

Vasant Valley *TODAY*

The Noose Around Delhi's Neck

Delhi is choking and we are witnessing its slow death. Recently, the National Buildings Construction Corporation obtained a permit for the felling of over 16,500 trees in the heart of the city. In order to accommodate for the re-development of seven residential colonies to house government officials, the Central Government sanctioned the cutting down of trees that have been rooted in our city for over 40 years, some even dating back to colonial rule. The project was issued in 2018, and carried out with great discretion, so as to avoid raising unwanted attention.

We live in a city with smog filled skylines almost eight months out of twelve, a swelling population with over twelve million people, and fume-spewing vehicles that perpetually congest the roads. With less than one tree per person, and the infamous reputation of being the most polluted city in the world (let that sink in), it is high time for our city planners and architects to take environmental consciousness into account while chasing their dreams of development.

According to a statement by the government, a shocking 8,322 of the 11,913 trees were to be cut in Sarojini Nagar; while in Nauroji Nagar, 1,465 of the 1,513 trees would be chopped. In Netaji Nagar, 2,315 of the 3,906 trees would be cut, while Mohammadpur, 562 trees would be felled. As many as 723 trees in Kasturba Nagar would be cut, 750

SCHOOL WATCH

Creators and Promoters- Class 11

1st- Asmita Shah, Esha Thakran, Aahana Bannerjee and Sachin Babu

2nd- Yash Gupta, Advaya Gulati, Yuvraj Mamik and Arnav Sethi

Speed Math 5, Class 12

Winner- Veeraj Jindal

Students who did well- Abhijeet Aulakh and Zubin Soomar

Economics Symposium (Classes 9-12)

1st- Mahin Bharadwaj and Kabir Singh

2nd- Aditya Venkataraman, Aryan Sadh and Veeraj Jindal

3rd- Nayna Puri, Ayaan Sagar and Ishita Zutshi

Speed Math 2 Class 11

Winner- Shubham Kalanri

Students who have done well- Shaurya Bharadwaj and Rohil Bahl

Interhouse Dance Competition

Winner - Yellow House

Runner Up- Green House

in Srinivaspuri, and 93 in Tyagraj Nagar.

Though the NBCC promised compensatory planting, its legitimacy has been widely questioned. It has come to light that before a single tree is cut by the NBCC, a deposit of a particular amount is made, half of which is invested in afforestation. The fact of the matter here is that this law has not been adequately acted upon as a consequence of the Forest Department's inefficiency. "The forest department knows nothing about forests", said Pradip Krishen, one of the most well respected authorities on Delhi's trees, when asked about the success of the reforestation efforts.



Thankfully the judiciary has stepped in to question the legitimacy of NBCC's permits. After finding the paper work unsatisfactory, in a hearing on the fourth of July, the court ordered the stopping of further felling till the 24th of the month. Further halting any felling of trees was a series of effective public protests organized by Delhi's citizens who took to the roads in a public show of solidarity with the environment movement. The protests were organized mainly by a group called Delhi Trees SOS, and people from all walks of life showed their support. Braving Delhi's heat and dust, protestors gathered to save thousands of trees that almost met their demise. With heartfelt messages and posters, people flocked to the the colonies proposed for re-development to show their dissent towards the recklessness of the government. Protesters shouted slogans like 'Mujhe mat maaro' and 'Don't cut down a life' and hugged the trees, creating their own version of the Chipko Movement. The movement also went viral on social media and protestors expressed their antagonism by creating hashtags like #SaveDelhi and #DelhiTreesSOS.

This episode is illustrative of the pressing need for re-thinking our planning processes, and incorporating the mantra of sustainable development. As we go to press, not a single tree is to be cut till a verdict is released by the High Court. As Delhi waits for this decision, we can safely say that every citizen of Delhi is looking forward to seeing the execution of a plan that saves our trees; and not the kind of execution that tightens the noose around our capital city's neck.

Harnoor Singh, 11

"Hard work beats talent when talent doesn't work hard."

SPORTS!



टी-२०



आयरलैंड के खिलाफ बड़ी जीत हासिल करने के बाद भारत ने ३ जुलाई को इंग्लैंड दौरे का आगाज़ किया। वहाँ तीन 'टी 20', तीन 'वन डे' और पाँच 'टेस्ट' मैचों की सीरीज़ खेली जा रही है।

पहले टी-२० मैच में लोकेश राहुल के शानदार शतक के बदौलत भारत ने बड़ी आसानी से 8 विकटो से मैच जीत लिया। हालाँकि दूसरे मैच में ऐलेक्स हेल्ज़ के ५८ रन की पारी के कारण इंग्लैंड ने दूसरा टी-२० जीत लिया। पर मज़े की बात यह रही कि आखिरी मैच में रोहित शर्मा के शतक से भारत ने ७ विकट से खेल को एवं टी-२० सीरीज़ को अपने हाथों में कर लिया।

अब बारी आती है ODI सीरीज़ की जिसे इंग्लैंड ने अपने नाम किया। पहला ODI ट्रेन्ट ब्रिज, नॉटिंगहम में खेला गया जहाँ पर रोहित शर्मा ने शानदार १३७ रन की पारी खेली, पर सबकी नज़र कुलदीप यादव की कमाल की फिरकी पर गयी। कुलदीप ने ६ विकट लिए जिसने उन्हें मैन आफ दी मैच का किताब दिलाया। दूसरा और तीसरा ODI इंग्लैंड ने जीता। दूसरे ODI में जो रूट के ११३ रन की पारी के बदौलत इंग्लैंड ने ८६ रनो से मैच जीत दर्ज की। तीसरे खेल में जो रूट ने फिर शतक जड़ा और इस बार इंग्लैंड के कप्तान ने भी ८८ रनो की कप्तानीय पारी खेली जिसके कारण इंग्लैंड ने ८ विकट से जीत दर्ज की और सीरीज़ को भी अपनी मुट्ठी में किया।

अब भी ३ टेस्ट मैच होने को है, तो आइए देखते हैं कि इस बार ऊँट किस करवट बैठेगा।

श्रीजीत कोल्ली, १०

THE RISE OF THE UNDERDOGS

The FIFA World Cup was on in Russia, after 4 long years of waiting. Tourism was booming, fans were cheering, both at the stadiums and at home. It is said that this year's world cup has been the most expensive world cup ever, costing approximately 14.2 billion dollars.

The World Cup this year featured an unpredictable sequence of events, with the underdogs shining brighter than the reigning stars, and fan favourites Ronaldo and Messi not even making it to the quarter finals. With England going home, and Brazil losing in the quarter finals, everyone's eyes turned towards two teams that were demanding their attention, for a match that will go down in history.



Croatia vs France- the match everyone was waiting for, the final match to decide which country the finals will Croatia earn a star on their jersey, or will France add a star to their jersey. Well, after waiting, we finally know the answer. France now has two world cup titles to their name, this title is their first not at home. On the 15th of June, France beat Croatia in the highest scoring World Cup Final since 1966, with the final score as 4 - 2.

The game started off goalless but Mario Mandžukić gave France some hope by scoring an own goal, putting Les Bleus in the lead. Ivan Perišić equalized with a perfect goal assisted by Vida, but his overconfidence resulted in a controversial handball a mere 10 minutes later, resulting in a penalty where Griezmann scored, putting them in the lead. It wasn't long after the second half that Paul Pogba scored, but France came back a mere eight minutes later, with Kylian Mbappe bagging the fourth goal for the French team. The last goal was a redemption of sorts when Mario Mandžukić snuck the ball past French Keeper Hugo Lloris, furthering their lead and securing them the victory.

Udhay Aman Chopra, 8

A GLIMPSE OF WIMBLEDON

Wimbledon 2018 has borne witness to two incredible comebacks, a reminder that there are players out there besides Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal and the unfortunate luck of being held at the same time as the FIFA World Cup.

Serena Williams, a 36-year-old tennis player with 23 Grand Slams titles, gave birth 10 months ago. Her child was born amid the tumult of a life threatening blood clot in Serena's lungs, a C-section and Serena's wound reopening. Serena was confined to her bed for six weeks. Despite all of this, Serena started training as soon as she could and was the Wimbledon runner up on the 14 of July. She is a true reminder that women don't have to give up their lives when they become mothers. Novak Djokovic pulled out halfway through the 2016 season due to an elbow injury and has only returned early this year. He needed a medical timeout for his hamstring in his round 2 match. Yet he still beat Rafael Nadal in a phenomenal five-set semifinal. He faces the South African Kevin Anderson, who beat Roger Federer in the Quarterfinals, in the Finals on the 15th.

Roger Federer is the reigning king of Wimbledon. With 20 Grand Slam titles under his belt, he is one of the greatest tennis players of all time. Federer is one of the few players who makes tennis look so easy. He flows into a backhand and floats to the net to return a drop shot. The youngest ever player to complete a career Grand Slam, Rafael Nadal was beaten by Novak Djokovic in the Wimbledon semi-finals. His style of fighting for every point has won the heart of millions of fans because people tend to sympathize with the underdog rather than the effortless superior. Between these two incredible players, people tend to forget the existence of other less known but just as incredible tennis players. Their fallout in Wimbledon is a reminder that the two of them are not unbeatable and are still human.

Regardless of whether the audience was paying more attention the football matches than the tennis, this Wimbledon will always be remembered if not by the historians, by the people. We will remember its surprises and hopefulness.



Tara Jing Gopinath, 9

TURNING A NEW LEAF

The starting of a new term marks the beginning of a more environment-friendly ambience for the students, teachers and faculty of Vasant Valley School. Apart from the installation of camera's to ensure the safety of all those present in school, there has been an addition of dustbins located in alcoves and in the hallways connecting them. The two dustbin's, one blue and the other green, mark the disposal of non-biodegradable and biodegradable waste respectively. With this developed system of waste disposal, we hope to be able to recycle and optimise our waste disposal to improve our carbon footprint.

The LED lights in each classroom not only consume less electricity, but are much cooler than incandescent lights, reducing the risk of combustion.

Barring environmental changes, it is our responsibility to use the newly painted classrooms and building, and fresh set of furniture mindfully, and it is up to us to respect our surroundings for a healthier and more positive lifestyle.

Arshya Gaur, 9

THE TROLL AND THE 7.6 BILLION BILLY GOATS

As we grow into a more vividly opinionated and resourceful generation, some unfortunate truths seem to surface. One such issue, which I will touch upon today, is 'trolling'.

The Urban dictionary describes trolling as the art of deliberately, cleverly, and secretly annoying people, usually via the internet, using dialogue. And here's where half the issue lies. It's a trend of the era to not take things seriously, and describing someone's snide, malicious comments as an "art" is proof of just that.

We have reached a stage where respectable figures are being targeted on the internet. Our External Affairs Minister, Ms. Sushma Swaraj, was trolled on twitter for helping Tanvi Seth, wife of Mohammad Anas Siddiqui, get her passport, after an officer allegedly harassed her for not changing her name after marriage. She even conducted a poll on Twitter, asking the users whether they "approve" of such trolling. Of the respondents, 43% said "yes", while 57% said "no".

We need to reconnect with our roots. The fact that a majority still believes that harassment on the internet is wrong is enough to tell us, that the percentage can increase. We need to guide each other in this issue and really ask ourselves if it is right to hurt someone, just to get ice-breaking at a party, or to be tagged 'savage' by a group of our friends.

"In a democracy, difference of opinion is but natural. Please do criticise, but not in foul language. Criticism in decent language is always more effective," Ms Swaraj had tweeted earlier.

Katyayani Jha, 9



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The city was black and white, but the smiles of its people made it colourful as a rainbow. (Colour)

Deepali Rana, 6

She walked through the garden, full of colourful flowerbeds, the trees large and majestic, and small creatures scurrying about. Nostalgically, she felt ahead with her guide cane, the colours of the garden a distant memory. (Colour)

Vaani Chopra, 6

The dark, gloomy night was greeted by the bright sparkles of a thousand glowing stars. (Glow)

Sumair Gupta, 7

It was a bulb in the darkness, unique amongst a sea of similar others. It was a light you slowly shaped, its glow giving you hope, inspiration, and the possibility of your dreams coming true. (Glow)

Arhaan Saha, 7

When people say grace, I hope they truly mean it, because we say grace from our heart, and our heart should never lie. (Grace)

Kanishk Sharma, 8

*Humble in victory,
Gracious in defeat.*

One winner, one loser,

In this final, the top two compete. (Grace)

Veeraj Puri, 8

He fought in the war, he even cheated Death. But alas, the overwhelming storm of his heart, he could not escape. She was too precious. (Storm)

Kavin Bhatia, 9

Grey winds and raging storms had begun. The planet was done with being used by unworthy others. (Storm)

Katyayani Jha, 9

Dark, gloomy and sad; after every burning flame, after every bright moment, all that remains is ash. (Ashes)

Shreepriya Jindal, 10

His father burned his diary, and with it his hopes and dreams fell like ash. But in its wake, a new spark emerged, igniting a fire that burned from within. (Ashes)

Prithvi Oak, 10

1700 languages, 22 religions, 29 states. Different people, one country. (Contrast)

Sehej Kaur, 11

She handed in her letter of resignation, shielding her eyes to stop the tears from flowing. Meanwhile, at home, a bottle of champagne popped to his promotion. (Contrast)

Harnoor Singh, 11

ODE TO EARTH

Oh Earth ! Oh Earth!
 We love you so much,
 As you are the reason we are here,
 The only planet with life on it,
 You have the right combinations of
 things needed to live.
 Oh Earth ! Oh Earth!
 The Sun is your buddy that gives you
 light,
 You have all the five elements by your
 side,
 From hills, mountains
 to sea,
 You are a true beauty.
 Oh Earth ! Oh Earth!
 Many rivers flow here
 gracefully,
 With a variety of landforms,
 And forests full of tasty fruits to bite,
 Treasures you give us day and night,
 You are the best planet to reside.
 Oh Earth ! Oh Earth!
 Thank you for all you give,
 We love you dearly,
 And are happy to be here to live.
**Pari Darmora, Priyanshu and Shiv-
 karan Singh, 4A**



MONSOON!

The monsoon season in India is very hot. There are only three months of monsoon, July, August and half of September. When it rains heavily animals such as peacocks and frogs feel happy.



Most of us like to eat mangoes and jamoon. We play indoor games and watch TV.

Aiyana Kathuria

The months of monsoon are July, August and September. The weather is very hot. It often rains. We perspire a lot because it is very humid. Humid means hot and sweaty. The snails, slugs, frogs and peacocks are very happy in this season. After it stops raining the children



like to play in the puddles. The fruits we eat are mango and jamoon. I love the monsoon season. Do you?

Namyaa Munjal

ODE TO FIFA WORLD CUP

Oh World Cup! Oh World Cup!
 We love watching your every goal,
 You help us learn Football,
 We sit and watch you right in our hall.
 Oh World Cup! Oh World Cup!
 We see attack and defense coming by,
 And see the ball fly to the goal very high,
 Some support Germany, some France, some Brazil,
 And wish they do well in the practice drill.
 Oh World Cup! Oh World Cup!
 We cheer for the winning teams,
 You make us have the best dreams,
 You make us curious about games,
 We look up to the biggest sporting names.

Ayaan Khemka, Raj Kanojia and Redhaan Chabra, 4C

Ode to Rivers

Oh River! Oh River!
 You help us a lot,
 You give us fresh water,
 So can't live without you.
 Oh River! Oh River!
 We know some people pollute you
 But they are actually harming their lives,
 We hope they wake up or no one will forgive.
 Oh River! Oh River!
 You keep the fish alive,
 If you were not there,
 Nothing would exist.
 Oh River! Oh River!
 We thank you for being there,
 We promise to take care.
 Oh River! Oh River!
 You are so kind,
 You share your water,
 Without a whine.
Sanjana, Aveer Singh and Aamna S Jhingan, 4B



प्रकृति

प्रकृति से ही जीवन सारा,
 प्रकृति ही जीवन का सहारा।
 माँ धरती से ऊँचे आकाश तक,
 प्रकृति पर सब जीवों का है हक।
 पल में बदलना है मेरा काम,
 बुलाओ मुझे पुष्प, कसुम या सुमन।
 फूल मेरा सामान्य नाम।
 मैं हूँ सबकी जननी,
 धरती, भूमि, धरा, वसुधा।
 या बुला सकते हो अवनी।
 मुझ तक पहुँचना नहीं है आसान,
 हवाई यात्रा मैं तुम मेरे पास आते हो।
 मेरे नाम हैं नभ, गगन,

व्योम और आसमान।
 जल, वारि, नीर या पानी स्थिर नहीं, चलता रहता हूँ मैं
 मुझे बचाने की मनुष्य ने है ठानी।
 कहो मुझे वृक्ष, पेड़ या तरु भोजन, छाया और वायु देता हूँ मैं,
 फिर क्यों न मैं खुद पर गर्व करूँ?

अवनी गाँधी, 5



WORLD TODAY

India lifted the sales tax over sanitary napkins.

Elon Musk's SpaceX launched a satellite into orbit.

A rising tide of rubbish threatens the Caribbean shores.

A heatwave in Japan killed over 30 people, thousands have been rushed to hospitals. The tiny country of Swaziland held its first ever pride parade.

Women all over Saudi Arabia are celebrating a historic day for their country: the day that Saudi women are legally allowed to drive on the kingdom's roads.

Simran Kumar, 10



संजु

फिल्म संजु हिंदी फिल्म अभिनेता संजय दत्त की जिंदगी में हुई घटनाओं पर आधारित है। यह फिल्म बहुत खूबसूरती से निर्देशित की गयी है। रणबीर कपूर ने 'संजु' के किरदार को बहुत खूबसूरती से निभाया है। यह फिल्म संजय दत्त के जीवन में हुई घटनाओं पर एक नया परिप्रेक्ष्य प्रस्तुत करती है। फिल्म में ये दिखाया गया है कि संजय दत्त कुछ परिस्थितियों के वश में जकड़े हुए थे और उनका उन परिस्थितियों पर पूरा नियंत्रण नहीं था।

हालांकि, मैं इस चित्रण से पूरी तरह से असहमत हूँ। संजय दत्त एक व्यसक व्यक्ति थे जो बहुत अच्छी तरह से जानते थे कि वह क्या कर रहे थे और इसके परिणाम क्या होंगे। ए.के. ५६ को रखते हुए, आपके और आपके परिवार की सुरक्षा के लिए सामूहिक विनाश का एक हथियार एक कमजोर और स्वार्थी बहाने के रूप में आता है। उनकी एक मूर्ख गलती में कहेंगे कि सैकड़ों निर्दोष लोगों की मौत का कारण बन गयी। उनकी तरफ से उन्हें केवल एक बिगड़ा हुआ लड़का बनते हुए दिखाया जाता है।

फिल्म बहुत कम उच्च बिंदुओं की पकड़ वाली एक सांकेतिक संरचना में आगे बढ़ती प्रतीत होती है। ऐसा प्रतीत होता है कि संजय दत्त अपनी रक्षा के लिए अपने पक्ष में कुछ घटनाएँ दिखा रहे हैं, जो खुद को एक निर्दोष, दयनीय व्यक्ति के रूप में चित्रित करते हैं, जो सहानुभूति माँगने के लिए हैं। काश! फिल्म ने संदेश को और दृढ़ता से भेजा होता कि किसी के गलत कामों के लिए कोई जिम्मेदार नहीं होता है और आखिरकार संजय दत्त को जनता के नायक के रूप में नहीं दिखाया गया बल्कि वह 'खलनायक' के रूप में दिखाया गया है।

अनाहिता कुकरेजा, ९

पाकिस्तानी चुनाव

चुनाव के समय के साथ आता है उत्साह और तनाव भी। पाकिस्तान में एक बार फिर वह समय आ चुका है, चुनाव का समय। इस साल के चुनाव २५ जुलाई को होंगे। पाकिस्तान की हवा में चुनाव का तनाव भी है और सबके दिलों में उत्साह भी। इस साल की पाकिस्तानी सरकार के लिए ३ मुख्य उम्मीदवार खड़े हो रहे हैं। पहली पार्टी जो चुनाव में खड़ी हो रही है वह है पाकिस्तान मुस्लिम लीग के नवाज़ जिनके मुखिया हैं पाकिस्तान के वर्तमान प्रधान मंत्री नवाज़ शरीफ। यह एक सेंटर राइट पार्टी है पिछले इलेक्शन में इस पार्टी की बहुत बड़ी जीत हुई थी। जीत तो गए थे, पर तब से भ्रष्टाचार से लड़ रहे हैं। नवाज़ शरीफ ने एक बार फिर हिम्मत जुटाकर यह फैसला किया कि वह एक बार फिर चुनाव में लड़ेंगे। इस पार्टी के नेता वह और उनके शहबाज़ हैं।

दूसरी पार्टी है पाकिस्तान तहरीक ए इन्साफ। इस पार्टी के मुखिया हैं जाने-माने क्रिकेटर इमरान खान, जो अभी अभी ही राजनीतिज्ञ बने हैं। यह भी एक सेंटर राइट पार्टी है। इनकी सबसे बड़ी चनौती है एक ऐसे मंच पर चुनाव प्रचार जो बिल्कुल भ्रष्टाचार के खिलाफ है और जो सरकार के तरीकों ठीक करने का वादा करती है। अगर वह पंजाबी प्रांत में जीत गए तो वे शरीफ से सरकार ले सकते हैं।

तीसरी और आखरी मुख्य पार्टी है पाकिस्तानी पीपल पार्टी जिनके मुखिया हैं बिलावल भुट्टो जरदारी और उनके पिता आसिफ अली जरदारी। यह एक सेंटर लेफ्ट पार्टी है। यह करीब ५० साल से सरकार में है। यह बिलावल भुट्टो जरदारी का पहला चुनाव होगा! आशा करती हैं कि सभी पाकिस्तानी वोट करेंगे और स्पष्ट बहुमत ही जीतेगा।

प्रार्थना बत्रा, ९

Tender Age Shelters

Tender age shelters broke headlines all over the world, as well as people's hearts. They are part of yet another scheme by Trump administration against migrant families from Mexico, where they house children separated from their families at the border. There are currently three tender age shelters in the US, all of them in Texas. There have been 2,400 children separated from their families, and their parents don't know where they are.

There has been much confusion over the organization and policies of these shelters. The Department of Health and Human Services has released very little information about the welfare of the children. But volunteers and immigration lawyers who have entered the facilities have described scenes of chaos, confusion, and most of all, childhood trauma.

A California District Court alleges that children in one shelter were being injected with psychotropic medications and being told that they would not be released until they took it. An investigation by The Texas Tribune found out that even though one of the shelters had received 25 million dollars in funds, the hygiene and sanitation over there was violating basic standards of care. Even though Trump signed an order to stop the policy of separating kids from their families, the US still has more than 2,000 children known as "unaccompanied alien children".

It is utterly horrifying to see families being ripped apart by what is supposed to be the most powerful and civilized country in the world.

Sanaa Sharma, 10

WHICH INCREDIBLES CHARACTER ARE YOU

1. If you were a 'super', what would your secret identity be?

- a) Fashion Designer
- b) Businessman/woman
- c) Teacher
- d) Movie star

2. What would your friends describe you as?

- a) Creative
- b) Argumentative
- c) Enthusiastic
- d) Always hungry

3. Who would you want as your Disney sidekick?

- a) Tinkerbell, from Peter Pan
- b) Genie, from Aladdin
- c) Sebastian, from Little Mermaid
- d) Abu, from Aladdin

4. Who/ What, according to you poses the biggest threat to the 'super' world?

- a) Evelyn Deavor
- b) Husbands who miss dinner dates
- c) Global warming
- d) Shortage of cookies

5. What would your supersuit be like?

- a) Dramatic! Heroic! Loaded with tons of cool features!
- b) Simple, elegant, yet bold.
- c) Plain and practical.
- d) I wouldn't need a supersuit, I would be indestructible!

If You Got... Mostly A's you are



Edna "E" Mode (the Incredibles super-suit designer)

You are extremely intelligent and creative and have a great sense of style. You put everything into your work and are proud of what you do. You are bubbly and full of energy, bringing excitement wherever you go.

If You Got... Mostly B's you are

Honey (Frozone's wife)

You are loving, sassy and have many friends who absolutely adore being around you. Though you can be a little controlling and over-protective at times you are usually the life of the party and are fun to be around.

“
I am your wife!
I'm the greatest
good you're ever
gonna get.
”



If You Got... Mostly C's you are

Lucius Best (Frozone)

You are responsible, practical and sensible and manage to maintain your calm in the most stressful situations. You are incredibly supportive of your friends and family, who always come to you for advice.

If You Got... Mostly D's you are

Jack-jack (the youngest 'super' of the Incredibles family)

You have a variety of impressive talents and are confident in your self. You are extremely entertaining and fun to be around even though you can be a little bad-tempered and fussy at times.



Reana Soni, 10

VVIQ

Q. What is the meaning of the word 'coup'? (Classes 6-8)

“A person who is really crazy and all.”

Sahima

“Like a dog Kennel.”

Ahana

“Where a pig lives.”

Anonymous

“The wave you surf on”

Rayyan Ibrahim Kidwai

“The person you have a crush on.”

Rahil Moyudin



Winners: Uday Aman Chopra, Darsh Puri

A coup is a sudden, violent, and illegal seizure of power from a government.

THIS IS AMERICA

Donald Glover (Childish Gambino) has recently launched his single, “This is America”, which goes far beyond the typical norms of a rap song.

Glover perhaps touches upon every single problem in America, ranging from gun violence to racism. However, he manages to distract us from everything in the background with unusual dancing.

The video picks up with him shooting a man in the head and walking away. He soon shoots down a full choir, which is a strong reference to the Charleston shooting, in which 9 black people were killed in a church basement. These shootings are an outrage against gun violence in US. Throughout the video there is chaos in the background with men jumping off heights and others frantically running around. At one point a man with a mask rides on the horse, signifying “apocalypse”.

In the video, Glover is said to signify. “America”. The video ends with Donald Glover running in fear down a dark hall as others chase him. In the background, we can hear, “You’re just a black man, just a barcode”, and the video fades out.

Prithvi Oak, 10

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