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# WHO

Exploring ways to prevent and mitigate cross-border health threats

## Press Members: Abhijay Ghosh and Arhaan Mittal

The first day of the World Health Organization's committee session was characterized by engaging and intense discussions. Delegates began with opening speeches to establish their countries' positions on the agenda. The session included discussions on topics such as early detection systems near borders, the root causes of cross-border health threats, and a challenging prompt about how countries would respond to a war during a pandemic. Delegates presented well-defined, contrasting viewpoints, acknowledging the impact of diseases like MPOX, Ebolavirus, and COVID-19 on nations and the resource limitations they face. The second motion focused on identifying the main causes of cross-border health threats to create specific resolutions. The final motion explored the military and political aspects of the issue. An informal press session was held to address potential contradictions with the UN charter or national constitutions. Overall, the first day of the WHO conference provided valuable information and set the stage for further discussions and resolution formation.

Day 2 began with formal-informal sessions. The committee discussed regulations for private healthcare, aiming to ensure public and affordable healthcare for all. Delegates proposed ideas to convert private healthcare into government-owned agencies. Subsequently, a formal-informal consultation was held to discuss the resolution's implementation, resulting in the unanimous formation of a resolution called "#RUHAAN HU AKBAR!" discussing the solutions required to mitigate CBHTs and the epidemics caused by them.



# UNHRC

Discussing the growing censorship in press journalism of Middle Eastern regions in post-modern society

## Press Members: Sahil MK and Jovina Albert

The delegates in committee had thought provoking discussions regarding human rights violations, with special regards to the middle east. The first session in committee had started with opening speeches where each delegate was able to provide their unique input to the discourse taking place concerning the agenda. Committee had then moved on to formal-Informal's, which addressed various issues from social media's role in press censorship to the ways countries can work towards ending press censorship entirely. Navigating through such a nuanced subject proved challenging to committee. However, most of the delegates were able to contribute their voices to the discourse.

Concluding the day, committee closed off with a 20 minute informal-informal.

The beginning of day 2 started with a look of enthusiasm on all of the delegates as they diligently waited to engage in debate. The committee started with a formal-informal session regarding ideas being proposed for the resolution. This transitioned into a press conference where countries stood their ground confidently, but was cut short when a crisis occurred. The crisis followed a PSL in which each speech was critiqued by members of the EB, press members, and the other delegates. Committee moved into an informal-informal where each country implemented their own solutions and finally formulated one resolution paper that encapsulated all the discussions that occurred on both days of the MUN. The resolution "goat eats baskin robbins" was decided with 100% consensus the resolution paper passed.



# ECOSOC

Addressing income inequality among minorities

## Press Members: Anainah Nahas and Inika Mukherjee

The Economic and Social Council had a dynamic and spirited session on day one. The delegates started strong by identifying and discussing the strong policies and the issues that each country faced regarding the agenda and also addressed how the country's government chooses to handle those aspects within the country. Then, the committee moved on to having three formal-informal sessions, discussing topics such as monetary loopholes within their respective countries, the main sources of income inequality in their countries, and addressing the efficiency of Affirmative Action Policies. With the information found in the day's lively discussions, the delegates prepared themselves for final discussions on solutions to their agendas.

Day 2 started with a very successful formal-informal, the last of five invigorating sessions. The final session was cut short due to an exhilarating crisis that ended with a finance minister being kidnapped due to accusations of running illicit drug cartels. Then, the committee had an electrifying press session, where the delegates had to call to question their actions of the past two days and question their country's actions. Next, the delegates started working on their draft resolution, "L Preksha" in the name of our honorable chair, Preksha Mehta. This resolution was named due to a prestigious standing tradition of the past 2 years in ECOSOC. The 2 days of productive discussions came into question during the presentation of the Draft resolution. After some amendments were made, the resolution passed unanimously.



# DISEC

Examining the worldwide implications of nuclear proliferation

## Press Members: Ruhi Shah and Kanishk Krishnan

During the opening speeches, delegates presented their stance on nuclear proliferation and the potential implications it may have on their own and other countries. Delegates of countries not signatories of the NPT raised pressing concerns such as the inadvertent consequences nuclear non-proliferation may have on international and internal peace, and security of the countries. During the formal-informal session, countries were given the free rein to talk about what long-term impacts the widespread usage of nuclear weaponry could have on society. Delegates explored possible methods of mitigating the problem. Finally, a crisis was introduced where nuclear plans of Israel were leaked to Hamas, leading to the latter enforcing an ultimatum, which if not followed, would lead to nuclear bombings in Israel. Large countries such as the USA, Oman, Saudi Arabia formed blocs against Israel.

Delegates kickstarted day 2 with PSLs, where Turkey declared that they had plans to deploy nuclear weapons on the United States of America, with the full help of Russia. Luckily, countries formed blocs and resolved their crisis, which meant delegates could move straight onto their formal-informs. Countries put forward solutions such as increasing security in NASs, tightening clauses of the NPT, and creating international treaties that would enforce the creation of non-nuclear zones. At the end of the day, delegates interacted with EB and press members for a conference, where they were interviewed about their country's foreign policies, internal activities, etc. During draft resolution, both blocs formed excellent resolutions, titled 'Communism Is Great', and 'A Dummies Guide to Nuclear Warfare' respectively. Unfortunately, neither bloc was able to pass a resolution and come to a mutual agreement.



# UNSC

## Addressing rising tensions in the South China Sea

### Press Members: Pranav Dogra and Adithi Shankar

On the first day, member countries discussed the South China Sea dispute and the expansion of the PRC in the region. The delegates had heated debates constantly questioning each other over the exploitation of the region, the territorial claims of each country and role of foreign powers in the dispute. As the committee progressed, countries aimed to share their perspectives and stake their claim in the sea through judicial and diplomatic methods. However, most countries wished to resolve the dispute peacefully. Until unexpected news was received. The committee had been interrupted by a crisis; the PRC had annexed Taiwan in a surprise assault. In retaliation NATO members launched a counter-offensive, while India took advantage of the situation to move troops across the Chinese LOC. Following the crisis, The heads of states put forward their positions and responses which was followed by an intense press conference where countries were questioned on the annexation.

The second day continued with passionate deliberations on the agenda. Several formal-informal sessions were conducted to talk through composite topics such as China's expansionist policies, the role of non-regional countries as well as possible solutions to de-escalate the dispute. In addition, a new crisis emerged as Hamas executed a daring attack, taking over the West Bank, following the assassination of the Palestinian leader by the group. Amid this turmoil, some delegates found humorous ways to describe the president of China. While delegates engaged passionately on regional and non-regional interests, multiple draft resolutions were intensely debated. Regrettably, the committee faced an impasse. The inability to reach a mutually beneficial solution stemmed from each of their commitments towards supporting their country's foreign policy and national interests.



# International Press

## Sarthak Grover Head of International Press

Sarthak is a seasoned MUN enthusiast, with this being his 4th year involved in the JMUN. His experience as a member of the IP last year has only made him more devoted to making the press a more prominent aspect of this JMUN. Beyond the world of diplomacy, his passions extend to the badminton court and to everything biology. Sarthak is looking forward to this year's JMUN and is eagerly anticipating the thrilling press conferences upcoming in every committee.



## Siddharth Kethineni Head of International Press

Siddharth Kethineni is a prominent MUNer who has been to more than 5 MUNs, 2 of them being Oakridge's very own JMUN. Last JMUN Siddharth was a press member and aims to use that experience to lead the press committee for this year's JMUN. Siddharth is an extremely outgoing person and outside of MUNs he is passionate about rock climbing and travelling. He hopes to have an efficient, organized and productive press session in each committee.

# Core Secretariat



**Kashvi Srinivasan**  
**Secretary General**

Kashvi was sucked into the world of Model UN five years ago, and her passion for them hasn't dwindled since. Her experiences as both a delegate and executive board member have honed her skills and elevated her passion for debate and diplomacy. However, Kashvi's interests span far beyond MUNs. She can frequently be found reading books of all types, watching sitcoms, listening to music or learning a new song on the piano. She's also an avid STEM enthusiast aspiring to become a biomedical engineer. As the Secretary General of this year's JMUN, she is incredibly excited to witness the debate that the delegates bring to the table!

**Advait MV**  
**Director General**

Advait is a dominant and well-researched member of the Bangalore circuit. His experience of nearly a dozen MUNs with placements such as Best Delegate and Outstanding Delegate in almost every MUN he's been to have given him confidence, leadership abilities and desire to serve as the Director General for the Oakridge JMUN.



**Vivaan Sheth**  
**Director General**

An avid MUNer who exemplifies the spirit of this quote, Vivaan is one of the most accomplished delegates in the Bangalore MUN circuit. Over his 13 MUNs, he has secured placements in numerous prestigious conferences such as; CJCMUN, DMUN, AJMUN, and JMUN to name a mere few. His passion for fostering diplomacy and seasoned oratory skills make it easy for him to get his point across a large room of people. Taking part in College MUNs being a high-schooler, he has an excellent understanding of International Law and is an expert at applying legalities to every situation in any committee he's placed in.