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INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL FEST



On 17 October 2024, AIMUN's International Cultural Festival saw a vibrant fusion of cultures as different participating nations came together at Amity University, Noida. The event started with the address by revered Chief Guest Dr. Mukesh Kumar Srivastava, Director of the Amrita Sher-Gil Cultural Centre in Budapest, Hungary. He inspired the young minds highlighting Mahatma Gandhi's journey from being an introvert to a passionate freedom fighter. He outlined the 5 P's as a pre requisite for achieving the Pinnacle of success - Patience, Pursuance, Presence, Perseverance, and Positivity. He concluded by highlighting, "It is integral to fight and win your own battles", which is in sync with the tagline of AIMUN 24, "A man must elevate himself".

Special Guest, Ms. Mariann Erdo, Cultural Counsellor and the Director of the Liszt Institute Hungarian Cultural Centre, Delhi, enriched the audience by talking about inclusive culture and resonated the same mantra which Amity also follows of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam'. Ms. Ekaterina Dynyak, Head Language Dept, Russian Science and Cultural Centre; Mr Taisei Toyomaru, Director Japanese Language, Japan Foundation; Ms. Chiaki Suzuki, Japanese Language Advisor; Mr. Tibor Kovacs, Trade Counsellor at the Consulate General Hungary, Mumbai and Mrs. Orsi Kovacs, added grace to the event by addressing the audience and also promoting relations with Amity.

Our Honourable Chairperson, Dr. Mrs. Amita Chauhan reiterated the words expressing her utmost gratitude for their presence and showered her blessings for the successful completion of the festival and conference.

The festival featured stunning performances, including heartfelt videos by the international delegations and vibrant traditional dances from different Amity schools across the globe. The event culminated with the fusion of classical Indian dance form- Bharatnatyam and Kathak by Amity International School, Pushp Vihar.

Ms. Jyoti Arora, Director AERC expressed her gratitude and proposed a formal vote of thanks, appreciating everyone's efforts in making the International Cultural Festival a grand success.



CULTURAL ABODE

AIMUN and its amalgamation of cultural musings



OUR ESTEEMED DIGNITARIES



Dr. Mukesh Srivastava, Director of the Amrita Sher-gil Cultural Centre in Budapest, Hungary, delivered a compelling address on India's rich cultural heritage. He highlighted the global influence of Indian spices throughout history. Dr. Srivastava praised the AIMUN platform for encouraging connections among diverse cultures, emphasizing its role in promoting mutual respect and understanding. He also talked about India's vibrant history and its ongoing influence on global art, trade and intellectual discourse.



Ms. Mariann Erdo

Ms. Erdo finds Indian culture to be rooted in daily life. Be it art, music or literature, it is present in Indian life.

In Hungary, the culture is less integrated and people generally visit museums or the theater to be able to witness it.



Ms. Ekaterina Dynyak

Ms. Dynyak has found Indian and Russian culture to share many similarities. From family values to social and cultural values, she draws a common thread between the two nations. As a teacher of the Russian language, she finds Indian students are eager learners.



Mr. Taisei Toyomaru

Mr. Toyomaru says that Indian culture is very vibrant and full of different expressions that create an upbeat, happy energy. The Japanese, though, are modest, reserved, but their appeal is still there. The colorful expression of Indian culture is refreshing.



Ms. Orsi and Mr. Tibor Kovacs

Mr. and Mrs. Kovacs say that there are similarities in the dances, music and even in the languages. The affinity between Hungarian, Hindi, and Sanskrit are striking. Such relations point towards a common cultural past that reflects the depth of Indian and Hungarian traditions.



Ms. Chiaki Suzuki

Ms. Suzuki says that, in her experience, Indian culture is rich and vibrantly colourful. She finds that Indians are very open about things, and have a beautiful way of expressing themselves. In Japan, these expressions are generally quite different.



COMMITTEE CASEBOOKS



The IMF Committee continued the discussion on digital currencies. China along with others considered the critical redundancies about the complexity associated with blockchain while other nations argued for economic leverage. A crisis unfolded where President Trump was re-elected; he announced a Bitcoin reserve policy, which gave China the idea of replacing the dollar with the yuan. - **Yash Wadhwa**



The committee proceeded to hold a caucus on nuclear disarmament in which some major points were made. Austria insisted on a systematic review and secretariat support for enhancing oversight. In turn, the United States noted that North Korea had violated IAEA Articles 4 and 5, pointing out that nuclear tests were one of the greatest obstacles to global non-proliferation efforts.

- **Kanishka Sharma**



The Red Sea and Persian Gulf are grappling with geopolitical issues like tensions, piracy and environmental concerns. The IMO must lead a global response to de-escalate conflicts and ensure navigation safety. This includes creating a comprehensive framework for maritime safety, involving regional stakeholders, enhanced surveillance, and advanced technologies. - **Suhasini Singh**



At the crossroads of debate came barrages of GSLs displaying a nuanced notion of each country's stance. A peaceful declaration of China and Pakistan's alliance made by Pakistan and a reiteration of their predominant goal of revitalising the ancient trade routes. A BRI Infrastructure Council was considered by the delegate of Cambodia, in order to analyse project demands and take up those which can be sustained.

- **Harshil Bedi**



India filed a plea for execution protection and an uncensored confession video. The Indian delegate questioned Jadhav's involvement in the Pulwama attack. The ICJ Vice-President commended India's tenacious efforts. During the session, Turkey and Cyprus engaged in a contentious discussion on the validity of Turkey's presence in Cyprus. India's questions made a substantial contribution to the productive conversations during the session.

- **Samaira Prasad**



The stage is now set on 7th November 1931. Japan has occupied Manchuria and signed a non-aggression pact with the USSR, while Mao Zedong's influence in South China is seen as a growing extremist threat. A neutral bloc quickly strengthened in number with delegates of Turkey and Germany taking the lead and encouraging diplomatic talks. However, the Canada bloc maintained its fierce opposing stance. - **Myra Goswami**





The committee began with a GSL of 90 seconds per delegate. Thoughtout, POIs were raised against the delegates of the USA and Iran, which they answered through chits. Amidst the chaos, a new crisis emerged. Ending with the poisoning of a mysterious Arabic man, the crisis discussion was done in a 35 minute long unmoderated caucus. This was followed by a GSL, and derivatives and plans of action were opened. - **Samarth Tyagi**



AIPPM saw intense debates on 'One Nation, One Election,' with delegates delivering rapid-fire speeches that often led to chaos. Amit Shah playfully jabbed at Dimple Yadav during the unmoderated caucus. Discussions shifted to the 'Personal Data Protection Bill,' featuring innovative slogans and diverse speech styles. The Opposition criticized the bill as a threat to the RTI Act, while the government defended it as crucial progress. - **Raj Chandra**

In the Grip of Secrets

Part 2

Amogh walked in with confidence, cracking a joke to ease the tension. Yash wasn't amused. "Do you think that's funny?" he asked coldly, getting into his face. "Someone stole the gavel. I don't have time for jokes."

Amogh's smirk cleared. "No, of course not. I've been busy setting up the committee rooms. The last thing I care about is some missing gavel."

That's where you go wrong. Yash grunted, pushing Amogh aside. There was something about his nonchalance that seemed to be a ruse.

Manvi followed. Then Saisha, Khyati, and Namya. Each one had their own explanation—their claim of being too busy, too preoccupied on the stage. But Yash knew they were all telling lies. To themselves, perhaps, or each other, but certainly not to him. Fear? Guilt? He hadn't quite figured it, but he could tell that they were all skating on thin ice.

As soon as Namya stepped out, a thick fog crept in and clamped its grip on Yash. "There's something above play here. I mean, it's a matter of acute seriousness. His instinct was pointing fingers at no one in particular; they were all convincing, but one person knew much more than the others about the disappearance of the gavel.

Quiz Whiz: PROVE YOUR PROWESS

Answers to Quiz Whiz (Day 1 Newsletter):

Answer 1: B) Dubious

Answer 2: Chairperson Ma'am's home

Answer 3: Patience, Process and Consistency

Answer 4: D) International Press Pre-Newsletter

Questions of the Day:

Q1. In the IMF, the crisis revolved around the re-election of which individual?

Q2. On which date was the League of Nations scheduled for AIMUN?

A) 7 November 1931

B) 7 September 1931

C) 7 November 1941

D) 7 September 1941

Q3. According to the newsletter, intense debates in AIPPM focussed on which agenda?

Q4. What position does the chief guest of the cultural event hold at the Amrita Sher-gil Centre?

A) President

B) Director

C) Chancellor

D) Diplomat

