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Rhetoric, Rationalizations and Schrödinger's

Sovereignty

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Messages to the Readers

Message from Secretary General

"Strategic little steps count more than an arbitrary leap."

The 8th Edition of JECRC MUN is special to me in voluminous ways. My team and I saw a dream; that gave us this rush of adrenaline. The dream that was totally worth the hard work done and the pains taken I feel privileged that the Secretariat could see that precious dream channelize through me as their Secretary General. JECRC MUN 2019 has given us some staggering memories to relish. With every consequent year, I foresee hopes rising and expectations increasing.

It started last year as a little initiative but has evolved incredibly and I assure that the development would just be as dynamic.

-Manu Sharma



Message from I.P. Head



The enthusiastic Organizing Committee and the hard working volunteers made this 8th Edition of JECRC MUN'19 memorable in many ways. The delegates made all the efforts to be prim proper and dressed in the most orderly fashion. And of course the valuable guidance of Chief Advisor enlightened the path of Organizing Committee. This Newsletter is our effort to put together the whole conference in a few words and bring it to your hands

Enjoy Reading

-Khudayar Hamid Beg

TO LIVE IN PLIGHT OR WITH PRIDE?

-Prachi Golecha

The Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) is the principal global intergovernmental body exclusively dedicated to the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of women.

The agenda is deemed quite crucial since it is dealing with the role of men and boys in gender equality. The delegate of the United Kingdom, who sought pride in the fact that her country is led by two women, talked about societal norms affecting women. The delegate of the Democratic Republic of the Congo expressed concern about how the overused 'boys will be boys' phrase that dismisses toxic masculine behaviour. There were constructive negotiations on gender discrimination at workplace and lack of female education. The delegates discussed plausible solutions to such problems.

The Chairperson stated that the committee must negotiate on how gender discrimination affects men and how they can be sensitised. The delegate of the Republic of India acknowledged the Chairperson by saying, "it is a matter of great pride that this committee is being chaired by a woman." The delegate of Bahrain intently talked about how movements like HeforShe and #MeToo have changed the society. While Brazil took the floor to promote intersectional feminism, the Republic of Korea appealed to achieve sustainable development goals for the world's betterment. There were debates on the importance of fatherhood and a proper family arrangement that promotes gender equality.

The third committee session started off with interesting proceedings. Delegates deliberated on traditional gender norms and took an operational and systematic approach towards subjects like reproductive and mental health as well as improvements in the healthcare systems. The committee moved to an unmoderated caucus that experienced some disagreements but the delegate of Equatorial Guinea helped the delegates reach a feasible conclusion.

With delegates working upon unanimous working papers, the Chairperson focussed attention on having an inclusive environment that respects people of all sexual orientations. The committee moved to a moderated caucus to negotiate about the rights of LGBTQ+ community and emergence different sexual identities.

While discussing the working paper in a moderated-caucus format, Bahrain took the floor to stress that there must be changes in the belief systems and orthodox mindsets of people across the world prior to the changes in the legislations. The committee then decided to discuss the agreed conclusions of the 63rd session of UNCSW introduced by Equatorial Guinea and Belgium. The delegates voted in favour of accepting the agreed conclusions and the committee was then finally adjourned.

The committee was a site of critical thinking and decision making. The words of the Indian delegate can best explain the intentions of the committee-

"We have had plenty of consensuses and deliberations, now it's time to sensitise ourselves so that we ca have a better society."

The Human Rights Parable

-Hussain Akhtar

UNHCR focuses its efforts to devise long term solution to complex multi-varied problems focused mainly on propagation, safe-guard and implementation of policy guarantying basic human rights to multi faceted power structure and interests through negotiation and diplomacy whereby although the human rights may be absolute but the process of achieving those basic fundamentals to preserve the dignity of the individual in presence of the powerful collective is malleable. The agenda for discussions being "Protection of Human rights of migrants- global compact for safe and regular migration"

The Opening remarks were from delegate Of China, stating "Security and Co-operation through assimilation and acceptance and acknowledgement of ethnic minorities." Australia offered a more nuanced viewpoint comprising mainly offering a pragmatic view of sovereignty of a State and Laws reflecting will of the people while addressing higher susceptibility of migrant communities towards ideologies possession of a prosecution narrative leading to higher probability of extremism in cultural and religious minorities in largely homogenous societies of the west.

Slovakia and Argentina had polar opposite viewpoints on issues of influx of large number of migrants fleeing war torn regions and seeking economic stability in their employment. Slovakia challenged policies of EU was overpowering the will of its member states. Argentina championed a globalist agenda of an open borders immigration policy. Rationalization being the economic impact of migrant population had a positive and beneficial for long term growth, hence making the policy economically and politically sound.

The discussion moved on to the rights of unaccompanied minors and women and detained immigration awaiting formal proceeding. Uruguay implored the committee to not use ideology to bolster destructive viewpoints of the past. He said "Apprehension towards immigrants isn't justified."

The delegates of China and Bahrain were at odds with their respective proposals as China maintained the sovereignty of the State as absolute whereas Bahrain made concession to facilitate the services to counter the humanitarian crisis engulfing the world.

The closing statement on first round of discussions came from delegate of Bahrain, stating Migrant women are reluctant to lodge complaints and report sexual malfisance and crimes for fear of deportation, The delegates of China, U.K., Australia and India were the four pillars of a committee whose fundamental functioning mechanism depends upon diplomatic and lobbying efforts of the members of the committee to reach a general consensus becoming the cornerstone policy making decisions.

The Gobal Migration Pact was the under purview of second round of discussions entailing theme of non binding status of the pact. The pact being a framework for international cooperation, rooted in an inter-governmental process of negotiation in good faith. The committee reached general consensus on DR 1.0 sponsored encompassing cyber, Sanitation and personal hygiene, specific relief packages and sensitisation training of law enforcement. The delegate of India was notably absent from the second discussion on the agenda.

AGRARIAN ECONOMY

-Jash Patel

The 2-day parliamentary debate on "AGRARIAN ECONOMY" had a great propulsion under the very experienced Speaker. The session started off with a drawn description of the ROP's and then dumping the ROP's for the two days which seemed to be a crucial decision proving true as time passed by.

From her first speech, Sonia Gandhi made her influence on the committee as well as on the Speaker. A few important reports were brought into context including Swaminathan Commission report and Dalwai Committee Report. The PM Narendra Modi is expected to be a good influencer but on the irony he wasn't even able to control his party members. On the contrary a BJD member Prasanna Kumar served as defending NDA every time they needed. A very valid counter to PM Narendra Modi's speech on schemes was given by Mallikarjuna Kharge stating about the 60% farmers who are not aware of the schemes currently.



Once, A typical Lok Sabha scene was seen "except use of chairs" when personal attacks were made on Asaduddin Owaisi. But the speaker intervened and absorbed the situation. Tukaram Godse threw light on the other major sub-ajendas like schooling of farmer's children, widows of farmers who did suicide. A solution provided was tieing up with major institutions like IITs', NITs' and NLU's who could help in nourishing villages by adopting them. Next, Sonia Gandhi commented on the irony that even though 17% of the country's GDP was gained from agriculture, only a mere amount of 0.5% was used for agriculture, research and development.

There were some revolutionary amendments stated regarding MSP calculation on C2 basis and Cooperative Farming. The committee also witnessed some pieces of poetry and urdu shayaris by members providing a cultural background support to their research. The INC appreciated NDA government the growth of income per head of agricultural dependencies by 16%, but as its INC, they pulled down the government for the growth of inflation rate to 16.3%.

The historical stats and their loopholes were beautifully placed by all. The zero hour saw some typical Lok sabha scenes and allegations. The open debate had people ranging from 7th grade kid to 4th year law student and they all tried their best in bringing out pieces of national interest. The suggestions to the committee saw the end of the conference.

Global Terrorism: A serious Concern

-Preet Shah

The session started off with a vivid discussion on finding up the exact definition of TERRORISM. The Chairperson urged all the delegates to present their views on terrorism

The delegate of Lebanon proposed, any unlawful use of violence especially against civilians to create a sense of terror in the society may be termed as terrorism. On the contrary the delegate of Netherlands quoted that the people pursuing their ideology in an aggressive manner may be termed as terrorists. These defying remarks marked the starting of the committee.

After the roll call, the delegates agreed upon the discussion on the agenda- "COMPREHENSIVE DISCUSSION ON COUNTER TERRORISM."

Starting with Germany, the delegate emphasised on giving the committee a brief idea about how has the two world war brought a catastrophic damage to the great country, having a very geographically important location on the earth. There was a very crucial question cited by the delegate of Syria; "Germany has not abandoned cryptocurrency in their nation which encourages many terrorists group to trade in these." The delegate of Germany proposed that they are improving their cyber securities, training

students as well as the officials to take care of such unethical activities. Citing out the attacks on tourists places in the Iceland, the delegate was very troubled by this. They have acted very effectively by stabilizing the VIKING SQUAD, Anti Terrorism drills and specifying the definition of terrorism. Israel is no such a toddler in these matters; having the experts in this field. MOSSAD, as the delegate pointed is the most efficient and the best of their kind in the world. They have regular inspection at the airports, border checks and has a healthy intelligence at work. On the contrary, considering the two attacks by Israel in 1982 and 2006 on Lebanon, the lebanese delegate countered the other delegate about the thought that they never attack first which was backed up by the argument of defending its own people from unwanted actions. Sharing the borders with Palestine, Israel had to say on the

"Palestine groups as the steps taken by them comprised of border strengthening in the name of counter terrorism -"as cited by the Pakistani delegate. Israel efficiently stated the fact that they have drawn themselves out from the war before a very long time and has been effectively working on strengthening their securities.

As the time passes the quality of the points raised by the delegates were so relatable. The delegate of Pakistan gives his condolences to the delegate of New Zealand for the recent terrorists activities that took place in the country. He points out that every country has seen terrorism in its own states; while the "WHITE SUPREMACY" is still a problem to be encountered and draws the attention of the fellow delegates towards this burning issue. The Czech Republic on the other side has successfully prevented these activities by the

help of NATO and the European Union.

The delegates on the second day entered into a general speaker debate. Spain pointed out the terrible van incident that killed 13 people, injuring 130. Meanwhile the Swiss points out about solutions proposing development of intelligence; citing out making an "International Humanitarian Law" in accordance with all the countries.

While the delegate of Poland points out a crucial point that plays an important role in the agenda i.e. the "Oil war crisis." Many countries like USA are playing "Terror based politics" in the middle eastern states like Afghanistan, Iran etc.

Then the committee voted upon a response based analysis on a clip that was passed on to the respected delegates. The delegates questioned the legitimacy of the clip. The delegate of Sri Lanka proposed to issue a RED ALERT in the countries. Considering the major problem of nuclear warheads countries like Netherlands, Lebanon etc. proposed the idea of DISARMAMENT. Meanwhile the delegate of UAE very well proposed that the main reason behind such unethical and troublesome acts is the lack of

education, lack of jobs etc. She proposed the Board to appeal the fellow delegates of all the countries to improve the education system, poverty stats and illiteracy should be countered upon. The delegate of Philippines appealed the delegates to MONITOR THE ISSUE OF PRIVACY TO FIGHT THE FRAUDS. "by improving the surveillance. But somehow the foundations on which the DISEC committee is made i.e. the pillars need some serious amendments as pointed out by every delegate in the committee.

Rhetoric, Rationalizations and Schrödinger's Sovereignty

-Hussain Akhtar

The thought experiment labeled "Schrodinger's Cat" undergirds the principle of probability whereby in absence of material facts and critical analysis the outcome depends upon occurrence of a random event, the event in this instance being incidence and magnitude of influx of unaccounted migrants and negative connotations on sovereignty of the States charged with impotence of accepting said migrants.

The Judea - Christian values of the western civilization hold the sovereignty of the individual as paramount whereas in polar opposition the eastern civilizations hold collective responsibility as the cornerstone of rights of the citizenry. The primary contention between the nations being the sovereignty of the State in conjunction

with mandate of the electorate and collective responsibility of the International community to address the global humanitarian crisis.

The nationalist and globalist rift has reached peak concentration of discord evident in yellow vest movement originating in France and spreading across the European Union in opposition to mandated compliance with the globalist immigration and taxation policies aimed at tackling collective global responsibility at the expense of stringent domestic policies negatively affected the disenfranchised rural middle class. The administration of U.S.A. proclaiming the immigration policies



of a state are infringed upon its authority to police its borders and hence the Global Migration Pact being a threat and subversion of sovereignty of the state and its electorate. The recent rise of far right parties acroos the west suggest that the contention of populist nationalist leaders of the US, Brazil and Hungary.

In an effort to curtail dissenting opinions of the right leaning entities advocating the move as a betrayal of interests and rights of the citizenry, The E.U. has implemented restrictions on discussion of numerous issues concerning the migrant crisis. The move has further embolden the idealogues to further the narrative of their society being under siege of foreign onslaught aided by their elected representatives.

The slow devolution of rights to freedom of speech and expression in regards to criticism of handling of asylum seekers and migrants has given rise to anti immigrant sentiments and party's. The recent election of populist candidate Donald J. Trump to the position of president of United States of America and the subsequent withdrawal of United States from UNHCR has sounded warning signs across the world. The hypothesis of political academics being censorship and forced assimilation of migrants as a primary reason was the recent spate of embracing of far right idealogeous.

The only feasible general solution to the crisis being open channels of communication between the populace and their representatives through referendums and opinion polls of the general public as observed during accessing the merits of leaving and staying in EU during Brexit campaign in the U.K.

We Are In This, Together

-Prachi Golecha

If our lives are slick marble stones, then gender inequality is an impression engraved on them. Gender stereotypes and disparities have altogether become a central narrative of our society.

It would be an understatement if I say there have been instances of gender discrimination. Because no, these are not just 'instances.' The struggles myriads of males and females have been through can't be reduced to just an instance. Most of us have seen this our entire lives.

Women are either not good enough for something and must take a step back or they are too intimidating for their male counterparts so they must take a step back, yet again. That's why they were known as passive citizens. Isn't it a shame that the social and cultural enlightenment of women became a threat to the male supremacists?



Men are no less victimised by societal norms. They have numerous toxic beauty standards and gender stereotypes looming above them like a dark cloud. What is the point in living if you have to spend your entire life fitting in and moulding yourself to become an 'ideal' male? Nowhere has this been clearer than in these past years and even today males must learn to be embrace (toxic) masculinity by numbing their emotions and be stone cold. I have often heard people say, "You can never be soft and be a man, the world will skin you alive." There is so much more to them than broad shoulders, bulging biceps, and strong chests. It is sickening how the world bashes them for being 'feminine.'

We have been residing in a void brimming with a paradox that lingers on us. Women are enslaved by patriarchy, misogynists and womanisers and anyone who normalises sexual harassment, domestic abuse, rape and infringes on their rights to voice against them. They deserve an equal pay, a healthy workplace, a proper family arrangement, and an inclusive environment that renders them equal rights and opportunities. Men are enslaved by the urge to act manly, to set loose their individuality and mask themselves in the shroud of a breadwinner.

If we are going to put an end to this, we must do this together. All the genders must raise their voice of power and strong intent. We must delve into intersectional feminism, egalitarianism and activism. We must smash patriarchy and all the social strata. Males must be sensitised to the hardships male supremacy subjects women to. They are a significant part of abolishing all the gender-based discriminations. The onus should be on them to treat their female counterparts with the respect they deserve.

We all must create a safe place for people to embrace themselves rather than pestering them or mocking them. We should tear apart the principle of 'gender binarism' that has deepened the polarisation of men and women and dismissed the existence of non-binaries. We must preach equality.

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Glossary



























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A legacy survives when it is kept in motion, achieving milestone after the other. The 8th JECRC Model United Nations 2019 had been a feather in the Cap and managed to uphold the expectations of intelligentsia. We would like to take this space to THANK YOU ALL for being a part of this journey and making JECRC MUN 2019 a show of success.

-TEAM JECRC MUN 2019