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# A letter from the International Press Head

Dear delegates,

We are at a time in history where chaos reigns over a large percentage of population throughout the globe. The world is extremely polarised over multiple issues and at such times it is our responsibility, as the future generation, to spread awareness and find a middle ground to these ever growing conflicts.

The International Press (IP) is a journalistic media organization dedicated to providing delegates and staffers at BHISMUN with in-depth coverage of committee proceedings and all conference-related matters. It represents every force that goes into the making of a MUN conference successful.

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A press release is a page in your history, the one that makes you smile at the memories of your MUN experiences half a century later.

This issue has been compiled in good faith. We hope you will be sporting of our humour, and approach us with ideas and suggestions.

Happy reading!

**Aavishka Singh**  
**Head of International Press**

# The Opening Ceremony

Beneath the glimmering chandeliers of Hotel Sai Palace Grand, Malad, the opening ceremony of BHISMUN 2019 commenced.

The IGCSE President of the school, Kyra Pinto welcomed the delegates and started off the ceremony with energetic performances by the very talented school band.

“Another brick in the wall”- Pink Floyd, being one of the performed songs, significantly, paved the way for the panel discussion on the pertinent question of ‘**Is the education of today preparing the emerging generations for the global economy of tomorrow?**’ The eminent panellists were Dr.(Ambassador) Ajay Prabhakar, Ms. Ambika Khanna (representing Gateway House- a foreign policy think tank) , Ms. Afrida Ali( news consultant and news anchor with Times Now) and Ms. Anshulika Dubey ( founder of Wishberry- the first Indian crowdfunding platform for Arts & Culture)



Praagya Shandilya, our deputy Secretary General of BHISMUN expressed his gratitude to the panellists for their invaluable insights on the topic. He then invited members of the ever-hardworking Organising Committee to felicitate the panellists, thus concluding the panel discussion.



The denouement of the ceremony was brought about by the Secretary General, Arjun Chaturvedi, whose entrance was accompanied by deafening applause, spoke about the involvement of the “youth” as delegates in an MUN conference, discovering their respective selves and their abilities.

He then introduced the very able Executive Board of BHISMUN. The Sec Gen proceeded to officially declare the Billabong High International School Model United Nations open.

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# UNSC

## Which Is Worse: The South China Sea Conflict Or The Council Trying To Resolve It?

The UN Security Council, one of the most sanguine committees of BHISMUN, with “experienced” delegates were began as unsure candidates, unprepared and speechless, which forced the Deputy Secretary General having to step in as a delegate in order to stimulate a debate.



The chair of the committee was openly expressing his disappointment and had to warn the delegates to come prepared henceforth.

It started out as any committee does, with the general speakers list, where each of the 10 countries dabbled among the same water, swimming in the shallow end of the pool; not getting into depth about their country and 4 out of 10 delegates being barred from the committee for not behaving elegantly

.Moderated caucuses started off with cross talking between the delegates. The debates were soft to begin with, with 3 motions being rejected consecutively, eventually resulting in the chair and vice chair having to step in to continue the session.

The conclusion is delegates need to be more knowledgeable, so that they contribute to the content of the committee within the given time limit. We look forward to more fruitful caucuses.

Along with the challenging moments of day one, there were promising moments of learning

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# UNHSC

## To March or Not March

*What do you do when your representatives don't know what they are doing?*

We started off with explaining the Rules of Procedure(ROP) as of couple of our committees weren't well versed.



Although some countries were remain neutral to the agenda, others like Russia, Serbia, Austria and Germany had some polarizing views.

Slovenia had an interesting take stating that war was inevitable and how there was no use trying

to come to a peaceful agreement since none of the countries involved were ready to negotiate terms and agree to certain conditions.

In the end Serbia concluded by saying "The loss of one life does not justify the loss of many more" after which Slovakia asked to join, however the moderated caucus was over.

Serbia was firmly denying the accusations of the assassins being Serbian. If war is announced against Serbia, Russia will follow. France asked the delegate of Serbia, "If a Serbian didn't kill the Archduke and duchess, who did?" To which the delegate of Serbia stated the fact that the investigation hasn't concluded the nationality of the killer yet.



A crisis occurred where a French woman witnessed a man who looked like the Archduke somewhere near Italy, Russia or Serbia. "I think I saw 'im", she said frantic and confused. However, the woman was called mad and unreliable by many countries since she didn't even know where she was.

Although Germany wished to give the witness sanctuary in Belgium and Austria wished to issue search parties, many called for background checks.

The witness later changed her statement saying that she didn't see the archduke and that he was dead. "It was actually my fazer-in low" she said, however no one knows if she was forced to change her statement or not.

As Slovenia was barred from the committee for unparliamentary behavior, a challenge erupted with Russia and Serbia on one side and Germany and Austria on the other. Serbia and Russia seemed to have an upper hand since the other two countries quoted wrong and misleading information and events that didn't even happen.

This prompted Serbia to ask if "the delegate could see the future". The first day ended with that challenge and with the hope that the next day would be more productive.

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# DISEC

## *A Potential Rap Battle*

The first day in DISEC was an engaging affair. 17 out of 32 delegates voted for Denuclearisation as the agenda. It was the only committee on the first day whose General Speakers List collapsed.

The delegate of Germany motioned for a moderated caucus to discuss reduction of proliferation of nuclear weapons by India and Pakistan.

The delegate of Germany was the first speaker for the same. He stated that he would like them to compromise for the sake of world peace and that Pakistan should adopt the No First Use policy. The delegate of Pakistan replied to Germany by saying that India blames Pakistan for all terrorist attacks and Pakistan retaliates in response to that.



The delegate of USA stated that India and Pakistan have a significant arsenal and rocky relations. He proposes a peace treaty to be signed among them.

The delegate of India says that India should not get rid of weapons because Pakistan harbours extremist organisation. He seemed hesitant about whether or not India should Denuclearise in his opinion.

The delegate of Mexico said that the conflict should be resolved since neither India nor Pakistan have signed the Non-Proliferation-Treaty, which could lead to major ramifications. The delegate of India stated while the General Speakers List, that India has refused to join the Non-Proliferation-Treaty for 40 years, and will continue to do so. The delegate of the USA stated that it needs nuclear weapons because it is such a major nation. The delegate of Mexico said that it has potential for nuclear weapons, but it doesn't manufacture them. The delegate believed that every country should Denuclearise.



The delegate of Russia said that it is all for world peace and would consider surrendering if other major countries did the same. The delegate of Kazakhstan cross questioned by asking the delegate of Russia why it couldn't surrender their weapons under security of the United Nations.

The delegates of Syria and Peru stated that that Denuclearisation is necessary for world peace because it is a severe threat.

During the GSL and moderated caucuses the delegates of Azerbaijan made frequent use of the word 'terrorist'.

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# LOK SABHA

## *The Illiterate and the Modest*

The Chairs began with the Rules of Procedure, their approach was very clear and friendly they made the delegates feel warm and comfortable. A collective decision was taken by the delegates to use English as the standard language during the Moderated Caucuses.

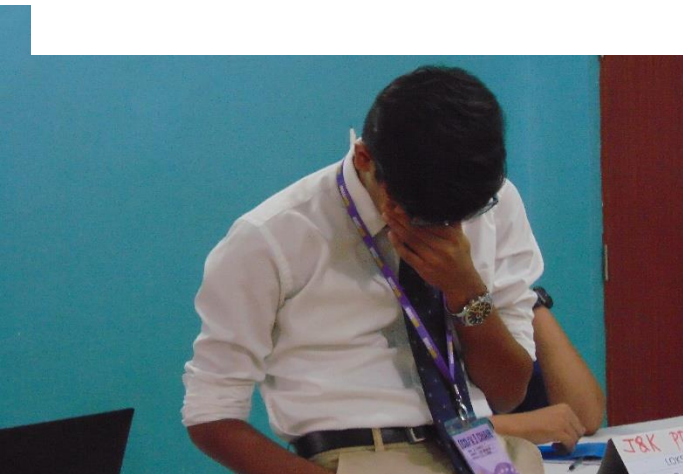


The committee began after the lunch break with the Chair of the committee, Ishaan Chatterjee asking the standard question “Are there any motions on the floor?”

A motion to discuss the abrogation of Article 370 was passed by the committee.

The delegate of AAP started off by talking about the amendments to be made to the Article. He stood against the abrogation of Article 370.

As the discussion proceeded further, the energy and interest of the delegates seemed a bit low as they ran out of relevant points to put forward. Delegates of BJP and RSS formed an alliance and came up with a strategy to manipulate the INC into agreeing with them, but this did not turn out to be fruitful.



Delegate representing Mamata Banerjee got so involved in the discussion that he sided with BJP and became the talk of not only the Lok Sabha committee but the other committees as well.

Before concluding the session, the Chairs motivated and encouraged the delegates to come well prepared for the following day. Hopefully, the following day would turn out to be better than the first.

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# UNHRW

## *Proficient in Pink*

"This is HRW, you have to speak." These were the fitting opening remarks made by the chair to a committee with the most number of first time MUNers.

The executive board of UNHRW were correctly dressed in pink, corresponding to the core aim of the committee. With a briefing on the Rules of Procedure of this MUN along with enthusiastic introductions, our very first UNHRW session of BHISMUN commenced, setting the agenda as "violence against women."

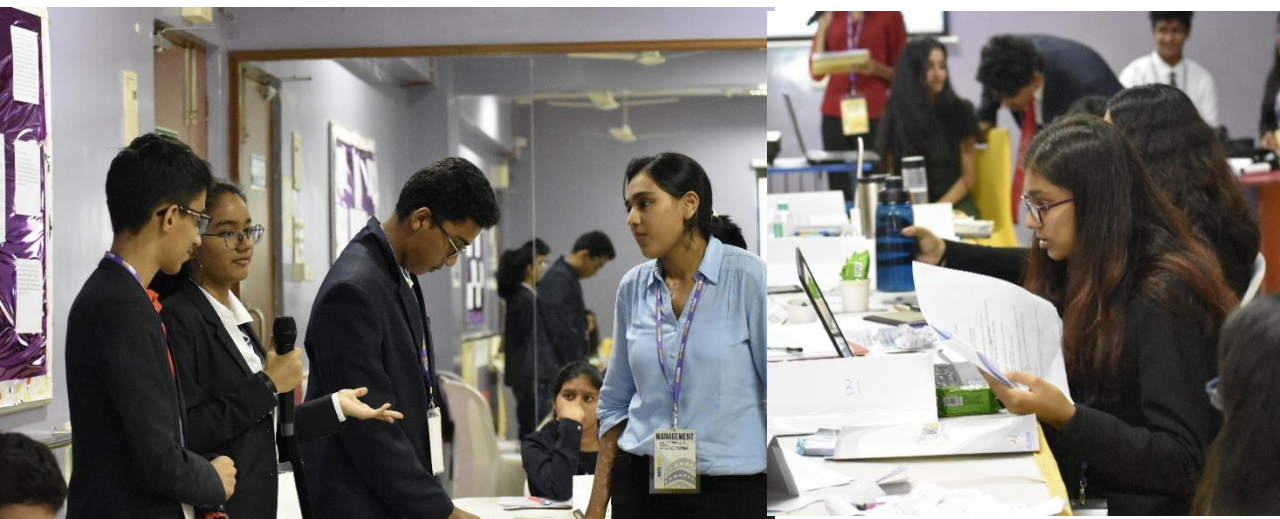


The delegate of Australia had to be called out while the others actively participated to be a part of the speakers list. But the tables turned when the same delegate received an applause for his speech and accurate answers.

The chair was impressed with the number of potential working papers initiated. The committee seemed the most promising out of all.

However, after lunch, the energy seemed a bit down. The delegates hardly raised relevant points. So much so, one of the delegate playing the "offline dinosaur game," resulting in him being disbarred from the committee for 30 seconds.

In conclusion, the committee started with a bang and ended with a hope for an amazing 2<sup>nd</sup> day.



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