

# International Press Corps

## Background Guide

### Letter from the Executive Board:

Greetings Delegates!

Welcome to the International Press Corps of the XIIth edition of Chettinad Vidyashram Model United Nations.

The world of journalism awaits those in hunger of the truth. As reporters of esteemed news agencies, each and every one of you is expected to have supreme diplomacy. To write words of elegance and to question dire statements, reporters would have to be knowledgeable about world politics and internal relations.

By serving as the bridge between several nations and entities, you will act as reputed leaders with the power of accountability. In modern times, articles are discarded as everyday notions yet the information supplied will affect the world despite these struggles. Spreading information to the common public remains an act of service and an act of equality.

The world reeks of luxuries that have long been acquired by the rich, and the commodity that every citizen is entitled to possess is that of invaluable information. From revolutions to air blasts to free education and basic rights, the work of a reporter covers it all. Propagation of unity among citizens can be heavily inspired by words and questions, and the power of world domination is in the hands of those that can cause the right types of commotion.

Albeit a much smaller stimulation of the greater conferences, let this be the start of brave ventures. The Executive Board warmly welcomes this year's reporters with high expectations and assures them of a wonderful and worldly experience.

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## Types of Submissions:

### Beat Report (x2):

Reporters are required to submit 2 beat articles. A beat report is a detailed, yet concise summary of the day's activities or proceedings in the respective assigned committees of the reporters. The report must succinctly describe all salient and interesting information of their assigned committee's proceedings on that particular day. Reporters are expected to submit individual beat reports on both day 1 and day 2. Formal language and adherence to word limits and deadlines are mandatory.

### Opinionated Editorial (x2):

An opinionated editorial is an expression of the reporter's opinion on a certain aspect of, or the entire agenda itself, of their assigned committee. It can be completely biased and need not contain any information about the committee's proceedings. However, if the reporter feels that the addition of certain proceedings of the committee may add value to the article, they may feel free to do so. Please keep in mind that one opinionated editorial is required to be submitted before the day of the conference itself, and one by day 2.

### Interview (x1):

Reporters will be expected to contact one delegate from their assigned committee and conduct a personal interview. The reporter is permitted to ask a maximum of five questions. The format of the interview must be a recorded verbal interview and a transcript of both questions and answers throughout the call MUST be provided.

### Press Conference:

The press conference will occur on day 2 of the MUN, during which the reporters will have to pose questions to delegates. The reporter is permitted to ask a total of two questions during this. Follow-ups will also be entertained during this session.

### Article X (x1):

This is an article, whose directives and format will only be announced on day 1 of the MUN. Stay tuned!

## Deadlines for Submissions:

Type of Submission	No. of Submissions	Word Limits	Deadline
Beat Report	2	300–400	Day 1: 1900HRS  Day 2: 1230HRS
Opinionated Editorial	2	650–800	Day 0 (Before Conference):

			2100HRS  Day 1: 2100HRS
Interview	1	200–500 (The typed transcript)	Day 2: 0900HRS
Press Conference	1	2 Questions/5 Minutes	Day 2
Article X	1	—	Day 2: 1100HRS

## Final Notes:

### Format:

When submitting their pieces, all delegates must state their name, committee, and which type of submission they're turning in in the subject part of their email ID. In the document, the delegate's name, committee, type of submission, and word count must also be included clearly at the top of the page in bold, and then the content may come after that. The content must be broken up into relevant paragraphs. Indentation is optional.

### Punctuality:

All submissions must be made well within the deadlines. Late submissions will not be tolerated and may be negatively marked.

### Neutrality, Content, and Phrasing:

Apart from the opinionated article, reporters are expected to maintain neutrality towards all their submissions and only report. Individual opinions are not encouraged in reports. In the opinionated report, controversial stands are permitted as long as they are factually based and are based on rational thought. Blatant homophobia, xenophobia, sexism, racism, etc. based on emotion will not be tolerated. No vulgarity or expression of explicit threats, violence, and bigotry will be accepted under any circumstance.

### Sourcing and Plagiarism:

All sources of research that include data from external places must be clearly cited at the end of the report. Plagiarism of any sort will not be condoned and will result in the content being disqualified for marking. All content should be original and statistics and such must have a clear and reliable source.

Reporters can email their submissions to [ipc.cvmun2020@gmail.com](mailto:ipc.cvmun2020@gmail.com) and are welcome to contact their chairpersons if they have any queries.