

# AIMUN TIMES

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## PILLARS OF AIMUN



## THE GRAND OPENING



The fifteenth edition of AIMUN commenced with the blessings of **Resp. Chairperson, Dr. Mrs. Amita Chauhan** and the enthusiasm as dignitaries and delegates gathered from around the globe for three days of debates, diplomacy, and diversity. The event at Amity University, Noida, began with a captivating performance by 19 talented girls from Amitasha - a chain of schools for underprivileged girls. They recited the mantra 'Om Asato Ma Sad Gamaya, and Om Shanti Shanti Shanti', symbolizing a transition from untruth to truth, darkness to light, and death to immortality. Our respected Chairperson, Dr. Mrs. Amita Chauhan addressed the audience during which she spoke with pride about the achievements of the Amity alumni and explained why she chose the tagline "Uddhared Atmanatmanam," meaning "a man must elevate himself." Taken from a verse in the Gita, it highlights the importance of taking responsibility and becoming strong, independent individuals. She also added that the winner of AIMUN tagline competition will be awarded with a cash prize of Rs. 5000. It was then followed by the address of Director - AERC and AIMUN - Charge De Affaires, Mrs. Jyoti Arora said "Remember diplomacy is not limited to this conference, apply its principles in daily life. Be the ambassador of peace and Amity wherever you go.". The occasion was honored by esteemed guests including Chief Guest H.E. Ms. Mateja Vodeb Ghosh, Ambassador Embassy of the Republic of Slovenia in India who joined virtually said "While surfacing world problems, we require you as figure leaders to instill not only a wealth of knowledge but also a sense of responsibility as world citizens to make an impact. Working for results should not be the goal but to work for progress must be the aim" and the Guest of Honor H.E. Mr. Sandeep Kumar, Former Ambassador of India, who presented memorable artworks of women and children of Afghanistan, and how they were so brave to live under such circumstances; he described how one can inculcate similar feelings of courage in their lives. Special guests included Mr. Victor Gorelykh, Head of Education -

Cooperation Department, Russian Centre of Science and Culture; Mr. Mikhail Antsiferov, Cultural Attache, The Embassy of the Russian Federation in India and Maj Gen Nalin Kumar Bhatia, Retired Indian Army Officer, Analyst and Commentator, Strategic Affairs in India's western neighbourhood. Amity alumni shared inspiring success stories rooted in the very soil of AIMUN and expressed their gratitude towards Amity Group of Schools for inculcating values in them that are an integral part of who they are to this day. The inauguration featured the unveiling of the AERC booklet and movie featuring the Global footprints of Amity Educational Resource Centre and AIMUN Newsletter followed by the presentation of gavels to the committee chairpersons. The formal opening was led by Secretary General Samaya Chauhan, who motivated delegates to become torch bearers of impact and progress concluding with wishes for fruitful debates and enduring friendships.

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# GLIMPSE OF OPENING CEREMONY



## HEAR FROM THE ESTEEMED GUESTS

**AMBASSADOR MR. SANDEEP KUMAR**  
IFS, Former Ambassador of India

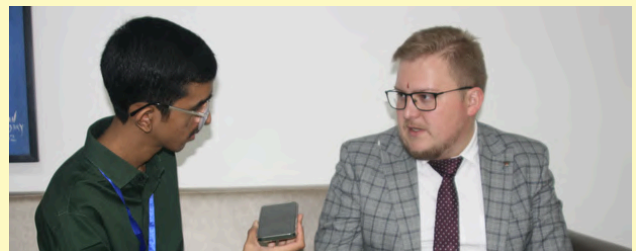


In line with Ambassador Mr. Kumar, the key elements a person must inculcate for effective diplomatic communication are inclusivity, tolerance, acceptance, and negotiation skills to protect national interests while ensuring a win-win outcome.

Beyond a polished personality, he states that passion, energy, and creativity are crucial for problem-solving. MUN helps youth understand diplomacy and awakens excitement for having a role in securing global solutions.

**MR. MIKHAIL ANTSIFEROV**  
Cultural Attache

The Embassy of the Russian Federation in India



Young people are the greatest agents of change in society. The youth and the future are tied together; a better world would be crafted by the present generation. Generations seemingly poised and standing ready seem to bear today's fire hurdles that beset the modern youths who are full of innovation, passion, and resilience. Such events reassure of a brighter more promising future.



# INSIGHTS FROM THE COMMITTEE SPEAKERS



**Major General N.K. Bhatia,  
SM**  
Retired Indian Army Officer

"See, life is a journey; you learn as you progress in life. In whichever field you are, there are some lessons to be learnt. Starting from my school days, to college, to my service in the military, it has always been about learning constantly. You never stop learning in life."

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**Mr. Shivam Pareek**  
Analyst, LEK Consulting

Participating in MUNs from 2017 to 2019 have been an invaluable experience, giving me knowledge on global issues and deepening my understanding of the different perspectives they offer. It eventually made me realize how the formation of biased narratives can lead to shaping of opinions. From this experience, I became much more aware of the need for more stringent regulations to prevent echo chambers from forming and fueling polarization on platforms like Twitter.

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**Mr. Kunal Arora**  
Co-Founder - Oh! Nuts

He shares his gratitude for the opportunities he received and explained how he follows three principles: PPC, where P stands for patience, another P shows process and C, consistency. These have helped him believe in himself even while facing the toughest obstacles and are a core part of why he has achieved success.

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**Ms. Antara Rajpoot**  
Strategy & Consulting,  
Accenture

Antara Rajpoot emphasizes the value of being the perfect amount of adamant and urges participants to speak up with confidence while remaining receptive to the opinions of others. She counsels incoming ICJ delegates to do extensive study, look into infractions, and concentrate on legal principles.

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**Mr. Akshat Mohan Awasthi**

**Mr. Manvendra Singh**  
Member of the BJP Yuva  
Morcha

While Manvendra Singh stressed on how listening to everyone speaking is important for a delegate to succeed in the AIPPM, Akshat Mohan Awasthi stressed on how delegates should inculcate the good qualities of the person they represent, in order to do well.

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**Mr. Akshat Agarwal**  
Aviation Consultant, CAPA  
India

"Not only do MUNs teach you a lot about organisation but a conference to great levels, the confidence I have gotten, the people I have met along with the tenacious connections I have formed have helped me shape who I am."

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# DELEGATION FACULTY BYTES



The culture of heartfelt hospitality is one of the most significant characteristics of India. The people here are very welcoming. Everyone from Respected Chairperson ma'am to the students made us feel like a part of their family.



We have learnt a lot since coming to India and I love the cultural diversity! Our students were hosted by Indian families and they were ecstatic to experience the beautiful Indian culture.



The kindness and generosity of the people here have truly touched our hearts. Wherever we have gone, even in today's event, people are very eager to guide and help us wherever needed.



The unity in diversity in India is something truly remarkable. Despite the multitude of languages, religions and traditions, there is a strong sense of harmony and shared identity.

## IN THE GRIP OF SECRETS

### Part 1

Yash Wadhwa, Editor-in-chief, was seated at his desk, poring over the conference schedule when his phone beeped. A message flashed on the screen: \*Breaking news: The gavel has gone missing. \* His heart skips a beat; the committees could not carry on their proceedings with the gavel gone missing—it was the only symbol of the authority it had been holding all this while.

Without hesitation, Yash called a meeting with the Secretariat. Something was amiss. The gavel didn't disappear into thin air. As he sat in his office, the light from the soft glow from the cloudy sky was filtering in and he was busy running through his thoughts. Who could have taken it??? Why, at this moment when everything seems to be so well...it has vanished?

When the first member came inside, Yash was all geared up to grill him. He would get deeper into every minute detail, piece their story together and reveal the truth. No member was coming out of this room till he had cracked it.

Samaya was the first in line; her face looked pale; anxiety etched all over it. "Where were you when the gavel disappeared?" Yash's voice low, calculated, the setting was now more of an interrogation than a simple question.

"I-I was backstage, coordinating with the tech team," stammered Samaya. "I didn't even go near the podium after the ceremony ended."

Yash realized she was becoming aghast and won't be of much help. Then he looked at Grrisha's eyes filled with suspicion and asked "You are the logistics head. Don't you have access to the stage area?"

Grrisha blinked. "I've been running around, solving issues since morning. I didn't touch the gavel. If anything, I was the one reminding Samaya about it after the ceremony."

Yash nodded, and let her go, but the seed of doubt had already been sown. These stories did not add up, and there was something unsettling in Grrisha's responses.



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# A DIVERSE EVENING



The High Tea Bliss Ceremony at our revered Chairperson Ma'am's home proved to be a crucial aspect of building strong diplomatic and professional relationships. The occasion combined the hospitality of all family members along with the sharing of experiences fostering collaboration. It set the tone for future engagements. The delegates from Rabindranath Tagore school felt warmly welcomed and invited our revered Chairperson ma'am for a visit to their school. A well-coordinated lawn was set up in advance displaying the vibrancy and beauty of Indian culture through Mehndi (henna) and Churi (bangles) ceremonies. The discussion on Indian history and the rituals associated with it served as a platform to introduce the guests to India's unique cultural identity. The exchange of gifts and expertly designed souvenirs highlighting the essential components of Amity Group further enhanced the lasting impression.



# COMMITTEE CASEBOOKS



## HISTORIC SECURITY COUNCIL

A fierce discussion took place during a General Speakers List on the possession of the Suez Canal with Egypt. An unmoderated caucus was held of 15 minutes resulting in the selection of the moderated caucus topic, 'Discussion upon the role of Suez Canal in the economic sphere.' A POI during the mod caucus ultimately led to an orderly chaos - with each delegate looking to outsmart the other while working together to form a solution simultaneously. This was followed by a crisis update which was provided by the USG crisis. A hint was given to help the delegates - the USSR had just celebrated the success of Sputnik 1 on October 04, 1956. - **Samarth Tyagi**



## ALL INDIA POLITICAL PARTY MEET

Day 1 of the AIPPM session at AIMUN saw students assume political roles with skill as they debated 'One Nation, One Election.' Mr. Manvendra Singh of BJYM and Mr. Akshat Mohan Awasthi from Google encouraged delegates to adopt positive traits of leaders while acknowledging challenges in the concept's implementation. Secretary General Varya Khosla initiated the session with a gavel strike, sparking fiery debates. INDIA and NDA delegates exchanged sharp slogans, with Chirag Paswan and Atishi Marlena leading spirited remarks. While no final decision was reached, the day was marked by dynamic debates, setting a high-energy tone for the session ahead. - **Raj Chandra**



## INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND

Israel used the Federal Reserve Act and the emergence of economically developed nations to highlight the necessity for a common currency to alleviate conversion concerns. Iran presented a staged 15-year strategy that addressed international restrictions and currency instability while integrating CBDCs and emphasizing SDRs. Sri Lanka and the Ukraine emphasized the importance of fair trade policies and stable finances. India suggested improvements and argued for more control over trade activities to the Federal Reserve Act, while Angola and Bolivia focused on fairness and stable economic policies for global trade integration. -

**Samaira Prasad**





## ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHEAST ASIAN NATIONS

The Committee enunciated its sense of inclusivity with the preaching of the Executive Board's members to the delegates, to speak with refinement so as to cater to the international delegates who have since spent their days enamored by the passion held for MUNs at Amity. The committee session bubbled to the surface with the EB summarising the functioning of the committee, enriching the minds of the debutants. The Belt and Road Initiative hung as the mirror ball of the committee constantly berated yet praised for its misinterpreted ostentatiousness.

- Harshil Bedi

## GA DISEC



The committee commenced with an address by the special guests, the speakers encouraged delegates to focus on learning while having fun. Most delegates chose to be present while delegates of Australia, Brazil, and Israel chose to be present and voting. The Motion on Nuclear Disarmament passed for the GSL with a time limit of 90 seconds. Libya and Canada initiated the General Speakers List with Canada calling out Iran, Russia, and North Korea for nuclear threats. The countries repeatedly questioned Russia and the US for not signing treaties and allegedly promoting nuclear weapons.

- Kanishka Sharma



## INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE

The guest Speaker Antara Rajpoot asks delegates to share their expectations for the debate. She gave advice that proved useful and ended with a warm welcome to AIMUN and best wishes for the debate. The agenda focused on the Kulbhushan Jadhav case between India and Pakistan and one between Turkey and Cyprus. The EB began with India accusing Pakistan of planting a fake passport on Kulbhushan Jadhav and illegally rendering him from Iran. India claimed violations arguing Jadhav wasn't sent to spy. Pakistan rebutted stating India was caught sending a spy for their intelligence agency. The debate ended with a secretariat speaking in favor of Pakistan.

- Samaira Prasad





## INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ORGANIZATION

The Red Sea and the Persian Gulf are crucial maritime corridors for 30% of Global Oil Trade and International Shipping. However, the ongoing conflicts, territorial disputes and non-state actors threaten regional stability, global trade security, and environmental sustainability. The International Community must address these challenges by enhancing cooperation, promoting sustainable practices and fostering a collaborative approach to maritime security. The environmental implications of these tensions are significant as fragile ecosystems are threatened by pollution and overfishing. The International Maritime Organization (IMO) has a responsibility to ensure maritime safety and security. - **Suhasini Singh**

## LEAGUE OF NATIONS



Before the proceedings began, Mr. Kunal Arora briefly addressed the delegates and motivated the students to make the most of this prestigious platform. The delegate of Canada made a strong impression among other delegates and led diplomatic negotiations in the committee. Allegations of genocide on Japan were thrown by the delegates of The British Empire, Switzerland, Netherlands, among many others. On the other hand Japan took a strong opposing stance claiming their actions were purely out of self-defense and protection of their citizens' interests. In a comical turn of events, the motion for a mandatory POI per speech received an overwhelming rejection for three times in a row. A confusion that remained but was handled effectively by the cooperative EB.

- **Myra Goswami**



# QUIZ WHIZ: PROVE YOUR PROWESS

**Q1.** What was Yash's tone during his interrogation of the secretariat?

- A) Amicable
- B) Dubious
- C) Adamant
- D) Melancholic

**Q2.** Where was the High Tea Bliss Ceremony with the International Delegates held?

**Q3.** Mr. Kunal Arora, the speaker in the League of Nations committee, follows three principles. PPC, what do they individually stand for?

**Q4.** What was unveiled at the opening ceremony?

- A) International Press Day 1 Newsletter
- B) International Press Day 2 Newsletter
- C) International Press Day 3 Newsletter
- D) International Press Pre-Newsletter

