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Discuss. Deliberate. Debate.



# *tête-à-tête* with the Teacher-in-charge



Q1. How has your journey been so far?

“My journey so far has been tiresome and completely worth it, as this is my fourth and last year organizing SyMunc. Over the years my team and I have all been bound together with glue, working tirelessly day and night to make this event a success every year.”

Q2. What were your expectations from this year’s conference?

“I think the amazing turnout of delegates was consequential to the efforts worth 6 months. We had a rough estimate of 180 delegations, and we successfully crossed the mark. We were a national MUN until last year and we did go International this year, with the delegation from Indonesia.”

Q3. What were the problems faced while organizing an event like this?

“The directors research project was the only problem while conducting this event as most of the final year students were busy with

their submissions. So the only thing I was a little upset about was that why wasn’t SyMunc getting enough importance just the way the research project was. But in the end all of it worked well, with the team working day and night to make this a success.”

## The Journey’s Close

SYMUNC has always been very special to me. When I started off, I often felt like I’m in the wrong place; that I couldn’t possibly handle all of it at the same time. And so, from being a kid who wondered if he was even in the right place to organizing the entire event, I have come a long way. This journey has left me with many memories which I will cherish for the years to come.

I have always thought, somewhere at the back of my mind, there’s time, that I’ve got another year to do it all again. But now that my time has come to a close; accepting this reality is proving tougher than I’d ever imagined.

-Dhruv Chopra  
Under Secretary General



# Opening Blues

The opening ceremony was nothing, but a long series of dichotomies and expectations. The ceremony was, in fact trapped in a virtuous yet barbaric cycle of cliches. The world is constantly trying to escape the labyrinths of being mainstream, so much so that, this effort is now an unthinkable cliché. It started with not a latin phrase but the complex knits of verbatim. To be it in an abbreviation, the ceremony was lit, LITerally and figuratively. This was exemplified as the video that followed was rather illuminating and enlightening.

This set the stage for the resourceful Dr. Shrirang Altekar, who didn't shy away from jibing at jarbon the hosts used to introduce him. After all, ethos, pathos and logos aren't reserved only as tagline for the next MUN. He used this stage to express his great expectations from the conference, and hope that the delegates aren't mere Arnub clones. Instead, a greater emphasis on listening was expressed, something our General Assembly participants would certainly have to get used to.

Like any other event in India today, an emphatic amount of time was spend in the nuances of NDA and respecting those on our border. Sunny Deol wishes his film had released under the Modi administration.

The chief guest, Lt. Gen. M.M. Naravane, while giving a primer on peace-keeping returned a favour not just to Dr. Altekar, but also to the many Security Council delegates who spent the early wee mornings scavenging the pages of Wikipedia for research. Oh, that chuckle on all those who spent last night researching.

At least we know which alliance will grab the best delegation in the AIPPM.



# A WAR WITH WAR

## - Zainab Hassan & Meghna Jain

The General Assembly committee started with a brief introduction about the concept of Model United Nations and its rules and procedures. Delegates of various countries started off the discussion by presenting their opening statements about the agenda: **Improving global cooperation and Reaching consensus on nuclear disarmament**

Delegate of Pakistan kept emphasizing on how it was one of the first supporters of the non-Proliferation Treaty but was forced to take a step back due to India. India was supported by Columbia for the same.

Despite all the efforts, three motions failed continuously. The last motion raised by delegate of Pakistan stating “Loopholes in Non-Proliferation Party” passed with a majority. Twenty years after the end of the cold war, it was incomprehensible that the material risks of nuclear weapons were still so high. All the delegates deliberated and reached consensus about the key issues in the of Treaty of Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT). Brazil condemned the P5 countries and asked for a reduction.

Although proliferation has greatly decreased since the end of the Cold War, there remain over 15,000 warheads, mostly in the possession of the United States and Russia, but also France, the United Kingdom, China, India, the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (DPRK), Israel, and Pakistan. Furthermore, the US and Russia keep about 2,000 warheads each on high alert, ready to be deployed immediately. This lead to United States of America (USA) being repeatedly targeted. To this USA proposed a very satisfactory justification and explained how they along with Russian Federation are reducing the nuclear weapons.

The session continued with a series of arguments that took place by each delegate quoting examples defending their countries in the moderated and un-moderated caucus. One of the most interesting motions raised by the chair was The Nuclear Weapon Free zone where countries like Israel, Iran etc. defended themselves by not agreeing to the nuclear weapons they possess even being part of the treaty. This was followed by how the banking of these nuclear weapons was taking place. While all the deliberation took place, some delegates passed chits asking questions which compelled the chair to stop the session. The overall experience was immensely enriching and the intense debate ended on a happy note.



# How to Parliament 101

-by Aryan

The reporter was literally at a loss of words in today's committee, as most of them were used by the moderator in explaining 'experienced Parliamentarians' how to send chits. The BJP's role call were echoes of soft sounding 'Jai Hind's, much like what is expected of statements by India's right wing party.

The party continued to live in the fiction it painted for itself, that demonetisation was a success and that GST is only successful when they implement it. Unfortunately, India's largest political party has lost the very thing that makes it Indian; not calls for *Bharat Mata ki Jai* but internal democracy. Sadly, their opposition leader was too busy to make it to the session on time. Thanks Rahul Gandhi.

Nonetheless, as formal session started, the rather interactive moderator shot down a point of information by Mr Owasi. If this was the Lok Sabha, one wouldn't be surprised if he is the very speaker appointed by the party in power. Mr Jaitley also showed his economic powers by claiming that Mr Babbar was providing a 'bad' definition for GDP. At the end, accusations and numbers were fled from the ghettoised left and right with a number of point of orders being raised questioning the dubious numbers released by the NCO.



# The 'Order' Disordered

## -Tanushka

In a historic move by the Ministry of Magic, it called an urgent meeting with the members of a secret organisation called the Order of the Phoenix; the existence of which had been reticent and doubtful at best after the first Great War, to discuss the return of He-who-must-not-be-named.

Charlie Weasley, fresh off his broom from Romania, started off by questioning the authority of the Ministry. The Order saw conflict even within itself, with the keeper of the grounds at Hogwarts, Rubeus Hagrid and even the 'great' Albus Dumbledore countering the second of the Weasleys' many children. Further as the Weasleys' expressed their opinions, it became clear that their main point of contention remained the Ministry's approach towards verifying its threats.

Dumbledore went so far as to issue a warning to the Ministry and to the ex-Minister about previously having warned them of the Dark Lord's return. Minerva McGonagall, eager to please the Hogwarts headmaster, flung accusations left and right, not hesitating to indict even the Daily Prophet: the oldest source of news in the wizarding world and a clear embodiment of the freedom of press.

Nymphadora Tonks, a ministry auror and member of the Order outright refused to work in tandem with the Ministry, stating her mistrust in its members. The infamous Order began to show cracks in its previously thought to be indestructible armour of unity with Moody probing into Dumbledore's absence from the scene.

The boy who lived: the famous Harry Potter proved why he hadn't been sorted into Ravenclaw, with the sheer thoughtlessness of his counters. And while the issue of other magical creatures factored largely into the complaints of the Order, not a single member was able to come up with an adequate solution.

The meeting's dreary atmosphere took a quick turn-about when an update about the battle of the Atrium came in. The representatives each gave their take on the break out of the five death eaters and Severus Snape's indictment. However, the committee was much too divided for the confederation gathered to reach a consensus.

The joint ministers of magic, who were moderating the meeting were far from satisfied with the direction the discussion was taking as it became increasingly difficult to discern fact from opinion. The first day of the meeting came to a close without a concrete solution in sight, but a number of opinions and a plethora of superfluous information hindering any hopes for a meaningful debate.

(Writing as the Daily Prophet- the main source of news for the wizarding world)



# MYTHS OF SEXUALITY

By Mallika Mehta

It would be rather presumptuous to say that with the end of a war, a territory attains peace. The generally ignored facet of conflicts is the psychological impact they hold of the veterans and plebe. Concepts of sexuality and liberty diminish as the bells of war ring. However, the restoration of these factors that entail the identity of people is rather arduous. Ironic is the intent of a conflict to gain harmony and create such chaos.

It doesn't come so easy, sexuality, no.  
it travels on uneven roads and dwells in the blood baths,  
The cells of which are transfused with the blood of those who have the slightest influx of antithetical hormone  
In pain, they groan.

It's not cognized so soon, sexuality, no.  
it is nothing but the fierce gamma ray at night, cached in the turbulences of the moonlight  
and peaks at inception of dawn.  
Flickers but un-flattered.  
It is trapped in the webs of sexual desires  
And in pain, the moan.

It shall not hide, sexuality, no.  
for its existence is not variable on the infidelities of the those who touch, grab and grind.  
Its value is not a root of everything deceit, squared.



## What nobody is telling you

-Ananya Sood

“If I heard that a U.N. peacekeeping mission was coming near my home, I’d be on the first plane out of here.”

As the UN continues to play the blame game, there are thousands of victims looking up to them for answers. The number of allegations rolling in is uncountable yet there is silence from the other end. No one seems to know the answer to this question, which has been obscuring the minds of millions for so long,-“Who is accountable?”

The UN child sex ring left victims but no arrests. The children in Haiti were passed around from soldier to soldier and mothers cried their hearts out as they watched their children being burnt. In the facades of political correctness hides the name of those to be held accountable for the loss of dignity and humanity. Irrespective of the enforceable nature of basic human rights, peacekeeping forces make efforts to pertain peace and harmony in a way that their actions are diametrically opposite to their intent. Ironical, isn’t it?

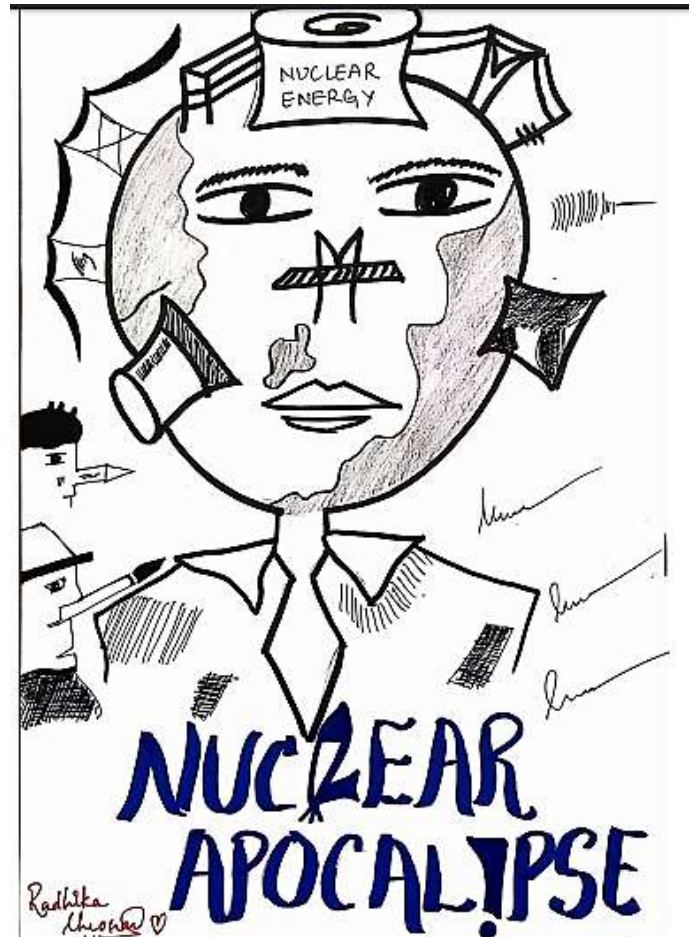
With their blue helmets, it is hard to distinguish between what’s black and white. The civilians seem to question who is the better devil- the rebels at home or the foreign invaders. It’s like the only way out is either to be killed or have your human rights taken away. Sending troops home won't affect victims, because what passes for 'justice' is an illusion in all cases. Justice will not be served until those who are unaffected are as outraged as those who are.







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