

Portal Report

6th Edition of International Utopia Model United Nations Conference 2023 (IUMUN)

The 6th edition of the three day International Utopia Model United Nations Conference 2023 (IUMUN), organised by Delhi Public School Gurgaon, was conducted from 3rd - 5th November '23 and attended by nearly 400 students from 15 schools.

The conference commenced with the Director Principal, Ms Aditi Misra declaring the meet open. In her address, she thanked the schools for participating so enthusiastically. She explained the theme of the conference 'Yato Dharmastato Jayah' and urged the students to follow the path of righteousness. She stressed that the conference encourages young minds to discuss, deliberate and offer solutions to some of the most pressing problems emphasising on the pressing issue of climate change and air pollution. She applauded the students for their efforts and hoped to see them as the future delegates and change makers of the UN.

The Deputy Secretary General of IUMUN, Ms Samridhi Mahajan, in her address gave the audience an insight of her experience as a delegate at the Conference. The Director Principal released the e-brochure and handed over the gavel to the members of the Executive Board of the committees.

The conference had six committees-The United Nations General Assembly, The United Nations Security Council, The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, United Nations Climate Change Conference, World Economic Forum Meet, Joint Crisis Cabinet, Lok Sabha and Supreme Court of India. A plethora of issues were discussed in depth during the conference and every committee saw highly enthusiastic participation from its delegates. The solution-oriented strategies of the participants were truly a step towards achieving the dream of complete world peace and global solidarity. The conference witnessed intense debate, deliberation and in many cases, dissent. All the committees saw an active interaction between the delegates and concluded meaningfully. The critical thinking and logical skills displayed by them left the Executive Board members impressed. The draft resolutions and press releases were signed by the delegates.

On the concluding day, the Chief Guest, Former Ambassador of India to the Republic of Portugal, Morocco and Iraq, Ambassador Brij Bhushan Tyagi and Mrs Tyagi were welcomed by Director Principal, Ms. Aditi Misra. Mrs. Smita Tyagi released the e- newsletter, where the enriching 3 days were encapsulated.

Director Principal, Ms Misra, congratulated the delegates for their active participation. She thanked the Chief Guest and his wife for their valuable presence and wished to have them grace such occasions in school more often. She explained the use of the term Utopia, which literally means 'a place that is perfect'. She advised the students to work towards having a place that is near perfect. For this, students require to be respectful and righteous in their thought and behaviour. She applauded the team of IUMUN for their sincere hard work.

Ambassador Tyagi, in his address, gave his perspective on the working of the UN and encouraged the students to keep the level of their discussion at its peak as he had observed. He said that most of the opportunities take place because of necessity and so is the case with the birth of the UN. It came into existence after the Second World War and plays an important role in tackling world issues. He visited the various IUMUN committees and witnessed intense deliberations on multiple issues. He took keen interest in the proceedings and inspired the delegates by further elucidating on how the skills learnt in the model UN will prepare them to be future leaders.

The cultural programme commenced with the school choir singing the melodious ‘Glorious’ and the students performing the kathak dance ‘Chaturang’ which received a standing ovation from the audience.

Secretary General, IUMUN, 2023, Mr Shasvat Pandey shared his experience and thanked all for making the conference a resounding success.

Awards in the categories of Special Mention and High Commendation were announced and Lotus Valley International School was declared the Best Delegation. Ambassador Brij Bhushan Tyagi declared the International Utopia Model United Nations 2023 closed with the hope that these 3 days of deliberations would go a long way in helping them in their future endeavours.

The vote of thanks was proposed by the Director General, Mr. Atishay Jain.

