

# THE RESONANCE

## *Their rights, our commitment*

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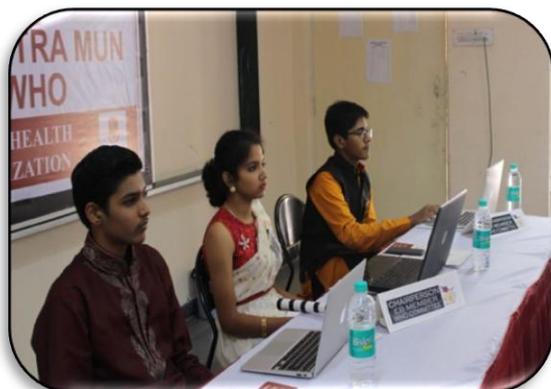
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15% of the total world's population is disabled while 2.4% experience significant difficulties in functioning. Across the world, people with disabilities have poorer health outcomes, lower education achievements, less economic participation and higher rates of poverty than people without disabilities. Individuals with disability experience obstacles in accessing services that include healthcare, education, and employment. In the future, disability will be a great concern because its prevalence is rising. The World Health Organization committee will focus on the integration of the disabled people of the society and look forward to finding the solutions to the problems.



WHO, one of the most remarkable committees plays a vital role in improving basic needs for disabled people. Suchitra MUN was packed with quintessential discussions between 16 delegates representing 16 different countries. With great enthusiasm and excitement, the committee sessions began. This MUN was the first experience for almost all the delegates. It was quite interesting to see the delegates confidently presenting their opening speeches and raising moderated caucus on relevant topics. The delegates were able to discuss the problems faced by the disabled as well as state what their governments were doing in order to improve the conditions.



The moderated caucus centered on the topic education, employment and healthcare facilities for the disabled people in the society. The country Afghanistan looked worried and stressed as the disabled people in the country are poor and illiterate. They lack opportunities and were not given opportunities to improve themselves. While countries like Japan

mentioned that they have high living standards and is ranked the second highest country in life expectancy. Nevertheless, the delegates were marked on their research and their confidence while delivering speeches. The chairperson and vice chairperson were extremely patient and encouraging throughout the committee sessions. However, at times, they failed to recognize the USG, Secretary General, and Deputy Secretary General.

Overall, we the International press committee wishes all the best to all the delegates and hope the WHO committee will come up with possible solutions in order to improve the lives of disabled people.



# RESCUING WATER

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844 million people survive without access to safe drinking water while 2.5 billion people live without access to improved sanitation. It is startling to know that while the countries with growing population and extremely dynamic and uncertain climatic conditions suffer from lack of water; developed countries with lavish luxuries also have come to name water their most precious resource widening the crisis and making it global. The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural organization committee sessions held in these two days were to elaborately discuss the major reasons that cause threatening damage to water bodies and life in it and their respective practical solutions.

The committee with 16 delegates had a clear sense of direction. The first few speeches featured every country explaining their profile. The delegates were mostly first-timers and took some time in grasping the procedure and playing their part. The executive board members decided to persuade the delegates to pass a motion favoring an unmoderated caucus to help them. With the help of some confident and well-informed countries the chair of the committee was triumphant in driving the delegates to speak up. Aside from the trivial errors, the delegates were able to discuss integral topics related to agenda.



The delegates passed various motions which highlighted the reasons and effects of water pollution in their countries. Countries like United Kingdom and Japan were worried that overdevelopment and industrial growth may upset the balance between supply and consumption of water.

Countries like Pakistan pointed out that they lacked operating water treatment plants which were majorly the cause of outbursts of



waterborne diseases. Though, the delegates were being judged majorly based on their research for the first day's sessions most of them appeared to be oblivious to the errors made by the speakers. Initially, the Executive Board members were flustered due to which they couldn't focus and often forgot to recognize the USGs. The resolution draft and its Performa was elucidated to the delegates.

The International Press hopes that United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization comes up with concrete solutions to this urgent crisis and help the deprived achieve improved water facilities and sanitation.

# **WE ASK, YOU ANSWER**

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**Reporter** - Namaste to the Chairperson of World health organization and The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization. Thank you so much for taking out your time. We are a part of CNN and today we are here to get the first byte from both of you.

**Reporter-** How would you describe a successful committee?

**Chairperson of UNESCO-** I would describe a successful committee where the delegates are confidently presenting their opinion and view on the agenda.

**Chairperson of WHO-** I would describe a successful committee where the delegates know how to debate and actively participate in the conference.

**Reporter-** How would you describe yourself as a chairperson?

**Chairperson of UNESCO-** I would describe myself as a chair person where I am diplomatic, calm and composed. I would motivate the delegates to speak up and share their point of view and learn how to accept the mistakes and move forward.

**Chairperson of WHO-** I would describe myself as a chair person where I know the pace of the committee. As many delegates are first –timers, I would give them motivation and boost up their confidence. I would also understand the views and perspectives raised by the delegates.

**Reporter-** What are some of the expectations from the delegates as well as the committee as a whole?

**Chairperson of UNESCO-** Many delegates are first-timers and some of them are nervous to speak up. However, the delegates are sending their speeches via chit and they are capable of doing much better. I am very happy with the committee.

**Chairperson of WHO-** The delegates are doing beyond my expectation level. They are raising motions and debating with confidence. At the end of the day it's the quality that matters and not the quantity.



**Reporter:** How can the small republics contribute to the resolutions?

**Chairperson of UNESCO-** The small republics contribute to the resolution by seeking support from other countries in order to improve the lives of people.

**Chairperson of WHO-** In my opinion, small countries should have NGOs that are working for the agenda. Small republics can take assistance from the World Bank and boost the disabled people.

**Reporter-** As you are aware, the delegates were caught using phones during formal sessions. What is your take on that?

**Chairperson of UNESCO-** Yes, in our committee a delegate was caught using the phone and 2 warnings were given. I think that the delegates should once refer to the rules for Model United Nations.

**Chairperson of WHO-** As the chair person of UNESCO said that the delegates should refer to the rules and regulations for Model United Nations.

**Reporter-** Thank you so much for your precious time. It was nice meeting you.

# ***HONEST- TO BE OR NOT TO BE?***

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If the delegates have gone through the policies of the Model United Nations, they'll know that the use of phones and internet is strictly prohibited in the committee sessions. What we need to understand is that these measures are taken for the benefit of the committees. The use of phones and internet generally diverts the focus of the delegates and finally affects its functioning. The delegates usually mistake these policies into being restrictive and an instrument to reduce their flexibility. The Chair Persons of each committee expect the delegates to be fully prepared to tackle the questions posed to them and be attentive to the proceedings. The fact that the use of internet and phones are required in the committees shows that the countries are uninformed and take no interest in learning from the committee sessions.



Some delegates were found surfing the web for utterly informal reasons. All the committees highlighted threatening issues and based their arguments on finding solutions that will work! The delegates are expected to understand the importance and the intensity of the crisis. Use of phones undermines the seriousness of the entire protocol. They should have been involved in finding a solution and drafting a resolution paper. Instead, they spent time on an action that can be termed both frivolous as well as puts a question mark on their integrity. The Youth is said to be the future of the nation. Their actions are a reflection of how responsible they will be as adult citizens of the country. It's time to change the attitude and emerge as the responsible citizens we are expected to be.

# ***WE DISCUSSED, NOW IT'S TIME TO ACT***

The final results of discussion, writing and negotiation are resolutions—written suggestions for addressing a specific problem or issue. Both the committees were successful in drafting resolutions. The main problem faced by the World Health Organization committee is that the disabled individuals are excluded from the society and are facing difficulties for finding opportunities and employment. They do not have access to quality education and health care services.

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization committee progressed very well and each and every delegate participated actively in the discussions throughout the committee sessions. The main problem faced by the committee was the water bodies are getting damaged and many people are not having access to clean drinking water and proper sanitation. The solutions proposed by the committee were

1. Evaluate groundwater recharge potential.
2. Promote the use of agriculture species tolerant to salinity and hydraulic stress.
3. Water education to know the importance of water and conserve it.
4. Sewage treatment especially in rural areas.
5. To encourage the valuation of water resources and to fight against all types of waste and corruption created by pricing systems adapted to the drinking water and irrigating sectors.
6. Preventing river water to get polluted.
7. Treatment of wastes before discharge.
8. Routine cleaning.
9. Development of a system of irrigation zones allowing the country to maintain a stable growing and sustainable agricultural system.
10. The development of conventional and non-conventional water resources and better control of demand in all social economic sectors based on an integrated and flexible plan.

# **TO WAR WE GO!**

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The commencement of the press conference began with great enthusiasm and ardour. The CNN International Press members were eager and ready to pose the questions to the delegates. Let's look into the intimidating questions posed to the delegates and their interesting answers.

## **WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION**

THE DELEGATE OF AFGANISTAN was asked to explain its government policies that favour scholarships for the disabled and where the underprivileged were provided with reserved seats and scholarships. She also mentioned that special quotas are available for the athletes. When the delegate asked for specific policies, she had difficulty in answering.

## **UNITED NATIONS EDUCATION, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL ORGANISATION.**

THE DELEGATE OF SOUTH AFRICA was asked why she was hesitant in asking for global help when there were concrete predictions that DAY ZERO- the day when taps run dry was predicted to arrive soon. The delegate of South Africa wasn't confident enough to answer. The depletion of the reservoirs was mentioned, but the delegate finally abstained to answer.

THE DELEGATE OF JAPAN was asked if he thought that 100% of their population had access to clean drinking water. The delegate with a small stature was sanguine and was well aware of his policies. He backed his answer with facts and assured that his government is not only capable of taking corrective measures, but is also capable of being wary and fully prepared for the future conditions.

THE DELEGATE OF PAKISTAN was asked about the water borne diseases that affected most of its population. The delegate honestly mentioned all the reasons that caused this problem and also stated that the root cause of the problem was lack of funds. When the delegate was asked about those taxation policies of the country, he turned red and abstained from answering the question.

THE DELEGATE OF BRITAIN was asked if they were in for a drought because of the uncertain climatic conditions. The delegate agreed that if the country is not cautious enough they are going to face a drastic natural disaster. He also mentioned that the root cause of this drought could be the pipe bursts, he was confident enough to say that the

government is taking corrective measure and also been working on ways to be cautious of policies and decisions that will affect the climate of the country.

Overall, the press conference was enlightening and informative. It made not only the delegates to whom the questions were posed to understand the need to have statistics and policies of their country at the tip of their country, but one was impressed with the homework the international press had done to come up with the right kind of questions. All the delegates proved to be avid learners and were optimistic about the conference. The International Press hopes that it has left the participants curious and wondering, for that will definitely trigger their learning.