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The EDITORIAL Note...

Dear Delegates,

Welcome to this year's **Apeejay Model United Nations conference!** This conference will be the 3rd consecutive year of AMUN hosted by Apeejay School, Nerul.

The inauguration commenced with the auspicious lighting of the lamp invoking the blessings of the Almighty. The Principal Shri. Rakesh Joshi welcomed the Guest of Honour Mr. Mohiuddin Jeddy, co-founder and proprietor of media channel 'Navi Mumbai Awaaz'. He also welcomed the Principal of Bal Bharti Public School, Kharghar, Mr. Ganesh Parameswaran and M.N.R. School of Excellence, Kamothe, Mrs. Akhila Dinesh.

In his address Mr. Mohiuddin Jeddy, commended the School saying that "This is going to be a truly enriching experience for the delegates and I applaud the innovative effort by the School for hosting the first of its kind Inter School MUN for the schools of Navi Mumbai".

He further stated that such an exposure to international issues, negotiation and diplomacy skills learnt here will influence their future perspective, making them better global citizens.

Principal Rakesh Joshi reiterated that "through AMUN, this year too our intentions are to collate the young minds across the city and give out a fruitful message of skill building by putting our thinking caps on and digging deep into the core of the possibilities for trying to make this world a peaceful place. Through AMUN we aspire to infuse a sense of global responsibility amongst these young ones, who shall become the future leaders & ambassadors of tomorrow.

He then invited the Secretary General Mr Janmejy Chakravarty to declare the AMUN Conference open.





Committees	Agenda
United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) FACULTY ADVISOR : Ms Sheelu Rajani	AGENDA : Inclusion of stateless persons in areas of conflict
Disarmament And International Security Committee(DISEC) FACULTY ADVISOR : Ms Amrita Pandey	AGENDA : Nations' Right to Nuclear capabilities
Historical Security Council (HSC) FACULTY ADVISOR : Ms Tanaya Sanyal	AGENDA :Soviet Invasion of Afghanistan
Special Political Committee (SPECPOL) FACULTY ADVISOR : Ms Geetha Guruvayurappan	AGENDA : Resolving the conflict of the Great War (1917)

The Apeejay Model United Nations Conference 2017 brought together 11 schools and 120 delegates representing 44 countries to recreate the following committees with their agendas



The MUN Secretariat share a few moments with the Secretary General Janmejy Chakravarty

The goal of the AMUN is to provide a highly realistic and interactive experience of the UN. It provided the students an opportunity to simulate the working of the UN and understand the problems of the International Community. The students had researched their assigned countries and thus began the Munning Session.....

MUNners Today.... Leaders Tomorrow

As we walked into the committees on this action-packed day, we were very impressed by the quality of the debate happening. Thought – provoking, well laid arguments, energetic discussions and hard-driven negotiations were all being held within the MUN decorum.

This year the delegates were definitely very knowledgeable and well prepared who had clearly done a lot of research on their respective committee agendas. As a *simulation* of the UN, AMUN provided an opportunity for students to replicate the work of the UN and also view the problems facing the international community from a unique perspective.

HISTORICAL SECURITY COUNCIL (HSC)

AGENDA : Soviet Invasion Of Afghanistan

South Asia: The Superpower Game

Or The Cold War For Kids: Soviet Afghanistan War

- Vaishnavi R. Shetty
Chief editor, Press Corps

To start the ball rolling, the session started with an informal round for the delegates which included introducing oneself! This made many first time MUNners realize that they were seating amongst much more experienced and “veteran” delegates. Though the chair members ironed out the gaps between the novices and the experienced delegates by starting with an interactive session. The confidence and spark of the new delegates was fascinating and gained quite some attention and appreciation. After all every master is once a beginner!

The moderator started with the roll call. Suits and ties alone can’t open a door for negotiations! This is quite apt for the committee as it began with a subtle tone but gained momentum after the unmoderated caucus.

Questions were raised on the legitimacy of soviet invasion and the current Afghanistan government from Mujahedeen being questioned for their actions which are contrary to their words by Cuba, to USSR being questioned for negligence and blamed for possible destruction of Asia the heated debates did take the central stage .

On one hand active antagonism between USA and USSR could be seen effectively whereas on the other, Terrorism on the basis of religion was condemned.

Heated debates, boiling discussions, tensed conversations; raising eyebrows between the superpowers took the spotlight. Neutral countries too played their parts and justified their stands with conviction. Taking nothing away from the countries who tried their best to gain attention by raising groundless debates and points! The chair adopted the principles of democratic leadership, giving space to all the member nations to put forth their views.

The concluding remark of the day by the **Faculty Advisor Ms Tanaya Sanyal** was ‘All delegates of the HSC committee participated enthusiastically with appropriate facts and figures and followed all the proceedings to the T. Let’s hope the new Munnners leave their comfort zones and face the ‘fear factor’ tomorrow.



DISARMAMENT AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY COMMITTEE (DISEC) AGENDA : Nations' Right To Nuclear Capabilities

- Aditi Garg
Chief editor, Press Corps

OCTOBER HEAT OR MUN HEAT!?

You can't negotiate with people who say what's mine is mine and what's yours is negotiable.

The DISEC started with an ice breaking session of introduction and informal discussion about music tastes of the delegates which ranged from Shreya Ghoshal to Eminem and some even left it unsaid, but they couldn't control their urge to speak for long and presented their diplomatic and contradicting views in the GSL!

It won't be wrong to say that the heated debates between USA and North Korea even nullified the effect of the Air Conditioner, like Why can't North Korea and USA just settle with a meme war like a couple of regular, civilized people?! Not staying far from limelight, Pakistan on being asked for assurance that the history of violence and terrorism won't repeat itself, won the floor with the comeback saying that Osama Bin Laden is dead ,duh! which set everyone laughing their hearts out.

Since the chair wanted themselves mentioned in the report, let's talk about them too. They were calm and composed throughout the session and might have even caused trouble for a few delegates by suggesting others to raise point of orders but they followed the procedures to the point and made the delegates feel at ease. Not to judge them or anything but they seriously need to improve their tossing skills as you had found a number toffees lying under the table. Talking about under the table, a lot of negotiations between rival countries also took place , who were trying to merge the world into one.

The second half of the committee started with a bam with three on three debates where even the loudest of noise would go unnoticed. The chair and the secretary general were left in awe by the way the delegates turned their coats during the committee and during unmoderated caucus. They set the floor on fire with their intellect and amazing skills of presenting their views.

The concluding remark of the day by the **Faculty Advisor Ms Amrita Pandey** was," Being just day one and a journey yet to be discovered, the MUNners have put on their thinking caps keeping in mind You have to learn the rules of the game and then you have to play better than anyone else."



UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES (UNHCR) AGENDA : Inclusion of Stateless Persons In Areas of Conflict

- Pratchi Nandy
Sub editor, Press Corps

THE COMMITTEE THAT REQUIRED THE COMIC RELIEF

While many countries grant the right to asylum, many countries do not allow the refugees to even enter the country. The UNHCR committee was discussing the problem of the ever increasing number of refugees in the world. Some countries believed that the five permanent members of the UN were one of the reasons why there were so many refugees

When asked about their unwillingness to take in refugees due to the apparent threat of “terrorists”, the USA replied that the country being extremely powerful is always fearing a terrorist attack thereby asking the other countries to wonder whether they would compromise their countries security in order to take in more refugees.

The arguments and motions that followed saw Syria , USA , Congo taking great interest in the topics. A point had come where there had been 3 written apologies requested from Syria itself!!!! While many would show great interest in the moderated caucuses, many seemed extremely confused regarding the procedure itself. Many would counter question the delegates even when they were exercising their right to reply. The delegates made many valid points regarding the questions asked and the motions passed. Quite rarely, but some made sarcastic points which although were not relatively important, provided the comic relief that the committee required.

However, the discussions would go in a complete circle and come back to the same point that terrorism was the root of it all and other problems were so small that they were almost insignificant .

The concluding remark of the day by the **Faculty Advisor Ms Sheelu Rajani** was commented that the committee has many delegates who are actively participating and questioning one another in a healthy manner . They are well-versed in their countries situation regarding the ongoing debate. The debate continues.....We need to ‘wait and watch’, things could turn around.



SPECIAL POLITICAL COMMITTEE (SPECPOL) AGENDA : Resolving The Conflict Of The Great War (1917)

NEVER ENDING DEBATE OF GERMANY

- Sanchari Majumdar
Sub editor, Press Corps

It started off with the Russian empire, France desiring to end the great world war. In response, the United States of America stated that their entrance in the world war was to bring about change. of course as expected, it was opposed by countries like Germany, Austro-Hungary and Bulgaria, who in return were severely opposed by countries like Portugal, Russia and USA . Followed by that, Belgium accused Germany of starting starting the War.

In turn, Germany accused the only nationalist organization – The Black Hand which defended itself by saying that their killing of The Archduke was justified, but in turn blamed Austria and Germany to cause the War by breaking various treaties which started hatred between countries which was the major factor in starting the war. Germany defended by using various “laws” to prove itself innocent. Instead of resolving this issue of the great world war, there was no usage of the word “resolution”.

There were savage verbal war and boiling debates, aiming to almost kill each other with words. USA agreed with Germany saying that there was more than a single cause of starting of the War. Finally, one resolution was found but no attention was paid towards it. Unnecessary and long arguments were held between the Triple Entente and the triple Alliance.

Hopefully, some conclusions would be drawn from this extensively long discussion.

The concluding remark of the day by the **Faculty Advisor Ms Geetha Guruvayurappan** was ‘Conflicts edging Peace’

The committee has been having vigorous arguments and have found little resolutions for their agendas.



Session with the Secretary General

Janmejay Chakravarty passed out of Apeejay School Nerul last year. He was the Director of UNESCAP Committee in AMUN 2017 and was awarded 'Best Member of Chair'. He is presently studying Computer Science in Manipal university



Press : How do you feel being a delegate last year and now being the Sec Gen?

Janmejay C: I participated in AMUN in Class IX for the first time as member of the logistics team and last year I was the Director of the UNESCAP committee. But now as a Sec Gen my role is to observe and manage the overall MUN committees. Being a delegate is obviously very exciting but as a Sec Gen I am thrilled to motivate and mentor the new Munnners in every little way I can. I am also hoping to learn a lot from these delegates.

Press : How important in your opinion is the role of MUN in the life of a student?

Janmejay C: To be aware globally is very **important** specially now more so, as advent in technology has brought the world closer than ever. Model UN definitely builds confidence, public speaking and teamwork. It opens up a 'whole new world' of international relations and geopolitics.

Press : Any message for the delegates?

Janmejay C: Keep MUNning.....

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