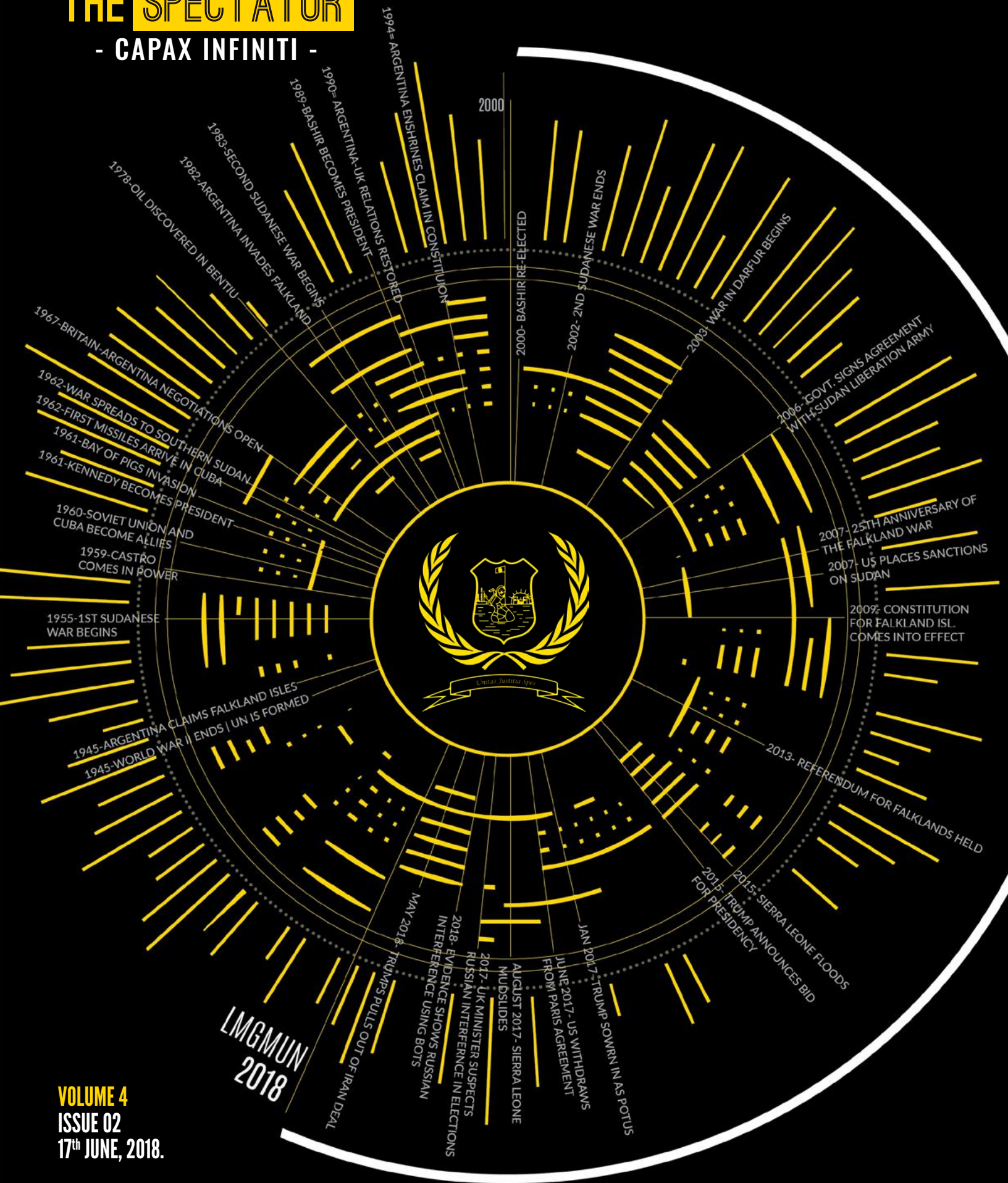


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Socials

Spriha Mehrotra
writes an article
covering the Socials
at LMGMUN'18

With all the anticipation that the air was saturated with, the clock struck 6:30pm. Let us take look at the checklist :

Loaded buses? CHECK.

Excited delegates? Double CHECK.

The perfect playlist of all the in-vogue pop tunes?

Do I even need to answer that?

The Executive Board would be happy to be informed of the fact that even though the floor for Debate in the committees didn't see as much action as anticipated, the floor for dance at the La Martiniere Girls' College's auditorium was filled with delegates who danced their way to peace, harmony and solved all the world problems by showcasing their groundbreaking moves.

To the surprise of many, the relaxation of gender norms here was nothing less than that very union of the American president and North Korean Leader that was witnessed recently. It was really heart-warming for us at LMGMUN'18 to see that in today's world, no one gets left out. We felt happy seeing that the event lived up to its name and that despite the tensions of the debate of the respective committees, the gathering felt easy.

The better part of me forced me to analyse this situation. The inferences drawn by me will be listed as follows:

1)The Tier A Delegates- These were the ones jumping on the dance floor as if it would furnish their resolutions with the perfect preambles and the most functional operatives.

2)The Tier B Delegates - These were the ones who were either busy swatting off requests to join the Tier As or the ones who were watching the FIFA World Cup match on their mobile phones. A good way to socialise too, right?

We also witnessed the OUTER TIER delegates who were busy lobbying and forming affectionate alliances and trading terms of endearment. God bless the UN.

Not to mention the fact that the tongue-tingling and mind-blowing taste of Biryani, and the magical aroma of the freshly made kebabs took the backseat but The Principal's Dinner that followed ensured that the Tehzeeb of Lucknow always remains foremost.

Thus, to sum it all up, the socials definitely embellished the experience of the delegates attending the conference and gave them a much needed recess after a long day full of deliberations and tasteful debates.

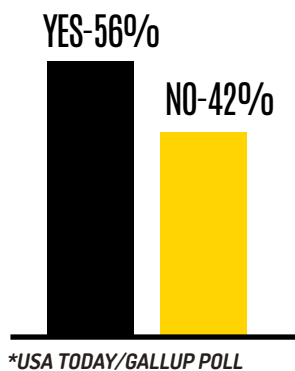


PRIDE AND PREJUDICES

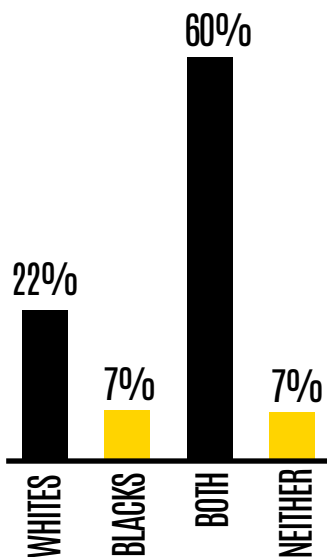
AN EXAMINATION INTO THE NATURE OF RACISM

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COLLEGE, DU ANALYZES
THE ISSUE

DO YOU THINK RACISM AGAINST BLACKS IS WIDESPREAD?



WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR FIXING RACISM?



*MARIST POLL

'Police are still killing black people- why isn't it news anymore?' (Headlines, Washington Post- 13th March, 2018.)

Racism isn't news anymore because it runs deep within. An instance that's so commonly common, racism is the external manifestation of our psyche.

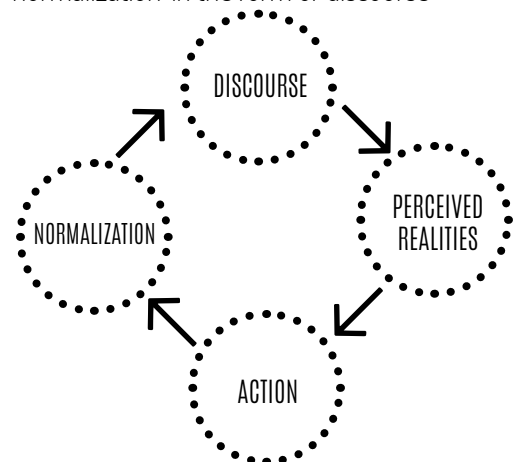
Colonialism as a conquest of territories and bodies pronounced racism, for the people of colour were believed to have 'no culture, no civilization, and no historical past.' Moreover, the mastery over the English language endowed the whites with remarkable power; they were 'the gods gone astray in flesh' who had to teach the Word to the people of colour, for they loved to 'jabber' and were 'children' leading to the psychoanalytical proposition of 'orality.'

Frantz Fanon, a social scientist and a leading anti-colonial thinker of the 20th century in his seminal work, 'Black Skin, White Masks' elaborates how psychology drives the entire mechanism of racism. There therefore exists a binary of White and Black. In the collective unconscious, the colour black symbolizes evil, sin, wretchedness, death, war, famine. Birds of prey, abysmal depth, night, shadow are all dark, all black and may represent physical or moral dirtiness in contrast to the bright look of innocence, white dove of peace, and magical, heavenly earth.

The society is seeking to deflect upon a 'sacrificeable' victim, the violence that would otherwise be vented on its own members, and the people it most desires to protect. The victim is a manifestation, a replica of all the dangers, real and imaginary, that threaten the community. The 'sacrificial victim', bearer of the collective guilt is called the scapegoat. Now the scapegoat for the white society which is based on myths of progress, civilization, liberalism, education will precisely be the force that opposes the expansion and triumph of these

myths. This brutal opposing force is supplied by the Negro, an explanation to cases of lynching and killing, if any.

Also, for the majority of the white men, the Negro represents the sexual instinct (in its raw state). The Negro is the incarnation of a genital potency beyond all moralities and prohibitions. These prejudices, running deep in the collective consciousness attain 'normalization' in the form of discourse -



In every country characterized as civilized or civilizing, the family is a miniature of the nation. As a child emerges from the shadow of his parents, he finds himself once more among the same laws, same principles and same values. There is no disproportion between the life of the family and the life of the nation.

Schematically,

Family → Individual → Society

It is now important to realize and educate ourselves again that a Negro or a person of colour is not any more than the white man. There is a heart of darkness in each of us. The doors of consciousness are opened- for no one is 'just a black man in this world, just a barcode, just a big dawg - kennelled in the backyard.'

ICONIC

MOVIES

RE-IMAGINED

AS MUNS



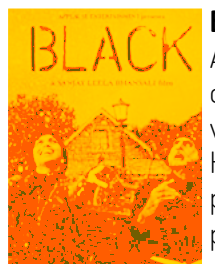
The Walk

A munner attends their first MUN and realizes that this is what they were born to do. Their ambition to win the best delegate takes over and that is all they care about. Their desperation to win the title creates many obstacles in their path. They ruin their relationships with their allies and almost

lose their mind along the way. Their chances of winning are bleak but with resilience they end up achieving what their dream.

Titanic

A veteran munner tells her grandson going for his first MUN about her experience, her favorite one from one called LMG MUN. She sees experienced and famous munners before meeting a first time munner called Jack. The EB member of their committee starts roasting Jack, while she tells them that it was normal. Rose gets a compliment chit from the EB member, but passes it on to another girl pretending not to notice. Furious at her rejection, Mr. EB locks up Jack right before he has to present his resolution. Rose prays for Jack to make in time before Saddam Hussain's oppressive resolution is passed. Right before USA's positive vote, Jack makes it into the committee room, presents his resolution but is unable to get a majority.



Black

An experienced munner helps a new and confused MUNner in her first conference which was United Nations Security Council. He guides her through the motions, points, and policies after seeing her lack of preparation. On the last day, he helps her make a resolution, when she asks him about

his resolution; he says he had made it the night before. Her resolution passes in the conference and it turns out that he had left his incomplete to help her win a Verbal Mention.

REPORTER EISHITA WRITES ABOUT BLOCKBUSTERS WE LOVE IMAGINED AS MUNS!



Mean Girls

Veteran Munner Regina does not like the entry of newbie Cady into the circuit, since she sees the potential in her to dethrone her as the best MUNner in the circuit. After having done such things to people in the past, Cady's friend, one of the victims, decides to hatch a revenge plan.

Cady convinces the unhealthily competitive Regina to take part in a MUN as an IP member, after pretending to guide her, but actually making her do everything incorrectly. The Head of IP ridicules her for doing everything wrong and asks her to stick to delegation, since reporting is out of her IQ range, this hurts her ego. Not able to digest this, she publicizes all the inappropriate comments from Cady's notes and the IP group, causing a massive uproar. Ultimately, she loses her resolution that she wanted to pass to gain back her status, causing her downfall.

Forrest Grump

A new but eccentric MUNner goes on a journey that changes the people's perspective of him. His school decides not to send him to a prestigious MUN because nobody thought he would do well in life. However, he challenges the authority and goes on to win a number of local MUNs, becoming the MUN club prefect and one of the most successful MUNners in his school.



UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL

Eishita and Nandini Mukherji present to you a microphone's dilemma.

"Lord! He's here again! After yesterday's failed attempt of me trying to get a few minutes of rest from him constantly speaking into my ears, he's here again. This conspiracy of mine was even pointed out him, the smart engineer-man, Mr. Sharma. Not that I'm calling him loquacious, the man speaks sense, even managing to evoke emotions at times, and I love the conviction in his voice, but looks like I'm not the only microphone who's had such encounters with him. Not having had a proper sleep due to my wires constantly being pulled in order to repair me and getting up by dawn to be set up for him, I feel very cranky today, and coffee isn't the solution. Not that I'll get myself some, it's just that it doesn't work the same way for us. Why? Because I'm a machine. I feel like crying, but I can't. Why? Because I'm a machine. Alas, only if somebody (read: Narayan) other than the IP could understand what I go through."



THE SPEAKING SOURCE SPEAKS

PULLING THROUGH THE INANITY



The bounce back from a mistake became a golden point for the delegate of the USA.

Being consistent even on the second day, the delegate of United States of America emerged as a strong representative yet again. However, as a reply to an accusation, the delegate of USA accused the delegate of Russia of supporting the government that oppressed militants and on being inquired as to which government she was mentioning, she made the mistake of saying "Syrian government headed by Salva Kiir Mayardit" instead of "Sudanese government headed by Salva Kiir Mayardit". The delegate of Russia turned this mistake to his advantage and answered about how the Russian government supports "Syrian government headed by Bashar al-Assad" which is a government headed by the people and is hindered by non-state actors like Islamic State of Iraq and Syria. Even though the effort was commendable, the mistake took away much of the element. Shooting back at the mockery, the USA listed all of the confirmed and unconfirmed accusations shot at Russia with regards to Russia's support to Syria. She mentioned about the fallacies regarding the elections conducted in Syria, the Russian warplane and bulk of its military equipment supplied to Sudan by Moscow. Her defense to the accusation that the United States of America supports rebels in Syria was Assad's chemical attacks on his own people and his extension of support to Hezbollah and terrorist organizations like the Hamas and Palestinian Islamic Jihad.

**“Each of us has a natural instinct to rise like a flame.
Let’s nurture that instinct.”**

-Mr. Narendra Modi

India has come a long way from being just the land of snake charmers. Today, we are the fastest growing major economy in the world with a growth of 7.2 percent in the economy and we have overtaken China, a superpower and a P5 nation in this sphere. India is a prominent member of the G20, Nuclear Club, Space Club, etc. Many experts believe that the world is no longer unipolar with US dominance but a multipolar world with many centres of power, India being one of them.

“We are witnessing a country chart its course to power, and explicitly seeking not to displace others but to be recognized among the club of world powers, one in which it believes its membership is long overdue,” said Alyssa Ayres, who served as deputy assistant secretary of state for South Asia from 2010 to 2013. Currently, a senior fellow for India, Pakistan, and South Asia at the Council on Foreign Relations - a top American think-tank, Ayres says over the past 25 years, India’s economic expansion has vaulted it into the ranks of the world’s

emerging major powers.

Not only economically but also militarily India is a force to be reckoned with. It is ranked fourth on the global military power index, behind only USA, Russia and China and ahead of United Kingdom, France and Germany. In an era when military power is an index of world power, India does show potential to be a formidable world power.

India is also a major player on the global stage. It has forged several new partnerships with countries and organizations like USA, Israel, European Union and ASEAN. India is also closely associated with the ASEAN Regional Forum, regularly participates in G-20 deliberations, annual India-EU summit level meetings, is a member of BRICS and Shanghai Cooperation Organisation and aspires to join the Nuclear Suppliers Group and become a permanent member of the United Nations Security Council.

Based on these, India is surely ready to become a global leader. However, there are several internal issues, without whose resolution, it will be almost impossible for India to

realize this dream. Although India’s economic growth has been over 7 percent yet the economic disparities within the country are glaring. A report stated that economic inequality in India is at its highest in the present age. Approximately 20 percent of the Indian population lives below the poverty line and only 75 percent of the population is literate. Over 40 percent of Indian children are malnourished and the infant mortality rate is high.

India has surely come a long way but there are still many hurdles that need to be overcome. There are a number of internal social battles that need to be fought and won before India can truly become a world leader. A nation always prioritizes its citizens and internal issues before external issues. Therefore, India can only hope to lead the world when its own citizens are content and happy. Only when Indians themselves will see India as a leader, will the world see India as a leader. I would like to conclude by quoting Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam,

**“We will be remembered
only if we give to our younger
generation a prosperous and
safe India, resulting out of
economic prosperity coupled with
civilisational heritage.”**

Written By / *Anushree Chandra*

IS INDIA POISED FOR THE ROLE OF A WORLD LEADER IN THE 21ST CENTURY?

EDITORIAL

CHIEFLY CHEAPLY

~Roses are an epitome of beauty,
Right from the moment they are born.
But beware, oh you naive soul 'cause
even they are adorned with thorns~

Journalist Zoya Azhar advises you to not let your mouths hang open in shock while you read her article because she thinks there are plenty of flies around.

MOTHER TERESA

Chiefly known as the 'Saint Teresa of Calcutta'; recognised globally for her humanitarian work.

Cheaply known for making the patients of her clinics suffer to comply with her own belief that 'the sick must suffer like Christ on the cross'. Ouch.

WINSTON CHURCHILL

Chiefly known for being named the Prime Minister of Britain twice and for successfully leading Britain through World War Two.

Cheaply known for being an obnoxious racist by birth; referring to the Palestinians as 'Barbaric hordes who ate little but camel dung', the Indians as 'Beastly people with a beastly religion', and the list goes on.

MAHATMA GANDHI

Chiefly known as 'The Father Of The Nation'; the leader of the non-violent independence movement against the British rule in India.

Cheaply known for his misogynistic and racist ideas. During his years in South Africa, he once responded to a case where two of his female followers were sexually harassed by a young man by forcibly chopping off the girls' hair to make sure they did not invite any sexual attention. Authors claim that Kasturba, his wife, was his most frequent scapegoat.

THOMAS JEFFERSON

Chiefly known for a plethora of accomplishments, such as writing the United States Declaration of Independence, serving as an early member in the Cabinet, and being the third President of USA.

Cheaply known as a slave owner for putting around 150 slaves in his service despite his preachings on equality stating- 'All men are equal'.

JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY

Chiefly known as the thirty-fifth President of United States Of America and for carrying out a lot of important reforms during his term.

Cheaply known as an egotistical man who abused a teenage girl who was an intern in the White House.

UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOURTH COMMITTEE

Lavanya Singh and Anoushka Goel write about colloquial proceeding of their committee

Before the committee could even commence, the delegate of Egypt had all her fellow delegates chattering about whether they should be supporting United Kingdom or Argentina. Her biased opinion in favour of Argentina remained constant as she tried to manipulate the other delegates' minds into changing their views on the issue while she, contradicting her own statement repeated, "I'm not trying to tell you to support Argentina". From table to table she lingered and was reluctant to leave until her co-delegates were (un)successfully manipulated.

The committee's fifth session started off at 11:56 am, to be precise, with the Chair shouting, "Settle down and get whatever you need - chit pads (this story shall be continued), bottles, or a life, for that matter. The show is about to begin". As the clock struck twelve the Un-moderated Caucus began. The twitcher(coughs), the delegate of Brazil stood up, followed by 'The



Plastics'(Delegates of UK, Egypt and Argentina) to put forth their views on the motion under the hammer.

The session witnessed a constant exchange of chits to and from the EB as well as among the delegates. While the delegate of Afghanistan was speaking with a lisp and the delegate of Costa Rica with an accent that was more slur than burr, the only thing spirited in the committee and among the delegates was the roll call- as pointed out by the Chair herself. With a promise to be back in the next session in a more active and engaging manner, the committee broke off for lunch.

A CHIT-PAD'S GUIDE TO DEMOCRATIC REALITIES

DAY 2 REPORT



Anoushka Goel and Zoya Azhar write about the role of a chit-pad as a vital element in a committee.

"I'm a little chit-pad, smooth and white.
People crave my presence, for me they fight.
Many die of heart attack, when I'm not in sight.
While I'm a lifeline for some, I'm also a big fright."

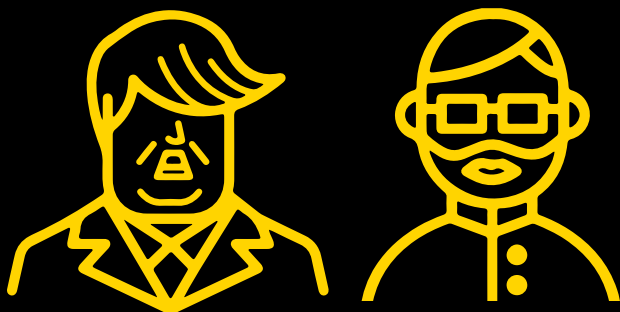
If only the delegates were as swift and precise with their speeches as they were with using the pen on my paper- which eventually led to a drastic increase in my demand, the world would definitely have been a better place to live in.

With the dawn of the second day of the committee, I trotted across more than forty countries strengthening political relations of some, while secretly acting as an ally of the others. From trade secrets to personal grudges, I know them all, trust me. Being the most prominent item on the table, alongside placards, it is an absolute privilege to see delegates deliberate upon me rather than on their speeches.

More often than not, I'm used as an outlet to promote the art of origami which, judging by the skills of the delegates, proves that they are better off crafting a resolution. However, at the end of the day, I am only a piece of paper and lie either ripped (brutal enough?) or folded in a bin hoping that someday I, too, will be given recognition in this scribbled world.

Imagine if the Earth was a plate;
Wouldn't the Flat-earthers feel so great?
With their ignorance they'd grease it well,
To plate up our dish, this worldly hell.
Ingredients are needed. Who knows them?
God, the creator, it's only him.
Add religion, he instructs, make sure its plenty,
And mix it will with a little poverty.
What about gender equality and human rights?
Seems too farfetched, said God, the dish wouldn't be a delight.
Surely unemployment, he felt, would elevate the flavour,
And sprinkle an economic crisis to make it the perfect endeavour.
But how to make it even better?
A teaspoon of pollution, he said, would be a trendsetter.
Now knead this dough of anarchy,
A firm hand would make it fluffy,
And with just a pinch of Jingoism and terrorism,
This dish would taste painfully awesome.
What's left now to be done? Ah yes! The side!
Grab a few proxy wars and throw 'em inside!
It tastes really good but something doesn't fit.
Aha! He generously pours a raging nuclear threat!
It tastes so heavenly now, other worlds must feel jealous,
For now God's finally done creating, a world, truly lugubrious.
He sets the baked bread and the side on the very plate we love,
And garnishes it with climate change, under and above.
The dish of pandemonium is at last successfully cooked,
But did you see the glass of water, the one I expensively booked?

PAN- DEMONIUM



FATIMA ZAHRA WRITES ABOUT HOW THE PRESS AND MEDIA AFFECTED THE 2016 US PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION AND THE 2014 INDIAN GENERAL ELECTION

CONTRADICTIONARY ACCOMPLICES

THE ROLE OF PRESS AND MEDIA IN THE ELECTION OF DONALD TRUMP AND NARENDRA MODI

The 2014 Indian general elections and the 2016 US Presidential elections saw not only the death of dignity and fidelity, but also the demise of a certain section of the press and media.

The Washington Post acknowledged his vulgarity and claimed that there could not have been a more imperfect candidate. Then how did a man of such reprehensible character become the President of the United States? The man we know called 'Mexicans' rapists'; the man who proposed to ban Muslims from the United States and the man who denigrated women on multiple occasions.

American journalist Jeff Jarvis said "the mere fact of Donald Trump's candidacy is the evidence of the failure of journalism." With fake news instances and alternative facts and with his very own twitter account, the joke of Donald Trump was now a source of entertainment and nothing the incompetent candidate did took the masses by surprise. Clinton's email scandal, however, which was the media's attempt to balance their share of criticism, was recklessly handled by Clinton, making situations worse. This along with the unfiltered airtime Trump enjoyed and Clintons failed pseudo-feminist efforts all helped frame the 2016 election.

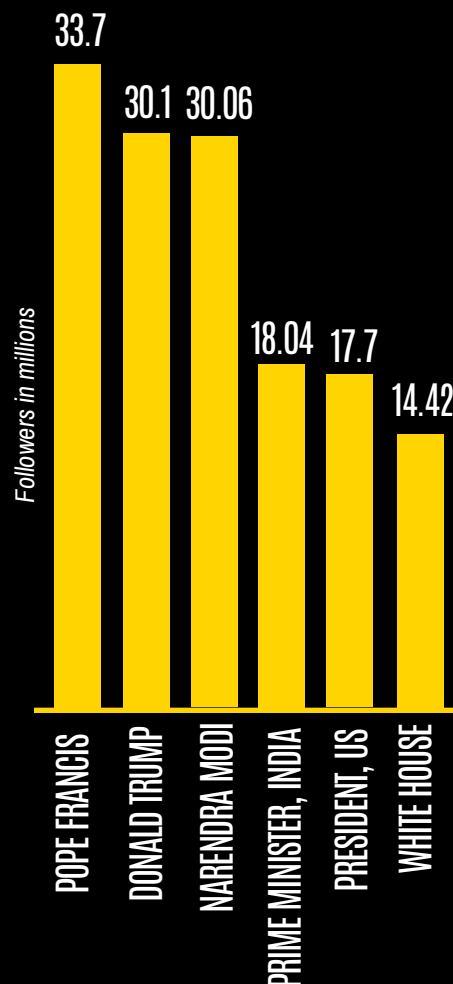
Narendra Modi campaigned on two major platforms- economic

development and management. While the Indian economy had slowed over the past four years, Gujarat's economy had done well enough to accept him as a leader to cut through India's notorious bureaucracy and corruption.

The second platform, not as openly stated but just as pivotal was what was often termed as the perfect recipe for disaster, right-wing Hindu nationalism.

The New York Times once wrote that "Narendra Modi is poisoning politics with religious hatred and was bound to squander the country's economic position at a time when India was to play a bigger and more constructive role in the world"

As enlightening as the piece was, the only thing one hoped for was for it to be more sophisticated and well-reasoned and did not prove that The New York Times of had a one-dimensional view of Modi. The Gujarat riots and fear amongst Indian religious minorities was shadowed by the Pan-Indian character he established by promising the people development, economic growth and the most important of all- job opportunities. In 2014 too, the context of prime time TV could not be ignored, and although a large segment of Modi's air time was dominated by criticism and expression of fear from minorities, the press, especially in the North, did an exceptional job in leading people to believe in Modi's idea of a better nation.



IMPACT OF MEDIA: WORLD LEADERS WITH THE MOST TWITTER FOLLOWERS AS OF MAY 2017

DAY 2 REPORT

WHO WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION

Shaaivya and Sara write about a day in a committee which is going in (n)one direction yet.

The morning came into being with the burdensome question, 'Are we here for awards?' The Deputy General raised the question, asking if delegates would be in favor of the abolishment of awards. This left the better part of the delegates stunned and perplexed, but the delegates of Sierra Leone and USA quickly came in to defend awards saying that they provide them with an incentive as well as a reward for their work. The Deputy General then went ahead to give them a choice, a personally written letter of appreciation by him or a trophy or certificate?

This left the delegates looking like Donald Trump when he heard the North Korea does not have McDonalds, heartbroken, flabbergasted and disenchanted, all at the same time.

Following this, was an interactive session between the Executive Board members and the delegates, where the delegate of Pakistan, eagerly waiting for his chance, was left baffled when the board members did not instantly shower with him questions, which is their usual response to his uncanny speeches.

AWARD OR NOT?



Sara and Shaaivya, the two not very authoritative reporters of WHO write about their experience (successful or unsuccessful, we do not know!) trying to give direction and stir up conversation in a committee!

Time flies, and now we know. The delegates could be seen whispering to each other, praying that they are not the ones that are asked the questions and the Press too, was not relaxing. With the responsibility to brew up a fruitful deliberation in the committee, the reporters could be seen hurriedly typing, taking notes and biting their pens. With such a pleasant atmosphere in the committee, the press conference took place.

The reporters questioned the delegates on important issues regarding funding from the United Nations and why this had not been a prominent discussion as of now. Even though the response of the delegate of Sierra Leone was appreciated, the reporters felt that the plight of medical infrastructure in Sierra Leone, along with the exact amount of help required from the United Nations, in capital or labor, along with the sectors of usage, should have been debated upon to reach realistic solutions.

The delegate of Canada was caught in a case of racial discrimination when the country put a ban on travelers from West Africa to control the spread of disease but, not on Europe during the measles epidemic. To this, he said that measles is not as important a disease.

Fun Fact- In 2016, there were 89,780 deaths globally due to measles.

But that's not a lot, right?

WHAT IS THAT?

Shakespearean

LMGMUN

BY SARA BATOOL

[Scene:- An uproar in the committee. The delegate of China has been executed for his stupidity. Most of the delegates are jubilant; Russia, however, steps up with great sobriety.]

Delegate of Russia: Friends, delegates, members of the UN, lend me your ears!

I come to speak *neutrally*, not to praise the delegate of China;
The evil that delegates do lives after them,
The good is oft interred with their bones
So let it be with China--
The noble delegate of Switzerland has told you
That China was ambitious. If it was so
It was a grievous fault. And grievously
Has the delegate of China answered it.
Here, under leave of the EB and the rest
For the EB are honorable males,
So are they all, all honorable males,
Come I to speak at China's execution.
He was my friend, faithful and just to me.
But Switzerland and the EB say he was ambitious
And sure, they are all honorable men--

Delegate of UK: Russia, bum/chum, there's no such thing
We only said he didn't bring
His brains, or just some sense along
His eyes were losing at ping pong;
(Imagine! Who loses at that?
And all his arguments were fat-)

Delegate of France: Now, my friend, del. of UK
My dear, why always must you say
Something so hurtful to me
--You know my waist is forty three
I can't help the fat, you know
Poor China's arguments were so-

EB Member 1: Delegates, delegates in the hall
Who is most stupid of you all?
China's dead--now next is who?
Tell me- or we'll kill all of you!

(Delegates clamour.

The delegate of Switzerland gets up to speak)

The delegate of Switzerland (bowing): Thank you so much!

And so should be the fate of such
Befuddled idiots, nincompoops--
Such vile men with mascara goops.
Now, Iraq, I've heard, is smoking
Ganja, weed- drugs he's provoking--

The delegate of Iran (interrupting): You infantile and stupid
cow

He's smoking cause the guns did blow
Up his heart and his great head
And his blood is bleeding red--
You insensitive, stupid cow
You should be executed now!

The delegate of India: Ah- ahem. We don't really care
But since we are all sitting here
Well- cows, we think, are very nice
They give you milk and ghee and rice-
And almond and banana milkshake-
And rosogolla, sweets, and more-
Their slaughter makes us very sore-

EB Member 2: Rosogolla? Sweets and rice?
India, you are stupid thrice-
Come, man- the nice old guillotine
Is waiting, waiting to be seen--
It's standing where China had been.

(All delegates applaud and carry India upon their shoulders to the nice and shining guillotine. The delegate of China is happy to meet his buddy once again.)

UNSC

Book- Darfur by Gérard Prunier. A formerly obscure 'tribal conflict' in the heart of Africa escalated into possibly the first genocide of the 21st century. Darfur: The Ambiguous Genocide explains what lies behind the conflict, how it came about, why it should not be over-simplified and why it is so relevant to the future of the continent.

Movie- The Good Lie directed by Philippe Falardeau. After their village is destroyed and their parents killed by Northern militia, Sudanese orphans Theo, his siblings and other survivors make a difficult journey to a refugee camp in Kenya. Thirteen years later, the group gets the chance to settle in the U.S. where they meet Carrie Davis, who has been charged with finding them jobs and rebuild their shattered lives.

GCHQ

Book- Enigma Variations: Love, War and Bletchley Park by Irene Young. Author's stirring testament of life and love during the 2nd World War reveals little-known aspects of the Intelligence community at Bletchley Park: Britain's top-secret headquarters. A portrait of humor and tragedy and mystery as Irene's husband vanishes whilst on active service with the SAS.

Movie- The Imitation Game directed by Mortin Tyldum. British mathematician Alan Turing joins the cryptography team to help decrypt the Enigma code, however in 1952, two policemen, Nock and Staehl, investigate him after an apparent break-in at his home. During his interrogation by Nock, Turing tells of his time working at Bletchley Park.

US SENATE

Book- Fire and Fury: Inside the Trump White House by Michael Wolff. The book highlights the descriptions of the President's behavior, chaotic interactions between the senior White House staff and derogatory comments about Trump's personal life.

Movie- This Is Home directed by Alexandra Shiva. The movie revolves around a family arriving in Baltimore, Maryland and struggling to settle in when their lives take a whole new direction after Donald Trump's travel ban which initially went into effect in January 2017.

UNGA-SPECPOL

Book- The Falkland/Malvinas Case: Breaking the deadlock in the Anglo - Argentine Sovereignty Dispute by Roberto C. Laver. This book makes an important contribution not only to the ongoing debate on the fate of the Falklands/Malvinas but also to the field of International law and Conflict resolution.

Movie- The Battles of Coronel and Falkland Islands directed by Walter Summers. A 1927 British documentary film which focuses on the naval warfare around the Battle of Coronel and Battle of Falkland Islands during the First World War. It was the last in a successful series of documentary reconstructions of First World War battles by British Instructional Films made between 1921 and 1927.

WHO

Movie- Brownstones to Red Dirt directed by Dave LaMattina follows four pen pals from housing projects in Bed-Stuy, Brooklyn and the slums of Freetown, Seirra Leone. As the school year progresses, the children use their experiences to unknowingly teach one another simple lessons that will last them a lifetime.

Movie- Detour (2013) directed by William Dickerson. Things are not going well for the smooth talking ad man, Jackson Adler when he discovers that he is buried underneath an avalanche of mud and dirt. He must ask himself the ultimate question: 'What would you do to survive?'

JCC

Book- One Minute to Midnight-Michael Dobbs. Written by British politician and best-selling author Michael Dobbs. One Minute to Midnight gives a vivid account of the Cuban Missile Crisis. Thoroughly researched and beautifully written it proves to be an eloquent and breathtaking read on what late historian Arthur M. Schlesinger Jr. termed as "the most dangerous moment in human history"

Movie- Thirteen Days. Based on "The Kennedy Tapes: Inside the White House During the Cuban Missile Crisis" by Ernest May and Philip Zelikow, this intense political thriller does not disappoint as it tells the story of the thirteen days in October, 1962 when the United States and the Soviet Union stood on the brink of nuclear war.

Book- Resurrection Day by Brendan DuBois - Written in 1999, this gripping novel is set in an alternative history where we see the Cuban Missile Crisis sprout into a full-scale war and airs its aftermath, unveiling dark secrets about the death of Kennedy and origins of the whole deal.

US SENATE

DAY 2 REPORT



Muskaan Rajpal and Raghavi Agarwal write about the absurd methods used by the delegates to increase their party strength and how something so serious is taken so lightly in the committee.

(The terms 'Briber' and 'Bribee' have been made up by the reporters for their convenience.)

After a heated discussion (read: argument) between the Democrats and Republicans during an unmoderated caucus, the committee passed the motion for a Party Caucus requested by the Republicans. A loud uproar in committee brought to our notice that a felony had been committed by a delegate. Apparently, a Republican delegate had been offered a bribe of Rs. 10 to join the Democratic Party. Who knew we would witness American Senators dealing in Indian Rupees? Being questioned about his actions by the President, the briber, Chris Coons, refused to have performed any such act at first but eventually gave in. He justified his actions by saying that it was "a donation, not a bribe". Further questioning revealed that the bribee, Mike Crapo, had also given a bribe of rupees 100 to Chris Coons (who is clearly a clever guy for paying Rs. 10 and taking 100). The Press was then requested to escort Chris Coons to the Secretary General to explain the situation and ask her about what punishment he should receive. Returning to the committee with us, the Secretary General joined the EB members in brainstorming to come up with an interesting unpolitical punishment. In the end it was decided that the two delegates would simply return each other the money and Chris Coons returned the 100 rupee note to Mike Crapo, who replied with a cheeky, "I'll give you the change later."

"IT'S CALLED A DONATION, NOT BRIBERY!"

CHITS FOUND IN THE SENATE

BVC
BOIS
ARE
LITT !!

Why do we cook
bacon but bake cookies?

Soney do
Bhai !

How are so you so
cute... Teddy Bear
khaate ho kya!!
To: Eb.

TRUMP = LOL

John MCCAIN
You are too cute ~~Garand~~....
btw im a boy....

KILL - DISCRIMINATION
MARRY - FREEDOM
DO - JUSTICE

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entant & 1

Advice of the Day

President of the US Senate

As long as you go to an MUN to learn something and even if you learn one thing in those three days, your purpose of being there is complete. You shouldn't run after awards, because when you are giving your best you eventually win awards.

- Imran
Ahmad Ali

Chief of the Joint Intelligence Committee of GCHQ

I know they are... I know you all are good delegates but the point of being a good delegate comes into play when you can take all the delegates along with you. As you see at conferences, some delegates are experienced, the others are not. So the point of being experienced in a committee is not just so that you have more information or practical knowledge about an agenda or an MUN conference, rather taking the entire committee, who's not as experienced as you, along with you.

- Iqbal
Hanson

Chairperson of John f. Kennedy's Cabinet in JCC

Be well-versed with research and portfolio.

- Raghar
Wohli

Have you ever wondered if you were the only one who stayed up all night before an MUN, overdosed on caffeine and energy drinks, hopping from one country to the other? Does looking at your reflection make you remember the American Missiles flying over Syria? Do you sometimes forget you're part human, besides being part Delegate? Well, here's your chance to find out if you actually do have that berserk DNA and put all your worries to rest..

Take the Quiz below by adding or subtracting five points for each of the incidents you have come across as a delegate.

+5

- +5 If you have ever said, "Gather around, delegates!" just so you could have the E.B.'s attention.
- +5 If you have ever thought of faking a heart attack just to force the delegate giving a speech into cutting it in half.
- +5 If you have ever written a resolution or a chit with 60 people screaming at the top of your head as if there is no tomorrow. (Honestly, if you can do that, you can do anything.)
- +5 If your attendance at your coaching/school is just as low as your parents' expectations of you.
- +5 If you have ever started lobbying during the opening ceremony, just because you can.
- +5 If you have acted morally superior to other delegates almost as if you were one of the P5 Nations (Come on Germany, you're Putin me down!)
- +5 If you have ever trapped the newcomers in your web of lies and convinced them into voting for your resolution and working paper.
- +5 If 'sleep deprived', 'heavily caffeinated' and 'extremely overworked' are the words that describe you the best.
- +5 If you have realised that you are not morally opposed to murder, but you just don't have the guts to do it.
- +5 If you don't mind missing out on the kebabs just so you can gather more votes.

-5

- 5 If you've peaked into someone else's phone to see what they're researching on.
- 5 If you became a signatory on a resolution just because the author was cute.
- 5 If you took a picture of your placard and folder and posted it on your story.
- 5 If you tried to seem interesting by putting on a weird face when you saw a photographer clicking candid shots.
- 5 If you have used the Point of Personal Privilege to escape a discussion you do not know much about.

SHAAIYYA AND SARA GUIDE YOU TO YOUR INNER FANATIC. START FROM 0 AND ADD 5 OR SUBTRACT 5 FOR EACH INCIDENT OR THING YOU HAVE DONE IN YOUR LIFE AS A DELEGATE. AFTER GETTING YOUR SCORE COMPARE IT TO THE SCALE GIVEN BELOW TO SEE WHERE YOU END UP ON THE CRAZY DELEGATE SCALE.

0-15: Run as far and as fast as you possible. You are one of the only few sane (not really) people here. You're either a new MUNner or have great patience. Either way, kudos to you for not getting trapped in this mental asylum with the rest of us.

20-35: Congratulations! You're the crème de la crème of delegates! You are the perfect mixture between foreign policies and quick comebacks. Give yourself a five (hour nap?) and a pat on the back. Though you are not an MUN aficionado yet, but stick around, delegate, you will soon be a full blown MUN veteran by the time the next LMG MUN rolls in.

30-50: You, my friend, have entered the dark side. You know everything from how to lure newcomers into getting their vote to which committee has the best butter chicken. You complain about your blood stream being 80% caffeine and that your hands are cramped from writing so many chits, but we all know you love every aspect of it.

GCHQ GOVERNMENT COMMUNICATIONS HEADQUARTERS

Aishanya Gupta and Chhavi report about the inexperienced delegates that claim to have attended more than six MUNS.

Created in the wake of suspicion, GCHQ investigated into the Russian involvement in the UK General Elections of 2017 as per the committee agenda today. Evidences of approximate 1,50,000 twitter accounts with various Russian ties disseminating messages about Brexit in favor of the 'Leave' campaign were reported by the researchers at the University of California at Berkley and Swansea University. As per a pre-conference debate, the delegates conducted an unmoderated caucus not talking about the agenda rather segregating themselves as either "BJP Wale" or "Congress Wale" and the pros and cons of Egypt becoming socialist.

Even before the committee began, the Secretary General Vanshika Sharma requested the Press and the Logistics to leave the committee to have a confidential rendezvous and provide some behind-the-scenes intelligence to the delegates of GCHQ. Whatever the "talk" was, it did not do much to alter the vivacity and exuberance of the delegates. Almost an hour into the extremely slow-paced debate, we saw the Alternative Technology Researcher writing down points in his notepad using the wall as a support. Apparently, the table was not enough for him.

Since Izzaan Abbas, the absent EB member had 'run away' with the gavel, Vedansh Tandon had to resort to using his mic instead. Beyond that, the committee debated extensively on the exact definition of 'Fake News' and the Technical Analyst also suggested that all content posted by BBC on the Social Networking Sites should be filtered by the Agency Executives of GCHQ. We sure do have hardworking executives!



THE ABANDONED EXECUTIVE BOARD



AN INTERVIEW WITH A NEW MUNNER

The IP conducted an interview with the Cyberist from the Computer Network Operations Wing of the GCHQ.

Q1: How was your experience here at LMGMUN?

Ans: Well its my first time to any MUN so yesterday it was kind of...I was nervous and scared but now I'm fine, I've made a few friends and I can talk to them so it's nice!

Q2: If this committee was an ice-cream, what flavor would it be?

Ans: Chocolate. Probably because it has a lot of caffeine in it, but at the same time it is tasty.

Q3: What do you think of the EB's updates? What do you think of this entire simulation of GCHQ? Is it good enough?

Ans: It..it is...I am really, really satisfied with the rooms and organization of this whole thing.

Q4: What do you think about the agenda of the committee?

Ans: It's interesting. It's really interesting, and moreover it gives us all the.... it's important so that we are updated with all the current affairs.

Q5: The Senior Language Analyst contradicted each and every point on the Recommendations To The EC by the Alternative Technology Researcher. Do you think her stance was correct?

Ans: Um... I support her. I like her. The only thing is, I believe that all of the points were not wrong. I'm not saying that they were not flawed... but the motive behind them was not wrong.

Q6: Was there any problem you faced during proceedings of the committee?

Ans: Not Really! No!

DAY 2 REPORT

GLOSSARY

OF SHENANIGANS

THE PAST AND THE PRESENT YEAR HAS BEEN FULL OF- WELL, SIMPLY VERY FULL. TO SUM UP ALL OF IT, WE HAVE COMPILED SOME THINGS, RATHER LIKE AN OBITUARY. READ ON-

ANGRY

The Taliban has left no stone unturned in trying to bring the world under their thumb. Recently they stormed the provincial capital of Farah in western Afghanistan, killing and wounding multiple troops during the siege.

Honduran journalists have been on the receiving end of flak from critics, and we were outraged to learn that it was in the form of dangerous threats and intimidation.

ASHAMED

The United Nation's children's assembly warns the people that 400,000 children may be on the verge of death in the Democratic Republic of Congo. They have described the condition as a "perfect storm of poverty, deprivation and conflict".

We are very sorry to bring to light the words of Vasudev Devnani, the Education Minister for Rajasthan, who stated, "Cows exhale oxygen" (also see:- COWS).

BOGIES

Would you like to have the bogies in your ears cleaned out by somebody else? Well, now you don't have the option either, because the trade of ear- cleaning in the streets of Dhaka, once a very popular and lucrative (and lubricative) trade is slowly dying out.

CONFUSED

The German media has accused two German players of Turkish origin of 'Erdoganophobia'- supporting Turkey's President Recep Tayyip Erdogan during his re- election.

COWS

Impressed with a picture of a cow kneeling before a man, cricketer Sehwag heralded the cow's gratitude publicly.

Meanwhile, in Uttar Pradesh, the Chief Minister declared that no one can dare to hurt cows in his state.

Gujarat Member of Parliament, Shankarbhai Vegad, sets the trademark for new and revolutionary medicine by stating that cow dung and urine can effectively cure cancer.

DEAD

(see:-ANGRY)

China is in trouble because of huge graveyards of destroyed bikes. They say that they do not know what to do.

An Indian flyover in Varanasi has collapsed, killing almost eighteen people in all.

DEBUNKED

The natives of West Africa have reclaimed voodoo as a source of power. "Voodoo is not evil; it has nothing to do with the devil. It emphasizes only on blood." Youngsters are now turning to voodoo as heritage.

FALUTIN

Sorry, proceed further downwards (see:- ZIZZYBAUM).

SICKENED

There is a surging demand for racialised sperm, Caucasian sperm, in fact, in Brazil. We are appalled.

It is the third time, now, that an Indian teenager has been raped and set ablaze. Meanwhile, the Karnataka elections continue.

PROUD

An 86- year old Indian woman who followed her passion for shooting is now a leading sharpshooter in her village. Revolver Dadi, as she is popularly called, continues to shoot and hit the bull's eye. We are exceedingly proud of her, and hope she will teach how to shoot people too- it is a useful trade, after all.

ZIZZYBAUM

(see:- FALUTIN) I like to laugh.



THE WORLD IS WATCHING

DICTATORS BEWARE

THERE ARE EYES IN THE SKY



For centuries now dictatorship has been associated with oppression, violence, brutality and an absolute misuse of money and power, and why wouldn't it? When we have examples like Hitler and Stalin and the images of barbarousness that follow just by the mention of their names.

Modern dictatorships have always been under scrutiny. Islam Karimov, former ruler of Uzbekistan practically endorsed child labour. The press, under his ruler remained oppressed and the tyrant had complete control over the politics in Uzbekistan. All who stood against him, were threatened or even imprisoned for doing so. Another such case is that of Omar Al Bashir's, who has been ruling Sudan for two decades, and when it comes to exploiting his powers as a leader, Bashir left no stone unturned, right from manipulating elections to questionable political control, he is responsible for the deaths of thousands of Sudanese citizens. When it comes to dictatorship, the mention of Kim Jong Un has become so frequent, that not including him in a list of leaders with unfortunate personality traits seems like an insult towards him, the North Korean ruler, although famous for his merely his nuclear ambitions and dauntless threats to the world and human rights violations is, undeniably unconventionally clever.

While some might argue that modern dictatorships seem more sophisticated, on a closer look, the only sophistication one finds is that they are now more cleverly constructed facades. Journalist and author Aryan Sundaram, upon visiting Congo, saw what every other person sees, a harmonious country, recovering from genocide, this view however was short lived as after spending a few months in Congo, he met another journalist, who was beaten into a coma after he brought up the issue of press harassment before Paul Kagame, former President of Congo. The world is watching, the actions of these dictators have been under scrutiny since most came into power, be it a dictatorship or a pseudo-democracy like Vietnam, the world is watching and we will not let there be another Pol Pot, another Gaddafi, and certainly no more abominable acts against humanity.

JOHN F. KENNEDY'S CABINET THE CUBAN-AMERICAN FESTIVAL OF L(/F)IGHTS

Nooria Fatima and Spriha Mehrotra document the birth of the Cuban-American Diwali.



WHEN EVEN DEATH IS AMUSING

Spriha Mehrotra and Nooria Fatima write of assassinations, oxymorons and a whole lot of betrayals.

The ideals of 'Giving and receiving' achieved new levels of substance in JFK's Cabinet when the President opened a moderated caucus with an extremely shocking revelation to the Cabinet. Telephonic conversations between our very controversial Director of Central Intelligence, John McCone and Che Guevara of Cuba had been intercepted hinting at a BARTER that had been negotiated between them: The retrieval of the two CIA operatives caught infiltrating the Cuban Government and consequently captured by the Cuban officials in exchange for the life of President John Fitzgerald Kennedy!

The International Press was initially expecting at least a couple of gasps of surprise and outrage and thereon, a better level of debate and diplomacy, but it was not soon before we were amazed by the response the crisis at hand got. The Chief of CIA, Ray S. Cline found reasons to laugh off at the threat to the President's very life, deeming that, "The tragedy is amusing".

Meanwhile, Special Counsel Theodore Sorensen lethargically questioned the President if he was still alive while JFK addressed the Cabinet members. We wonder if he is the one in need of counselling.

We hope that the delegates will engage in substantial debate from now on, otherwise "God bless America!"

In dearth of plausible solutions to not only the missile situation in Cuba but also the cloud of communism looming over Venezuela, the Secretary of Defence rose to the occasion and proposed, as a perfect example of paradox, sending armed forces of the member states of the Organisation of American States to "crush the revolt" as well as sending in representatives to further the capitalist propaganda and try convincing the Venezuelan rebellious youth to co-operate (with guns to their heads).

When President John F. Kennedy addressed his proposal's oh-so-conveniently shifted focus from the still very much prevalent Cuban Missile Crisis and the demography of this turning point (in the words of JFK, "Delegate, how do you think it will feel to be blown up?"), McNamara seemed very eager on waiting for the Cuban missiles to blow the United States so as to follow up an attack "closely", resulting in an amazing show of the celebratory fireworks, or as the delegate herself mentioned (read: questioned) "We can have an AIRBURST?", in the crisis-stricken skies of United(?) States of America. It appears that a miss is as good as mile, or would that be a missile?

In response to Mr. President's rhetoric, it appears that we will all, indeed, die.



FIDEL CASTRO'S CABINET



THE MATERNITY OF FIDEL CASTRO

Annie Tiru and Sara Batool write about the many emerging sides of (in) Fidel Castro.

We would like to dedicate this report to Mr. Raghav Kohli (or John F. Kennedy), who has been SO KIND as to exchange the large and blooming room Lotus for the frail and narrow room Lily (whose AC doesn't work, by the way). Fidel Castro's Cabinet is so staggered by this generosity that they cannot decide where to sit; their natural habitat has changed so drastically that they keep drawing into one side of the room, afraid that occupying the other side might destroy their diplomacy somehow.

Fidel Castro's second personality dons a gamchha today- rebellion seems to rush through

in his veins. Castro, it turns out, is a very sharp Potterhead; misquoting Snape, he requested the delegates to 'turn to page 25' of the LMGMUN newsletter because they seemed quite misinformed, only, only to discover that page number 25 did not exist.

The delegates are extremely concerned about the 43 Cuban exiles who have been stalking and eve-teasing the captured CIA agents for some time now. They've been accusing the tiny Minister of Interior of being too nice to them. As observers, we can say that the tiny Minister of Interior would be in trouble if he didn't (they're all goons).

Fidel Castro became rather maternal during the committee. The delegates were in for a shock (read- traumatized) when he very aptly requested the Logistics team to keep the delegates' tech stuff for their own. In our kindness, we sincerely hope that the delegates will never see them again.

ONE SAYS CLAP, TWO SAYS BEND

Annie Tiru and Sara Batool write about Fidel Castro's new career.

Fidel Castro has begun a new career. He has become.....a trainer of retards (or a retarded trainer). He has been very industriously making the delegates walk on their hind legs, clap each time he said 'one' and bend each time he said 'two'. This brought new visions to many eyes, both ours as well as the delegates'.

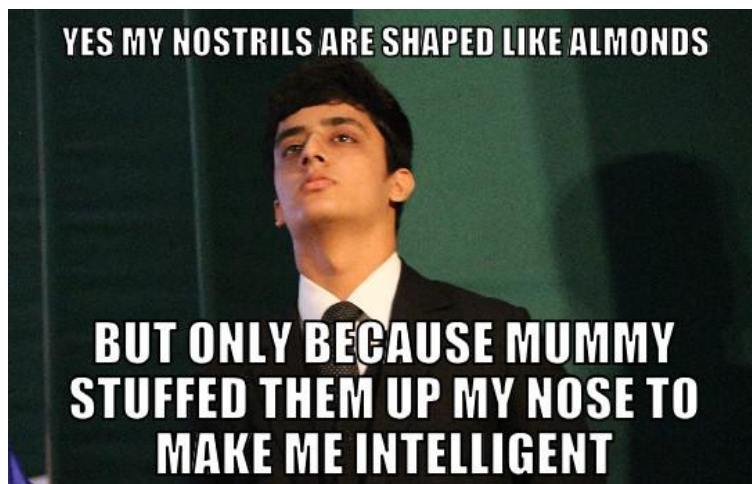
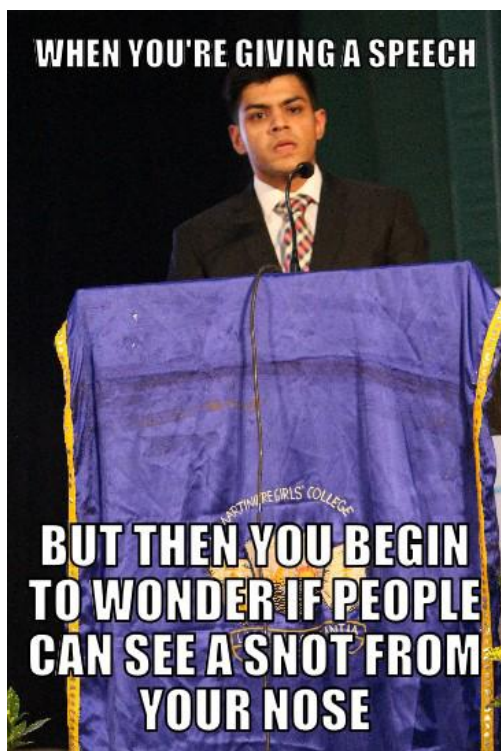
It turns out that our Crisis Director (very aptly the Crisis Director) was involved in a crisis in a coach with nine dogs (perhaps it was the dogs that were in a crisis).

Fidel Castro, a great feminist at heart, has declared that the Director is now Ms. Donald Trump, (because introducing a female form of the much-respected President is truly advocating for gender equality and feminism).

A Directive has been put forth before Fidel Castro, its sponsors being Raul Roca Garcia and Ernesto Che Guevara for ensuring the safety of Fidel Castro. They've come up with a very interesting plan of action: to contact the Cuban secret agents living in America and tell them to protest against President Kennedy. Apart from being appalled at imagining a handful of Cuban Secret agents loudly yelling 'Down With Kennedy', we foresee a great deal of exposure of the secret agents. The delegates don't. Anyway, we're glad that directive failed.



AND MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL- MEMES!



MORE COMING
TOMORROW!

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