Ten glorious years

Ten Editions Of Discussions, Deliberations And Making A Better World

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What: Opening Ceremony, AIMUN’18

When: November 15, 2018

Where: 1-2 auditorium, AUUP

Why: To welcome change

Who: Chief Guest HE Dr Karoly Sardi, Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of Hungary

(Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools and RBEF

Ambassador, Russia

Shubina Elena, Dir. and Principal, Rabindranath Tagore School

Russia

Divya Chauhan, Chairperson

ASPA & ASFT

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Jyoti Arora, AIS Saket

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Pradyuman Singh, AIS Gur 46, and Modern School, Barakhamba

AMU University and relations and contribute to global development.

The key

Pradeep Sanyal, AIS Noida, X

One big family

AIS Gur 46

The Secretary and Executive Board ready to take charge of the conference

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As told to Pradyuman Singh

As told to Divya Arora, AFS Intercultural Affairs, Public Diplomacy

By Dr Karoly Sardi

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AIMUN 2018 Closed The Doors To Conflicts And Sealed The Gates With Memories

The happy ending

AIMUN 2018

Closing Ceremony

The Platform

The Platform for sensitising the students towards real-world issues and resolving them with ingenuity and innovation.

As told to Krusha Gupta

Global language

Tatiana Perova, Russian Centre Of Sci. & Culture

Speaking a foreign language is extremely crucial for a global citizen. With AIMUN, students unite and get to learn about different cultures and their languages.

As told to Ananya Greer

A fruitfull first

Dubara Galina

Deputy Director, Russian Centre Of Sci. & Culture

This is my first MUN. India has helped us to see how a conference like this works. It was truly an enriching experience for us.

As told to Anushka Ramesh

Coming together

Peppe Olga

Faculty, Rabindranath Tagore School

We at MUNs want the students to know each other well. This is essential for striving for the world peace, unity and of course, friendship.

As told to Saurav Vaish

The talk

Dubey Mangalam

Dir, Indo Russian Cultural Society

Platforms like AIMUN give students opportunity to talk about world issues and are very important to nurture them into future ambassadors.

As told to Pankhuri Joshi

The global times

November 17, 2018

What: Closing Ceremony, AIMUN’18

Where: I-2 auditorium, Amity University, Uttar Pradesh

Why: To bid adieu

Who: Guest of Honour, Evgenia Y Zegofter, Cultural Secretary, Russian Embassy, Tatiana Perova, Russian Language Teachers’ Training Centre, Russian Centre of Science and Culture, Chairperson, Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Amity Group of Schools & RBEF, President, AIS Saket, Principal, AIS Gurugram 46 and Modern School, Barakhamba Road, respectively.

The date was November 17, 2018. All the students sat in formal attire, dressed impeccably. Once again the heels clicked loudly in the hallways as everyone sat with a heavy heart and a heavier bag full of memories. The change had begun. AIMUN 2018 had finally come to an end. It was time for the gates to close, closing with themselves the biggest change-making event of the year, the one loved by all – Amity International Model United Nations 2018.

Meaning that makes it meaningful: AIMUN’18 was memories and lessons, new-found friendships and competitions, debates and lobbying, shayaris and chits, allegations and counterarguments, resolutions and reports. It was all that and more, but in simple terms, it was a pathway to a better future.

Welcome that embraces: Dooya Bhattacharya, Principal, AIS Saket, started the event by welcoming everyone present. A green sapling, symbolising growth and abundance, was presented to the guests along with a token of appreciation.

Song & dance that brings happiness: Nothing can shake things up like a joyous performance. And so it did, as students of AIS Saket took to stage with a mesmerising performance. And so it did, as students of AIS Saket took to stage with a mesmerising performance. An energising rendition of ‘Ekla chalo re’, paying a soulful tribute to Rabindranath Tagore. An energising performance on ‘Where the mind is without fear’ took things up a notch further.

Visuals that bring out emotions: A beautiful video made by videography team ushered in a wave of emotions in the hall. Full of clips and snapshots from the last three days, the video had everyone laughing and crying on cue, shedding happy tears and reminiscing about the great time they had at their favourite AIMUN 2018.

Acknowledgment that motivates: An award is perhaps the biggest acknowledgement of one’s hard work, and also perhaps the biggest motivation to go forward. The students got a taste of both as awards were handed out. The audience cheered on enthusiastically and relentlessly as delegates received the verbal mentions, special mentions, high commendations and best delegate awards. The final cherry on cake were the awards given for best delegations, which were won by Germany, UK, China and USA represented by AIS Noida, AIS Saket, AIS Gurugram 46 and Modern School, Barakhamba Road, respectively.

The gavel that recons: And then it was the moment that everyone had dreaded since the very beginning. It was inevitable as the end is always a part of the journey. The beginning of a change had been made, and the gavel reconciled with the spirit as it hit the podium one more time, this time accompanied with tear jerking words of Secretary General Punya Miglani – “hereby declare AIMUN 2018 CLOSED.”
Towards betterment

For the past eight years, every AIMUN has been a perfect example of experiential learning. It has only become more enhanced and enriching each passing year. The way these young diplomats brainstorm about world issues has become more mature. Their solutions reflect sensitivity, their policy framing has become more nuanced, and their documentation mirrors in-depth understanding of the real United Nations. With every AIMUN, I see young diplomats evolving as world citizens who are flexible yet assertive, patriotic yet global. As the tenth edition of AIMUN comes to an end, I hope that it has enabled my young delegates to come up with a myriad of solutions for the problems plaguing our world at large. I hope that they have learnt the art of leadership and diplomacy in the course of the three-day conference. My heartfelt congratulations to everyone involved in making AIMUN’18 a great success.

Spreading happiness

We are deeply indebted to our respected Chairperson for giving us the fertile land of Amity Educational Resource Centre and for sowing the seed of Amity International Model United Nations. Now, after 8 years and 10 chapters, this seed of AIMUN has bloomed into a huge banyan tree with strong branches, deep roots and ripe fruits. The huge participation of students in AIMUN shows that the youth of today cares about humanity, that they value friendship and cooperation. I salute this spirit of “Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam”, which means that the whole world is one family. You must think as a citizen of the world. All these experiences will help you to manage your life student and your future ahead. Once we can manage ourselves, we can play a positive and constructive role in our homes, school, community and the country. Use this experience in AIMUN to become a better version of yourselves, to stretch your limits, to increase your understanding of different perspectives and to broaden your vision. You should dream big and think big in order to be happy, and to spread happiness all around the world.
Proceedings: The Historical Security Council, a continuous crisis committee frozen in the distant past of July 26, 1956, took on the daunting controversy of the Suez Canal. The question of nationalisation of the Suez Canal seemed to be a problem difficult to resolve as delegates spent a whole day trying to draw conclusions and offer suggestions. The committee had a turning point in the discussion when it was presented with the second crisis - the failure ofinstonne Convention. The second day of the journey started amidst pandemonium as a proposal on the 'International Management of the Suez Canal' was thrown at the delegates by the Australian Prime Minister Robert Menzies. Countries accepted and rejected the various terms of this proposal in accordance with their foreign policy, putting up their own opinions and proposals for deliberation. While USA and UK supported Egypt, China alleged that the Fedayeen are conducting terrorist activities against its citizens and this could wipe out their face off from the Earth.

Delegates came up with various tactics to resolve this crisis, including establishing peace talks between Israel and Egypt, deploying a UN Peacekeeping Operation to maintain calm in the region, and rescuing citizens at the Israel-Egypt border from a prospective war-zone. While the committee was unable to reach a conclusion or pass a resolution, countries issued their own Presidential statements and proposed plans of action. To conclude the Suez Canal conflict, arriving at plausible conclusions was quickly corrected by the EB. The delegates touched upon Naxalite issue, economic development, and even crypto currencies! This off-track was quickly corrected by the EB. The delegates picked up the pressing issues and passed strong statements on topics of conflict like the Uniform Civil Code1, Ram Mandir, Urban Naxalities and Kashmir. There were discussions about possible solutions for the 2019 elections, and the party members seemed aptly focused on the vote bank as they explored their options.

On the final day, an extensive press release about the election manifesto was released. The committee ended with a crisis about LGBTQI+ and transgender rights, which led to a tense debate between the delegates representing Narendra Modi and Amit Shah. This crisis, however, highlighted the humanitarian side of many high-profile politicians as they conceded with the minds of the delegates debating on issues like a dwindling economy, the problem of unemployment, and RSS-BJP relations.

The relationship is like that of a branch and a root, the Bharatiya Jan Sangh, and the Bharatiya Kisan Sangh, and the Bharatiya Janata Party branching out from it. While this relationship is strong, there are differences between them. This meet urged the leaders to come together and gain consensus for the 2019 election manifesto. The first day of the committee saw the delegates debating on issues like unemployment and RSS-BJP relations. The committee reflected the actual BJP-RSS relationship through disagreements and debates. The delegates took back a lot from each other and the EB. In the end, the conference was successful, left the minds of our future politicians with new information and experiences.
Proceedings: Well researched and finely suited, the novices were ready for the first day, aspiring to make AIMUN’18 a huge and memorable success. Day one witnessed the highly confident and poised delegates debating on their first agenda. Issues like false dichotomy and smaller states not getting their share as allocates especially the northern Indian states and even their smaller counterparts were the main points. The novices were ready to take on these delegates from being amateurs to complete professionals. The focus of the committee now shifted to the agenda “Exclusion from NRC with special emphasis on transgenders.” The debates were full of tension as well as information but not devoid of wittiness. Each went around the blocs, each trying to convince the delegates of their points.

Day two of the committee saw the delegates debate on the second agenda, “Amendments to Citizenship Act (NRC Issue).” Well-researched arguments ruled the roost once again. The debate thus began with opening statements, along with a special emphasis on whether India could benefit from housing illegal immigrants. Delegates spoke eloquently about how citizenship has to be acquired through birth, descent, registration etc. Several other important facets pertaining to the issue, in the likes of naturalisation, incorporating a new territory and commonwealth citizenship were also discussed in much detail. How a person can lose his/her citizenship was another topic that saw a lengthy discussion.

On third and final day of the conference, the committee seemed no less than a Wikipedia page. This day saw a drastic transformation of delegates from being amateurs to complete professionals. The focus of the committee also briefly touched upon transitional issues which could have occurred. The committee also touched upon the DR.

The delegate of USA, referring to terrorism as a ‘global concern’, referred to the DR. He was given a thumbs down.

Proceedings: The General Assembly took the phrase ‘bigger and better’ quite literally as they returned for their run at AIMUN 2018 with nearly 125 delegates. The suited, booted and all fired up delegates presented the stance of their country through bold statements on various subtopics like ‘Role of international community in foreign aid’, ‘Re-building of security in post conflict society’, ‘Economic growth in post conflict societies’ and ‘Political and judicial reforms’ amongst others.

There was a comprehensive discussion and even an omnomiated caucus on UNSA’s intervention in Afghanistan and the Rwanda case study. The question of unemployment and job security was prioritised, as it was the center of attention for most of the countries. Humanitarian relief and political legitimacy were also discussed quite thoroughly, and the delegates acted in accordance with their portfolios. The committee also briefly touched upon transitional issues which could have proved to be quite controversial but were eventually handled with utmost care and respect.

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The third day came with another suspenseful climax as few delegates were in a frenzy to find themselves signatories and sponsors for their draft resolutions. The committee was mainly divided into three blocs: USA-Germany bloc, China-Finland bloc, and India-Belgium bloc. Naturally, heated arguments ensued between the blocs, each trying to convince the other of their morality and effectiveness. Each went around the committee, lobbying and eventfully garnering support. Each of the blocs’ DR was discussed in depth and garnered support, making it even more difficult to vote only for one.

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The WORLD is here...

...at AIMUN’18, Paving Way For A Peaceful Tomorrow

I DEPEND ON YOU

I  India: As told to Sehaj Ghuman, AIS Noida, XI C

AIMUN was: Beautiful. We had the chance to interact with people from different cultures. We learned about the different cultures and how they interact. AIMUN was also a great opportunity to practice public speaking and debate. We had the chance to engage with people from different cultures.

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S(poor)ing crimes all over the world

Everyone Gets The Fruit But The Poor?

The Debate

Proceedings: The Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice met to deliberate upon eradication of poverty in all its forms and dimensions. With delegates representing 37 countries, the simulation channelled UN’s primary stated goal of poverty eradication.

The committee reeled into deliberation from day one itself with some commendable speeches by the delegates of USA and Bolivia. Grave issues like harassment and trafficking in context of poverty were tackled with equal magnitude of caution and sensitivity. China and USA clashed on the issue of mass incarceration of poorer males. USA condemned China for being involved in mass conviction of Muslims for baseless reasons like wearing a particular brand of watches. China’s rebuttal to this was bringing up the unconstitutionally appointed judges.

While problems were highlighted, intent on finding a solution to increasing poverty, the committee started the process by first identifying the challenges that it enroute the said aim. The delegates pinpointed loopholes in social and economic diaspora of other countries that led to poverty. For instance, Bolivia pinpointed Italy’s practice of establishing special courts and judges that are unconstitutionally appointed, UK, on the other hand, brought to light the lack of access to judicial systems by many Bolivians.

The efficacy of the legal system of different countries were debated on with respect to four parameters— timing, efficiency, equal distribution and quality of distribution. Whole problems were highlighted, probable solutions to the same were also discussed. Several solutions like extending special welfare programs, cancellation of national debts, implementation plan for community policing programs etc. were discussed. After three days of fruitful debate, a bid to initiate writing and intensive lobbying, the committee concluded its proceedings with voting on the two resolution reports handed in by the delegates. The winning resolution received 118 suggestions with a unanimous vote.

To tax or not to tax? A dilemma

Levy Tax Or Balance Trade? Where To Go?

Proceedings: With an agenda like ‘Protectionism’ that entails multiple facets, the World Trade Organisation went full throttle into debate, from the very day itself. Both the pros and cons of the policy were highlighted, with some delegates stressing on the fact that protectionism keeps the domestic economy stable and maintains a better balance of trade. On the other hand, there were others who believed that it controlled the freedom of consumers and shoo should be done away with.

The committee was split into two when it came to the topics of ‘moderated caucus’ being chosen. While one half advocated ‘US-China Trade Wars’, the other half wanted to delve into ‘Non-Tariff Barriers’. To analyse these barriers, the committee adhered to World Bank Overall Trade Restrictive Index which allows a comparison between tariffs and non-tariff barriers.

Day 2 of the conference revolved around ‘Currency Manipulation’, a policy used by governments and central banks to artificially lower the value of the currency to gain an unfair competitive advantage. China, Japan, and South Korea were big names that were brought up quite often during the debate. The initial debate was followed by two back to back unmoderated caucuses, focusing primarily on the US-China trade relations and currency manipulation. However, the unmods did not yield any result as the delegates primarily spoke about the problem at a universal level, instead of focusing on how it was affecting their own countries.

With heated debates and varied viewpoints, the committee entered the final day, where the proceedings began with the General Speakers’ List. ‘Tariff Barriers’ and the Legal Framework of WTO was discussed at length. Some delegates were of the opinion that developing nations tended to have high trade barriers while developed nations have none to none. Most delegates were of the view that the tariff act policy needed to be revised. Towards the end of the committee, three resolutions were submitted, but none of them could be passed because they failed to gather a unanimous vote.

Dialogue

‘You can even extend the time limit to 12,000 seconds if you want. I’m not saying you do it, I’m just saying you can...You can take a break from GSL, but it’s always there; it’s like life: always there. ‘—The Chairperson got all spiritual about the GSL.
It’s time for a nuclear game
The Irony of Fighting A War Of Words

Proceedings: Centered primarily around the problems between US and North Korea, that in turn fostered the risk of another cold war, the committee set out to seek world peace. From discussing the events of the past that had led to the current situation to offering probable solutions that could help ensure peace in the future, the committee dealt with the problem affecting the Korean peninsula in a rather holistic way.

The first day of the committee session delved into several past treaties and their impact were discussed at length. Delegates voiced their opinions on Joint Declaration of North and South Korea pertaining to the demilitarisation of the Korean peninsula. The failure of 6 party talks - a series of multinational negotiations held intermittently since 2003 and attended by China, Japan, North Korea, Russia, South Korea and the US for the purpose of dismantling North Korea’s Nuclear programme, was also debated upon followed by another issue ‘1953 Korean War Armistice Agreement (KWAA)’. Some delegates were in favour of the agreement as it could help reduce tensions for eternal peace. On the other hand, there were other delegates who believed that North Korea will never end its nuclear weapons and ballistic missile programs, in return of such a treaty.

Day 2 saw the introduction of a crisis. A Chinese vessel was observed by spectators on board the US 7th Fleet Warships which was a trade ship, in the EEZ of Japan, destined for North Korea. The debate continued amid some resolutions and disagreements. While DPRK agreed to hold negotiations with IAEA on renewing inspections for some of their facilities, it at the same time refused to sign a ‘dead agreement’ like the JCPOA which was signed between USA and Iran. On the third day, US-DPRK submitted an agreement which stated that US would reduce its domestic sanctions on DPRK and in return they would dismantle two of their nuclear missiles publicly. US agreed to remove all sanctions on them after the successful dismantling. Delegates questioned the agreement by inquiring about actions of the US. The US-DPRK case continued to make nuclear missiles in future, and so the proposal was rejected. While the committee didn’t reach on a consensus, it definitely was able to put forth numerous facets of a global issue, otherwise ignored.

Dialogue:
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AGENDA
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The Refugee Crisis

Challenges:
- Delegates had to work together in a crisis. They were not allowed to contact each other. The Chairperson waived the time limit.

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Stares, chaos and much more
The Room That Seemed To Have It All

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Between the lines

Evegenia Zeegofer, Second Sec., Head, Cultural Wing, Embassy Of The Russian Federation, Talks About The Value Of Culture

Vanya Tandon
AIS Noida, XII C

Between cultures
Indian culture is very diverse and beautiful. It is no surprise that Russians are fascinated by it. Russian culture is equally beautiful. We have some great works of literature and cinema, which we are proud to present to the world. I think the two nations can strengthen their ties through cultural exchange.

Between countries
Being a diplomat means being part of two countries and serving them both equally. As a diplomat it becomes crucial to discuss problems, and find immediate and effective solutions to them with sincerity. I believe all these qualities are taught to students through platforms like MUNs.

Between conferences
Platforms like AIMUN help students develop confidence and charisma at a young age. They learn about international affairs and how to deal with them systematically. In the midst of all this, it is only natural that they make mistakes and I hope they do, so that they can learn their lessons now, and be prepared for the future.

Diplomatic talk

Dr Karoly Sardi, Deputy Head Of Mission, Embassy Of Hungary, Hands Over The Baton Of Diplomacy

Arushi Gupta
AIS Noida, XII C

The responsibility of diplomacy
Being a diplomat comes with a lot of responsibility. A diplomat represents their country in a foreign land; they have a reputation to maintain and duties to fulfill. They have to make sure they stay rooted to the native culture while accepting the traditions of their host country.

The challenges of diplomacy
Diplomats have to move around a lot and this is a challenge for their families. There are adjustments and adaptations throughout your life. The moment you get used to a place, you might have to say goodbye, maybe in the next 2 months, 2 years or even 20 years. It’s like you never know when or where you might be transferred.

The peace of diplomacy
Events like AIMUN are training young citizens to be aware about national and international crises and to seek viable solutions for them. They get to know each other, learn to discuss issues and understand each other’s problems. The increase in such interactions has significantly contributed to making the world a more peaceful place. One cannot inculcate this merely through classroom learning.
Global high on High Tea

One Stage Unified Different Cultures Through Music, Dance, And Much More...

Vidhi Vivek, AIS Noida, X N

High on music, dance, or both at the same time? Looks like AIMUN 2018 witnessed a number of excitement-packed events, and indeed one of those that managed to sway everyone’s heart was the cultural evening, High Tea. A celebration of diversity of cultures, commenced with a warm welcome of the guests by Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools & RBEF and Jyoti Arora, Director, AERC. So, here’s capturing the ‘high’ spirits of the auditorium, how it all went down!

Hosted by AIS Purol Vihar, the programme saw a massive participation of foreign delegation from 11 countries, along with Indian delegation coming in from three different states. Initiated by four Russian students, the first performance began with the rendition of Gayatri Mantra on the strums of the guitar. The tunes turned soulful as they harmonised to the melodies of ‘Yeh Mera India’. Grooving on the song, ‘Ghumar’, five Russian AFS students gave an energetic performance, and their colourful ghaghras were the true highlight of the show.

Hungary was the next country, two of whose students performed to an upbeat native number. The roar of applause from the audience was an example of how music, truly has no language. Open-mouthed with awe, the evening then saw two teenagers from Italy introducing themselves and their hobbies in the most fluently spoken Hindi. Not just Hindi, the foreign delegation even mastered Punjabi, as proven by the next performer. Swooning to ‘Garmi di tu’, the solo performer’s high notes sent chills down everyone’s spines.

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Over higher on the level of aesthetic, the delegation of Slovakia presented an enthralling dance performance, portraying an artistic love story.

Indian spirits were on an all-time high as national delegations from states like Rajasthan and Tamil Nadu emanated exuberance in the auditorium, accurately representing Indian culture with folk dances of their respective states.

Grooving with energy, the auditorium echoed with the beats of ‘Proper Patola’ reverberating as the delegation of DPS Raipur set the stage on fire.

Hosting on all the passion, the German intern, Ferdinand Ramer, gave an interactive and interesting speech as he tapped into his personal experiences and passions of traveling around the world and exploring different cultures and languages.

Tempo of the room changed when Aryan Sinha took to the stage with an impactful spill points on sexual harassment and objectification of women. A line from his verse made way to everyone’s hearts, “Samaan nahi, samaanta chahiye.”

Echoes of patriotism could be heard as the Italians wowed us with the flag hoisting which was followed by the Delegates from Thailand and Indonesia sharing their undying love for their country with a rendition of their national song and anthem.

All in all, the High Tea saw the excitement level of the delegates as well as the audience running high, and with such a turnout, it was easy to guess that the event was really the fan-favourite at the amazing event that was AIMUN 2018.