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ST. XAVIER'S MODEL UNITED NATIONS 2022 NEWSLETTER

The world's predicaments are beyond measures. Disputes, Disasters, Wars, Conflicts are all examples of human follies and vices and the consequences are appalling. Hence, SXMUN always endeavors to cater to world serious issues and allows enough space to the representatives of each country to share their valuable views of utmost importance. The 6th edition of SXMUN 22 has led to inspiring debates on all the agendas and we are sure that the second day of this event would finally result in undertaking important resolutions and reach out to possible solutions. The arousing of consciousness with a consensus mind to bring a change is the evolutionary step to mankind.



THE INAUGURAL

St. Xavier's 6th Edition of Model United Nations, the most awaited event was finally set into motion on 12th August, 2022. Around 247 delegates from 11 schools covering states of Punjab and Haryana joined the event.

The opening ceremony began with the Lighting of the lamp followed by a prayer praising the Almighty alongwith the theme song- 'Holiday' and a welcome group dance. The honourable Chief Guest Mrs. Pallavi Chaudhury, the Municipal Commissioner was given a grand welcome by the Manager Rev. Fr. Christopher Michael, Principal Rev. Fr. Cidloy Furtado, Parish Priest Rev. Fr. Binod Baa, Coordinator Archana Rajput and Supervisor Miss Nupur.



The Secretary General of MUN, Diya Asija introduced the theme of SXMUN by stating the importance of changes in our lives. The Manager, Rev Father Christopher Michael addressed the gathering and highlighted that a diligent consensus is required to bring a positive change in the world. The Chief Guest addressed the gathering by encouraging the delegates to make an effort to bring about a change and it is possible if one exhibits undeterred determination.



UNITED NATION SECURITY COUNCIL(UNSC)

Threat to International Peace and Security with special emphasis on Ukraine Crisis The committee headed by the Chairperson Mr. Mokshit Sood and Vice Chairperson Mr. Udaybeer Singh Sidhu spinned around with multifarious arguments like Russia Ukrainian War, help provided by different countries, investigating the root cause of invasions, refugee crises and more. The delegates discussed about ways to bring this war at an end. Norway debated that NATO expansion did not provide security to Russians so they invaded Ukraine which later turned into a war. United Kingdom stated about the 8 years of bullying by Ukraine to be one of the cause for the invasion. India suggested to concur it with Diplomacy and sanctions and is constantly talking with Russia and Ukraine. Various delegates discussed about the number of refugees present in their country and the facilities given to them. USA stated that Russia wanted Ukraine to be a buffer and didn't want Ukraine to be a supplier of natural gas. The second session embarked with the delegate of Denmark and France speaking about the financial support and armed forces provided to Ukraine by them .

Pakistan brought to notice that they provided humanitarian assistance and called global powers to condemn Russia for raging the war. The delegate of Norway raised her voice stating about the main crime that is genocide and starvation to Ukraine by Russia to which Austria highlighted about the war laws.

Various solutions were proposed. The delegate of Ghana suggested that Ukraine should not be a part of NATO and Russia should provide monetary funds. Italy asked for neutrality of Ukraine and Russia should finance the infrastructure. The delegate of Kazakhstan proposed about a peace deal and that Russia should never attack Ukraine in future. Croatia asked for sanctions on Russia and diplomatic solutions.

The resolutions were drafted but were dissolved as Russia did not bow down to the demands made by Ukraine. Russia was being forced to surrender or call down the Russian forces. Russia did not vote in favour due to which this resolution failed. So Russia and France vetoed the draft resolution and the committee dissolved.



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**FOR GOOD IDEAS AND TRUE INNOVATION
YOU NEED INTERACTION, CONFLICT, ARGUMENT AND DEBATE**

ALL INDIA POLITICAL PARTY MEET (AIPPM)

Discussion on the protests around the 'Agnipath' Scheme with special emphasis on the media Censorship. Roadmap to reduce constraints and establish peace in the Jammu and Kashmir Valley in the light of recent events. The session began with the elaboration of rules and procedures by the moderator and co moderator Mr. Jashan Gulani and Mr. Chaitanya. Manmohan Singh presented his report on the disadvantages of this scheme and argued how the youth will be employed after the completion of their 4 years working in the army. Eknath Shinde commented how lathi charge was wrong but on contrary questioned Manmohan Singh about what were his views about the people destroying public property. Arwind Kejriwal interjected that the youth of this country will again go back to square one and appealed to grant jobs for whole lifetime and not just for 4 years. Rajnath Singh asserted his view that the youth would be given 7 lakhs rupees and reservation for jobs. To this JP Nadda acknowledged his words and added that many jobs facilities are there such as jobs in CRPF ,Police and likewise. Priyanka Gandhi and Mamta Banerjee questioned whether this package would last lifetime or is it limited and who is going to look after them in their most difficult times. Rahul Gandhi with his confidence filled personality accused that Narendra Modi was only good at launching new schemes but not implementing it. It is expected that the AIPPM would tomorrow witness some more heated verbal battles

The third session on the second day of the colloquium commenced and the agenda was resumed. Amit Shah commenced his speech in favour of the 'AGNIPATH SCHEME' followed by Mr. Gulam Nabi Azaad, demanding to give loan at the beginning of 4 years rather at the end and this left Mr Amit Shah speechless. Farooq Abdullah criticized the scheme stating that the future of Agneveers would be very bleak with no promising jobs after the lapse of 4 year time period. Manish Sisodia targeted the ruling party saying that a huge sum has been wasted on advertisement and opinion of the army personnel was not even taken into account.

The motion 'Impact of abrogation of Article 370' was raised by Priyanka Gandhi .The leader of the ruling party, Mr Narendra Modi supported the abrogation supported it stating that it was required for the economic development of the state. This is because now the Indians have been empowered to buy land in Kashmir and invest there, due to which the land prices would rise and the local Kashmiris would earn more. Doing all this would lead to overall economic development which would create more jobs and increased employment and development would slacken the crime and terrorism gradually. According to Mr Piyush Goyal, the Kasmiri Pandits now feel safe and have started returning to the valley. Mr Sukbir opined that this would create a psychological impact that a single constitution and a single flag will cause the Kashmiris to get integrated within India.

The opposition member Shashi Tharoor attacked the ruling party stating that after the abrogation of Article 370, the internet was turned off which hampered children's education, the landlines were turned off, the Kashmiri politicians were placed under house arrest, the people were locked up inside their houses and the government took this decision without apprising the Kashmiris about it. Mr. Kamal Nath criticized the ruling party stating that it has failed to restore peace in Jammu and Kashmir and on the contrary it has increased the number of killings of civilians and terrorism. The opposition was also of the opinion that doing this was unconstitutional and it was no less than duping as this decision was taken when the state assembly was non-existent. Article 370 was a sole medium of connection between Kashmir and India and it was also a sole legal medium, revoking this would mean that there remains no legal basis upon which Kashmir stays in India.

Towards the end a twenty five minute public session on establishing peace in Jammu and Kashmir began with Mr Narendra Modi's speech followed by the leaders of all the parties wherein leaders discussed various ways of restoration of peace in the valley.

The committee couldn't come to a consensus to pass a resolution and opted for a press release.

Press Release (All India Political Parties Meet)
(August 12-13, 2022)

Parties- BJP, JKNC, LJP, AAP, Akali dal, BSP, RJD, Shiv Sena, CPI, CPIM, DMK, Kisaan Morcha, JDU, SAD(Amritsar), AIMIM, RPI, BSP, JKDP, APP, TMC, IDC

Agenda-

Discussion on the protest around the AGNIPATH scheme
·Roadmap to reduce constraints and establish peace in Jammu and Kashmir valley.

- Training period of 6 months to be increased either for 1 year or if not enough then will be looked upon and training period would be increased.
- The government will protect the rights of J&K people and will definitely maintain the cordial relationship with rest of India.
- The center should implement people welfare programs and schemes.
- Giving pensions can be kept into consideration under certain circumstances of unemployment.
- Increase in military acceptance can be considered after first four years.
- Politicians must avoid discriminative speeches against the natives of J&K.
- Government should consider talking with the leaders of J&K in order to reach a common ground and establish peace.
- The Government in the intention of saving money and pensions can consider to reduce the pensions of MLA'S And MP'S.



WITHOUT CRITICISM, WITHOUT DISCOURSE NO ADMINISTRATION CAN SURVIVE

ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL (ECOFIN)

The regulation of Computer Code Currency Mr. Aayush Arora, the Chairperson of ECOFIN along with Miss Sanjana, the Vice Chairperson with amazing interacting skills explained the different points for the conference. The chair raised a question to the delegates regarding the legality of crypto currency but none of the delegates came up with any convincing statement. On Sweden questioning Russia about how to plan managing crypto currency without centralization, Russia put forward that all types of currency should be disclosed except the currency recognized by Government. One of the biggest concerns of the countries was with regard to the illicit transactions taking place on the dark web, to which delegate of India responded that countries should recognize certain VCE -Virtual Currency Exchanges on which transactions can take place and should declare transactions taking place on all other modes to be illegal, such an illegal transaction can be penalized by way of exemplary penalties and harsh imprisonment. Interesting motions were raised by delegates of Sweden and Lithuania for 'formulating the regulations and policies to make crypto currency more secure'. He further suggested that crypto currency should be brought to use only for trading and not for buying and selling of any kind of product. Use only CBDC that is more formal and reliable for day to day transactions. CBDC is very important factor to reduce the use of black money as it is recognized and recorded by the RBI. The session ended with declaration of the motion to be continued on the next day with special emphasis on the issue of 'CRISIS'.

The second day conference commenced with moderated caucus that was 'Future of Crypto Currency'. Russian Federation suggested to ban or restrict the use of crypto currency because of the increasing suicide rate. The delegate of Luxembourg stated that their government wants to make it more systematic and secure for the users, to which the delegate of Hungary inquired about the regulations. Bulgaria stated that future of crypto currency in Bulgaria is still uncertain and initiatives need to be promoted to make trading more profitable.

Italy was of the opinion that it was legal to have crypto currency and no tax was imposed on such transactions, to which the chair inquired if they had any law to protect the investors. Thereafter the Chair opened the house for GSL. Pakistan stated that they used to support and trade using crypto currency but it was banned in 2022 because of money laundering. The Chair then started explaining about cyber space while giving an example of Haldiram's and freezing of their servers. The delegate of Bulgaria and U.A.E. were praised by the Chair for their spectacular speeches. The Chair posed a question "Do you think that the entire ecosystem has brought profit to the economy of the world?". Mukesh Ambani stated that crypto currency is a digital currency and added that his son would be soon launching Jio's own currency in the form of Jio coin. The delegate of Saudi Arabia mentioned that his country took a great interest to join UAE and introduced its own crypto currency named ABER and to make it more secure, high quality coding technology system will be introduced to check hackers.

The Chairperson announced crisis update II that would be discussed in session four

Press released by Chairperson European Central bank distributed one million euros to each member country of European Union on 2nd August 2022. On 8th August 2022, 24 Central banks of member nations affirmed the receipt of 1 million into their

National Bank of Belgium received only 65,000 euros of CBDC .Central Bank of Italy received a receipt of 45,000 and France received nothing.

Christine Legard's posed three questions – 'How do we contain the situation?', 'How do we investigate the situation?', 'Should we declare the CBDC a failure?'

The delegate of Sweden stated that the project has not failed as 24 countries received the CBDC and only three countries did not get it, it was merely a glitch. South Korea advised to check the servers to find out if the money was hacked.

The Chair made statement that USA's company Kasper Sky has uploaded its report stating that the Russian Federation, in order to avenge the sanctions imposed by the Russian union against Russia, on the grounds of Ukraine, has intruded into the financial ecosystem for Europe. This attack was allegedly done by the non-state group of hackers called Alexie 102. A US company updated the report that it was an attack by the Russian Federation on European Union to target their banks and economies.

Russian Federation demanded an evidence to prove that they had stolen the money. Kristalina Georgieva stated that it was their responsibility to figure out the truth and added that they would try to trap the Alexie 102. It was strongly stated that if Russia was at fault then IMF would conduct a meeting with Russia, USA and other involved countries and would find out the truth.

To sum up the session some feedback points were given by the Executive Board Members-

- 1-You should represent a country rather than yourself.
- 2-Never discuss domestic issues in an international committee.
- 3-To suppress and maintain the flow of the argument of the motion you should be able to make eye contact.
- 4- Create the arguments on the spot rather than referring to the internet.



IDENTIFYING PROBLEMS BUT GIVING POWER & ENERGY TO SOLUTIONS

UNITED NATIONS OFFICE ON DRUGS AND CRIME(UNODC)

Legal status of Recreational drugs with focus on medical drugs. All the aspiring country representatives were filled with zeal, their eyes shining with a combination of novel thoughts, and a long for learning and a sense of accomplishment. The Conference infused the delegates to deliberate and discuss about checking the use of various recreational drugs in different countries.

There manifold and diverse arguments were raised up by the delegates of the committee like raising family involvement in checking use of recreational drugs and handling depression, various methods of controlling sale and purchase of recreational drugs, Programs launched by governments of various countries to control the use of recreational drugs, Control of Narcotics etc. The delegates made use of POI to question the issues raised and statements presented by other delegates. Parague, Liberia and Russia also discussed about various methods to control drug trafficking. Representative from Australia emphasized on the increasing rate of Alcohol Consumption. The delegate of Denmark raised questions on drugs seized in Denmark, Afghanistan and Pakistan. Use of various surveys and finding out and addressing various causes of drug addiction were also discussed by the delegates.

The second day conference continued with the delegate of France informing about their 'Drug policies at National level', their broad approach to psychoactive behaviour and severe drug addictions, hoping for a healthy and safe nation. Venezuela confirmed about their activities to educate all the citizens as well as the severe drug addicts, organising of procedures of Public Health Systems. Also, there are National observatories where information of all medications is looked after. Venezuela also started with their 'Anti Drug Policies of 2009 & 2013'. The delegate of Costa Rica declared about their laws like 'General Health Law', supporting and prioritising the health of their citizens. NICARAGUA informed about their agreements and laws about drug trafficking as well as laws for arrest of drug traffickers. Iraq discussed about alcohol control due to the religious factors and beliefs. The delegate of Egypt stated about their reduction of drug abuse rate among governmental employees to 1.7% down from 8% in 2019

Argentina emphasized on the increased rate of drug trafficking, measures to control trafficking, surveys done and measures taken by supreme court in the same issue. The delegates discussed about Import of medicines, adulteration of medicines and punishment to be meted out for the adulteration of medicines. Peru highlighted that their government has introduced 500 new detectives to check supplies of drugs and special sting operations are being conducted at import houses. Police stations are equipped with modern equipment to check supply of drugs. The delegates of New Zealand suggested on maintenance of mental strength and awareness programs at public places for educating people about drug abuse. Chile has spent 34.6 billion on National Drug Control Program. The POIs of delegates and initiatives taken by various countries were recognised by the Chairs and Vice-Chairs. Imprisonment of drug traffickers and counseling of drug addicts were suggested as the best measures to control drug trafficking and abuse of drugs. The delegate of USA was praised for his quick response to all the POIs.

SET OUT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE



UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME (UNEP)

The Chairperson Chirag Kundra and Vice Chairperson Shравan Maheshwari began the first session by addressing the committee of 51 members and briefing the delegates about the procedure to be followed in the conference. The committee proceeded with the general speakers' list (GSL) with the motion raised by the delegate of Canada. Delegates raised important points on the issues of water scarcity and climate change. The delegate of Canada stated that 150 to 200 species per day are in danger as global warming has been increasing. They are planning to initiate greener and eco-friendly means of energy. The representative of Afghanistan put forth the point that years of war had a terrible impact on the water resources in the country and how they have resorted to having hydro-diplomatic ties with other countries. The strategies formulated to tackle the issues of water scarcity and climate change were put forth by the delegate of Switzerland. The delegate of USA stated that the administration is tackling a spectrum of water security challenges. Switzerland mentioned that their country has always played an active role in global efforts to conserve water and environment. Thereafter, the GSL was suspended during the lunch break.

The second session embarked with the delegate of Latvia stating that Latvia achieved 41% share of renewable energy sources in 2019 and aims to reach 50% by 2030. The delegate of Finland replied that Finland is replacing fossil-based chemicals, key emitters of greenhouse gases with renewable raw materials such as wood to produce goods, services and energy when being questioned as what their country is doing for water security. About 9.4% of Finland is covered by lakes, and according to UNICEF, water in Finland is the cleanest in the world.

Lithuania affirmed that to combat the climate change, Lithuania signed up Paris Agreement on 12 December 2015, which sets out a global framework to avoid dangerous climate change by limiting global warming to well below 2 degree Celsius and pursuing efforts to limit it to 1.5 degree Celsius.

In the Moderated Caucus, the sub-agenda 'Impact of climatic changes on the world and the initiatives the countries have taken to tackle the problem' was discussed. Following countries namely Canada, Peru, Iceland, Mauritius, New Zealand, Denmark, Brazil, Finland, Sweden, Thailand, Argentina etc discussed about their initiatives.



**'YOU DON'T WIN A DEBATE BY SUPPRESSING DISCUSSION
YOU WIN IT WITH A BETTER ARGUMENT'**

CLOSING CEREMONY – A PROROGUE OF SXMUN2022 SUMMIT

SXMUN 6th edition finally concluded treasuring the power packed information that every delegate received in each committee.

The event was graced by the presence of the Manager, Rev Fr. Christopher Michael , the Principal, Rev Fr. Cidloy Furtado , the Chief Guest , Ms Shelja Monga who is an Alumni of St.Xavier's School, Bathinda, presently serving as Principal of BBS Indo Canadian School, Maluka , Bathinda with an experience of more than a decade in the field of education ,the Co ordinators , Mrs Archana Rajput and Mrs Pallavi and the Supervisor, Ms Nupur.

The ceremony was marked significant by a mellowing musical song and an agile dance performance by the students that pulsated through the audience.

The Principal, Rev. Father Cidloy Furtado congratulated the Organizing Committee and the participants for their tireless efforts that made this event a grand success. He also mentioned about the importance of consensus and emphasized that God is one who dwells in everyone's heart. He further added that the change is to be transformed in the likeness of God and we should be a conscious catalyst for the bright future of our country.

Thereafter, the Director General of SXMUN , Deepika Bansal, addressed the gathering and stated that constant debates usually invite exchange of ideas which help us to understand the working of UN in a better way.

Finally the gathering witnessed the most awaited moment –'the award ceremony' where the delegates of each Committee were awarded for their exemplary participation. The Chief Guest addressed the gathering and congratulated all the winners who expressed their views confidently and shared words of motivation for those who could not make it in the list of winners. The Secretariat Board too was felicitated by all the dignitaries.

The awards for the outstanding delegate of each committee were bagged by the following:

1. ECOFIN – KRISTALINA GEORGIEVA (PORTFOLIO)
2. UNEP— SWITZERLAND
3. UNSC -- NORWAY
4. AIPPM—SMRITI IRANI (PORTFOLIO)
5. UNODC-- USA

St. Joseph's School, Bathinda stole the show by winning the award for 'The Best Position Paper' that was conferred to SMRITI IRANI and for bagging 'The best School Delegation' trophy respectively.

A vote of thanks was extended by the Deputy Secretary General, Paawan Saroop Kaur who praised the participants for their leadership skills and wished them a better future. Thereafter, the Secretary General, Diya Asija declared the Conference to be closed.



*Facing challenges with strength,
determination and confidence is what matters and you have done it.*

Congrats!

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