyone's on the edge of their seats at a baseball game- they're just waiting for the next plot reveal. Sources say that the Writers Guild of American Politics, a group of multimillionaires that control US politics, are coming up with their next candidate to throw Joe Biden out of the running. As we're all waiting for them to do this, I'd like to suggest some other candidates they can put up for Presidency:

1. **Charlie Sheen**- This man will single-handedly convert the White House into a Malibu Beach house. What's Universal Health Care if you have Universal Pina Coladas?
2. **Middle aged white woman who has written two self care books by plagiarising answers on Quora**- We'd reduce the billions of dollars that go into funding the military because this woman would have an army of other like-minded women at her disposal- always ready to chide inefficient workers.
3. **The Cat in the Hat**- Hey, if Ronald Reagan gets to be President, why can't this star of the silver screen be the Supreme Leader? Oh, the places he'll take the country!
4. **Generic Animal Mascot from cereal box cover**- An extra 10 points for his enthusiasm and the mini puzzles he'll give to the nation to attempt (not unlike the current President).
5. **Pikachu**- This candidate will certifiably evolve during his presidency and will hopefully strike the right chord with the public. Even his motto is "Gotta catch them all!"- he'll definitely get all the votes.

Honestly, I would be good with any caucasian man above the age of 70. He'll take after Riverdale- someone playing the role designed for a person much younger than them. However, I'll be just groovy if our favourite Tangerine Tornado takes over again- he's so respectful of Indian culture! All the newspapers called him Right, and that's perfectly true- it's better than being wrong isn't it?

Regards,
Your resident educated Indian

-Sanaa Sharma and Prithvi Oak, 12



INTER HOUSE MARK D' SOUZA WESTERN MUSIC COMPETITION BLUE HOUSE



Several hours on 'Zoom' calls, the exchange of innumerable audio and video files, and countless sleepless nights later, our original composition along with a music video was ready. It was a challenging but amazing experience. From recording under a heap of blankets to get the perfect sound to waking up at the crack of dawn to get the right light, we were dedicated to winning the competition from day one. It all became worth it when we heard the results. Once again a 'Zoom' meeting was initiated to commemorate our victory, and chant, while eating our respective hot chocolate fudge ice-creams, "LET'S GO BLUE HOUSE, LET'S GO"

-Aadi Jain, 12

SELF MADE: THE STORY OF MADAME C.J. WALKER

I recently came across a series on Netflix called 'Self Made'. Inspired by the true story of the first Black woman millionaire, C. J. Walker, it touched my heart and motivated me to write this piece. The series revolves around equality. It talks about the upliftment of Afro-American women, their right have their voices heard and to be employed, rather than just being restricted to household work. It also sheds light on how people define beauty.



Despite naysayers and men who had a fear of being overshadowed by a woman in a patriarchal society, Madame C. J. Walker became a self-made millionaire because of her capabilities. Madame tackles all the prejudices people had against her, vocalises the problems faced by women, and empowers them earn their own money. She encourages her employees to give back to charity.

Despite the oppositions to her dream and existing competition, Madame continues to work hard. She is an embodiment of the strong and independent women who are needed in society. She overcame gender biases and business rivalries to build a successful brand that revolutionized hair care for African-American women while fighting for social change.

I strongly recommend this series as it encourages us to expand our boundaries and do things beyond what others expect of us.

-Hritvi Aggarwal, 7

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