



The Official Newsletter for the UIS-VI-MUN Conference

Committees:-



> **United Nations General Assembly 3 (Social, Cultural and Humanitarian)**



> **Historic Crisis Committee - Historic Global Leaders Summit**

The Big Bang!

“Let's show them that we are united and that we, young people, are unstoppable.” The Opening Ceremony of the 6th UIS Model United Nations Conference commenced with a bang on November 7th, 2020. After the Quran recitation and the UAE National Anthem, the anchor, Ms Candace Sara Ciju invited the Principal, Mr K George Mathew to address the delegates. Principal Sir's words of wisdom enthralled and enlightened all those watching the assembly. Then, the Director of the UIS MUN, Ms Sakina Vadnagarwala passed the mantle of leadership over to the new Director and Secretary-General of the UIS MUN, Ms Michelle Ana Mathew and Mr Abel George. The Core Team and the 3 committees of the 6th UIS MUN: UNGA 3, HCC and IP were introduced to the delegates. The meeting links for all the 3 committees were then posted in the chat and the delegates dispersed into their respective committees, all geared up to delegate like never before!

Racial Discrimination and Xenophobia Amongst The Pandemic

by Sarvamangala Alur



Racial discrimination and xenophobia are prevalent in many parts of the world. Racial discrimination is to discriminate someone by their race or nationality. Xenophobia or racism is the dislike or hatred toward people of other countries. As equality and unity are extremely important for a peaceful and united world, racial discrimination is a crime

and heavy fines are charged for following racial discrimination or being xenophobic. Many governments are concerned about the fact that their countrymen have to face racial discrimination or violent conflicts within the country. That's why schools in different parts of the world are encouraging unity and preventing racial discrimination among the youth, so that a nation can prevent racial discrimination in the future as the youth are the world's next generation.

It is also important for a government to pass laws that prevent racial discrimination so that the people of a country avoid being xenophobic or racial. In many countries, people volunteer to educate other citizens about the importance of unity and equality. They also teach young children about not being discriminative and to share and care about others, irrespective of their race, gender, caste and economic status. In some countries' constitutions, there are certain articles that state racial discrimination is a crime. For example- Article 15 of the Indian Constitution states the prohibition of discrimination on grounds of religion, race, caste, sex or place of birth. I think that racial discrimination is a crime and should be addressed by all countries. Discrimination isn't a good practice as it encourages disharmony among the people of a country or between two or more countries. Although Xenophobia consists of the word phobia meaning fear, it isn't fear but rather the hatred that people show to minorities, making certain people feel uncomfortable and insecure. We should treat others with equality and justice, no matter what race, gender, colour, nationality they are or what religion, beliefs they follow. In the face of this current pandemic, it is best to unite and work together to save the lives of many. Many under-developed countries are financially struggling during the pandemic. Other countries should support and unite with such countries and help them with their struggles.

Racism Flourishes Amid COVID-19 Pandemic

by Sansikha Tamilselvan

The COVID-19 crisis and its impacts are incommensurately affecting minorities. The pandemic has highlighted various structural inequalities and fundamental problems in their social lives as well as inflaming racism and racial discrimination in many parts of the world. On top of the health effects caused by the COVID-19, there has been a steep increase



in racism in public places, targeting people of Asian descent.

The assembly, in its Resolution, related to the discrimination faced by people during the COVID-19 pandemic, where the delegates had emphasized rules and laws passed on by the government to stop any form of discrimination, i.e. on the grounds of race, colour, descent, or national or ethnic origin and to guarantee the right to equality for all. The delegates affirmed measures taken to control the number of COVID-19 cases. The delegates shared their viewpoints and perspectives based on the Joint Resolution. The assembly then discussed Myanmar's triple crisis. The delegates gave creative solutions to overcome the crisis.

Racism and discrimination have caused a steep increase in the number of COVID cases. America is an example where racism is one of the main

causes of the increase in cases. People of colour make up the majority in 62% of counties, with the highest death rates in America. "Ideologies separate us. Dreams and anguish bring us together." - Eugene Ionesco.

Endgame: The Reality, Not the Movie

by Nithin Krishnan



The first session of the HCC, on the 19th of September, 1939, began with an alarming crisis: Leading parties in the UK and France (Conservatives and Democratic-Republican Alliance respectively) had been bombed, resulting in mass casualties and few deaths. As both countries scrambled to send out rescue teams, several delegates came forward to offer their country's support. Throughout the discussions, the delegate of China laid suspicion on fascist countries, despite having no backing evidence. This was supported and disliked by equal parts of the committee, as was seen with the distribution of a poll. Thanks to a thorough investigation conducted by the U.S.A., the bombs were traced back to Germany. However, the leader of the German empire denied any relation to the bombing. A crisis update revealed that tensions between the Japanese and American islands had risen, and also brought to light the

actions of white supremacists against blacks within the U.S.A.

The second session of the HCC, on May 24th, 1941 led to drastic action being taken against Germany's ship, the SS Bismarck, which was promptly sunk by the united efforts of several countries both in and out of Europe. In a startling turn of events, the "Axis powers" comprising Italy, Germany and Japan made a move against the U.K. The delegate of the U.K. immediately took steps to ensure that his land was not lost. With a remarkably fast turn of events, multiple countries around the world engaged in what may only be described as open warfare. This led to a massive loss of life following the bombing of the Marshall Islands as well as Hiroshima and Nagasaki. As the delegates began to consider peace as an option, however, the bombing of both London and Washington DC by the Axis powers seemed to bring such thoughts to an end. Both sides unleashed their full nuclear might, destroying the world as we know it.



The Last Page Of The Chapter; Not The Last Chapter

On the 9th of November, the teachers, chairs and delegates of the UIS-VI-MUN gathered for the Closing Ceremony, held on Teams. It was a prestigious event attended by the Senior Leadership Team, with awards bestowed upon the exceptional delegates for the hard work and the immeasurable effort put in by them. The SLT themselves gave away the awards while showering praise upon both the delegates and the chairs who made the MUN a reality.

AWARDS

Best Position Paper (UNGA3):

Vandhana Venugopal

Best Speaker (UNGA3):

Celine Susan Ipe

Best Delegate (UNGA3):

Jayden Meirad

Best Delegate - Crisis (UNGA3):

Hana Rehan

Best Delegate (HCC):

Pranav Rajesh Krishnan

High Commendation (HCC):

Lakshmi Sanjay

Honourable Mentions(HCC):

Evlyn Giju

Mumeena Shali Mohammed

Best Journalist:

Nithin Santhana Krishnan

CORE TEAM

Coordinator:

Indravati Pandey

Director:

Michelle Ana Mathew

Secretary General:

Abel George Abraham

Crisis Director:

Candace Sara Ciju

Head IT Executive:

Aparna Velickakathu Sunil

IT Executives:

Jessey Gloria

Jayajothi Kumar

Taha Yaseen Parker

Head Of Research:

Ryan Varghese Kuruvilla

Research Executives:

Varsha Ailineni

Shreehan Santhosh Kate

Head Of Delegate Affairs:

Mohammed Touseef Ansari

Message From The Principal



“Every little thing that happens at UIS is a learning activity. All of us who engage in that activity are learners and take-away new learning with every experience.

UIS MUN is not a minor activity. It is an platform where all participants get opportunities to take away new learning as Global citizens, a part of GEMS core values.

Ms. Indravati leads this learning programme with earnestness and dedication. The 6th UISMUN has been the second virtual one. I am very proud and happy to know that the second virtual meet was entirely orchestrated by student leaders. This is what I say 'growing by learning'. This is the second GEMS core value.

Every time we have the UIS MUN, let us not forget the growth mindset which otherwise means eliminating the pitfalls and negatives instead fostering the positives as we move on the path of learning.

Wish each of the participants happy learning!

Stay safe and stay blessed! “

Warm Regards
K George Mathew
Principal

Message From The Vice Principal

GEMS UIS MUN – GETTING 'WOW'er!

Having witnessed the quality of presentations and discussions - yet again reveals there is no such thing as - overnight success. All participants were very well prepared. Some just more prepared than others. The selected topics were very global and had a lot of scope for challenge and debate. You students did very well indeed with the new branches the sprouted this MUN.

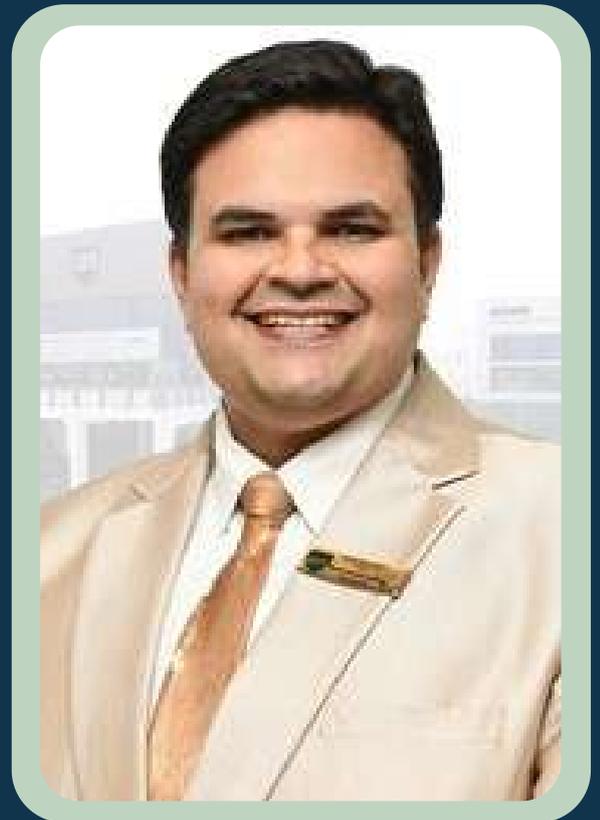
Continuing from the message we got from Principal Sir on the opening about improving and thinking positively, what I would like us to dwell on - is this - the UIS MUN is not just about participating or winning an award, but is focused on learning and improving. To improve, it is important to recognise that we will

sometimes fail along the way. A 'person' can never be labelled as a failure - failure is not a person, failure is a process. When you reflect on what could be better, identify gaps and fill them, success is yours.

To be successful, learning is important. Learning from anyone, especially from an opponent or your competitors is a great practice only if you can make adjustments and improvements to your own practices wherever a little work is needed. Different countries brought forth a lot of strong points which would have added to the knowledge and thinking skills of the other delegates. It was a pleasure to see the HCC and IP segments added to our MUN framework. A result of reflection and implementation.

Unused knowledge and skills are of little worth and I'd like to close with words of our dear Principal, Mr. K. George Mathew -'While knowing is good, doing is better, but adding value is the best!' So, be the best and add value to everything that you do.

Warmly,
Shaikh Murad Sarfraz
Vice Principal



Message From The Supervisors



Congratulations to all UIS MUN delegates who created an V_MUN mock conference where 37 students dressed up as United Nations delegates and represented their allotted countries.

Preparing and participating in a MUN helps students develop leadership skills, research, writing, public speaking, and problem-solving skills. Moreover, coming up with solutions that are acceptable to a majority of the representatives also inculcates skills of negotiation, conflict resolution, and cooperation. Challenges, and teamwork will surely serve to enhance leadership skills, as you take charge as a representative of a real-world country. You will be encouraged to take decisions and work out solutions as a leader for the country.

There were three committees UNGA , Historic Crisis Committee and International Press Committee. World leaders met to discuss the buildup of World War 2 and the rising instability across the globe and International press.

I am grateful to the V-MUN coordinator Mrs. Indravati and student leaders for the successful conference that provide dynamic and budding leaders of today with strategies and ideas to help resolve the discord and conflicts plaguing the modern world currently.

Very well done and best wishes ,
Mr. K. Joseph and Mrs. Sunita Nambiar
Senior Supervisors



Message From The Coordinator

Dear Parents and Students,

It gives me immense pleasure to congratulate all the delegates, who worked day and night for the last two weeks prepping themselves for the 6th UIS MUN Conference! On November 7th 2020, the delegates were overflowing with energy, trying to look their best in formals. Some of them were nervous as it was their first step on a simulated platform of Global Politics. A special salute to their endeavor. Our older delegates sharpened their skills with new strategies to beat their counterparts.

This 6th UISMUN conference had better features. There were two new committees; the Historic Crisis Committee and the International Press. The Core committee made special efforts to provide the training and materials required for the same. This helped delegates to become more empowered and confident.

I am extremely proud of my Core members who put up the whole show almost independently. There was a great deal of collaboration, commitment and detailing required to make the Conference a successful one. I was just an anchor to the ship which floated in the deep sea.

Here I am signing off for this year, and hope to see more delegates, more committees, more intense debates happening in the 7th UIS MUN Conference. I sincerely wish that the next conference is held face to face, rather than virtual!

Warm Regards,
Mrs. Indravati Pandey
Coordinator, UIS MUN



Message From The Director



Meister Eckhart once said, "And suddenly you know; it's time to start something new and trust the magic of new beginnings." I keep this in mind, when I say with disbelief that we have successfully completed yet another UISMUN and our 2nd Virtual Conference! Although, we're completing the 6th UISMUN, I think all of us have still learnt to appreciate the magic of new beginnings, for many a reason, firstly, this was my very first conference as the Director, and I had nothing but jitters when it came to this conference, but under the guidance of Indravati ma'am, and most importantly Sakina, I learnt what it took to be a true Director. So, I'd like to firstly thank Indravati ma'am as well as Sakina, who I'll truly miss, for she was an amazing Director and mentor, and I hope to carry on the legacy that she leaves behind. Secondly, I'd like to thank the Secretary General, Abel and the entire

team, for being so welcoming and hard-working throughout the course of this event and without whom, I could never have done this and neither would this conference have been a possibility. It was not only a new beginning for me, but rather for the entire team as well as our young leaders, the delegates. We were able to explore and experiment on a whole new level, in terms of our Committees and Agendas, as well as welcome many novice delegates. I'd like to congratulate all those first-time delegates who tried and gave it their all, according to all of us, the sheer spirit and enthusiasm shown by all of you, makes you all winners! Remember, "Young people aren't just the leaders of tomorrow. They are the leaders of today and tomorrow." Congratulations to all of you! Until next time!

Warm Regards,
Michelle Ana Mathew
Director, UIS MUN

Message From The Secretary General

After weeks of hard work and determination we were able to successfully conduct our 6th UISMUN Conference (UIS-VI-MUN) which was our 2nd Virtual Conference. The very idea of hosting a Virtual Conference is difficult as there are many things to plan out and consider but with the hard work of everyone together we were able to pull off this 8-hour long conference with ease and perfection. Looking back I am truly amazed and proud of the UISMUN Core Team for the amount of time and energy they put in to get the work done on time. I speak for the team, when I say, the road we took was made smoother by the SLT and our MUN Coordinator, Mrs. Indravati Pandey, by providing us the motivation and healthy criticism, necessary in driving us to be efficient and meticulous, throughout the course of planning such an event. We took each step of this

long and unpredictable road together as a team, and at every step, we could see that, with our efforts, we were coming closer and closer to our goal, for which we would especially like to thank the IT, Research and Delegate Affairs teams. Until, finally, on 7th November, we proudly carried out the UIS-VI-MUN, as planned, under the support and enthusiasm shown by the delegates, soon to be world leaders. To conclude, the conference was fruitful mainly because of the delegates and the hard work that they put in to research and they were able to come up with good solutions for the issues discussed and for that I would like to thank all the delegates who were a part of this conference. The UNGA 3 Committee concluded with the passing of a good joint resolution and the HCC Committee concluded with an exciting Crisis Update that left the whole committee stunned. Many good and creative points were brought up in these committees. Also, the Press Members in our IP Committee worked really hard to ensure that everything that happened in the conference was documented and they also put forth great questions that helped improve the discussions. We truly were satisfied and pleased with the results that the conference bore. A huge thank you and congratulations to all those who were a part of this triumphant event!



Warm Regards,
Abel George Abraham
Secretary General, UIS MUN



THANK YOU!