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A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Dear Delegates,

“More than ever before in human history, we share a common destiny. We can master it only if we face it together. And that, my friends, is why we have the United Nations.”

I would like to start off by thanking you all for taking part in the 2nd edition of the BHISMUN and making it a success. Each and every individual's participation is what makes this event what it is today.

It gives the entire International Press team immense pleasure to present to you the the BHISMUN 2020 Day 1 issue, The MUN-Date, 14th August, 2020! The team has come up with an exciting first issue after an entire day's worth of hardwork.

The issue throws light on committee workings, team management and other skills being put to use by the delegates. The first day has indeed been enthralling! With active participation from delegates and intellectual discussions, we've seen the brightest minds debate each other about socio-political issues.

I would like to thank the Organising Committee, the Executive Board, the Management Team and also the International Press Committee for making this event a raging success.

We hope you enjoy reading this issue!

Harshita Jaitly,

Editor-in-Chief

OPENING CEREMONY


The highly anticipated 2nd edition of the BHISMUN started off on the 14th of August, 2020. The inaugural ceremony of the BHISMUN 2020 commenced with the host, Ms. Ananya Medha, welcoming all the dignitaries present on the dais and the delegates. She mentioned about the hardships of the current pandemic and how the organisers overcame the obstacles to successfully host the MUN.

Our stellar panel included Ms. Afrida Ali who is an anchor with the Mirror Now network, Ms. Sushma Gaikwad who is an entrepreneur and is the co-founder of Ice Global and Wizcraft MIME, and Ms. Madhvee Bangur who is an alumnus of the London School of Economics and Mr. Adit Seth, a Grade 12 student at BHIS Malad.

Ms. Ali was the moderator for the panel and started the discussion with an enlightening insight into the world of education and how it never ceases to change. The discussion was started off with a question about how a student should gear up for the future studies post the pandemic and about the challenges this generation faces. Mr. Seth then talked about challenges like an unstable job market, technological & ecological changes and sustainability issues as the main challenges faced by the current generation.

Ms. Gaikwad was questioned about the kind of life skills needed to survive, especially in such uncertain times – to which she talked about having a different kind of attitude towards life. She threw light on skills like communication, influencing power, leadership, and the most important being networking with others and being comfortable with technology. Ms. Ali added important aspects such as navigating oneself through tough situations and living up to one's calibre.

LSE being a very prestigious institution, Ms. Bangur was asked to share her experiences while she was a student there. She spoke about the differences in the levels of academics in both countries, and how a revamp is needed in India to inculcate more research-based academia. She also mentioned how Mathematics is a subject that our country



excels at, but at the same time it's important to impart education to every child in the country so as to lessen the disparity.

The last question was asked by a delegate and was open to the entire panel and it was about how very soon machines might replace humans which might cause a detrimental effect to the economy and the people living in it. Replying to that, Ms Ali talked about the fact that along with improvement in technology, humans too are evolving. She shared a personal experience about how she had to change her medium of interaction to the people from news to social media.

The panelists continuously reiterated the importance of skilling, reskilling and upskilling to stay relevant in the job market. They also mentioned how media is a difficult industry where one needs to constantly change and adapt to the dynamic environment, and that it isn't all rainbows and unicorns. Everyone also stressed on the importance of financial literacy. Self-esteem, self-confidence, self-worth and experiences are some aspects that can change a person's career trajectory. With that, the engrossing discussion came to an end. Viewers also came up with interesting questions that were handled amazingly by the panelists.

Next up, the Deputy Secretary General of BHISMUN, Mr. Pratham Rohra, gave a warm welcome to the delegates and made them feel at ease with his kind words. He stressed on active participation and good debates. Finally, the Secretary General, Mr. Praagya Shandilya, introduced the Executive Board, the Organisation Head and the IP Head. He talked about how important it is during MUNs to make decisions in a split second and to take a stand in public domains. With that, he declared the BHISMUN 2020 open.

BY HARSHITA JAITLY



UNSC

Day 1 in the United Nations Security Council started off with a bang. The Executive Board was highly welcoming towards the delegates. The session commenced with the agenda “Situation concerning Hong Kong”, raised by the delegate of Canada followed by the General Speakers List. The committee then proceeded into a moderated caucus for the topic “Implementation of the National Security Law”.

After the unmoderated caucus, the committee then reviewed a working paper proposed by the Chinese delegation and submitted by the delegates of China, India, Iran, Russia, United Kingdom and Vietnam which was passed by the EB. The working paper spoke about the socio-economic benefits of the National Security Law.

This gave rise to an immensely engaging discussion including the involvement of delegates of Canada, China, United Kingdom and several others speaking about the issues surrounding the law but at the same time debating as to how the law can potentially be of great benefit when it concerns the situation regarding Hong Kong.

The delegate of Canada invoked a serious discussion about the condition of Hong Kong and why the delegation disagrees to China and its policy regarding the situation. The committee proceeded to a GSL where a series of speeches were made on the topic of integration of Hong Kong with Macau and Shenzhen.

Day 1 in the UNSC has been exceedingly eventful. It consisted of vigorous discussions, exceptionally participative delegates and a very well managing EB. There is no doubt about the fact that Day 2 will be filled with an equal amount of enthusiasm.

BY DHAANI BISHNOI & AGREEMA SINHA

RAW

The first day of the Research and Analysis Wing committee was indeed an exciting start to a weekend of research, debate and discussion. The Chairs went over the Rules of Procedure to clarify all the doubts of the delegates. The Members of Staff started with an introduction of their roles in RAW and the policy they support.

The Resources Officer, The Head of Technology Development and the Joint Secretary of Naval Defense had intellectual discussions and heated rebuttals along with the other Members of Staff. Then, they started with the General Speakers List.

A moderated caucus on the topic “Allocation of resources” was initiated by the Resources Officer. The committee was in session after an unmoderated caucus took place. This caucus included the Members of Staff having proper discussions and forming inclusive and comprehensive plans. After the PMO announced a crisis, the committee handled it in a quick and calm manner.

Next, the agenda was set to “Kashmiri Insurgency”. They drafted a well written working paper by formulating & thoroughly covering all relevant points, which was successfully approved.

After the motion to entertainment, the committee session resumed with the GSL in which the delegates went over all that happened in committee. The committee ended with a gripping informal debate on “Should we go out in full force to Pakistan or hold ourselves back? Overall, Day 1 in the RAW committee was enthralling.

BY TVISHA BAHADUR & AGREEMA SINHA

DISEC

The first session started off with a helpful briefing about the Rules of Procedure. The Chair and the Co-Chair tried to make the delegates more comfortable, it led to a well explained Rules of Procedure session. The Chair made everyone feel in place. In spite of the nervousness, the delegates appeared anticipating of the event to begin.

All the delegates were then sent to their respective break out rooms for a quick discussion. Finally, the General Speakers List began- it was off to a rocky start, but was saved by the well-prepared speech of the Delegate of Pakistan followed by the equally well worded speech of the Delegate of Afghanistan.

The first motion in place was proposed by the delegate of Iran – “Harmful effects of biological and chemical warfare.”

The event went on smoothly. After the short break, the GSL started with the Delegate of Egypt stating some facts on the harmful effects of biochemical weapons. The Delegate of Egypt answered well, and things moved on, with a handful of questions directed at the Delegate of France, who handled the situation with ease. The motion was concluded and some other motions were proposed by the delegates.

The debate went on and soon the committee broke up for tea, after recommencing, the GSL was resumed. In spite of some issues with quality of dialogue and inefficiencies in writing the working papers, the session went on well. The Delegates and Chairs worked together to conclude a fruitful first day.

BY BANAT KAUR & ALEXIA DSOUZA

UNHRC

The Chair and Vice Chair began with the Rules of Procedure. Their supportive approach made the delegates feel at ease. After an enthusiastic introduction of all the delegates, the Chair, Shanaya Kapoor, asked, "Are there any motions on the floor?" To which three delegates raised their motions for different agendas. The agenda was set to "The Yemen Famine" with a clear majority.

The committee proceeded well, having completed three moderated caucuses before 2pm, however some delegates still used personal pronouns even after several warnings. Following the break, the committee continued with the General Speakers List by discretion of the chair. After another moderated caucus the committee moved forward to an unmoderated caucus to discuss working papers, which concluded with four working papers in progress.

There was an informal debate on the topic "Is USA genuinely helping Yemen?". The floor was then thrown open to all the delegates. USA bore the brunt of questions regarding its provision of arms. The question, "Is it acceptable to support both sides of the war?" was raised. The debate went on with active participation from the entire committee.

Following the break, the committee recommenced, discussing working papers. Seeing that the authors were in a bit of a fix trying to format the papers, the Chair and Vice Chair decided to vote on the resolutions on DAY 2. The day ended on a positive note by moving onto informal debate and discussing all that had conspired. The chair wound up the conference with a few tips on how to be a better delegate.

BY SAMRIDDHI SINGH & ALEXIA DSOUZA

ICF

The room was packed with enthusiastic delegates who had evidently come well prepared for the BHISMUN 2020-2021 which has been looked forward to by all from a long time.

Fifteen minutes before the start of the committee session, the delegates interacted with each other and formed alliances and clarified any of their queries regarding the Rules of Procedure; the Executive Board warmly welcomed any and all questions presented to them and ensured that the decorum was maintained throughout the session.

The session began with the deliberation over the introductory statements from the delegates. Following the speeches made by the delegates in the General Speaker's List, three motions had been raised, however all of them failed to gain simple majority and the committee was unsuccessful in passing the motion for entering into a moderated caucus.

Consecutively, the delegates mutually agreed upon entering into a moderated caucus on the agenda of the ICC World Cup, which did gain majority and was passed.

BY NANDINI VYAS & AGREEMA SINHA

WHO

The committee was brought into session by the chair after a moment of unrest, followed by an ROP session to familiarize the delegates with the course of affairs.

The committee proceeded with a roll call with relevance to voting for resolutions. The agenda was set to "Global high prices in medicine". The Chair then initiates the General Speakers List commenced by the Delegate of Netherlands who suggested negotiating with pharmaceutical companies.

The Delegate of India requested for a moderated caucus about "Why countries aren't capping their medicinal prices, at least nationally." The Delegate of UK was questioned about capping prices of medicines nationally. During the appeal by the Delegate of Brazil, the Chair questioned the delegate about the research costs.

Delegate of Vietnam raised a motion for the topic "How developed countries aren't reaching out to developing countries with concern to medical resources especially amidst a pandemic." The Delegate of China answers a question by the delegate of Brazil which leads to a heated discussion among the countries and the Delegate of China impulsively announces other countries to be "delusional" when apprehended of releasing the Corona virus by design.

The delegates then proceeded to work on the working paper. Lobby 3's working paper is presented by the delegate of Vietnam with the subject being "Medicines". Next, Lobby 1 who's paper was presented by the delegate of India with the subject being "Capitalization by high pricing of medicines". This exciting day was brought to a close.

BY TARA KHARAT & ALEXIA DSOUZA



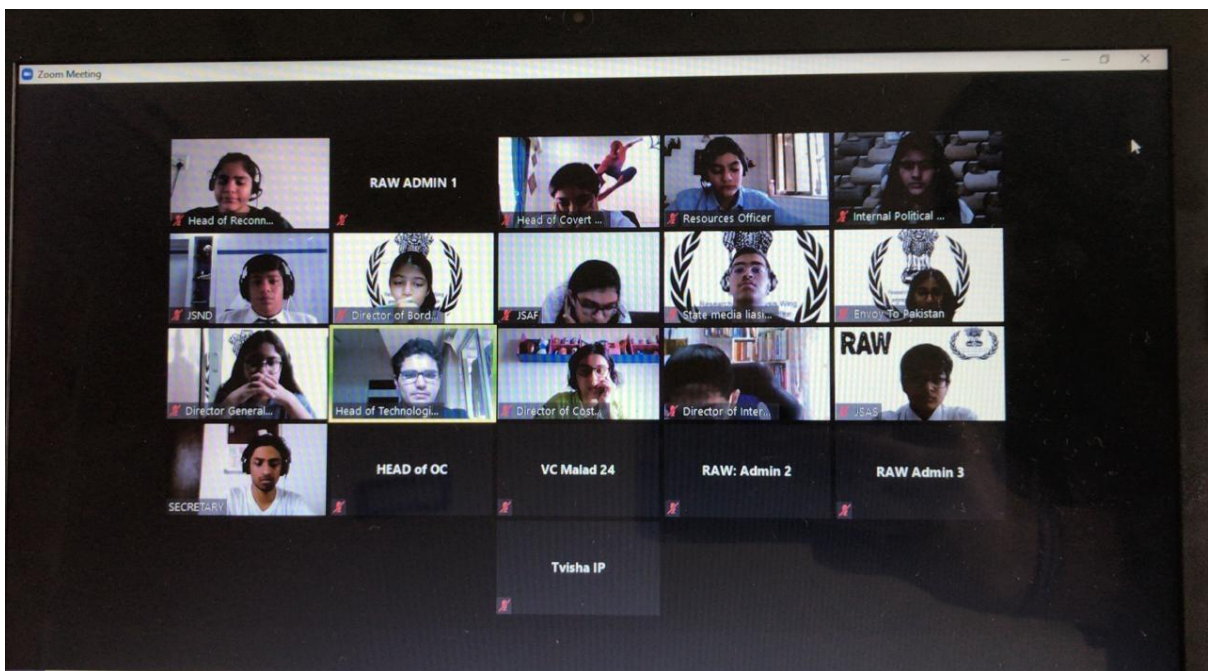
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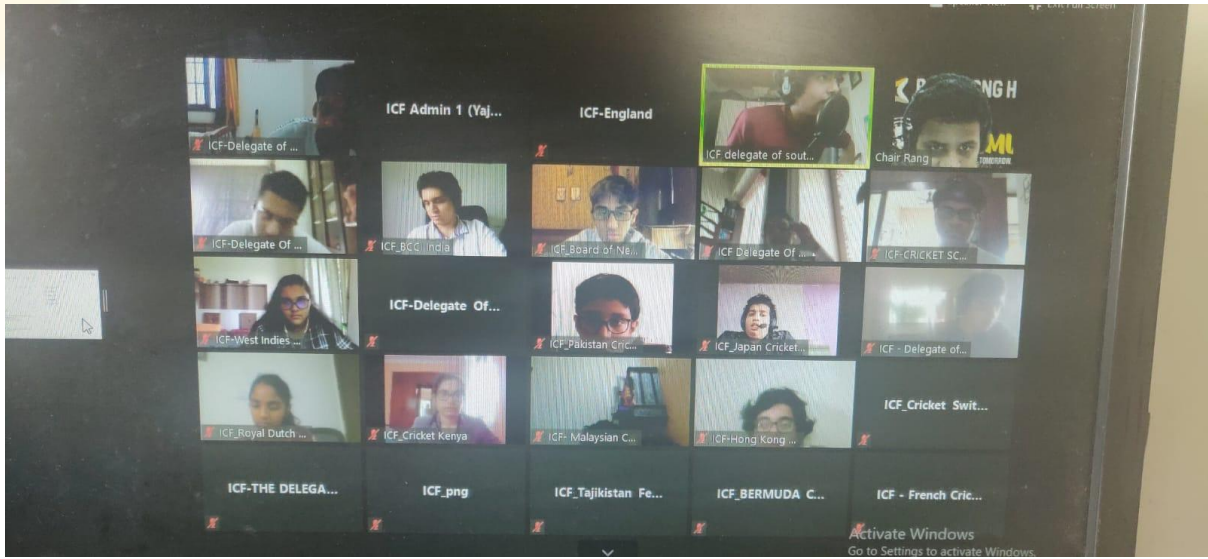
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