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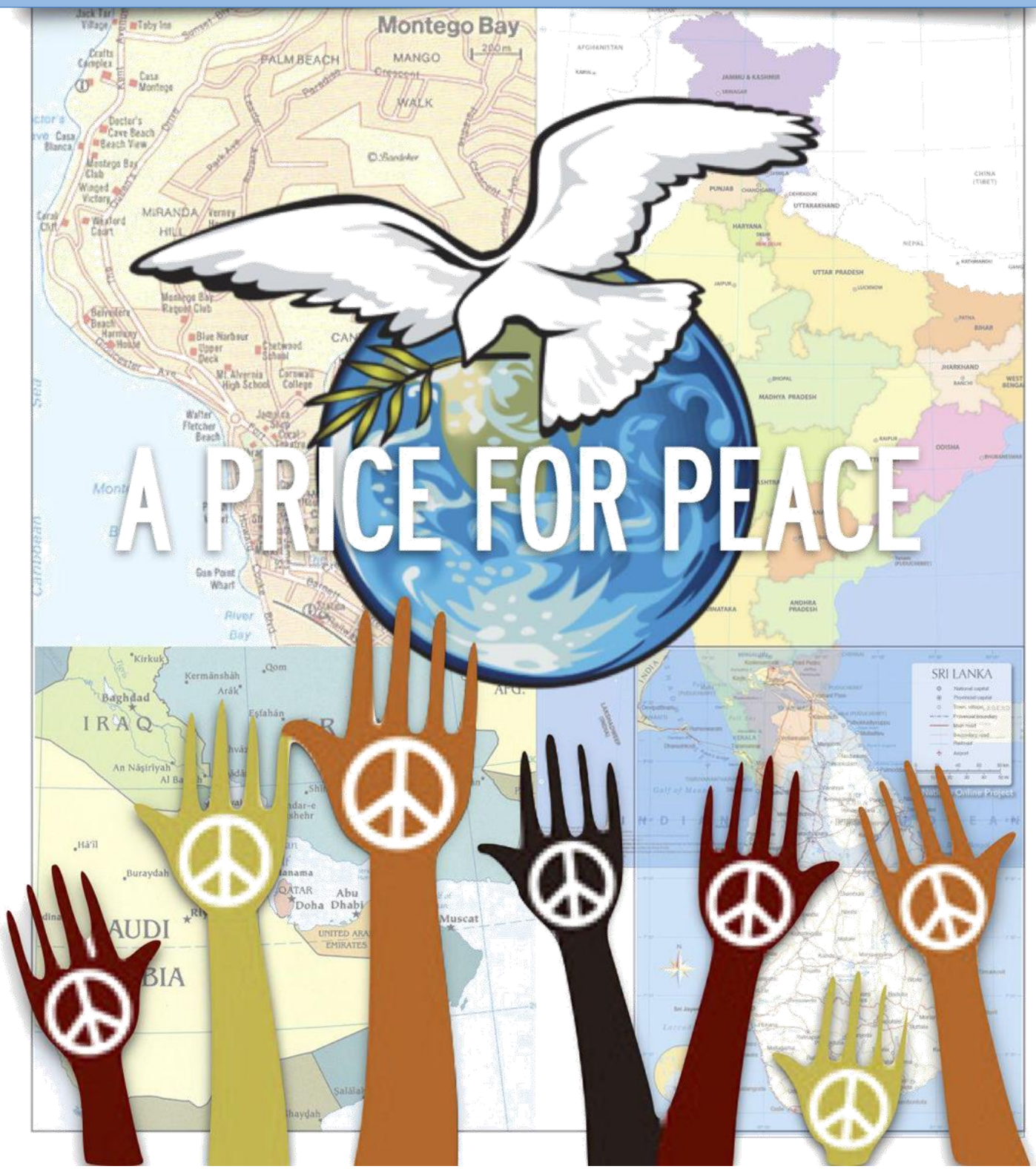

Sri Sri Academy Model United Nations 2018

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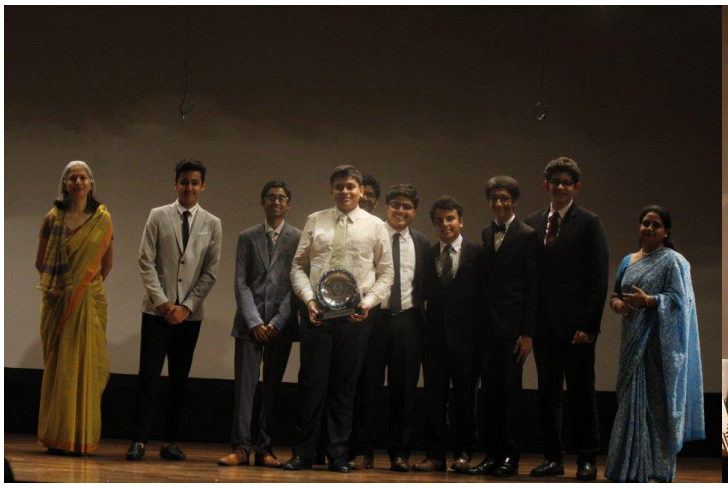
Amidst excited chatter and soft, calming music, the third edition of Sri Sri Academy Model United Nations kicked off with the opening ceremony. Keeping in mind the school ethos, the school choir performed a heart-wrenching rendition of the Sanskrit shlok 'Adi Pujita'. Following this the Secretary General, Gopal Agarwal addressed the gathering in which he spoke aboutthe dismal state of the world and the violence seeping into the fabric of society. He talked about how we, the youth, represent hope to the oppressed and are obligated to challenge the status quo. Lighting of the auspicious lamp followed his address signifying spread of knowledge. The Principal, Ms. Suvina Shunglu and the Guests of Honours Ms. Shaheeda Khan and Mr. Utpal Chaterjee addressed the gathering and spoke about school ethos and importance of United Nations in the current world respectively. This was followed by the much-awaited gavel presentation. With a bang of his gavel, in front of more than 250 eager delegates, the Secretary-General declared SSMUN 2018 open. This year, we had five committees with 5 very different agendas- The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime discussing how to contraband trafficking with special emphasis on the Middle East. With intense debate on variety of the subtopics under this broad agenda such as drug trafficking and human trafficking, the committee was successful in passing a resolution authored by USA and Oman. The United Nations Human Rights Council discussed the protection of humanitarian aid workers. Not only was this the biggest committee comprising 80 delegates but also was the most competitive. With conventional debate stretching for hours, this committee was, at the very end, able to protect lives of those who were safeguarding lives of others on ground zero. The All India Political Parties Meet deliberated on the Women's Reservation Bill which decided the fate of 48% of India's population. With constant real world developments, this committee challenged the thinking ability of all participants. On the third day, this committee had the 2019 General election on a small scale and thus proved to be the most interesting committee at SSMUN 2018. The Joint Crises Committee – Washington and Beijing Alliance was a fictional committee which decided the fate of the world in 2024 as the world was on brink of a nuclear war. In the first day, the committee was unsuccessful as the war began with a nuclear bomb being dropped on China, but on Day 2 and Day 3 the delegates were able to stop the war. With so much happening, it was indeed the most gripping and spellbinding committee. The last but the most importantly was the International Press Corps whose duty was to cover the entire conference. It was made more interesting by having a press conference in each committee on Day 2 and Day 3. As all things come to an end, the third edition of SSMUN also came to an end with the closing ceremony which commenced by the school band "Enigma" performing two songs for the apprehensive crowd. The Secretary General addressed the crowd and talked about how nostalgic he felt as this conference came to an end. Sri Sri Academy believes that an MUN conference is not about awards but about the all-round holistic development which it tries to pass on to each delegate. But at the end of the day, it is a competition and hence we moved on to give out the awards. The school delegation awards were won by La Martiniere for Boys followed by the Heritage School and the Calcutta International School. The closing ceremony came to an end with the vote of thanks followed by the National Anthem.

Opening Ceremony

Committees



Committee Sessions

Closing Ceremony