

The MUN Update

INTER-HOUSE MUN EDITION

MUN WITH A PURPOSE

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“Knowing is not enough; We must apply. Wishing is not enough; We must do.” The prestigious Inter-house MUN was born with the idea of providing students with an experience of expressing their views and opinions on the world’s most contentious issues. Experience is the panacea for all of our fears and weaknesses. Therefore, through practising MUNing skills at the house-level, students are encouraged to enhance their public speaking, diplomatic and debating skills to their fullest. The Inter-house MUN gives rise to new MUNers every year, paving the way for them to become confident leaders in the future. Knowing that they would be speaking in front of their own friends and batchmates, helps give students motivation to work with determination. Representing their respective houses also instills in everyone a sense of competition which, as a result, acts a catalyst in bringing out the best of every delegate during the conference.

This year, adapting to the new virtual paradigm, we hosted our first-ever virtual Inter-house MUN. Delegates took part in a training session to understand the various aspects and procedures in an MUN prior to the conference. Committees ranged from a Special Committee dealing with the recent events unfolding in Afghanistan, reviewing the works of the NDA government during the second COVID wave in an Indian committee, tackling with complex issues such as human rights and death penalties to dealing with climate change. The agendas covered a wide spectrum of compelling issues which required a high level of critical thinking by the delegates. Every committee evolved with strong statements, persuading arguments and exhilarating crises to finally reaching a consensus. The conference was a huge success! Now, tighten your seat belts and gear yourselves up, as we take you through this eventful day.

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Special Committee on the Afghanistan National Crisis - Level-1

“Afghanistan should not become a sanctuary for terrorists.”- delegate of Denmark.

The special committee on the Afghanistan national crisis saw many crisis updates. Right from the assassination of the Vice President of Afghanistan to the death of an external ambassador, it was gripping to receive the constant updates which made the delegates deliberate and discuss.



Although the delegates were a little reluctant initially, they eventually went on to discuss solutions to the crisis. The unmoderated caucuses saw the delegates lobbying and convincing each other.

With a humanitarian crisis of this extent, the delegates made constant efforts to reach viable solutions. Everyone was at the edge of their seats when the crisis featuring a video made by the Taliban was shown. The draft resolution was indeed comprehensive and was passed unanimously by the committee.

-Siya Arora



All India Political Parties Meet - Level 2

‘HOW SUCCESSFUL WAS THE NDA GOVERNMENT IN MANAGING THE SECOND WAVE OF COVID?’

“The politicians of the NDA government spread COVID-19 with the power of their influence.” Powerful statements like these were expressed by the budding delegates in the All India Political Parties Meet. The delegates were given the herculean task of reviewing the work of the NDA government during the second wave of COVID-19, which was unequivocally disastrous in nature.

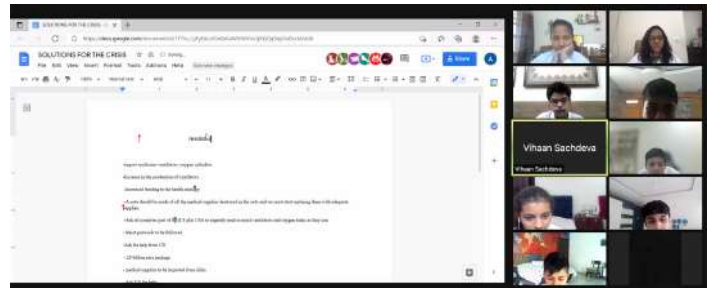
The committee began with the executive board trying their best to motivate the delegates to speak confidently. It took some time before the delegates could break the ice and make the committee interactive. The opening statements began with delegates establishing their stances and plan of action for the committee. Compelling



points were put forward by the delegates while the Executive Board suggested them to consider more points of information which would help the committee become more interesting. This was ultimately followed - adding some spice to the committee. A short unmoderated caucus and a moderated caucus were next where the delegates discussed the allocation of vaccines done by the NDA government. While representatives of the ruling party continued to highlight the success achieved by them, the opposition party left no stone unturned in putting together the pieces to show all the loopholes which the NDA had turned a blind eye upon. Another moderated caucus took

place, analysing the containment measures taken to reduce the spread of COVID-19. As expected, both sides highlighted their views on the topic, while doing everything in their power to make the opposing side question their past decisions.

“Delegates, there is a crisis!” Delegates were stunned to know that there were reports of Asasuddin Owaisi having talks with the Taliban. Before any sense could be made of the situation, the Jagannath Temple was bombed and 7 priests killed. This in turn, culminated in riots, increasing COVID cases and filling up hospitals. Nonetheless, the young politicians soon made a comprehensive press release - dealing with the precarious situation.



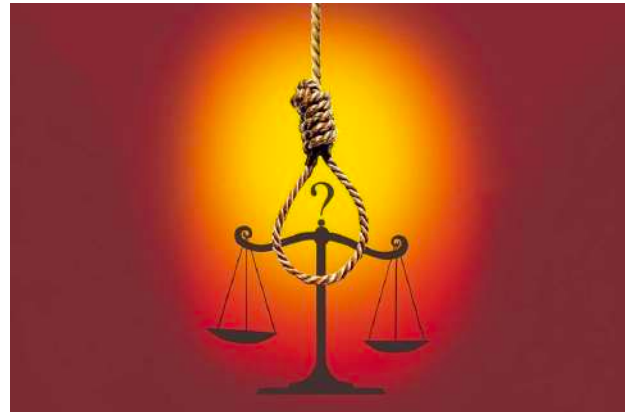
The thrilling crisis was followed by a continual of the previous moderated caucus which helped delegates build the foundation of their final documents which was going to be a press release.

The enthusiasm and satisfaction of a successful committee was palpable during the moment. Soon, the committee was split into blocs, delving deep into making their final press releases. The documents were finally submitted to the EB after which it was time to bid goodbye. Everyone was appreciated for their commendable performance throughout the committee, while, ironically, both the parties wished each other good luck for the future.

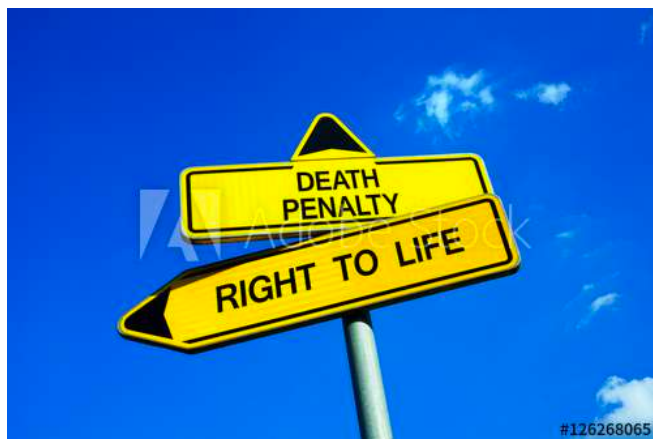
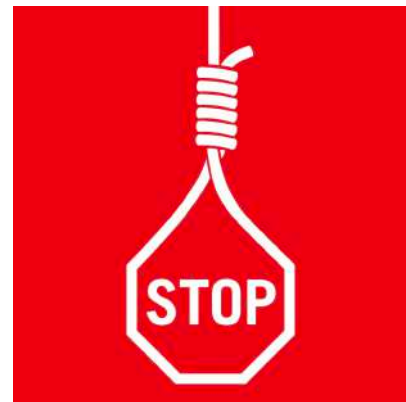
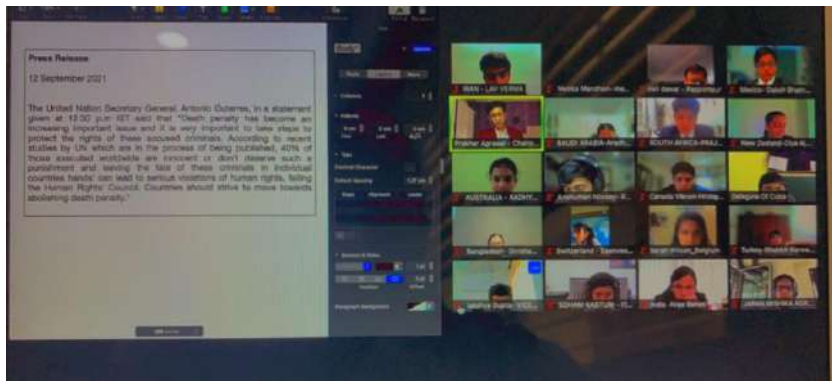
-Saadgi Garg

United Nations Human Rights Council - Level-3

The UNHRC committee dealt with the agenda capital punishment and the implementation of safe guards guaranteeing the rights of those who face death penalty. At 9:10 am the formal proceedings of the committee were initiated with the role call. The general speakers' list was soon established, accompanied by some interesting speeches and questions by the enthusiastic delegates. In the whole committee about 4-5 moderated caucuses took place with some very intriguing discussions. The second session began at 11:40 followed by an unmoderated caucus for lobbying and deciding upon the topics for moderated caucuses. Now, what's an interesting discussion without a crisis! While dealing with the crisis, the delegates, with zest and enthusiasm, voiced their opinions on the situation through PSLs. At the end, an unmoderated caucus took place to make the draft resolution. The draft resolution was made unanimously and last but not the least the motion of entertainment took place ending the committee on a good note.



-Vedika Madhan



UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME - LEVEL-4



“We are living on this planet as if we had another one to go to.”

With this, the virtual inter-house MUN started with a round table discussion on the agenda ‘Climate Change’. The young delegates put forth their opinions, stances and touched upon crucial topics like - reducing greenhouse gases, water pollution, and the causes of climate change. Delegates also had many unmoderated caucuses to converse freely on the committee proceedings and lobbying. The delegate of UK believed addressing issues like biodiversity and deforestation was of prime concern because it had an immediate impact on the ozone layer causing global warming while others such as the delegate of Belgium and China focused on the impacts of industry and businesses on environmental damage. On the other hand, the delegate of Germany felt that dealing with the impact of health should be a top priority. There were also negotiations on how human and natural factors influences climate change. The committee, then moved further , with the delegates suggesting practical solutions to the agenda, such as reducing plastic usage, restoring nature to absorb more carbon, encouraging more usage of renewable energy and switching to sustainable transport. The committee session ended with both blocs finally creating operational draft resolutions and the bloc led by Italy, Germany and Israel providing possible solutions to the agenda.

Level 4 being 5th and 6th-grade students, included delegates who were mostly first-timers. This MUN experience helped them shape a broad perspective in their minds and also honed their oratory skills. It was an amazing opportunity which not only made them confident speakers but also made them realise their role as global citizens!

-Nandika Barjatya

CAPTURING SOME FUNNY MOMENTS!



“Is it only me, or is everyone getting bored?”

“Chairperson when the motion fails for the 10000th time!”



“When you don't know the answer to the question...”

“Hi! I am there too!?”



“When you just dreamt about winning the best delegate.”



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