



Press Report

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AGENDAS

UNICEF: Strengthening the Convention on the Rights of the Child

UNEP: Regulating the Management of Plastic Waste

WHO: Developing Equitable Vaccine Distribution Methods

ECOSOC: Recovery Policies to Combat Wealth Inequality

UNSC: The Role of Militarization and Foreign Intervention in
Curbing Weaponized Terrorism

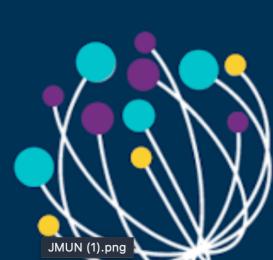


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United Nations Children's Fund

Press Members: Zingmishan Jamang and Vedant Sivaram

Day 1 of the Bangalore JMUN in the United Nations Children's Fund was a success, filled with diverse and compelling arguments. The agenda was explored through the implementation of the CRC and the impact that it has on every country that ratified it. With the lack of education and proper healthcare being the key points of discussion, each delegate stressed the role of the CRC in enabling better quality education and proper healthcare systems for children. While discussing these topics, several important points were made with regards to the effect of the pandemic on children's rights, and the impacts of the lack of education on children as well as the nation in the long run. The delegates also delved deeper into the discussion by discussing major issues which minors in their countries are facing with regards to the present situation, providing key statistics to validate and prove their arguments. Overall, the discussions perfectly displayed the delegates' understanding of the agenda, and the International Press looks forward to the discussions that are soon to take place on Day 2.



United Nations Environment Programme

Press Members: Hamsini Sri Vaishnavi and Manini Ramchandani

Day 1 of the Bangalore JMUN in the United Nations Environmental Program committee, was filled with enthusiastic and fruitful debate. Delegates were actively discussing the issues faced by their respective countries due to the various negative impacts of plastic pollution and the mismanagement of plastic waste. All of them put forth extremely valid points and also came up with solutions to not only help their own nations, but also those in need of foreign assistance. Further on in the conference, they discussed the impact of the enforcement of laws that regulate plastic waste and its management.

In doing so, they found various alternatives to plastic that are reliable, economical, accessible, biodegradable, durable and lightweight. They went even further in depth into the agenda by considering the situation of lower income nations that cannot afford costly methods of plastic waste management.

Through one formal-formal consultation and three sessions of formal-informal debate, the delegates presented a wide range of perspectives and opinions, discussing their aims to mitigate the issues caused by the mismanagement of plastic ways, in an efficient manner. The International Press looks forward to Day 2 which will hopefully be filled with discussions and debates that were as intriguing as those observed on Day

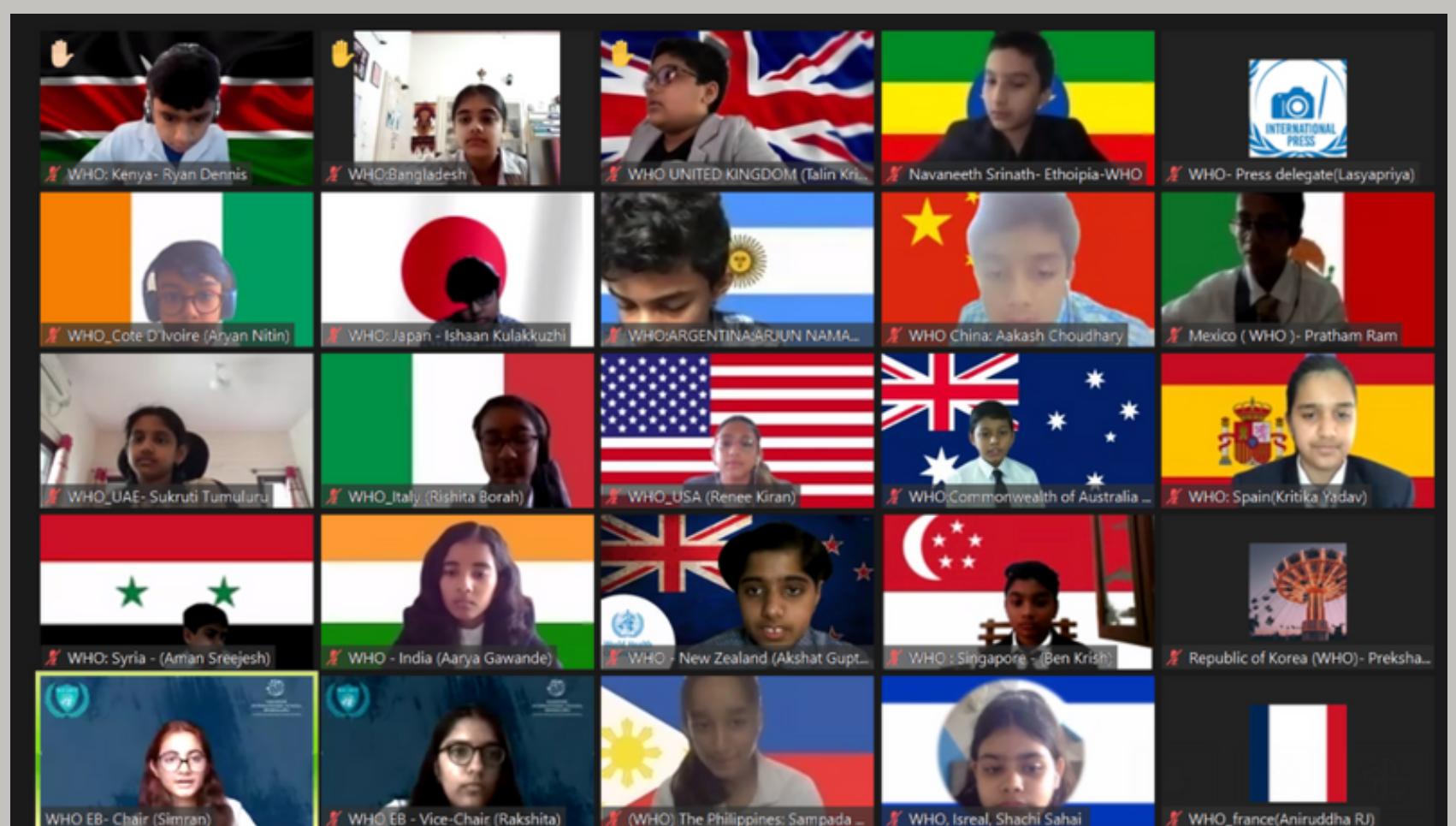
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World Health Organization

Press Members: Lasyapriya Vepa and Hridhimaa Dasgupta

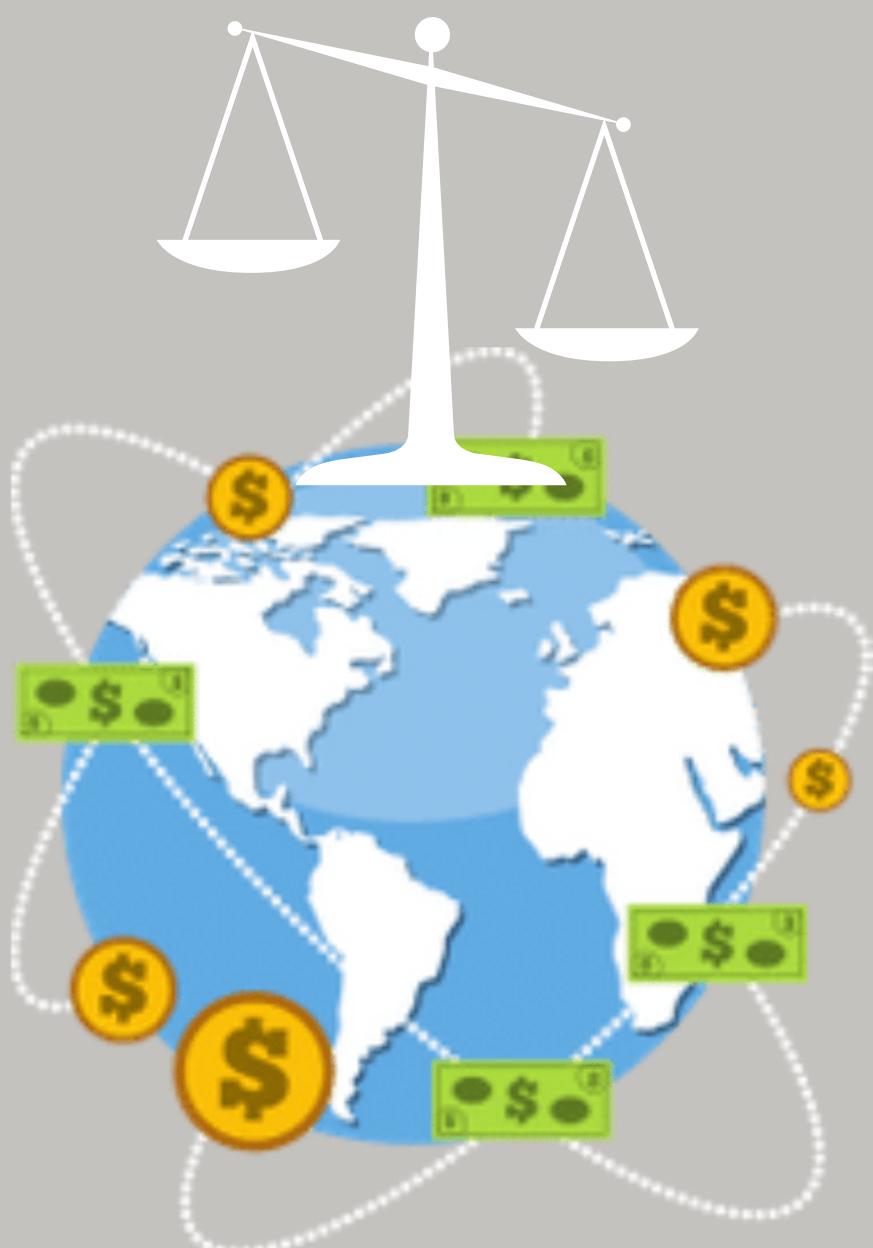
Day 1 in WHO was filled with fruitful and focused discussion. The committee session began with an opening speech where all the delegates presented their stance on the agenda. Throughout the day, the delegates raised important points of discussion while also debating on important topics like the effect of vaccine inequity on minorities, the reasons for vaccine inequity and role of economically developed countries on delivering vaccines to the rest of the world. Many delegates brought up important points such as the factors that affect vaccine distribution which include discrimination, racism, wealth inequality and development. All the delegates agreed that vaccine inequity is both a major as well as an extremely relevant world issue. They analyzed the agenda from a humanitarian perspective, taking into consideration the well-being and the safety of citizens. The delegates were able to arrive at a similar conclusion which encouraged economically developed countries to financially aid and support LEDCs. The session concluded with an Informal-Informal consultation in which all the delegates participated enthusiastically.



Economic and Social Council

Press Members: Arav Dogra and Mischa Kumar

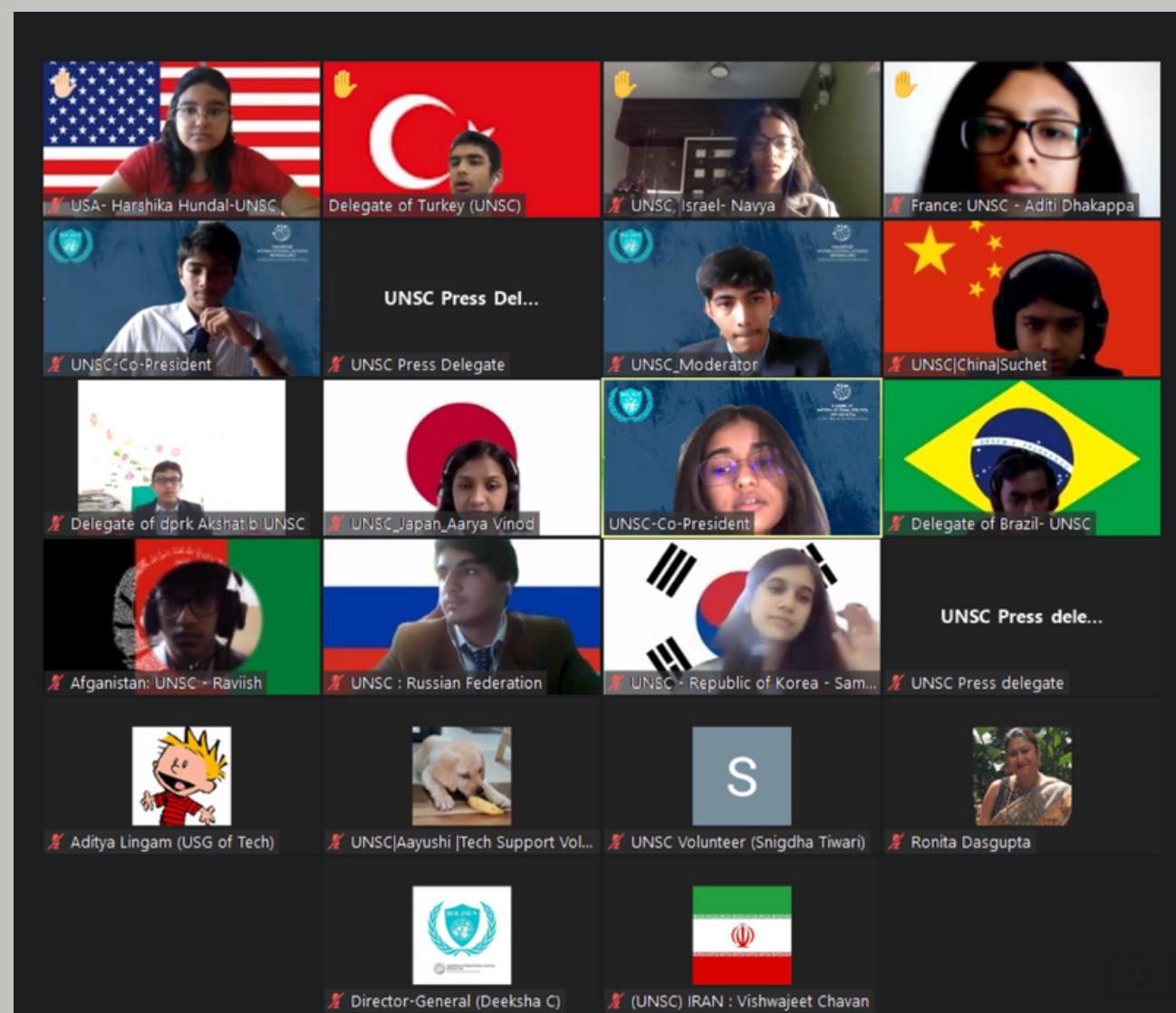
The first day of the Economic and Social Council was full of passionate debate and discussion. The delegates addressed various issues during the committee sessions ranging from the nature of wealth inequality and the impacts of COVID-19 on the economy, to the measures taken by each country to mitigate wealth inequality. Through these progressive discussions, the delegates were able to comment on the existing policies in their respective nations, and how their implementation has influenced the economy. Towards the end of the committee sessions, the delegates discussed possible solutions to combating wealth inequality. Their suggestions were very applicable in the real world context as they included progressive taxation, redistribution of wealth and programs to empower underprivileged demographics. The discussions and points covered in the first day helped develop a foundation for their future discussions and will help them form a valuable resolution. The knowledge and critical thinking skills displayed by the delegates is truly commendable. We are certain that Day 2 will live up to the high standards the delegates set for themselves on Day 1.



United Nations Security Council

Press Members: Vivek Kethineni and Ankitha Ganesan

The United Nations Security Council had a first day filled with brilliant debates and discussions throughout the entirety of the committee sessions. The main points of discussion ranged from the impacts of terrorism, the manner in which countries should respond to terrorist acts, how victims of these acts should be aided, when militarization is required and much more. A successful press conference was conducted after the lunch break in which the delegates displayed their excellent critical thinking abilities while answering the probing questions posed to them by the International press. Finally, a devastating crisis situation was introduced in which the world famous sculpture, Mount Rushmore, was attacked by the Taliban. Evidence suggested that the Taliban were funded by nations attending this conference involving an exchange of arms between Russia, China, DPRK and Iran. The attack seems to be an intimidation tactic by the Taliban to instill fear, gain notoriety and finally be recognized as the official leaders of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan. The delegates discussed the situation among themselves in an informal setting, and came up with some insightful points. They plan to reach a conclusion on Day 2.



International Press



Abhinav Gopi

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Abhinav was a Press Member for the UNSC in JMUN 2020. His interest in the International Press stems from his interest in journalism, current affairs and debating. He enjoys the challenges that the International Press presents including making use of critical thinking skills, while simultaneously employing one's knowledge and understanding of global issues. In his free time he enjoys playing Chess, listening to music and watching football.

Annya Mohanty

Co-Head of International Press

Annya was a delegate in the JMUN 2018 and made some fond memories in the two-day discussions, which inspired her to apply for being a Press Member in the JMUN 2020. Although the position seemed exhausting at first, there was a unique thrill in listening to the discussions as an outsider. This inspired her to apply for the Head of the International Press this year and she stands by that decision. She enjoys writing and listening to others as she believes that she can learn something from every conversation.



Core Secretariat



Jahnavi Thejo Prakash

Secretary General



Jahnavi Thejo Prakash is a DP 1 student at Oakridge International School. She has been attending MUNs for the past 3 years and was the moderator of last year's WHO committee. Over her past 3 years, she has held several leadership positions including being part of Oakridge's student council, the school's UNICEF team, the Codefest Core Team, and Oakridge Bangalore's Student Advisory Board leader. When she's not studying, she spends time running her business IBSpectrum, learning a new programming language, or spending time with her family. Jahnavi is also an aspiring software developer, author, pianist, singer and member of the Junior Academy and 1000Girls1000Futures program, run by the New York Academy of Sciences.

Anmol Malik

Co-Director General

Anmol Malik is a grade 11 student at Oakridge, and he is honoured to serve as the Director General of the 6th Edition of the Bangalore JMUN. Having been a part of the organising committee for multiple iterations of the Bangalore JMUN, he is excited to welcome both seasoned and first-time delegates into a world of debate, leadership, diplomacy, and of course, fun. Anmol is confident that all the delegates will enjoy the thrilling debates of JMUN 2021!



Deeksha Chintamaneni

Co-Director General

Deeksha is an avid MUNner with experiences starting from the age of 11. She has been part of the Secretariat, the EB, the press, and has attended 5+ MUNs as a delegate, winning multiple awards. Apart from MUNs she enjoys reading, stitching, basketball, music and is even a published author! She also loves dogs and enjoys beautiful sunsets:)