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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.

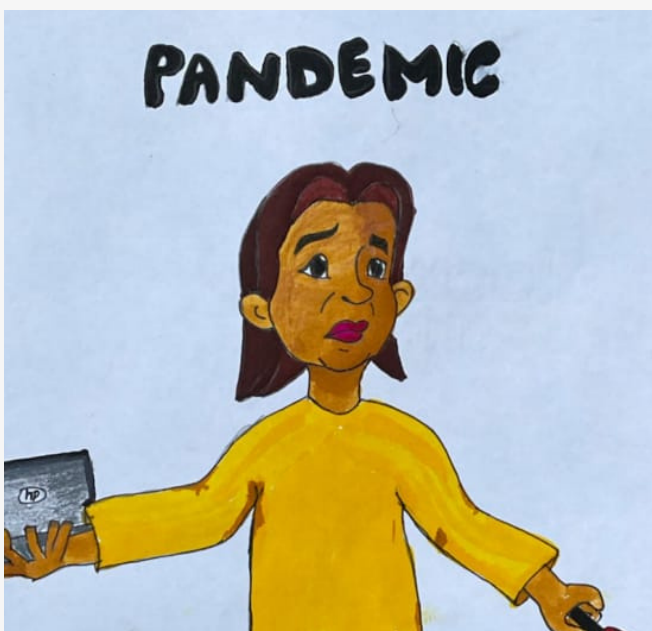
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In an AIPPM meeting, former Health Minister mentioned in his speech "Centre has been actively working to control Covid-19 from the starting", but when a question was asked regarding his failures, he said "I am ready to accept my failures." State parties 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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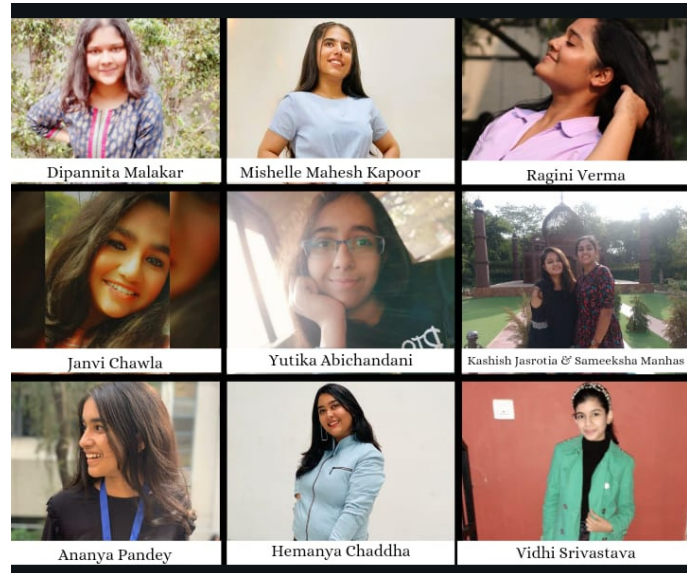
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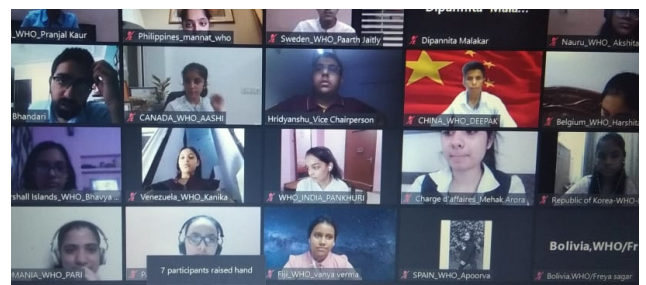
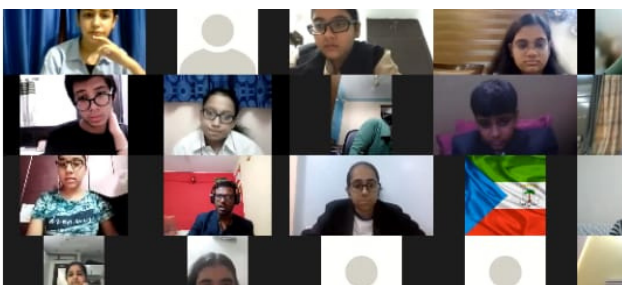
Congratulation to all the MUNers for the successful completion of our fourth and first ever virtual edition of SVISG MUN.

Dear delegates, we are really happy for the enthusiasm you have shown in the two-days session. You all have worked out together to create the future. Participating in MUN has a considerable impact on one's life as it provides a platform to employ 21st century skills such as interrogative questioning, diplomacy, negotiation, critical and creative thinking, collaboration, etc. We enjoyed being amongst you, beside you, helping you in our full capacity whenever and wherever possible. It was a matter of great joy to work along with all you wonderful people. We would also like to thank the school administration for organising such a fantastic programme. Words cannot express how grateful we are to the Executive Board panel members who worked tirelessly to motivate the delegates to face the challenge, the creative logistic team who made this MUN an invigorating experience and the press members who worked as hard as bees to report on the crisis discussed in the sessions. This tradition of debate should continue in order to shape a better future, and we are confident that the upcoming generations will carry it on and broaden the horizon.

Thank you once again! Until next time.

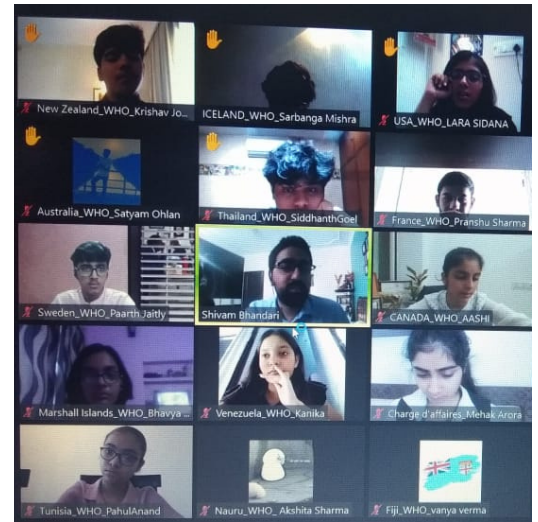


*"Success is not final,
failure is not fatal.
It is the courage to
continue that counts."*



Proliferation of biochemical weapons with special emphasis on COVID 19

Report by Sharanya Chandra, based on research. According to the definition given by WHO, biological weapons are "microorganisms like virus, bacteria, fungi or other toxins that are produced and released deliberately to cause disease and death in humans, animals or plants". They are one of the four most deadly weapons of mass destruction. A biological weapon has three components- a biological agent, some additives to support the stability and dissemination of the agent, and a delivery system. As per the reports, the MRCA of all coronaviruses is estimated to have existed as recently as 8000 BCE, although some models place the common ancestor as far back as 55 million years or more inculcating long term evolution with bat and avian species. On 11 February 2020, The International Committee on Taxonomy of Viruses adopted the official name "severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2" [SARS-CoV-2].



A biological attack can potentially result in an epidemic, therefore creating a massive disruption in the society and complicating the response of health authorities. The Coronavirus has also seen the spread of disinformation and conspiracy theories regarding the intentional nature of the virus allegedly manipulated in a laboratory similar to a biological weapon. Theories also propose that a new era of biological weapons is generated through coronavirus. As history suggests, the United States and the Soviet Union invested considerable resources in bio weapon programmes. Even so they struggled to develop functional weapons able to withstand a range of environmental conditions let alone be of strategic use. Biological weapons are unique in their ability to inflict large number of casualties over a wide area with minimal logistics requirements and by means which can be virtually untraceable. One of the biggest disadvantages of biological warfare is its nature of being unpredictable. There have been recorded incidents of infecting own troops.



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At last, she greets hope at death's doorstep

Dear Mother

I remember your face still, as you sit before the mirror and slowly carve the well known visage applying kohl then bindi and then your effervescent smile.

I was enchanted as a youngling, how you appeared in the mirror. But that inanimate thing, it did not have the sense to show me the bruises from that man you called your husband, or how the cage shrank and shrank until you were not there anymore.

It didn't show me anything even when you parceled me in a red silk sari, and wrote for an address far away from here. So I became a stranger, when my Mahanadi faded and scars emanated, when my progeny was sanguine flesh, when my spirit became putrescent as it suffocated on damp despair. I was an outsider to my body and my home. I was neither here nor there; I was nobody but a kitchen appliance and purse. So my bandages vanished but resolve took time to crumble, your mirror is now in smithereens on the tiled floor an impetuous rangoli. It is a celebration of my freedom. Rejoice ma, I will

be there with you soon.

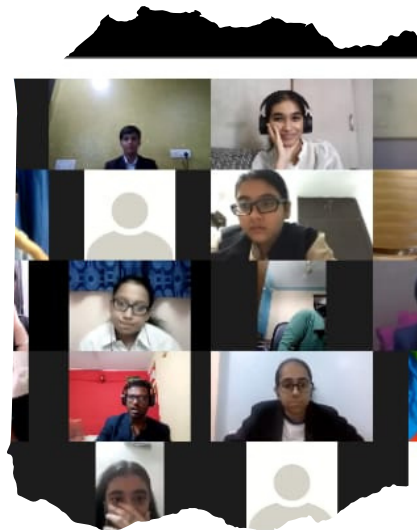
Reminiscing about you,

Yours ever

Amrita

Ma loved poetry, she used to sneak in verses from my textbook to the kitchen and pray that her husband did not find out. I was caught yesterday, reading and not serving. But today. I scribble furiously as I can feel life untangling from my being.

A butterfly
Torn from its cocoon
Ripped from home
Prised from its body
By hands named only
Patriarchy
But now traverses towards
Salvation
Now when there is no
Binding life
It is free again
And flies
Far beyond their
Deadly grasp



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GRAPPLING FOR POWER IN INDIAN POLITICS IN TIMES OF PANDEMIC

The uproar could be noticed in news and rallies caused by the state governments grumbling about the biased judgment on Centre's part of giving freedom to make laws on Covid-19 only to BJP ruled states. The Center, in my opinion, was being biased as they could have asked for wider opinion. Though the efforts were made to include all state governments in decision making process through video conferences but it led to nothing. The blame game continued with the state putting blame on Centre for the lack of financial resources and vaccination whereas the Center attacked by complaining about the lack of cooperation which was very visible in Bengal.

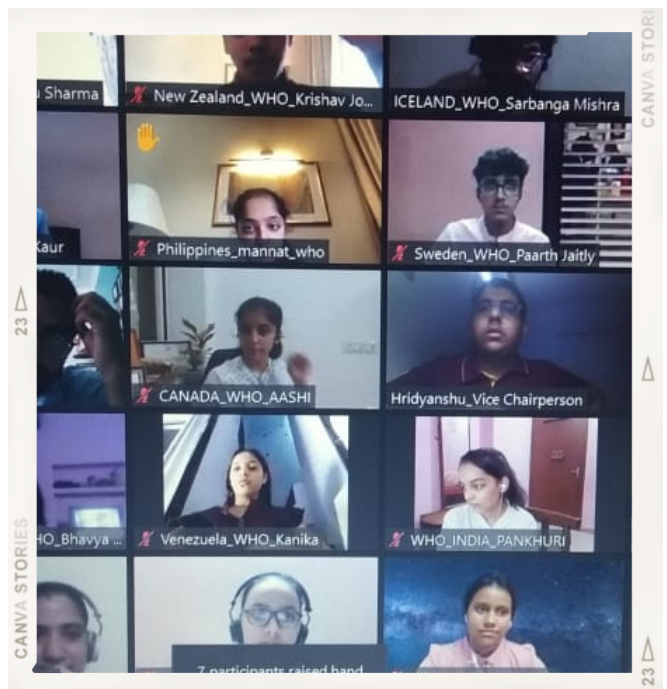
"Normal led to this"
-wrote Ed Yong

The conclusion is that this leads to nothing but reflecting on the disunity among the parties and creating a pessimistic environment. No doubt we have maneuvered past the second wave but the question is was it our best. It is a fact that a third world country like India had a good overview in its economy and also saw growth in it. The rallies had a huge blow back in the stability during covid-19 in but the Center stated that the rallies played zero role in spreading of the virus. This powerplay in the name of security of the nation brought no good but only minimized the spotlight India got for its development. This feud in my opinion was never about the citizens but about whose party constitutes the Sabha.

"Nearly all men can stand adversity, but if you want to test a man's character, give him power."

- Abraham Lincoln

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WOMEN IN THE PANDEMIC WORLD

The impact of crisis is never gender-neutral, and COVID-19 is no exception. While everyone is facing unprecedented challenges, women are bearing the brunt of the economic and social fallout of Covid-19. Women who are poor and marginalized face even higher risk of transmission of Covid-19, loss of livelihood, and increased violence. Governments all over the world are struggling to contain this pandemic. The effect of pandemic is hitting women the hardest. While the economic and social impact on all are severe, they are more so for women. Many of the industries in the formal economy, directly affected by quarantine and lockdown. Travel, tourism, restaurants and food production sectors have very high female labor force participation. At the same time, they typically shoulder greater burden of care. On average, women did three times as much unpaid care work as men at home before Covid-19. Formal sector female employees with children are balancing one or more work such as childcare, elder care and housework. Secondly, the crisis has an impact on women's health and safety as well. Apart from the direct impact of the disease, women may find it hard to access much needed maternal health services. Women's personal safety is also at risk. Finally, because the majority of frontline workers especially nurses are women, their risk of infection is higher.

For the improvement in the condition of women, globally, the governments are taking the appropriate measures but they should ensure that the needs of female nurses and doctors are integrated into every aspect of response effort. This means ensuring menstrual hygiene products are available for female care givers and frontline responders as a part of the personal protective equipment. Furthermore, they need to ensure that hotlines and services for all victims of domestic abuse are considered "essential services". Also, a leader must find a way to include women in response and recovery decision making. Finally, policy makers must pay attention to what is happening in people's home and support an equal sharing of burden of care between women and men. There is a great opportunity to unlearn the stereotypes attached with gender roles. These actions and more are urgent. Building the needs of women offers an opportunity for us to "Build Back Better".



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