

St Joseph's School

Model United Nations 2024

On September 6th, St. Joseph's School proudly launched its first-ever Model United Nations (MUN), an exciting simulation of the United Nations Organization. The event welcomed students from grades 8 to 12, offering them the opportunity to engage in high-level debates and discussions on global issues. Prior to the event, students underwent intensive training sessions designed to introduce them to the world of international diplomacy, negotiation, and delegation, ensuring they were well-prepared to take on the roles of UN representatives.



The idea for the MUN was spearheaded by two visionary leaders: Hitanshi Pradhan, Chair of the United Nations Human Resources Committee and Founder of the Visionary Youth Network, and Srishti Uppal, Chair of General Assembly 3 and Co-Founder of the Visionary Youth Network. Their passion for global affairs, combined with meticulous planning, immense dedication, and unwavering determination, brought this ambitious project to life. Over several weeks, they worked tirelessly, coordinating every aspect of the event, from selecting committees to organizing logistics, ensuring that every detail was attended to.

Hitanshi and Srishti had initially taken the idea up to Teacher Ruchi Mathur who instructed them to form a structured proposal. They then did so with the help of other friends, forming the committee, agendas and schedules inspired by MUN's hosted by other schools. They then presented it to Sister Suranjana and with the support of Grade 12 the plan set off.

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They assembled a diverse group of students, each assigned to a specific committee reflecting real-world UN bodies. These committees tackled pressing international issues, from human rights to global economic policies, providing participants with a platform to sharpen their public speaking, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills. Through collaborative discussions, resolutions, and negotiations, the students were able to deepen their understanding of global diplomacy and the complexities of international relations.



Day One commenced with the Opening Ceremony that was opened by our respected Principal, Sister Suranjana and lead with a wonderful and thrilling dance by the students of grade 7 after which a parade was held where representatives of each country of the United Nations marched to the Hymn Of The United Nations. After the Secretary General, Mahalakshmi Thiruvengadam and Deputy Secretary General, Joana John commenced opening of the MUN, all the delegates were allotted into their respective committees along with their chairs and co chairs to begin their first committee session.

Though fear and nervousness hung over the first session, by the time the second and third has rolled in, delegates were up on their feet, defending the political rights of their respective countries. Each session was followed by breaks during which all students gathered in the corridors and filled their friends in on their insights.

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The first day concluded at 4:30 pm with socials where students got to bond and relax after a long day of arguments and solution making. Socials was a success thanks to our very own DJ Caren Benjamin.

Day 2 started with a buzz of excitement as all committees gathered in their respective conference rooms, ready to kickstart their motions. After roll calls and a small icebreaker, the delegates kicked off, taking their research into the air with confidence. Each and every committee encased a different yet totally encaptivating experience, both loud and quiet, with either the clicking of keys or delegates raising placards- or better yet, their voices. Motions to begin resolutions were initiated and blocs were formed between delegates.



They represented their amendments which were either accepted or struck after which the committee was adjourned and entertainment ensued. Entertainment included games like Hot Seat, Confessions etc which kept the delegates happy till they were called back to the auditorium for the closing ceremony.

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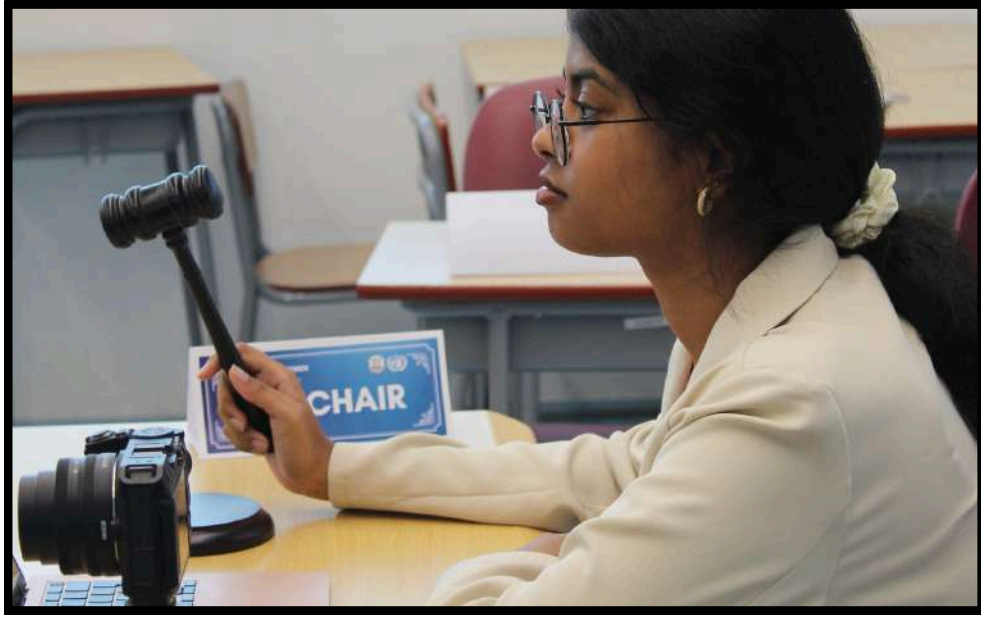
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The closing ceremony was concluded by the price distribution which crowned Isha Farhat as Best Chair, Megha Thomas as Best Co-Chair, UN WOMEN as Best Committee and the overall winner of the SJS IHMUN.. ROSE HOUSE!! All in all, the experience was an enthralling and enriching experience which rose all students expectations. We hope the experience was just as fun for the delegates as it was for the executive team and we also hope to see another MUN in the upcoming future.

Yours Sincerely,
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GA3

General Assembly 3



UNESCO

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Organization

Committees



UNHRC

United Nations
Human Rights Council

UNSC

United Nations
Security Council



UN WOMEN

United Nations
Women Council

