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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

- Ms. Santosh Vyas

Fourth edition of SVISG MUN 2021 was flagged off with some inspirational words and great debate! It was power packed, and on the whole an invigorating day. With each committee having fruitful debate and innovative solutions not only to their agenda but to various crises thrown their way, it showed the true meaning of MUN in all its forms. We are extremely proud of all the delegates, Executive Board and Secretariat for their commitment and passion.

I am extremely proud to have had our first ever virtual edition and overall fourth edition of SVISG MUN in collaboration with UNIC - United Nations Information Centre for India and Bhutan. Despite the unprecedented times we find ourselves in, it was great to see that nothing could deter or dampen the spirit and enthusiasm of our delegates who "made collaboration and communication the champion of this conference". SVISG MUN has been about building the future, it has been about taking a giant leap and envisioning a new world, a better world. As our revered Sadhu TL Vaswani rightly proclaimed, "Gather knowledge for service: gather knowledge and be ready for that true life, which is one of offering", SVISG MUN has been about being proactive, thoughtful and about coming together to face the challenges that await us. It galvanizes delegates into action and instills multifarious skills such as self-reliance collaboration, interrogative questioning, teamwork, etc skills that will prove invaluable to them as they journey through the rest of their life.

Delegates fulfilled the realization of every aspect of our vision for SVISG MUN 2021. I am glad that the conference managed to challenge all the preconceived notions held by the delegates who fought and debated for what they truly believed in, through intense, well structured debate. Participating in these thought provoking deliberations gave delegates a platform to employ 21st century skills such as problem solving, critical and creative thinking, reasoning, personal expression, interrogative questioning, global awareness, collaboration, communication, diplomacy and decision making as prescribed in NEP 2020 all the while being part of a conducive and a joyful learning environment.





# WHO World Health Organization

*By Tanushree Mergu*

I bring to you the crux of the deliberation over the proceedings of the debate between different countries on novel corona virus and the impact on all the countries over the world.

“Although our main concern is to treat people with substance use disorder and mental health issues and to ultimately prepare them for reintegration into society, vaccination is crucial in terms of ensuring overall health and well-being.”

There is broad agreement within the global scientific community that the most effective way to defeat the COVID-19 pandemic is through mass vaccination of population around the world. The development of vaccines for COVID-19 has been a powerful demonstration of how substantial public funding, intense focus, and unprecedented levels of scientific collaboration can help spur innovation to address global public needs in a very short time.

However, the approval and rollout of vaccines does not herald the immediate end of the health crisis, as attaining herd immunity will require the vaccination of a very substantial proportion of population and is therefore a major challenge. A deliverance by delegate of Iceland left the committee all ears as it necessitated upon the breakdown on the necessity of vaccination.

While the committee expediated the need of an integrated, comprehensive and actionable framework, delegate of Italy essentialized taking into consideration the impact of novel corona virus taking toll on poorer countries, black marketing and hoarding of vaccines and medicines and suggested some measures imposed to prevent the same.

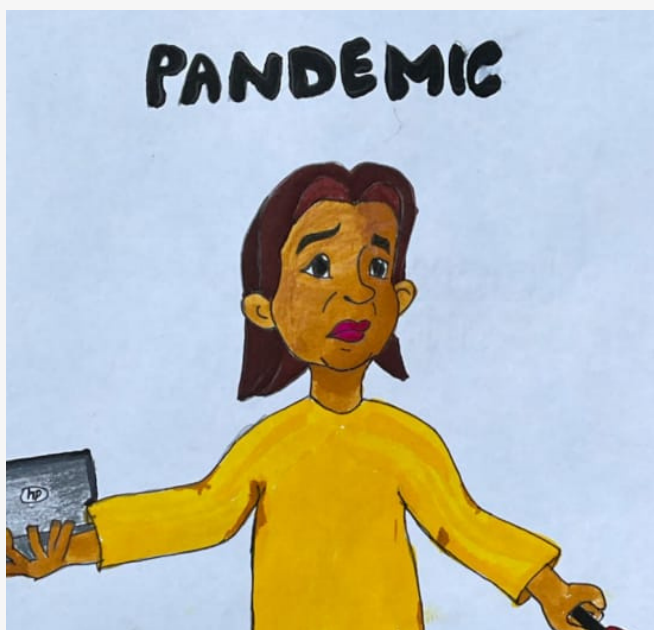
# AIPPM

In an AIPPM meeting, former Health Minister mentioned in his speech "Centre has been actively working to control Covid-19 from the starting", but when a question was asked regarding his failures, he said "I am ready to accept my failures." State parties said they were not free to handle the Covid situation as at first everything was centralised. Manoj Jha, spokesperson of Rashtriya Janata Dal, whose party has an alliance with Indian National Congress, attacked the Rajasthan government that the vaccines which were supposed to be given to people were thrown in the dustbin. The Indian National Congress has a government in Rajasthan.



## “I am ready to accept my failures”

By Dr. Harsh Vardhan



Many opposition leaders criticised the Central Government for exporting vaccines to other nations in a reply to which the Union Minister said "Only 1/3rd of 17 crore vaccines were exported abroad". The fact that 6.6 crores vaccines were exported abroad is mind boggling. Priyanka Gandhi remarked that the Prime Minister is responsible for exporting vaccines. The former Health Minister said, "The Indian Government has done really well till now in vaccine distribution. India has vaccinated twice the number US has vaccinated". But only 8.3% of the total population of India is fully vaccinated in India compared to the USA which has fully vaccinated 50.7% of total population. The vaccination policy created chaos as first the vaccine distribution responsibility was under the Central Government. Then it changed its policy and distribution of vaccines was given to states. Again April end, the Central Government changed its policy. Because of this chaos, very less supply of vaccines were received by the states. The Central Government is educating the rural people regarding the vaccine and it is taking action against the black marketing of vaccines. Yogendra Yadav who himself supports the farmers protest said "Farmers are still protesting at the borders and the third wave is not so far."



# UNGA United Nations General Assembly

*By Anoushka Sathuluri*

The year 2020 saw people battling bravely against the novel coronavirus. As information about Covid-19 started coming to light, people started connecting it to past instances of use of biochemical weapons and the very meaning of bio-terrorism. Today in SVISG MUN 2021, delegates represented various countries and corresponding roles to abolish bio terrorism. The delegate of Israel stated that Israel can't possibly take part in bio terrorism as it has vaccinated most of its citizens against the novel corona virus in a span of few months , but it was revealed that Israel did not sign the BWC (Biological Weapons Convention) in 2015. The delegate of Germany stated that 'rogue terrorists' are responsible for bio-terrorism in Germany. There has been no recent allegations or accounts of bio-terrorism in Germany but there has been many instances where Germany had tried to commit bio terrorism during World War 2. The delegate of Netherlands stated that there are formal laws against bioterrorism and yes Netherlands has been trying to secure laws against bioterrorism after a few worldwide incidents, which was also the case with Finland as stated by the representative delegate of Finland . The delegate of Cuba mentioned that Cuba signed the BWC (Biological Weapons) and denied any allegations about Cuba secretly planning a biochemical attack.



# UNCSW United Nations Commission on Status of Women

*By Saranya Sridhar*

Member nations were in consensus about the elephant in the room that is the pandemic was not gender neutral in the influence it had. Women were left to bear the brunt of social, political, financial and emotional backlash. It is especially reflected in domestic abuse, every one out of three woman suffers. The delegate of Nigeria reported a rise of 56% in domestic violence against women while the delegate of New Zealand argued that the laws necessary for lockdowns and COVID containment aggravated the hard pressed situations of woman behind closed doors. The delegate of Germany shined a light on the plight of beleaguered single mothers as they struggled to bring food to the table while facing unemployment and discrimination in high paying sectors. Determined not to dwell on problems the members suggested numerous solutions and implementations that suggested an optimistic future. These solutions included integration of women in administrative decision making stressed by nations with female heads of state like Estonia and New Zealand, furthermore on specific targets like domestic abuse free hotlines and counseling mediums were highly advised. There was also a focus on NGO's [Non-Governmental Organizations] which caused a short furore as Germany refused to provide monetary aids to these groups saying their aim was not profit. Other exhortations include updated medical facilities, education from a young age, income support measures, and even advancing the political agency of women.



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