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Note from the Editor

Garima Datta

Have you ever felt like you're not alone? Like someone's been watching your every move, and knows what you're up to all the time? That sense of paranoia or discomfort making you more aware of your words and actions than you should be is exactly what you need to prepare yourselves for at VHMUN.

So, get conscious and be aware.

It's MUN time and the press is always watching.

MOCK REVIEWS

DISEC



DISEC was an oxymoron-esque committee filled with both unresponsive silence and of utter chaos. The chair's awe-inspiring favourite phrase, "Ey no,da," with the disruption caused by delegates has given the press a lot of faith for the formality in this committee. The committee showed a drastic change when the chair and co-chair of HSC decided to help out the chair of DISEC. Soon, the underprepared and hesitant delegates started making impeccable points, and were answering important and valid questions with sincerity. Delegates, we hope that during the MUN you don't have to ask the press what a crisis is.

SOCHUM



For quite a while, committee seemed like it was a normal SOCHUM, and by *normal* we mean a committee where no one utters a word.

The delegate of Ireland, however, gave an exceptional speech on the minerals of Ireland instead of the women. The promise to a Motion of Entertainment became a fierce motivator, and the introduction of the crisis showed us a transition from "dozing delegates" to "jumping-out-of-their-seats delegates." Overall, level of debate was mediocre and very few points made in committee seemed logical.



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HSC



A committee full of experienced delegates, HSC is sure to take debate to the next level. From heated arguments, to attempts of peaceful negotiation – to all out war, they covered almost all aspects of a Crisis committee in a six hour session. With the Gulf War as the chosen agenda, you wouldn't expect this to be a quiet debate, but HSC turned out to be a productive and rather formal committee – with exceptions of course. The committee considered overthrowing their Chair, but they also **considered** “sending George Bush to the cemetery.” A memorable session, HSC will surely, as said by the Delegate of Kuwait, be “spicy.”

UNW



“Point of inquiry: what is a resolution?”

This statement itself, spoken by the delegate of Israel, gives us UNW in a nutshell. Filled to the brim with first timers, a loud ringtone blaring through the first GSL speech, and more than six delegates

in the washroom at the same time, this committee did have its share of difficulties. Participation was lesser than expected, which led to the chair picking delegates to make sure that they would utter a few words. However, despite some delegates slipping into personal pronouns and raising irrelevant motions, this committee ended up doing very well! By the end of the day the committee had passed 2 resolutions for agenda B. We would like to commend the delegates of USA, Monaco, Malaysia and Indonesia for carrying the committee, and a special mention to Israel for providing us with some good laughs.

UNHCR



The UNHCR started off on a high note with the delegates eagerly answering all of the questions asked during a Rapid Fire round. However, things went downhill from there- inexperienced delegates courageously took the floor, but did not fare well. The GSL was repetitive, and the committee failed any and all motions introduced. Committee proceeded in a lousy manner during which everyone remained silent due to the Chair's unusual obsession with decorum, which she managed to vividly exhibit in all other committees as well.

UNHCR's intensity meter went through the roof as the guest delegate of USA (chair of the HSC), fiercely delivered a speech to convince all the delegates to provide solutions, instead of discussing the root cause.



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Although UNHCR was rather nonreciprocal, it remained productive and involved, filled with intellectual and reasonable delegates who will not fail to put their best foot forward at the MUN.

SC



To our surprise, this year SC had gotten us all yawning. Things were so monotonous and slow. The committee was in debate for the several ways that Jerusalem could be divided between Israel and Palestine. Our chair seemed to be least bothered and was evidently more interested in the tiny blaring screen that he was frantically waving in his hand. The committee was hardly ever eventful, boring all the delegates and the admin and of course our impassive chair. After a GSL was opened, we noticed that the chair was fuming with anger and impatience, after apprehending the absolutely no one was participating in the GSL. Throughout the session though, the delegate of Russia was found perpetually blowing his nose, loud and clear, forcing everyone into giggles. Although, SC was one of the only committees that passed a resolution, it was abrupt and concluded our day on a fairly productive note.

However, there is always scope for improvement, and we expect a considerable amount of mind-blowing results from your committee.

Mumbai Training Session



The Mumbai students kick started VHMUN 8 with a palpable excitement. The Executive Board and Secretariat transformed a room full of inquisitive and curious first timers into well-informed and well-equipped delegates eager to make an impression and have their voices heard. During the course of their training, they were also introduced to our most loved VHMUN veterans: NeelKabir (Secretary General), Nidhish Kakad (Head of Administration), Nishant Kale (Head of Security), Garima Datta (Head of Press), Nathan Menezes (Co-chair of Security Council), Aryan Mehta (Co-chair of Social, Cultural and Humanitarian Council). The session spanned a course of four days during which all delegates were encouraged to speak up and question and trained in the art of diplomacy, conviction and nuance. Taking the sheer volume of first timers into account, debate was impressive and unexpectedly constructive with delegates being hands-on and proactively tackling all the challenges that come with MUN procedure. We hope to see the same enthusiasm and drive in Bangalore, delegates; although a little refinement and aplomb would do you much good come the days of the conference.



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ModaRated

Another year, another photo op and once again, we're observing very intently, so the pressure is on. Delegates, your clothes say more about you than you ever will. So let's begin with the cardinal rule of power dressing:

Professionalism is key. Casuals are condemned unless you want to be casually written off. To play the part, you must look the part. And why would you want to look the part of a slacker?

Men, you can never go wrong with a suit. Well-fitted suits are important for this is where the gentlemen are separated from all the garden-variety boys. We are all up for seeing some very interesting ties this VHMUN but ensure no one's eyes bleed from your neckwear choices.

Ladies, ladies, ladies, mark our words if you decide to sport heels long enough to certify as murder weapons. Debate may become a bit heated but we assure you, it will not be required to stab your fellow delegates with footwear. This is *not* Sparta; it is a formal conference.

Remember, the Press Corps' Eye of Providence is leering over you at this conference. Please don't make it sore with some reckless wardrobe choices.

This VHMUN we are expecting a plethora of diverse styles. After all, this is one place to flaunt your fashion and show off your oratory skills. Let us hope, your outfits speak as well as you do. If not, don't worry. We'll speak for both.

5 Things Every Delegate Does Before A MUN

- 1) **Lie about your MUN experience while registering:** Well, nobody can catch you for a false Verbal Mention right?
- 2) **Stalk the MUN website for eye candies:** Delegates, we cannot even blame you for this one. We, too, plead guilty.
- 3) **Plan your outfits WEEKS before the conference:** You must look perfect for those eye candies right?
- 4) **Bragging about your country allocation even if it's totally irrelevant:** Sure...Kyrgyzstan is an outstanding delegation!
- 5) **Asking your friends if they are done with their research:** If they haven't started yet, which they mostly wouldn't have, you can procrastinate together!



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No feelings were to be hurt during the making of these fake profiles. This is how we perceive you, but then again, perception differs from person to person. You're still our beloved Secretariat; we love you with all our heart.

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