

AIM-UNleashed

An Exhilarating Event That Nurtures Future Leaders

Riya Gupta & Anshita Kumar

As the global aim to transform the world for the better mingled with copious efforts, the 14th edition of AIMUN and the second e-AIMUN took birth in its full splendour. Here's how it commenced its journey to revitalise humanity.

UNravel the grandeur

For words fall short to describe the energy and anticipation with which we wait for India's grandest international MUN conference to commence! Consequently, excitement was packed to the brim as the opening ceremony saw the august presence of Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools & RBEF; Chief Guest Joonas Kontta, Member of Parliament, Finland; Key note speaker, Jayathma Wickramanayake, UN Envoy For Youth; Devesh Kumar, Member, Bihar Legislative Council; Imrich Milo, Director, Bililingual Gymnasium School, France; Dr Pravin H Khobragade, Health Specialist,

United Nations Children's Fund; Tara Stafford Ocansey, Program Manager and Education Specialist, Centre for Sustainable Development, Colombia University, and other esteemed dignitaries, all of whom together elevated the charm of the occasion.

UNpause the melodies

For the Almighty's blessings are all we seek! On this propitious note, the opening ceremony of the 14th AIMUN began with the lighting of the lamp amidst chanting of 'Gayatri Mantra'. The audience was further captivated and energised with a song, "Sapna Dekha Hai Maine", sung by the students of Amitasha, Amity's wing for the less privileged girl child. The song ignited spirits and filled the event with positivity and light.

UNbox the inspiration

For inspiration can come from anywhere, the point, however, is whether or not we are capable of turning it into an opportunity! In line with the same thought, Jyoti Arora, Director AERC, described AIMUN as the delegates' "playground for

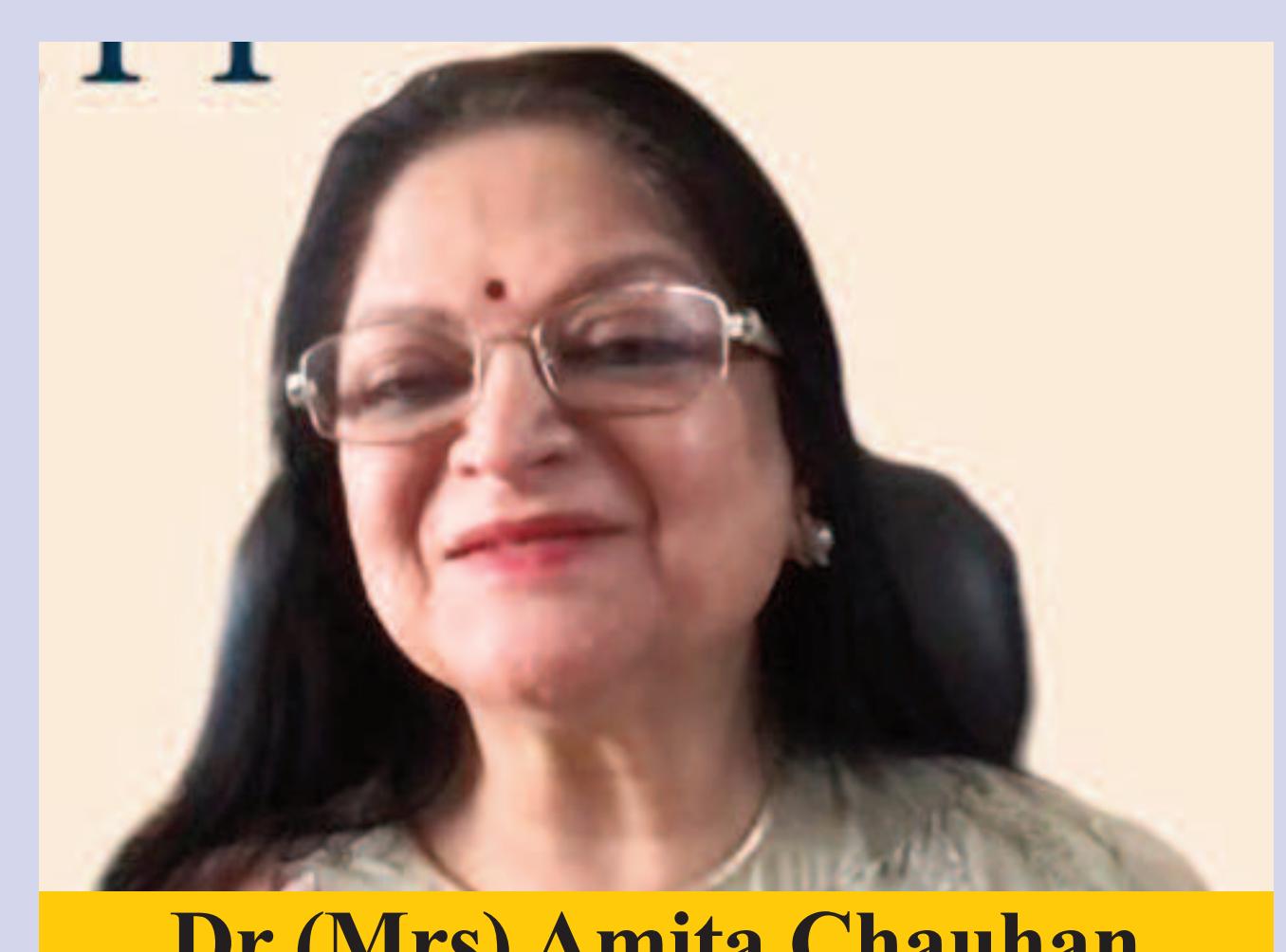
diplomacy, public policy making, governance, leadership, and for making new friendships," and inspired them to use the qualities of diplomacy and negotiations to come up with coherent solutions.

UNbridle the enthusiasm

For enthusiasm is the powerhouse of life, switch it on and a new you is born! To encourage the delegates to become future policy makers, our esteemed chief guest, Joonas Kontta called on this enchanting power of enthusiasm when he said, "We need to be prepared for the future; together we need to be working for the benefit of peace, sustainability and human rights across the world." Also in the spotlight was a special video message conveyed by the UN Envoy for Youth, Jayathma Wickramanayake, that enthused the young diplomats with the spirit of change, for without them, "we cannot achieve our collective vision for a more peaceful, prosperous and sustainable world where no one is left behind," she stated.

UNCAGE the happiness

For happiness in trying times is one of the toughest things to achieve, but a momentous one if achieved! Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools and RBEF, reiterated the same thought as she felicitated the dignitaries present and remarked, "Dear delegates, be inspired! When nations come together and act together, they can make a better world." She further em-



Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan



Chief guest, Joonas Kontta



Jayathma Wickramanayake

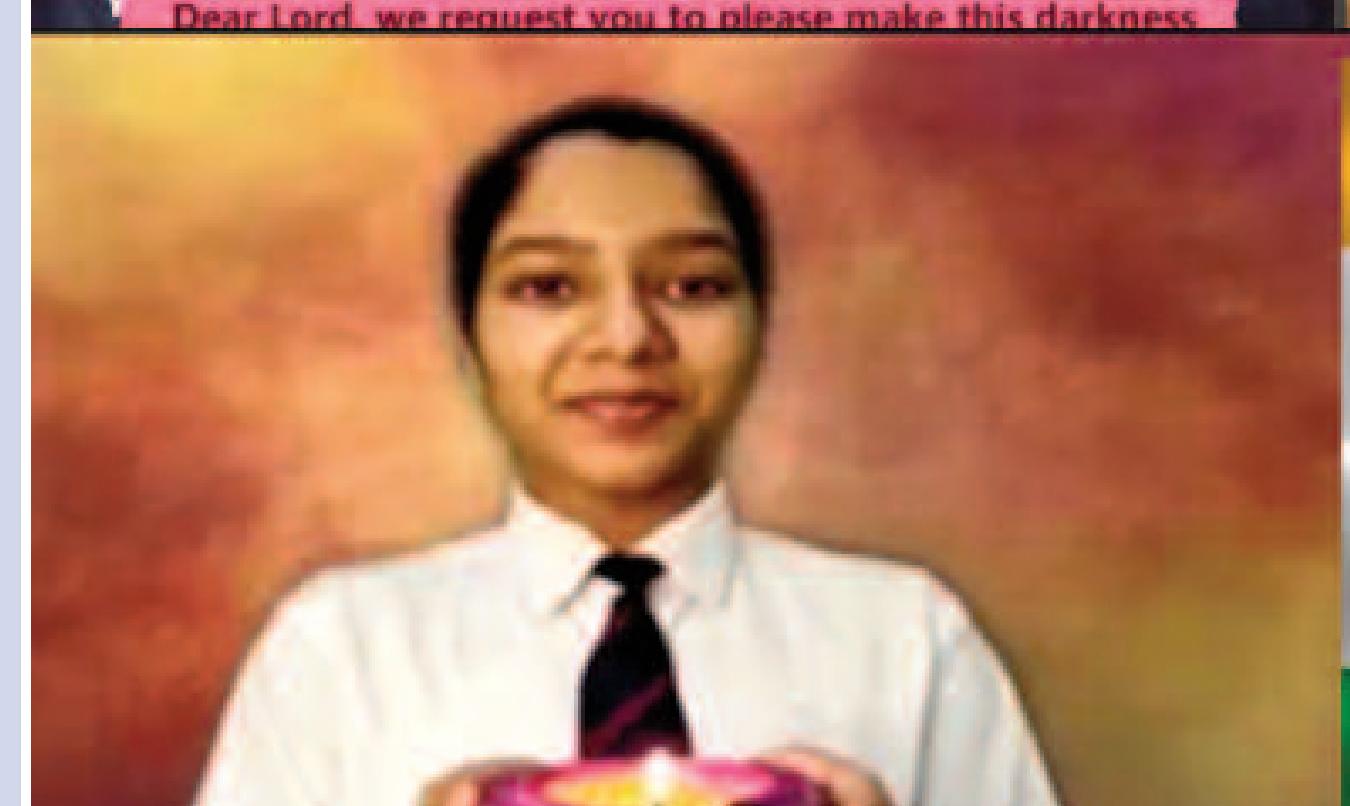


Jyoti Arora

phasised on the 'power of one and all' in creating a world united in happiness, encouraging students to come together.

UNite the nations

For there lies unimaginable strength in unity! As everyone from across the globe united on one screen, we inched closer to the much awaited moment. Declaring the conference open with a single bang of the gavel, the Sec Gen paved the way for delegates to proceed forward to their respective committees and usher in the hour of change.



Words of wisdom

Esteemed Guests Share Their Insight On Issues That Matter

More for women

COVID-19 pandemic affected women more than anyone else in the society. The reason being that the pandemic brought along the need to become adept at learning the digital skills and tools. It accelerated the digital world where each woman was expected to acquire, adopt and learn digital technology. On the contrary, women are less likely to own a digital device because of higher cost of maintenance.

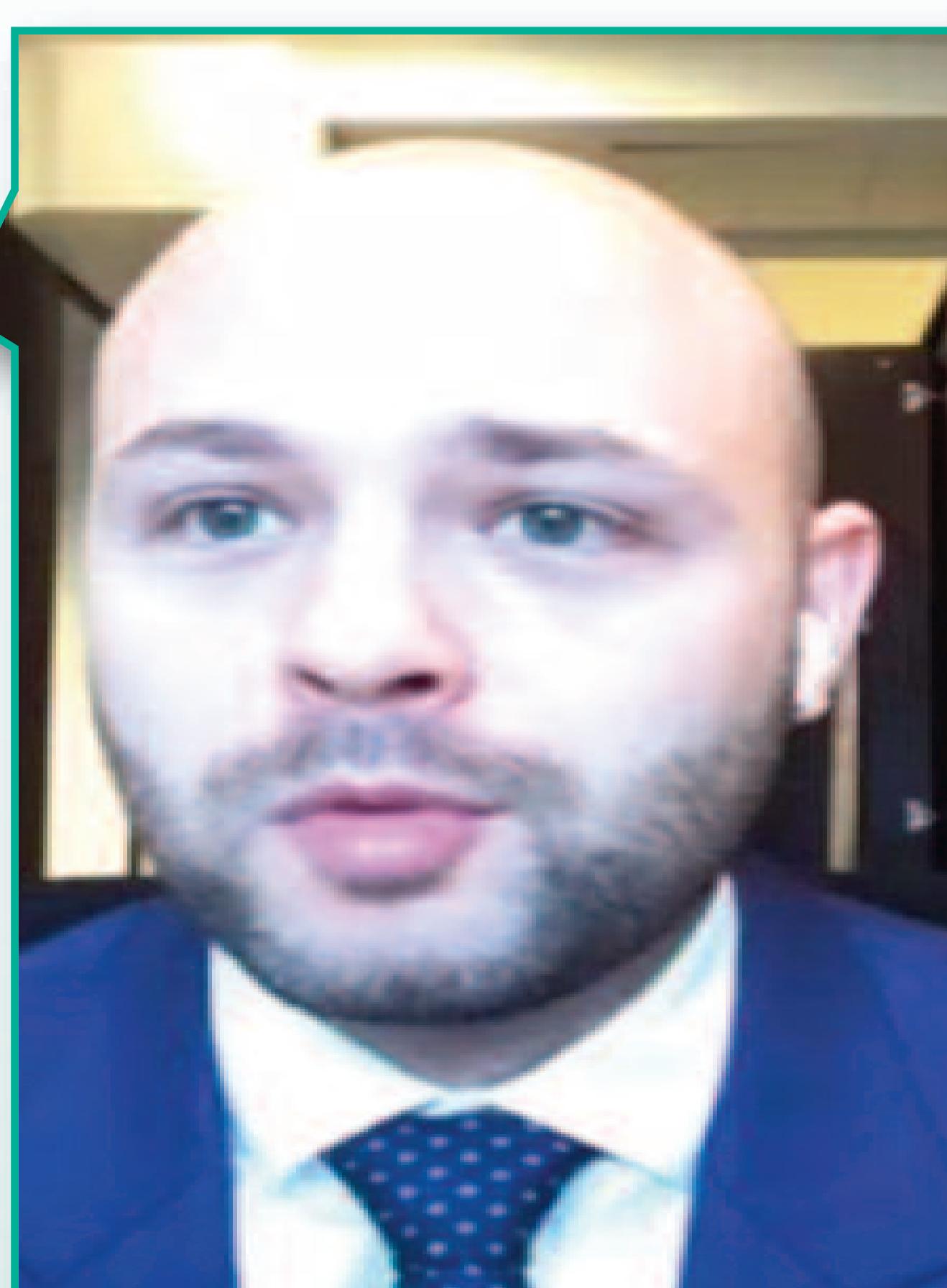
Therefore, women not only faced gender pay gap but digital gender gap. So, what we need to do as a society is to come up with initiatives where women also have basic digital elements such as a smartphones and internet access. We should encourage gender responsive programmes in the society where women, too, are encouraged to take up the field of science and innovation and learn the digital tools to fill in the gender digital divide."



Anita Bhatia
Assistant Secretary General &
Deputy Executive Director at UN Women
On the impact of COVID 19 on women

Change is what we need

Owing to the COVID-19 pandemic and the subsequent digitisation, overall change seems to be the great generational experience that faces our youth today. The world we knew yesterday is not the same as the one we would walk into tomorrow and rightfully so, because change is the only constant. The fourteenth edition of Amity International Model United Nations is a great example of this very change! Besides, it has been widely recognised in the inter-parliamentary assemblies, active involvement of young people and the young generation in bringing about this change through political decision-making and implementation of international commitments is crucial to ensure a positive sustainable development. But the reality is that just one country or just one continent making all these decisions is not enough. We need to act to-

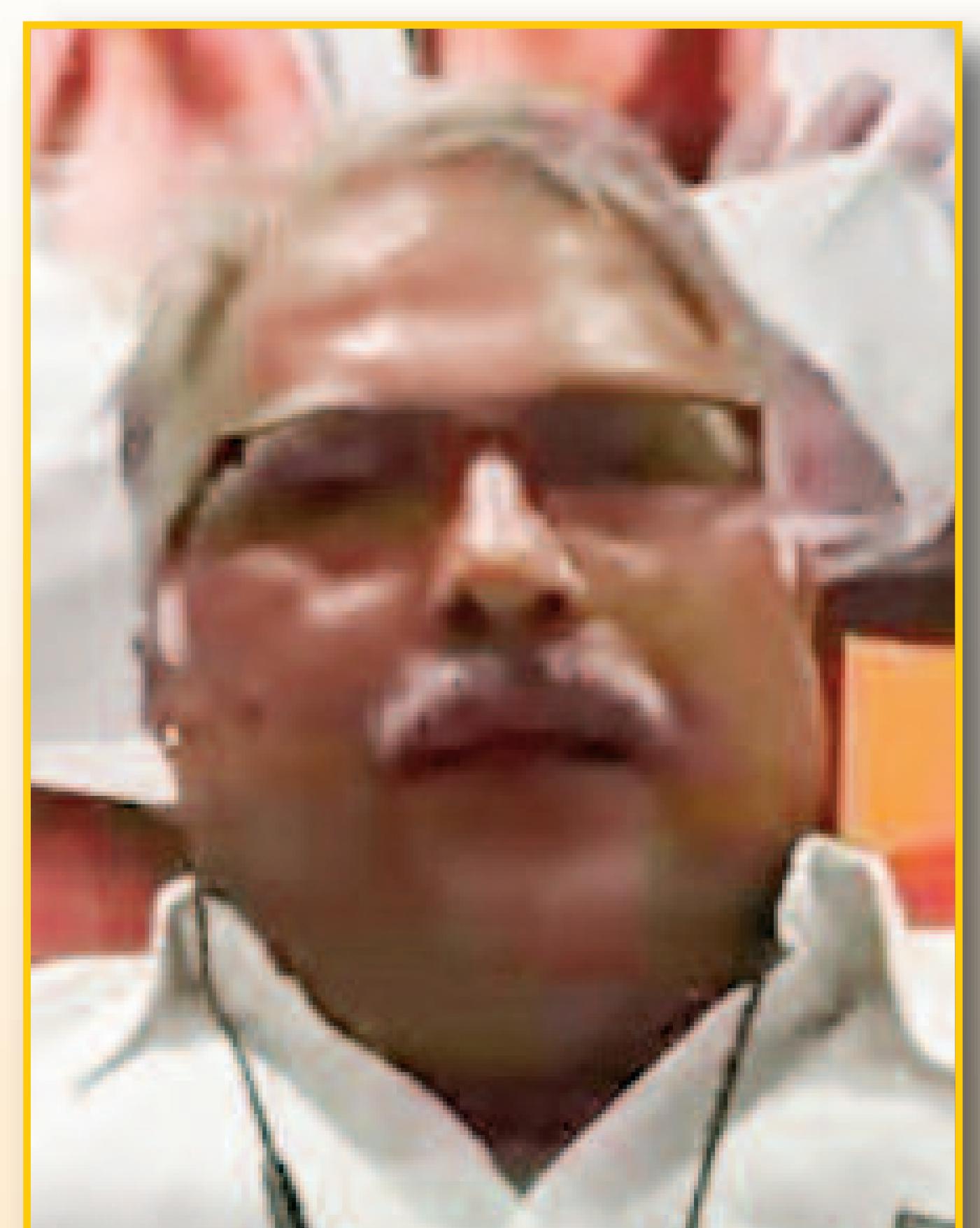


Joonas Kntt
Member of Parliament, Finland
On learning from adversities for a better future

gether and we need to make joint efforts to find solutions to the challenges facing us. Agenda 2030, the Paris Climate Agreement, and the Convention on Biological Diversity are a proof to the fact we already have documents and agreements to lead our way; it all, thus, depends on all of us and the actions that we take hereon."

Change – need of the hour

The media of any nation has to change according to the times. They have to cater to the changing needs and evolve accordingly. Print media, on the other hand, is rigid, so there are chances that it won't be able to survive in the years to come. But overall, I believe that digital media, as the fourth pillar of democracy, is on the right path. And not just media, but change is integral to every sphere of life. Look at the *mandis* of Bihar - they were removed in the year 2006. It was a big change and since then, there has been a significant improvement. *Mandis* became a breeding ground for corruption and incompetence, and it is in the result we see that our farmers fare better without their influence. As digital media reported on this, most print media did not. The same misconception goes for Farmer's



Devesh Kumar
Member, Bihar Legislative Council
General Secretary, Bihar BJP
On media and its role on unbiased reporting

Bill as well. People tend to believe that it was passed very hurriedly without adequate deliberation, but what they fail to realise is that this bill has been in the works for years. All of these instances prove that it is important for us to have a fruitful discussion with the youth regarding the workings of the nation that is rightfully theirs."

Debate, discuss, resolve

The issues that the young diplomats will deliberate upon throughout the course of the fourteenth edition of AIMUN, including climate change, sustainable development, and human rights, amongst others, are indeed some of the most pressing challenges of our times. And the global pandemic has undoubtedly only made tackling these issues all the more challenging. With COVID-19, we continue to face a health crisis as well as a socio-economic crisis with no parallel in the history of the United Nations. Yet while the scope and scale of these issues is immense, I hope it inspires young participants to think of the United Nations not only as a unique platform for debate and discussion, but also a critical platform for action. As we



Jayathma Wickramanayake
UN Envoy for Youth
On UN and AIMUN's mission

hope to recover better from COVID-19, we need all the stakeholders to realign behind the mission of the UN and steer our world to a more equitable, inclusive and sustainable path."

Invest in and for the future

It is vital to invest in the future if we are to progress as a society. Human resource is a sector we need to invest in heavily. Lab technicians are so few and rare, and theirs is a job that is irreplaceable in medicine. Doctors, nurses and paramedics are essential in saving lives, and the human factor in them is what enables them to do so. The next field in medicine that needs further investment is technology. We need to spend more money on better equipment that is capable of detecting the smallest irregularities. Technology has come quite far in comparison to the old days; the vaccine for the COVID-19 virus is the first vaccine ever to be developed in a record time. And yet its dispersal methods need certain improvements. There are



Dr Pravin H Khobragade
Health Specialist, Health Section United Nations Children's Fund
On investing in medical advancements for a safer world

still over 50 countries that haven't received any vaccines for their people. In India, there are many hospitals that do not have access to sufficient oxygen for their patients as there is a shortage of oxygen plants. Such reckless hazards can be avoided with further investment in technology and manpower."

Social/unsocial?

With the pandemic and the lockdown, the world has been reduced to a huge world of social media. Work from home, online classes, and with almost everything online, many technologically-challenged people finally learnt how to use social media and how to use it wisely. But like every other invention, social media is a double-edged sword. It can be misused by hate and terrorist groups to manipulate and spread misinformation. Social media has the power to educate people, but it also has the power to spread rumours like a fire. Most of the people nowadays have left some kind of digital footprint, which has enabled them to create an online reality. This allows us a place for communication, but we cannot trust the authen-



Imrich Milo
Director, Bilingual Gymnasium, ZAMUN
Project Supervisor &
Chairman, Socratis Club, Gymnázium
Bilingválne, Slovakia
On the role of social media

ticity of the information being spread. We live in a digital world today, one that is engrossed in social media, which is why it is important to have such discussions."

Never too young

AIMUN is a great initiative! This model of education that Amitians are receiving is really giving them a view of the whole world, and a great view of the real world. It gives them an opportunity to think from the point of view of a world leader. We are constantly pondering over questions like "What do people care about?" or "What are their priorities?" or "What are the ways in which we can tell our stories that would touch upon those points?" So, having the opportunity of Amity International Model United Nations and interacting with the important leaders of the world who are at the forefront of pushing for the SDG agenda is great. I am happy for all the students who have been able to grab this amaz-



Tara Stafford Ocansey
Programme Manager & Education Specialist, Centre for Sustainable Development, Earth Institute, Columbia University, USA
On the importance of AIMUN

ing opportunity to interact with people from across the world and seek solutions to issues that matter. No one has to or should wait until they are "grown up" or have kick-started their career to bring a change in the world."

Watchful Wolves

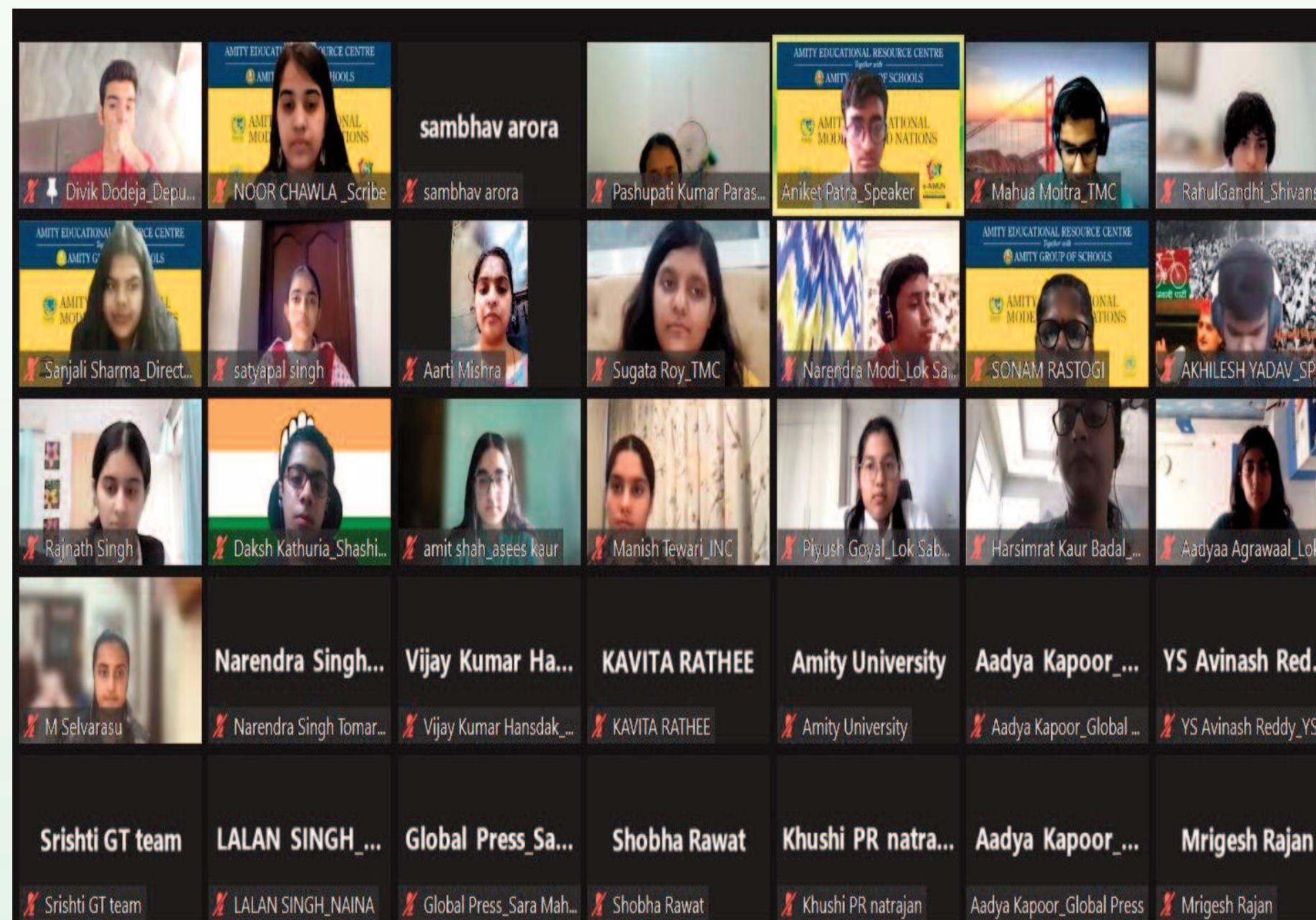
Do Not Make Them Angry; They Know How To Bite!

Lok Sabha

Syed Sultan Shah, Sara Maheshwari & Aadyaa Agrawaal

Reason for endangerment: Analysing the implementation and conflict over Indian Agricultural Acts 2020

Motility: An Indian committee along with a controversial agenda is all you need for some ultimate chutzpah. Thankfully enough Lok Sabha did not disappoint! Growling from the get go, the ministers in these committee had a lot to say about their given agenda. Given their stance on the agenda, one could easily say that they had been closely watching the implementation of agricultural policies and its impact on the Indian economy, like a pack of watchful wolves keeping an eye on their target. The committee kick started with guest speaker Mr Devesh Kumar, Member of the Bihar Legislative Council & General Secretary, BJP Bihar, addressing the young ministers on the given agenda.



He spoke at length about Farm Bills, outlining how they were intended to aid the farmers by giving them an open market. This was followed by an interactive session, where the delegates asked questions pertinent to the agenda. The nature of the questions being asked reflected their profound research about the topic. What

ensued were some dramatic opening statements, opening the gateway to intense debate. Mr Narendra Modi's opening remark "*Kisaan toh bas ek bahana hai asli maksad toh sadak ki bheed badhana hai*" set the tone of the committee to high pulse. Others too were not lagging behind with Mr Akhilesh Yadav chiming in, "*Kya yeh silsila yuhi chalta rahega, kisaan apni chaalon se kab tak logo ko kuchalta rahega.*" Day 1 of the committee was packed with some intense fire-power. We will have to wait and see what day two has to offer.

The loudest roar heard: "*Kisaan humare annadata hain, to phir unki sthiti hume sha danniya kyun hai?*"

— Akhilesh Yadav **GP**

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Guest Speaker
Devesh Kumar



Lifespan: ★★★★☆

Acing the sloth life

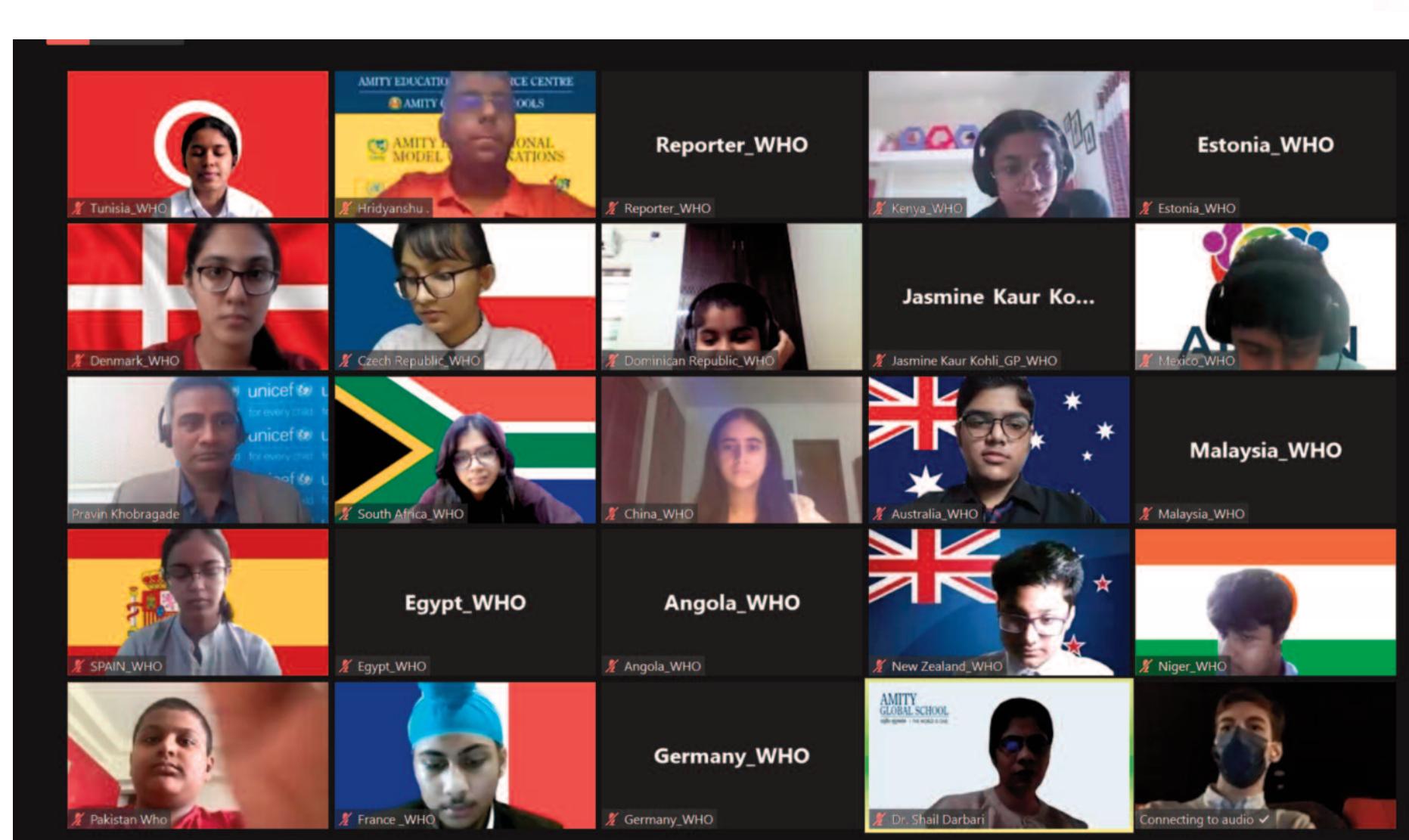
Slow & Steady Wins The Race, Now Does It?

WHO

Jasmine Kaur Kohli, Kasak Jain, Savyasachi Singh & Samiksha Dubey

Reason for endangerment: Improving the current healthcare systems with an objective of responding to variants and future pandemics

Motility: The committee began with an insightful speech delivered by Dr Pravin H Khobragade, Health Specialist at United Nations Children's Fund, who



shed light on the world's fight against Covid-19. He emphasised on the need for more MSC and PHD holders in prominent fields such as microbiology, and stated the possibility of a future pandemic's cause to be zoonotic.

Much like the long-legged sloth that eats, sleeps and repeats, the committee took small, conscious steps into the agenda, as the considerate Executive Board began with a 'General Query' session. The commit-

tee tightly hugged the explanation for rules and regulations like a homebody sloth hugs its log, refusing to let go.

Green algae settled on the fur as the committee resisted any movement forward, bombarding the EB with doubts. Soon it started to feel as if it was a beginner's session 101 rather than debating, with the session being as slow as the actual WHO taking precautions for Covid-19. To sum up, the Global Press was confused about what to write as the delegates throughout the committee were slow. The delegates seemed to believe in the idea 'slow and steady wins the race'.

Guest Speaker
Dr Pravin H Khobragade



The loudest roar herd: "Medical professionals aren't made overnight."

— Dr Pravin H Khobragade **GP**

Lifespan: ★★★★☆

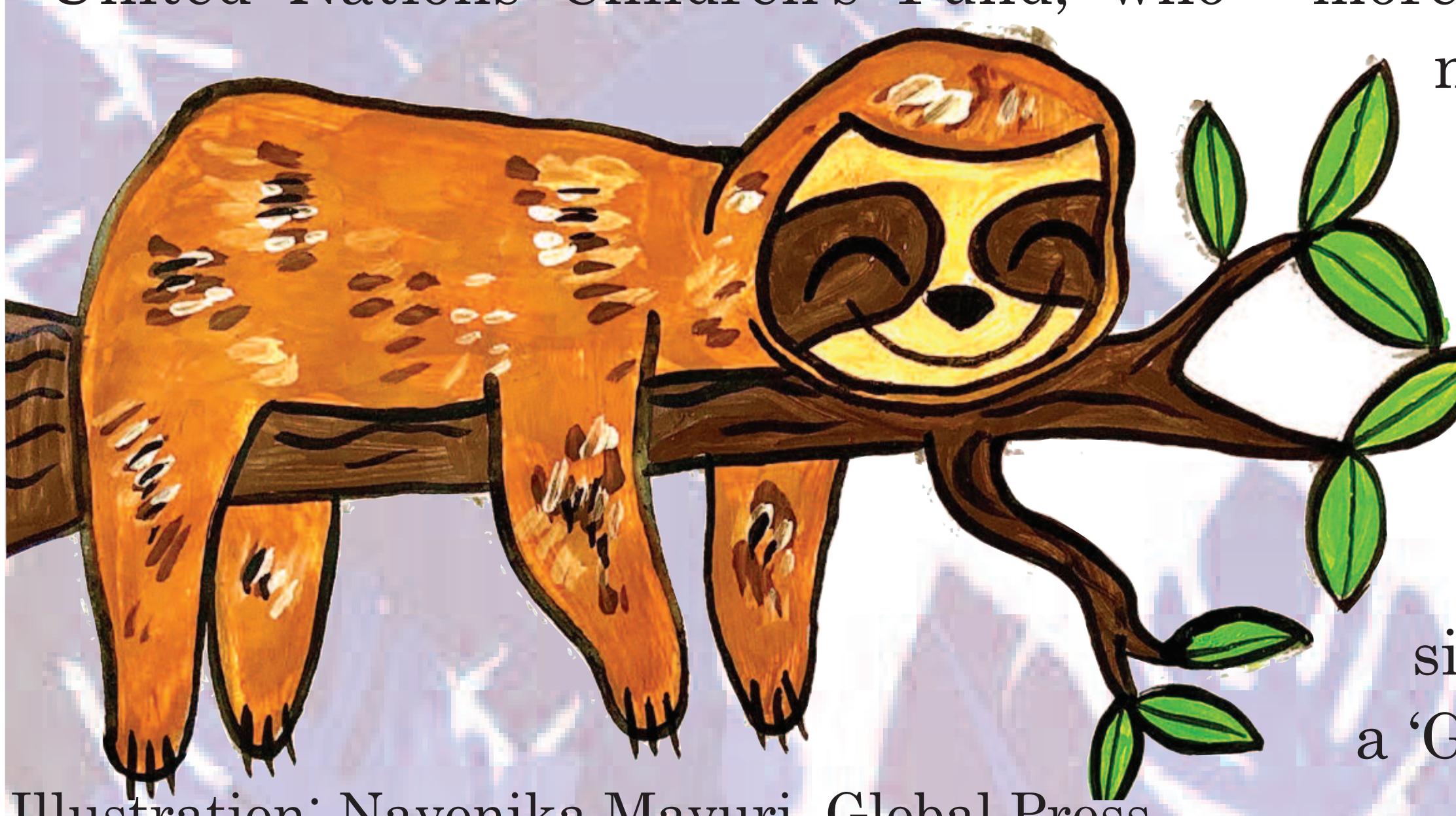


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Cat caught your tongue

Grumpy? Lazy? Ferocious? Naive? Funny? Nah! All Of It

UNESCO

Mahi Modgil, Vanalika Maini & Riya Gupta

The reason for endangerment: Assessing the role of public-private partnership in achieving sustainable development with emphasis on SDG-11

Motility: He awakens and settles on a safe option, the GSL. After one bite, he wonders if his selection was apt. However, with every bite, new flavours emerge. Garfield is now working towards making the world a better place. Since the adoption of the Sustainable Development Goals in 2016, it has become the guiding hand of Garfield's policies; the integration of SDGs to the inner workings will continue to be the network's central focus until 2030.

He understands that the cooperation of governments and individuals plays a

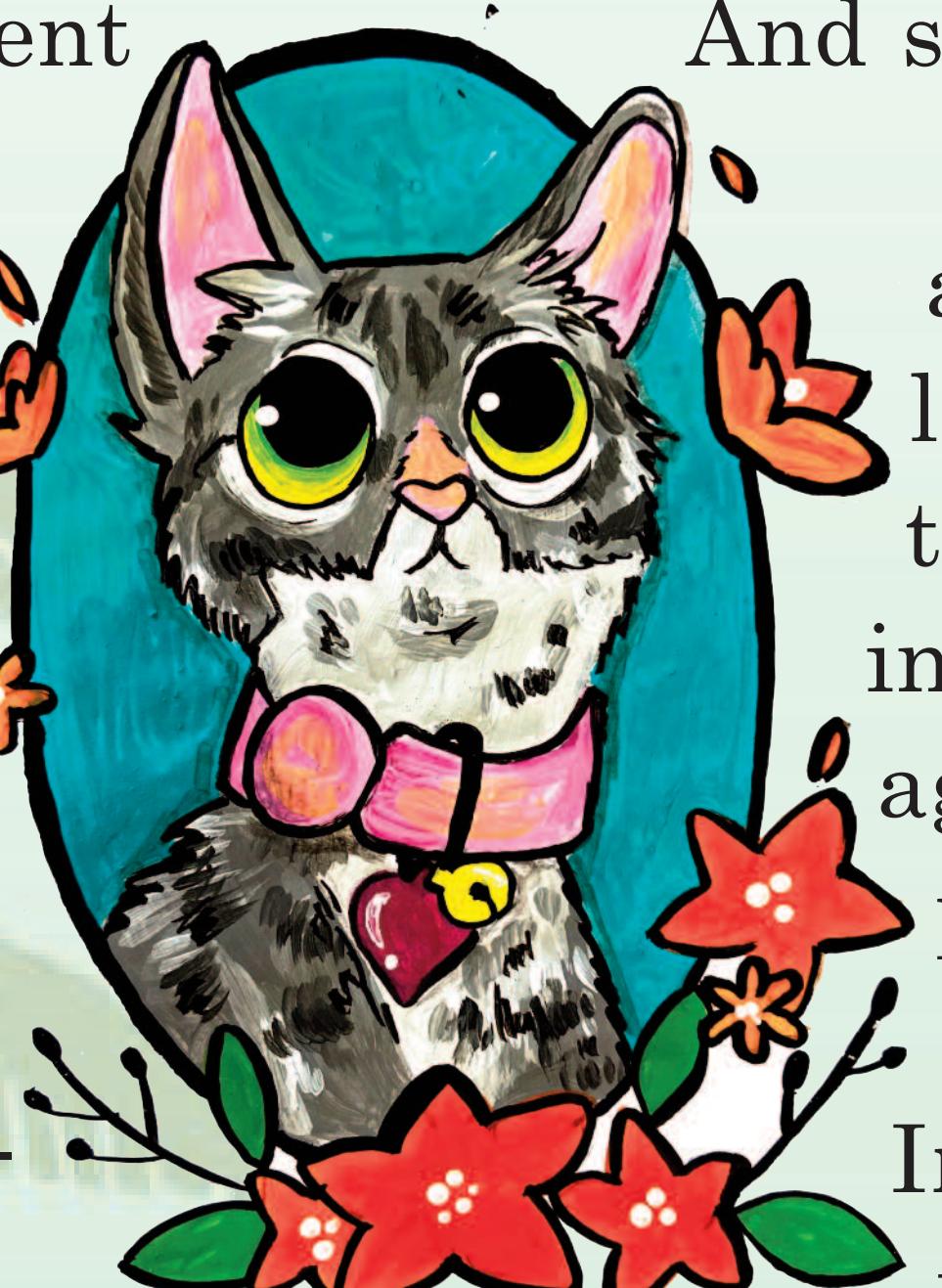


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large role in bringing long-term goals to fruition. Then Garfield moved on to the moderated caucus, choosing public-private partnerships in the Covid pandemic. After eating such a diverse range of delicacies from the GSL to the moderated caucus, Garfield wanted lasagna!

And so he did get more as Tara S.

Ocansey, Program Manager and Education Specialist, Columbia University, graced the committee, enlightening the delegates on the agenda as well as the programme 'Environment in Action and the Importance of Teaching SDG 4.7 for a Sustainable Future'.

She briefed the committee about the new age technologies available in the world, and emphasised on the need of equipping youth with knowledge and skills needed for conducting scientific research and finding solutions for sustain-



Guest Speaker
Tara S. Ocansey

able development. Her wise words were led by an interactive session that motivated our cats to be even more active tomorrow.

Curiosity killed the cat; will satisfaction be enough to bring it back? We will definitely get to know the final answer tomorrow!

The loudest roar heard: "Your voice is very thick"

Lifespan: Garfield has exhausted all of his 9 lives. **GP**

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An Eagle's Eye

Alert And Agile, This Bird Of Prey Flew High

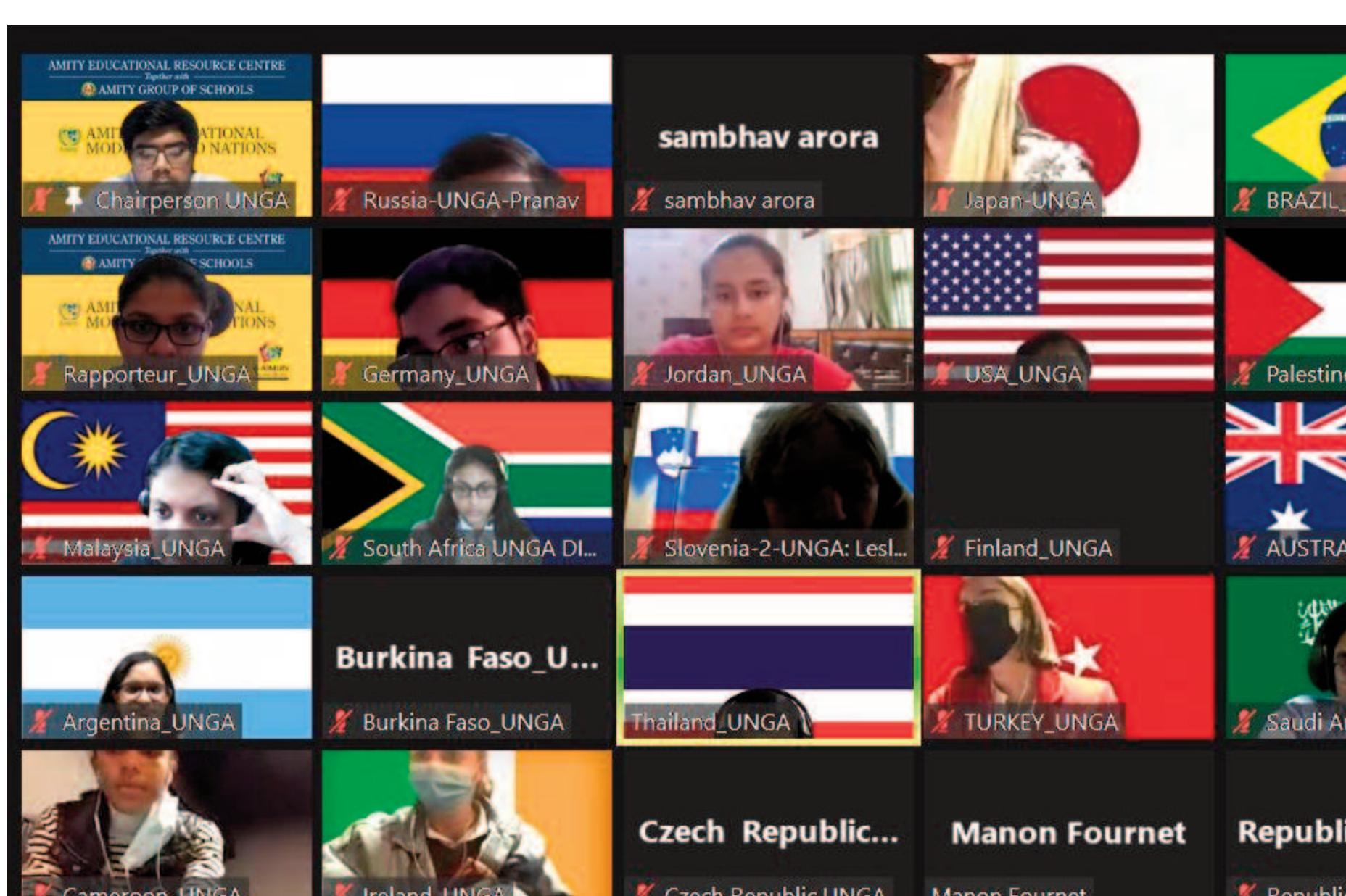
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Vyakhya Gupta, Vasudha Sharma & Yana Bedi

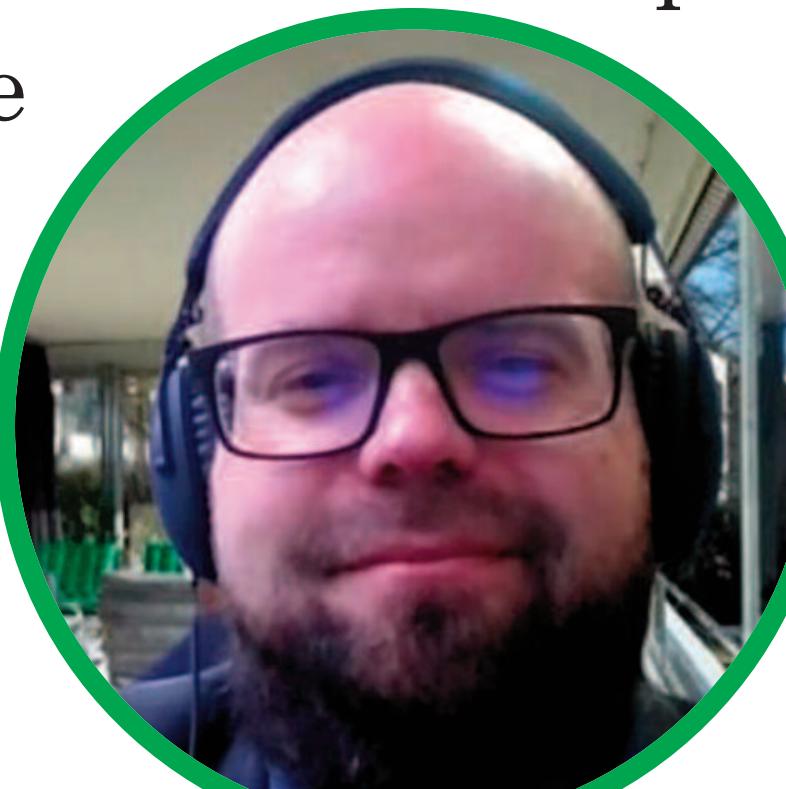
The reason for endangerment:

Weaponisation of social media

Motility: Just like an eagle, this committee spread its wings with an invigorating address given by guest speaker Mr Imrich Milo, ZAMUN Project Supervisor, which energised the delegates to give their best performance. He stressed upon the importance of social media and the sad reality that a lot of people do not know how to use it ethically. Mentioning the misinformation and rumours spread by hate groups and terrorist groups, he talked of the power of social media and the hold it has over the people of today's digital world. With his powerful message



of "The crisis of truth", he motivated all the delegates to use platforms like MUNs to sharpen their public speaking skills and to ultimately bring a change in the world. His wise words motivated the committee, which started with the Chairperson briefing the delegates on the SOPs of the conference.



Guest Speaker
Imrich Milo

The debate kicked off with the Delegate of Mexico establishing the GSL. How social media is vital for communication, connection and community but can encourage conflict was discussed. This session went by with a speed expected from this mighty predator and the delegates swooped in with opinions and facts, each waiting for their turn to prove their prowess. However, the

independence and rivalry over prey was apparent in the lack of consensus during passing of motions. Most countries supported new reforms to protect its citizens.

The loudest roar heard: The powerful speech by none other than the Delegate of Mexico in the GSL. **GP**

Lifespan: ★★★★☆

Barks of the sealion

Creating Waves, Ripples, And Tides, Well Almost!

UNSC

Siddharth Kishore, Moksh Gauri, Ishika Sharma & Anshita Kumar

The reason for endangerment: Conflict between Israel and Palestine

Motility: Known as the aquatic protectors, sealions are endangered species, just like how the topic of the committee made UNSC a special and delicate species in AIMUN. Our sealions of the AIMUN Ocean are infamous for their tardiness, and it is true that they started off somewhat late (why lie, very late!). The sealion of Estonia, the most annoying member of the community (oops, were we not supposed to say that!), asked a whopping twelve questions to begin with. Being aquatic animals, they needed oxygen from the water from the pool of delegates that came from the

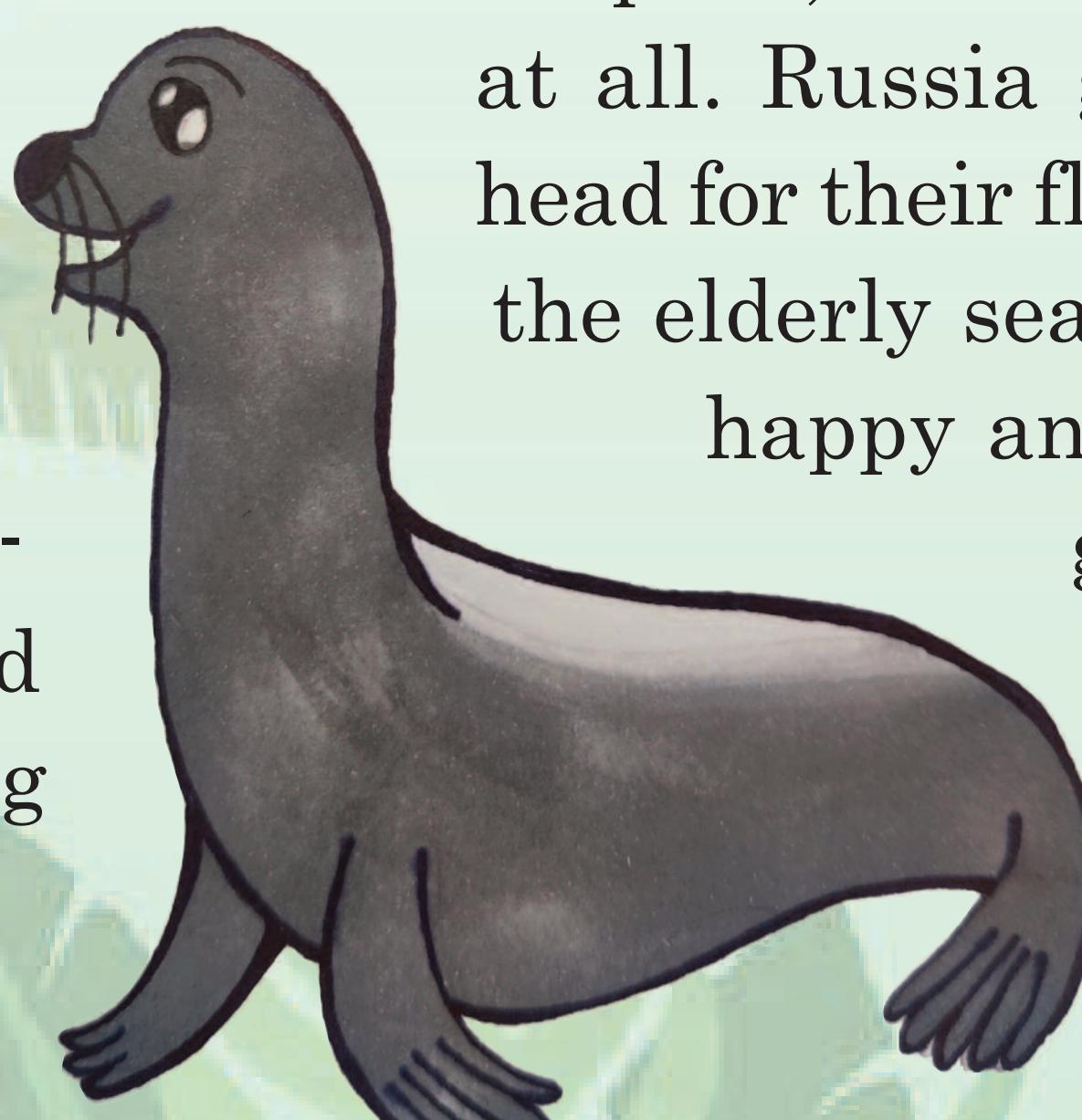


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sea horse of Palestine who established the agenda. The delegate of the UK further set the tone by kicking off the General Speakers list.

Soon after, the committee migrated to a flourishing area of moderated caucus, initiated by the USA on 'territorial status of the disputed Palestinian area'. The entire committee went into a frenzy with each one bringing a new prey to the table. And of course, there came debates and arguments. Ruthlessly, some took extra time to speak, while others chose to not engage at all. Russia got a gentle pat on their head for their flaunting performance; yes, the elderly sealions (the EB!) were very happy and satisfied with the delegate indeed!

The delegates then moved independently in the sea, like how Mexico sought out to question the USA on her stand. Being a true sea horrier (horse



+ warrior), USA rippled the ocean with her crisp yet effective response, leading Mexico to be condemned by the EB. Israel and Palestine were the most diplomatic and organised of the community, shockingly so. There were a number of members who didn't quite want to leave their corner and remained under water for the entirety of the 'Sealion conference'.

The loudest roar heard: "Violence and Bloodshed will never entail a secure future" – Delegate of People's Republic of China

Lifespan: ★★★★☆

A kangaroo's cage fight

Jumping Higher And Higher, One Hurdle At A Time

United Nations Women

Riya Kharyal & Syeda Mysha Urooj

The reason for endangerment: Advocating for gender equity in the field of science, technology, engineering and mathematics

Motility: Though the day started sluggish, and quite with absent delegates, the committee leapt to the agenda succeeding the GSL, just like a kangaroo. With women struggling around the world, the nations of the world came together to acknowledge hurdles and make amends. Countries expressed their initiatives and plans for their women, including guidelines and implementation of athletic NGO's and ministries.

But what is kangaroo if not someone willing

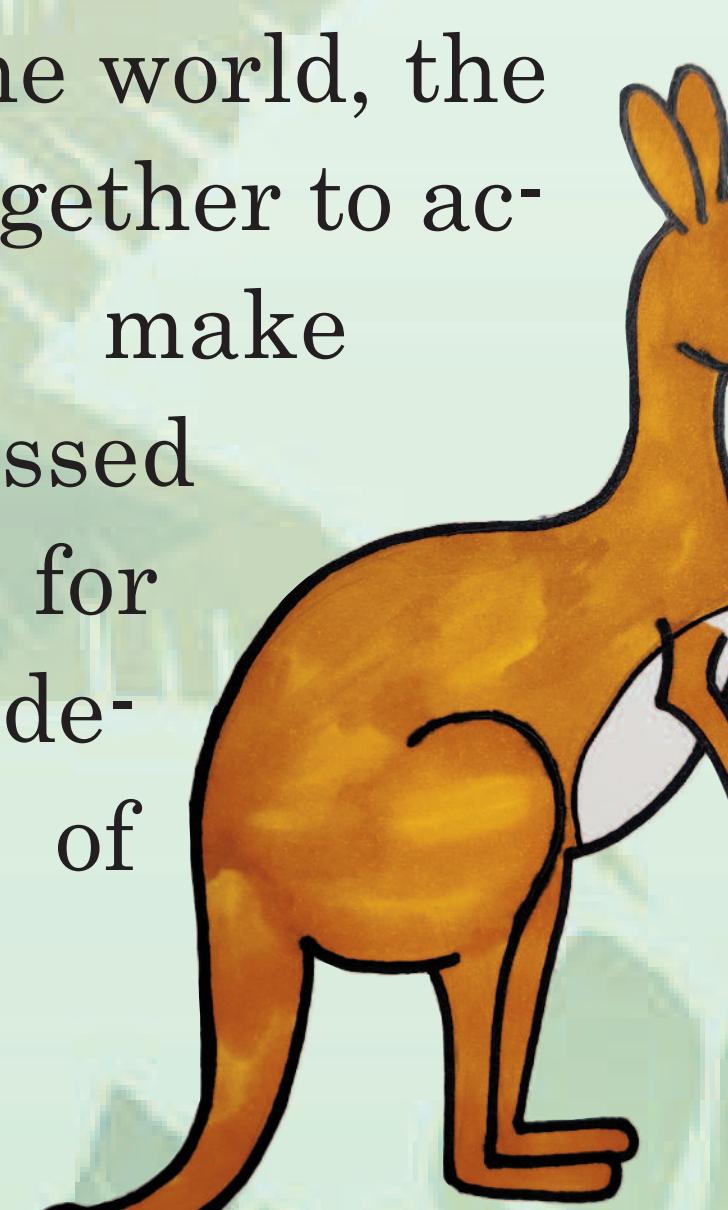
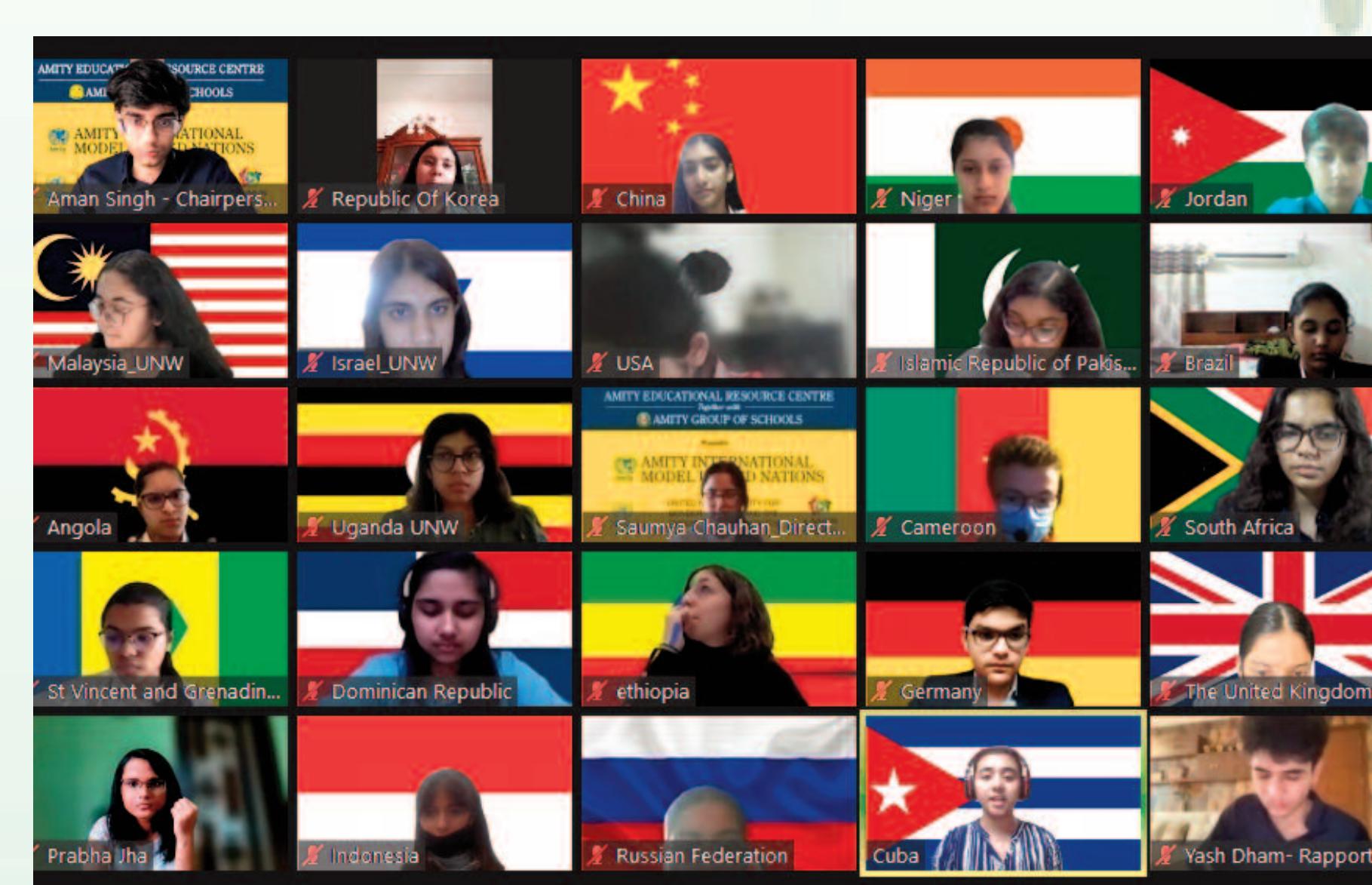


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to work extra hard and jump over hurdles? Many delegates came forward to represent the true spirit of the animal. Greece and China particularly took the longest jump as the delegates discussed the imbalance and discrimination against women post-pandemic. COVID-19, but kangaroos know how to leap into action! Every country in the committee pledged to take a leap forward and work together for the betterment of the world.

Even countries with a controversial past with gender equality discussed steps they had taken and ones they planned to take. Cuba pounced, with muscular limbs, on Germany's low stand in women research. Nevertheless, this group of kangaroos remained persistent and trusted their constitutional amendment. The committee was left astonished after witnessing Malaysia's swift agility. The delegate of the United Kingdom enthusiastically expressed their concern regarding other countries while their country had successfully pounced on two women prime ministers from one.

With many delegates quoting Malala Yousufzai, it was clear that the committee was on the right path.

The loudest roar heard: "The hidden biases could hinder the progress of both genders in STEM." - Delegate of Malaysia

Lifespan: ★★★★☆

A virtual variation

The Grass Is Always Green On The Other Side Of This Offline vs Online Debate

Samiksha Dubey

Global Press

Think of AIMUN and a lot of wonderful things come to mind, none of which seem to be sleep-mode laptops, WhatsApp spamming, and half formal-half pajama attire. However, 2020 kick started e-AIMUN that made us acquainted with all of these, too. With dalgona coffee in hand and virtual background saving our pride, the second edition of this virtual MUN has us wondering about which one is better - is an online session better or does the offline one will hold the crown forever?

Technology ki jai ho

Offline: The extent of usage of laptops and phones was to prepare for speeches and keep all the research work handy, but they soon parted ways with the delegates. As they prepared their points and memorised them like religious chanting, the only thing that faced their confidence at the end of their speech were the poker faces of EB and dismiss-

siveness of the rival delegates. **Online:** Gone is half the nervousness because *ab to newbies bhi raja hain!* Sitting on their bed, comfortable PJs on, and all the notes opened in another window, everyone can now present elaborate speeches with full confidence. An argument by their rival country is quickly counter-attacked, thanks to Google. Stuttering? What's that, huh?

Well-rested GP (Ha!)

Offline: The legs of the Global Press beg for mercy as they constantly run from the conference rooms to the press room. Their swollen feet protest relentlessly, yet the dedicated workers note down the crucial moments of the committee like there's no tomorrow. Because, yes, there is a tomorrow, but for GP, a new day means new controversies, people!

Online: While the feet are well-rested, the eyes of the Global Press struggle to remain open. Looking at the laptop screen all day drains the living souls out of their bodies as they continue to try and make sense of the



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various facts spoken in the committee. When everyone's work ends, their work begins, and so they sit till midnight, making their precious AIMUN edition!

Missing delicacies

Offline: Break. That's what everyone is waiting for. In fact, that is why a few people even became a part of AIMUN in the first place! The chatter begins, but as soon as the food comes

in sight, all hell breaks loose. The hungry MUNers devour the treat and get ready for the next round of battle - sorry - conference, hehe!

Online: "Canteen...hai kahan re tu?" is all everyone is thinking about. Even when they dream of Amity Noida's Domino's, the starving participants will only get *ghar ka khaana* to satiate their hunger. One peep leads to

mother's death glare, starvation for life, and a taunt about how you could be studying instead of sitting in front of the laptop right now. Better chew those *chapatis* with a smile!

Logistics ka dilemma

Offline: Participants, chits, placards - everything is on the shoulders of the dear logistics. They are constantly sprinting the lengths of the conference room trying to make sure everything is in place and is working smoothly. Usain Bolt who? Our brilliant logistics are the fastest ones alive.

Online: Yes, the logistics still have a very important role to play in the virtual edition with their training sessions, marketing, designing etc, but still there will always be one person raising hand and saying "Arey, yeh logistic wale online toh kuch bhi nahi karte! Bas free ki tareef le rahe hai!" Smh!

The online session has its own merits, but so does the offline one, so which one would you pick? We are listening! **GP**



See u tomorrow

