

Ten glorious years

Ten Editions Of Discussions, Deliberations And Making A Better World

AIMUN AT A GLANCE

Date: November 15-17, 2018 Website: www.aimun2k18.com Convener: Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson Amity Group of Schools and RBEF

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Sec Gen: Punya S Miglani, AIS Noida Dy Sec Gen: Pragyan Pandey, AIS Saket Dir Gen: Pradyuman Singh, AIS Gur 46, and Aryaman Singh, AIS MV Co-Hosts: AIS and AUUP Chief Guest for Opening Ceremony: HE Dr Karoly Sardi, Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of Hungary **Guest of Honour Closing Ceremony:** Evegenia Y Zeegofer, Cultural Secretary, Russian Embassy Special Guests: • Shubina Elena, Dir

and Principal, Rabindranath Tagore School(RTS), Russia • Dubey Manoalam, Director, Indo Russian Cultural • Bukareva Galina, Deputy Director, RTS • Popova Olga, Faculty, RTS • Divya Arora, AFS Intercultural Programmes, India • RM Agarwal, Ambassador • Tess Van Ernst, External Officer, Public Diplomacy, Embassy of Netherlands Highlights: AUUP tour & workshops in Forensic Sciences, Biotechnology with Amitasha and Atulasha visit Committees: GA, HSC, EU, UNSC, WTO, CCPCJ, AIPPM, and BJP-RSS Winners: AIS Noida, AIS Saket, AIS Gur 46, and Modern School, Barakhamba

Aditi Banerji, AIS Noida, X D

What: Opening Ceremony, AIMUN'18 When: November 15, 2018

Where: I-2 auditorium, AUUP Why: To welcome change Who: Chief Guest HE Dr Karoly Sardi, Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of Hungary ■Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools & RBEF
Pooja Chauhan, Chairperson, AHF Shubina Elena, Dir. and Principal, Rabindranath Tagore School, Russia Divya Chauhan, Chairperson, ASPA & ASFT Bukareva Galina, Deputy Dir., Rabindranath Tagore School Popova Olga, Faculty, Rabindranath Tagore School ■Dubey Mangalam, Dir., Indo Russian Cultural Divya Arora, AFS Intercultural programmes Ambassador, **RM** Agarwal

Organising credits: AIS Noida The date was November 15, 2018. Students sat dressed impeccably in formal attire. Heels clicked in the hallway. It was time to throw gates open for the 10th time, the biggest event of the year - AIMUN 2018. Meaning that makes it meaningful:

AIMUN is debate and deliberation. It is a quest and the means to fulfil the quest. It is talk and walking the talk. It is all that and more, but in simple terms it is a simulation of the United Nations that discusses global issues, promoting better understanding of the same.

Welcomes that embrace: The three day magnum opus started with the lighting of the lamp amidst chanting of *shlokas*. A warm welcome along with a *tulsi* sapling was accorded to guests. Student delegates were ushered into hour of change, as they were asked to put their best foot and argument forward by Renu Singh, Principal, AIS Noida.

Song and dance that bring happi**ness:** Students of Amitasha, Amity's wing for the less privileged girl children, kicked started the event with the song 'Swagatam'. Following it, was the flag march where student representatives of 12 participating countries proudly waved their national flag. The auditorium was all smiles as everyone agreed to spread love and light.

Words that inspire: The combina-

podium, daring every diplomat to dream higher. Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan urged the students to have the courage to change the world and make it a better place. She encouraged everyone to keep seeing every new day as a new opportunity.

Visuals that bring out emotions: If pictures speak a thousand words, then videos communicate the stories of a lifetime. That is what a special video showcasing the eight year journey of AIMUN did. The video took everyone down the memory lane, reminding how the small seed of AIMUN sown 8 years ago had metamorphosed into a tree, now bearing fruit in the form of future leaders.

Acknowledgment that motivates: The baton of responsibility must be handed if we wish to make this world of our dreams. And so, it was handed as the EB members were called on stage and gavels were handed to them amidst cheer and applause.

The gavel that beckons: And then it was the ultimate moment. The gavel beckoned everyone on a new journey, as it hit the podium accompanied with the golden words of Sec



was praised by every speaker on the

Amitasha students present a welcome song

tion of hard work and imagination Gen, Punya Miglani "...hereby declare AIMUN'18 OPEN."





Ceremony

The happy ending

AIMUN 2018 Closed The Doors To Conflicts And Sealed The Gates With Memories



The end



Tanisha Chawla, AIS Saket, XI E & Ananya Singal, AIS Gur 43, XI D

What: Closing Ceremony, AIMUN'18 When: November 17, 2018 Where: I-2 auditorium, Amity University, Uttar Pradesh

Why: To bid adieu

Who: Guest of Honour, Evegenia Y Zeegofer, Cultural Secretary, Russian Embassy, Tatiana Perova, Russian Language Teachers' Training Centre, Russian Centre of Science and Culture Chairperson, Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Amity Group of Schools & RBEF Pooja Chauhan, Chaiperson, AHF Shubina Elina, Director and Principal, Rabindranath Tagore School, Russia ■Popova Olga, Faculty, Rabindranath Tagore School Dubey Mangalam, Director, Indo Russian Cultural Society

Organising credits: AIS Saket

The date was November 17, 2018. All the students sat in formal attires, dressed impeccably. Once again the heels clicked loudly in the hallways as everyone sat with a heavy heart and a heavier bag full of memories. The change had begun. AIMUN 2018 had finally come to an end. It was time for the gates to close, closing with themselves the biggest change-making event of the year, the one

loved by all – Amity International Model United Nations 2018.

Meaning that makes it meaningful: AIMUN'18 was memories and lessons, new-

found friendships and competitions, debates and lobbying, shayaris and chits, allegations and counteractions, resolutions and reports. It was all that and more, but in simple terms, it was a pathway to a better future.

Welcome that embraces: Divya Bhatia, Principal, AIS Saket, started the event by welcoming everyone present. A green sapling, symbolising growth and abundance, was presented to the guests along with a token of appreciation.

Song & dance that brings happiness: Nothing can shake things up like a joyous performance. And so it did, as students of AIS Saket took to stage with a mesmerising rendition of '*Ekla chalo re*', paying a soulful tribute to Rabindranath Tagore. An energising performance on 'Where the mind is without fear' took things up a notch further.

Visuals that bring out emotions: A beautiful video made by videography team ushered in a wave of emotions in the hall. Full of clips and snapshots from the last three days, the video had everyone laughing and crying on cue, shedding happy tears and reminiscing about the great time they had at their favourite AIMUN 2018.

Acknowledgment that motivates: An award is perhaps the biggest acknowledgement of one's hard work, and also perhaps the biggest motivation to go forward. The students got a taste of both as awards were handed out. The audience cheered on enthusiastically and relentlessly as delegates received the verbal mentions, special mentions, high commendations and best delegate awards. The final cherry on cake were the awards given for best delegations, which were won by Germany, UK, China and USA represented by AIS Noida, AIS Saket, AIS Gurugram 46 and Modern School, Barakhamba Road, respectively.

The gavel that reckons: And then it was the moment that everyone had dreaded since the very beginning. It was inevitable as the end is always a part of the journey. The beginning of a change had been made, and the gavel reckoned with the spirit as it hit the podium one more time, this time accompanied with tear jerking words of Secretary General Punya Miglani "...hereby declare AIMUN 2018 CLOSED."GI





AIS Noida: Winner of Best Delegation Award 2018







Saket puts up a spectacular show on the occasion



Dr Aseem Chauhan with Russian delegates

AIS Gur 46: Winner of Best Delegation Award 2018





Memories To Cherish

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Towards betterment



Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan I Convener Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools & RBEF

¬ ight years and ten editions... AIMUN, organ-✓ ised under the aegis of AERC, has come a very long way in a short span of time. I am extremely rejoiced to see the essence of AIMUN spreading far and beyond the

boundaries of the nation. With two international AIMUNs, first one at Dubai in 2017 and second one at Singapore in 2018, I believe that AIMUN, in spirit, has truly become global.

For the past eight years, every AIMUN has been a perfect example of experiential learning. It has only become more enhanced and enriching each passing year. The way these young diplomats brainstorm about world issues has become more mature. Their solutions reflect sensitivity, their policy framing has become more nuanced, their documentation mirrors in-depth understanding of the real United Nations .. With every AIMUN, I see young diplomats evolving as world citizens who are flexible yet assertive, patriotic yet global. As the tenth edition of AIMUN comes to an end, I hope that it has enabled my young delegates to come up with a myriad of solutions for the problems plaguing our world at large. I hope that they have learnt the art of leadership and diplomacy in the course of the three-day conference. My heartiest congratulations to everyone involved in making AIMUN'18 a great success.

Spreading happiness

re are deeply indebted to our respected Chairperson Ma'am for giving us the fertile land of Amity Educational Resource Centre and for sowing the seed of Amity International Model United Nations.

Now, after 8 years and 10 chapters, this seed of AIMUN has bloomed into a huge banyan tree with strong branches, deep roots and ripe fruits. The huge participation of students in AIMUN shows that the youth of today cares about humanity; that they value friendship and cooperation. I salute this spirit of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam', which means that the whole world is one family. You must think as a citizen of the world. All these experiences will help you to manage your student life and your future ahead. Once we can manage ourselves, we can play a positive and constructive role in our homes, school, community and the country.



Director, AERC

AIMUN to become a better version of yourselves, to stretch your limits, to increase your knowledge, to understand different perspectives and to broaden your vision. You

should dream big and think big in order to be happy, and to spread happiness all around the world.

The Ones Who Made It Happen Use this experience in Speak About The Biggest Happening Of The Year



Being a part of this Secretariat has taught me how life deconstant endurance. Everyone has worked tirelessly to keep our ship afloat. This experience was even grander

than before. I walk out a better person from AIMUN.



ference and rediscover

Dreams come true

IMUN 2018 has been a culmination of all the efforts A that have been put in by every member of the OC - and it has been a dream come true for each of us. I'm proud of how far we've come and the new milestones we've accomplished this year. This journey has been momentous, and we strive to keep that up for years to come. I want to thank our respected Chairperson Ma'am for giving me the opportunity to be a part of AIMUN 2018. I am proud to commend upon the success of this year's edition of AIMUN 2018. It has truly been a dream come true, working with everyone behind the scenes to put up something that I have always been so passionate about. I really hope that AIMUN will keep scaling new heights in the coming years.





My experience

with AIMUN has al-

ways been memorable.

It was great to watch dif-

ferent backgrounds and

cultures get along well.

AIMUN has taught me a

lot of things, including the



It was a true honour representing the venerated values of Amity as the Secretary General of AIMUN 2018, and this year was incredibly special. It has been a trans-

formative experience all over these years. I will undoubtedly reminisce about this grand experience for many years to come.



AIMUN has instilled in me values that I shall carry for the rest of my life. This experience was holistic. Serving as Director General was a real learning.



It fills my heart with gratitude towards Amity, an institution that is now a home for me.

AIMUN 2018 was not only funfilled but enriching as well. Events like this calls for a lot of cooperation and that's what brought all of us together. AIMUN, for sure, helps everyone realise their

true potential. I would forever want to be associated with such a grand conference.



USG Logistics

AIMUN is a platform which plays an instrumental role in develimportant oping qualities like leadership and, more importantly, humanity. I have become more confident in my

abilities and I owe this to AIMUN and everyone who was a part of it. After all, it's a one of a kind experience!

the satisfaction you get from a job well done.

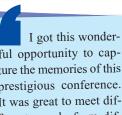


The journey of AIMUN 2018 was indeed an exceptional one. From being a delegate to a photographer and then finally the USG, I have seen myself grow at every step and wish to be a part of this

conference in the future as well.

airaa Jhanjee





ful opportunity to capture the memories of this prestigious conference. It was great to meet different people from different backgrounds and with different perspec-



tives, coming together to solve issues on such a grand platform.

Working as USG was an exceptional experience for me. I realised that preparing for a conference is not a piece of cake. With AIMUN 2018 being a great success, I can

proudly say that walking from committees to committees in heels has paid off!

JSG Crisis Affa

retariat as well as the Executive Board is a once-in-a-lifetime experience like no other. AIMUN 2018 has given me innumerable memo-

ries, that I'm pretty sure will stay with me forever.



reached. I feel very fortunate to have worked for what I believe was the greatest AIMUN in all these

most important lesson of all: Love

what you do, and do what you love.

years. It is not a competition, but a healthy discussion over what we can do about the issues that the world is going through.

AIMUN

completes a decade.

A milestone has been





Time for a blast from the past

The Insolvable Issue Finally Addressed







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Proceedings: The Historical Security Council. a

AGENDA

Resolving Suez Canal conflict

way. The committee was an unending array of crisis thrown one after another. The final crisis dealt with was Israel invading the Sinai Peninsula, and Gaza Strip, claiming the presence of Fedayeen¹ Proceedings: BJP and RSS have a long history training camps, funded and armed by Egypt. Israel alleged that the Fedayeen are conducting terrorist activities against its citizens and this could wipe out their face off from the Earth. Delegates came up with various tactics to resolve this crisis, including establishing peace talks between Israel and Glossary Egypt, deploying a UN Peace-1. Fedayeen: Milikeeping Operation to maintain calm in the region, and rescuing tary groups that are citizens at the Israel-Egypt border willing to sacrifice from a prospective war-zone. themselves. While the committee was unable to reach a conclusion or pass a resolution, countries issued their own Presidential statements and proposed plans **Highlights** of action. To conclude the Suez Canal dispute, Egypt allied with the USSR Doubting the words of and issued a joint statement which recognised Egypt's sovereignty and the delegate of France, the control over the Canal. EB asked Italy to check if France's laptop was indeed The committee skillfully portrayed updating (or not?). lack of determination in human his-❷ Multiple backroom tory, arriving at plausible conclusions negotiations – the starkly different from the ones that Chairperson and some were drawn in the real world. delegates having confidential discussions Dialogues outside the committee, "UK, don't shout; this isn't AIPPM!" leaving non-participants in



Awards Galore

Best Delegate Nitin Gadkari (AIS Noida) High Commendation Narendra Modi (AIS Gur 46), Arun Jaitley (Modern Barakhamba) pecial Mention Prakash Javadekar (AIS PV). Sarbananda Sonowal (Modern Barakhamba), Rajnath Singh (DPS Raipur)



Cancelling the controversy

How To Deal With Differences: Don't

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Both parties are interdependent on each other, as RSS is practically the parent organisation of BJP. The relationship is like that of a branch and a root, with the Sangh being the root and organisations like the Bharatiya Jana Sangh, the Bharatiya Kisan Sangh, and Bharatiya Janata Party branching out from it. While this rela-Glossary tionship is strong, yet there are differences between them. This meet 1. Uniform civil urged the leaders to come together code: Laws to govern and gain consensus for the 2019 people irrespective election manifesto. The first day of the committee saw of religion, tribe the delegates debating on issues like or caste. a dwindling economy, the problem of unemployment and RSS-BJP relations. However, the political planning for Highlights 2019 elections was what took up most of the debating time. The debate was Unlike any other, typical so intense that it got extended even Indian committees, this one during the lunch hour. was devoid of any Well researched arguments resonated unnecessary hostility or through the session. Most delegates blow-ups. backed the stances of their respective Heavy handed Hindi parties. RSS, as on previous occasions, dialogues, interspersed was against certain economic policies with shayari, brought much pushed by the Modi government like needed comic relief to the Foreign Direct Investment, handing otherwise intense over of Air India to an international committee sessions which organisation, and the promotion of got extended even during 'cashless economy'. the lunch hour.

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2019 Election Manifesto

touched upon Naxalite issue, economic development, and even crypto currencies! This off-tracking was quickly corrected by the EB. The delegates picked up the pressing issues and passed strong statements on topics of conflict like the Uniform Civil Code¹, Ram Mandir, Urban Naxalites and Kashmir. There were discussions about possible solutions for the 2019 elections, and the party members seemed aptly focused on the vote bank as they explored their options.

continuous crisis committee frozen in the distant past of July 26, 1956, took on the daunting controversy of Suez Canal. The question of nationalisation of Suez Canal seemed to be a problem difficult to resolve as delegates spent a whole day trying to draw conclusions and offer sug-

gestions. The committee had a turning point in the discussion when it was presented with the second crisis - the failure of Constantinople Convention.

The second day of the journey started amidst pandemonium as a proposal on the 'International Management of the Suez Canal' was thrown at the delegates by the Australian Prime Minister Robert Menzies. Countries accepted and rejected the various terms of this proposal in accordance with their foreign policy, putting up their own opinions and proposals for deliberation. While USA and UK supported Egypt, China argued that it had no right to nationalise a canal that didn't belong to it.

By the final day, the delegates had begun to form alliances and finalise their grounds. Taking everyone by surprise, Egypt took a U-turn on its stance, retracting the agreement it had made previously to recognise the Suez Canal as an international water-

suspense.

- Delegate of USA pacifies delegate of UK during an informal discussion.

The following day, discussions

On the final day, an extensive press release about the election manifesto was released. The committee ended with a crisis about LGBTQ and transgender rights, which led to an intense debate between the delegates representing Narendra Modi and Amit Shah. This crisis, however, highlighted the humanitarian side of many high-profile politicians as they conceded with the rights of the LGBTQ community. The committee reflected the actual BJP-RSS relationship through disagreements and debates. The delegates took back a lot from each other and the EB. In the end, the conference was successful, left the minds of our future politicians with new information and experiences.GI

Dialogues

"Mahodaya main zyada kuch toh nahi karta, bus kamal karta hun." - Nitin Gadkari



GA General Assembly

AIPPM All India Political Parties Meet

The grand drama summit

A Mash Up Of Varying Opinions & Ideas







ensued when Patnaik's

of Transgenders of NRC"

Staging a walkout, he

claimed the committee

gave "homophobic vibes"!

was given a thumbs down.

motion "To Relax the Norms

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•Finance Commission Constitution •Amendments to Citizenship Act

from housing illegal immigrants. Delegates spoke eloquently about how citizenship has to be acquired through birth, descent, registration etc. Several other important facets pertaining to the issue, in the likes of naturalisation, incorporating a new territory and commonwealth citizenship were also discussed in much detail. How a person can lose his/her citizenship was another topic that saw a lengthy discussion. On third and final day of the conference, the committee seemed no less Glossary than a Wikipedia page. This day 1. Finance Commissaw a drastic transformation of these delegates from being amasion: Body which deteur debaters to complete profescides how Union and sionals. The focus of the State Govts will committee now shifted to the agenda 'Exclusion from NRC with share taxes. special emphasis on transgenders.' The debates were full of tension as well as **Highlights** information but not devoid of witticisms. The session concluded on a • K. Chandrashekhar Rao positive note with the delegates, espesued the Global Press for cially those from Chandigarh, expressing their gratitude for this defaming him by publishing something not yet formally wonderful opportunity to gain inforaccepted by him! mation and learn.GT ²The serious atmosphere

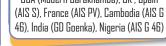


Awards Galore

The Debate

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Best Delegate Germany (AISN), China (AIS Gur 46) High Commendation Belgium (AIS PV), Bolivia & Romania (AIS Gur 46), Syria (AIS Saket) Special Mention USA (Modern Barakhamba), UK, Spain





Back, but with a loud bang!

The Masala Movie We Were Waiting For

Glossary

1. Caucus: A break

during which the

countries can discuss

any topic infor-

mally.

Highlights

• Delegates had lots to

time, resulting conference

staff being bombarded with

several 3 sheet long chits

and not enough hands.

smart in their formals,

some of them even

2 The delegates looked

breaking through the walls

of convention and ditching

the regular everyday tie to

wear one made of glass.

say but without enough

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Post-Conflict Reconstruction

teamed up with Syria. All the other delegates grabbed their popcorns as partnerships revealed themselves. Various international articles, treaties, and UN reports, along with the use of technical terms were thrown around the room.

Proceedings: Well researched and finely suited, the novices were ready for the first day, aspiring to make AIMUN'18 a huge and memorable success. Day one witnessed the highly confident and poised delegates debating on their first agenda. Issues like false dichotomy and smaller states not getting their share as allocated in the national budget were brought to the limelight.

A deliberation regarding the fund distribution by BJP in the northern as well as the southern Indian states ruled the committee session for a majority of the time on the first day. This is where Article 280 of the Constitution was brought in, which states that within a duration of five years, the President will constitute a body called the Finance Commission¹ (FC). The first day also acted as a warming-up session for the delegates as they went about understanding and learning new procedures, discussing many issues en route.

Day two of the committee saw the delegates debate on the second agenda, 'Amendments to Citizenship Act (NRC Issue)'. Well-researched arguments ruled the roost once again. The debate thus began with opening statements, along with a special emphasis on whether India could benefit

Dialogues

"Itna keechad mat ucchalo ek doosre par, bhartiya ho, bhartiyon ki tarah raho." - Naveen Patnaik

"Feedback is the breakfast of champions." - Harman Singh Sachdeva **Proceedings:** The General Assembly took the phrase 'bigger and better' quite literally as they returned for their run at AIMUN 2018 with nearly 125 delegates. The suited, booted and all fired up delegates presented the stance of their country

through bold statements on various subtopics like 'Role of international community in foreign aid', 'Rebuilding of security in post conflict society', 'Economic growth in post conflict societies' and 'Political and judicial reforms' CO amongst others.

There was a comprehensive discussion and even an unmoderated caucus1 on USA's intervention in Afghanistan and the Rwanda case study. The question of unemployment and job security was prioritised, as it was the center of attention for most of the countries. Humanitarian relief and political legitimacy were also discussed quite thoroughly, and the delegates acted in accordance with their portfolios. The committee also briefly touched upon transitional issues which could have proved to be quite controversial but were eventually handled with utmost care and respect.

But the true climax of the movie came when Russia accused government of USA of being incompetent and China The third day came with another suspenseful climax as few delegates were in a frenzy to find themselves signatories and sponsors for their draft resolutions. The committee was mainly di-

vided into three blocs: USA-Germany bloc, China-Finland bloc, and India-Belgium bloc. Naturally, heated arguments ensued between the blocs, each trying to convince the other of their morality and effectiveness. Each went around the committee, lobbying and eventually garnering support. Each of the blocs' DR was discussed in depth and garnered support, making it even more difficult to vote only for one.

The three day discourse witnessed vibrant energy and constructive deliberations and negotiations. The committee was no less than an action-packed movie, every second of which was full of enthusiasm.

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"Delegates, would you like to do a clause-by-clause discussion or a clause-by-clause discussion?" -The delegate of USA, referring to the method used for the discussion of the DR.

The MORLD is here...

...at AIMUN'18, Paving Way For A Peaceful Tomorrow



Of new friends

AIMUN was: Multi-cultural. I had the chance to interact with so many people from around the world. I made a lot of friends all the while learning new things. AIMUN vs other MUNs: Despite the

RUSSIA

serious competition, everyone was super friendly and welcoming. I **Undia:** The architecture here is so

AIMUN was: New. It was our first

AIMUN vs other MUNs: We wouldn't

know as this was our first MUN ever.

I **U**India: We like how Indians cook

their food with so many different spices

time, so we had a little trouble

and with so much patience.

absorbing everything

different from what we see in Russia. I take back: Indian dresses. They are so colourful, different and comfortable. As told to Anushka Puthran AIS Noida, XI I



I take back: The courage to say what we think. This is the biggest lesson that As told to Rhea Suri

AIMUN has taught us. AIS MV, XI D



AIMUN was: Insightful, but stressful. It was nothing like what we expected and surpassed our expectations by leaps and bounds in terms of the exposure it offered.

AIMUN vs other MUNs: The level of competition here is much higher than other MUNs that I have ever attended.

I 🤎 India: Everyone here is full of warmth Every single person I have met has been extremely welcoming and lovely. I like how they never let you feel like an outsider, even in a strange country.

I take back: Everyone in India is so close to their families, and you don't get to see that in other countries. I want to take back this Indian value system with me.

As told to Vidhi Vivek, AIS Noida, X



INDONESIA

AIMUN was: Very different from what I anticipated. Everyone was highly competitive, and it was a good learning experience.

AIMUN vs other MUNs: The delegates here are confident and have great communication skills.

I **U**India: In Indonesia, there is a

stereotype, that when Indian people see trees, they start to dance (Wait...WHAT?!) which is definitely not true. But what is true is that when Indian people start to dance, they can't

stop. I love the vibrancy of the country and its people. I take back: Lots and lots of memories *khichdi* and *pulao*. and many new friendships, and of

course, the recipe for *paranthas*,



As told to Anushka Ramesh AIS Mayur Vihar, IX A

AIMUN was: Enjoyable. Interacting with people from different corners of the world was a unique experience that broadened our horizons. **AIMUN vs other MUNs:** Even though there was fierce competition in debates, we felt that the overall vibe of AIMUN was more positive

SLOVAKIA

as compared to other MUNs simply because everyone is so amiable here! I **U**India: Indian clothes

are simply beautiful and extremely elegant. We would love to wear them anytime. The diversity was truly

anything we have ever seen back in Slovakia. I take back: Knowledge. There is so much that we didn't know before and AIMUN taught us - in terms of theory and life lessons. As told to Sehaj Ghuman AIS Noida, XM



f you want to travel the world, head to AIMUN. It may not be a world tour for you, but it will surely be your window to the world. AIMUN'18 carried its *legacy of bringing the world together under one* roof. With 11 countries from different corners of the world, it exemplified the Indian philosophy of 'Vasudhaiva kutumbakam' – the world is one family. *GP* reporters caught up with these foreign *delegations for a candid chit-chat. We bring you a* few excerpts from the candid interactions.



AIMUN was: Close to a real-life experience at United Nations with a global exposure. We learnt a lot about global issues from different perspectives by attending the committee sessions. It has also taught us how to engage with people from different cultures.

AIMUN vs other MUNs: We were all first-timers at MUN, but the fierce debates and discussions



experience.

aunts and cousins. In USA, we rarely get to meet our extended family. We love how Indians value and love their families. I take back: The cricket culture. It was impressive to see how enthusiastic Indians are about this

members of the family living

together - grandparents, uncles,

sport. As told to Stuti Kakkar, AIS Saket, XI D



I like how people from different

communities live together and

celebrate everything together.

I take back: People here are

changed us and has inspired us

around us. In addition, we are

also taking back the flavours of

the tasty paani puri and biryani.

As told to Aditi Banerji AIS Noida, X D

really warm. It has really

to care more for the people

GERMANY

remarkable, and unlike



AIMUN was: Exciting. We knew that something interesting was always awaiting us apart from the committee sessions. AIMUN vs other MUNs: Unlike other MUNs that come with their

HUNGARY

own glitches, AIMUN was just perfect. Everything was organised to the last detail. 🛛 🤎 India: India has a vast variety

of colours and festivals, and we loved that. We loved being part of such a diverse culture.

I take back: I like how people here are always ready to help and it would be great if we could imbibe the same ideology in Hungary. As told to Sanskruti Bharti

AIS Vas 1, XI

DPS RAIPUR

AIMUN was: Exceptional. Everyone

was very hospitable and impartial. We

felt like we were part of one big

AIMUN vs other MUNs: AIMUN

provides you with a lot of time to

speak and the EB hears you with

family, discussing its issues.

AIMUN was: Interesting. The people from AFS are all over India and it's at AIMUN that we all get to see each other again. AIMUN vs other MUNs: AIMUN is huge. From the size of conference rooms to the wellresearched delegates, everything about the conference is so professional.

I **India:** I like how people are so friendly with each other, always ready for a light conversation and always ready to help. In Germany, people just keep to themselves. I take back: If it were possible, I would love to take back the pleasant weather of India. It's so warm and sunny.

As told to Ananya Grover, AIS Noida, XI B

patience. Here, we had three days to

discuss our hearts out; other MUNs

don't give you such opportunities.

I 🤎 India: We love how everyone

I take back: The kind of skills and

confidence we've seen throughout

As told to Anushka Puthran

AIS Noida, XI I

AIMUN.

makes you feel like home all the time.

THAILAND

AIMUN was: Profound, considering the amount of research that went into it. I know that this experience has improved my critical thinking. I feel like I have learnt a lot.

AIMUN vs other MUNs: We've never been to an MUN before, so we don't think we are the right people to compare. But we know that AIMUN will always be special to us.

India: I did not like vegetarian food before I came to India, but they cook it beautifully and make it taste so yummy and good. I take back: After AIMUN, I am a more confident person because in the past three days I have learned to express myself articulately.

As told to Tanisha Chawla AIS Saket, XI E



JODHPUR

IMUN was: A great opportunity to participate in a world changing debate and learn omething new AIMUN vs other MUNs: Being irst timers, AIMUN was verv exciting for us. We'll definitely be here next year! **India:** Being Indians, we

around the world.

love our country to the core and what we love the most is the fact that there are so many cultures to celebrate within the nation. I take back: We learned how to interact with people from all As told to Khushi Saxena,

AIS Noida, XI I





AIMUN was: Extremely fun-filled and highly informative. Each day had something new and different to tell us and to teach us. We learnt a lot

about the customs and cultures of different nations AIMUN vs other MUNs': We haven't attended any other

conference at this level. It was our very first MUN, so we have nothing

I **U** India: Because the people here are warm and welcoming. We are quite proud to be part of such a diverse country. I take back: AIMUN has also taught

us to value human emotions on a whole and appreciate everyone. As told to Khushi Daryani, AIS Saket, XI E and Sehaj Ghuman,

AIS Noida, XM



AIMUN was: Great! We generally don't get such opportunities in Italy. The conference simulated United Nations with great perfection. AIMUN vs other MUNs: This is the first MUN that we've ever attended, but we know that nothing can top this amazing

I 🤎 India: For a lot of reasons like the culture, traditions,



S(poor)ing crimes all over the world

Everyone Gets The Fruit But The Poor?



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Proceedings: The Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice met to deliberate upon eradication of poverty in all its forms and dimensions. With delegates representing 37 countries, the simulation channeled UN's primary stated goal of poverty eradication. The committee reeled into deliberation from day one itself with some commendable speeches by the delegates of USA and Bolivia. Grave issues like harassment and trafficking in context of poverty were tackled with equal magnitude of caution and sensitivity. China and USA clashed on the issue of mass incarceration of poorer Muslims. USA condemned China for being involved in mass conviction of Muslims for baseless reasons like wearing a particular brand of watches. China's rebuttal to this was bringing up the case of Guantanamo Bay. The committee also stood witness to several statements during the course of three days that left the delegates pondering. "Crime causes poverty, but poverty too causes crime," remarked Delegate of Kenya. Providing more food for thought was delegate of Columbia who appealed to everyone with Malala Yousafzai's quote, "One pen, one book and one child can change the world."

AGENDA

Eradication of poverty

Intent on finding a solution to increasing poverty, the committee started the process by first identifying the challenges that lie enroute the said aim. The delegates pinpointed loopholes in social and eco- Proceedings: With an agenda like 'Protectionism nomic diaspora of other countries that led to poverty. For instance, Bolivia pinpointed Italy's practice of establishing special courts and judges that are unconstitutionally appointed. UK, on the other hand, brought to light the lack of acess to judicial courts by many Bolivians. The efficacy of the legal system of different countries were debated on with respect to four parameterstiming, efficiency, equal distribution and quality of distribution. While problems were highlighted, probable solutions to the same were also discussed. Several solutions like extending special welfare programs, cancellation of national debts, implementation plan for community policing programs etc were discussed. After three days of fruitful debate, ardent chit writing and intensive lobbying, the committee concluded its proceedings with voting on the two resolution reports handed in by the delegates. The winning resolution replete with 118 suggestions was passed with a unanimous vote.



Awards Galore

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To tax or not to tax? A dilemma

Levy Tax Or Balance Trade? Where To Go?

2 Logistics team members

were seen running

content they had.

took place.

❸ The EB was kept

everywhere frantically

because of the endless

entertained in the chaotic

unmoderated caucus that

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AGENDA

Protectionist policies in the 21st century

and South Korea were big names that were brought up quite often during the debate. The initial debate was followed by two back to back unmoderated caucuses, focusing primarily on the US-China trade relations and currency manipulation. However, the unmods did not yield any result as the delegates primarily spoke about the problem at a universal level, instead of focusing on how it was affecting their own countries. With heated debates and varied viewpoints, the committee entered the Glossary final day, where the proceedings began with the General Speakers' 1. Protectionism: List. 'Tariff Barriers' and the Practice of shielding Legal Framework of WTO was from foreign compediscussed at length. Some dele*tition by taxing* gates were of the opinion that developing nations tended to have high imports. trade barriers while developed nations have next to none. Most delegates were Highlights of the view that the tariff act policy needed to be revised. Towards the end of the committee, three resolutions The treat to witness was were submitted, but none of them the participation of foreign could be passed because they failed to delegates equal to that of the Indian ones. garner a unanimous vote. GT

Glossary 1. Rebuttal: An instance of rebutting evidence or an accusation.

Highlights

• The knowledgeable Executive Board gave concise and transformative feedback to the delegates including how to go about their research, speeches and replies to allegations. 2 The immaculate coordination between the delegates during the documentation process of the report was extremely commendable.

Dialogue

"Five words for you: look at your own policies!" - Delegate of Bolivia's reply to Delegate of UK's statement.

that entails multiple facets, the World Trade Organisation went full throttle into debate, from the first day itself. Both the pros and cons of the policy were highlighted, with some delegates stressing on the fact that protectionism keeps the domestic

economy stable and maintains a better balance of trade. On the other hand, there were others who believed that it controlled the freedom of consumers and thus, should be done away with.

The committee was split into two when it came to the topic for moderated caucus being chosen. While one half advocated 'US-China Trade Wars', the other half wanted to delve into 'Non-Tariff Barriers'. However, after much debate on the significance of both issues and their affect on the world at large, the committee finally zeroed in on 'Non-Tariff Barriers'. To analyse these barriers, the committee adhered to World Bank Overall Trade Restrictive Index which allows a comparison between tariffs and non-tariff barriers.

Day 2 of the conference revolved around 'Currency Manipulation'- a policy used by governments and central banks to artificially lower the value of the currency to gain an unfair competitive advantage. China, Japan,

Dialogue

"You can even extend the time limit to 72,000 seconds if you want. I'm not saying you do it, I'm just saying you can...You can take a break from GSL, but it's always there; it's like life: always there." - The Chairperson got all spiritual about the GSL.

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It's time for a nuclear game

UNSC

United Nations Security Council

The Irony of Fighting A War Of Words







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> Leela Moza, AIS Noida, XII C & Saanvi Vaish, AIS PV, X B

Proceedings: Centered primarily around the prob

AGENDA

Situation in Korean Peninsula

missile programs, in return of such a treaty. Day 2 saw the introduction of a crisis. A Chinese vessel was observed by spectators on board the US 7th Fleet Warships which was a trade ship, in the **Proceedings:** Amidst banging of the table and in-EEZ of Japan, destined for North Korea. The debate continued amidst some resolutions and disagremeents. While DPRK agreed to hold negotiations with IAEA on renewing inspections for some of their facilities; it at the same



Committee

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The Debate

Germany (AIS Noida) High Commendation Russian Federation (DPS, Mathura Road), Romania, Ireland (AIS Gur 46) pecial Mention Luxembourg (AISN), USA (Modern Barakhamba), UK (AIS S), Netherlands (AIS G 43), Austria (DPS Raipur)



Stares, chaos and much more

The Room That Seemed To Have It All

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Stuti Kakkar, XI D and Khushi Daryani, XI E **AIS Saket**

AGENDA

The Refugee Crisis

wherein the delegates tried to provide solutions to the raging crisis. Solutions to establish peace such as new technologies in the field of arms and ammunitions including undetectable 3D printed

lems between US and North Korea, that in turn fostered the risk of another cold war, the committee set out to seek world peace. From discussing the events of the past that had led to the current situation to offering probable solutions that could help ensure peace in the future; the committee dealt with the problem af-Glossary flicting the Korean peninsula in a rather holistic way.

The first day of the committee session delved into several past treaties and their impact were discussed at length. Delegates voiced their opinions on Joint Declaration of North and South Korea pertaining to the denuclearisation of the Korean peninsula. The failure of 6 party talks - a series of multilateral negotiations held intermittently since 2003 and attended by China, Japan, North Korea, Russia, South Korea and the US for the purpose of dismantling North Korea's Nuclear programme, was also debated upon followed by another issue '1953 Korean War Armistice Agreement (KWAA)'. Some delegates were in favour of the agreement as it could help reduce tensions for eternal peace. On the other hand, there were other delegates who believed that North Korea will never end its nuclear weapons and ballistic

time refused to sign a 'dead agreement' like the JCPOA which was signed between USA and Iran.

On the third day, US-DPRK submitted an agreement which stated that US would reduce its domestic sanctions on DPRK and in return they would dismantle two of their nuclear missiles publicly. US agreed to remove all sanctions on them after the successful dismantle. Delegates questioned the agreement by inquiring about actions of the US in case DPRK continued to make nuclear missiles in future, and so the proposal was rejected. While the committee didn't reach on a consensus, it definitely was able to put forth numerous facets of a global issue, otherwise ignored.GI

Dialogue

"DPRK shouldn't talk about trust." - Delegate of Netherlands on her disapproval of the USA and DPRK agreement.

tense discussions, the delegates of this committee set out to discuss the biggest issue for European countries - refugee crisis. As the committee commenced, one could see that the delegates had done their homework as most of them were versed with conventions, directives and inter-

national laws; articles and clauses of EU -Turkey deal, Libya deal with EU, Asylum Protection Directive, Refugee Convention, amongst others. The extensive research that the delegates had carried helped them steer the debate in a fruitful direction.

The topic for the first moderated caucus was 'Protection of Refugees' which aimed at decreasing the death poll and disease transmission in the Mediterranean region. There were in depth discussions about the availability of food, water and protection of refugees. The social and economic integration of refugees was also discussed at length. The moderated caucuses were followed by various backroom negotiations among the countries.

The second day began with discussion focussing on admission of refugees in asylums, security of national and international borders, and social integration of refugees. Several unmoderated caucuses followed

weaponry were discussed.

Day 3 saw the introduction of a crisis, wherein 170 refugees in a plane were hijacked. As the committee struggled to find a solution to the crisis, the delegates were also intent on passing a

> resolution. A draft resolution was submitted, which entailed key proposals like streamlining of security and medical aid for refugees, establishment of national human rights associations and MNCs donating 2% of their profit to help refugees as their Corporate Social Responsibility etc.

> Four draft resolutions were discussed, and each clause was put to great scrutiny by everyone. Even though no draft resolution reached the voting majority, the committee was successful for it encompassed fruitful deliberations characterised by active participation, heated arguments and a sophisticated, diplomatic conduct all the three days.GI

Dialogue

"There is going to be a rat race...*pause* delegates ko nahi bhagna...it is for submitting resolutions." - Executive Board of the committee.

Glossary 1. Refugee Convention: Signed by 145 parties, it outlines legal rights of refugees.



• The unmoderated caucus was nothing but a pandemonium where delegates stood in a circle while chanting 'calm down'. 😕 There was a painstakingly explicit debate on how to debate. The EB repeatedly had to 'politely' ask all the delegates to refrain from giving the *death stare* to each other.

1. KWAA: Designed to ensure all army acts in Korea stop till final settlement.



• Even before the committee had officially begun, the delegates had started a heated debate over the motion that was to be passed, providing the GP with enough content to reach their word limit. 2 The committee swayed between opinions like the Chairperson swayed on the podium, which was quite fun to be a witness of.

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Between the lines

Wisdom Bytes

Evegenia Zeegofer, Second Sec., Head, Cultural Wing, Embassy Of The Russian Federation, Talks About The Value Of Culture

Vanya Tandon AIS Noida, X C

Between cultures

Indian culture is very diverse and beautiful. It is no surprise that Russians are fascinated by it. Russian culture is equally beautiful. We have some great works of literature and cinema, which we are world. I think the two nations change.

Between countries

Being a diplomat means being part of two countries

and serving them both equally. As a diplomat it becomes crucial to discuss problems, and find immediate and effective solutions to them with sincerity. I believe all these qualities are taught to students through platforms like MUNs.

Between conferences

Platforms like AIMUN proud to present to the help students develop confidence and charisma can at a young age. They strengthen their ties learn about international through cultural ex- affairs and how to deal with them systematically. In the midst of all this, it is only natural that they make mistakes and I hope they do; so that they can learn their lessons now, and be prepared for the future.GI



Dr Karoly Sardi, Deputy Head of **Mission, Embassy of Hungary**

Diplomatic talk

Dr Karoly Sardi, Deputy Head Of Mission, Embassy Of Hungary, Hands Over The Baton Of Diplomacy

Arushi Gupta AIS Noida, XII C

The responsibility of diplomacy Being a diplomat comes with a lot of responsibility. A diplomat represents their country in a foreign land; they have a reputation to maintain They have to make sure they stay rooted to the native culture while accepting the traditions of their host country.

diplomacy

Diplomats have to move around a lot and this is a challenge for their families. There are adjust-

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ments and adaptations throughout your life. The moment you get used to a place, you might have to say goodbye, maybe in the next 2 months, 2 years or even 20 years. It's like you never know when or where you might be transferred.

The peace of diplomacy

and duties to fulfill. Events like AIMUN are training young citizens to be aware about national and international crises and to seek viable solutions for them. They get to know each other, learn to discuss issues and understand each other's problems. The The challenges of increase in such interactions has significantly contributed to making the world a more peaceful place. One cannot inculcate this merely through classroom learning.GT

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Evegenia Zeegofer, Head, Cultural Wing,

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Vidhi Vivek, AIS Noida, X N

igh on music, dance, or both at the same time? Looks like AIMUN 2018 witnessed a number of excitement-packed events, and indeed one of those that managed to sway everyone's heart was the cultural evening, High Tea. A celebration of diversity of cultures, commenced with a warm welcome of the guests by Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools & RBEF and Jyoti Arora, Director, AERC. So, here's capturing the 'high' spirits of the auditorium, how it all went down!

Hosted by AIS Pushp Vihar, the programme saw a massive participation of foreign delegation from 11 countries, along with Indian delegation coming in from three different states.

Initiaed by four Russian students, the first performance were on an began with the rendition of Gavall-time atri Mantra on the strums of the high as naguitar. The tunes turned soulful tional deleas they harmonised to the gations melodies of 'Yeh Mera India'. from states Grooving on the song, like Rajasthan 'Ghoomar', five Russian AFS and Tamil Nadu emanated students gave an energetic perexuberance in the auditorium, formance, and their colourful accurately representing Indian ghaghras were the true highlight culture with folk dances of

of the show. Hungary was the next country, two of whose students performed to an upbeat native number. The roar of applause from the audience was an example of how music, truly has no language.

Open-mouthed with awe, the evening then saw two teenagers from Italy introducing themselves and their hobbies in the most fluently spoken Hindi. Not just Hindi, the foreign delegation even mastered Punjabi, as proven by the next performer. Swooning to 'Garmi di tu', the solo performer's high notes sent chills down everyone's spines. Hitting higher on the level of aesthetic, the delegation of Slovakia presented an enthralling dance performance, portraying an artistic love story. Indian spirits

their respective states. Gushing with energy, the auditorium echoed with the beats • of 'Proper Patola' reverberating as the delegation of DPS Raipur set the stage on fire.

Hoarding on all the passion, the German intern, Ferdinand Ramer, gave an interactive and interesting speech as he tapped into his personal experiences and passions of traveling around the world and exploring different cultures and languages.

Temper of the room changed when Aryan Sinha took to the stage with an impactful spill poem on sexual harassment and objectification of women. A line from his verse made way to everyone's hearts, 'Sammaan nahi, samaanta chahiye'.

Echoes of patriotism could be heard as the Italians wowed us with the flag hoisting which was followed by the Delegates from Thailand and Indonesia sharing their undying love for their country with a rendition of their national song and anthem.

All in all, the High Tea saw the excitement level of the delegates as well as the audience running high, and with such a turnout, it was easy to guess that the event was really the fanfavourite at the amazing event that was AIMUN 2018. GI

















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