

PRESS RELEASE- IUMUN 2017 OPENING CEREMONY

Delhi Public School, Gurgaon held the Third Edition of the International Utopia Model United Nations Conference 2017 from 26th October to 28th October 2017.

The opening ceremony commenced with the Principal Ms. Aditi Misra welcoming the Chief Guest Ms. Bhaswati Mukherjee, Former Permanent Representative to UNESCO, Paris, and Former Ambassador of India to the Netherlands. She extended a warm welcome to the Guest of Honour, Dr. U.K. Sen, Rtd. Special Secretary, Department of Revenue and Mrs. Rita Sen, Rtd. Principal of Delhi Public School, Rohini and the recipient of National Teacher's award from the President of India. Ms. Misra also welcomed the students of France and Germany who were visiting their Indian host families as a part of International Student Exchange Programme. While welcoming the participating delegates she applauded the presence of accompanying teachers who had taken out time to be at the conference with their team.

The Principal, in her address redefined Utopia, stating that it's not an idyllic metaphor to use, but a reality which can be achieved. She advised them to be thoughtful delegates learning from each other in the process of debating, deliberating and discussing. She urged them to nurture the bond of friendship to create synergy, which would be instrumental in fostering positive change globally.

This was followed by a classical dance presentation 'Atma Shakti' by the students of the host school, resonating the quintessential synergy between the inner self and the cosmos. A short preview of the seven committees of IUMUN 2017 was presented through a movie, which set the pace of excitement among the delegates regarding what was expected of them for the next three days of the conference.

The Secretary General, Ritveck Rao in his address to the gathering called Utopia a platform to re-define history by resolving problems of discrimination, corruption, intolerance and war like situations. The Chief Guest and the Guest of Honour along with the Principal released the Brochure.

The Chief Guest, Ms. Mukherjee who has actively participated in briefings, seminars and round tables on questions relating to the United Nations Human Rights Programme and the World Conference on Human Rights in her address, was able to connect with the delegates by sharing her life's journey. Her account of important incidents from the History of United Nations concerning India and its position emphasized on how imperative it is for the country to be represented at the Security Council. During the interactive session with Ms. Mukherjee, the delegates asked thought-provoking questions related to the new economic policies formulated by the present government, the importance of signatory in proposing a change in the policies of UN Committees and role of morality in creating barriers in maintaining International relations. She answered the questions by quoting examples from her professional and personal experiences, which further inspired the delegates to think globally and act locally.

The Principal, Ms. Misra along with Ms. Mukherjee and Mrs and Dr. Sen handed over the gavels to the Heads of various committees of the Executive Board. The opening ceremony concluded with the Chief Guest declaring IUMUN 2017 Conference open.

