

SSMUN 5TH EDITION

BROADEN YOUR VISION, DEEPEN YOUR ROOTS

THIS ISSUE'S FEATURED ARTICLES:

- OPENING CEREMONY.
- COMMITTEES.
- PROCEEDINGS OF 3 DAYS.
- CLOSING CEREMONY.
- NOTE OF LOVE.



WHO ARE WE?

We, at Sri Sri Academy, strive towards growth, empowerment and excellence, of not just the children of today but of the global citizens of tomorrow. SSMUN brings the youth together to learn and share ideas from a diverse set of experiences and backgrounds where the executive board and all delegates consolidate to learn about diplomacy and international relations.

Although the world is facing a global pandemic this year, we have decided to step up and bring to you our fifth edition to an online platform. We hope to live up to our past conferences and intend to provide a comprehensive debate such that every delegate has a great learning experience at SSMUN'20.

OVERVIEW

The 5th edition of SSMUN peeks into a disintegrating era of the world. Starvation flowing like blood into the veins of our world, contaminated by a virus.

An ever-changing world where students are now interacting through pixels, where this lack of human touch is a relief for some but a living hell for those innocent women, who are caged with the abusers who built it.

interacting with students from 4 outstation and 11 in-city schools





MR. ATRI BHATTACHARAYA

OPENING CEREMONY

To kickstart this year's MUN a series of stirring events took shape of the opening ceremony which was presented before the participants and a live audience.

The event was inaugurated by the deputy secretary-general, wherein he called upon students to invite the presence of the divine who proceeded to recite sacred shlokas.

Besides being similar to a stimulant of the cosmic revelation that has all the answers, it enhances who are as a person too. Globally, every year, hundreds of students rise and represent themselves to be the catalyst of change in a world infected with poverty, starvation, war, inequality, etc.

It is rightly said that “when love is our guiding light we can break through barriers to be of loving service to the world. Gaining the courage and confidence to stand up for what you believe in is not always easy, but it's fully within your reach.” It is this love that poured out of our principal Ms. Shunglu's, when she expressed her admiration, “a word of praise for this year's SSMUN team, guided by the faculty members, who in these unusual times without the physical proximity have been able to collaborate, connect and put together this colossal event.”

Our chief guest Mr. Atri Bhattacharaya, additional chief secretary consumer affairs, the government of West Bengal, is an alumnus of Don Bosco Park Circus who graduated from St. Xavier's, Kolkata. With a deep rooted passion for quizzing, public speaking, and debating he encouraged the participants as he said, “I would benefit from young minds because as one sets on in years, the priority should be to avoid fossilization and young brains, young ideas are a really good antidote.”

The event progressed as the school band 'ENIGMA' presented a medley of songs to break the monotony captivating the audience.

The Secretary-General concluded the ceremony by requesting the participants to enter their respective committees and have the most memorable and intellectually stimulating 3 days ahead.

“This is not a resolution, it is a revolution.”

COMMITTEES OF 2020 SSMUN 5TH EDITION



UNGA: UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Eradicating the current emergency at Yemen with regards to child right protection, headed by Tarushee Agarwal.

UNCSW: UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION THE STATUS OF WOMEN.

Abolishing corporal violence and domestic abuse against women with special emphasis on empowerment of rural women and girls headed by, Aman Sinha.



GPCC: GLOBAL PANDEMIC CRISIS CABINET 2020.

Evaluation of the threat posed by the outbreak of a lethal coronavirus strand (COVID-19), headed by Aditya Joshi.

AIPPM: ALL INDIA POLITICAL PARTIES' MEET.

Discussion on the structure and possible implementation of the National Education Policy 2020, Sapnil Biswas.



DAY 1 PROCEEDINGS!

With cups of coffee on the right, notebooks on the left and a timer in front of them, Day 1 of SSMUN began.

UNGA: The first day of SSMUN UNGA plenary meet was very fruitful and the delegates for the first time witnessed a United Nations General Assembly which had updates and was fast paced. The delegates discussed the problems faced by the children in Yemen and ways to reduce these problems. There was a lot of debate as multiple blocs had been formed.

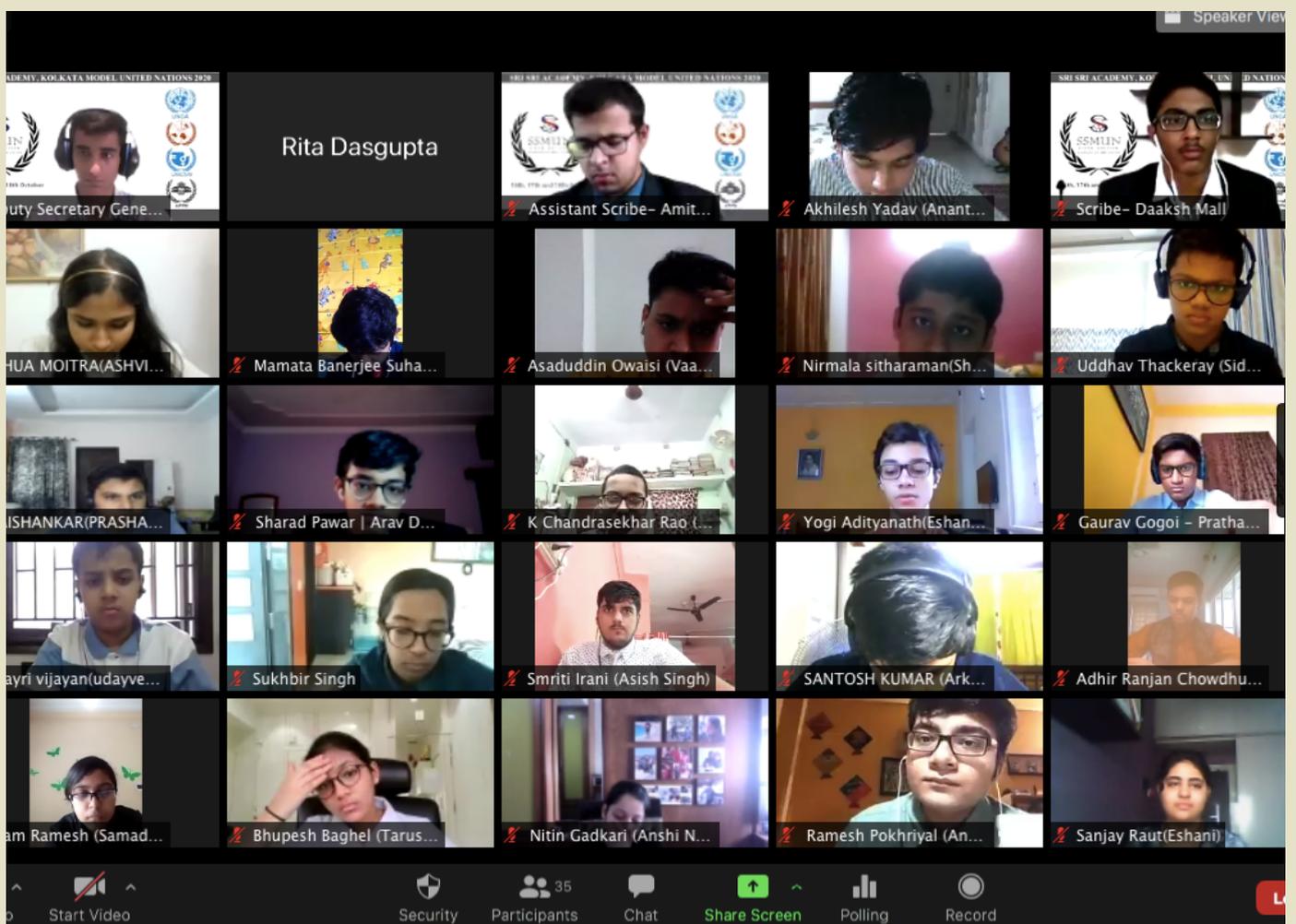
UNCSW: Ignorance of women rights is surprisingly still a big issue in this "modern" era. The delegates representing their respective countries in the UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN put forward their individual stances stating as to why these differences in distribution of rights happen in the first place.



SECRETARY GENERAL SAHAJ PUNDIR (LEFT) AND DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL VISHESH MEHRA (RIGHT)

GPCC: Out-break of COVID-19 began in tourist spots of Greece and Thailand, incubation time being 9 days. The tourists returned to their homes and this virus spread in 9 days. After symptoms were seen the cabinet was started and the delegates discussed to take immediate action to stop the spread.

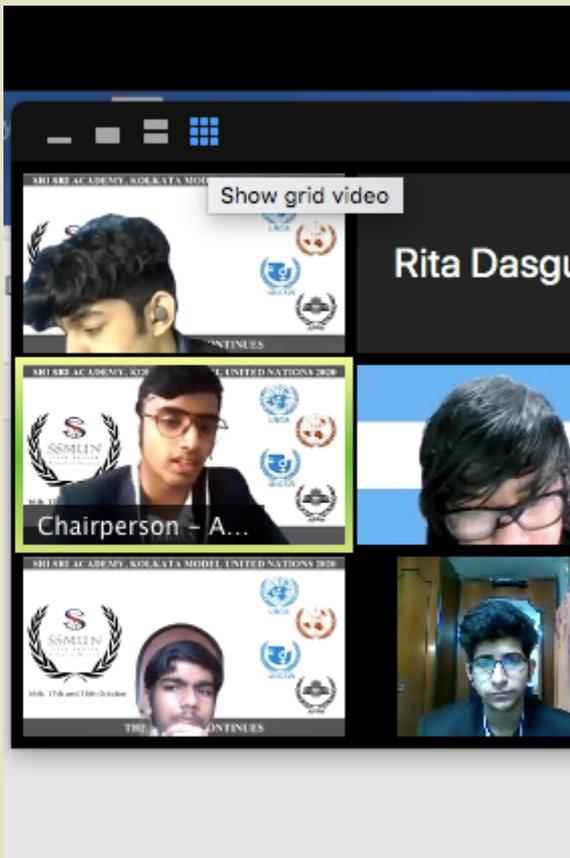
AIPPM: The committee started with the chairperson explaining the rules and procedures about the committee. Moved to a question-answer session. Then there was motion to Open Statements and the committee ended with an update for the next session.



UNGA: The second day was filled with more updates and was even more fast paced than day one ,the delegates continued with their bloc policies and discussed the political ,social, humanitarian and economical solution to the multiple issues blocking the growth of children in Yemen. The delegates even discussed two Working Papers ,but because of their great lobbying both of the Working papers failed.

UNCSW: The committee witnessed explicit debate on various moderated caucus topics introduced by the various Delegates and offered a number of solutions. The Delegates' knowledge of conventions like CEDAW (The Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women) and instantaneous questions and answers didn't let the committee members lose their interest.

“You can imprison a man, but not an idea.
You can exile a man, but not an idea. You
can kill a man, but not an idea.”



GPCC: Due to the failures of the cabinet to take immediate action as a whole, the virus spread to countries that did not have the infrastructure to fight it, causing mass panic.

Updates that were introduced increased tension between India and China and assisted in the further unchecked assistance of the virus.

“We are not developing nations, we are not developed nations, we are the United Nations.”

AIPPM: The committee has started with roll call followed by question-answer session on last days update. Then there was a motion on opening statement followed by SSL. The committee ended with another update for the next day.

DAY 3 PROCEEDINGS!



UNGA: The third day was filled with more of paperwork, the delegates even though had different foreign policies came together to stop this humanitarian crisis and made an unanimous draft resolution that became the face of the committee. There was also a lot of debate and a lot of innovative solutions that were to change the fate of the children in Yemen.

UNCSW: The committee aimed to send a unanimous report to its parent organisation ECOSOC (UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL), and was in an unmoderated caucus for the most of its time to witness exemplary lobbying performed by the fellow Delegates. Because of such an enthusiastic and keen participation of each and every member of the committee, it was able to pass the report reaching a consensus and thus achieved its goal.

The screenshot shows a Microsoft Word document with a list of bullet points. The text in the document is as follows:

- China and Iran have collaboratively succeeded in developing an anti-viral medication that is partially effective in the treatment of COVID-EB. It decreases the mortality rate of patients to 20% from 80%.
- The Swiss technology of light PPE kits made out of Breax has been outsourced to 3M and Astra Zeneca to ensure global manufacturing. The above mentioned corporations are establishing manufacturing stations in many different countries following proper lockdown measures.
- Japan has perfected their nanotechnology cure with the help of an inhibitor and will be releasing it to the Japanese public.
- Italy and India's vaccine, Naprogesic Aushadi completes phase 2 trials with satisfactory results. The phase two trials consisted of patients from India and Italy. 60% patients developed complete immunity towards further reinfection, 20% developed partial immunity only for the ongoing infection and 20% witnessed no change in condition.
- Greece and Thailand have been affected the worse by COVID-EB. 40% of the Greek population is now infected. The country's health systems have fallen and all citizens have self quarantined out of mortal fear. Thailand is following in the footsteps of Greece. Unemployment, starvation, mental health issues are raging through the countries as the governments have been unable to take the necessary steps.
- Denmark, Switzerland, Japan, Australia and Iran are emerging victorious against the battle with COVID-EB by wiping the spread in the bud. The daily cases have started declining and public morale is high. Their quick actions have enabled them to get a head start on the virus.
- The rest of the nations are still hanging in the balance with international tensions raging between India and China.
- Mysteriously Chinese recovery rates have increased to an astounding 60% while may hint at the presence of a vaccine.

On the right side of the screenshot, there is a video conference window showing several participants. One participant is labeled "Chairperson - A...". The name "Rita Dasg..." is visible at the top right of the window.

GPCC: It followed paper work discussion. The overall outcome, was the failure of the committee to pass relevant paper work and take collective action, resulting in the death of 40% of the population due to the lethal effects of the virus.

AIPPM: The committee started with roll call and the chair explained the rules and procedure of sending a press release. The committee then moved on to opening statement followed by SSL. At the end there were two press releases sent by the present government and the opposition parties. At the very end there was a general feedback session.

A TOKEN OF GRATITUDE!



"SSMUN provides an immense learning platform for these future leaders to engage in constructive debates, rational negotiations and impressive lobbying leading to meaningful collaborations amongst the delegates. Every year we aim to set our benchmark higher so that we can provide every delegate with an enhanced version of SSMUN. In this 5th edition also, the SSMUN team have come together to make the conference a successful event even during such unprecedented circumstances..

As you come to witness one place where young leaders comprehensively discuss about the problems of the world, we invite you to come and learn about the ways this would work and how deliberations in the world go on."

Mrs. Suvina Shunglu,
Founding Principal.



"Apart from being a diplomatic initiative, it is a great setting where people can try to face their fear of public speaking. This chance to overcome a fear of public speaking is great because it supports delegates' personal growth and triggers self-confidence. My best wishes to all the delegates from the participating schools & regards to the entire SSMUN team for assembling all the pieces in such troubled times and finally giving the 5th edition of SSMUN its shape. I hope SSMUN 2020 turns out to be a great learning experience for every single participant."

Ms. Rinita Dasgupta
Faculty Advisor.



"You know what's the most significant change covid-19 has brought in our lives? Not only has it made us lose hope, but it has also instilled mistrust and disparity in our beliefs. But SSMUN2020 made us realise that the effects of covid are just minute anomalies that failed to scar our character. The young minds, their clarity of thought, responsibility and sheer hunger for knowledge has showed us that our quest for a better future is safe in their hands."

- Ms. Moumita Dey

"The fifth edition of SSMUN started on October 16 2020. This was our second national edition in which 15 schools, including 4 national schools participated. Over three days the delegates of the four committees were locked in heated debate to decide on crucial matters like corporal punishment on women, a global pandemic, condition of children in the Yemen crisis and the proposed education policy for our country. SSMUN 2020 was our first virtual MUN. We had our first futuristic committee, the Global Pandemic Crisis Committee which deliberated on a futuristic world of bio terrorism. This virtual edition of SSMUN came to an end on October 18 2020 with the announcements of the awards."

- Ms.Paromita Mehta



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BEST SCHOOL DELEGATION AWARD



La Martiniere for Boys
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United Nation Commission On The Status Of Women



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Global Pandemic Crisis Cabinet, 2029



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- PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA (The Cathedral and John Connon School, Mumbai)
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All India Political Parties' Meet



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