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The daily caucus

Meet The Executive Board!



Shik'MUN *essentials*



*Bottle
(Stay
hydrated)*



Laptops/iPads



A small snack!



*Pencil
box!*



Chargers



Stationary



Bag

Must haves for an MUN, recommended by the EB!

Who Leads The Leaders?

The situation looked like it was over, but the truth was there was more to come. The futuristic crisis committee sits in the cramped room, with the tube lights flickering overhead, as if also nervous about what might be to come. The year is 2028 and the asteroid predicted for next year causes the delegates to realize what is at stake here. The single black microphone gets passed around as the representatives nervously pick it up as sweat falls from their temples onto the desks.

They tentatively pick up the mike, and just when you think they are about to present their country with ignominy, the most assertive, furious speeches are given.

The executive board requests India for a formal apology to the nation of Pakistan, for the juvenile behaviour of stealing Pakistan's placard. All of a sudden, the delegate of India stands up and yells on the microphone, that the nation of India

will never formally apologize to Pakistan, and adds Islamophobic slurs those "hijabis do not deserve any apologies".

This disrespectful and atrocious statement immediately gets India sent out of the committee and gagged. The vice chairperson exits and is heard screaming at the delegate for this offence, as well as for loitering in the halls as if this is a reward and not a punishment. This shockingly unprofessional behaviour causes a stir, but the delegates are forced to recover and continue with the ongoing issue at hand.



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The delegate of the USA strains to escape the attacks thrown at them but is the favourite country to target by many. They are accused of referring to the Asian countries as weak, which causes an uprising. Countries may seem confident against the USA at the moment but no one can afford to be on the bad side of such a powerful, wealthy nation.

As if an asteroid attack is not enough, the terrorist organization ISIS is also on the rise, further risking the lives of the innocent people, this committee has sworn to protect. Whether their doomed fate is inevitable or not may lie completely in the hands of the people in this room.

By Kavya Joseph



Soha Krishna Murthy



Tashvi Thakral

Bombing of Airport in Tehran, First Lady Captured

November 4th, 1979, a group of Iranian students stormed the US Embassy identifying themselves as “Muslim Student Followers of the Imam’s Line”. They demanded the return of the Shah back to Iran for trial and the assets in the possession of the Shah to be declared as stolen property. In an ongoing round robin, the Chairman of Joint Chiefs of Staff boldly declares that evacuating the First Lady is a priority as she has been trapped during the bombing of the international airport in Tehran. The Secretary of Defense suggests that she should be kept in a safe house after evacuation and that the power of Iran with Russia should not be undermined.

The Commander of US Intelligence and Security Command suggests sending an undercover agent to Tehran for them to get enough intel to get the hostages and the First



Raina Behgal

Lady back safely. She firmly states “The Iranians are terrorists and We are America, the most powerful country in the world. God bless America”

“We are the People of America and we will not bow for anyone.”

By Naina Narang

The train to terror

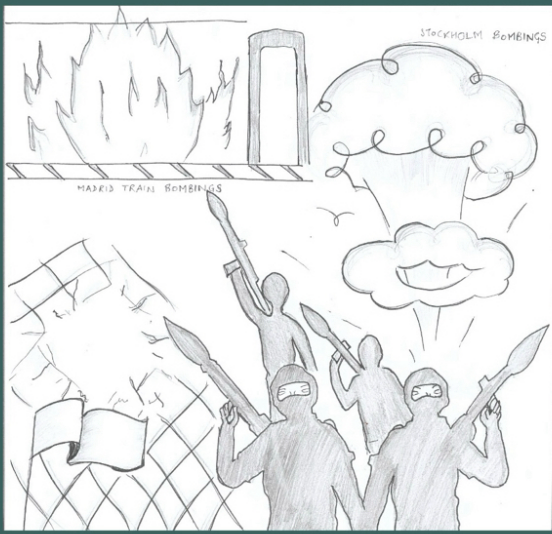
All it took
was one
person to
wipe out the
happiness
from her life

It was early in the morning when Sarah packed her bags and left the small one-bedroom apartment that she had called home for the last 3 months. Located in the heart of the metropolitan city of London, the apartment was a safe haven for her amongst all the hustle and bustle of the city. Sarah was working as an intern in a fashion company and was all ready to leave the non-stop commotion of the city and return back to her hometown.

The train was about to depart. The clock read 5:00 pm and her journey back home was just about to start. Sarah could not hold back her excitement and had already started to make a list of all the people she would visit once back in her hometown. She could already feel the fresh earthy scent of the fields and the calm winds grazing her shoulders. The anticipation was killing her.

5:15 pm. The time flashed as she opened her small blackberry. She pulled out a small photo from her wallet and smiled and she boarded the underground train. The photo was a reminder of all the happiness and comfort that was back home. It was a picture of her little sister flashing a smile.

As soon as she found a seat and sat down, something felt off. There was a sense of fear in the air and an uneasy



Devanshi Bansal



Tarun Bajpai

churning in her stomach. Sarah casually shrugged it off and regained herself. Everything was fine and there was no reason to worry.

Not even 15 minutes had passed when she felt someone fidget beside her. It was a young man, not more than 20 years of age. Something was suspicious about him. There was a cloth loosely tied around his face and there was a big duffle bag placed beside him. He kept shuffling and made very sure that the cloth did not slip. His eyes wandered from one end to another as if he was scanning the surroundings. His eyes fell on her and she quickly looked away, ashamed to have been caught.

5:40 pm. Only half an hour was now between her and her sister. Sarah could already imagine how she would be greeted. Her mother, teary-eyed, her father with a proud smile on his face and of course, her sister, jumping and shouting. She fondly recalled their faces and beamed with happiness. Little did she know, that feeling of happiness that is so often taken for granted, would be snatched away from her.

“Click”. That was the last sound that she heard. Everything was annihilated by the explosion. Smoke, fire and a blinding light filled the train as many cried for help. The man responsible for



Mannat Sharma

the attack lay dead on the floor along with a few other lifeless civilians. One of those civilians was a blonde-haired young girl that we knew as Sarah. "52 civilians found dead and over 700 injured by the brutal suicide attack which took place on four of the underground trains". The sounds of the news reporter blended into the surroundings as a family of three prayed that the girl was safe. Prayed that nothing had happened to her. Prayed for the return of the girl whose fate was already sealed. The girl whose name was Sarah.

By Aditi Joshi

Privacy— A basic right?

The situation looked like it was over, but the truth was, there was more to come. A delegate asked a question and for a moment it seemed as if the delegate standing at the podium wouldn't be able to answer however, Rajnath Singh answered the question confidently and the look on the delegate's face was unfazed. It seemed as if the delegate had already researched about it.

The next speaker on the list gave her speech beautifully. She did not hesitate to bring out the bad qualities of the government and how they misuse the privacy of the people.

The next speech was given by Amit Shah. The delegate began his speech by providing a good amount of facts and information about the government. He talked about how India ranked second globally in terms of cybercrime. There is such a huge amount of cybercrimes that a number of types of cybercrimes have emerged.

This topic is generalized and vast. We can dive into the economic, social, cultural and political part of this agenda. M.K. Stalin talked about how this act increased the amount of violence against the personal data of the people and a rise in the need for cyber security and that



Shifa Singh

this act is imperative to be enacted for the benefit of the people.

In today's world which is evolving continuously and is on the brink of being dominated by AI technology, protection of the personal data of the people should be the top priority of the government so that the people can rest assured that their data is in good hands and is being protected.

Next stood up Manish Tiwary. The delegate talked about how the companies will improve their marketing as they will have more personal data. He emphasized about how the data should not be misused without the permission of the people

If we talk about India where almost every individual has an Adhaar card which has so much of their personal data, is it necessary to force these individuals to share more of their personal information than they already have and make them feel vulnerable?

Moreover, our Indian government may look perfect on the outside, however, if we take a deeper look into their political affairs it is a little corrupted. How can they assure the people that the amount of trust the people are putting in them won't be betrayed and that there will be

no misuse of their data? There was a quote once said by Gary Kovacs:-

“Privacy is not an option, and it shouldn't be the price we accept for just getting on the internet”

Then why are we making it a thing now?

By Anvi Shah



Tashvi Thakral

Samaira Singha Roy

Lively. The one word that truly describes the chairperson of the UNGA. Samaira Singha Roy is a woman of tall stature and an even greater presence. With loose curls delicately cascading down her shoulders and decked elegantly in a pantsuit, she is the epitome of grace and confidence. There are a pair of sleek spectacles that frame her face as a sense of calmness and serenity surrounds her.

She is currently studying PCM with computer science and plans to pursue information and technology at university.

Samaira is a person of versatile nature and has a deep connection with dance. Training in Bharatanatyam for the past 14 years, her mastery of the arts is

visible through her flowing gestures. For her, dance is an escape from everyday life and a means of relaxation. She has also been involved with the sport of badminton over the past few years and has participated in various inter-school tournaments.

Starting in 2020, her involvement with MUNS has blossomed over the years. Her journey started with an online MUN which opened new doors for her to explore. From then on, she has participated in numerous others, trying a new committee each time to broaden



Vedantt S. Rawat

agenda of suppression of journalists.

As a chairperson, she wants all the delegates to learn something new, not only about themselves but also about the world around us. She wants them to be able to conquer their fears of public speaking by instilling confidence in them.

Her biggest supporters and motivators are her family as they inspire her to achieve greatness by working hard. Her parents have set an example of always striving to accomplish more and she wants to set the same example for her sister.

Describing herself as an extrovert, Samaira thrives in social situations. Meeting new people, interacting with them, and getting to know more about them is something that she loves to do and her great communication skills are a testament to that.

Her assertiveness and clarity shine through as she chairs the committee and makes her presence known to the delegates through her firm yet patient tone.

Lastly, she describes herself as a good orator and communicator and sets the perfect example for the future chairs of the Mun.

By Aditi Joshi, Prisha Mundhra



Raina Behgal

Political Roast



Greedy Bribes Only Get One So Far...

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For the first time in Shikshantar, a football committee is in session! Chaos is not a word fit enough to describe the whirlwind of a committee that the Union of European Football Associations (UEFA) is. There's a yell here, and a groan there, and then someone is lying on the floor, whining about having lost a player to another club. However, fun is a word that comfortably defines the atmosphere.



Suhani Kedia

Manchester City is a team with many valuable and worthy players, and too much money that it should be a joke for them to need anymore. Right? Wrong, as they shamelessly bribed A22 officials for more of the green paper that already teems in their bank accounts. Did they truly expect the officials to get bribed? Yes, they did. The unfortunate turn of events was that the bribery worked. How scandalous!

Upon knowledge of these shocking events, everyone expected the clubs to turn on Manchester City. And oh, turn on Manchester City they did. Sources say, there were multiple exclamations and hurls of unpretty adjectives thrown at Manchester City.

A particular word, used by Inter Milan, was 'greedy'. Manchester City, being Manchester City, did not respond to anyone but the club they had beaten eons ago.

Turning on Inter Milan, Manchester City had fought viciously, tooth and nail. And for what? For Inter Milan to completely ignore Manchester City. Well, what else would they do? Losing once, Inter Milan was not ready to risk their dignity again...

Safe to say, justice (somehow) prevailed in the end, and Manchester City suffered a good number of charges and had lost a bunch of fans. Inter Milan sure had a good number of things to say, but they were careful to keep it under their breath. Who knows, what if Manchester City heard...?

By- Mairah Khan



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The Debate

The situation looked like it was over, but the truth was there was more to come. In recent years, satellite imagery has shown China's increased efforts to reclaim land in the South China Sea by physically increasing the size of islands or creating new islands altogether. In addition to piling sand onto existing reefs, China has constructed ports, military installations, and airstrips—particularly in the Paracel and Spratly Islands, where it has twenty and seven outposts, respectively. China has militarized Woody Island by deploying fighter jets, cruise missiles, and a radar system.



Vivaan Arora

The United States, which maintains important interests in ensuring freedom of navigation and securing sea lines of communication, has expressed support for an agreement on a binding code of conduct and other confidence-building measures. China's claims threaten sea lines of communication, which are important maritime passages that facilitate trade and the movement of naval forces.

To protect its political, security, and

economic interests in the region, the United States has challenged China's assertive territorial claims and land reclamation efforts by conducting freedom of navigation operations and bolstering support for Southeast Asian partners. Washington's defence treaty with Manila could draw the United States into a potential China-Philippines conflict over the substantial natural gas deposits or lucrative fishing grounds in disputed territory. Also, in response to China's assertive presence in the disputed territory, Japan has sold military ships and equipment to the Philippines and Vietnam to improve their maritime security capacity and to deter Chinese aggression.

Upon assuming office in June 2022, Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. rejected the conciliatory stance toward China adopted by his predecessor, Rodrigo Duterte. The Philippines' most contentious disputes with China centre on the Second Thomas Shoal of the Spratly Islands, which lies within the Philippines' 200-mile EEZ. In 1999, the Philippines intentionally grounded a ship to reinforce its territorial claims to the area, which it calls the West Philippine Sea. Since then, the Philippine Coast Guard has conducted monthly resupply missions to its military contingent on the ship, known as the BRP Sierra Madre. Chinese Coast Guard vessels began to employ dangerous tactics to harass Philippine resupply missions in 2023, leading to heightened clashes.

Collisions have become increasingly common, and the Chinese Coast Guard has used a military-grade laser and repeatedly fired water cannons against Philippine ships.
By Prisha Mundhra



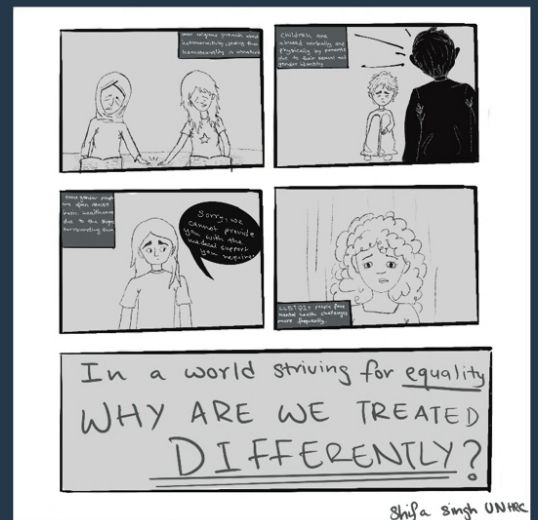
Vivaan Arora

Canada Speaks on Afghanistan's Injustice

Ominous situations require powerful voices...

During the recent session of the United Nations Human Rights Council on 25th July 2024, the topic of equal rights for sexual minorities created tensions. The delegate of Canada, with their potent and compelling speech, discussed the dire situation of humans in Afghanistan under the Taliban's oppressive rule. They proceeded to state how women and girls are denied education and anyone who wishes to express themselves through non-confirming gender identities. Furthermore, they talked about how public executions and stoning created an atmosphere of terror. The delegate of Afghanistan reacted strongly to this, demanding a public apology from the delegate of Canada. The latter mentioned delegate simply refused to respond to the demand.

By Mairah Khan



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The Generals Priyaan Singh, Sara Pant

As the ShikMun 2024 monsoon edition approached; ghouls and demons haunted all those who were sweating and working to portray its success. But The Secretary General and Director General continued to show their professionalism throughout and managed to help in a systematic carrying out of the conference on both days. Every member of the Executive Board has only praises for the intelligent, diligent and driven Generals. They managed to keep up everyone's spirits while maintaining decorum and establishing rules for the delegates.

Their passion and authenticity, make them relatable, in a way that Shikshantar has probably never seen a duo so powerful heading the MUN. When they walk, talk and ramble, you can see that their souls find peace in working together and working together for an event like this.

This MUN would be incomplete without our Secretary General forgetting someone's name, and the Director General being right beside him remembering that name and ten others. Thank you Priyaan and Sara for working so hard, for us to be able to have an exceptionally organised two days of conference.

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