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# MUNDAYS AT AVS

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# SECRETARY-GENERAL SPEAKS

We stand out here and witness mankind becoming its own enemy. Each invention brings us closer to the breaking point of the environment, each dispute creates wars among countries and each moment nears us to a cliff at the end of which lies the possibility of yet another World War. Why is there still hope? Because just as mankind is capable of ruining itself, it is equally capable of healing its self-inflicted gashes. Imagine a world where disagreements are met with kindness, not hostility. Where differences are celebrated as threads woven into a beautiful tapestry, not reasons to tear it apart. This world is achievable, and the key lies in compassionate diplomacy. Therefore, we believe that the theme “Compassion in Conflict: Resolving Differences with Diplomacy,” is both timely and important.

In fact, MUNs give me a sense of purpose to go about in life, to work for the betterment and upliftment of such individuals selflessly and tirelessly, in every way possible. Echoing my lines from the opening ceremony, it has taught me how true leaders are not the ones who ‘are’ important and demand to be respected, but the ones who make one ‘feel’ important. While we find ourselves grappling with a myriad of global issues which transcend borders and affect individuals of all ages, the burden of finding solutions often falls upon the shoulders of the youth. It is in our hands that the hope for a better tomorrow resides. It is true—your involvement in solving global issues is not just an aspiration; it is an imperative. May your debates be insightful, your resolutions impactful, and your experiences transformative.

I have no doubt that we all have the ability to contribute meaningfully to our collective mission of creating a better world. As the Secretary-General, I have seen my team shed their blood, sweat and tears to put this conference together. It gives me the utmost pleasure to watch it unfold successfully and see our vision come to life. In the end, as the wind collected the scattered ashes of last year’s conference, from it rose the phoenix in all its glory— bigger, better and bolder.

*-Anushka Jitani, Secretary-General, 2024-25*



# SAY HELLO TO THE AVS SECRETARIAT, 2024-25!

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## **PRIASHI KHAKHOLIA:** **DEPUTY SECRETARY-GENERAL**

An incredibly intelligent Deputy Sec-Gen who also manages the school's Career newsletter. A mother hen in every sense of the word, when caught in a fright, one might spot her eyes twitching.



## **AAKANKSHA KUMAR:** **DIRECTOR OF LOGISTICS**

AK, the multi-talented Head Girl who is also the easiest conversationalist you can have the pleasure of talking to. A faithful custodian, she is on a constant look-out to see if anything is out-of-place.



## **TASMIN YUSHRA AHMED:** **HEAD OF COMMITTEE AFFAIRS**

The intimidating yet loving Captain of Jinari House with a penchant for beautiful poetry that seems to flow out of her effortlessly. Exceedingly sarcastic and talented; give the current Dramatics Captain the word and she will enact it for you.



## **ANUKRITI KASHYAP:** **HEAD OF DELEGATE AFFAIRS**

Also the current Yearbook Editor-in-Chief, Anukriti is a Capricorn in every sense of the word. Clever, knowledgeable with a sharp sense of humour and intellect, her bright smile has often been compared to that of Akshay Kumar.

# OPENING CEREMONY

-Arindam Gupta, Al Jazeera

Stepping into the world of debate and discussion; MUN. Youngsters from all over India who look forward to resolving the chaos in the world and find peace and negotiations in any given circumstance participate in this rising activity and students with such ideals enrolled in the AVS MUN 2024.

Entering the beautiful campus in the midst of Assam, one cannot help but notice how the school's campus has held its beauty for prolonged years. Continuing its tradition, AVS hosted its 4th AVSMUN with schools from all over the country joining. The school hosted the MUN's inaugural ceremony on 17th July, 2024 with a thorough and detailed preparation. The ceremony got its ball rolling

by the Secretary-General, Anushka Jitani with huge rounds of applause coming in along with the introduction of the Chief Guests, Colonel DJ Chauhan and alumni Sempisang Toy. The organizing committee members were made known to all the delegates along with the introductions of the Chairs and Vice Chairs of each committee. To match the enthusiasm within the delegates, the school band blasted off their guitar's strings followed by a divine dance which held everyone captive in their places. After a memorable and grand opening of the ceremony the delegates were escorted to their respective committees for them to unleash their capabilities for finding peace amidst wars and look for resolutions and negotiations for all.





## INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE (ICJ)

*AGENDA: Deliberation of capital punishment and guaranteeing the protection of rights of those facing life imprisonment.*

*-Aanya Paul Sarkar, BBC News*

A certain man of Malaysian nationality named Nagaenthran Dharmalingam who was busted with three spoons of heroin and was hence sentenced to the death row by the Singaporean government. The catch however lies in the fact that the IQ of the man was only sixty-nine, the IQ of a child. Would it then be ethical to send a man with no criminal intent but rather a mental disability to his death? Singapore advocated for the execution of the man, stating that the punishment should be directly proportional to the crime committed and that with a crime as serious as drug trafficking no leniency should be shown. The delegate of Russia stated that it was not a good decision to send a man with the IQ of a child to his death and although the Singaporean Government wants to reduce and preferably abolish drug-trafficking in their country, the way forward cannot be the execution of someone mentally ill who cannot even sense the gravity of the situation they have brought upon themselves.

## HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL (HRC)

*AGENDA: Promotion of freedom of expression in conflict zones including the protection of journalists.*

*-Arindam Gupta, Al Jazeera*

The delegate of China stood firm on their stance that there is a need for the training of journalist in conflict zones not only mentally but even physically so that the journalist have a sense of security within themselves and be thorough with the national and even international laws thus that their publications doesn't pose as a threat to any countries sovereignty or security. A different point of view which came from Japan stating that the training of journalists physically would be a defect. The committee did not come to a formal resolution, thus the proceeding narrowed down to formal open debate discussion where a few nations took a formal stance on the necessity of providing training and resources. Eventually the resolution was given an assent with the journalist having to train on how to handle mental stress, surpass trauma, physical strengthening, a better understanding of national and international laws with the extra basic amenities which would be added in the future if required.

## CONTINUOUS CRISIS COMMITTEE (CCC)

*AGENDA: Prospects of World War 3.*

*-Priyum Rathi, The Independent*

The delegates of the CCC preparing the directives got a shocking turn of events as the update was dropped on them. The hacking group OMEGA have unleashed a devastating cyber attack and they have named it as the DIGITAL DOOMSDAY. All the major cities of the world have plunged into the darkness as power grids fail. The chaos leads to massive eruption of traffic lights and many cars pile up and it also lead to lot of accidents. Panic was spreading as a wildfire as communication line falter leaving millions in an information blackout. The discussions of the members of the CCC were supposed to be made on that. It all started with the representatives on Russia, Israel, and the other representatives of the CCC. The discussions were made on how to stop OMEGA and how to stop the people of the countries panicking. The members of the CCC were giving solutions to tackle the problems which were being faced by the people around the globe.

## UNITED NATIONS WOMEN (UNW)

*AGENDA: Deliberating on the impact of culture and religious norms on mail-order brides with special emphasis on institutional discrimination and economic disparity.*

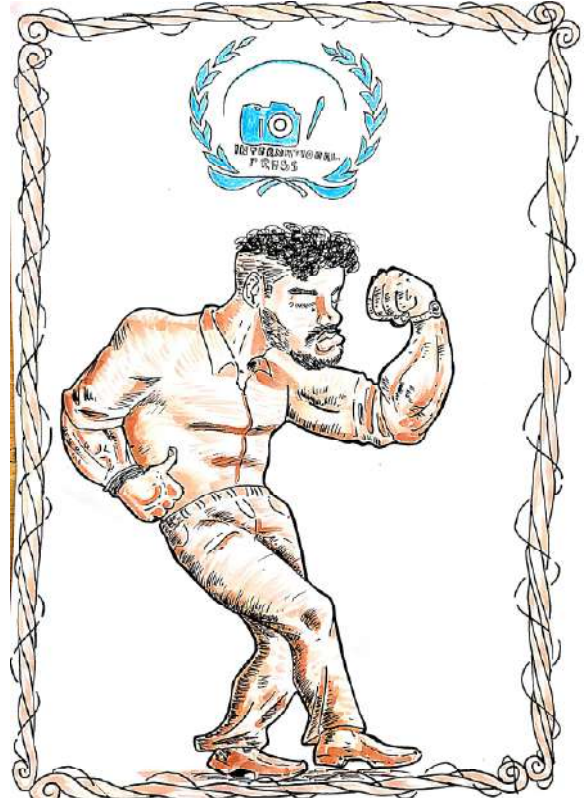
*-Ayushi Rani, The Jerusalem Post*

The Delegate of the Philippines proposed a motion on the ground about "Deliberating rights of male order brides and their current regulations" and was then extended to "Impact of culture and religious norms on mail order brides with special emphasis on Institutional discrimination and economic disparity." The motion was initiated by the Delegate of Nigeria throwing out the fact that approximately 15000-20000 women engage in such arrangements annually and highlighting the reasons behind why women from underprivileged backgrounds take extreme measures in order to survive. The delegate of India then mentioned the problems which are being faced by the brides in India. Be it settling in a whole new environment or facing discriminative challenges and the same was also mentioned by Vietnam and Thailand.

# CARICATURES OF THE DAY



Jananjay Deb (Chair, Lok Sabha)  
Art by Rainae Deka, Gulf Times



Aryan Lahon (Chair, IPC - Journalism and Photojournalism)  
Art by Mashunsing Keishing, Reuters



Soumya Kumar Rai (Chair, Superhero Conclave)  
Art by Rainae Deka, Gulf Times



Prarthana Das (Chair, UNW)  
Art by Abhineet Gogoi, Talk 616!



# GLIMPSES OF THE DAY



## SECURITY COUNCIL (SC)

*AGENDA: The Israel-Palestine Crisis with special emphasis on its repercussions in the Middle East.*

*-Josiah Daniel Kharshing, Washington Post*

The second day's committee session began with the chair presenting the delegates with a situation: a cyberattack on Israel's Iron Dome system. The first move was made by the delegate of France, who released a press statement asserting that the Iron Dome system's failure was due to a sophisticated cyberattack, suspected to be orchestrated by Russian hackers in coordination with Palestinian militant groups. The delegate of Russia then stood up to justify that they had nothing to do with the Iron Dome system's hacking, stating they did not want to take part in any act relating to Israel. Following this justification, the delegate of France corrected their initial press release with another statement, asserting that new sources indicated the United Kingdom was at fault, resulting in the revocation of its voting rights. The UK delegate then raised a motion to suspend formal debate and enter an open floor session for the next 15 minutes. The motion passed, and the open floor session commenced. Despite continued arguments between the delegates of Israel and Palestine, they eventually realised that progress would only be possible through cooperation. The open floor session concluded with the delegate of France's final speech, urging the committee to end the debate and instead draft a working report on the matter, advocating for collective action against the injustices. The committee session concluded on this note of collaboration and mutual resolve.

## FRAMEWORK CONVENTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE (UNFCCC)

*AGENDA: Achieving carbon neutrality through renewable sources.*

*-Rajkumari Anya Devi, The Sydney Morning Herald*

The delegate of China stated that their old versions or outdated machines might be useful to other countries. The delegate of Finland states that it has partnered with IFC to achieve their climatic goal. The delegate of Norway states they have to keep aside their past conflicts and try to work together as a whole to bring about significant changes in the world. The delegate of Bhutan urges the people to come together and invest in low developed countries like bhutan. The delegate of Egypt then stated that the country has always been a beacon of innovation.

## LOK SABHA

*AGENDA: Uniform Civil Code a road to national progress or loss of human rights?*

*-Kashvi Borana, Times of India*

During the second conference day, Rajnath Singh, a member of the Lok Sabha, proposed the establishment of a moderate caucus to deliberate on the "Agenda of Uniform Civil Code." A total of thirteen members presented sixty-second speeches to articulate their perspectives on the motion, with the exception of Gaurav Gogoi, who appeared to deviate from his own portfolio policy by stating, "Why should I follow other religions when I follow one already." The ruling party supported the proposal for a Uniform Civil Code (UCC), while the opposition highlighted concerns regarding the potential loss of religious freedom and alleged bias in the government's stance. In his speech, Amritpal Singh argued that the Uniform Civil Code (UCC) could lead to a detachment from cultural identities, suggesting that unity under the BJP's rule may not be achievable. Meanwhile, the Waris De Punjab leader was vocal about the religious and cultural sentiments at stake. Prime Minister Modi defended the Uniform Civil Code (UCC). The discussion hour concluded with Rajnath Singh summarizing the debate by stating that the issue of Uniform Civil Code is not a divisive one between Hindus and Muslims.

## SUPERHERO CONCLAVE

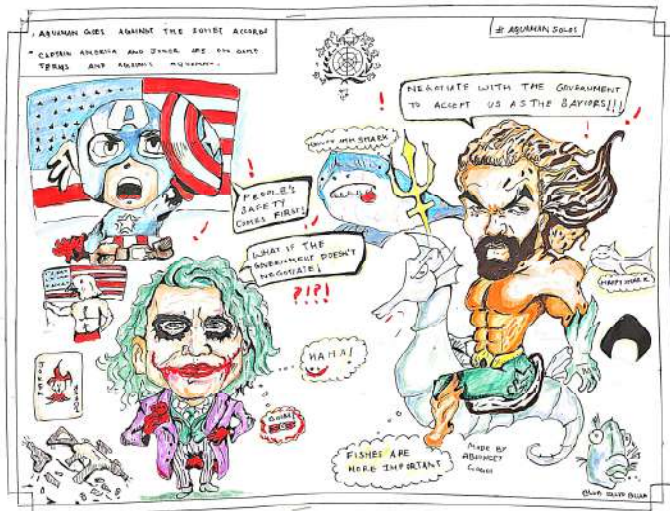
*AGENDA: Deliberation and need for ethical and legal frameworks for superheroes.*

*-Nehemiah, Apex Broadcasting*

The debate over the Sokovia Accords has reached a crucial point, with no room for negotiation. Superheroes in the USA have two choices: accept the accords or reject and be declared as enemies. This has led to heated discussion involving prominent superheroes like Aquaman, Captain America, Venom and the Joker. The urgency of this situation has worsened by a rogue nation's plan to launch a nuclear device, which could result in the death of millions of people. It was also revealed that Hulk had been shot and detained by the Government of India, which raised concerns about the safety of superheroes. Aquaman proposed to move into an unmoderated caucus for thirty minutes to have more informal discussions with the rest of the superheroes. This proposal won all the votes, providing a chance to explore covert strategies in more detail. The future of the Sokovia Accords is still unclear as superheroes try to figure out what to do next. The superheroes are finding it hard to balance their own safety with the safety and well being of people. A rogue nation with nuclear weapons is also a big worry, so the superheroes have to work together and plan carefully.



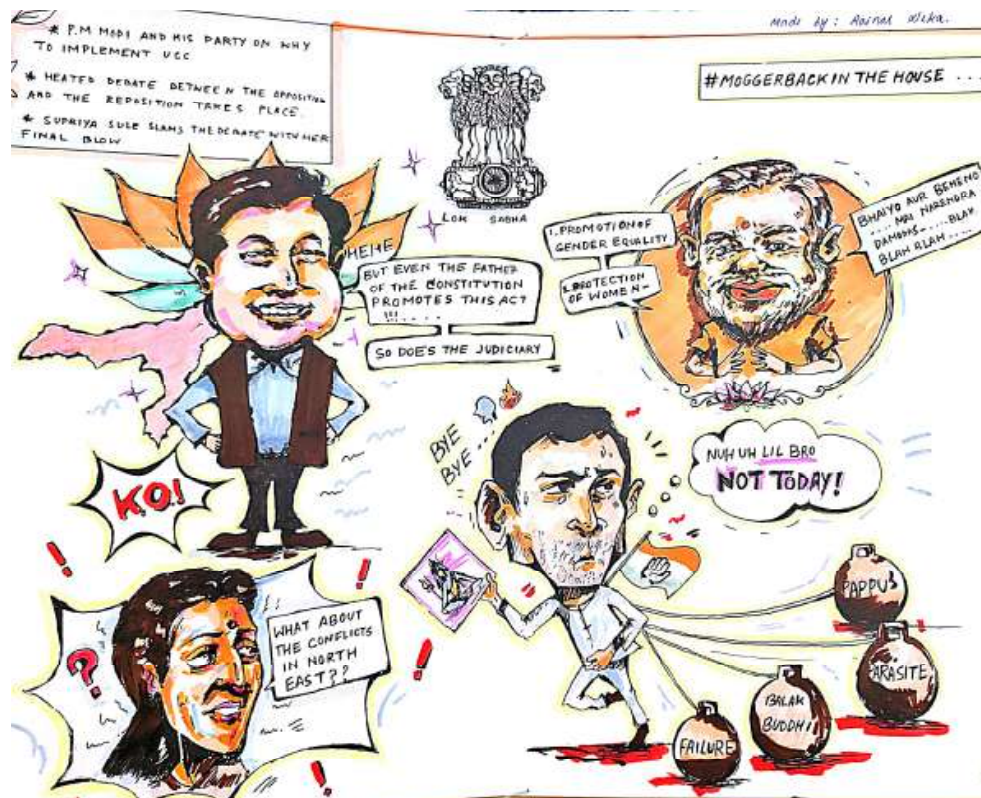
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Superhero Conclave  
Art by Abhineet Gogoi, Talk 616!



Continuous Crisis Committee (CCC)  
Art by Mashunsing Keishing, Reuters



Lok Sabha  
Art by Rainae Deka, Gulf Times



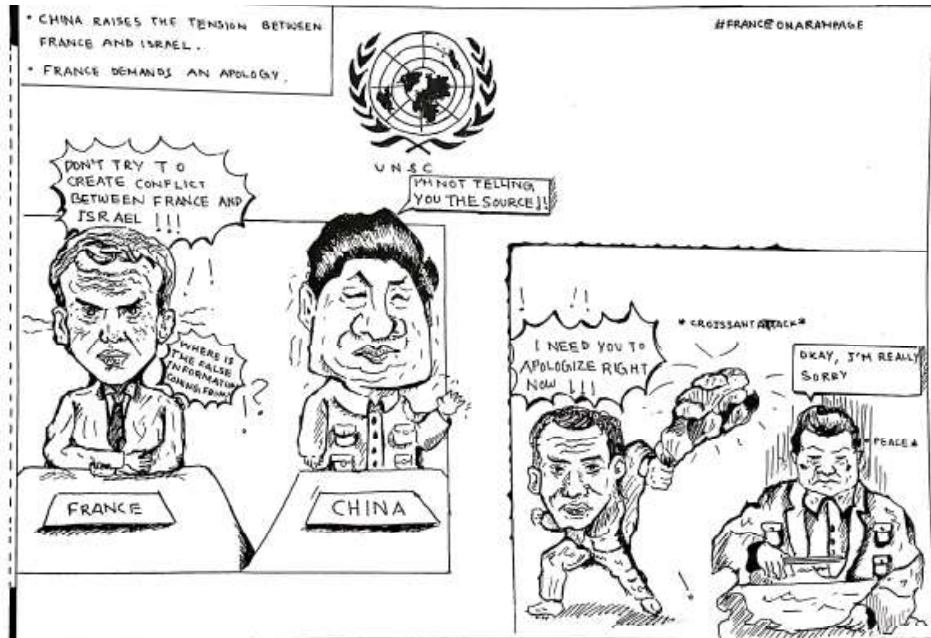
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Gyaanam Bora, The Hindu

Rudrayon Haloi, Fact Channel News

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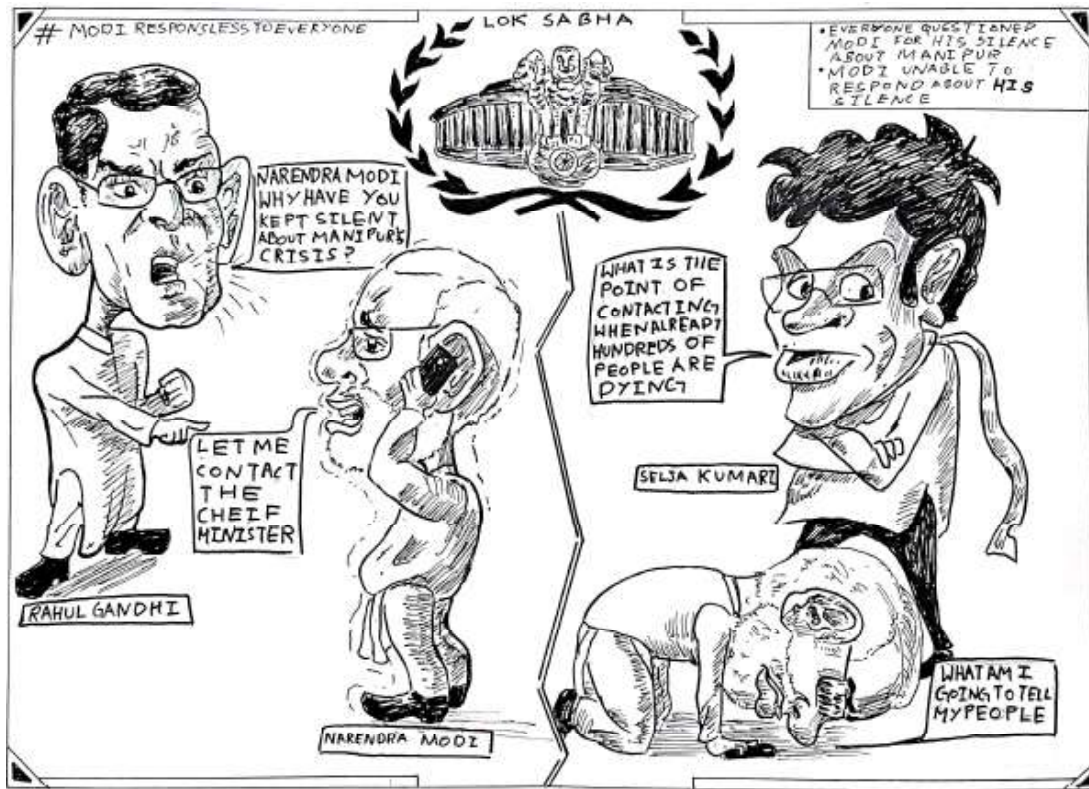


Security Council (UNSC)  
Art by Abhineet Gogoi, Talk 616!



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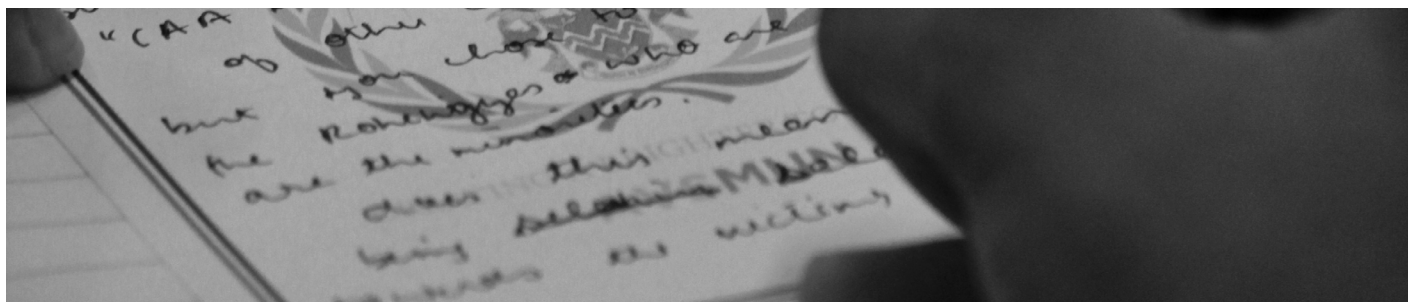
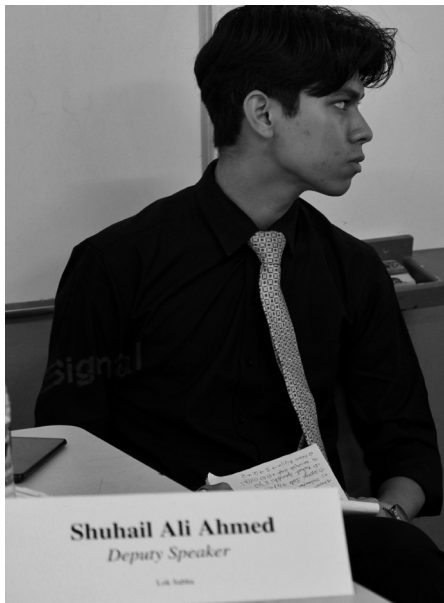
Lok Sabha  
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Continuous Crisis Committee (CCC)  
Art by Chanchubeni, The Wall Street Journal



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*Photographed by  
Mahi Poddar, The New Zealand Herald*



# THE TEAMS OF AVSMUN '24



ASSAM RIFLES PUBLIC SCHOOL



ST. JAMES



DELHI PUBLIC SHOOOL, DIGBOI



ROYAL GLOBAL SCHOOL



JAIN INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL  
SCHOOL



HOLLOTOLI SCHOOL



SANSKRITI THE GURUKUL



# RESULTS

## INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE (ICJ)

President: **Sounak Sengupta**  
Vice President: **Saanchit Agarwal**

### Best Delegate

Singapore, Radhika Das, RGS

### High Commendation

Venezuela, Daka Lyngdoh, ARPS

### Special Mentions

India, Nishmita Tiwari, STG

Egypt, Hitti Kochar, JRS

### Verbal Mention

Russia, Hasini Gowda, JRS

China, Chavi Jain, Holotoli

## LOK SABHA

Speaker: **Jananjay Deb**  
Deputy Speaker: **Shuhail Ali Ahmed**

### Best Parliamentarian

Rahul Gandhi, Karan Somani, AVS

### High Commendation

Rajnath Singh, Prachita Soni, STG

### Special Mentions

S. Jaishankar, Rudra Pratap Singh, DPS Digboi

Shashi Tharoor, Keshav Choudhury, JRS

Amritpal Singh, Dev Chedda, JRS

Narendra Modi, Aarav Yagnesh Madhani, JRS

### Verbal Mention

Kishorilal Sharma, Nazifa Noorine, AVS

Akhilesh Yadav, Binlung Panmei, Holotoli

Gaurav Gogoi, Jaagrit Adarwal, AVS

Selja Kumari, Bhavya Kejriwal, AVS

Nirmala Sitaraman, Devangi Jalan, RGS

## SUPERHERO CONCLAVE

President: **Soumya Kumar Rai**  
Vice President: **Ruhi Kalita**

### Best Parliamentarian

Aquaman, Ranaay Dutta, St. James

### High Commendation

Venom, Khangam Ngandam, AVS

### Special Mentions

Captain America, Kasaya Katri, AVS

Batman, Bayasa Khaitan, STG

## SECURITY COUNCIL (UNSC)

Director: **Syed Rameez Salman**  
Chief: **Norzin Lhamu**

### Best Delegate

Israel, Pahal Bajaj, AVS

### High Commendation

France, Aloran Sarkar, St. James

### Special Mentions

Palestine, Kaushik Reddy, JRS

UK, Sidhant Juniwal, St. James

Russia, Zaheen Rafia Shah, AVS

### Verbal Mentions

China, Sidharth Mishra, JRS

Japan, Zachary Pariat, ARPS

## CONTINUOUS CRISIS COMMITTEE (CCC)

President: **Aman Goyal**  
Vice President: **Anushka Somani**

### Best Delegate

Russia, Apurv K Sakaria, STG

### High Commendation

Iraq, Jayant Rath, JRS

### Special Mentions

Iran, Panav Todi, RGS

South Korea, Shahanur Uddin, AVS

Israel, Jairaj Mundra, St. James

### Verbal Mentions

UK, Varun Aditya, JRS

Japan, Jemennaro Walling, Holotoli

India, Harshil Beriwal, AVS

## UNITED NATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL (HRC)

President: **Siddhant Agarwal**  
Vice President: **Donensangla Chang**

### Best Delegate

Morocco, Urvee Rath, AVS

### High Recommendation

USA, Ishaan Babar, JRS

### Special Mention

France, Agastya Moksh, RGS

Japan, Orion Chandra, St. James

# UNITED NATIONS FRAMEWORK CONVENTION OF CLIMATE CHANGE (UNFCCC)

Executive Secretary: **Dhruvaditya Das**  
Deputy Executive Secretary: **Pratiti Barua**

## Best Delegate

Rajveer Singh, Delegate of China, St. James

## High Commendation

Vivek Gattani, Delegate of South Korea, AVS

## Special Mentions

Astha Tiwari, Delegate of India, ARPS

Rudra Agarwal, Delegate of Bhutan, DPS Digboi

## Verbal Mention

Mugha X Zhimomi, Delegate of Egypt, Holotoli

# UNITED NATIONS WOMEN (UNW)

Chairperson: **Prarthana Das**  
Vice Chairperson: **Tasmin Yushra Ahmed**

## Best Delegate

France, Kanan Mittal, STG

## High Commendation

Nigeria, Shambavi Khanikar, STG

## Special Mentions

Phillipines, Umesh Kheria, St. James

Saudi Arabia, Ilina Paliyal, ARPS

Singapore, Dzupa Utsido, Hollotoli

## Verbal Mentions

India, Veera Taunk, JRS

Columbia, Krishay Sethi, AVS

Canada, Zisel Sangma, AVS

# INTERNATIONAL PRESS CONFERENCE (IPC)

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Deputy Head of Photojournalism:

**Pradyumn Bhajanka**

Head of Caricature: **Priyansha Paul**

Deputy Head of Journalism

and Caricature: **Atoti Zhimomi**

## Best Delegation

Sanskriti the Gurukul

## Most Promising Delegation

St. James School

## Best Caricaturist

Rainae Deka, DPS Digboi

## High Commendation

Mashunsing Keishing, AVS

## Verbal Mention

Abhineet Gogoi, DPS Digboi

## Best Journalist

Arindam Gupta, JRS

## High Commendation

Priyum Rathi, St. James

## Special Mention

Josiah Daniel Kharshing, ARPS

## Verbal Mention

Ayushi Rani, JRS

## Best Photojournalist

Gyaanam Bora, STG

## High Commendation

Mahi Poddar, AVS

## Verbal Mention

Prateek Das, STG



“DIPLOMACY IS A GAME OF CHESS IN WHICH THE NATIONS ARE CHECKMATED.” -KARL KRAUS



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