ISC
Inter-State Council

NSC
National Security Council

Unsure about being secure

The nation grapples with security concerns. But are these threats external or do they come from within? The committee looked for answers

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Best Delegate
CM of Jharkhand

High Commendation
CM of Haryana & Delhi

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CM of J&K, Chhattisgarh & Assam

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Prime Minister: Aniket Basu
Home Minister: Aditya Sharma
Scribe: Tanmay Awasthi

AGENDA

Review of the internal security of India

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T he first day in the Inter-State Council saw the Chief Ministers of many states giving their opening statements. Faced with the daunting task of reviewing the internal security of India, the ISC met for the first time after twelve years on November 16, 2017. The committee saw the Chief Ministers discuss and deliberate several internal issues that pose a threat to the nation's security.

Rohingya Muslims was an issue that was discussed at length as the CMs heatedly debated whether they should be allowed to cross Indian border and seek asylum. The reason for this speculation were rumours of their terrorist links, which could mean putting nation's security at stake. A brewing rebellion against the Central Govt was another issue at hand that the committee discussed.

On the next day, the Armed Forces Special Powers Act (AFSPA) was discussed during a lengthy moderated caucus. The act grants many powers to India's army personnel in 'disturbed' areas. 'Do we still need AFSPA?' was a major question that was deliberated upon. Some called AFSPA 'undemocratic' due to the many cases of human rights violation that had been reported; others called it 'necessary' to ensure law and order.

The debate over AFSPA was followed by a question hour, wherein Chief Ministers had to answer the questions put forth by the EB. Sixteen speakers voiced their concerns and questioned past actions of ruling parties. From past events to AFSPA, many loopholes were pointed out in the governance of parties in combating threats to state security. The question hour session allowed Chief Ministers to reflect on their past decisions and dwell on the need to look for a better approach towards dealing with human right violations. Many press releases were also drafted.

"Caught on cam: Chief Minister of Telangana playing Shadow Fight 2." #Achche Din In Progress captioned the delegate behind him.

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The third day started with another question hour. Inter-state problems were brought up by the Prime Minister. Delegates worked on press releases, listing strategies that could be implemented to enhance the country's security level.

Point of entertainment
A Model UN conference is incomplete without confessions. On the second day, 'Anonymous Confessions' were held. Delegates sent anonymous confessions to the EB and themselves via chits, which were read out in the committee. G T

Highlights

❶ The Scribe, Tanmay Awasthi, held an informal session, wherein he gave the delegates valuable tips on improving their confidence levels and public speaking skills.
❷ The Prime Minister explained the delegates the art of sending a chit in the absence of a stapler.
❸ Unmods and unmods ruled the committee.

Awards Galore

Best Delegate
Secretary of Defense

High Commendation
Chief of Air Staff

Special Mention
Finance Secretary

The anatomy of a crisis

Passionate members of the council strove hard to make the perfect plan of action, trying not to let the spirit of nationalism go away in vain

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Prime Minister: Taranjit Singh
Defense Minister: Ashwin Tewary
Scribe: Bharat Goel

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Rohingya Muslims in India

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T he committee started off with an overview of National Security Council, also known as Indian War Cabinet by guest speaker Air Marshall Ramesh Rai. He also presented his views on the 'Rohingya Crisis', the issue at hand for the committee.

The Rohingya crisis dates back to the time when Rohingya, the Muslim minority group concentrated in Western Myanmar, were subjected to brutal repressions. India has never had a strong refugee policy, and has never considered the illegally deported people from Myanmar and Bangladesh, as 'refugees'. The country has around 40,000 people from the tribe, and has been facing serious repercussions about the carelessness ensued by authorities. A significant percentage of this 40,000 was classified as 'sleeper cells', implying that they pose a direct threat to our national security.

The members were surprised with an ad hoc crisis, which was an open plea from the 'Arakan Rohingya Salvation Army', an alleged rebel group in Myanmar, demanding help for the formation of a new state that protects the rights of the minority group. It was, therefore, up to the generals of the Indian government to decide whether or not to aid them with military support, in their mission to form

a separate state. The Secretary of Defence made a prominent statement midway in the committee, "illegal Rohingya immigrants might be a threat to the national security and can possibly be linked to the activities in the Pakistan Occupied Kashmir." While some of the members wanted to provide help, others saw this as a threat to India's image at the international forum.

The second day saw members deciphering the crisis, along with an unpredictable update from the Supreme Court allowing the government to go ahead with the deportation process. The Prime Minister urged the gen-

"To the delegates, You taught me as much as I hope I taught you. Sorry the committee was so serious :D. Signing off, The Prime Minister"

Micro Tale

erals to reach a consensus.

The last day of the conference was the most important, as the members of the council were expected to prepare discreet 'plan of actions' on how to go about the issue and the statements to be made by the Prime Minister in his final speech addressing the international forum.

To sum up, the committee offered three days of intense debating and ample food for thought.

Point of entertainment
With crucial, country changing decisions to be made, who has time for a point of entertainment? G T

Highlights

❶ Air Marshall Ramesh Rai explained the structure of NSC in detail.
❷ Secretary of Finance was seen showing his dancing skills at all times, quite literally.
❸ Loads of Point of Orders but no time for justifications!