

CJCMUN NEWSLETTER 2020



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CURATING EXCELLENCE

A report on the [Inauguration Ceremony](#) of Christ Junior College Model United Nations's 2020 Conference

Christ Junior College proudly inaugurated the thirteenth edition of its Model United Nations on 2 October 2020. Extending its conference to international students for the first time ever, this virtual simulation of the United Nations was brought to the screens of students worldwide.

Our mellifluous Choir invoked the ceremony with a harmonious song which was followed by the welcome address given by CJCMUN 2020's teacher coordinator- Ms Dolly Martin. After Father Sebastian Mathai, Principal, Christ Junior College, enlightened the audience with his words of wisdom, the Secretariat and the board members of each committee were introduced through an invigorating video. This was then followed by the reputed Secretary General, Karan Gupta's encouraging words. He pushed the eager participants to work dedicatedly towards lobbying and giving their hardwiring efforts to find empowering solutions. A video encapsulating the experience of CJCMUN was played, aiming to prepare the participants for two riveting, enriching, and productive days.

The grand ceremony came to an end with the Vote of Thanks presented by Mr Xavier Louis D'Souza, Head of the Department of Social Sciences, Christ Junior College, before it was concluded with the National Anthem, setting the pace for the extravagance in the conference to come.

MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY GENERAL

*A few thought-provoking words shared by the **Secretary General, Karan Gupta***



The coming together of the Model United Nations is marked by the same ideal that characterizes the global pandemic today – Resilience. Questions of lockdown have forced us to think carefully about the consequence of policies that are facially neutral. For this MUN, I request each and every one of you to go beyond mere policymaking and think carefully about underlying values and how those policies are implemented for the betterment of every individual of the society. As you commence the MUN this year, I remind you to keep in mind the two ideals that we at Christ Junior College strive for. The first is to privilege content over the method of its delivery, and the second is to create an inclusive space for everyone to voice their opinions, without the fear of judgment or retribution. As much as I wish I was with each one of you physically, my team is ready to face the challenges of a virtual MUN. I request you to value this time as a teaching experience and learn from it. I thank each one of you for gracing the first virtual CJCMUN and all the very best for the coming days!

MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL

*A few propitious words shared by the **Deputy Secretary General, Vikrant Dwivedi***

I am deeply honored to be invited as the Deputy Secretary General of CJCMUN. As a proud alumnus of Christ Junior College, I have formerly held the position of Head Delegate and served as a member of the Executive Board for the decennial edition of CJCMUN. Therefore, it was an exhilarating opportunity to come back as a member of the Secretariat.

CJCMUN has been a dynamic event that gets bigger and better every year, in both qualitative and quantitative overall development. The ability to retain these values at a virtual conference in the midst of a global pandemic is a testament to the larger role that CJCMUN plays in fostering a better culture within the activity and advancing new best practices. This year's theme of

'Global Threat Assessment and Remediation' attests to the awareness of current affairs that we aim to inculcate within every participant. I have always believed that one needs to look beyond the bubble of their knowledge and privilege, in order to empower themselves as the global youth mobilising affirmative action. MUN might not have a direct perceivable impact on the issues it discusses. However, it does provide the holistic perspective required to shatter this barrier of ignorance that we comfortably indulge in.

As the Secretariat at CJCMUN 2020, our key role will be to facilitate the gaining of this perspective, while ensuring that the conference encourages the focus on acquiring a solution-oriented approach.



A CALL FOR ACTION

*An Insight Into The Theme Of This Year's Conference- **Global Threat Assessment And Remediation***

2020 is characterized by its timeline of disastrous events, and seems ideal for the next apocalyptic Hollywood blockbuster- but when one contemplates the situation, it becomes blatant that the majority of these challenges were not born out of the blue. The COVID-19 pandemic merely served as the trigger that exposed existing policy gaps, aggravating matters pertaining to unemployment, food security, healthcare, digital infrastructure, and so on. Moreover, the soaring temperatures and the burning acres of forest cover in Australia and Uttarakhand, have only emphasized that climate change is real. The Black Lives Matter movement that also gained rapid global recognition sparked off an anti-racism and civil rights movement across the world, commenced in 2013.

This pattern serves as a reminder that the process of planning for the future not only requires us to assess and prepare for potential obstacles, but also reflect on our past to locate their root cause. The agendas at this year's conference have been chosen with the aim of tackling persistent global issues that don't necessarily appear to be an immediate danger, but are sure to cause profound damages if left unaddressed. These unprecedented times have only reiterated the importance of effective global cooperation and critical problem solving. We at CJCMUN are committed to simulate an environment that will help instill these skills in the future policy makers of the world.

A METICULOUS TEAM DENOTING PERFECTION

*A report on the working of the **Core Committee** of Christ Junior College Model United Nations 2020*

Every successful event requires a set of efficient and hard-working hands on deck that make it what it is. Given the current pandemic, the backstage work of CJCMUN 2020 was slightly unconventional. The Logistics Team consisted of 13 members headed by Agni Tejas of 2 HEPP N. This team brought together a group of diligent, dedicated, and committed students who worked towards organizing the conference with ease, assisting the members of the Executive Board and the teacher coordinators in every possible way.

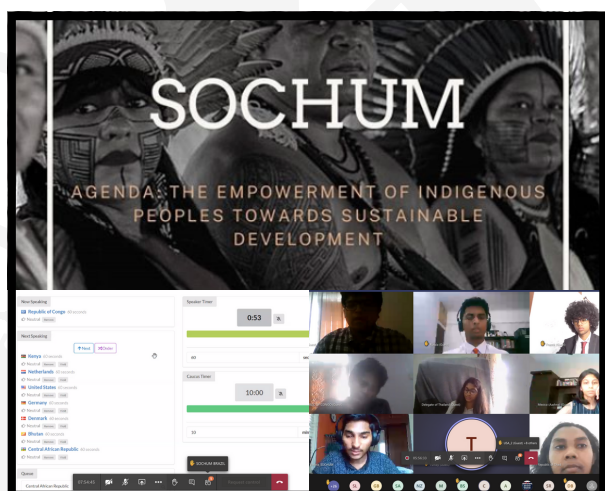
Despite the challenges faced along the journey during the digital integration of the conference, the best use of the technology in hand through vigilant communication and

coordination was made.

Since CJCMUN 2020 was a virtual conference, the Hospitality Committee was replaced by the Tech Committee headed by Rennan Antony Joby of 2 HEPP N and Jerin P Joju of 2 PPES O who were busy resolving the discrepancies of the delegates. The silver-lining to this virtual set-up was the fact that many international students were able to attend the Conference.

The members of the Core Committee were an integral part of the conference and its success did justice to all the weeks-worth of hard-work and tireless nights that went into curating the extravagance of Christ Junior College Model United Nations 2020.

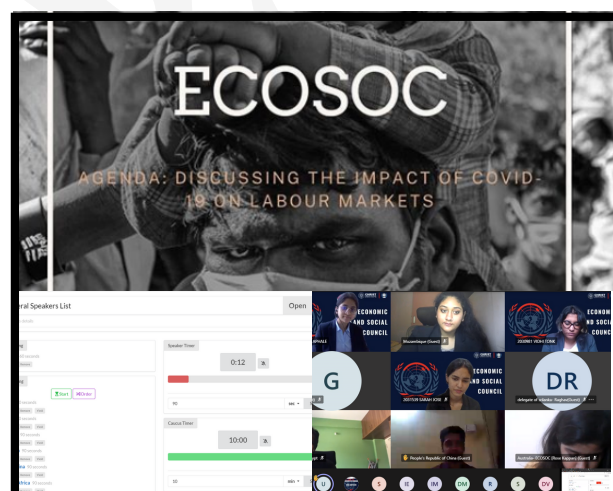
THE SOCIAL, HUMANITARIAN, AND CULTURAL COMMITTEE



Whilst keeping in mind the need for sustainable development, the delegates of the Social, Humanitarian, and Cultural Committee canvassed the placement of indigenous people in the political and economic strata- the interplay of this topic with sustainable development set this agenda apart. Headed by Chathurya Srinivasan along with Assistant Directors- Riddhi Juyal and Satvika Arun, the sheer level of research by the 45 delegates became a noteworthy quality of the conference. With suggestions like the creation of ethnic autonomous zones for indigenous peoples and intellectual property rights, the delegates came up with riveting ideas for the compound issue.

After two extremely productive and competitive days, the Social, Humanitarian, and Cultural Committee drafted a resolution encapsulating the best of solutions to amplify the lives of indigenous people in today's world.

THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL



The Economic and Social Council brings together like-minded individuals to promote collective action for a sustainable world. Headed by Sarah Jose and Vidhi Tonk who were accompanied by Nikita Aphale as the Assistant Director, this committee did not fail to please. With 'Discussing the Impact of COVID-19 in labour markets' as the agenda, the delegates passively threw allegations at China for the pandemic, heating up the conference. The moderated caucuses addressed multiple stakeholders in the labor markets that have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and the 34 delegates took multifaceted approaches to address the same.

The highlight of the committee was the press conference where the delegates of Russia, China, Italy, Malaysia, and Germany took the spotlight. The Economic And Social Council successfully drafted a resolution that alleviates the misfortunes currently faced by labourers all over the world.

THE UNITED STATES SENATE

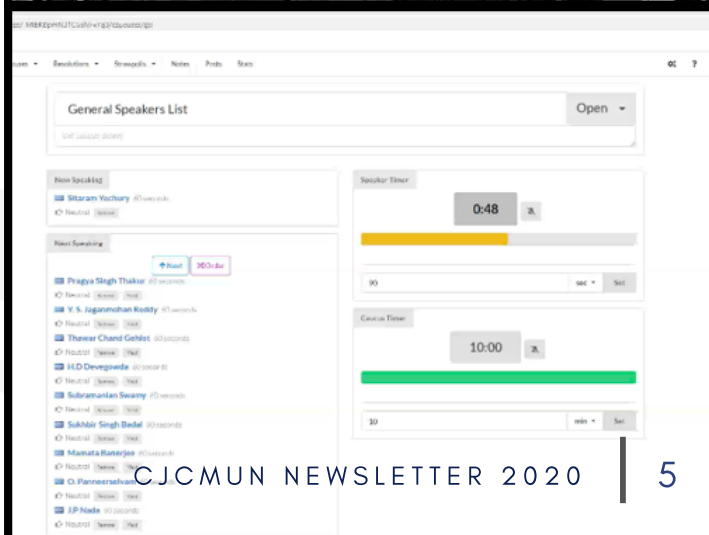
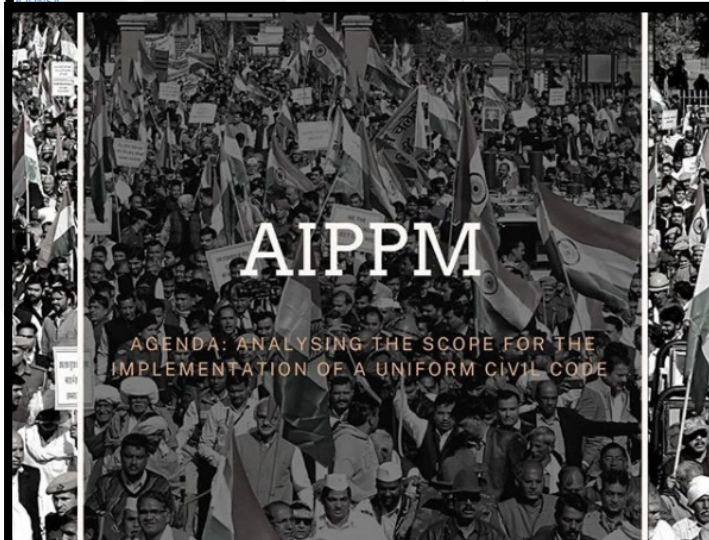
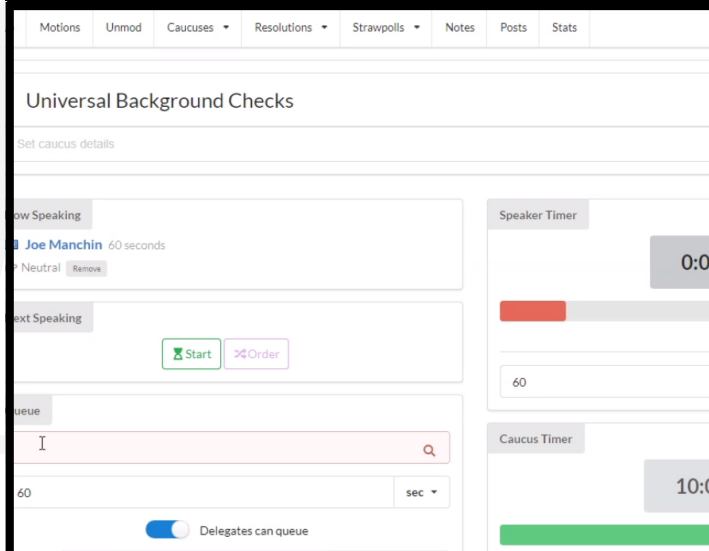
CJMUN 2020's United States Senate is a recreation of The Upper House of the United States of America. Headed by Director Joshua Kattapurama along with Assistant Directors Vriti Singhvee and Esha Mehta, the agenda decided on was 'Reviewing the Second Amendment and Related Gun Legislation', carefully chosen with pertinence to the recent mass shootings in the United States. The Committee witnessed the attendance of over 25 delegates with the portfolios of real Senators. The delegates engaged in intellectual and well-researched debate through the conference exhibiting praise-worthy political power play.

Both days were filled with thought-provoking, competitive and heated debates that did complete justice to the issue at hand.

ALL INDIA POLITICAL PARTIES MEET

The All India Political Parties meet is a congregation of politicians from all over the country who form a deliberative body to discuss and recommend solutions on prevalent issues. Headed by the Speaker Srijan Vasireddy, and the Deputy Speakers Aries Arasar and Advait Anand, this meeting had 34 politicians deliberating over the most controversial topics revolving around the Uniform Civil Code. Filled with emotional turbulences and heated arguments, the first day saw three motions being passed and an enthralling crisis at the center of a massive protest across the country over the pretext that UCC is not favourable. As a highlight of the committee, Sonia Gandhi was subjected to several accusations and the updates only grew more creative and stressful. The delegates set the pace for the crisis with their carefully designed solutions and unmatched energy, doing justice to the agenda 'Analyzing The Scope For The Implementation Of A Uniform Civil Code'.

Undoubtedly, the All India Political Parties Meet witnessed two very chaotic days, but in a room full of politicians, what else can you expect?



FUTURISTIC SECURITY COUNCIL

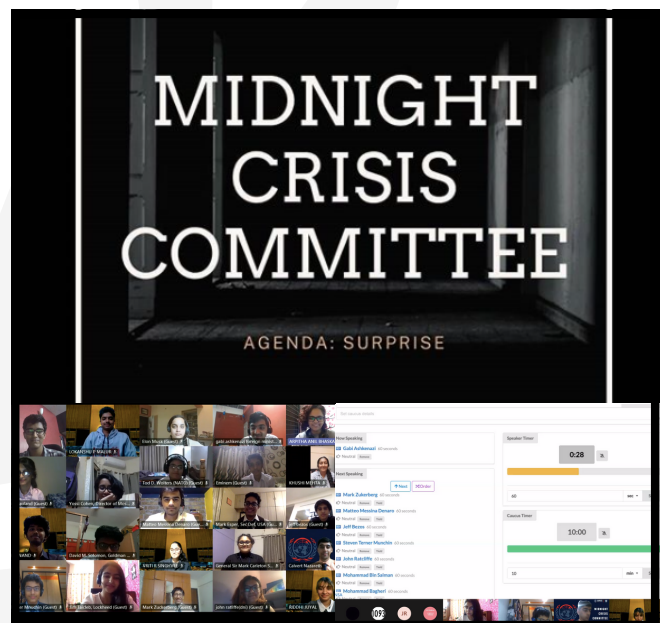


Deliberating on the Sino-Indian border issue in 2025, the committee was to decide whether the Asian giants will compromise on the dispute or escalate to war. Under the Director Anmol Betala, and the Assistant Directors Akash Das and Lokanshu Malur, the panel kicked off the discussion with a series of events that led to the escalation. The timeline was intricately formulated to reach the freeze date 19 June 2025, the day of the meeting. The delegates made powerful speeches on their stance and the prospective plans of their respective countries. Diplomatic perceptions, brave accusations, and a fierce debate followed the unanticipated crisis updates. The 20 delegates put together a robust session, filled with alliances, ideas, and most importantly, mutual respect.

The committee approached the agenda in a dynamic way with the spirit of achieving international peace and prosperity. Adverse situations call for adverse measures and it can safely be said that the Futuristic Security Council called for an augmented insight to one of the most complex challenges faced by India.

MIDNIGHT CRISIS COMMITTEE

The Midnight Crisis Committee earned its spot as one of the most dynamic committees stimulated this year, keeping the agenda and portfolios a mystery right until the conference started. The Crown Council of the Illuminati, a captivating and highly engaging was directed by Calvert Nazareth, along with Assistant Directors Vriti Singhvee, Riddhi Juyal, Advait Anand, Lokanshu Malur. Bringing some of the most powerful portfolios from the Director of Mossad to Eminem and Jeff Bezos, the 19 delegates set the fast-pace of the conference with heated discussions and riveting statements. With each crisis update, the delegates were forced to think on their feet, employ their diplomacy and provide logical solutions to the issue presented. Unlikely partnerships and changed policies were the signature characteristics of this committee.



The rapid fire speeches at the end saw a marked improvement as compared to the beginning of the committee, proving that over the course of seven hours, the delegates gained knowledge and practical experience on how a committee of this sort functioned. From NATO-US taking control of Germany, to the destruction of the Russian economy- the results of this 7-hour conference were one of a kind.

EXPERIENCES

This was my first time at a Model United Nations and it was totally worth it. The Executive Board and the committee were well organized and very thrilling. It was simply an honor to attend the CJCMUN!

ST GEORGE'S COLLEGE, MISSOURIE
ALL INDIA POLITICAL PARTIES MEET

A profound and experienced executive board paired with exciting and unique agendas with a very delegate oriented Organizing Committee makes CJCMUN one of the bests out there!

SLS PUNE
FUTURISTIC SECURITY COUNCIL

Perhaps the best part of it all has been the pro-activeness of the student staff in ensuring all complaints are dealt with promptly.

NEW HORIZON COLLEGE
SOCIAL, HUMANITARIAN AND CULTURAL COMMITTEE

Although the secretariat had to face a daunting task of conducting the conference online, they've pulled it off excellently. This conference has been an amazing learning experience for all of us.

DPS, NORTH
ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Midnight Crisis was new and an amazing experience for me. I really enjoyed debating upon the crisis and the wide array of delegations made it even better.

CHENNAI PUBLIC SCHOOL
MIDNIGHT CRISIS COMMITTEE

TRANSCENDED LEARNINGS AND CHERISHED MEMORIES

A Report on the *Valedictory Ceremony* of Christ Junior College Model United Nations 2020



The thirteenth edition of Christ Junior College Model United Nations came to an end with the commemoration of the valedictory ceremony. After two exciting, enthralling, and adrenaline-packed days, the delegates were all lined up at the edges of their seats, awaiting the results of their endless efforts.

Mr Arulappa John, Lecturer, Department of Social Sciences, Christ Junior College, greeted the audience with his heart-warming welcome speech. Father Sebastian Mathai, Principal, Christ Junior College, then addressed the gathering reiterating the importance of youth involvement in politics and today's trendsetting environment. Following this, the Deputy Secretary General of CJCMUN 2020, Vikrant Dwivedi, encapsulated the conference through his report that covered the proceedings of all the committees, their agendas, the participation of the delegates, and the event itself. He also shared his two cents on how to excel in the MUN circuit and create an impact, urging the delegates to succeed in whatever they set foot on.

The ceremony then went on to reach its most anticipated part- the prize distribution. Accolades given included Best Delegate, Outstanding Delegate and Honourable Delegate. With the audience's hearts filled with pride, the winners were awarded cash prizes and e-certificates.

The valedictory ceremony concluded on a pragmatic note with the Vote of Thanks delivered by Ms Dolly Martin, Teacher Coordinator of CJCMUN 2020; and the harmonious voices of the choir rendering the college anthem. The conference thus came to an end, having transcended learning and showing the delegates that no matter where they are, they have the power to change the world.

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