Dear Journalists,

I welcome you all with great pleasure to R-NPSMUN 2018. IPC has always been a core committee in the functioning of Model United Nations. As you all may be aware, the role of the Press is to report the details of the committee proceedings along with questioning the delegates during the conference. You will be in a position to cross-examine and scrutinise the delegates' faults, interrogate them, thereby testing their knowledge and in turn examining your cross-questioning skills.

The time spent here will definitely put your abilities as a writer and a media broadcaster to test, having to submit several reports and visual and auditory media to substantiate them within stipulated time. The power you hold must be put to cautious use, as the words you use have definite implications towards the country you represent. Transparency and factual accuracy must always be maintained, as the media is liable to political officials, the general public, and the country in general. Being well informed and accountable is crucial as members of the Press.

I invite you to be a part of this world of wavering political opinions and arbitrations, with a bystander's point of view. I hope that this experience helps you tap your capabilities to the fullest and use your power wisely, for Jim Morrison was not wrong when he said, "He who controls the media controls the mind".

Best Regards, Smrithi Shree M, Head of Press.

Contact: <u>ipc.rmun2018@gmail.com</u>