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## Opening Ceremony

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Since its inception in 2011, VIBGYOR HIGH Model United Nations has inspired the youth to engage in issues of global importance. It has given them an opportunity to step into the shoes of international diplomats and make their voices heard. With each passing year, VHMUN soars to new heights. Year 2015 witnesses delegates from abroad also joining in the invigorating sessions.

On 25 June, the Ballroom of Westin, Garden City was brimming over with delegates, waiting for the VHMUN 5 conference to commence. Tamanna and Shubham set the ball rolling for the conference scheduled to be held over 3 days from 25th to 27th June, by introducing the Executive Board headed by Sreesha Singh and Chirag Agarwal.

The presence of eminent dignitaries from various fields was inspirational for the delegates.

Mr Rustom Kerawalla, the Founder Chairman of the VIBGYOR Group of International schools



commended the delegates for their conscientiousness and wished them the very best for the coming three days of debates and deliberations. Mr Rohit Bansal, CEO of India Strategy Group and Hammurabi & Solomon Consulting, LLP, was the keynote speaker for the day and spoke about the importance and changing trends in networking. Ms Priyanka Chaturvedi, the Spokesperson of the Indian National Congress also graced this occasion. Mr Shim Matthew, the Director Principal of the host school, VIBGYOR High, Goregaon, encouraged the delegates with their motivational words. Sreesha Singh, the Secretary General of the VHMUN 5 then declared the conference open.

Pre Conference Workshop by Ms Jyothi Vallurupalli which was extremely enlightening for the delegates as she shared her experiences and gave them tips on MUNing.

The excitement for the day started with the first of the committee sessions of the three day conference. Though the sessions started slowly in all committees, they soon picked up pace as animated discussions and negotiations took place in each committee.

The delegates at VHMUN 5 seem promising and we expect them to keep up the momentum for the coming days.



# DISEC



Let me hit the nail on its head at the onset.

The first committee meet was a DISASTER. It was nothing but monotony, slumber, and a cancelled motion of entertainment. DISEC was more like 'DIE-SEC' with the delegates digressing from the topic or indulging in nonsensical babbling and answering questions with the help of chits.

The Delegate of West Timor, wearing a white T-shirt and blue jeans, had fallen asleep at his place and was slouching away to glory. Not to forget the Delegate of Thailand, who was making 'bunny-rabbits' in the projection on the wall. Following the tedious beginning, a chit was sent to the Chair:

'Are we allowed to send chits to other committees?'

Laughter echoed through the hall and for the first time the committee came to life. But what was most appalling was the language used by the Delegates. The Delegate of Russia went to the extent of using profanities like 'damn'! The Delegate of Saudi Arabia, (we can call him Mr Poor English?), had his 'motion passed'.

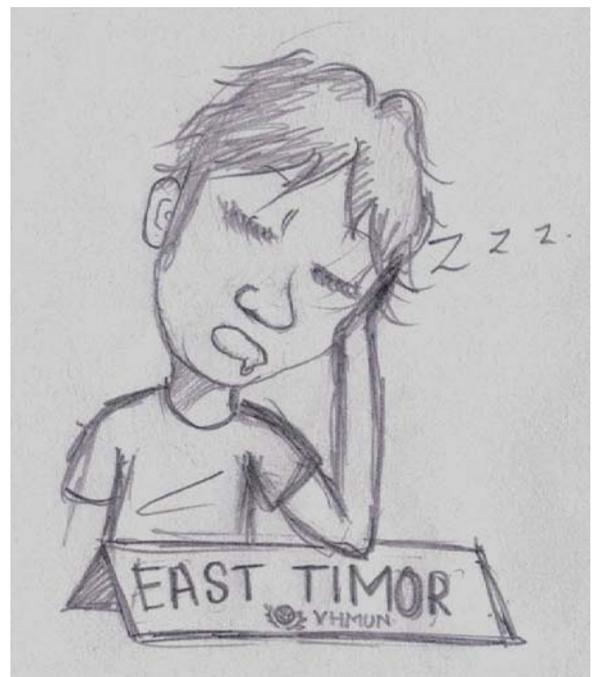
To sum up, it was not quite the meet this time! But there are hopes that the next meet will NOT be so DEAD PAN and will have some LIFE in it.

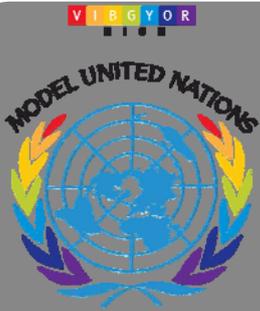


What a transition!

This committee was the chit chat hub of VHMUN 5 on Day 2. Due to excessive talking the Chair was forced to change the seating arrangement. The Delegate of DPRK tried really hard to pass a moderated caucus but failed. The silent Delegate of Burkina Faso raised a general motion on the solutions to space militarisation. The moderated caucus apparently changed the flow of the committee and made it more active. The Delegates of Argentina and Djibouti made important factual speeches on the agenda and served as role models for other delegates.

After the speeches the motion for entertainment was unanimously passed. The Delegate of UK danced with a press member and the Delegate of Djibouti asked the Delegate of USA to be his point of personal privilege. This was followed by an unmoderated caucus in which 3 working papers were made. Working Paper 1 presented by the Delegates of UK, Libya, Argentina, Nigeria and SA was a pretty comprehensive resolution but the solutions were common. Unfortunately this resolution failed as the questionings by the Delegates of DPRK and Russia proved impractical. In the middle of the session the Delegate of Djibouti received a note saying, "You are so spicy! Please be my achaar!" The Delegate of East Timor continued to sleep which forced the Chair to comment 'that the collective IQ of DISEC is equivalent to that of a goldfish'.





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## HSC

The HSC was an eventful committee with a number of witty and ridiculously hilarious delegates.

The committee session started with the formal role call which then led to the discussion of Topic A: The Suez Crisis - after which the GSL opened. The Delegate of Egypt was irritated by the late entrance of the Delegate of Japan, who had decided to pair his formal attire with Nike sports shoes. Kudos Delegate! Nike is the best choice of shoes for attending a formal debate.

The Executive Board seemed to have a tough time in pronouncing the names of countries like 'Ecuador' and 'Nicaragua' and thus decided to call them 'Weird Country 1' and 'Weird Country 2'. They constantly repeated, "We do have proof for the events that are taking place Delegate. It's called the Executive Board."

The Press is proud to announce that we have found a 'Rap Star' in the Delegate of Israel. All he needs is a recording studio and a good beat to back him up.

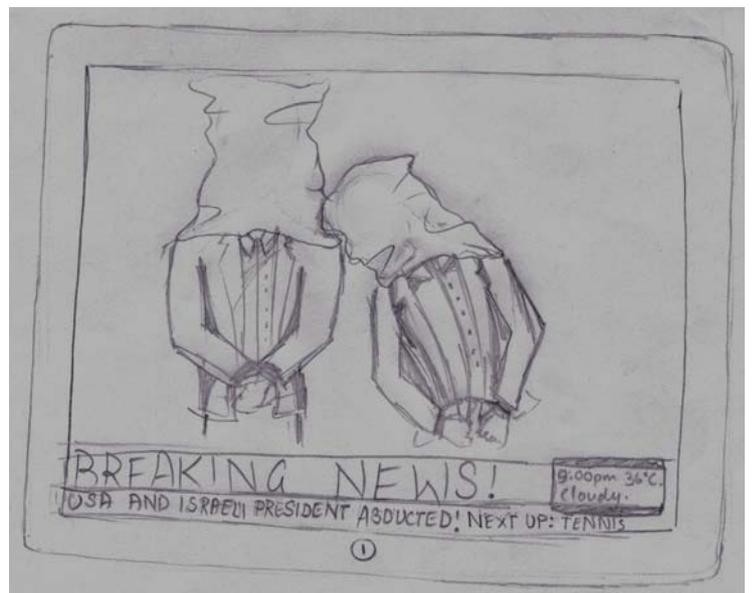
Once the new updates about the crisis started coming in, there was a well pointed argument between China and Israel. While the committee continued with the discussion, the Chair excused herself to answer a phone call and didn't enter the committee until half an hour.

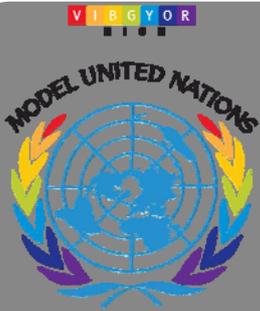
We welcome you to HSC, the most entertaining committee without air conditioning or microphone.

The committee had 2 types of delegates: the ones who spoke too much and the ones who didn't speak at all. The Chair spoke like a television host on one of those trivia shows when she said, "You have one last follow up delegate! Choose wisely."

It wasn't much of a shocker when the Delegate of Ecuador referred to herself as 'the weird country.' We also had an Arnab Goswami in the Delegate of USSR who repeatedly said, 'the committee wants to know'. Despite several warnings from the security, the Delegate of Denmark had his phone ringing to a wonderful tune while the session was in progress. USA sent a directive which the press was really looking forward to report but unfortunately the delegates were most disinterested.

Soon the committee received an update which said that 1/4th of Egypt was bombed. The Chair was shocked that every delegate wanted to make their presidential statement. While the Israeli President was abducted and assassinated, the President of USA though abducted, was released after a huge ransom was agreed upon. When USA shook hands with Israel all the other countries turned against them. A directive sent by Mexico was passed to throw USA and Israel out of the UN, but it was not to be as that would mean going against the UN Charter.





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## SC

This committee was indeed a Pandora's box of surprises!

Delegates who were supposed to be the smart ones ended up saying things like: "*The delegate would like to sue the press for brutality.*"

After every 15 minutes, the loud delegate of Saudi Arabia would speak causing an uproar followed by applause and laughter, definitely keeping the committee and the press members in splits! The highlight of the day was when Saudi Arabia humbly accepted that his country did supply weapons to the ISIS.

There also seemed to be something brewing between the delegate of Japan and the delegate with a 'not-so-German accent'!

The motion of entertainment was a hit with the delegates. There was a 'Yo Mama Rap' battle between the Charge D'affaires and Iran which led to a loud hooting!

At one point:

Russia (making his way to the stage): One second, something fell down.

Charge D'affaires: Yes! Your dignity!

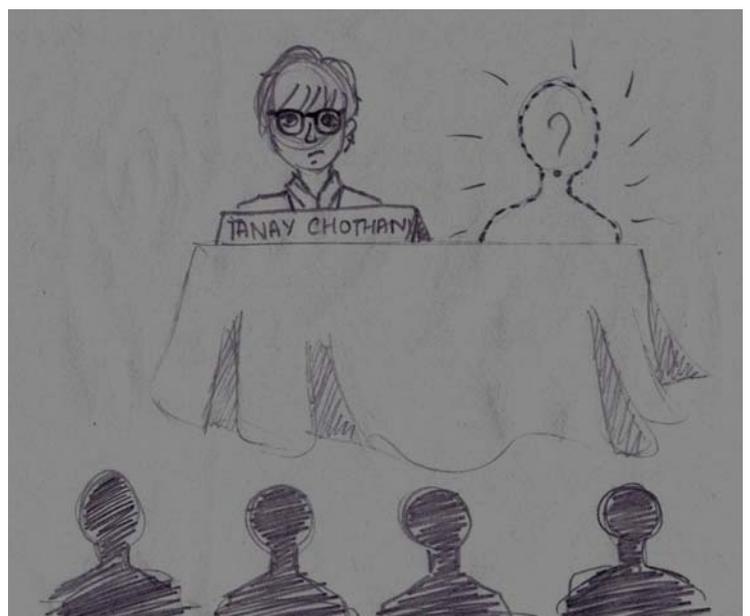
Overall, the committee was entertaining as well as intelligent. The perfect combination to be!

The day commenced with further discussion on Topic A. In an unmoderated caucus, the SC delegates chose to work diligently and the results were evident in the discussions that followed. The GSL continued after which the working papers were discussed. The extremely skilled and capable Chair, Tanay Chotani and the Charge d'affaires, Partik Kartikeyan handled the committee perfectly well.

After the lunch break, things got much more interesting. The Delegate of USA was found looking at a Wikipedia page which is a strict NO! The updates on the crisis came in one by one making the committee more exciting. The news updates led to a chaos among delegates as some presidents were declared dead!

The chair of UNSS joined the committee for a while as the guest Delegate of Yemen. The verbal attacks and barring of some delegates was a great entertainment. The day concluded on an eventful and productive note.

The quirky mannerisms of the delegates continued as the Delegate of Germany hailed every member of the EB who walked in.



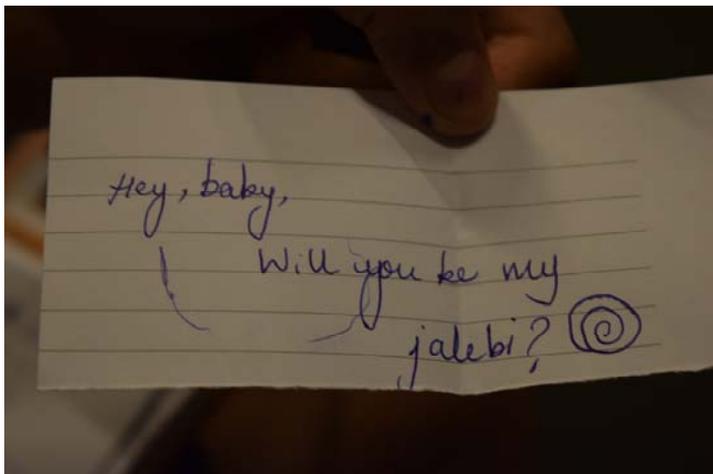


# UNSS

On Day 1, the UNSS was the unluckiest committee as they were made to sit in a make-shift plastic enclosure in the general lobby of the hotel. They were deprived of an AC but had the pleasure of enjoying Beyonce's music which was booming from the lobby.

Nonetheless, the delegates kept up their enthusiastic spirits and remained unfazed by the disturbances. The delegates were eager to put forth their points. The committee was a perfect mixture of work and play. A working paper which was discussed was called '*Say Nope to Dope!*' The thing that was most striking was the faculty advisor who sat next to the Delegate of Spain and whispered points into his ears.

And this is UNSS - the committee with the quirkiest and wittiest delegates who know it all!



On Day 2, the delegates of UNSS looked dapper. The session began with the delegate of Mexico giving his speech in Spanish! Kudos Delegate!

The Delegate of the Russian Federation kept the committee entertained throughout with his nonsensical quirks. The Delegate often got on the nerves of the Co Chair which resulted in a battle of wits. The Delegate of the Russian Federation ended up becoming the laughing stock!

This committee saw one of the most eccentric crisis committees ever:

### Drug lords found in Putin's mansion!

This crisis committee was seen as a personal attack on the Delegate of the Russian Federation by the EB! The Delegate, on recovering from the shock, was desperately trying to defend himself by accusing USA of conspiring against them. A presidential statement by the Delegate of USA was so complex that 3/4 of the committee did not understand it! This was despite the Delegate repeating the statement several times. A news update on the crisis committee saying that one of the drug lords and the president of USA, Barack Obama were now dead, left the committee in utter chaos and confusion. "Delegates, stop offending each other. This is not a playground," came the Co Chair's booming voice.

Delegate of UK: So as the delegate of the Russian Federation said... Wait... What did you say?





## SPECPOL

Boasting of 78 delegates SPECPOL began with a basic briefing about yields, points and motions. After the quick review the Delegate of Argentina opened the GSL which was followed by many more GSL speeches and a motion for '2 for, 2 against' to deliberate upon the importance of Topic A. Soon the delegates suspended informal debate and tried to move into a moderated caucus. The witty speeches given by the delegates of India, USA and France impressed the Chair and left the committee amazed. But the committee seems to really like the GSLs. Though it failed to pass any moderated caucus it always reverted to the GSL.

Both the Chair and the Co Chair were not really good at handling their committee but were pretty experienced when it came to pulling off a fake accent. The accent was so phony and fake that they seemed like specialists! They even spoke in decibels which were way too high for the committee.

There were quite a few squabbles witnessed at the committee session. The Delegates of Iraq and USA had a serious fight. The Delegate of Djibouti called all the citizens of Somalia pirates which highly offended the Delegate of Somalia. After a few more dull speeches the committee was adjourned for the day.



The highlight of Day 2 in SPECPOL was when the Delegate of Serbia, supported by the Delegate of UK, sent a chit to Latvia saying, "I'm gonna bomb your country!" The Delegates of Serbia and UK were made to apologise on their knees to the Delegate of Latvia.



## HRC

Roll call, setting the agenda and the GSL, all went smoothly, but slowly. With the number of first timers in the committee, it was surprising how fast everyone seemed to warm up to the idea of speaking. In 2 days everyone in the committee had spoken at least once.

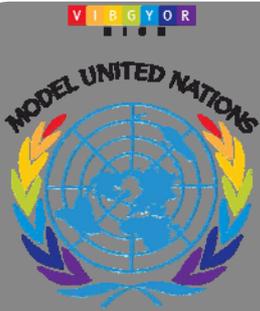


But the spark with which the committee started, quickly flickered out. Apart for a few delegates like Gaza, Syria, France and the United Kingdom, who spoke controversially, other delegates preferred to stick to their tablets and written papers. Blindly reading what appeared on the screen of their tablets, seemed to make them all '**Dementors**'. It sucked the fun out of the committee.

Soon a motion for an unmoderated caucus was passed. The diligence of the delegates was commendable as they wasted no time and worked towards making resolutions.

The Delegate of Syria needed to clam down his hyperactive demeanour. With an hour left at hand, the motion of entertainment was passed. All of a sudden, the meekest in the committee seemed to have the most talent. Right from beat boxing, singing, to robotic dancing the committee had it all! Thanks to the Delegates of Israel, Turkey and France a notch of fun was added to the committee!





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## MODA RATED

We must commend, my dear delegates, your fortitude and determination with which most of you wore denims, sports shoes, LACE and of course, shimmer. This is simply to be applauded, but unfortunately not because we were impressed!

This year VHMUN manifested a range of beach wear, club/party wear, and our personal favourite gym wear. While most of the security and admin members were smart in their choice of formals and wore them effortlessly, the delegates were sadly the disappointment.

Dear delegate from UNSS please identify yourself and understand that polka dots are only for the press heads shoes. We would also like to mention and thank all of you who showed up in graphic T-shirts. You have scarred us, for life!

Other than that the minor errors in your wardrobe this year for the boys included wearing black shirts with blue suits and the usual ill fitted blazers. For the girls it was the aztec and floral prints and unusually short skirts.

We were particularly impressed with the security members, the Co Chair of UNSS and all the delegates that matched their bow ties to their suits, picked the right shoes and had an overall appropriate attire.

Thank you to all who gave the fashion police something to feed on!

Have a great year.  
See you next year with a better haircut!  
XOXO



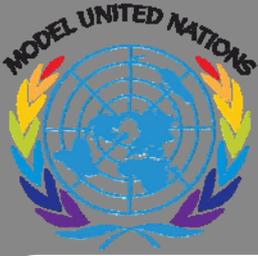
**Quirky**



**What you should look like next year**



**Just... wrong**



## Press Note

At the onset, we would like to thank the EB and the Secretariat for letting all the press members annoy them for the past three days and cover every embarrassment that their committees faced.

In the past 3 days, we have had a lot of romance over chits for the Chairs, Co Chairs and amongst the EB. The Press is thankful for every mistake made in this conference. Nonetheless, it would be wrong to ignore the poise with which our delegates have carried themselves.

We would like to specially mention some of our delegates (who wish to remain anonymous) who were shot by cupid! The three boys who were desperately looking for a specific “brown bracelet with a heart” over it for the girl with the most beautiful eyes in the world is worth a mention. It touched our hearts to no extent! Then there was the delegate who wrote his very first love letter in this VHMUN. WE feel honoured to have received it.

We would just like to end on one last thing: please wear better clothes; please come with more knowledge of your countries and please stop bombing and nuking each other! We are here for peace. We are the press team.....not OSAMA's backup dancers!

## Conclusion

VHMUN 5 saw way too many crises which added to the excitement in the committees. The news updates often turned the tables in sessions and left the delegates dumbstruck. It became a real CRISIS for the delegates when they found out that their presidents were being held hostage!

The EB, with their incredible creativity, found ways to make barring the delegates ‘fun’!

“Go touch the door of the washroom on the other floor and come back!” - One delegate went to the extent of clicking a picture with the washroom door as proof!

VHMUN 5 has been an experience to remember for all the delegates. Just like every year, VHMUN 5 has not failed to give the delegates an opportunity to serve as international diplomats. We now eagerly look forward to VHMUN 6 to continue debating, discussing and resolving.

