



THE INTER-HOUSE MODEL UNITED NATIONS 2023-2024

The Inter-House Model United Nations (IH-MUN) made a significant mark in the annals of our school's history. It witnessed competitors from various grades engaging in fierce competition not only for their respective Houses but also for personal growth. The delegates showcased their talents, intellect and diplomatic skills through passionate debates on pressing global issues.

The United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (UNCSW), chaired by Miss Sania Philip, focused on promoting gender equality and women empowerment, with specific emphasis on sexual and menstrual rights.

The United Nations General Assembly, chaired by Miss Varada, addressed the topic of the Cambodian Genocide, examining the historical events and proposing measures to prevent such atrocities in the future.

The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) committee, chaired by Master Vibhav, tackled the issue of drug trafficking in the Indian Ocean and the SEA Regions, aiming to find effective strategies to combat this illicit trade.

Lastly, the Historic Security Council, chaired by Master Gunav, immersed participants in the Korean War of 1950. It explored the geopolitical tensions and consequences arising from North Korea's invasion of South Korea.

As we delve into each committee in detail, as articulated by their members, I hope you will enjoy exploring the intricate discussions and resolutions put forth by our talented delegates. This event stands as a testament to our students' passion for diplomacy, their commitment to learning and their dedication to creating positive global change.

- Mr . Krishnendu Basu



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UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION ON STATUS OF WOMEN

Agenda: Issue of the sexual and menstrual health that affects women in ongoing and post-conflict zones.

Once again, the young enthusiastic students at Sarala Birla Academy picked their brains with yet another humanitarian crisis. The delegates became ambassadors of their respective countries and led the committee forward. The stance of each nation varied due to their religious beliefs and values, social and economic status, and their relationship with other nations in the international community. The committee took off with opening speeches by the countries staunchly stating their stances and views on the agenda. In the moderated caucuses, the delegates delivered speeches relevant to the various aspects of the agenda. The delegates fought to their last breath to secure a win over one another while adhering to their foreign policies and diplomatic relations. No sooner had the committee commenced, the friction between the Islamic countries and the Western countries due to opposing perspectives in relation to women's rights could be sensed. We ended the first day with a round-robin to discuss the solutions to this persisting crisis. The solutions varied due to the varying stances of nations alongside their religious beliefs and laws. By the end of the first day, two blocs were formed which were led by the Islamic Republic of Iran and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

The delegates were bewildered when the second day kicked off with an International Press Conference. Shocking revelations and extreme violations of foreign policies were committed. The People's Republic of China turned out to be apologetic about the killing of Uyghur Muslims. The unmoderated caucuses were charged with delegates taking over the entire committee and lobbying for their blocs. After immense deliberation, the bloc led by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland presented a draft resolution which was later scrapped due to an exceeding number of amendments. The committee came to an end with the Islamic Republic of Iran alongside other Islamic countries causing havoc; making it the first time when the committee United Nations Commission on Status of Women failed.

- Master Riyan Beriwal



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UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY-CAMBODIAN GENOCIDE

Agenda: The discussion of the humanitarian and sociological crimes that are currently being committed in the state of Cambodia

The United Nations General Assembly proved to be a riveting and action-packed affair. The first day started with the collective condemnation of the Democratic Kampuchea (Cambodia) and its ally- The People's Republic of China following which, the delegate of Cambodia declared that his government was indeed conducting a genocide on racial minorities for the "Greater Good".

Responding to this flagrant violation of foreign policy, the delegation of the People's Republic of China withdrew their support for the Khmer Rouge government. Witnessing the direction in which the committee was moving, the executive board introduced a detailed crisis to further intensify the proceedings.

The main "schema" of the crisis was to find and secure the nuclear football hidden in the "Rung Sat Forest of Vietnam". This invertedly created two blocs within the general assembly. The first bloc (United bloc) was headed by the delegate of the USA and the alternative bloc (PNES bloc) was led forward by the delegate of the USSR. Both blocs fiercely competed to earn maximum points for their respective sides, driven by the desire to secure victories for their houses.

The subsequent crisis forced an armistice between the two blocs, as rouge factions within the governments of the United Kingdom, Japan and France had captured the nuclear football while it was en route from Canberra to Melbourne and used it to bomb the already dilapidated state of Cambodia. This forced the delegates of the aforementioned countries to prosecute their government officials and put them behind bars.

In an unexpected turn of events, the two blocs set aside their differences and formed a temporary alliance under the leadership of the USSR and the USA. This alliance was forged to effectively address the crisis presented by the executive board. A joint overt directive was issued, outlining the collaborative efforts of the blocs. The UNGA ended on a high note with a unanimous resolution being passed by the committee which included every country as a signatory except Cambodia itself.

- Master Arnav Deva



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HISTORIC SECURITY COUNCIL

Agenda: Korean Civil War

On the first day, we had the pleasure of being introduced to our esteemed chair, Gunav. Gunav proved to be an approachable and amiable chairperson who took the time to explain the committee's rules and procedures, especially for those who were new to the Model United Nations (MUN) experience. It was intriguing to learn that our committee was designated as a semi-crisis committee, which added an extra layer of excitement and engagement. Gunav's willingness to bend the official MUN rules to enhance the committee's dynamics further contributed to its overall appeal.

As the first day progressed, the delegates naturally divided themselves into two factions: one representing the United States and its allies, while the other comprised the communist countries. Both sides presented compelling and thought-provoking arguments, elevating the level of discourse within the committee. Throughout the course of the committee, Gunav provided us with four to five crisis updates, each adding a new dimension to the proceedings.

From the very first directive, tension escalated as assassination attempts were made on high-ranking officials from opposing parties. Notably, there was a failed assassination attempt on Mao Zedong, the former President of the People's Republic of China, as well as another unsuccessful endeavor by an MI6 agent to assassinate Stalin. However, the turning point in the committee occurred with the assassination of Choe Yong Gon, the commander of the North Korean Army invading Seoul. This event prompted the Allies and the United Nations to launch a full-scale invasion, successfully recapturing Seoul and extending their reach to other major port cities such as Incheon, Wonson, and Hungnam. The situation intensified when the USSR, outraged by the attempt on Stalin's life, sought revenge and formed an organization called AFOOFA, comprising all communist countries.

In a surprising twist during the final crisis update, the committee took an unexpected turn. The USSR declared a nuclear war and proceeded to bomb major cities in the United States, the United Kingdom, France, and even the United Nations headquarters. Regrettably, this resulted in the demise of all the delegates present. The Allies withdrew from South Korea, allowing the communist forces to take control, ultimately transforming the country into a communist stronghold. Ultimately, the committee failed in its mission to secure world peace and inadvertently sparked an all-out war.

Overall, despite the tragic outcome, the committee proved to be highly engaging and thought-provoking. We owe our gratitude to Chair Gunav for his guidance and the exceptional contributions of the delegates.

- Master Krishna Agrawal



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UNITED NATIONS OFFICE ON DRUGS AND CRIME (UNODC)

AGENDA: “Tackling Transnational Drug Trafficking in the Indian Ocean Region and South East Asia”

The UN Office on Drugs and Crime saw some of the most intense debates and mind-blowing strategic partnerships that challenged delegates to every fibre of their being. The delegates were first introduced to their wonderful Chair Vibhav, a cool, funny and more importantly a tough Chair. He continuously pressed the delegates on their foreign policies to see how well they knew about their portfolios. The committee began with the chair laying out the Rules of Procedure for the first-timers in the committee. The Chair even went out of his way to give everybody a fair and equitable chance and make the discussions and the committee more intriguing.

The first day saw a great alliance between The French Republic, the Republic of India and The People’s Democratic of China. Towards the end of the first day, the Chair introduced a fun crisis that majorly involved most members of the committee. A Chinese Ship containing Sarin gas was overtaken by Xia Bao, a leading criminal in the High Seas who threatened to release it in some of the world’s biggest port cities unless his unrealistic demands were met. The crisis saw how the committee in its entirety worked together towards the shared goal of keeping their citizens safe. At the end of the crisis, Shanghai was bombed with Sarin gas and the committee failed to address the crisis effectively. On that note, the committee ended on the first day.

The second day saw the committee working towards solutions to root causes and eventually beginning with the workings of a resolution paper. To break the alliance and cause chaos in the committee, the Chair allowed for the existence of only two authors – either unanimously or on two separate blocks. This led to The French Republic and the People’s Republic of China to form two separate Draft Resolutions. The French Delegate proposed “Top G” as their Resolution while The Chinese Delegate introduced “ODC/6/6.9”. During the unmoderated caucuses, The French Republic won the support of the committee and successfully introduced Top G for discussion. It was interesting to see how PRC single-handedly led to the scrapping of Top G against the other 23 delegates. However, the committee failed in tackling drug trafficking and ended with no document in hand.

The Chair gave us valuable feedback on our performances so the delegates could improve in future MUNs. We also had Motions of Entertainment towards the end of both days, where the delegates and the Executive Board indulged in light-hearted conversations and more importantly, the leg pulling of the beautiful Co-Chair. In conclusion, the committee was immensely enjoyable and gave the delegates insight to improve.

- Master Vishnu Todi



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“We don't remember the days, but rather the moments”



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THE MUN POEM

As the Gavel falls,
And everyone comes to a halt,
Genocides, War, Crimes and all,
Discussed in a room of it all.

As the Chairs keep speaking,
And the delegates keep them at the top,
World Issues are a big problem,
So we come together to STOP!

Enthusiastic speeches,
And big defensive words,
You can debate with others,
Within the four walls.

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