

THE MUN GAZETTE

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Shepherd MUN

WORD FROM THE SECRETARY GENERAL

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Has the pandemic beaten us? How much longer do we try? Our communities are facing “a crisis within a crisis” and we the youth cannot just stare at the unending damage the virus is creating. After taking away 1.03 million innocent lives and still haunting the lives of 34.7 million people, COVID-19 hasn’t stopped. Its impact has extended further than we think. There is an increase in the number of people fighting acute hunger, a global recession is awaited, low-income workers face enormous losses, pregnancy routines are being ignored, mass vaccination campaigns have been suspended amid fears of the spread of the virus, But none of this stops us working together virtually this year to ensure global peace.

One way to take a step forward is to attend the virtual GSMUN, the one like never before. Not stepping out of our personal habitat does not weaken our powers to come together from various cultural backgrounds and collaborate virtually towards a unified goal and this year’s GSMUN is highly capable of doing so.

Our theme for the conference is “A world in turmoil: confronting crisis for global peace”. With over 200 innovative, motivated and open minded young leaders connected on this virtual platform, GSMUN 2020 being the most unique of its kind, is the ultimate forum to develop the skills required to mold the world and its future the way we aspire it to be.

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A WORD FROM THE DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL

MANGALAM KARUPPIAH

The UN was created to form peace and maintain it. The world relies on the protection of the UN Peacekeeping Forces so that no country feels that its sovereignty has been infringed upon.

The UN with their ideals of cooperation can overpower the disputes of many nations that turn a blind eye to atrocities. Similarly creating and maintaining peace is something that the youth of our generation need to understand and this is why the Good Shepherd Model United Nations takes place every year which is not only a forum for delegates to create peace but also a chance for young students to understand who they are and what they stand up for and what they believe in. In a year like 2020 when the world has faced the unexpected, it's the right time to come together and understand how countries can fight challenging situations like these together.

Peace is a beautiful thing but truth be told creating and maintaining peace, not so much. Creating peace requires a number of skills such as analysis, thinking, rethinking, researching, debating, learning, challenging, questioning and understanding.

Albert Einstein once said "Peace cannot be kept by force, it can only be achieved by understanding" he could not have put it any better as peace is a mutual understanding, it isn't about getting everything one person wants, it's more than that, it's understanding when the pros outweigh the cons and what benefits

"WHAT TAKES PLACE IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL MORE CLOSELY RESEMBLES A MUGGING THAN EITHER A POLITICAL DEBATE OR AN EFFORT AT PROBLEM"-JEANE KIRKPATRICK

are worth sacrificing to maintain this mutual agreement.

Peace is much more than a 5 letter word. It's the bridge between all nations, countries, states, cities, families and friends. Every problem we discuss during the GSMUN are all problems created by mankind and therefore can only be solved by mankind and this is our chance to make better choices for a better world.



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DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL

ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL

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Money. The primal source of living , the source of desires and luxuries in a power driven society , the source of complications as well as its solutions. The ultimate power in the modern era and also the judgement verdict of the common people. The Economic and Financial committee is considered as a very essential part of the United Nations which strives to eradicate monetary related issues on the global level. This year the global economy faces a number of complex challenges from globalization and the onset of a global pandemic, therefore highly tense debates are expected due to the broad spectrum of agendas ranging from prevention of further global financial crisis to reducing unemployment due to territorial disputes between Palestine and Israel.

Almost 100,000 people lost their jobs due to the conflict between Israel and Palestine which gravely affected both the countries' economy. The seriousness of this issue is to be combatted alongside various allied countries while the committee also dwells deeper into the harsh realities of the financial crisis of the entire world. The Great Depression (USA) in 1929 the Asian Crises of 1997 and the Global Economic Recession (2007- 2009) all took place due to the lack of integrated preventive measures by the countries concerned and the entire globe.

The delegates of various countries are expected to converge towards unbiased solutions by the

“WHEN THE POWER OF LOVE OVERCOMES THE LOVE FOR POWER, ONLY THEN WILL THE WORLD KNOW PEACE.” -JIMI HENDRIX

exemplary use of critical thinking, and public speaking, in progress sculpting their self confidence and broadening their mindset as global citizens of the new generation.

The Chair of ECOFIN will strive to do his best to guide the fellow delegates of the committee to be active speakers and freely express their thoughts in order to contemplate the agendas and reach valuable conclusions. The ball is in our court delegates, give it your best shot.



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SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE

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CO-HEAD: KASHIKA SUNIL GULABANI

We feel immense pride in being the heads of Special Political and Decolonization committee(SPECPOL). Here we'll be examining the subjects of the territorial disputes between India and China at Ladakh and the Government's monitoring of private companies in space. By zeroing the discussion on such questionable themes, we intend to have a thought provoking discussion among the delegates, we hope to opt for an objective topic that further improves the result of the discussion.

The Sino-Indian border dispute is an ongoing territorial dispute over the sovereignty of two relatively large, and several smaller, separated pieces of territory between China and India. This is one of the topics our committee will be discussing. The two nations have battled just one war, in 1962, when India endured mortifying annihilation.

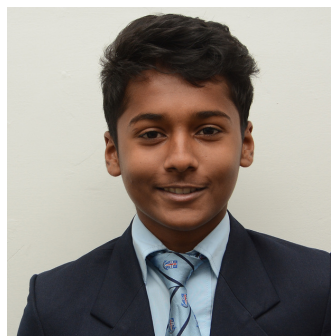
In the off chance that neither one of the sides gives way, the stalemate could have destabilising ramifications for the area. On the off chance that they reach boiling point once more, the volatile regions of the world can once again face nuclear war.

The topic of government monitoring of private companies in space is the other issue our committee will be brainstorming about. It is one of the most recent projects in the space sector. Government organisations have been aiming to tap their country's development by unlocking its potential in the space sector and henceforth enabling

“PEACE IS NOT ABSENCE OF
CONFLICT, IT IS THE ABILITY TO
HANDLE CONFLICT BY
PEACEFUL MEANS.” - RONALD
REAGAN

private enterprises and many willing start-ups to undertake some space activities.

This year for GSMUN 2020, we are looking forward to heated and fierce debates which can create solutions that will be applicable to these dire situations. This would conjointly enable us to grow as individuals and facilitate us to develop our leadership qualities. Our committee is determined to attempt and solve world issues that prevail and dominate our planet.



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“IT’S ABOUT TIME LAW ENFORCEMENT GOT AS ORGANISED AS ORGANISED CRIME.” - RUDY GIULIANI.

With their enthusiastic, creative minds open to new ideas and possibilities, there are no boundaries that can limit the progress young people are capable of bringing into social reforms. The youth of any country plays a pivotal role when it comes to building a nation. It is a well-known fact that youth is the greatest asset a country can possess. And if nations are successful in creating conditions that ensure that every individual in their country is given the opportunities that allow them to grow to their fullest potential, there is nothing that could stop the development of this country.

The Youth Assembly (YA) is a committee that was inaugurated in the United Nations Headquarters in New York in 2004 in an attempt to respond to the growing need of youth representation in global dialogues. Youth Assembly brings together world’s foremost young leaders and change makers interested in global issues that plague human beings

The committee aims to come up with effective solutions in regards to the critical issues that affect the younger generation. These issues include measures to reduce the indoctrination of youth in terrorist activities and dealing with misinformation and its impact on society.

It is the right of every child to have a secure and affectionate household to grow up in. However, the reality is that despite the beginning of the 21st century marking higher standards of living for many people, this still remains a privilege instead of a right.

It is not uncommon to see news of young jihadi brides and kidnappings that force people into acts promoting violence.

During this pandemic, the only thing spreading faster than the corona virus is fake news. With social platforms becoming increasingly popular, it is common to be flooded with information. It is therefore not surprising to see how easily instances of misinformation, disinformation and fake news can be seen in these platforms today. Thus, our committee will strive to solve these issues that threaten to imbalance the equilibrium needed in a society to maintain the atmosphere of tranquillity.



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UNITED NATION OFFICE ON DRUGS AND CRIME

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We live in a world where crime and drugs lurk in the shadows and are channeled through countries despite regulations and laws being in place. The more effort and awareness you spread about the pervasive problems of crime and counterfeit drug trafficking, the higher the chances of these crises being demolished and allowing society to reach closer to a world of peace and harmony.

This year our committee will be dealing with the prevalent issues of organized crime and piracy in and near Latin America and the trafficking of unauthorized medical products in rural and urban settings during COVID-19. Crimes via the sea route as well as on land are increasing rapidly due to the lack of security forces.

Dealing with the aftermath of the pandemic one can say that crime is still just as rampant and has brought in a new strand where medical products are being smuggled across a country and counterfeit medicines are being produced and sold due to the desperate need for employment and financial stability for sustainable living.

The main objective of the committee is to resolve these issues through constructive discussions and effective participation. The more you spread awareness about the rampant presence of drugs

"WHEN YOU MAKE
PEACE WITH YOURSELF,
YOU MAKE PEACE WITH
THE WORLD." - MAHA
GHOSANANDA

leading to crime and illegal drug trafficking, the more you improve the chances of creating a safer and healthier place.

We, in the UNODC, plan to do precisely that : debate in an organized manner about how interrelated issues of illegal dealing with and maltreatment of drugs leads to organized crime prevention and piracy.



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DISARMAMENT AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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CO-HEAD: AADESH KHERIA

Peace – the one word that war fears. But peace does not come easy. It has to be achieved, fought for and earned. This is exactly what DISEC, the First Committee of the United Nations General Assembly does. Disarmament and International Security Committee is the committee that is always ready to combat the rapidly proliferating global issues that relate to disarmament and puts the hard-achieved peace in peril.

We strive to seek solutions to the problems, faced by the international security regimes, be it national or private. Our much-evaluated opinion is always offered. Making the world a better place to live in is all that matters. Backed by 195 countries, DISEC is one of the biggest committees in the United Nations. This GSMUN, the topics that have been selected are :

- Government's accountability of and responsibility with confiscated goods
- Foreign Intervention in matters of international security

In today's world, the law is of utmost significance. Compliance of rules is what keep the society running. The law maintains peace and avoids conflicts. However, people break the law for their own reasons, and often end-up bringing contraband goods into the country. Therefore, the government takes away these goods. Now the question arises, what does the government

"THE WORLD IS OVER-ARMED AND PEACE IS UNDER-FUNDED " -
BAN KI-MOON

do with these goods? Does the government destroy them, or does it use them for its own benefit? How accountable and responsible is the government with these goods?

A hundred and ninety-three countries make up this world. All the countries are dependent on each other in some way or the other. Unfortunately, not all countries are at peace. There are prevailing conflicts among some countries, and the whole world is affected due to these few countries.



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“WE MUST BUILD A NEW WORLD – A FAR BETTER WORLD – ONE IN WHICH THE ETERNAL DIGNITY OF MAN IS RESPECTED.” - HARRY S. TRUMAN

The Security Council has always been an all exclusive committee. Veto powers give the committee a lot more leverage in the UN. This year the Security Council will be looking into two major topics that concern the world.

The topics are as follows:

- Ensuring peace and security in the central African region
- Cyber threat due to the increased number of online users during the pandemic

The first topic that mentions peace and security in the Central African Region will be concentrated on the issues faced by the countries in the central African region. The heart of the conflict in the central African region is the authoritarian regime of the governments which are weakening the constitution day by day as these less economically developed countries are incapable of preventing militants from conquering and forming various armed bases around the country.

Africa being a continent with LDCs still faces many issues whether it is racism or security concerns. There is a group of militants (BOKO HARAM) who are trying to take over the government of Nigeria and manipulate the citizens. This has been of major concern for a long time now as they have destroyed property and kidnapped civilians especially children to arm-twist the government. The second topic which clearly mentions the increase in cyber threat due to the pandemic and increase in the number of online users.

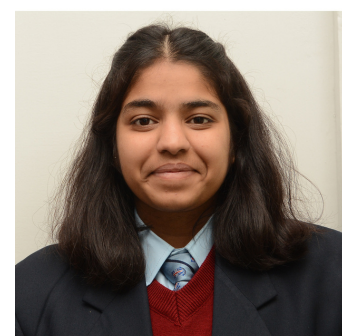
The major concern here is that cybercrime has had a long history and the pandemic has aggravated it.

An increase of online users has been seen because there are no schools open. There are virtual meetings from offices and the population seems to have migrated to the cyberspace. Since there are a large number of new users, crime has taken new forms.

This second topic is a burning issue and worth debating and we need to jointly look for solutions.



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UNITED NATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

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The Human Rights Council , founded in 2006, has the role to promote and assure protection of justice and rights for all. HRC not only strives to ensure safety to asylum seekers and refugees in a foreign location but also addresses the situation of violations against humanity and accord plausible solutions to them.

The committee's aim is to provide a peaceful living environment for everyone without facing any complications or not feel welcomed in a region; avoid discrimination and condescension.

The idea of debating on a set of human rights that are ethical, sounds very plain-sailing and appealing at first in comparison to the other committees, but it is more challenging than it seems on the surface. Human rights do not depend on the idea of what one deserves but what should be righteously given to a person.

The topics being tackled by our committee for this year are:

- Eradicating systematic xenophobia and religious or ethnic discrimination on a global scale
- Censorship and violation of the right to freedom of expression faced by the general population.

Although discussing the theme of racism and xenophobia may seem very dreary at first but after researching recent cases that have taken place during the pandemic it brings into forefront that one's mortality may change perspectives. The second topic is censorship and the need to maintain an equilibrium as it ensures individual privacy and

“WE CAN'T SOLVE PROBLEMS BY USING THE SAME KIND OF THINKING WE USED WHEN WE CREATED THEM.” - ALBERT EINSTEIN

prevents a country's sovereignty from being threatened .

Thus, we aspire to bring forth the topics and make our delegates acquainted with them. We, as the chair, are positive after witnessing the numerous mock debates and their enthusiasm that they won't let us down for the final event. In this manner, we can achieve the vision of having an ideal future that benefits the world and has an impact on everyone.



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PRESS AND IT CORPS

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CO-HEAD: VISHAL TARUN LILANI

Brochures and Pamphlets or the newsletter and the website? All of it is made and designed by the press and IT team. This year with the MUN being a virtual one with all of us stuck behind a screen, the press, IT and admin have joined forces together to aid the committees in putting together this year's MUN. The press and IT committee fervently await the beginning of this year's MUN which aims to produce intense debates while coming up with efficient and effective solutions to the various issues that the post pandemic world has been affected by. We comprise of only a few members and have been chosen for our abilities to handle work related to the press and IT.

We, the press members have been working with the IT and the chair of each committee to create our daily newsletter, The MUN Gazette. Being the part of the press and IT team has been a completely new experience to us as we learn of the proceedings and inner workings of the MUN and has been a lot more difficult, but it has also taught us more about teamwork. Some of the challenges include getting write ups from different committees, character reflections from heads and co-heads and meeting deadlines.

With perseverance and a can do attitude, the challenges were surmounted. While a few of us worked on the documents like the brochure and newsletter, the rest of us worked as a part of the IT team led by the co head Vishal. The Press, Admin and IT have been meeting every day to plan ahead, to bounce ideas off each other and to laud each other's efforts.

" A POINT OF VIEW CAN BE A DANGEROUS LUXURY WHEN SUBSTITUTED FOR INSIGHT AND UNDERSTANDING "-
MARSHALL MCLUHAN

The creation of the GSMUN website, the blog and the newsletters are a testament to the sincere effort put in by all our members. Each and every one of us have faced certain challenges but it has been a learning curve.

Some of the challenges we faced included getting write ups from different committees, character reflections from heads and co-heads and meeting deadlines. We sincerely hope we have done justice to this year's GSMUN with our website, newsletter, brochure and blog. We would also like to thank the teachers who have helped the press and IT corps immensely.