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at the United Nations

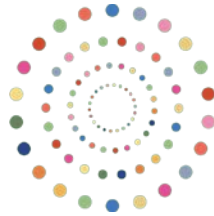
THE JOURNEY AT THE UNITED NATIONS



At United Nations World Head Quarters, New York, United States.

Truly transformational days of my life!

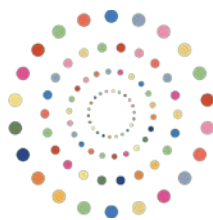




PERMANENT MISSION OF INDIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS



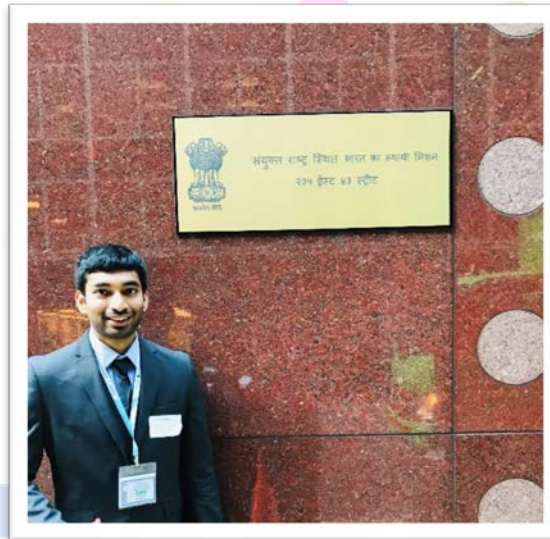
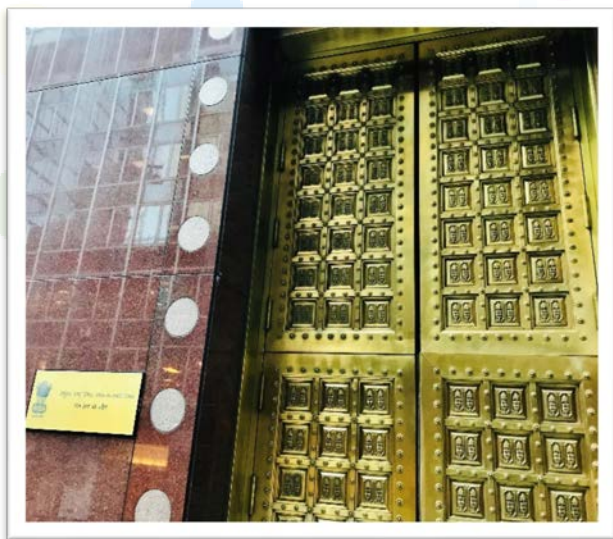
We had a visit India Permanent Mission office in New York along with few other fellow Indian delegates.



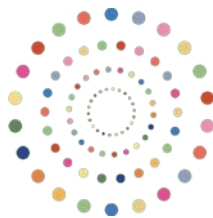
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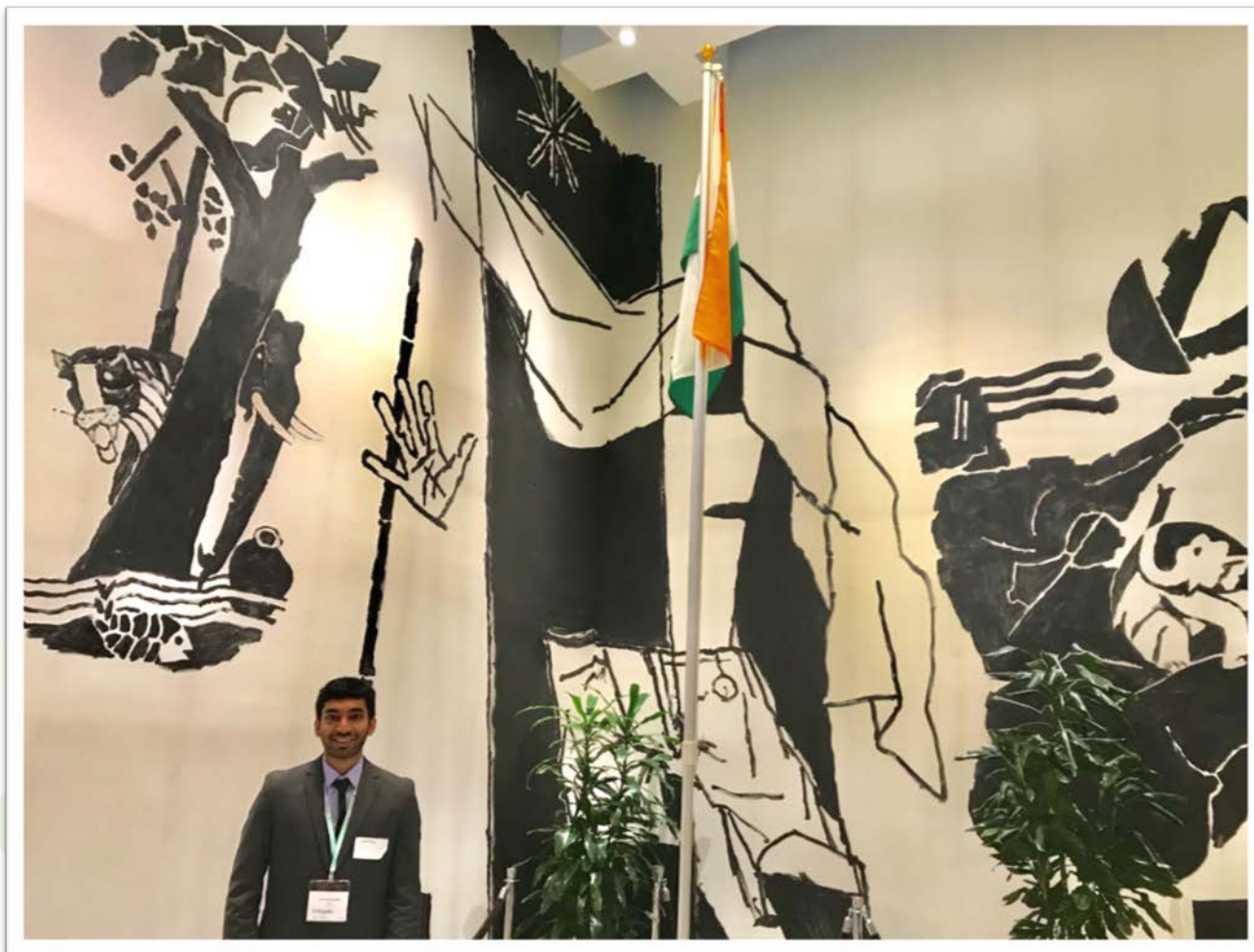
Various Prime Ministers giving speeches at the United Nations



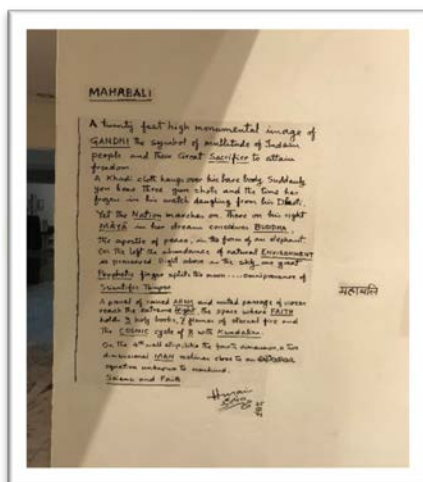
The Entrance resembles Indian culture and sculptures.

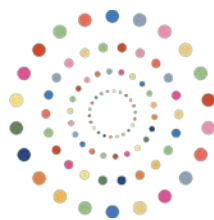


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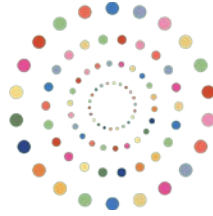


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JAPAN PERMANENT MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS



With **Mr. KISHIMORI Hajime**, Counsellor, Japan Permanent Mission at UN.



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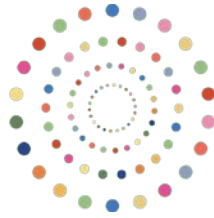
We had a one-hour session with Mr Jimmy, where we talked about:

- The Organization Structure of the United Nations.
- G4 nations formation.
- About Japan's image
- Japan's Agenda of promoting Sustainable Development Goals.
- A resolution in addressing Foreign Terrorist Fighters (FTFs).

And He asked about our visit details to UN and the project that I am working on.

He gifted me his pen as a remembrance of this meet.

“What You Can Do, or Dream You Can, Begin It; Boldness Has Genius, Power, and Magic in It”

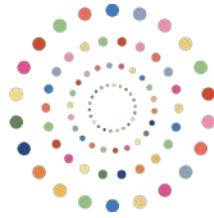


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THE RESOLUTION PROJECT



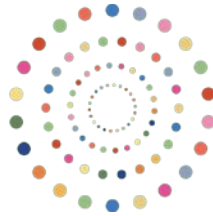
At my presentation deck



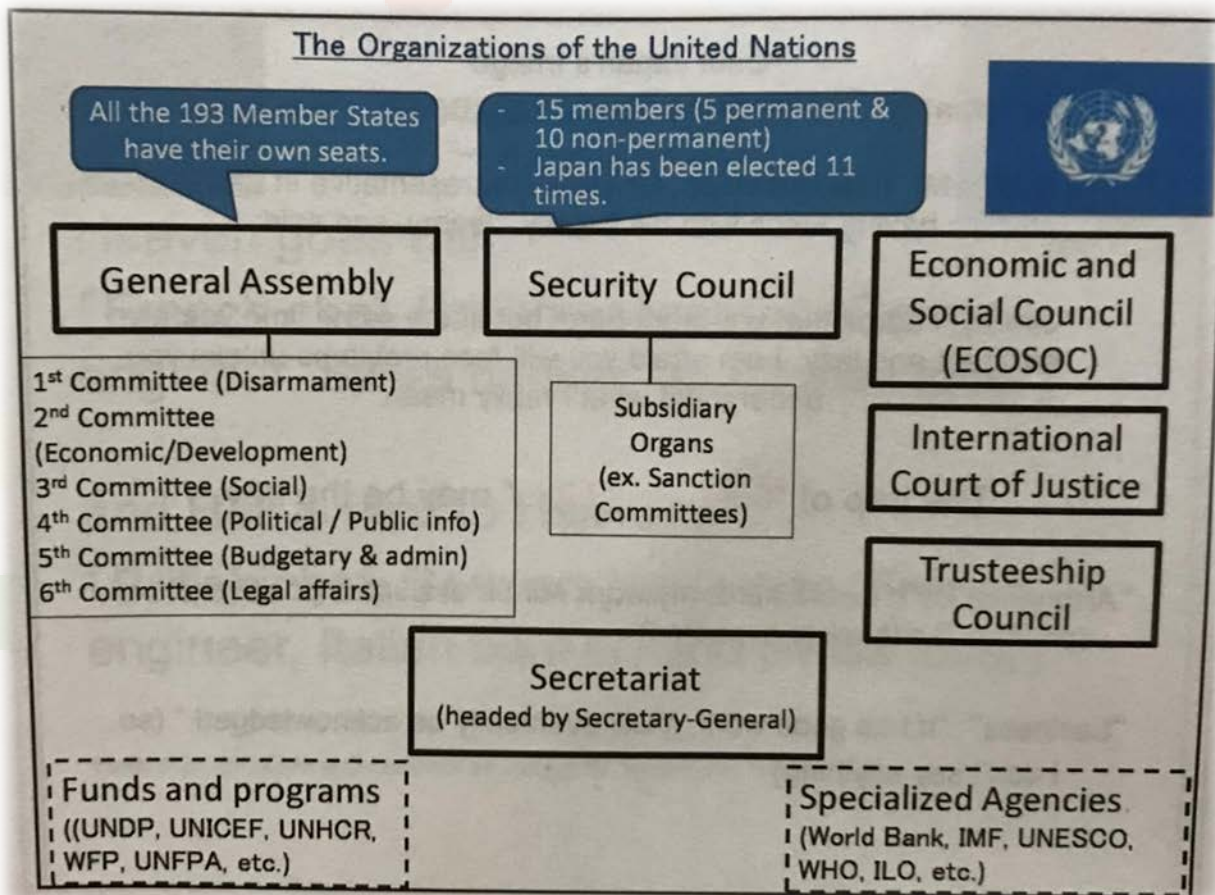
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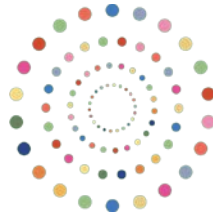


As part of the 12th Resolution Social Venture Challenge, I was explaining fellow delegates details about my project which target Agriculture Safety.



UN ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE





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#CocreateImpact

Innovation + Collaboration FOR A SUSTAINABLE WORLD

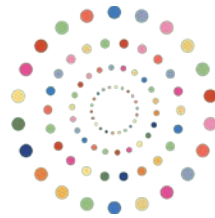


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14-16 February 2018
New York, USA

YOUTH ASSEMBLY SESSIONS

- HOW TO VALIDATE AND WIN SUPPORT FOR YOUR IDEA -Thought For Food
- FINDING YOUR VOICE TO CHANGE THE WORLD - The Nature Conservancy
- SCALING UP RENEWABLE ENERGY- Powering up the future.
- WORLD CLIMATE SIMULATION
- ADDRESSING GLOBAL HEALTH CRISES
- BUILDING RESILIENCE TO NATURAL HAZARDS



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THOUGHT FOR FOOD

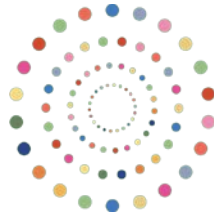


This session conducted by Mr. **Jared Yarnall-Schane**, Program Director, Thought for Food, on identifying customers and users. We created an action list of things that we know and assumptions that need to test. We received insight into how Thought For Food and other competitions using those two points to make funding decisions.

Key Note:

- We were able to identify and define the customer persona.
- We introduced to the concept of Lean Startup methodology.
- We received insights into early stage funding decision making processes.

“Show you have an understanding of who your customers are and what their problem is when pitching an idea for a #startup” - @JYarnallSchane



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THE NATURE CONSERVANCY

Every voice makes a difference! The Nature Conservancy led this workshop, we learnt how to tell our personal story and channel our passion for creating change into becoming youth advocates for the urban sustainability and the SDGs. We exercised our civic voice by developing a personal advocacy strategy around an urban sustainability challenge.



Background: By 2050, there will be 9 billion people on Earth and 75 percent of them will live in cities. Rapid urbanisation combined with expansive population growth all over the world has dire consequences for nature and the sustainability of our natural resources. But nature has a role to play in helping to make cities more resilient, livable and truly flourishing places. Nature can help cities address some of the most pressing challenges like excessive heat and air pollution or flooding from natural disasters.

We as a young people have always been a powerful voice for change. With 60 percent of urban residents expected to be under the age of 18 by 2030, as the current youth generation has the unprecedented leverage to use their voice to make cities healthy, sustainable, flourishing places.



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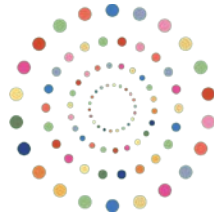
SCALING UP RENEWABLE ENERGY

Over 1 billion people worldwide do not have access to electricity, while the expansion of electricity already faces the many challenges of climate change. Bridging the energy gap will require significant investment in new infrastructure and expanding public-private partnerships to grow the market and keep costs down.



However, this must consider alongside the dangers of climate change and global warming. Fossil fuels currently produce 70% of electricity globally, but the International Energy Agency has warned that this figure must plummet to 7% to give the world a 50% chance of limiting global warming to less than 2 degrees Celsius.

Achieving SDG 7 will require collaboration and innovation to increase energy access, improve affordability, and reduce reliance on fossil fuels. This panel brought together experts in renewable energy from the public, private and non-profit sectors to discuss how electricity can be expanded simultaneously with a switch to renewable sources.



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ADDRESSING GLOBAL HEALTH CRISES



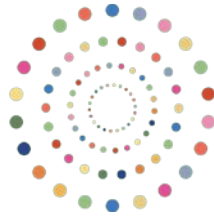
with **Dr Nata Menabde**

Executive Director of the WHO Office at the United Nations

We raised a concern about the shortage of 7.2 million of health workforce and possible reach of 12.9 million in coming decades (WHO Report). As Medical Education is getting expensive every year, we are reaching a point where a middle-class student cannot dream about it.

On education and training, in the 47 countries of sub-Saharan Africa, just 168 medical schools exist. Of those countries, 11 have no medical schools, and 24 countries have only one medical school.

She advised us contact her after the assembly to take the discussion forward.



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As globalisation advances and international communities become more closely connected, the world faces new challenges in preventing and limiting contagious disease outbreaks.

However, globalisation also opens new opportunities for collaboration and partnership in funding health research, coordinating emergency response, and minimising risks.



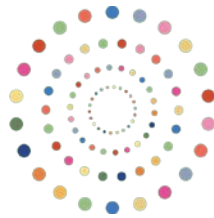
With **Dr. Kent Sepkowitz, MD** in the discussions of Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages.

INDIA was specially mentioned for eradicating the Polio from the country.

However, we have biggest challenges now are Malaria and HIV (Can control the growth of virus with Anti-Retroviral Therapy)

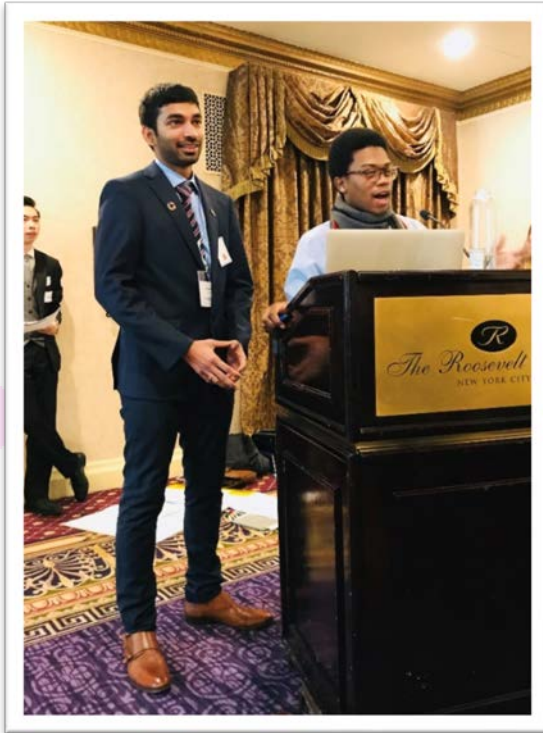
Three Pressing Needs from his discussion:

- Cleaner Water
- Safer Sex
- Pain Management (Stress)

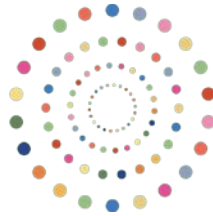


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WORLD CLIMATE SIMULATION



What does it take to reach a global agreement to keep climate change below 2C over pre-industrial levels?



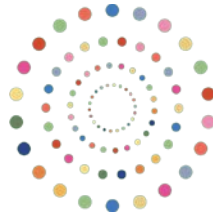
We got split into groups representing countries from around the world to learn more about the dynamics of negotiations and making real-life decisions based on facts of Climate Change using the C-ROADS simulation.

I have represented China and negotiated with Other Nations on:

- ✓ Controlling of the Green House Gas emissions.
- ✓ Preventing the deforestation and to increase afforestation or reforestation.
- ✓ Raising funds for Green Climate Fund, which is intended to provide at least \$100 billion/year by 2020 for developing countries to reduce their emissions and adapt to climate change.

With this unique computer simulation model, we were able to understand in real time how their decisions and agreements will impact the global climate system while engaging in the drama and tension of global politics.

If we don't consider climate change as a serious issue: we will lose Miami, Most Manhattan, Central London, Bangkok, **Mumbai** and Shanghai because of a **5 m sea level rise**.



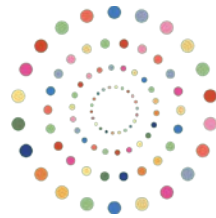
INNOVATION AND FOOD SECURITY

Globally, 1.3 billion tons of food is wasted every year, while almost 800 million people go hungry and 3 million children die from malnutrition annually. It is time to rethink how the world grows, sells, and consumes its food



“Even if 1/4 of the #food wasted today could be saved, it could save 870 million people.”

- Marianna Kovacs, Senior Liason Officer at @UNFAO

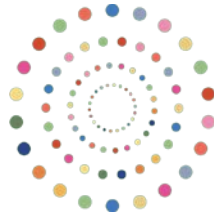


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IT'S TIME



At Youth Assembly Sessions.

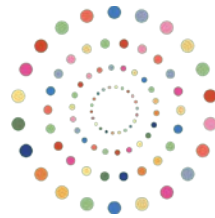


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EXPOSURE TO DIVERSITY



“It was such a great experience to be one among the delegates from 140 countries around the world. Even through we came from different nations, culture’s and languages the most common thing among us is the desire to make this world better.”



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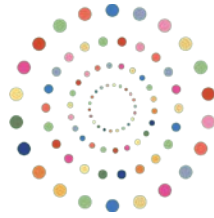
UNITED NATIONS GALLERY

General Assembly Hall:



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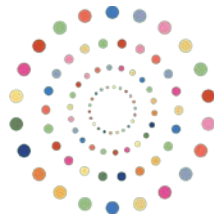
“As you sit here tonight in this general assembly hall - we ask you to think of one & only one commitment - go and make a difference, your voice can!” - Mr Karim Babay



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“It was my great privilege to be in the same space where several dignitaries have laid their footsteps on.”



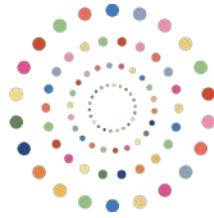
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REDISCOVERING AS AN INDIVIDUAL



“Dear United Nations,

thank you for changing the way of seeing this world and providing us a platform to meet new friends, collaborators, mentors and partners. We will listen, think and act about the issues around.”

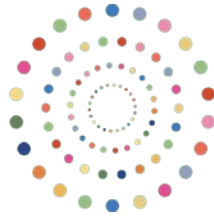


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OUR FLAG AT UNITED NATIONS



“The flags are organized in English alphabetical order from north to south, they are raised manually by UN Security officers every weekday morning at approximately 8 am and lowered every weekday at around 4 pm. On weekends, only the UN flag is raised.”

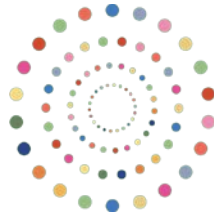


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AN ICONIC SYMBOL FOR PEACE



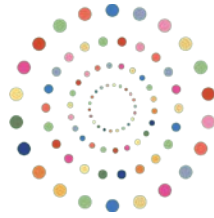
“The Knotted Gun Sculpture at United Nations was created by Swedish artist Carl Fredrik, designed in late 1980 and inspired by the shooting death of his pal, John Lennon. It was given to the UN by the government of Luxembourg in 1988.”



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SPHERE WITHIN SPHERE

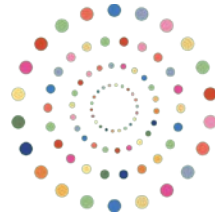




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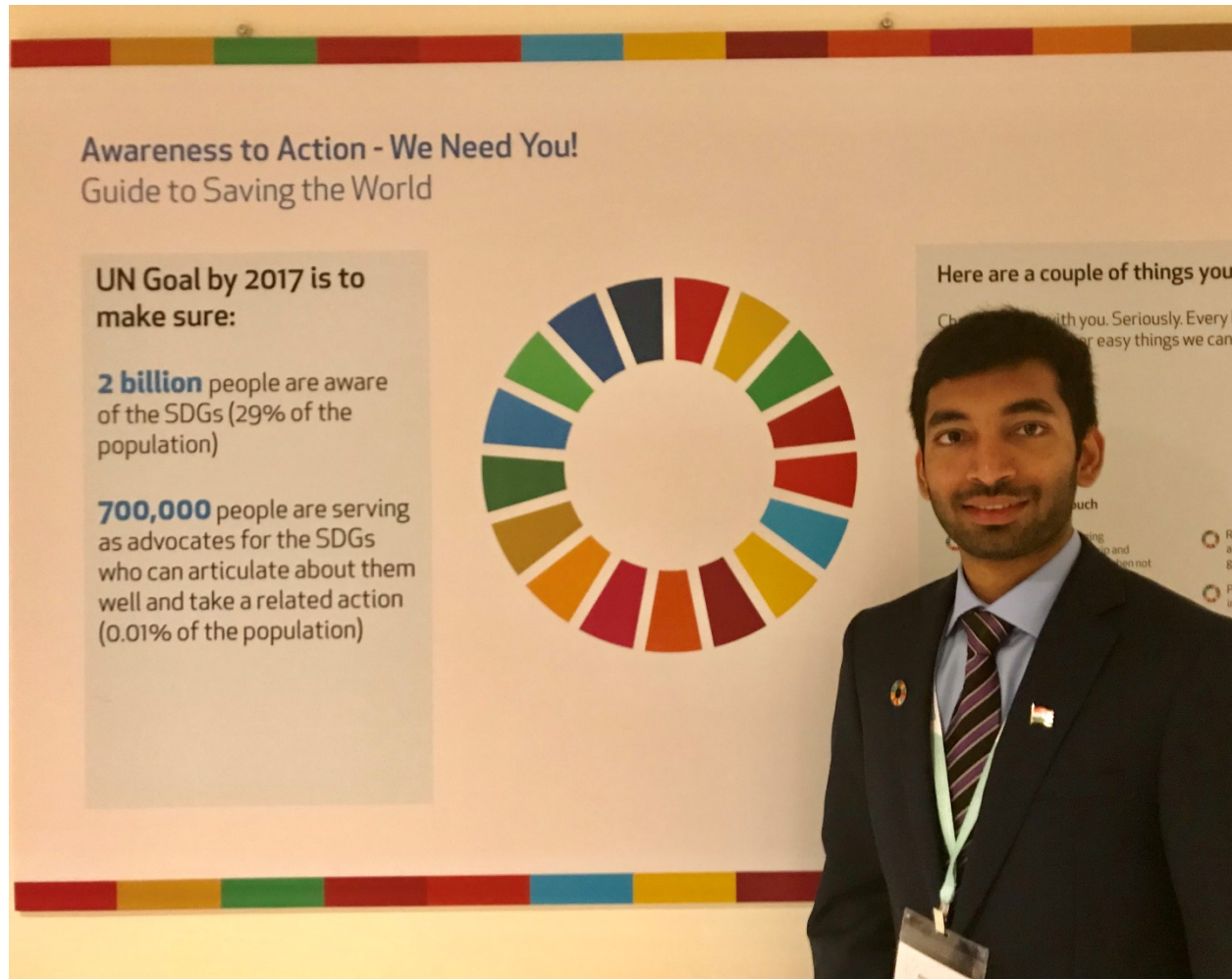


“I just recall the first picture of this building that I saw in my school textbook. Now the path leads me to step in and shake the hands of world leaders.”

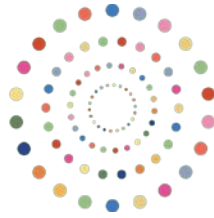


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THE CALL TO ACTION?



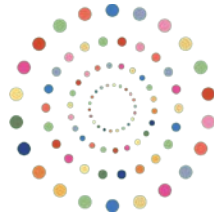
“As a takeout, sooner I will start a campaign to educate the people about Seventeen Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations and steps to achieve them by 2030”



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“It's not the end of United Nations Youth Assembly!, Its beginning of a whole new **JOURNEY.**”



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“I would like to thank my family, mentors and friends who helped me on this journey and a big thanks to all **incredible inspirers** around the world.”

- Akhil Nimmagadda

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