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LEAVE NO ONE BEHIND
("Se Podemos" - Yes we can!)



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From the Principal's Desk...



“Living in the midst of uncertainty, we can only hope for a world that withstands the roughest seas and the strongest winds.”

The era demands citizens to be equipped to handle any crisis at any hour of these unprecedented times. What we, the stewards of planet Earth are doing to the environment, is merely a reflection of what lies within.

It is critical for us to cultivate consciousness and compassion towards environment, create awareness, galvanize people, and build sustainable innovations for sustainable development.

After a gap of two long years, it is indeed enthralling to organize the conference-GDG MUN-2022 that always endeavors to provide a platform full of prospects to young students to unravel their skills and abilities, aiming for no less than zenith of success. It would only be right to shake these capable minds to think and engross themselves in turning the tables and ceasing the mushrooming damage caused by the mankind.

The platform provided to these young minds aims at creating a conscious group of millennials, dissecting problems, unearthing solutions and ensuring sustainable consumption and conservation of resources. Small, not heroic acts are the need of the hour to participate in the change. We need to chalk our own future, and not let it decay into an irrevocable loss.

“ Nobody made a greater mistake than he who did nothing because he could do only a little. ”

- Edmund Burke



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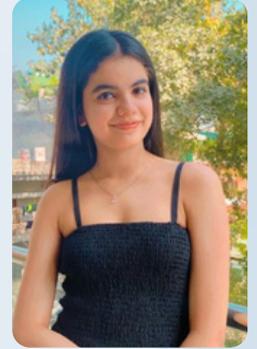
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*Global impediments require global solidarity,
irrespective of our caste, color, creed and gender.*



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"If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more. you are a leader!"



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**"The longer
we delay,
the more
we will pay."**



Heralding Change: From Small Beginnings Come Great Things

The Sixth edition of GDG Model United Nations Conference 2022 commenced with the Lamp Lighting Ceremony and Ganesh Vandana invoking the blessings of the Divine. The Principal, Ms Rima Ailawadi, welcomed the delegates, International Press, Faculty members, Executive Board members ,who had come from far and wide to attend this conference. She invigorated them to take on global challenges on priority basis as they are catalysts of change.

Ms Allegra Kartika, the Southeast- Asia Coordinator currently at Generation Global – Tony Blair Institute for Global Change, graced the occasion with her inspiring virtual presence. She emphasised on the significance of permissiveness of young generation in coming together and pondering upon the Global concerns through healthy dialogues.

The Director General inspired the young delegates to stand for Saving Planet Earth by striving towards the Accomplishment of Sustainable Development Goals. The Executive Board Members were introduced and eventually, as thenorm, the Secretary General of GDG-MUN declared the conference open.

MODEL UNITED NATIONS –a Dias of Cogitation, Concurrence and Discernment

Dialogues, Deliberations, Debating, collaborating, coming out of comfort zones. ... indorsing our shared humanity, Youth is taking the lead, exploring avenues and seeking solutions to the worldwide concerns, keen to radically alter human lives in order that their planet might survive That is the poise of Model United Nations Platform. This journey of MUN has been a prodigious Learning experience for all of us, a gratifying journey and the overall impact has been that our students are willing to team up to bring about an affirmative change in the global scenario.

The trepidation of Climate Change is unambiguous...the ramifications presumed are not just evil forebodings but an alarm, to be perceived as a dire need of the hour. We need to be equipped to take an alacritous leap of faith- a leap that affirms ‘Se Podemos’-Yes We Can’, where ‘No one is left behind. Camaraderie and Empathy will reign till perpetuity, in spite of all pandemonium, that endeavours to sway humanity. We, through our relentless efforts, steps and initiatives ought to build a sustainable and a just society handholding the policy of Inclusivity. We also need to steer our lives in ways that are consistent with Sustainability.

Anju Mediratta



United Nations General Assembly

Transforming our world onto a sustainable resilient path- collective journey of the human race.



THE COLLAPSE

(Deteriorating health and climate)

The most important issue of today is climate change. The effects of climate change are unparalleled in magnitude, ranging from changing weather patterns that endanger food production to increasing sea levels that increase the likelihood of catastrophic flooding.

The delegates from the UK and India noted that climate change also has an impact on our healthcare. For many years, primary healthcare has been at the forefront of the agenda for health development. The rapid changes in the environment have a particularly negative impact on the poor, as stated by the UK delegate, "poor people don't have proper infrastructure." They struggle to adapt to these abrupt changes because they lack access to competent healthcare services and facilities.

In nations like India, where there is a large population of the poor, this is a major issue. Certain areas pose gigantic challenges owing to lack of access, awareness, and affordability. The debate shall continue and come up with worthwhile solutions to such serious problems.

-Siya Aggarwal

**Dividing the tasks,
multiplying the success!**

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"CLIMATE CHANGE: WHEN NATURE IS IN AGONY"

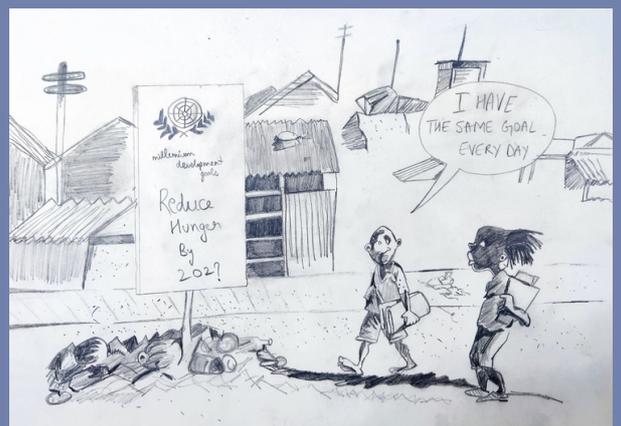
"What is the use of a house if you haven't got a tolerable planet to put in on"? - Henry David Thoreau

The world is experiencing arbitrary droughts, unexpected weather patterns and sudden rainfall and snowfall, there is a constant fluctuation in the temperatures leading to disasters like a forest fire, and the weather is no longer predictable enough.

Climate change is a miserable threat to all living forms on earth. The temperature has been increasing at an alarming rate. Though, the issue of climate change is not new, it has already been on the agenda of the world ecologists since 1990s, and in 2010s, the issue seems to have gained a new significance. It is vital to strengthen global resilience and adaptive capacities to the effects of global warming.

To conclude, the climate crisis has already been solved. We already have the facts and solutions. All we have to do is 'wake up and change.'

-Deeva Anand



BY: ARNAV SINGH

United Nations Security Council



Unconditional withdrawn of Russian Forces- Reaffirming Ukrainian sovereignty, Independence and Territorial integrity.

Russia: A Ticking Time Bomb- Uniting for Peace

What changes does war bring? Who is at fault? How is it affecting people? How is it affecting the whole world? How to bring the war to an end? How to bring about peace?

All these, among other important questions, were addressed and answered in the committee today. Every delegate put forward a unique viewpoint which makes us ponder about initiating peace more than ever.

Chaos has spread throughout Ukraine. Civilians are under attack, thousands of civilian casualties, and necessary facilities such as residencies, schools, hospitals etc. ceased. The war has been taking a new, darker and more dangerous phase and a committee has taken place to address this urgent matter. Most of the delegates were in favour of protecting Ukrainian rights.

The delegate from the United Kingdom believes this is an unnecessary war that can unquestionably be avoided. They also stated, "It is a pity to watch everyday loss of life". Other delegates spotlight the changes around the world. The delegate from Ireland emphasises the shake in the economic situation of the world. The committee predominantly share their views loud and clear; silence the guns, stop the unjust war and open the doors to democracy.

I believe in a world of justice and human rights for all. A world where girls can grow up free of fear of abuse. A world where women are treated with the respect and dignity that is their right. A world where poverty is not acceptable.

My dear young friends, you can make this your world.



BY: PRABHASEES KAUR



United Nations Security Council

The Relentless War: Cease to Exist

Shooting Star

We stand oblivious to what's happening around us,
Propaganda, Strikes and Arms unleashed.

We watch in despair and disbelief

The vociferous screams ring in our ears,
The atmosphere is potent with death,
Everyone slowly running out of breath.

Violence hangs in air like fog,
Tension makes our vision forlorn.
One can only look up in the night sky,
And plead to the shooting star passing by.

-Khushi Sangalay

The Russians came, they killed, and they retreated. Russian forces have withdrawn their forces back from Kharkiv to Belarus after heavy attacks. But does this change anything? Has Ukraine won the battle?

The Russian forces have failed to encircle the key Ukrainian city and Russia now appears to be focused on withdrawing their forces safely across the border. Ukrainians receive the withdrawal of Russian troops with cautious optimism. Though they have succeeded in preventing their second largest city, Kharkiv, from being annexed, Russia continues to strafe several areas of Ukraine. They have intensified their attacks in the Donbass region of Ukraine. Donbass is receiving some of the heaviest fighting till now. Russia continues to inflict heavy damage on people's livelihoods. Innocent people are losing their homes, families and even lives, every day. The hostilities in Ukraine must end. The people of Ukraine need peace and people around the world demand it!



Question : “Do you believe Russia will not let Ukrainian people be free and live harmoniously for a long time?”

EB: “I believe due to their despotic ways of carpet bombing, where they flat (demolish) land and then take their forces out. Russian President, Putin is using strategies used in World War

II. I think Russia will not let Ukraine be free for quite some time, but I cannot comment on ever.”

EB quoted Og Mandino – “I will love the light for it shows me the way, yet I will endure the darkness for it to show me the stars.”

United Nations Development Programme

Awakening of the world towards urgent need to combat climate change and its impact.



“PLANET OVER PROFIT”

A 19 year old once said, “Our house is on fire. I am here to say that our house is on fire.” That 19 year old was none other than Greta Thurnberg, the Swedish environmental activist who is known for challenging world leaders to take immediate action for climate change mitigation.

Climate change is the defining issue of our time. From shifting weather patterns that threaten food production, to rising sea levels that increase the risk of catastrophic flooding, the impacts of climate change are global in scope and unprecedented in scale. Although, greenhouse gas emissions were dropped to about 6 per cent in 2020 due to travel bans and economic slowdowns resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, this improvement was only temporary. Climate change is not on pause. Now that global economy is beginning to recover from the pandemic, emissions are now returning to higher levels. We need to make the changes, NOW.

KAMAAKSHI ANAND

The Great Meltdown

Any harm done to the environment, is therefore done to the humanity”

The UNDP discusses the international treaty of Paris Agreement signed in 2015 to achieve a long-term temperature goal. Implementation of this treaty requires each citizen to be aware and economic and social transformation.

The delegate of the United States of America commented “The Paris Agreement has been formulated and each country is working on achieving its goal, there is just a need to amp up the pace ‘. The Paris Agreement only provides the framework for financial, technical and capacity building support, it is up to the authorities of those countries to implement the same.

Sia Bansal





United Nations Human Rights Council

Framework to tackle military dictatorship and war hardships with special emphasis on migrants

THE CRISIS OF MILITARY DICTATORSHIPS IN THE WORLD

**In a democracy , you believe it or not.
In a dictatorship , you believe it or else.**

-Evan Esar

Military dictatorships are a common phenomenon in the post-colonial states of Asia and Africa. This is partly due to the fact that the authorities that came to power in these countries after gaining power were either feeble and unstable, or termed democracy too risky an experiment in conditions of abject poverty that marked these countries in the aftermath of colonial experience.

Pakistan has experienced three successful military coups and regimes along with several unsuccessful ones after gaining independence. The most recent being in 1999 under General Pervez Musharraf. Myanmar was under military rule from 1962 to 2011.



India itself has been in political circumstances in which military coups seemed imminent but they never came true. Military dictatorship is the cause of various humanitarian excesses which the global community is grappling with.



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BY: VANSH BANSAL



DELVE INTO PAST AND FUTURE

Women have a much better time than men in this world; there are far more things forbidden to them." A look back at history shows that women have made great strides in the fight for equality, including women's suffrage and inroads in equal opportunity in the workplace and education.

Despite the tremendous progress made in the struggle for gender equality, women still face violence, discrimination, and institutional barriers to equal participation in society.

In the employment realm, laws and workplace policies that exclude women from certain job sectors and allow them to be forced out of the workplace when they become pregnant or returning to work after having a baby, depict persistent disparities in women's income, wealth, and economic security. Survivors of gender-based violence face discrimination when police, schools, landlords, and other institutions fail to adequately address and prevent violence and also when laws and policies penalise them, impeding the ability of women and girls to live safely and with dignity.

Talking about solutions regarding this issue - educate women because education is the first thing which opens one's minds and enables them to learn about their rights. Support each other because the problem is that sometimes women are enemies of each other. The entire world can learn from the laws made by the USA, like The Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace Act, 2013; The Indecent Representation of Women (Prohibition) Act, 1986 ETC or from Canada as Canadian Human Rights Act; section 15 and 28 ECT. The future of global women's rights is at stake. This moment calls for new efforts and focus on strengthening women's movements to help lead the charge for social change on the most pressing issues of our time.

Krishaa Mittal

Rendezvous with Delegate

Question: "A hardship that comes after war is unemployment. What has your country done to overcome it?"

Delegate from Nigeria: "Nigeria has incentives in creating jobs for example

- Public works
- Improving infrastructure
- More jobs in factories to boost the industrial strength of the Nigerian Republic
- Expanding resources of the Nigerian lands
- Establishing a framework to provide employment in armed organizations, paramilitary forces and coastal guard forces"



All India Political Party Meet



Analyzing developing pseudo-secularism and collective contempt in India with particular accentuation on religion in legislative issues

BEAT PSEUDO-SECULARISM

"It is apparent from BJP party workings that it supports the majority which is Hindus in our country and disregard the minorities"

This argument was put up by Rahul Gandhi from the Congress Party against Narendra Modi. This further escalated on to a terrific argument between the Hindu and Muslim Secular rights in India favoured by the political parties present in the committee. A solid argument was put up by Mr.Arvind Kejriwal of AAP party. He stated that while BJP claims to be secular, it indirectly supports Hindus. A case was mentioned by Mr.Kejriwal about Mr.Mohamad, who was wrongly accused of terrorism and then proven not guilty and demanded compensation however, he was later turned down by the government. This allegation made the odds in Mr. Kejriwal's favour.

An important point that shall be duly noticed and pondered upon is that, according to the information demonstrated by Mr.Kejriwal, Mr.Modi was spotted at a temple" inauguration ceremony. Hence, it was assumed by Mr.Kejriwal that it was intentional as to promote Hinduism and show that the government supports the majority but this allegation was brilliantly countered by Mr.Amit Shah(BJP) stating that the inauguration was done by Mr.Modi as an individual ,not as an agent who binds to the government. This was the spark in the proceeding that led to many more crispy arguments about parties' scandalous link towards the secret promotion and disregard for certain religions.

It was further elaborated upon in a private session , which included the recent Nupur Sharma case, according to my sources.

BLEED THE COLOUR- SECULAR

All India Political Parties Meet (AIPPM) allows different political groups of the country to come to a consensus on all necessary decisions of the nation.

The GDGMUN 2022 kicked off on 15th July with an aim to allow deliberations and find solutions of some tumultuous issues. The committees and their delegates were all set with their point of views about their respective agendas.

The session -1 in the AIPPM committee was a fruitful one. The day started with the EB members apprising the delegates about the rules and regulations of the Model United Nations and about the AIPPM committee. General information was provided to the delegates.

Mr. Narendra Modi started the session by providing an opening statement about the agenda, i.e, pseudo- secularism. This proved to be a good start and pushed others to talk more about secularism. The delegates talked about the spirit of secularism and tolerance towards different religions.



Caricature credits- Aanya Aggarwal

AIPPM

ALL INDIA POLITICAL PARTY MEET

THE “PSEUDO- SECULAR” HEIST

India's honorable Prime Minister truly said “My definition of secularism is very clear, the sole religion of government is nation first, the holy book is the constitution.” When we consider secularism as an intellectual movement rather than as a juridical concept, it means that religion is treated as a human construct rather than the product of divine revelation. In this respect, the failure and dishonesty of Indian secularism is even more radical. Its discourse on religion is extremely superficial. Pseudo secularism is a term propounded by the ideologues of Hindu communalism to deny the genuineness of secularism.

In the Indian context, the term ‘pseudo secularism’ is used to pejoratively describe policies considered to involve minority appeasement. To say the least, “secularism” is not in danger in India. India is in danger because of “pseudo- secularism”. AIPPM had delegates who were ready to lock horns with each other over this issue. They, of course, had different thoughts and beliefs about our nation being called “secular.” Leaders like Nirmala Sitaraman, Asaduddin Owaisi and Smriti Irani were the ones who spoke dauntlessly over the subject. To conclude, we are not pseudo secular, pseudo liberal, right wing, left wing, anti national, republic or democrat. We are INDIANS, who take pride in being INDIAN.

It doesn't matter what religion you believe in; what matters is- you believe that people with different religions can live with love peace and harmony.

Kamaakshi Anand

INDIA; THE HEAVEN OF SECULARITY

*Oh India, India dont you understand!
It is the humanly bond we share
Lets plunge back into the good old days
Where every religion was respected
Every boundary was left untouched.
When it was the land that united us not
the religion
When birds flew high up the secular sky
Oh India, India dont you understand!
It is the land that makes us one not the
temple
Let the divinity of open mindedness flow
in
Oh India, India dont you understand!
The value of another man, Oh India, India
kindly understand.*

-Krishna Arora



Teachers' Annotation

"LEAVE NO ONE BEHIND"

In the words of Barack Obama, "We have a choice. We can shape our future, or let events dictate for us. And if we want to be successful, we cannot fall back on stale debates and old divisions that keep us from moving forward. "Globalization in the current scenario is about inclusivity; we hold hands and move forward".

United Nations member states have promised to ensure that "no one is left behind" and "make every effort to reach the furthest backlog first." There still exists extreme inequality between nations, cities and within nations. People are pushed harder in a variety of circumstances by a number of factors such as globalization, climate change, gender discrimination, technological advancements, environmental changes, and various types of degradation that lead to the loss of access to land, livelihoods and employment for many. Economic expansion does not inevitably lead to the reduction of inequality and poverty, nor to the creation of excellent or disadvantaged jobs. The economy has changed. Eradicate poverty in all its forms, end exclusion and discrimination and reduce the vulnerabilities and inequalities that hold people back and limit their potential and the potential of humanity as a whole.

~HIMANI BHATIA

Those who are at war with others are not at peace at themselves

With a history going back decades, Russia and Ukraine have come a long way but with a history that is going to be long discussed and debated.

Russia trying to annex Ukraine and get into Crimea and Donbas hasn't been new but with full-fledged occupancy of Ukraine by Russian forces in 2022, the issue has been maximized and the territorial conflict has received its Penultimate status.

Where on one end Vladimir Putin has been planning to recapture the former Soviet Union Republic, on the other hand Volodymyr Zelensky has been hand trying his best to save Ukraine from the unjust annexations.

Throughout the day delegates were discussing but Russia trying to go against NATO and occupy Ukraine and Ukraine on the other hand, trying to retain its sovereignty and territorial integrity.

~NAMITA BALUJA

The Irrevocable Damage

Climate change poses a major threat to the world and all its biodiversity and it is crucial that we, as its inhabitants, protect this planet we live on. The agenda at hand, 'Awakening of the world towards the urgent need to combat climate change and its impact' was beautifully discussed by the delegates.

During the General Speakers' List, a noteworthy comment by the Delegate of Norway ("It is us who did this to our planet, and it is us who can undo it") puts into perspective how it is solely us - humans, who have the responsibility of saving the planet, as the ones who have demolished it. The topic which was agreed upon for the first moderated caucus was "Discussing impacts, vulnerability and risks of climate change" during which, the delegate of India noted that island states and developing countries, along with women and other gender minorities are most vulnerable during climate related crises. Another motion was passed for an un moderated caucus for 20 minutes and it resulted the committee in focusing on impacts vulnerability and risk for climate change further.

~GUNCHHA JUNEJA

The Inner Chirruping

Far away I can see a tiny bird with golden wings
and red beak

Perching on an oak tree and chirruping
The sweet yet loud melody is reverberant,
Flowing through the valley to the broken wooden
window.

The crevices shed gleams of the glorious sun,
The aching hearts bathe their selves but look empty.
The void that has left them with for no laugh now
echoes in the valley.

Bruised hearts, bruised bodies, empty souls..

The valley now shrouded with red blanket.
I wonder, what the red beak has pecked onto.
The perching faints, the bullets reverberate...

~SHIWANGI GHOSH

THE PROMISE OF DENOUEMENT



'End is never the end; it is the manifestation of new beginning'. The second day of the two-day GDG MUN Conference observed some sweltering issues such as war and conflict, climate change, gender inequality and pseudo-secularism to say a few, and their pragmatic solutions suggested by the fervent GenZ. The denouement was nothing less but an amalgamation of palpable energy, innumerable learning experiences and cherishable moments.

Success is nothing but exhaling failures and inhaling experiences. The delegates who came from far and wide did have experiences of their lifetime. After all, GDG MUN has been giving a befitting platform from the past six years to young people to not only get an exposure to bring forth their revolutionary opinions and deliberations but also, work collaboratively to analyze and find practicable solutions on humanitarian grounds.

It is rightly said that Teamwork is the fuel that allows common people to produce uncommon results. This year's MUN's success wasn't possible without the incessant support and scaffolding of every individual starting from the Secretariat, Organizing Committee, EB members, Delegates to Teachers, Staff who, in their own unique way worked towards achieving the goal. The spectacular closing video proved to be a reflective element which left an indelible impression of sweet memories in every mind. The Conference closed with a promise to meet the next year crossing all the seen and unseen impediments that life throws at us at every juncture.

~Shiwangi Ghosh

The Editorial Desk...

"As the young leaders of tomorrow, you have the passion and energy and commitment to make a difference. What I'd like to really urge you to do is to have a global vision. Go beyond your country; go beyond your national boundaries." - Ban Ki-Moon

"SE PODEMOS"- Yes We Can!", the Sixth Edition of GDG MUN was nothing less than revolutionary. The ideologies, the mindset, the enthusiasm, the proposals, could not settle on conventional means of dealing with global issues. The burning issues of environmental degradation, wars on international borders, gender equality, poor health and well-being of living creatures ,etc; were put on the table and deliberated extensively. The contentions were viewed and analyzed from diverse aspects by brilliant minds from different walks of life. The newsletter is a condensed product of high-spirited creations of students at all levels. This student- led event witnessed zeal, inquisitiveness, display of analytical skills as well as sensibility of these young students- all squeezed in this tabloid.



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