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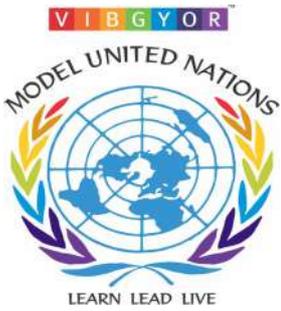


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Note From the Editor

Greetings, dear delegates.

Today marks the end of another glorious edition of Vibgyor Model United Nations. It has been a whirlwind three days and we only have all you wonderful delegates to thank for it. Without your continued support, Vibgyor MUN wouldn't have grown and evolved into the platform that it is today. I've had the honour of witnessing this progression and contributing to it, in my own small way, as the Head of the Press Corps this year. My team and I have worked tirelessly to be able to document the conference and to not miss a single beat. It has truly been a labour of love. This issue of La Voce is our gift to you; something to remind you of this marvelous experience, something you can cherish in the years to come. We hope you enjoy reading it as much as we did drafting it.

Over the last three days, you have showcased the most impressive skills and have proved your mettle as proficient speakers and diplomats, blazing the trail as future leaders of the world. You have proved that when a strong voice embraces responsibility, change is possible. You have made your presence felt. We hope to see you again at the conference next year with the same zeal and determination. And while you're at it, don't forget to bring back some of that legendary wit.

Until then,

Godspeed and good luck.

OPENING CEREMONY

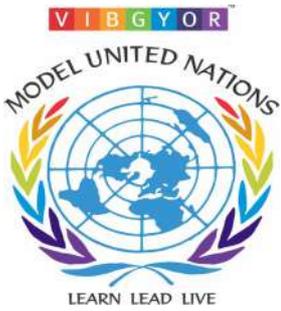
Debate. Discuss. Deliberate.

Learn. Lead. Live.

Whether you're a VIBGYORMUN veteran, or a nonplussed novice, there's just an oh-so-familiar vibe from the Regency Ballroom during the Opening Ceremony, uniting both, the energised Executive Board, as well as the dutiful delegates, inviting them to three hectic days of stress, anxiety, and debate. The Opening ceremony this year, comprised of an enthusiastic band of delegates, from over thirty schools across the country, launching into an exciting session with the inspiring words of three well noted speakers, our chief guest Mr. Erik Solheim, who was the Executive Director of United Nations Environment Programme till 2018, Mr. Afroz Shah, the Beach Cleanup Crusader and Champion of the Earth, and Mr. Aditya Thackeray, leader of the Yuva Sena and the voice of reason for the youth of Mumbai.

An address from VIBGYOR MUN 9's Secretary General NeelKabir and the founder of the VIBGYOR Model United Nations Mr. Shim Matthew set the tone for the next three days of the conference. After a moving video that reminded us of the plight of the oceans and its creatures, Mr. Solheim took his place and spoke of Mahatma Gandhi and the virtues that we can imbibe from his life, to inculcate leadership qualities in us. His place at the podium was then taken by Mr. Thackeray who shared his hope for a restored environment with the very youth who we hope will change it. And finally, Mr. Shah with his passionate presence, shared his experience of his many months of dedicated beach clean-ups, as inspiration for all the future leaders at VIBGYORMUN 9.





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HISTORICAL SECURITY COUNCIL

The Historic Security Council delved into its debate with a most interesting assassination – the killing of the President of Afghanistan, without the knowledge of Afghanistan itself! This curious development warranted an explanation by the Chairs discussing why a president could not be killed, in the Soviet-Afghan War.

We also noted with due consideration the difficulty of framing a proper motion, eventhough raised by more than twelve delegates, only to be rejected each time. We enjoyed a lively rendition of ‘Happy Birthday’ for the Delegate of UK, whose birthday was discovered when his phone rang in an open committee session, and when a stern look turned into a song. In the midst of the warring details just begging for our worthy attention, we could not stop eyeing the candy the Chairs awarded the best delegates. Originality vital to the Press. Fake accents, overt hand gestures and long words are simply not impressive. This lack of originality was also displayed prominently when every single delegate sent troops to Afghanistan without medical aid or weapons. Delegates sending in troops outnumbering their very population bemused us further.

Day two saw never-ending formal debate; Game of Thrones references, Valentine’s Day celebrations, Ishaan Vijai posing as a guest delegate! We saw it all!

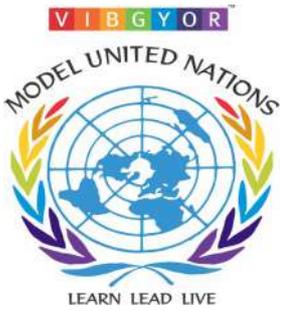
The Co-Chair’s reacted to the lethargic delegates by commenting on how the committee needs “thoda masala. The Delegate of Iran, however, took it to heart, and went out of his way to irritate the chairs as much as possible. While the effort was appreciated, we cannot help but agree with the Chairs: ‘Disruption is acceptable if you have content.’

At some point, a very frustrated Chair resorted to writing “No Paperwork” on a sticky note and sticking it on Co-Chair’s forehead to reiterate procedure.

Two consecutive motions of entertainment, a ramp walk, threats of the KGB thankfully added more zest to the session.

Eventually the KGB kidnapped the FLOTUS, Mrs. Reagan. Only, Ronald Reagan wasn’t POTUS at the time (Thank you, USSR, for clearing that up). Having witnessed multiple kidnappings, threats and extensive arguments, the HSC has left us completely exasperated. We cannot help but admit, however that the HSC boasts the most entertaining and spirited group of delegates we have come across this year.





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ALL INDIA POLITICAL PARTIES' MEET

“Cross talk once again and I won’t hesitate to gag you” said the Stern Chair.

The All India Political Parties’ Meet could possibly only be described as a melting pot of heated debate, witty one-liners and atrocious moments, with the delegates sticking true to their role as the embodiment of Indian Politicians.

The delegates moved to discuss ‘The Legality of Section 370 and its Pros and Cons’ in round robin. A public session was opened, consisting of speeches with few repetitive points and the committee progressed at an extraordinary speed. The committee consisted of two types of delegates: the ones who spoke too much and the ones who didn’t speak at all. For example, the delegate representing Mr. Shashi Tharoor who was expected to showcase Tharoor’s trademark eloquence, but stayed mum until she threw everyone off balance with her decision to, uncharacteristically, support the BJP. What impressed us the most was the ability of the delegates to respect each other’s point of view, even when they differed or called each other out on their biased viewpoints. Taking their roles a little too seriously, however, and having no other comebacks, they accused each other of playing ‘dirty politics’.

Undoubtedly, what stole the show were the chits, rife with fodder for scandal and running gags! 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.” Nonetheless, the delegates kept up their enthusiastic spirits and remained unfazed by the disturbances. They were eager and the committee was a perfect mixture of work and play.

While the pandemonium that defined Day One raised our hopes, it couldn’t have prepared us for the debate we witnessed on Day Two where the discussion was on the pros and cons of AFSPA. The delegates were still confused about the rules of procedure and the chairs had to keep on explaining them what and how to do. Nevertheless, the delegates came up with brilliant research points like how people in south Kashmir were used as human shields. During the discussions, Mulayam Singh Yadav was gagged for two minutes. The language used in the committee was royally “parliamentary” like “He is shitting bricks!” and “You are just snitch for the government bro”.

We would also like to point out that while Mr. Navjot Singh Sidhu made a few logical points, something that surprised the whole committee, his constant criticism of the other part members by calling them “biased and ignorant to human rights violation happening in the Kashmir” was surprising in itself.

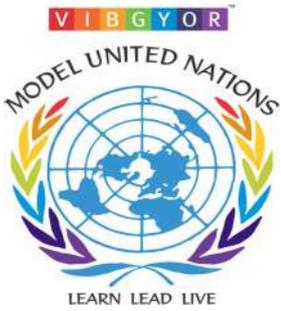
The debate finally picked up when the Co-Chair posed as Rahul Gandhi during the Press Conference to ask a few questions on his own. He allowed an informal procedure so that the delegates could engage in what could only be described as raucous debate.

There were tons of scandalous moments inside the AIPPM. **THE LOVE AFFAIR** of Navjot Singh Sidhu with the Pakistanis caused quite a stir when pointed that, “Navjot Singh Sidhu would rather go to Pakistan and attend a funeral but will not be at the funeral of the Chief Minister of South India just because he can’t eat dosas every day”. Mr. Sidhu was also called a terrorist for having contacts with the Pakistani Prime Minister. When he tried to justify himself, the quirky Co-Chair outwitted the delegate and said “Pay attention paaji”.

A delegate was even barred from the committee for screaming “Allah hu Akbar” repeatedly.

The latter half of the first session witnessed the intensity, passion, quality and standard of argument that the committee had yearned for earlier.. The press members finally felt that their words would express more than just disappointment towards the committee





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DISARMAMENT AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

It's a sincere request, delegates; please stand up when you're speaking so that your Chair doesn't have to pull a Dora the Explorer on you and look for you in the crowd. You'd probably also like to know that (unzipped) jeans and converse are frowned upon in committee, just saying.

Day one saw the committee with a staggering 105 delegates chose the second agenda: The Proliferation of Small Arms and Light Weaponry to discuss. We were extremely overwhelmed by the active participation of the delegates who were constantly proposing motions. Excellent points were made and subjected to intense questioning. What started with a bang, however, soon digressed into monotony, and the delegates proceeded to cross-talk, much to the annoyance of the Chairs. What they lacked in verbal debate, they made up by passing chits and having the Admin run around barefoot. In the midst of all of this, the large bowl of candy remained the centre of focus, placards were switched around and we caught the Delegate of Botswana doodling (nice try). Day 1 ended on a sleepy note, with delegates dozing off leaving an exasperated Ishaan Vijai left to fend for himself.

The delegates showed up more confident on the second day and we were so incredibly pleased to see their placards still aggressively hoisted in the air. The committee had decided to devote their day to Working Papers and though there were less blunders made, we *did* witness delegates struggling under the weight of their laptops and stumbling over their words.

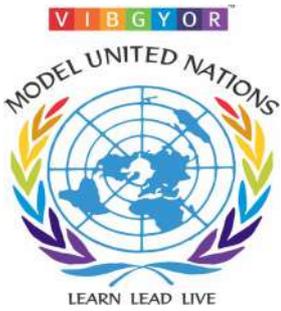
Old rivalries between USA and Russia sparked once again as they called out each other while discussing the working paper, this received deafening applause and left the Chairs amused. Also, brownie points to the Delegate of Algeria; word on the street is that you're extremely polite.

The formal sessions were punctuated with the Subway Surfers' theme song and ring tones, which did a better job at waking up the committee than the EB could manage. In the meantime, a delegate was far too busy stabbing his water bottle to take any notice of the spot-on argument conducted by the delegate of USA.

Delegates, if you insist on listening to music during committee, the least you can do is to hide it from us, and you might just be adding to the agitation of the Chair, especially, when you send them six chits to add your name to the GSL. Despite the potential distractions, we were still engaged by a participative and efficient committee.

All in all, after extremely long hours of debates and research, DISEC wrapped up on a productive note, giving us plenty of hope for its third day.





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UNITED NATIONS WOMEN

Gossip and secrets are the life of a committee. Although the committee was like the Dead Sea, stagnant and lifeless, it was not fully so, for love and secrets hung in the air.

The formal proceedings began with Turkey while China set the agenda for the day. The EB proclaimed the quorum to be 49. The delegate of Norway took the floor first with hesitation ringing clear in her voice, but she steadied herself soon. The delegate of India called out France of making “progress”, earning the sarcastic remark from France, “The question is as viable as the economy of your country.”

With that, the sass session had begun. The delegate of UK expressed extreme sass against the admins: “Good luck with finding Cambodia.” Throughout the session, we heard constant gossiping and muttering, most of the girls swooning over the UNW’s very own Chairperson – Kabir Dhamija, who was unfazed by the blushing and giggling, while yelling indignantly for order (but nothing could stop his secret admirers). The committee had successfully failed each and every moderated caucus, stuck in an endless loop that is known as the GSL, as the EB desperately attempted to enliven the mood, though not much of avail.

The motion for the unmoderated caucus passed and rejuvenated the entire crowd of delegates who desperately attempted to draw attention to themselves and their ideas (looking at you, delegate of UK).

That “discrete” delegate who was “secretly” using [Wikipedia](#) (yes, you read that right) to prepare her speech is obviously on the way of “Point of Order lane”, which was in turn confirmed by the Executive Board when brought to notice by the ever-knowing press team.

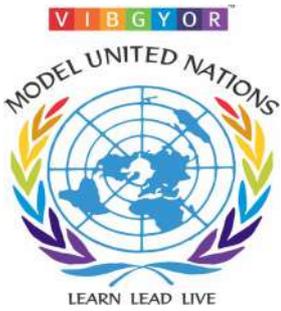
The committee seemed to be in high spirits with a larger attendance present today. The co-chairs Jash and Drashti seemed to be in cheerful spirits. They clarified Kosovo’s confusion regarding placard placement with the wise words, “Keep it on your head. Figure it out,” and Kosovo obeyed the instructions in that order respectively. And in doing so, the delegate messed up the seating arrangement! Oh, speaking of Kosovo, it appears he has an identity crisis, unaware whether he is Puerto Rico or Kosovo. Next in the GSL was Botswana who didn’t do anything significant except start a revolution of exceeding time limits instead of expectations, whereas the rest of the committee was more interested in passing chits and cross-talking *cough* France and Chad *cough*, the former who was called out and reprimanded by the Chair for ignoring the speaker and disrupting the order. Well, we can’t and won’t say he didn’t deserve it. We don’t think that Zambia had any breakfast. Her speech was inaudible, and we wondered whether she was actually speaking or was just moving her lips. It seemed to be a lullaby inaudible to the press and the chairs as the delegates were as energetic as sloths.

We also heard a delegate call an admin ‘bhaiya’. Is that what it has come to these days? Taking equality to the next level. Eyes were rolling at Chad’s thirst for attention as she picked a fight with the admin. What did he get into? He has our sympathy. Oh, and Cambodia, why weren’t we made aware that your head of state is dead? Why weren’t we, the press, informed?! Croatia you should never speak out of turn. And Afghanistan, “Since when does your country recognize order. I hope you know what that word means,” – courtesy of our chair Mr. Kabir Dhamija who also entertained the reporters.

But anyway, back to the gossip, a certain delegate has found our one and only Chairperson, Jash, cute (you know who, delegates). Ooh, and delegates (you know who), why are you so concerned whether Albania’s “refrigerator” is working? Yeah, we saw that chit. And, VIBGYORMUN wants to know, who wrote the chit?

Soon after, France, Puerto Rico and Chad introduced Working Paper 2.0, followed by UK who introduced Working Paper 1.0. A contradictory statement was made in Working Paper 1.0, which was co-authored by USA, stating that abortion should be legal, despite the recent imposition of abortion laws in Alabama. On the other hand, the Chair enquired whether Afghanistan followed the Sharia, and asked if it entailed human rights, leading to a wave of gleeful yelling and the proclamation of the word, “PSYCH!”. USA mentioned that President Trump was tweeting information, to which the Chair asked, “Is there Twitter in Afghanistan?” What agony for Afghanistan!

Overall the committee session had metamorphosed from a monotonous, unproductive one to a committee filled with high josh, with the production of not one, not two, but four working papers! The sarcastic and sassy remarks of the chair persistently amused and entertained the press team and delegates alike. The transformation was truly breathtaking.



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UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

The first agenda, 'Developing Sustainable Cities to Deal with Urbanization' was chosen.

The Delegate of Kyrgyzstan was nicknamed 'K' because let's face it, the name is a mouthful. He spoke for the second agenda: "Education, education, education," he said, with wild hand gestures to match and punctuating each sentence with a boisterous "BOOM".

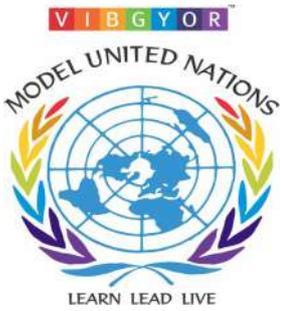
Delving into serious and extensive deliberation right off the bat, the committee discussed topics like 'conditions required to achieve a sustainable city' and 'challenges faced in financing sustainability' amongst many others and outdid itself, showing great promise. The second day started off just as enthusiastically as the delegates directly jumped into the debate. We witnessed all you delegates; still reeling from a never-ending sugar rush, propping up your laptops and arranging all your paperwork, ready to take on yet another session of intense deliberation. The initially nervous and intermittent energy of the committee soon transformed into a confident and enthusiastic one.

While there were a few delegates we caught scrolling through social media, debate in this committee was, for the most part, electric and subjected to a flurry of questions and comments.

Certain exchanges during the course of the session seemed to lighten the mood. Particularly, when nobody was paying attention to a speech delivered by the delegate of Jordan much to the annoyance of the Co-Chair, Garima Datta, prompting her to respond by saying, "I know you all look good, but stop staring at each other. Look at him instead!"

After a brief lull in discourse, a motion of entertainment was introduced. This seemed to get our previously drowsy delegates back on their feet. All's well that ends well, we suppose as day two closed on a high note.





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SECURITY COUNCIL

'Dynamics.' 'Dramatics.' 'Security Council': three words which are incomplete without each other. This year, the 18-member Security Council chaired by Nathan Menezes and Krish Agrawal, though small, was the most animated and energetic group of VIBGYORMUN 9. As they excitedly tackled the ever-controversial topic of *Curbing the Rise of Terrorism with Special Emphasis on Jammu and Kashmir*, delegates certainly did not fail to display their passive aggressive tendencies. Of the 18 members of the Security Council, the delegates of China, Pakistan, Italy and USA most definitely stole the spotlight and created quite a spectacle.

False allegations, non-credible sources, a plethora of crosstalk, and myriads of unrecognised rebuttals were flung aggressively across the room. While Italy took center-stage as 'rap-god', the delegate of USA retreated into his shell and fumbled over his own words. Philippines directly accused India and Pakistan for the terrorism (we hope to embody your courage someday). China kept criticizing India with statements like "India has failed to protect itself", despite saying that it had a "neutral stance" (sure, sure). On the contrary, France diplomatically used people's words against them. His impatience and constant interference seemed to have got him in trouble as he was gagged. Meantime, China's casual and lazy attitude in committee appeared to have annoyed the chair as he was barred twice and was requested to submit a 'rhyming apology'.

We lost all hope in this committee as they used examples like "Ashish Chanchlani" to justify their opinions and glorified the cookie jar as an object of utmost reverence. However, they did not fail to throw around bold lines like, "Pakistan does not deserve a place like Kashmir" and "India keeps blaming Pakistan for its own incapacity". The unmoderated caucus was productively used to conduct a chemistry experiment which resulted in a Coke detonation in committee.

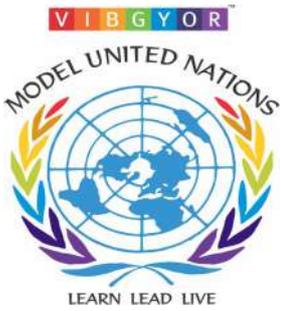
The second day was graced with the presence of Secretary General NeelKabir Varsha Kapil who chaired the committee in absence of the Chairs. Sec-Gen Neel Kabir displayed his authority as he refused to entertain any form of disrespect or breach of decorum, as opposed to the easy-going chairs of SC. The late arrival of the SC chairs brought visible relief to the delegates as they whispered silent "thank god you're back". Chairs Nathan and Krish had an extremely casual and easy-going attitude which helped the delegates create a memorable rapport with the chairs.

The delegates of Pakistan and china had to bear the brunt of their chemistry experiment gone rogue the previous day as they scrubbed coke from the curtains of the room. Delegates were shocked as several countries violated their own foreign policies to form unconventional blocks. The delegate of Philippines, with aid from China, Pakistan and USA took it upon himself to introduce "working paper 1.0." this motion certainly unleashed pandemonium in the committee which lead to the chairs to lose their 'cool exterior.'

France seemed to be prejudiced against Pakistan, as he openly insulted him in committee saying, "His speech was hurting my ears", then further went on to say, "I'll try to tolerate his speech." UK took a direct jibe at many delegates as he continued to -dare was say- arrogantly counter all points thrown his way and defend his stance. UK, Russia and France seemed to have bonded very well over the last two days as they indulged in several inside jokes, cross talk and disruption of committee collectively. The chairs seemed to enjoy the change of events that they had instigated as questions were fired at China who very confidently, contradicted his own statements. As if this was not enough the chairs very "generously" barred him from committee for 15 minutes. Following China's suit, Italy's pronunciation of words were dissected as well and mocked openly in committee. Pranks were pulled in the SC committee and Nathan was thoroughly disappointed with the level of maturity of his members. Nathan's old-school method of using caps-lock to capitalize single letters became an ongoing joke in committee.

It would be advisable, however, that we should not divulge information of the proceedings of the unforgettable motion of entertainment.





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Moda-Rated

Delegates, is it really necessary to tell you that Ranveer Singh is not the right inspiration for a Model United Nations? Pink blazers, velvet pants, golden shoes do not make for appropriate MUN attire. In all fairness, as it is with every year we witnessed a mixed bag of sartorial choices. While Camp-inspired neon and newspaper print shoes had us stumped, well-fitting blazers, suspenders and socks that go with the shoes restored our faith. Color blocking is a bold choice however; “traffic signal” is not a good look. Who can miss the clumsy clicking of stilettos all down the corridors of the Hyatt Regency?

Take clues from the Admin: they will always be the ultimate experts at combining comfort with class. From the neon to the denim to the school shoes, we’ve seen it all year after year. Delegates, if you’re so keen on looking unfashionable at least find more original ways to do it. Don’t impersonate your forty year old uncles with their Hawaiian floral shirts, mismatched oh so wonderfully with those Indian slippers. We sincerely appreciate all the delegates who broke the social norm and showed up in wonderful lungis, adopting the role of the modern south Indian by favoring slides. Ladies. Stripes, Polka dots and Animal prints are so nineties. Seriously, Madonna went out of fashion fifteen years ago. Delegates, look no further than the EB with their dapper looks and their impeccable sense of style. Even though, we recognize your efforts to try and pull off “refined, polished and professional” tuxedos, please forgive us if we mistake you for wait staff. All is forgiven though; as we said earlier “While power dressing makes an impression, substance is paramount” and Vibgyor MUN is a shining example of that. Until the next time...

INSIDE THE PRESS ROOM

Creativity. Originality. Chaos.

Delegates, we’ve reiterated this time and time again; our valiant efforts to contain the Press as a lively, energetic committee, with the decorum, nuances, and organization of a regular committee have been in vain. To say that this ideal objective is next to impossible, would be the understatement of the millennium.

The fact of the matter is, the Press room, is the home of “creativity”, a home that is the melting pot for discussions about everything, from shoe styles, to sparkling water, and even to the cute little gossip that stealthily goes around all your ‘decorated’ committees too. Honestly, delegates, thanks to your poorly executed cover-ups, we’ll be able to spread the word, about your latest achievements, innuendos, and absolute failures. We’re professional, yet scandalous. We’ve seen it all.

Honestly, we’re not that hard to find: faces buried in the electric glow of a laptop, surrounded by the oh-so-familiar click, and quick white flash: your misfortune, dear delegate, has been etched into the history of VIBGYORMUN forever. Though we attempt to treat everyone fairly, delegates, we can’t help but favour the ones who are a treat for the eyes, or a respite from the nonsense of regular committee procedure. Delegates, get on our good side, and you’ve conquered the conference. Literally.

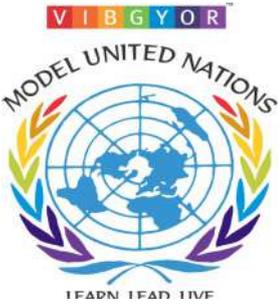
INSIDE THE ADMIN ROOM

Utter Silence, chaotic storms.

With the Admin Room, there’s no in-between. Quite literally, one minute, it’s silent, calm, absolutely serene. As the minute hand ticks past though, you’ll find a million t-shirts, placards, chocolate packets, all overshadowed by Ritwik’s authoritative, yet patient voice and Mehul’s authoritative, and completely deathly presence.

The Admin, unfortunately, while having a permanent address on the first floor of the Hyatt, rarely, if ever, do find solace within those golden walls. The admin, instead, make the Hyatt Regency their home. By the end of the three days, all the Hyatt staff, become part of the admin family: the entire hotel becomes their new home, and Ritwik and Mehul, surprisingly ever energetic, lead this enthused team, to becoming the victorious backbone of the entire conference.

We urge you not to look down on the admin, or to pass off their job as simple, useless, or absolutely boring. It’s more than a storm, or a hurricane: it’s a nightmarish designation; definitely not for the faint-hearted.



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MIDNIGHT CRISIS

Fearful. Enthusiastic. Bland.

Those three words perfectly describe the atmosphere in the room, and the persona of every single delegate, or dare we say, influential leader, in the Bilderberg Group at VIBGYORMUN's Midnight Crisis this year. With an impressive list of nearly eight highly controversial, yet highly powerful people, ranging from Crown Prince MBS to Osama bin Laden (surprise, surprise!), Elon Musk, to even Pope Francis, the committee was meant to be steered by some of the greatest, most creative minds of 2025. Or so, we thought. Despite Jeff Bezos' impassioned bid, as the new President of the United States, to "save his people" from the atrocities of an EMP blackout in Los Angeles, inciting a hate-filled blame game first against Elon Musk, then Jeff Bezos himself, and suddenly to Xi Jin Ping, the committee certainly lacked a sense of direction, or purpose for the first hour or so. Through all the crisis updates, delivered excellently through the abduction of Jeff Bezos and Xi Jin Ping, right from the committee room, to their eventual slaughter in front of committee, all we can say is, and we quote the Secretary General in this regard, "we need coffee". Delegates, while the provocative assassination of Osama Bin Laden, and his replacement by Malala Yousafzai were meant to create an air of confusion, you certainly failed in piquing our interest.

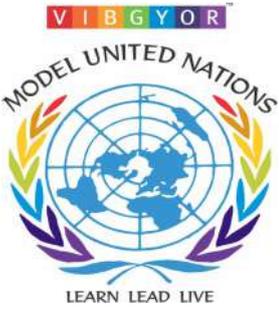
PANEL DISCUSSION

MUN Ki Baat, a novel introduction at VIBGYORMUN 9: an august gathering of lively speakers and delegates, who, sticking true to its name, willed to speak their "MUN ki baat". The topic of this year's discussion was Free Speech in a Democratic Society, a highly controversial topic that has been the subject of intense deliberations since time immemorial, instantly piquing the interest of every delegate.

Our distinguished dignitaries, which included Ms. Priyanka Chaturvedi, deputy leader of Shiv Sena, Mr. Vismay Shroff, an advocate, Major Bikramjeet Kanwarpal, an army general turned actor, and Mr. Rahul Narwekar, a legislation officer, were quick jump into the debate, led and moderated by Mr. Zaid Wahid, to share their opinions and thoughts about this highly relevant topic.

OPINION PIECE: AIPPM

Those who cavil at the article 370 of the Indian constitution and the 'special status' of Kashmir constitutionally ought to remember the special treaty melted out to it politically. Which other state has been subjected to such debasement of such humiliation? And, why was this even done? It was because New Delhi had second thoughts on article 370. It could not be abrogated legally. It was reduced to a husk through political fraud and continuously abuse. The current debate is more than the restoration of article 370 by erasing the distortions. It is about readdressing a moral wrong. Due to this Kashmir, the state was put in a status inferior to that states. Parliament had to amend the constitution. The state governments described the law and the parliament affairs in the Kashmiri times on how the "manipulation" "farce law" and was done in the "single day" in the absence of BJP by the congress, in that the time BJP was the ruling party



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OPINION PIECE: SECURITY COUNCIL

The grave issue of the Jammu-Kashmir conflict has its origins in the long-existing feud between India and Pakistan. This land, which has both countries claiming ownership to it, has become a victim of terrorism. Insurgents take advantage of the 'neighbourly' dispute between India and Pakistan to practise their extremist activities and wreak havoc. Both countries seem to forget that the innocent residents of Jammu and Kashmir have to pay the price of their 'conflict' in the form of innocent lives being lost. In fact, I believe that both nations no longer have the welfare of the Kashmiris in mind; they want to stake their claim over Jammu and Kashmir to prove their supremacy and assert authority over the other. It is the harsh reality which can no longer be hid behind fancy speeches and sophisticated words.

In my opinion, it is essential that both countries understand that they are all members of one global community and hence, resolve conflicts to maintain peace and preserve the integrity of their nations. They must both join hands, and combat the threat of terrorism, together. No matter what the conflict might be, it must not affect blameless civilians who have no accountability in the matter whatsoever.

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