



NARSEE MONJEE MODEL UNITED NATIONS 2017

DAY-1:

The 9th edition of NMMUN started on a very positive note on 22nd September, 2017 with the commencement of the opening ceremony at 6:00 pm. Director-General Mr. Ajinkya Pimple formally welcomed all the delegates, and called upon the Secretary General for NMMUN'17, Ms. Rini Antony, who officially declared NMMUN'17 open. She gave a very inspiring and engaging speech that got everyone excited about the upcoming diplomacy. NMMUN'17 had 5 different committees with 7 different agendas.

DAY-2:

On 23rd September, 2017 all councils commenced at 10:30 am. All Executive Board members arrived to greet their delegates and explained the Rules of Procedure to the first time MUNners. What followed in every individual council is as follows:

HUNSC:

The first day of UNSC was one full of accusations and counter-accusations by almost all the delegates in the committee. The United States of America maintained a diplomatic stance at the committee today and its non-collaboration policy for USSR was very clear when it termed the Berlin Blockade as completely 'Evil' on USSR's part. The tensions between the two superpowers aggravated when USSR called the Naval Blockade on Oct 22 as an 'Act Of War' and opposed all the US claims of that being a Quarantine. The USSR stated that their act of placing nuclear missiles in Cuba was for defensive reasons and strongly criticized the US's plans to invade Cuba. PRC against all odds violated its own Foreign Policy and came in the support of USA and described USSR's actions as "When Love for Power exceeds the Power of Love". Cuba condemned USA for the 'betrayal' at the hands of the US it and completely backed USSR for the support that it had shown for the safeguard and well-being of the Cuban people. The debate in the council got heated up when USA termed Cuba's accusation on the 'Bay of Pigs' invasion as completely baseless and raised the fact that Cuba betrayed its citizens by forming a communist government in the name of democracy. Other parties like West Germany and East Germany had a very diplomatic stance on the agenda and West Germany strongly supported USA in the issue of Berlin Blockade and placing of Nuclear Missiles in Turkey and Italy.

There were no clear hopes that the council would come to any sort of conclusions but there was one thing that was crystal clear- the Crisis continues and the world remains at the verge of another devastating war.



DISEC:

The committee started at 10:45 am, cards were raised and the council began discussing on the prevention of proliferation and development of weapons for mass destruction. Delegate of UK had several clashes with other delegates. The delegate of USA and DPRK spoke really well. Delegate of Bangladesh tried to explain its current situation by stating that, “Bangladesh is a country, surrounded by nations which have major involvement in development and proliferation of nuclear weapons. He stated a line that “Bangladesh is neither a hostile country nor it faces any threat from neighbouring nations”. Delegate of DPRK demands an explanation to delegate of USA that despite lack of evidence, how the delegate of USA could claim that DPRK possesses ballistic missiles which was highly supported by delegate of PRC. A lot many delegates were quite as they couldn’t understand the agenda. Delegate of Switzerland was busy handling “affairs” outside the committee.



The entire council was suspended for an hour so that the delegates can walk about and discuss the need of the agenda. The delegate of DPRK couldn't control his anger and expressed it by stating USA as "BAD USA" stating that USA threatens North Korea to which USA raised comments and the debate reached completely different heights. The council had a sooth ending with some questions left unanswered about NPT, and hopes that delegates recognize the agenda.

ARAB LEAGUE:

The session was initiated by the respective EB members and the chairperson decided that the proceeding of Arab League will follow general UN rules and procedures. The session was now turned into an informal gathering discussing the whole day course of proceeding, Session was continued at 12:00 noon with the Roll Call followed by GSL.

The delegate of Saudi Arabia mentioned that Saudi Arabia had put the blockade for trade on Qatar because they suspect that Qatar may be supporting and funding terrorist organizations. The delegate of Iraq started a moderated caucus on "Role of Media on Arab Crisis" and it sparked the blame game between the delegate of Saudi Arabia and Qatar. Saudi Arabia supports peace and have sent an agreement letter stating 13 points of demand from Kingdom of Qatar but on the other hand Saudi Arabia being an extremist Muslim nation by themselves, is accusing Kingdom of Qatar of Extremism.



The delegate of Mauritania started a motion on moderated caucus on “Causes leading to Dispute between Qatar & Other member Nations “, followed to the GSL the delegate of Yemen boldly said that “Qatar should check themselves before blaming to fellow nations of funding the terrorist organizations “. The delegate of Libya stated that “Qatar should remain in its habitat, it belongs to Gulf and should remain in Gulf”, and suggested that Qatar should be looked for himself. The delegate of Qatar initiated a moderated caucus on the topic “Combating the Religious Extremism in the wake of current events”. As the delegate of Libya seems to forget her religious stance over the agenda, the EB rejoiced.

UNHRC:

“We always reflect right balance and believe in equal rights of both the gender.” – The Delegate of Saudi Arabia ensured the changing situation in favour of women in Saudi Arabia. The Delegate of Syria believed that the trademark of human nature is war and that the issue of lost lives during war is a grave issue to look into. However, Libya snubbed this stating that the Syrian government used chemical weapons on their own citizens without much thought. Amongst all these discussing Bangladesh gives a baseless speech consisting of his unclear thoughts!

Libya put forward a statement saying that war happens due to the domination of powerful countries, for example USA dominates Saudi Arabia and Iran playing a proxy war in Yemen. Afghanistan raised a point saying that we should come out with solutions rather than putting blame on others to which Myanmar answered, “We believe that peace could be achieved by joining hands together”. Speaking of women rights Korea expressed that women play a deep role



and hence should be respected and Libya confirmed that they are a changed nation now, regarding women. Saudi Arabia spoke of Vision 2030 which provides equal rights to both the genders and diminishes gender based discrimination. Libya ended the discussion on this topic for the time being by saying “If we want to go fast, we need to go alone, but if we want to go far, we need to go together”.

A question raised by USA “why is women’s rights violation higher in Islamic countries?” was on everyone’s mind, to which Qatar hurriedly justified saying that compared to other Middle Eastern countries they have a better situation for women and that they are working on education of women.

Later Saudi Arabia put in a question asking the reason behind people leaving their countries. Answering his own question, he replied that they do so in order to get some basic rights they are deprived of in their own country. Switzerland believed that refugees shouldn’t be frowned upon and that we should accept refugees with open arms and an open mind. Refugees should be given psychological support and sanitary privileges.

Discussing the steps to encourage women empowerment Hungary suggested that we should make women politically active and involve them in political discussions. Croatia committed to provide active support for women and their rights. Switzerland asserted that “whenever there is a problem in the world, women should be made a part of the discussion to find solutions”. Venezuela guaranteed free education to both the genders and compulsory education till 9th standard.

LOK-SABHA:

“Bharat Mata ki Jay!” – a slogan most widely related to patriotism all over India and famous among the Houses of the Parliament as well. Yet, just like the ‘one opposition in a group of 60’, we find a group within the House of the people, the Lok Sabha, supporting the fact that “only our mother is our mother, our country cannot be our mother” – a statement given by the President of the ‘All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen’, representing the Hyderabad constituency in the Lok Sabha. While all the present members took the Oath in pure hindi, Mehbooba Mufti (CM Jammu and Kashmir), Kirron Kher and Shatrugan Sinha opted to go for English as the preferred language for the same. The proceedings began with the opening statement by the Honourable Prime Minister, Mr Narendra Modi, wherein he talks about his first visit to Nepal and meeting the King and the initiatives taken by his government that helped India get support by Bhutan. Going ahead with the agenda, Sonia Gandhi (President of the Indian National Congress party), LK Swain (member of the Biju Janata Dal) and Gaurav Gogoi were seen supporting the BRI (Belt and Road Initiative) by China. The Question Hour saw various questions by the Opposition relating to the stance of the Government on CPEC (China-Pakistan Economic Corridor), India-Pakistan relations, railway connectivity in the eastern states of India (highlighting the situation in Arunachal Pradesh) and various issues regarding the trade relations and expectations (of the Government) from South Asian and South East Asian countries. Honourable Prime Minister, Mr Narendra Modi, was clearly baffled by the ambush by the Opposition, yet stood his ground by reverting to each question in as tactful a manner as possible. Mr Prime Minister also claimed to have a video of the second surgical strike initiated by India against Pakistan. The proceedings clearly saw a ‘smoky’ House as Mr Owaisi went on to make a statement, “Modiji cannot hump his 56



inches and say that countries are supporting us”. (Work up Modiji!) The Swatch Bharat Abhiyan took a different hit when Mr Modi threw a piece of paper on the floor, looked at it and ignored it as if nothing had happened! Subhash Ramrao Bhamre (Union Minister of State for Defence Constituency; Party: BJP) raised a really relevant point against CPEC stating the probable and possible destruction of the vegetative regions of the Himalayas that would take place due to the project and highlighting the importance of nature by bringing about an awareness towards the harmful ecological imbalances. Through the sessions, Pappu Yadav (leader of the Jan Adhikar party), was observed to be filled with utmost patriotism and was found to be the only member in the House reverting to his roll call by saying the word ‘Upasthit’ instead of ‘present’ like many others opted to.



The proceedings for the day ended with an SDP (Short Discussion Period) that saw various points being brought up by various honourable members of the House. Though the discussion could go on, yet the day ended with a hope of a more fruitful discussion the next day that would help to bring about some significant reformations that would help India in a better, efficient, profitable and harmless way/s, without disrupting the lives of the citizens physically, mentally, emotionally or socially; maintaining India’s sovereignty at its peak.

DAY-3:

The third day started with enthusiasm and optimism hoping for a more productive debate and solution. The councils proceeded as follows:



HUNSC:

After eight hours of heated debate and discussion, the UNSC finally came up with the solution to the ongoing Cuban Missile Crisis. The discussion that happened yesterday almost made it clear that the tensions between USA and the Soviet Union are aggravated and the war is certain as the US reached the state of DEFCON 2. But the next day, both the USA and the Soviet Union decided to sort the matter diplomatically and through negotiations. People's Republic of China still maintained its diplomatic stance and condemned the Soviet Union and indirectly supported the actions of the US. Albania and Guatemala urged the council to resolve the matter through peace talks and West Germany and Turkey came up with possible solutions to the issue.

After long debates on solutions and negotiations, Cuba along with the Soviet Union agreed to negotiate with the United States of America on the condition that it would remove its missiles from Turkey and Italy and will promise to never invade Cuba. The US in turn demanded the Soviet withdrawal from Cuba under UN inspection.

A press conference was also held in the council in which questions were asked to the delegates about the ongoing events. China was asked to comment on the Sino-Indian war which is going on Sino-Indian Border to which China chose to remain quiet. When USA was asked to justify the Naval Quarantine it ordered on Oct 22, it replied diplomatically and defended its position. UK was surprisingly quiet on the issue and when asked about the same it replied by saying "No Comments".

The Cuban Missile Crisis revealed just how fragile human politics are compared to the terrifying power they can unleash.

DISEC:

Session started at 10:15 am. The Board Members were hoping the session might go well. Delegate of Philippines said in his speech that they want to get involved in military alliance with China and Russia. Delegate of Indonesia and Japan made good speeches. After some delegates made their speeches, they asked the Board for an unmoderated caucus to discuss among themselves the proceedings of the committee. Press conference was held at 12:00. A funny part was that delegate of DPRK was sitting beside USA. It was for the first time that council got exhausted unknowingly or unexpectedly. Motion of entertainment was passed. Delegates were asked to make confessions through chits. One of the chit said "DPRK and USA sitting together, the World achieved Peace." After the motion ended council of Arab League was merged with DISEC. This was non-procedural as said by Secretary General but this was done for the benefit of the committee. Delegate of Qatar passed a motion which was given a title by one of board members as "Qatar-E-Motion." Updates were made such as involvement of DPRK with ISIS and ISIS being made an Independent Republic. In between of the session many delegates of Arab league walked away to which Board said "Are they suffering from Brain cancer?" . There was a smooth ending but no resolution was made.



ARAB-LEAGUE:

At the very starting of Day 2, Mr. Shivendra Singh (Chairperson) and Mr. Avi Seth (Co-Chairperson) surprised the delegates with an update: “World Animal Network (WAN) a consultant of ECOSOC has reported that the mass death of camels which have died of thirst and hunger after the farmers of Saudi Arabia who house them on behalf of their Qatari owners left them amidst diplomatic standoff “. The delegates passed a motion to enter into an unmoderated caucus to discuss the course of the day. The delegate of Yemen proposed to start and moderated caucus to discuss the update. The EB asked the delegate of Saudi Arabia that if they will allow “Qatari Camels to participate in the Annual Beauty Pageant hosted by them”, as an answer the delegate replied if the Saudi Government will sign the 13-point treaty they will surely allow camels to participate. The whole council is framing Saudi Arabia as Murderer of Camels, also an addition to this the representative of World Camel Federation added that although camels are animals but they possess a very eminent place in the hearts of Arab. After seeing the quarrels between the representative of Saudi Arabia & Qatar, Mr. Shivendra Singh quoted that “The delegates of Qatar & Saudi Arabia behave like a married couple and should be suspended from the council and to be sent on a very long date. “



The clouds of dilemma were hovering the council, the delegate of Sudan was confused whether he is a delegate of Sudan or South Sudan, the delegate of Libya hasn't decided which government she supports whether she supports Tobruk government or Salvation government. The delegate of Saudi initiated to start a moderated caucus on "Radical Extremism and how to counter it". The delegate of Sudan stated that the state is home to state sponsored terrorism. The council was suspended for lunch, followed by preparation for drafting of working paper.

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Afghanistan brought attention to the fact that stereotyping women leads to violation of women's rights. She believed that number of representation doesn't matter but the number of decisions influenced by women matter. The delegate of Syria acknowledged the fact that the Syrian government has been involved in some human rights violation but promised to improve the state of women in their country. Libya expressed concern about the conditions of prisoners during war and the torture they undergo in the name of justice! Afghanistan brought into light the fact that girls in Syria who are under the age of 18 are forced into marriages. As the discussion on Syria continued, Croatia put in his input saying that the civilians are targeted more often. Syria accused USA and pointed out the violations of human rights by the USA government. Saudi Arabia shut Syria and asked him to first look into the matters of his own country.

As the discussion continued, the delegate of Bolivia assured that they have been putting in a lot of effort to improvise the situation of women in their country and that they wish to see women being



included in the army. Emphasis should be given on rehabilitation of the refugees, the delegate of Egypt believed. Cuba proudly exclaimed that the participation of women in politics in Cuba is quite high. Mexico stated “Violence against women is an international agenda”. The delegate of Mexico also believed that there should be ban on pornography to a certain extent and the media shouldn’t display explicit content such freely. This statement raised the eyebrows of many present there!

After the presentation of the working papers, the conference moved into the second agenda- Violation of Human Rights in Baluchistan. As the discussion began, Pakistan clarified that the government is trying its best to protect the civilians but it is the terrorist groups who are indulging in such attacks, in response to which Afghanistan airily pointed out the “Kill and Dump” policy of Pakistan. Syria seemed a little upset with Pakistan and said that Pakistan simply can’t sweep everything under the carpet and say sorry.

Countries like USA, Libya and Belgium stated the fact that Baluchistan is the biggest resource for Pakistan and Pakistan does not have any resources of their own. Paraguay felt that the biggest issue currently is the issue of enforced disappearance, to which Germany asserted that the armed troops have frequently targeted the health workers, journalists and teachers in Baluchistan.

LOK-SABHA:

Continuing with the proceedings of the first day, the second day saw a rather inconsistent advancement of discussions. The day started with Hon’ member Mr. Baijayant Panda speaking about the changes that can be brought about in CPEC via negotiations and also, from somewhere, coming up with a statement, in his answer to one of the questions, as “we should boost the economy of Pakistan!” Mrs. Sonia Gandhi went on to question the Prime Minister about his ignorance to visit China for the Road and not expressing his concerns about others’ routes of trade at that time. Hon’ member Mr. Owaisi also talked about being shoulder to shoulder with China.

The Prime Minister was further besieged with questions From Mr. Scindia, Pappu Yadav, Rahul Gandhi and Bhagwant Mann. Speaking in favour of the public, Mrs. Sonia Gandhi raised a question in front of the Prime Minister as to why his Government had failed in creating the promised number of jobs, clearly reflecting the inefficiency of the government to bring about the promised “achhe din” in various aspects of life. The proceedings paced at a snail’s speed and near the end, came to a point where a motion of “No Confidence” was put forth which failed hugely due to just 14 votes in favour of the motion and 23 going against it.



The day saw various questions by the Opposition to the Government benches and most of them were found to be either unanswered or vaguely or inappropriately answered. The session was finally adjourned with many dissatisfied yet calm faces, ready to grow under the nerve of the Opposition or the Government if given a chance.

These were the progressions of each individual council which was then followed by the closing ceremony which was graced by the presence of Prof. Anurag Joshi, Faculty In charge , Dr. Nitin Choubey, Associate Dean and Mr. Rajeev Dalal, Deputy Registrar. Mr. Rajeev Dalal gave a heart-warming speech which was then followed by every secretariat member of NMMUN'17 coming up on the podium and expressing their love for NMMUN'17 and setting an example for future OC's.





The Executive Board members then came up on stage and gave away the various prizes won by delegates of their councils. The Executive Board members appreciated the work done by the organizing committee and also the hospitality of NMMUN'17. After which, the closing video for NMMUN'17 was played. The event was then officially declared closed by Secretary General of NMMUN'17, Ms. Rini Antony. Team NMMUN would like to thank the management for supporting the team in order to make this event successful.

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