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YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO ACTION, NOT TO ANY FRUITS THEREOF

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Deetya Gambhir, Global Press

Opening Ceremony

Setting: Zoom conference | 1300 hours

n Amity-coloured slide that reads 'AERC presents AIMUN in its 16th global edition and 4th online edition' appears on the screen. Cut to delegates erupting in cheers, wearing their ironediust-enough attire.

The narrator: Season opener for e-AIMUN 2023, an ode to its legacy, finally unfolds, starring Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools; Chief Guest HE Apoorva Srivastava, ambassador of India to Slovakia; Prof (Dr) Gurinder Singh, group vice chancellor, Amity Education Group; and other esteemed dignitariesand delegates [The show FRIENDS really was not the last time you saw so many stars in one frame]. As these wishful changemakers gather under the banner of diplomacy, teamwork, and global change, be certain to experience the world of MUN like never before! First



in line to captivate all those present is the Jimmy Fallon of it all, AIS Gurugram 46, the host as it takes the floor.

Spotlight shines on the charismatic principal, Arti Chopra, who steps forward to welcome all the attendees. The gathering progresses with the lighting of the lamp, followed by the chanting of 'gayatri mantra'.

The narrator: Just what we Indians needed to get off to an enthralling start! Here's hoping Dr Nalini Vishwakumar (Never Have I Ever) too is nodding in approval somewhere.

The camera pans to a stage

The camera pans to a stage bathed in warm lighting for a classical dance performance by the students of the host school. Hollers of appreciation follow. **The narrator:** *Impressive!*

Next, the camera zooms in on

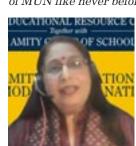
Jyoti Arora, director, AERC, who first gives all an insight into AIMUN and suggests all delegates to "work for AIMUN not for the prize but for the sheer passion for the process itself." "The fruits will follow you!" she tacks on in tandem with e-AIMUN 2023's insignia — "You have the right to action, not to any fruits thereof."

Her encouraging words pave the way for the Chief Guest's stirring speech, who takes the opportunity to elucidate on "the art of diplomacy and how it can be a fruitful career choice for all, especially women." Her words – "To be in the service of one's nation is a great reward. Nothing can beat the feeling of sitting behind the Indian flag and representing your country," seem to hit all



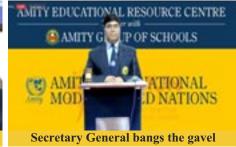
just right. As Prof (Dr) Gurinder Singh takes the center stage next, chants of "never give up, come what may" reverberate through the screen. Cut to the most vibrant scene wherein the main character, Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan addresses the crowd amidst applause. "Winning is secondary; your participation in AIMUN comes first, for it is sure to enhance your diplomatic skills and alter the trajectory of your life, making it a tale of success," she proudly asseverates. The narrator: Is that all we had to offer? No, for riveting debates and diplomatic shows we've galore to keep you all on the edge of your seat for three days more. With this promise, we sign off, but not before... The secretary general takes

The secretary general takes the mic to give a compelling outlook of the episodes to come. As he bangs the gavel, the credits roll, camera panning out, leaving all abuzz with hope for what's to come.



Ms Jyoti Arora







Bien dit!

Words Of Wisdom By The Esteemed Guests At e-AIMUN 2023

The art of diplomacy



"Diplomacy encompasses everything we do to enhance and to fortify our national interest across the world, and these interests may not only be political, but

rather can include social sectors, economic stand-front, increasing investments, building trades, resolving cultural issues etc. When it comes to diplomacy as a career, the Indian Foreign Services offers opportunities for personal growth, new experiences, and an empowering career, and most of all, the opportunity to serve the nation."

H.E. Apoorva Srivastava Ambassador, India to Slovakia On diplomacy as a career option

Brilliance of AIMUN



"Today I am so happy to be watching the opening ceremony of the 16th AIMUN. The entire team has worked for the whole year to bring to you the bril-

liance of this programme where we are joined by 375 delegates and special guests, from 14 countries, in seven committees. I am sure the students participating in this programme will learn diplomacy, public speaking, writing skills, fact-checking, leadership qualities, discussions and team skills; all of these will help you excel in life."

Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools On e-AIMUN 2023

From words to action



"Creating a separate legal category for femicide is the crucial and practical answer since it allows for accurate investigation, identification, and statistical

analysis. Because the victims are no longer around to speak for themselves, their narratives remain hidden. Such incidents have increased in recent years, fueled by covert misogyny, repressed jealousy, and skewed romantic narratives. The increasing numbers show the complexity of the issue and the urgent need for awareness."

Joanna Perrone Sec Gen, Oxford MUN 2022 On the issue of femicide

Welcoming the unwelcomed



"Currently, there are about 60 million people who are displaced within their own country, 30 million refugees, and around one and a half million people have no citizenship. These numbers

have increased over the years due to the significant rise in long-term conflicts such as Ukraine-Russia, Israel-Palestine, Armenia-Azerbaijan and others. In times like these, AIMUN, with its firm belief in diplomacy, comes as a sign of relief. For me, it is not just a conference but a stepping stone towards accomplishing a better world."

Tugba Basaran, director, Centre for the study of Global Human Movement University of Cambridge On protection of refugees in conflict areas

Uniformity in diversity



"The biggest argument in favour of implementation of Uniform Civil Code is that it would promote gender equality. The objective is to promote secularism in true sense of the term,

harmonising our legal system. The debate that pops up is that it'd be a violation of our fundamental rights. It is said that a country as diverse as India will need several laws to separate the needs of various religious groups, but Uniform Civil Code, doesn't imply a homogeneous society sans culture. Rather it aims to protect the right of an individual."

Devesh Kumar, MLC Bihar, BJP
On Uniform Civil Code

The global waterway

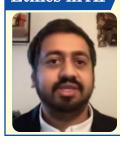


"The South China Sea's unique geographical location makes it crucial in the global landscape. It serves as a vital route for more than 50% of the world's trade. For East Asian

countries, it serves as a critical route to transport oil and natural gas. It is also a pivotal channel for the US, facilitating movement of almost 1.2 trillion in trade. Given the global quest for control over oil and natural gases, South China Sea has immense geopolitical and geostrategic importance."

Major Gen (retd) Nalin Kumar Bhatia Indian Army On the importance of South China Sea

Ethics in AI



"AI is evolving at such a rapid pace that at the moment, the law and policy makers are trying their best not to miss the boat of making suitable regulations for the same unlike social media. While talking about AI we must also take into consideration that here, one is simply chatting with a bot which exposes us to some very harmful, unethical and outdated information. While talking about ethicality, misidentification is another huge problem with AI which is why people are asking for more transparency on how these systems actually work. We must not forget that AI comes along with many ethical issues that need to be fixed, but how do you put guard rails is the real question."

Rishi Iyengar, reporter, Foreign Policy, on AI generated content and the future of journalism

Illustration: Divya Bansal, Global Press

Spotted: at AIMUNhattan

The Chronicles Of A Political Diary!

AIPPM

Anwita Agarwal, Chaitanya Roy & Ayushi Nandan Global Press

Plot line: Discussion on implementation of Uniform Civil Code (UCC)

Recap: Gossip girl here, your one and only source into the dogmatic lives of India's political parties' elites. The opening day resembled a gripping episode of a political drama, brimming with contradictions. The committee session began with the captivating speech by our esteemed guest speaker, Mr Devesh Kumar, a member of the Bihar Legislative Council. Wielding his words with the finesse of a seasoned character, much like Chuck Bass,



he delved into the intricate world of politics. He skillfully shed light on the Uniform Civil Code, quoting judgments from cases, such as the Shah Bano case. Faced with overpouring questions, he patiently dug into the developments, promising more changes to come. Now, isn't that something to look forward to?

Climax: As the floor opened

for questions, we found some zesty drama, from the moderator going off agenda and questioning about the farm laws to Akhilesh Yadav being bold like Blair and impugning BJP ideals of "Sab ka Saath Sabka Vikas". As all delegates attempted to one-up each other, appearing most patriotic in the roll call, our EB stirred the pot, keeping the spotlight on the 'who's who' of

politics. As Mamta Banerjee tried to extend the time limit, we found Amit Shah and Sanjay Raut completely clueless like Vanessa. Ending with some Waldorf wisdom, if you really want something, don't stop until you get it. We know, you love me, xoxo.

Dialogue of the day: "Waha dange mat karwa dena" -Moderator

Tomatometer:

From Hawkins to Hainan

Navigating The Upside Down

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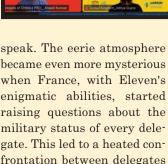
Gursimran Kaur, Avani Goel & Varnika Pradhan Global Press

Plot line: Expansionism, projecting power, and territorial disputes: The South China Sea

Recap: The pilot episode began with an insightful brief by the guest speaker, Major General Nalin Bhatia, delving into the unsettling narrative of the South China Sea dispute, where China has been expanding its power and blocking access. He emphasised the looming threat to India's national security,

painting China's expansionism tendencies as a Demogorgon lurking in Upside Down. Following this, the discussion took a sinister twist when UNSC Chair, our Jim Hopper, addressed the delegates and Delegate of the USA, the Mike of our show, stepped up to





Climax: The show reached a dramatic climax as the discussion began on the implications

of the USA and Malta.

of militarisation in disputed areas. Arguments, finger-pointing, and battles occurred between the countries; all of which resulted in zilch.

Dialogue of the day: "Is there a problem with the phrasing of the questions, or do you all have a problem with the whole discussion only?" - Mike, USA Delegate

Tomatometer:



I AM WHO LOCKED

Regulars At The MUN Baker Street

WHO

Gargi Jhunjhunwala, Arya Singh & Vinayak Seth, Global Press

Plot line: Integration of AI & Technology in Healthcare

Recap: The committee started with a discussion where the EB members introduced themselves, of course, the star cast - Chairperson Aryan Agarwal, Director Krishang Goel, and Rapporteur Manmeet Vedi. A crisp question posed by the Chairperson with regards to the agenda prompted all delegates to ponder over it, and the Delegate of Malta quickly came to their wits and answered by explaining how minute points in the background guide helped them navigate their way through proceedings. Soon enough, a motion was raised by the Delegate of UAE to establish the agenda of the committee, which set the plan for the investigation in motion. The general speakers list was raised by Peru and Canada, wherein different delegates put forward their theories as to why the situation was at a critical point and how one decision could make or break everything.

The next half of our show was all about discussions, which began with the Dele-



Illustration: Divya Bansal, Global Press

gate of Peru delivering their applaudable speech explaining how Peru's aim is to enhance the role of AI in the health sector. The *dumtananan* moment came when Peru yielding their time to POI was immediately shot by Finland. "How did you use AI to combat the health emergency that occurred on July 5?" Cue gasps. This

left Peru speechless and with no choice but to answer via chit. Next, Brazil highlighted the challenges faced by the

healthcare system in the country, and Russia, in spite of its conservative approach on most subjects, em-

phasised on the importance of AI integration. Talk about a plot twist! This was followed by a speech by the Delegate of

France and a query about it raised by the Delegate of Cameroon, to which the former confidently 'corrected' as it was factually incorrect!

Climax: All delegates were full of energy with an unmoderated caucus.

Dialogue of the day: "I don't accept this at all!" - Delegate of France

Tomatometer:

Not a game of squids!

It's The Delegates' Action-Adventure Game Of Survival

IINHCR

Aditi Gupta, Chhavi & Arushi Soni, Global Press

Plot line: Protection of Forcibly Displaced Refugees from Present-Day Conflict Areas Recap: Amid the high-stakes realm of global diplomacy, where nations vie for their very survival and success, the concept of facing genuine challenges takes center stage, echoing the sentiments of speaker Tugba Basaran. She underscored the urgency of addressing the global refugee crisis and commended the



countries that open their doors to those in need. Refugees, she stressed, don't embrace the title willingly; their journeys are not guided by wanderlust. Following her compelling address, the committee engaged in a question-and-answer session with the speaker. The invigorating address gave the committee its much needed cup of joe, but things were still love-my-cofffee-but-reeling-from-theslumber.

However, the atmosphere shifted when the Delegate of Ecuador leveled up her game and brought up a query about the distinction between refugees and asylum seekers. While some delegates were busy getting brownie points by asking questions, a few delegates didn't quite understand the game. The

delegates failed thrice while proposing the correct game due to the incorrect format, but Peru saved the day.

Peru was the first one to participate enthusiastically and brought some good insights.

Climax: A palpable sense of disappointment washed over the delegates when the Chair terminated the draw of chits. Their expressions mirrored the unease players felt while carving shapes out of the honeycomb disk.

Strangely, the chits themselves remained motionless as if they bore no guilt in the matter. In this curious turn of events, the Chair Ananya Trivedi revealed her trump cards, as she unveiled her power to impose unfavorable outcomes aka negative marking upon the participants.

Dialogue of the day: "You should see the whole process instead of

focusing on the first step" - Delegate of USA

Tomatometer:



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Nine-nine and be fine

The Epic MUN-dercover Diplomatic Dilemmas Diaries

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Priyamvada Rao, Praneel Dev & Ranya Sharma, Global Press

Plot line: The Ukraine war and the disruption in global food and fuel supplies

Recap: Set against the background of a violent, aggressive and complex relationship between two detectives, Russia and Ukraine, this fast paced committee was a refreshing, yet brutal amalgamation of brilliant yet humorous ideas for the resolution of war.

The episode started with a cold opening of the entire squad shuffling in. And the Chair, Director and Rapporteur got ready to immerse themselves into running a case of not just citywide,

but worldwide importance.

And then came the googly as the Chair declared that circulation of all chits had been suspended. Delegate of Austria arrived late and complained about being ignored in signature Jake Perralta style. The squad was ready to take on the chal-

lenge, with the Scullys aka

Delegate of UK admitting that the case

impacted him personally.

The squad struggled to find a footing as the turbulence of supply c h a i n s,

economies, and politics pit

them against authority and every motion failed, leaving no clear concurrence. The committee found its Boyle in the Delegate of Russia with

Illustration: Yashika Das, Global Press



everyone suspecting him. But the squad recognised the grey morality of Russia's actions and found no concrete blame.

Climax: The committee took an unexpected turn when the squad consecutively shot down four motions and four ideas. We saw the stress of diplomacy leading to the creation of conflict even amongst the toit squad of the 99, leaving the Captain Holt of the situation - the Chair, standing in silence, mirroring Holt's trademark deadpan expression, leaving investigation at a standstill.

Dialogue of the day: "I cannot believe you are in consensus at all." - Chairperson

Tomatometer:

(Gil)more or less brewing

Coffee Please, With A Shot Of Delegation Espresso!

IINCSW

Ragini Singhal, Manya Gupta & Sargun Kalsi, Global Press

Plot line: Failures of Legal System with Femicides

Recap: A sleepy start to the day was doused with a dose of coffee! coffee! coffee! As the guest speaker Joana Perrone took to the floor, talking about femicide in an interactive session, quizzing young delegates about the difference between femicides and murders. She also shared a graph indicating a sharp rise in femicides in the

recent years, pursuing the right answer for the reason of the same. This opened floodgates for answers that poured in the chat boxes. What started off as a stretched-out and fashionably late session quickly managed to entrap the very essence of Stars Hollow, full of strong opinions and doused with caffeine, buzzing with ideas.

Climax: Following the endless enquiries, was a blasting start by the Delegate of

China, who like Kirk, injected life in a seemingly uneventful situation. However, this strong start was not let off easily, with the Delegate of USA (in true Emily Gilmore style, sans a Birkin Bag) calling out China almost immediately with a long intimidating question that would make even Rory Gilmore in need of coffee in

an IV. As the heated debate raged on, it became evident that the clash between these two formidable delegates would be remembered as a pivotal moment. The



tension in the room grew thicker than the pages of a well-worn book from Rory Gilmore's collection, and everyone present could sense that the outcome of this confrontation would shape the course of the entire conference. After all, these delegates live in two worlds, one of them being a world of diplomacy for women.

Dialogue of the day: "Do we have to take

permission to take a sip of water?" By the

Delegate of Greece during the flow of endless questions from all delegates.

Tomatometer:



Just a typical suits episode

The Solid Case Of Harvey Specter Against The Alien AI

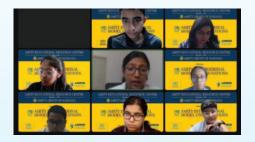
PRESS CORP

Jiya Arora & Samaira Verma Global Press

Plot line: AI-Generated Content & The Future of Journalism

Recap: The EB kicked off the meeting in true Pearson & Specter style, by mentioning the key focus on AI generated content, starting a sluggish argument. The committee's Harold Gundersons' were initially perplexed by the complexities of renaming themselves and how are they supposed to raise their virtual hands. The editors were hesitant to recommend motions in the early scenes since each move seemed to provoke responses from each other. When a motion did develop, it met the same fate as a box office flop.

As with any Pearson and Specter meeting, the second motion about the GSL was passed with a wonderful majority, and as the session continued, the committee shifted gears. The press editors stood out



with assertive perspectives, each bombarding their fellow editors with Points of Information. The committee's discussion

came to a halt when the Executive Board realised that the ABC News editor hadn't been acknowledged during the roll call; he also neglected to inform them of this. "Do you even want to be recognised?" quipped the Chairperson. The editor attempted to react, but the silence

turned their exchange into a classic suspense scene. Further, the budding journalists were given an address by Rishi Iyengar, reporter, Foreign Policy, as he emphasised on the different approaches taken by leading nations to enforce guidelines on AI-based systems. The current power dynamic between China, USA, and EU resembles a typical Suits episode! The committee's battles took multiple unforeseen twists, with no evidence of collaboration (and successful results) between members, power struggles, and squabbles over the smallest details. This committee's dynamic voyage, and the committee members themselves, under-

stood how to keep us curious until the very end.

Climax: The BBC editor engaged in prolonged, diplomatic discourse, neither supporting AI nor contradicting it, reminiscent of Harvey's way of confusing his rivals as well as the audience watching him.



Guest Speaker

Rishi Iyengar

Keynote speaker: An interactive session

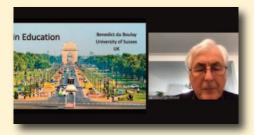
Day 1 of eAIMUN stood witness to an interactive session with Prof Benedict du Boulay, University of Sussex, UK, also keynote speaker at the conference. Read on as he offers unique insights on the most pertinent subject of the day –AI.

AI and trading

Even human traders are unable to predict stock trends with accuracy, so expecting the same of AI will be a far cry. Sure, you can use AI to make educated guesses and analyse past data to draw comparisons, but that's that. Just because it has data doesn't mean it will be accurate, because the system is unpredictable.

AI and healthcare

AI is now being used in radiology to diagnose tumors, and hospitals will see a surge of these technologies in all countries. However, despite all its cleverness, AI doesn't have the data and experience of a human doctor. I worry about people's tendency to make AI the decision-maker instead of an advice giver, because AI should be an assistant, not a replacement.



AI and education

AI has three roles: to help learners, teachers, and admin to manage students. In education & AI, currently, ChatGPT seems to have captured attention. People think it started AI. I admit that it is a clever machine that puts together convincing paragraphs. The problem, however, is that it doesn't understand what it's talking about. Teachers can use it to help with lessons, but they have to be careful that the information it provides is accurate.

AI and politics

Tom Hanks found a video of him advertising a product, but it was actually AI-generated without his consent. So, it is important that politicians who decide on these AI matters are not in the pockets of countries that want to use it for bad ends.

Words of (not AI) wisdom

When I was 22 or 23, my wife persuaded me to go to Zambia. We were in a rural school, so no entertainment sources. There, I got to work with people from all over the world, one of them being Indian. Through the journey, we learnt how to mix with people of different cultures. And that experience changed me as a human being. So, take things and new experiences in your stride. You never know what they might have in store for you.

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Movin'swiftly

Our Foreign Delegation Taylor-ing Their Way To AIMUN

Institut de la Providence de Champion, Namur, Belgium

Discussing world problems with people from across the globe to find solutions is perhaps the best thing about MUNs.

Love story '@Amity': Amity has its presence around the world, organising remarkable and exceptional projects which is quite admirable.

Sweet nothing of 'e-AIMUN': e-AIMUN is the best as it is a great opportunity to discover the cultural diversity of our lovely planet!

Virtual' anti-hero: Connection problems can be quite the villian in an online conference, especially when you are trying to know your colleagues.

All too well 'trained': We were lucky enough to receive training and help from many people to put on this magnificent conference! It was a real blessing because all the questions we had in our mind were answered to our satisfaction!

'Offline' *lover*: It would be a real pleasure to be able to take part in this conference offline!



A great opportunity to discover some of India's rich and

varied culture, and this great country of yours!

Lycee Prive Ozanam, Lille, France



The most captivating aspect of MUN lies in truly stepping into the shoes of a delegate. Love story '@Amity': It's great to be associated with Amity for it is one educational group that provides immersive global experience to the students, honing the future leaders. It encourages the development of both creative and critical thinking skills.

Sweet nothing of 'e-AIMUN': Virtual AIMUN can be great for it gives us the opportunity to prepare our speeches discreetly, and even hold sessions for private discussions. **'Virtual'** anti-hero: Au contraire, e-AIMUN takes away the chance of meeting your peers in person. It is easier to understand things when you are face to face.

All too well 'trained': We had a video conference with the organiser of this MUN to explain our different committees and agendas.

'Offline' lover: We are already looking forward to AIMUN 2024 as it will give us the chance to visit India and explore its diverse culture.

Rabindranath Tagore School, St Petersburg, Russia



Platforms like AIMUN are a great opportunity for the youth to develop their personal developmental skills, along with imbibing perspectives that can help them navigate their lives better.

Love story '@Amity': Amity schools are known for their high standard of quality education. They provide many opportunities to the talented students with limited means. Sweet nothing of 'e-AIMUN': As we see it, the best part of

the virtual AIMUN is the op-

portunity to participate. Since it is online, it gives more people from around the world the window to come together and participate.

'Virtual' anti-hero: On the flipside, it is challenging to come together as a team and work together.

All too well 'trained': The training for MUN that we received from Amity was very useful and educational, as it included new information about MUNs.

'Offline' *lover*: Can't wait for the offline edition to be held in India. See you in 2024!

The bubbling love

"When You Love Someone, It's Worth Fighting For" - Aria (Pretty Little Liars)

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Moksh Gauri, Global Press

ach time the committee session adjourned, they would read each other's eyes as if they narrated uncountable, inexplicable stories. Whenever the Chairperson went out on a break, they'd be as excited as a toddler with a new toy. For in their dreams, they were freely swaying in the rain, as the petrichor would hypnotise them while they were busy staring into each other's hearts, transcending the barriers of their flawless facade. But yes, coming back to the other 'she' who guaranteed to



Illustration: Yashika Das, Global Press

add flavour to this story of young romance. It was none other than an EB member, separating the inseparable lovers. The Gavel screeched, as the Placard cried; she wept, as he died; she yelled, as he tried, and she fell down the table as he was violently

pushed towards the other side. They couldn't speak for hours, but well, at this point, even a glance was enough. They decided to execute a plan. A plan of leaving everything behind and eloping. Moving to a land unknown, all by themselves. In the courage of their convic-

tion, they impulsively let their proclivity for each other dictate their decision and so they ran away. But the story didn't end there.

The gentle breeze caressed their bodies as they stealthily tried to leave the campus, but there she was again, in all her glory. The clouds above turned grey and there was an unpleasant kerfuffle of vultures, while the petrichor turned into dramatic thunderbolts, as the love birds, or might I say love MUNers, were escorted back to the committee session. As she picked them up, she said, "You thought you had enough of me, didn't you? But guess what?"

To be continued...

















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