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*Diplomacy is the art of saying things in
such a way that those to whom we speak
may listen to them with pleasure.*

~Blaise Pascal

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MESSAGE FROM THE VICE PRINCIPAL

AWS is a memorable journey right from ideation to execution. I am immensely proud of all those who shouldered the responsibility to not only continue the legacy of their seniors but did so while raising the bar higher. Every member of the organising committee has undoubtedly undergone a tremendous learning curve – using their skills and talents advantageously and benefitting from the support lent to them from those whose expertise lies in other areas.

The esteemed chief guest, the Hon. Consul General of Greece, Mr. Sushil Kumar Jiwarajka, shared his experience and wisdom and offered the apt flavour to the summit by highlighting the fast-changing world and need of the hour being to adapt to it effectively.

Participating in an event such as this one can lead to invaluable gain that continues to have its positive effect on one's work environment as responsible adults. Undoubtedly, several delegates at this summit will go on to doing acts of greatness and kindness and bring about desirable change in the world.

Acting together now, you – the youth - can shape the world that is an elusive one now. May the Almighty always guide you as you navigate challenges with ease and grace.

- Ms. Sonali Gandhi



DISEC

Elevate the Perspective

China, Japan and Russia declared war on the United States of America! Are they ready to make provision for this?

Japan dispatched suicide-targeted drones on the Statue of Liberty, yet the United States of America proceeded to be their extensive trading partner. Russia claimed itself to be independent and continue to trade with the United States of America.

Is the United States being exploited for its resources? Measures should be implemented to conserve these resources, especially since a conflict has been declared against them.

India has increased the number of watchtowers along its borders and has installed drone detection systems to prevent the entry of drones from other countries. Meanwhile, Pakistan has not provided satisfactory explanations for its involvement in drug smuggling.

The increasing importance of drones raises serious concerns about their potential misuse in the future.

- Divisha Dubey



Press Conference

1. Drones were illegally flying at the Paris Olympics. What preventive measures are being taken to prevent such incidents from happening again?

Delegate of France: We have made our guidelines strict and have started the use of regulatory sandboxes.

2. Pakistan used India's drone technology. Why would they do so if they are ranked 4th in the world for drone technology?

Delegate of Pakistan: It was similar to our drone technology and proved useful, so we found it logical to use it.

Delegate of India (In response to the above comment): The government of Pakistan only found it useful for harmful purposes, such as killing and smuggling contraband.

3. United States of America uses drones to smuggle contraband and cellphones into prisons. What are the causes?

Delegate of the United States of America: The AECA has implemented stringent export controls to address this issue. Regulations ensure that the export of advanced drone technology is carefully monitored.

UNHRC

Innocent Palestine Refugees?

The delegate of France raised concerns about whether attacking a ship was a cost-effective way of protecting a country's population from Hamas. This question arose in the context of a ship destined for Germany via international waters, which sank, resulting in the loss of over a thousand lives.

Following this, there was a 1 v 1 session between France and Israel. The discussion was characterised by justifications, unanswered questions and numerous accusations. France accused Israel of disregarding the loss of innocent lives and levelled several accusations regarding the ship they targeted, which resulted in the loss of innocent lives. Israel, however, remained unresponsive and silent.

The German delegate, who spent the first half of the day defending the existing refugee situation, inquired about the justifications provided by Israel for targeting the ship. The committee had not deliberated on its resolutions when a German entity was implicated in the bombing of the ship.

-Rishika Nahar



UNSC

Fight Fire with Fire while the Innocents Get Burned

“Fire will be met with fire,” was the ardent statement made by the delegate of Palestine, who was exasperated with the treachery performed by their ally, the Russian Federation. The passionate nemesis shook hands with each other as the update on the crisis staggered the political relations of the committee.

A 2 v 2 session followed with the United Kingdom and Palestine allied against the USA and Russia. Russia, with great guile, assured and warned Palestine about the use of nuclear armaments to respond to their ‘fire’ with ‘fire’. This conjunction of ‘world's most powerful countries’ was disparaged by the UK, who believed in peace through war. This fiery session of the committee proved that arbitration fails when blood, murder and warfare are the choices.

Ultimately, peace is not meant to elevate humanity to heaven but to prevent it from descending into hell.

- Reva Agal



Press Conference

1. Does the West have a superiority or saviour complex?

The delegate of Palestine: Some countries, including the USA, exhibit a superiority or saviour complex.

2. How do you envision the future of Jerusalem, the holy place, claimed by both Israel and Palestine?

Palestine: Israel and Palestine have initiated peace talks and have agreed to a ceasefire. The decision is to divide Jerusalem into two parts, allowing for peaceful coexistence and permitting crossing for religious purposes.

3. What has your country done to empower women and keep them safe?

The delegate of Yemen: The country's principle of women's rights is aligned with the Quran's principle of women's rights.

4. Is the prohibition of women's participation and the lack of safe spaces for them in line with the principles of holy scripture?

Yemen: The issue lies with the terrorist organisation in Yemen, and our government is currently too weak and in need of external assistance.

UNSC (JR)

All Hail the USSR!

In the second session of the United Nations Security Council Junior, Oman supported Russia and called Afghanistan 'the indecisive kid in the cousins' group'. The delegate ended by declaring war on the United States of America and Afghanistan. Germany openly admitted to being racist.

A 1v1v1 followed - Russia vs USA vs Afghanistan. The delegate of Russia spoke about the hydrogen bomb planted by the USA and highlighted the irony of Afghanistan, a nation with a history of terrorism, speaking about peace. He described Afghanistan as a country that lacks the means to wage war yet still engages in conflict. He concluded by asserting that the Russian Federation will always prevail, ending with, "All hail the USSR."

"We will absolutely obliterate Russia", said the delegate of the USA. The delegate also accused Afghanistan of not supporting women. The delegate of Afghanistan confronted the USA saying, "Your country supports obesity and perverts." There were vicious attacks by the delegates which lead them debarred from the committee.

- Rachael Isaac

Press Conference

1. The Red Brigades in Italy engaged in terrorism to overthrow capitalist systems and establish socialist states. Any comments?

Delegate of Italy: Italy has taken several steps, including increasing law enforcement and security measures, implementing political and social reforms, launching public campaigns and enhancing international cooperation.

2. Red Army Faction in Germany engaged in terrorism for the same reasons, do you have any other points to add?

Delegate of Germany: Germany is going to continue fighting against terrorism.

3. The Ku Klux Klan in the United States used terror tactics to maintain white supremacy and intimidate minorities. Justify this?

Delegate of America: Firstly, the government of the United States is aware of this problem, which is why we are taking several countermeasures. Are you not aware of what the USA has done not only for itself but also for other countries internationally?



UNDP

Global Order Under Siege

The UNDP committee was engulfed in a maelstrom of crises. North Korea declared nuclear war on South Korea, a flagrant breach of the UN Charter. North Korea's isolationist policies and blatant disregard for human rights further exacerbated the situation.

Russia, in a display of blatant hypocrisy, supported North Korea while ignoring its own occupation of Ukraine and the humanitarian catastrophe unfolding there. Its refusal to reopen Ukraine's critical wheat export route, a lifeline for millions, underscored its disregard for global food security. The United States of America lambasted Russia's actions, highlighting the use of chemical weapons in Ukraine, a violation of a treaty signed previously by the nation.

The committee also grappled with other pressing global challenges. Yemen's ongoing conflict and its capacity to manage aid were scrutinised. India faced increasing pressure to address its population growth, the well-being of its citizens, and the plight of Rohingya refugees, while balancing traditional beliefs.

-Akshay Banga



Press Conference

1. Why is North Korea not accepting help from other countries?

Delegate of North Korea: North Korea does not want help from other countries. We are following our policy of isolation. While their citizens implored help from neighbours, the North Korean government remained adamant on staying isolated.

2. Couldn't USA have better utilised funds for biochemical weapon research in humanitarian aid?

Delegate of USA: The USA has sufficient funds to conduct research. We are also the biggest provider of aid to countries worldwide. The USA failed to mention that they are also the biggest supplier of weapons and are known for their knack of interfering in other countries matters.

3. Why hasn't UAE shared their cloud seeding technology with other nations?

Delegate of UAE: The method is not 100% safe. We do not want to be held responsible for deaths in other countries. Once perfected, the UAE will share this technology.

Press Conference

1. Poverty and income inequality is till rampant in India. What solutions does the delegate propose for addressing these issues?

Delegate of India: We have implemented laws, established an organization, and are providing job opportunities and education to those living below the poverty line.

2. Afghanistan faces challenges in achieving long-term stability, which remains an obstacle to sustained peace and development despite various resolution attempts. How can this situation be improved?

Delegate of Afghanistan: We announced that we would like to be governed by the UN.

3. Colombia faces ongoing challenges with cocaine production, which have significant implications. How do you propose to address these issues in light of poverty and the presence of illegal armed groups?

Delegate of Columbia: In Colombia, the poverty rate has been steadily decreasing by 3% each year, and violent organizations have been pushed back into the Amazon rainforests. The President has introduced policies on cocaine production that affect both the production and size of coca plants.

UNDP (JR)

The Captain does not Abandon the Ship

The delegate of Brazil apologised satirically for calling the healthcare system of the United States “incompetent”. They remarked that the system doesn’t provide funds to citizens, and despite having the largest federally financed programs, tax officials who owe millions in delinquent taxes still receive millions of dollars in medical benefits.

Turkey highlighted Brazil’s educational influence and addressed the issue of drug abuse, noting a total of 15,506,000 drug users. Males, particularly those aged 15 to 64, were identified as the most prevalent drug consumers.

The Chairperson also addressed the collapse of the healthcare system in Afghanistan, which has led to outbreaks of diseases such as measles and polio. They questioned, “What actions will you take while your President is in the United States enjoying its healthcare?” and added, “A leader does not abandon their post, delegate.”

- Rehetkaur Vijan



UNEP

Reluctant Camaraderie

“We are supposed to come up with resolutions, not blame each other outrightly.” The committee session was truly shocking: delegates were continually debarred, with a heated 2v2, and a delegate tripping over.

The committee started typically, with the delegates of America and Russia getting at each other’s throats, only for a feud to develop between the United States and the delegate of New Zealand. This soon developed into a 2v2 confrontation, with the USA aligning with Russia and New Zealand joining forces with Argentina, much to the reluctance of the United States.

However, during this time, New Zealand admitted to the inappropriate behaviour aimed at the delegate of the United States for the “crimes” committed by the country, resulting in getting barred from the committee. Eventually, a moderated caucus for resolutions was brought up.

-Tishya Mehra

Press Conference

1. In light of China’s growing interest in the Arctic’s natural resources, how does China ensure that its operations are conducted in a manner that aligns with international environmental protection standards?

The delegate failed to answer.

2. Being one of the major members of the BRICS group, how can you suggest reforms when your group is responsible for has emitting billions of metric tonnes of carbon dioxide, prioritizing economic growth over the environment?

The delegate refused to answer.

3. Considering Russia’s significant military presence in the Arctic, how does Russia balance strategic interests with environmental protection obligations?

The Delegate of Russia: Russia believes in a balance. As 40% of the Arctic is under Russian territory, it is necessary to have military bases there in the context of national security because if you cannot have military bases in your own country, where will you have them? Despite this, Russia believes in altering the way they work by shifting from diesel to renewable energy as it is being done in its various military stations.



UNEP (JR.)

Press Conference

1. 17% of Cambodian citizens have been defecating in fields and water bodies. How can funds help when no action is taken?

Delegate of Cambodia: The citizens are aware of the actions, the government made an ongoing program in 2020, by 2025 the government is given a positive momentum to gain access to clean drinking water and water sources by the end of 2025.

2. In the session yesterday, the delegate of China called themselves a developing nation. How does China justify this as it factually incorrect?

Delegate of China: After China said that, it realised its mistake and clarified that China is currently a growing economy.

3. Sudan's water resource is the Nile. However, you mentioned, "We do not have rights to access the Nile." Can you elaborate on it?

Delegate of Sudan: We have access to only 5% of the Nile. 85% of it is in Ethiopian territory and they pollute it. 5% of the Nile cannot solve the water crisis.

Hot Springs of Cold Tears

The wells are dry but the politics is not. Dirt was uncovered minute-by-minute as session 3 of the UNEP Jr. Committee continued.

From unclear responses to controlled chaos, this session was one for the books. Argentina stated, "The citizens are our top priority. Debts from the World Bank can be repaid later." When asked by India, Israel said that they did not provide proper water resources in Gaza because they could make weapons from the plumbing and piping techniques used. From the responses of the delegates, the question remains; were these answers serious or some twisted attempt at adding humour to the committee?

Issues like water leaks in Iraq and broken dams in India were raised. The delegates failed to reach a conclusion. The session was a pure essence of crisis, drama, and unsolicited humour.

- Yuvika Gupta



UNODC

“War: The Last Resort?”

Russia continues to bring countries back into the loop for violence again.” This statement by France is what sums up the third session at the United Nations Office of Drugs and Crime. A very infuriated delegate of Russia waged war on Germany and France due to their comments against Putin legalising drugs. This instigated commotion amongst the committee and a heated 2v2 followed amongst Germany and France vs Afghanistan and Russia where the prevalent mafias in Germany and Russia were discussed.

The committee discussed the flawed solutions presented to solve the conflict in the agenda. The Executive Board labelled Egypt’s Rafah Border Control as “unreliable”. When Germany was questioned on the 1% of the population that consumes drugs, they replied sharply with, “Right now our focus is our people and maybe you should do the same.”

Towards the conclusion of Canada’s speech against illicit drugs, the Press questioned the delegate on their decision of legalising cocaine and MDMA which left Canada perplexed.

The UNODC was a dynamic committee, but Russia's questionable decisions made achieving their final objective a challenging task.

-Ishani Dutta



Press Conference

1. When the usage of drugs was legalised in Russia, you stated “Additional income could be redirected to supporting the war and aiding Russia economically.” Do you mean to say that death by overdose doesn’t matter to you as long as it funds the war?

Delegate of Russia: Russia would like to state that the usage of drugs has been limited to recreational purposes only and our security personnel are imposing restrictions on the usage .

2. You are leading in the illicit production of drugs since 2001. How do you plan to curb this problem?

Delegate of Afghanistan: We have imposed restrictions and there is progress. Myanmar is now the leading producer. A slow rate is better than no rate. was a comment made when asked the reason behind its slow implementation.

Millions of your population are drug consumers, what is your current policy regarding this?

Delegate of Pakistan: We have initiated 130 rehabilitation programs and 50,000 have been cured. The people are drug free.

INTERPOL

Press Conference

1. The country has made modern port infrastructural developments. What are they?

Delegate of Jordan: There has been use of Radar and Satellite Monitoring that the country has invested in to enhance its ability to detect and track vessels.

2. Who pointed out problems other countries faced ,but itself includes insufficient cargo-handling equipment?

Delegate of Brazil :The country came up with laws of registration of maritime property, port planning or paying a penalty

3. Fishing being top 3 sources of income in Ecuador, what changes are going to be made and when?

Delegate of Ecuador: The delegate founded an organisation- LATFIUFF that would provide them funds and make them successful by 2030.

Organisation Established in Session!

Address the problem. Create the solution. This is what the Model United Nations is all about.” was an indelible statement accurately quoted by the delegate of Australia.

Proceeding to the most prolific hour of the session, an organization was founded by the delegate of Ecuador, denominated as LATFIUUF- Latin American Task Force for Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing. The USA, Canada, Australia and France would fund the organisation while other countries were welcomed to do so as well. Other major countries were ready to lend a helping a hand to this organisation thus making it partly a global organisation. The aim of LATFIUUF would be to create an army that would be enforced under a crisis and collect funds or any other humanitarian aid offered to protect the seas of and around Latin America, and then eventually abetting for the safety of all the water bodies of the world.

The delegate of Indonesia shared their modus operandi(a particular way of doing something) on combating piracy at the Malacca Strait, in association with Australia.

-Jiah Shah



IP

The State of Press Freedom in India

"Rahul Gandhi's chaotic exit is yet another Houdini act to escape accountability."

The day began with a moderated caucus on freedom of the press that included keynote speakers like Amit Shah, Asaduddin Owaisi, Dimple Yadav, Rajnath Singh, and S. Jaishankar. It turned out to be a heated contested debate where several pointed barbs were aimed at Amit Shah, some finding a target. Rahul Gandhi took the floor only to be silenced abruptly, much to the shock of all, when his involvement in a scandal case was brought to the fore.

In a shocking turn of events, Kangana Ranaut, who recently hopped on to the INC bandwagon, launched scathing attacks against the BJP. Her emotionally charged comments betrayed political immaturity and begged the question: wasn't she going to change sides once more?

-Rigved Prabhakar



Press Conferance

1. How do you think Shashi Tharoor will handle a complex task of maintaining and moderating diplomatic relations between India, China and Russia ?

Shashi Tharoor : Failed to answer.

2.How is Mr Asaduddin Owaisi going to uplift the minorities without sidelining the majority, whereas his brother's ideology has been completely opposite?

The representative, Asaduddin Owaisi, had nothing to say.

3. What are your thoughts on economic inequality in India?

Rahul Gandhi's response seemed to be a carbon copy of Modi's famous schemes. He stressed that all-inclusive growth was required and announced a slew of measures that would reduce the gap of economic inequality. Rahul pointed out education and health reforms, where more investment should take place to bring people out of misery. He further called for the need for more robust social welfare programs and job creation initiatives that would ensure the same opportunity to people. The atmosphere grew tense with voices starting to rise, compelling the press to cut further questions to prevent escalation.

Press Conference

1. By removing the requirement for companies to disclose political donations, what was the government aiming to achieve—transparency?

(Nirmala Sitharaman failed to reply)

Kiren Rijiju: To stop the companies from getting unfair advantage due to what political party they donate to.

2. How does the government plan to restore the people's faith after the Delhi liquor scam?

Manish Sisodia: If people put their trust in me, I will help them make a better democracy.

3. Why were religious barriers brought about this time during the elections?

PM Modi: Religion no matter what any party says has always been a part of the general Indian elections.

Sonia Gandhi: In a country like India, religion is always bound to come into play.

IP (JR)

Circus in Session

“Politics is the art of looking for trouble, finding it everywhere, diagnosing it incorrectly and applying the wrong remedies.”- a fitting statement to summarise what went on at the Indian Parliament Junior committee.

Accusations and anger flew. Kangana Ranaut then made a surprise appearance, lightening the atmosphere by mocking the delegates and making fun of Sonia Gandhi's Italian heritage.

Sonia's attempts at a rebuttal were to no avail. Kangana's humour, and constant support for PM Modi managed to lift spirits.

In a subsequent 3v3 debate on the Agnipath Scheme, it was revealed that 75% of soldiers who left their education to train for the military for several months were left unemployed.

Questions were raised about how Agnipath soldiers differed from regular soldiers apart from the age criteria. PM Modi concluded the discussion by emphasizing the need for young soldiers in the light of an upcoming war.

Prayushi Patodia



FIFA

Money or Fans?

“There should be a governing body to keep a check on the Financial Fair play.” and “The Financial Fair play rules should become stricter.” - were some of the suggestions passed by most delegates.

The delegate of Manchester United kept suggesting to re-discuss the topic of match fixing. However, due to a lack of a majority, this was denied. “Money is everything”, said the delegate of Al-Nassr as he, and the delegate of Al Hilal were debating against Manchester United and Manchester City on the topic of filling stadiums and winning the hearts of fans being more important than generating income. The delegate of Al Hilal constantly received comments from divergent committees for being incapable of answering the questions correctly while the delegate of Girona wished to ensure the financial health and sustainability of football clubs, preventing them from spending beyond their means. Further, issues by other clubs were raised and discussed as well. However, the demand for a new governing body to ensure the Financial Fair play Rules in check was constant.

The heated arguments and discussions kept going. However, the dedication with which every delegate debated showed their love for the sport.

-Kripa Thakkar

Press Conference

1. The delegate of Liverpool is in a debt of 237 million euros. How does the delegate plan to repay the loans taken?

The delegate answered by saying, “I will take another loan to repay the ongoing loan. I will not mind sponsorships from affluent companies or other wealthy clubs to repay the loan.”

2. Recently, Manchester United sent Financial Fair play warning as the “biggest red flag”, why?

The delegate said that for the past three years they had not crossed any limits of the FFP and their expenses were well within the limits. If there are any financial issues, they are completely transparent and were willing to have the balance sheets scrutinised.”



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