

## METANOIA MUN 2025: UNHRC

*“The future belongs to those who believe in the future of diplomacy.” -Eleanor Roosevelt*

The United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) convened at the Delhi Public School Maruti Kunj Model United Nations conference, under the able guidance of Chairperson Mr. Raj Srivastav and Vice-Chairperson Mr. Manas Jha, organized by Teachers In-Charge of MUN Club Mr. Dwijesh Bhatia and Ms. Aparna Sharma was successful in gathering delegates of diverse portfolios and encouraging fruitful deliberation on pressing human rights issues. The Metanoia MUN Conference was held on the 27th and 28th May 2025. There were 24 delegates representing various countries.

The conference commenced promptly at 8:30 AM with the Secretary General, S M Afnan of class XII-S1 officially declaring the conference open. Following the roll call, a motion for the commencement of the General Speaker's List was introduced and successfully passed. Delegates representing various countries delivered their opening speeches, with numerous Points of Information (POIs) being raised, contributing to a dynamic and engaging discussion.

Subsequently, a motion for an unmoderated caucus was passed, during which the delegates from India and Pakistan engaged in a notably intense exchange, reflecting the complexity and sensitivity of the topics under discussion. The next issue on the agenda introduced a moderated caucus, encouraging defined and structured debate among the delegates. Throughout this session, several insightful questions and well-composed chits were acknowledged and praised by the Executive Board (EB) for their relevance and depth.

After a short break for refreshments, the session resumed with renewed energy. The debate intensified once again, particularly between the Indian and Pakistani delegates, marked by frequent interjections and challenging counter-questions. The day concluded with feedback provided by both the Executive Board and the delegates, reflecting on the day's proceedings and highlighting areas of strength and room for improvement. The session was a productive start to the conference, setting a strong tone for the days ahead.

Day 2 of the UNHRC session at METANOIA MUN 2025 commenced with a roll call, followed by the successful passing of a motion for a moderated caucus. Delegates delved into critical issues such as blasphemy laws, religious discrimination, and forced conversions. The tone of debate was notably assertive, with delegates openly confronting each other's policies and defending their own through constitutional references and national laws.

A motion proposed by Bangladesh was countered by Indonesia and South Africa, with the latter's motion passing after a formal vote. This led to a focused discussion on religious persecution and blasphemy laws. Following this, an unmoderated caucus was passed, during which alliances were formed:

- **Alliance 1:** Pakistan, Brazil, Bangladesh, Qatar, Canada, Germany, Kenya, Nepal, Ethiopia, South Africa

- **Alliance 2** (initiated by India, Indonesia, Egypt, and Iceland): South Korea, Latvia, Sri Lanka, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Japan, Malaysia, Czechia, Sudan, Indonesia, Mexico, Iceland, Brazil

Working papers were drafted by both alliances, and intense cross-questioning followed as delegates challenged each other's proposals. A fifteen-minute unmoderated caucus was held to finalize the draft resolution, with sponsors—Bangladesh, India, Pakistan, and Indonesia—selected humorously through a game of stone-paper-scissors. The draft resolution discussion began with chits suspended for smoother proceedings.

As the session neared its conclusion, questions were raised against several delegates regarding their positions and contributions. The day wrapped up with feedback from the Executive Board and participating delegates.

The conference officially concluded with a **valedictory ceremony at 1:00 PM**, graced by Principal Mr. Akhilesh Chandra Chaturvedi and Vice Principal Mr. Vinod Papreja. Awards were distributed to outstanding delegates, followed by a group photoshoot.

The awardees are:-

1. Best Delegate- Delegate of India, Krisha (XI-H1)
2. High Commendation-1- Delegate of Pakistan, Aarna Rajhans (X-E)
3. High Commendation-2-Delegate of Saudi Arabia, Dishu Dixit (X-C)
4. Best Position Paper-Delegate of South Africa, Ipsita Bahuguna (X-E)
5. Special Mention -1- Delegate of Germany, G Gianna (X-E)
6. Special Mention-2-Delegate of Indonesia, Adya Gupta (VIII-A)
7. Special Mention-3-Delegate of Canada, Bhomik Chouhan (VII-C)
8. Special Mention-4-Delegate of Qatar, Raghav Krishna (VIII-E)

\*HC's and SM's are in no particular order

The efforts of the organizing committee and supporting staff were acknowledged and deeply appreciated. The end was marked by a light-hearted reading of anonymous chits ensuring a successful and unforgettable end to the METANOIA MUN 2025 experience.