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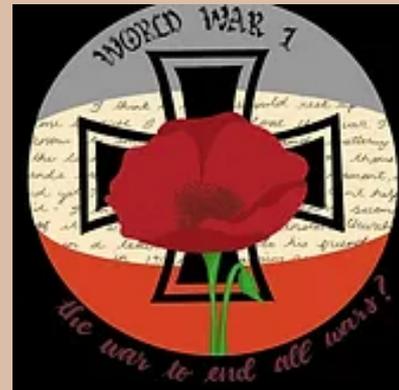
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THE SECRETARIAT

URVASHI BALASUBRAMANIAM: SECRETARY-GENERAL

Why Be the Jack of All Trades, When You Can Be the Master?

Rehan Kumar profiles the Secretary-General of AMUN and Chairperson of the French Revolutionary Cabinet

The journalist is not quite sure how Urvashi Balasubramaniam, Secretary-General and Chairperson of the French Revolutionary Cabinet, does it all. Between debating, singing, playing the piano at a Grade 8 level, publishing a poetry book (*The Little Glow*), writing articles for *The Scientific Teen*, being Programme Lead at the ClimateScience Organisation, and performing Aravali Model UN commitments, her interests and responsibilities are vast. They vary just as much as her taste in music, which goes from Bruno Mars, to Debussy, to ABBA. The journalist feels like she must have some Harry Potter-esque Time Turner device; how do you not feel a little bit inadequate just looking at all that?

At her first MUN, she was thrilled. "MUN is the closest a 9th grader can get to a black-tie event," she said. To her, it was a completely new world; one she had only dipped her toe into the previous year as a member of the logistics team. She was delighted to hear that her talents of endless talking and going down research rabbit holes were sought-after skills. She says that AMUN was the perfect introduction to the world of MUN, and she fell in love with it almost instantly.

In her scarce free time, she enjoys coding, reading, basketball and cycling. Some of her favourite films are *La La Land*, *Whiplash*, *She's the Man*, and *Dil Dhadakne Do*; she likes a bit of everything. She is a mint-chocolate chip and raggada pattis enthusiast, though she says she could probably live on dahi chawal alone.

When asked about her most memorable moment from her previous years of MUN, she recalls one time when the entire committee of about 20

delegates had gathered around her as she talked about her game plan for their draft revolution during an unmoderated caucus. It was just her, with her laptop on this remarkably tiny desk, while everyone around her was listening intently and taking notes. She was leading this entire bloc of people. She said it felt incredible and powerful, commenting that "you can only find moments like that in a MUN."

This year, she looks forward to seeing her committee's delegates improve and become more confident till the final conference comes around. She says that she and her fellow EB members have planned many surprises, and she looks forward to seeing the delegates react to them. She's also looking for the moments when the delegates fall in love with MUN, their faces lighting up with happiness. Her advice for new delegates: "Everyone is, at some level, pretending to know what they're doing. Allow yourself to be terrible at things, and know that it gets better with practice. You really have nothing to lose."



RIAAAN KUMAR: DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL

Perfection Personified

Arjun Kashyap profiles the Deputy Secretary General of AMUN 2022

A footballer, gamer, and stellar individual, Riaan Kumar is your Deputy Secretary General for AMUN 2022. This ardent and outgoing individual has high hopes and dreams, with his primary being the creation of a memorable and inclusive AMUN and getting into a university deemed worthy of his talents.

Well-pleased with his height and knowledge of current affairs, this "tall, dark, and intellectually curious (plus handsome)" individual has taken part in over 25 MUNs, winning Best Delegate in more than 7, solidifying his reign as one of Aravali's MUN veterans. A successful debater will never confidently say that he learns from others, and Riaan is not the exception. Firmly believing himself to be the best and most experienced MUN-er, he hopes to make a lasting impression.

Once a shy and reserved child, MUNs have shaped him into the inspirational man adored by many. It's safe to say he's learned a lot, but most importantly; he's learned how to scream.

For all you first-time delegates, here are a few (very few) words of advice from your deputy secretary general.

- "just have fun".

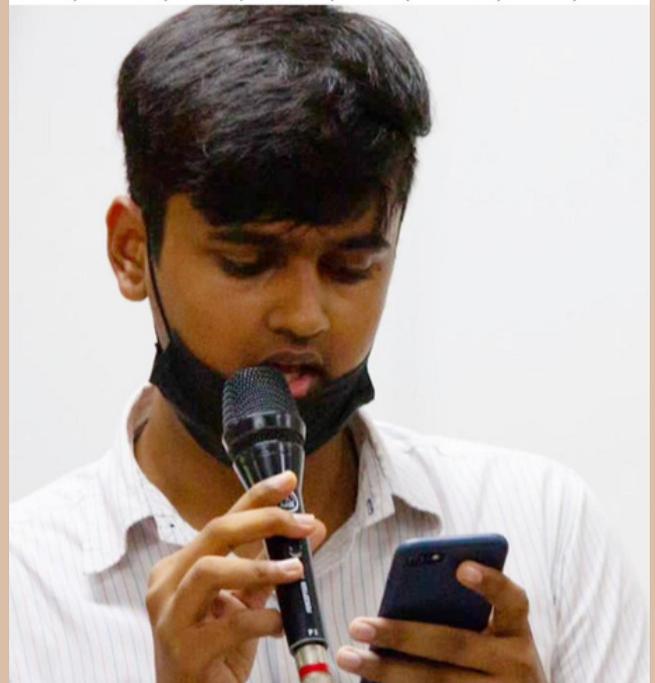
For this aspiring lawyer, winning at Harvard MUN is just the beginning. Although disappointed about losing Secretary General, he's all praises for the current one and looks forward to exploring his position and all the freedom it entails. Extroverted, friendly, inspirational, and an expert at debating. These are just a few words used to describe him, but it's his kindness and ability to make friends easily that makes him a favourite amongst all.

His flair for MUN and public speaking has made him a confident over-achiever, following in the footsteps of his idols Shashi Tharoor and Neymar but his one true god remains the one and only, Andrew Tate. Striving to live by his ideals, Riaan Kumar "always wins, because he genuinely can't take losing."

Absolutely obsessed with Dua Lipa's 'one kiss', this quirky individual feels he relates most to a goat.

Perhaps it's this chill attitude that makes him 2022's most approachable EB member.

**11 YEAR OLD BOY: IM NOT
ON MY PHONE 24*7
ALSO HIM:**



NANDIKA SHARMA: HEAD OF UNCA

Friends, Food and Flamingos

Avyukth Radhakrishnan profiles the Head of the United Nations Correspondents Association

Nandika Sharma, the Head of UNCA (whose friends affectionately call her Mrs. American Sprouts and Nandos, because there aren't enough Nandikas nicknamed Nandos already) describes herself as loyal, ambitious, and stressed (so much so that she has fallen sick of stress). Her friends describe her as loyal, caring (saying that she has always been there for them) and honest, and said that they share a common love for Harry Styles, One Direction, Taylor Swift and romantic comedies.

She took journalism in her first MUN and has taken it in every MUN since then. She began as an amateur writer but has now won multiple awards in inter-school MUNS.

Getting to the interesting bits: she has enough controversial takes on food for ten people. She likes pineapple on pizza. Her favourite ice cream flavours are vanilla, cookies and cream and salted caramel. She likes chocolate a lot, saying she adores dark chocolate (she had to go wrong at some point) but dislikes chocolate on anything else such as ice cream or cake. The reporter claims no responsibility for any eye bleach required.

She describes herself as a weird person (not exactly surprising with those opinions) This is best shown through her obsession with flamingos: she likes everything about them from their colour, location, and even the way they stand. She even has a flamingo umbrella. She claims to be a loyal Himgirite while her favourite colour is black.



Perhaps her gamut of opinions draws her to *Friends*; a show famous for focusing on multiple characters, and her favourite show. She feels she is a mix of Monica (she thinks she is a control freak) and Rachel (whose wardrobe she would love to have) from *Friends*.

If she could change one thing about MUN, she would like to stop the much-overdone trend of people hating on UNCA, which she says is the best committee to exist. The journalist, who is of course unbiased, wholeheartedly agrees with furtive glances at *certain* Executive Board members.

SAMIKA RANJAN: HEAD OF ICT

"I Don't Really Like Sushi"

Midhuna Rajagopalan profiles the Head of ICT

Unlike a lot of people, Samika Ranjan did not fall in love with the debating side of MUN. Realising debate was not for her, she instead utilised her natural interest in tech and decided to sign up for IT head. In this position, she had a lot of fun and got to utilise her IT skills.



Amidst all the chaos MUN normally brings, one event from an MUN that Samika attended stood out as one of the funniest things in MUN was when one of the delegates professed his love for her best friend's sister in a 10-minute-long speech during a motion of entertainment. The journalist would like to add that she can't help but laugh when imagining a delegate confessing his love for a delegate for 10 minutes straight in front of several other delegates.

Surprisingly, Sushi, a dish widely liked by many people, is actually one of her least favourite foods, which was not appreciated much by the general audience. She also seems to dislike chocolate ice-cream, another very popular food item, however, she does not particularly hate it, but just overall tries to avoid it as much as possible. Which again, seems to earn her much hate from people.

One of her favourite school events is Fun Day's bandstand, an extremely beloved interhouse band competition which many students look forward too. This event was extremely missed by students when the pandemic hit, but in 2022, after two long, online years, a proper offline bandstand was brought back and hosted in its full glory, much to the students' joy.

Samika's favourite songs are Tornado warnings by Sabrina Carpenter as well as Bitter, a song by Fletcher. Her friends say that she often spams them with song lyrics, which they find "adoringly annoying."

In conclusion, Samika is an opportunist who looks for every opportunity in her field of interest, and while she has great taste in music, she doesn't have very popular taste in food.

COPUOS: THE COMMITTEE ON THE PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER SPACE

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**AGENDA: ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL
EXPLOITATION OF SPACE WITH SPECIAL
EMPHASIS ON THE OUTER SPACE TREATY**

Chairperson: Somneel Saha

Director: Devashish Mehta

Rapporteur: Paras Nigam

SOMNEEL SAHA: CHAIRPERSON

“How Not to Life”

Vinati Manchanda profiles the Chairperson of The Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space.

Somneel Saha, possibly the only member of the Executive Board to take science, describes himself as living with the pain of having taken it. A jovial and energetic member of the newly appointed Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, he describes himself as an orchestrator, one of his kind and full of life.

A Sagittarius, but a non-believer in its concept, he finds people who judge him on the basis of it “annoying”. He is quite inspired by Arnab Goswami’s renowned roasts on “Republic TV” and thus, feels that it is the best news agency, unarguably true according to the journalist. This year’s delegates will probably find themselves listening to “Without Me” by Eminem on loop as it is a personal favourite of the chairperson.

When questioned about his personal favourites, ‘pineapples on pizza’ was constantly criticized, understandably enough. He simply prefers pepperoni for anyone who is curious. He was an avid “Ben 10” buff growing up and has a human head in his refrigerator. Watch out! The journalist also feels the need to point out the hint of philosophy that was occasionally observed in his answers, especially when he wanted the title of the movie based on his life to be “How Not to Life”.

Somneel urges the upcoming youth to “take humanities” as his parting gift to all of mankind and believes that “just studying” is bad advice. Instead, he says, “Work hard consistently and have fun as well”. A random fact about him is that one of his fingers is bent which is “pretty freaky”. If given a chance, he would interview Roger Federer, an ideal source of inspiration.



Somneel as a demon

This year, he aims at motivating others and being a role model to them. He imparted, “I know it is hard to speak up when you have a room full of people staring at you, it is impossible to not think about messing up and embarrassing yourself. However, always remember that the people organising AMUN (Aravali Model United Nations) and the EB (Executive Board) itself was once just a bunch of nervous juniors, terrified of speaking as well. We messed up many times but always tried again. That is what makes a great debater. You just have to accept your losses and hope for the best!”

DEVASHISH MEHTA: DIRECTOR

A Major 'Lord of the Rings' Fan

Arushi Sinha profiles the Director of COPOUS

Devashish Mehta, endearingly known as 'Deva' to his friends, is a resilient, driven, and hardworking individual. A big fan of Sonu Nigam, he loves his songs 'Abhi Mujh Mein Kahin' and 'Kal Ho Na Ho'.

He described his MUN as an "enriching experience," despite being scared of speaking in front of so many people, much like every other first-timer. An experienced delegate, Devashish has been a part of 5 MUNs and has not only won a Special Mention but also a Verbal Mention in these conferences. However, he does not give them much importance. He believes that participating and learning from the experience of an MUN is more important than winning any award.



Devashish has mixed reviews about his committee. According to him, some delegates of his cabinet are extremely dedicated and hardworking, while some just need a little push to open up and speak. He says that the EB, collectively, is trying its best to do that.

Devashish's favourite pastimes include watching videos about world affairs on YouTube, cycling if it's not too hot, and watching television. His favourite movie series is "Lord of the Rings." He passionately describes his love for it, saying the innate beauty of the characters, the world built by J.R.R. Tolkien, and its adaptation by Sir Peter Jackson in the movies "amazed" him. Additionally, the ideas of heroism and the nature of good, that is put forward by the story, made the movies even better.

PARAS NIGAM: RAPPORTEUR

Economics and Wolves

Devina Prashanth profiles the Rapporteur of The Committee of the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space cabinet

Paras Nigam, Rapporteur of The Committee of the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space cabinet (COPUOS) sees much of himself in Peter Pan, the famous Disney character. He is an adventurous character, and Paras also describes himself as adventurous. He enjoys solo backpacking in the mountains. He claims to have seen leopards and even wolves there. Speaking of wolves, when asked which music video he would direct if he had the choice, he picked 'Wolves' by Selena Gomez. Paras feels that the actual emotion and depth of the song have not been captured in the original music video. Selena Gomez wrote this song shortly after she was diagnosed with the chronic disease, lupus. Wolves in Latin is lupus and hence the song has an in-depth meaning which he would like to capture in music video.

Paras would like to be a lion if he could. He craves to live a slow and steady life, similar to that of a lion. He observed that he has been rushing in life and has not relaxed to take time for himself and his well-being. Ever since the "disastrous" 10th-grade board exams, he has not had time for self-care. For him, life has been a rush and he wants nothing more than to be a lion and slow down. When asked to choose between Marvel and DC, without thinking twice and without wasting even a second, he picked Marvel and the reason for his choice was "no question". Paras has been listening to Chris Martin for as long as he can remember, precisely the reason that Chris is his favorite music artist. He also put Selena Gomez up there. The journalist would like to add that she is very happy with his choices.

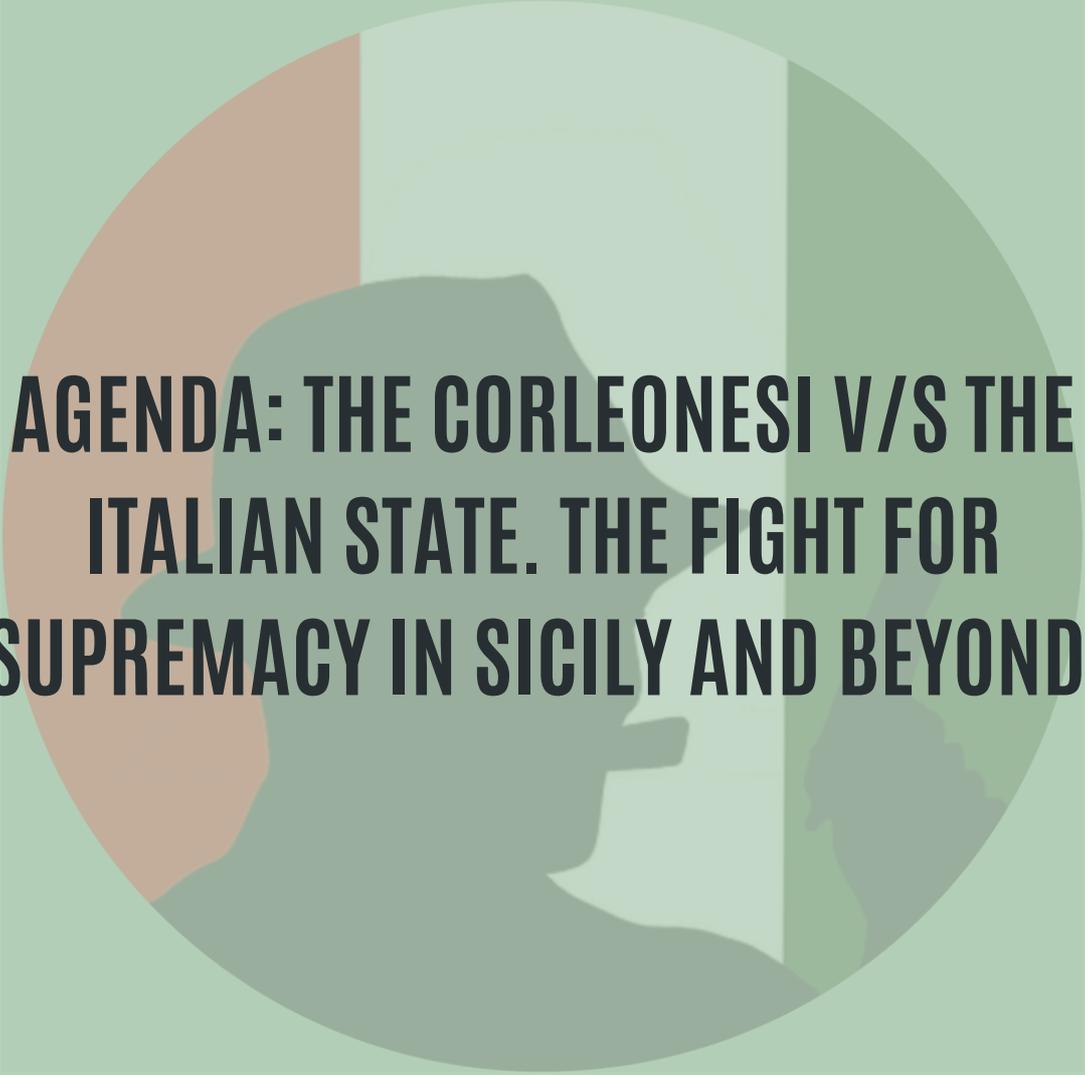
Economics is his one true love, and because of this, he would like to teach political science. He considers himself to be very economically aware and feels that it has helped him quite a lot in journey in terms of general knowledge. For the same reason, if Paras could change his committee, he would switch to the United Nations Security

Council (UNSC). He is very abreast about the details of the ongoing war between Ukraine and Russia. He agrees with India's stance in the United Nations about this but also somewhat disagrees. However, to get his points and arguments across, he would like to be a delegate instead of an Executive Board member.

Were the means available, Paras would travel back in time to 1949. It was the year of the birth of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO). It interests him as to why it was actually created. It is common knowledge that it was formed to back off the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR), but he feels that there was an ulterior motive to its formation and that it was covered up. 1949 was also the year of the death of former Prime Minister, Lal Bahadur Shastri. The cause of his death was reported as cardiac arrest. Ever since the release of the movie 'The Tashkent Files', it has stirred a doubt in the minds of Indians about his cause of death. Paras takes a keen interest in this and would like to go back and live in it in real time.



COSA NOSTRA : JOINT CRISIS COMMITTEE



**AGENDA: THE CORLEONESI V/S THE
ITALIAN STATE. THE FIGHT FOR
SUPREMACY IN SICILY AND BEYOND**

Chairperson: Siddharth Gulati
Director: Advait Joshi & Suhail Sohi
Rapporteur: Aaryan Sharma

SIDDHARTH GULATI: CHAIRPERSON

Phil Dunphy Meets Chandler Bing

Devadrita Dam profiles the Chairperson of Cosa Nostra (The Italian Mafia)



Originally, Siddharth Gulati had to be persuaded by a good friend to try MUN in 2019. Three years later, he holds the position of the Chairperson of Cosa Nostra. An excellent chairperson, Siddharth is most famously known for distributing candies amongst the delegates. Shouldering two major responsibilities as House Captain of Srishti and Chairperson of Cosa Nostra, he does not find enough time to do what he would like to the most - sleep.

Siddharth can be described as a weird combination of dad-of-three Phil Dunphy and the ever-sarcastic Chandler Bing; he relates to these two characters the most due to their “positive outlook towards life,” and the fact that they “can always do with some humour.” The journalist feels confident in saying that he has a slight obsession with the show *Modern Family*, considering it is the show that he could watch forever with a burger, some chips and a few of his friends.

When asked which animal he would say he is most similar to, Siddharth mentions an ant (though unsure whether it is considered a “mainstream animal” or not), because they are known to be “focused and determined towards the task at hand.” They are also commended for their teamwork, which he relates to his experiences in the football team. Although he does not have much free time, Siddharth spends it playing football, watching YouTube and movies, and playing the drums.

This year, Siddharth hopes that his delegates consider AMUN something they enjoy doing instead of just another task and encourages them to get as fun and creative as they can be. In his words, “the first few years of AMUN are crucial for learning and experimenting.”



ADVAIT JOSHI: DIRECTOR

Fries with Mayonnaise?

Midhuna Rajagopalan profiles the Director of Cosa Nostra (The Italian Mafia)

Advait Joshi, the Director of Cosa Nostra has always enjoyed participating in MUNs. His first MUN experience was with the NATO vs Warsaw Pact JCC, was a bit scary but was an overall enjoyable and enlightening experience.

However, not every MUN can be this smooth sailing. Advait believes that last year's MUN takes the trophy for one of the most chaotic moments of MUN. After finally being able to Convince one of his fellow delegates to join AAP.



Luck was not on his side that day and it unfortunately wasn't allowed to take place, but on a brighter note, the discussions taking place before the final discussions were extremely chaotic, taking the crown for most chaotic moment he had experienced in MUN. He talks about how Cosa Nostra as a committee has so far been an enjoyable and entertaining, and how it's great that so many delegates are speaking and taking action.

His favourite shows are Big Bang Theory, a classic American sitcom, Friends, evidently one of the most iconic and timeless shows and of course, Stranger Things, the show which left us all traumatized and crying.

Some of his favourite food items are sushi, butter chicken and naan, and chips. Definitely some very popular food items which are loved by everyone. But apparently, eating fries with mayonnaise is an actual combination, it is apparently a common food combination in Belgium, where he lived for a while.

On the other hand, he strongly dislikes papaya, cabbage as well as broccoli, the journalist would like to add that although she agrees with his dislike of papaya, although she doesn't understand the dislike for Broccoli.

In conclusion, Advait seems to be a great person who loves MUNs and for some reason, french fries with mayonnaise.

SUHAIL SOHI: DIRECTOR

“I Hate Fish”

Yuvraj Wadhawan profiles the Director of the Cosa Nostra (The Italian Mafia)

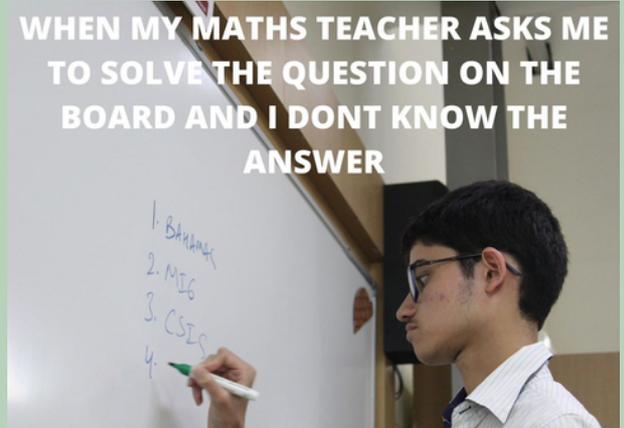
Suhail Sohi is known amongst his peers for his selflessness and refers to himself as a “team player.” A huge fan of the show “Peaky Blinders,” Suhail relates to various quotes said by Thomas Shelby; one that sticks out to him is: “You can change what you want but cannot change what you do.”

Determined and undaunted, Suhail once took 4 tests in a day. He has taken a liking to Axe deodorant. This journalist found this to be quite amusing, as it contradicts his formal persona.

Suhail is quite interested in football; his favourite player is Son Heung Min, who plays for the popular Tottenham Hotspur. This interest shows up in other areas as well – Suhail winds down at the end of a tiring day by playing FIFA.

Suhail is not shy while talking about the items he dislikes; he openly mentions that he strongly dislikes fish. As for his reason, the journalist is unaware. He also has many pet peeves; the ones that bother him the most, however, are when people are too overconfident or take too much.

Suhail is also proud to mention the award he received during Sanskrit MUN’21. He does not wish for anyone to know this, and hence the journalist chooses to end the piece with this fun fact: Suhail was a huge One Direction fan when he was 10 years old.



AARYAN SHARMA: RAPPORTEUR

An Experienced yet Fun Delegate

Arushi Sinha profiles the Rapporteur of the Cosa Nostra (The Italian Mafia)



Laughing and enjoying the amusing entertainment of two delegates fight over a chair.

Aaryan Sharma, endearingly called ‘Nazh’ by his friends, is described to be a funny guy. He is an experienced delegate, having participated in three AMUNs and three inter-school MUNs. Additionally, he has won two verbal and two special mentions. Aaryan commented on liking this year’s Executive Board a lot. He gives a special shout-out to Siddharth Gulati, Advait Joshi, and Suhail Sohi, describing Siddharth as “cute,” Advait as “odd,” and Suhail as “Sub.”

When asked about his first MUN experience, he comments that he was scared to speak at first, but when he did he realized it wasn't that big of a deal. This led to him enjoying the experience, even though he didn't win any awards.

Aaryan is a big fan of the show Breaking Bad. He enjoys seeing the interactions between Jesse and Walt because he is entertained by their dynamic (for non-viewers, they are two completely different characters who are forced to work together). He elaborates on how his favourite character is Jesse Pinkman because he doesn't take anything too seriously, and how calm and stable he is in difficult situations.

Aaryan has many hobbies, but he likes to spend his free time sleeping. I mean, who doesn't? He also enjoys playing many video games on the weekends, such as 'Uncharted 4' and 'The Last of Us.' He also loves the band One Direction and the singer Shawn Mendes. His favourite songs from their extensive repertoire are 'Best Song Ever' and 'Stitches' respectively. The journalist can't help but reminisce on the time he sang these songs on Fun Day and gave an outstanding performance.

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: FRENCH REVOLUTIONARY CABINET



**AGENDA: TO RESTORE OR DISMANTLE THE
FRENCH MONARCHY**

Chairperson: Urvashi B. & Swati Sood
Director: Reanna Chatterjee
Rapporteur: Vatsal Choudhary

SWATI SOOD: CHAIRPERSON

The Master Debater

Kashvi Chopra profiles the Chairperson of the French Revolutionary Cabinet

Swati Sood, A student of 12-H1 has a lot to offer to all of us. She is an adamant debater and a and the head of debate society. How did Swati get into this study of argument? She saw the swearing in ceremony of the government of India and got inspired by that, during this time the future Swati came to her and told her to become a debater which eventually progressed and culminated into what an excellent one she is right now. Swati can debate on all topics whether it is the topic of 'Do dogs dream' or 'is iOS better than android' It is a skill to debate on the second one!



If she could go to a planet, it would be Mars, it is perfect for her as it seems the most realistic. She would go there to finally close the debate of whether 'Aliens are real or not' and come back to earth telling us all the truth. Swati is an introverted girl who does not like to socialise with others which means she loves her time with herself. She has 7-8 friends with which she is very comfortable.

She enjoys watching thriller movies like 'My name is Bond, James Bond' for all the James Bond fan out there, he loves 'A martini' and we all love the iconic Daniel Craig as Bond. She enjoys watching blacklist, Raymond "Red" Reddington is the all-time favourite criminal.

Swati thought that the funniest moment during the recent stay back in MUN was when Chairperson Parth Malik enacted a skit in which he was an assassin and they got up on the chair and started debating.

REANNA CHATTERJEE: DIRECTOR

The Proud “Budget Bata Shoes” Owner

Aryan Khandelwal profiles the Director of the French Revolutionary War cabinet.

An outgoing person, the Director of the French Revolutionary War Cabinet Reanna Chatterjee is quite a fun figure. She tends to give “swag nicknames,” not only to her friends but also to everyone else she talks to. Some of the journalist's favourites are “Zoozoo,” and “ICSE Idol.” She likes lofi music due to its “chill and relaxed atmosphere,” which she finds to be just like hers. She is a big webtoon reader, and Heartstopper is one of her favourite shows. Her favourite movies are “Your Name” and “Words Bubble Up Like a Soda Pop.”

Reanna Chatterjee is a real “daredevil.” She has performed various, extremely safe experiments; in one of them, she mixed milk with Pepsi. On top of that, she proceeded to drink it. She is truly an embodiment of Bear Grylls. To add to her daring persona, she enjoys sleeping in class. However, she has been given the gift of god of still being good in all of them.

Reanna doesn't care for keeping up with trends; she prefers her “budget bata shoes” to the popular Jordans and Yeezys. When asked to order ice-cream flavours, she puts Maha Cola on top, but dark chocolate is a close second. Her favourite subject is Maths.

When in conversation, she jokingly remarks on her love life, describing it as short but sweet. A few birthdays ago, she went around proposing to everyone at the party, and her friend ‘Zoozoo’ accepted her proposal. Now, they celebrate their ‘anniversary’ every year on Reanna's birthday.

An all-rounder, Reanna never ceases to be great to talk to. She makes sure to motivate her committee and looks forward to the final conference.



Reanna as a phoenix

VATSAL CHOUDHARY: RAPPORTEUR

Your Favourite Comic-Relief Character

Devadrita Dam profiles the Rapporteur of The French Revolutionary Cabinet

Much like a Golden Retriever, the animal he would say he's most like ("because I have nice hair"), Vatsal Choudhary, Rapporteur of Cabinet of the French Revolutionary Cabinet, is known for his kindness and amiability. Never intimidating to his juniors, his only fault (according to his committee members) is his "very bad handwriting".

Vatsal recalls his first Aravali Model UN with equal parts of embarrassment and fondness. As the Delegate of China, he befriended the Delegate of India over Pakistan; his only reason for doing so was because he wasn't the latter Delegate's biggest fan. One could say he's come a long way since then.

If Vatsal's life was a movie, he's sure that he'd be the comic relief character. "I'm funny," he'd said, shrugging when asked why. Unfortunately for him, his friends would be quick to tell you quite the opposite. He is also described as reliable, especially by his brother. He happens to be the first person Vatsal would want to fight zombies with; whether it is to protect his brother or to get protection is unknown.

Though sorted into Gryffindor by the Sorting Hat itself, Vatsal finds himself a better fit for Hufflepuffs, simply because "they're stupid people." The journalist would like to mention that the rapporteur is in Himgiri. Continuing with the Harry Potter theme, when asked which celebrity he would like to be friends with, he said Emma Watson. He would like to mention that this decision is based solely on the fact that she is known for being sweet and "has nothing to do with her charming, good looks."

When asked for a quote, after some extensive research, Vatsal would like to leave you with the following words from Richard Feynman, "I am smart enough to know I am dumb".



JOINT MEETING OF CENTRAL AND ALLIED POWERS: WORLD WAR 1



Chairperson: Parth Malik

Director: Adhya Koul

Rapporteur: Ayaan Kapoor & Adhyant Jha

PARTH MALIK: CHAIRPERSON

The People's President

Vishaka Banerjee profiles the Chairperson of Joint Meeting of Central and Allied and Powers: World War 1

Parth Malik, the chairperson of Joint Meeting of Central and Allied and Powers: World War 1, describes himself as curious, a perfectionist and ambitious.

His favourite quote from a book is from the book *Seven Deaths of Evelyn Hardcastle* by Stuart Turton. "Oh, don't mind me," she says. "I loathe getting to know people, so whenever I meet somebody I like, I just assume a friendship immediately. It saves a great deal of time in the long run." Parth relates to Mike Ross from *Suits*, both who are said to be resourceful.

Also, if he could be in any movie, it would be the *Trial of Chicago 7*.

His favourite ice cream flavour is cookies and cream, calling mint chocolate chip, a "dentists' fantasy".

When asked, if he could meet a political figure of his choice from any time, he chose the Ex-President of India, APJ Abdul Kalam. According to Parth, he was one of the only people who was able to create an impact on the country. Parth greatly respects him for standing up for what he believed in and being the people's president.

His first experience at AMUN was in 2019. He found it to be very interesting and learnt a lot since he had the opportunity to see various MUN legends of TSRSA in action, taking on many different situations which they managed to work around. He found it to be a great experience which gave him some well needed exposure.

This year, since MUN is offline, he is looking forward to interesting sessions and increased collaboration amongst the delegates in physical committee. According to him, AMUN also acts as a great place to scout potential talent to represent school in inter school muns so that is something he has an eye out for.



ADHYA KOUL: DIRECTOR

Animated Movies are a Legitimate Measure of Age

Urvashi Kapoor profiles the Director of the Joint Meeting of Central and Allied Powers

Expressive. Confident. Loyal. Trustworthy. These are just some of the words that can be used to describe Adhya Koul, Director of the Joint Meeting of Central and Allied Powers. Adhya's first MUN experience was in eighth grade. As is with most MUNers, it was the "worst MUN" she has ever participated in. Since then, she has participated in at least 8-10 MUN and says that she was drawn to it because she loves giving speeches and putting her ideas forward.

Besides MUN, Adhya is interested in acting. She says, "It makes me feel free and in that very moment I can be literally anyone." She also enjoys reading. When asked about her preferences in terms of genre, Adhya proclaims "I prefer books." Her favourite genres are fantasy, romance, sci-fi and murder mystery.

Adhya has quite the take on food. She says that gulab jamun is inarguably (????) the most revolting food. She even goes on to compare it to eating charred sugar with bread. The journalist is still trying to comprehend this. Further, she hates chocolates, "Especially the milk ones." As if this wasn't enough, she can't eat plain garlic bread, apparently it makes her choke. If you are wondering what Adhya does like to eat, trust me you are not alone!

She likes to use animated movies and shows as a measure of age. Thinking about how tangled was released eleven years back and the fact that her younger brother does not know what courage the cowardly dog is makes her feel old. On the topic of dogs, Adhya is petrified of them. So much so, that she ones waited for ten minutes for a dog to leave her apartment's gate, even though she was running late for school!



Adhya's favourite colour is sage (pinterest obsession alert!). Her favourite season is autumn, because it is neither too hot nor too cold. To add to that, it is the perfect weather to wear a plaid skirt or a sweatshirt (AGAIN, pinterest!).

This year, Adhya is looking forward to seeing how her committee participates and engages. In her words, "RESEARCH!!!!" is the most important thing in MUN.

ADYANT JHA: RAPPORTEUR

Chill Like His Lo-Fi Playlists

Aryan Khandelwal profiles the Rapporteur of Joint Meeting of Central and Allied And Powers: World War 1.

Relaxed but attentive, the Rapporteur of World War 1 Adhyant Jha is well versed in the art of a MUN, with 4 MUNs under his belt.

His music taste is more on the relaxed side; he isn't a critical listener, but whenever he does listen to music, chill lofi is his preferred style of music.

He likes shows and movies both equally. It doesn't matter to him if it's either; if it's good then he is instantly hooked. At one point in his life, he was a huge gamer - Minecraft and Krunker were his choices, which he found from the computer labs. Even after all the hustle and bustle of MUNs and 12th grade, he still finds the time to chill out some days and game.

Butter Scotch ice-cream is his favorite, but he doesn't mind vanilla too: he is open to all ice cream flavors.

Adhyant is sure to make the committee a dynamic one. With his prowess, his presence in committee is one to watch.



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TRUSHA MAHESHWARI: CHAIRPERSON

A Tale of Two Countries

Avyukth Radhakrishnan profiles the Chairperson of the United Nations Security Council

Trusha Maheshwari (who is nicknamed anything that is not Trusha such as Trushie, Tushar and Temptual), the Chairperson of the United Nations Security Council, has certainly had a dynamic life. She has been in ten different schools, some in the USA and some in India. Her takeaways from her life in the USA are priceless: an American accent, perfect to be jibed for (which her friends often do), and the stereotypes of a white girl (which her friends also tease her for).

Her first MUN was in America where she was extremely nervous but managed to win Best Delegate. Trusha's first MUN was also interspersed with an interesting experience of a secret admirer, who sent anonymous chits saying how much they loved her (or a secret Valentine's but not). Based on her extensive MUN experience, she feels AMUN should be made interschool.

With her diverse life, it is no surprise she has a varying and constantly changing assortment of "opinions". She loves anything mint flavoured: especially mint flavored chocolate chip ice cream (also known as deluxe toothpaste). Despite her love for ice cream, she feels winter is a better season than summer: because of sweatshirts. She likes pineapple on pizza (and her favourite shows are The Office and Outer Banks (which she actually lived nearby).

The national animal of America may be the bald eagle; however, Trusha dislikes birds, saying they are terrible, scary and demonic: in fact, she likes any animal that is not a bird. In similar fashion, her favourite colour is Red (presently) while she is in Sagar.



Trusha as a griffin

War reigns in Trusha's committee but her life is surprisingly well balanced. Undeterred by being a PCMB student (or the wrong PCM combination) who is working hard for JEE and managing one of the biggest committees at MUN this year, her friends say she manages to stay positive, is nice to everyone and has a cute and loving personality. Despite her varied experience in life, her friends describe her as always being herself.

Finally, she has some advice for first timers: which is to just speak. She says that regardless of your preparation, in the end MUN comes down to beating your anxiety and speaking (but sometimes don't, like when she threatened to gag someone, and they interpreted it.... incorrectly).

VIVAN GANDOTRA: DIRECTOR

An Old Soul in the Wrong Generation

Saisha Nanda profiles the director of the UNSC

From reading to finances, Vivian is a person with many varied interests. He believes MUN gives a great opportunity to adopt a nation's or person's point of view during a debate in the manner of an international forum.

He has many hobbies. One of them which seemed to be the most predominant one was reading. He is an avid reader who can get lost in a good murder mystery or thriller book for hours at a time. When asked about his preference regarding the highly controversial question, books or movies, he says, "I am a book person, simply because movies take up a large chunk of time, while you can read books in tiny bits and pieces."

He lists reading 100 books as one of his bucket list objectives and describes it as his "most productive free time activity." The journalist believes this statement is debatable considering that one of his recent interests is finance which includes dedications like a research fellowship and articles based on his knowledge on the topic.

Furthermore, he is passionate about investing in the stock market. He believes, "Investing is a unique vehicle of mutual wealth creation. It is an art as well as a science, and if used correctly, it can be used as a source of passive wealth creation."

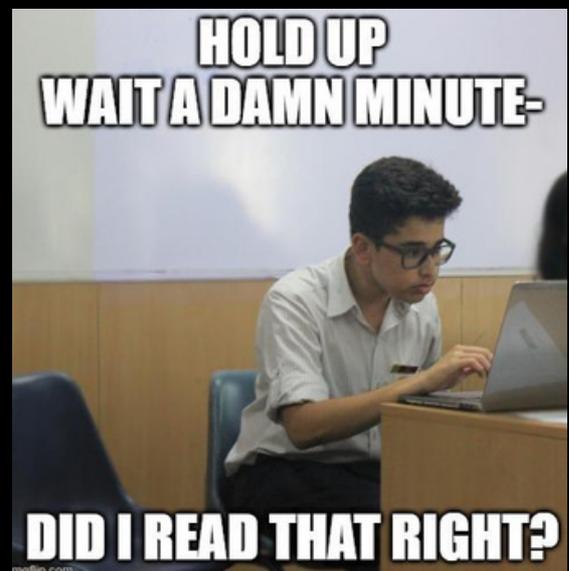
His secret to coping with a variety of stressful circumstances and the workload that comes with school is his desire to improve. He believes his desire to improve has tremendously helped him in developing techniques and strategies to efficiently organize and execute all that is to be done.

An odd and unlikely pair, his free time activities include a videogame and social media addiction and a love for sports, mainly football as he finds it a "versatile team game with so much room for individual performance". Among these include one of his most distressing hobbies, art, which he has been practising for eight years but failed to devote much time to.

Out of the many various and inventive exotic drinks to exist in this world, he chooses to stick to the simple healthy classic, water but does enjoy a good Nutella or Oreo shake and coffee. A fan of Lebanese food, he is rather fond of chicken Shawarma and enjoys a good cheesecake from time to time.

Being a twin, he thoroughly enjoys collaborating on various fields and topics with his sibling but is not always in favour of sharing everything with him.

Among his multiple unique personality traits, he is a perceptive person, who enjoys viewing topics from a different lens and explores unconventional or obscure points of view.



UDYAT KAPASI: DIRECTOR

'Qutub Minar' Kapasi

Bhuvi Kalra profiles the Director of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC)

The comic 'Peanuts' has been adapted and revised many times, with its recognizable and iconic characters. Snoopy is presented as a bittersweet character – a disaster, a hero, a winner, a loser – but a child still finds comfort in him. Udyat Kapasi, Director of the UNSC, reminds any junior of Snoopy. Whether it be his position as director, or his extraordinary height (some teachers recognise him as 'Qutub Minar'), he intimidates the people surrounding him.

Unlike Snoopy, Udyat Kapasi does not shy away from danger. He specialises in crises, naturally making him biased towards the French Revolutionary Committee after his own; his tactical and logical skills prove helpful in these situations. His skills embody the song 'Vengeance' by Josh A. They prove that he will be, as the lyric goes, "one of the greats."

Udyat lives for the moment and not the memory. He enjoys quality time with others so much that he wishes he had the power to freeze time. When asked who he would bring when stranded on an island, he promptly replied with the names of two famous television adventurers, Bear Grylls and Flint Stone. A movie that never fails to make him cry is 'Wonder.' His pet peeves range from people with god complexes to the canteen bread pakoda. His array of traits makes him a unique person, one that everyone flocks around with the excitement of seeing a small Labradoodle.

Described as a reliable friend, 'Qutub Minar' Kapasi is dedicated and hardworking. Committee members describe him as a good mentor. Everyone is eager to cite for the fact that he is, in fact, a guy you're honoured to have around.



SADHIKA ANAND: RAPPORTEUR

Always Inclined to Sweet Rather than Spicy!

Vanshika Kaushik profiles the Rapporteur of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC)

She is a chill and creative rapporteur, but when it comes to work she's as focused as Jim Halpert. She's Sadhika Anand, the rapporteur for the United Nations Security Council: Ukraine- Russia Conflict (UNSC) for Aravali Model United Nations, 2022 (AMUN).

Sadhika even took a BuzzFeed quiz to see which character she is most likely to be in *The Office*, showing her love and joy for the famous NBC show. The journalist can't help but agree with Sadhika; this is a hilarious show which can instantly relax one's nerves!

If anyone states that Sadhika is a foodie, no one can object to that statement but the journalist is pretty sure Kashvi Chopra, Sadhika's close friend, would. During lunchtime in school, while everyone is either playing football or basketball, Sadhika serves herself very little food and eats it instantly with much happiness! And never ever put a bottle of Chipotle or Tabasco sauce in front of her - she HATES spicy food and can hardly tolerate it.

Sadhika's closest friends described her as a kind and generous person, which the journalist can personally vouch for. Additionally, some also said that she's helpful and very good at studies too!

While interviewing Sadhika, she mentioned that during MUN, delegates & Executive Board members should be provided with coffee. The journalist feels the need to be mentioning this here, because we need an energiser!

Even though Sadhika was sitting all the way in Mumbai (the journalist's favourite city) during the interviews for the position, she was stressed, anxious, and nervous. However, her friends immensely motivated and encouraged her, and she gave her 110% in the interview. Now here she is, adding value to the Executive Board, and the journalist is sure she'll do amazing as a rapporteur in the final conference!



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NAVYA KHURANA: HEAD OF JOURNALISM

Chocolate Ice Cream is Not the Same as Choco Chip

Urvashi Kapoor profiles the Head of Journalism (Spoiler: she gives the best hugs!)

Penguins are known for their calm and friendly nature. The same can be said for Navya Khurana, Head of Journalism at AMUN 2022, whose friends claim that she walks like a penguin! Most people think of Navya as someone who does not talk much; however, once you do talk to her, she is one of the most interesting people. Her peers describe her as “She acts like she doesn’t care but she cares too much,” which according to them is adorable.

Navya’s first MUN experience was reportedly “pretty chaotic” and each article was “almost a train wreck.” She remembers being confused but not clearing her doubts as she was petrified of her Heads. Further, she caught a high fever before the conference and had to show up with a dolo. To make matters even worse, her laptop stopped working and she had to use a school computer, which meant leaving the committee. However, she is thankful for the stress and pressure as it helped her perform better in future conferences.

When asked about why she chose journalism over debating, Navya says that she wanted to observe how debating is done and do that next year onwards. Clearly, life had other plans as she fell in love with journalism and hasn’t quit since!

Known for giving “really good hugs,” Navya also has great taste in music. When asked about a song lyric that she feels will stay with her forever, she quotes *All Too Well (10 Minute Version) (Taylor’s Version) (From The Vault)* by Taylor Swift: “So casually cruel in the name of being honest.” It is important to mention that she remembers the entire song. YES, it’s ten minutes long.



Not only does she enjoy listening to music but also sings herself. The journalist is currently obsessed with her covers! Navya’s musical influences include Taylor Swift, Gracie Abrams, Sabrina Carpenter, Harry Styles, Olivia Rodrigo, Julia Michaels and so on.

Her favourite school lunch is pasta (despite knowing that rajma chawal is the right answer). She describes it as a twist to the template of a classic Italian pasta. Speaking of food, chocolate ice cream is Navya’s favourite. Specifically, “Belgian Chocolate from Giani’s.” Here, she felt the need to clarify that chocolate and choco chip must not be confused. In her words, “Chocochip ice cream is significantly substandard to chocolate.”

This year, Navya looks forward to some interesting analysis and fun commentary in the articles, as well as seeing how all the journalists in UNCA progress. In an attempt to motivate the journalists, who are forever stressed due to the short deadlines she gives, Navya says, “I promise you, if you work towards your goal, you’ll definitely achieve it with time.”

NIYATEE TALWAR: HEAD OF CARICATURE & DESIGN

Caricature Crazy!

Rehan Kumar profiles the Head of Caricature and Design

Niyatee Talwar did not like Model UN at first. At her first MUN, as a 10th grader, the discussions and general ideas of the sessions struck her as alien. She felt out of place as a delegate. However, she soon found her niche. A true artist, approaching committee meetings through a caricaturist's lens appealed to her from the start. As she continued participating in MUN, she built up her leadership, research, and problem-solving skills. Her most memorable moment in AMUN was being awarded 'Outstanding Caricaturist.'

This year, she hopes to see delegates gain a better understanding of the inner workings of the United Nations, as well as learn skills so that they can solve problems and make a change in the real world. She is looking forward to "laughing at the way the artists' comedically portray committee proceedings," and seeing their sense of creativity and individuality in their work.

Outside of the debate hall, she enjoys baking, painting, and dancing. She likes the TV show "Friends", though she cannot decide whether she prefers Chandler or Monica. She likes Chandler because of his sense of humour, and the fact that he loves to poke at his friends, which is something she sees in herself. On the other hand, she likes Monica because she is smart and a little bit crazy; it's that uniqueness in her character that appeals to Niyatee.

Her friends describe her as caring and considerate. She always takes time to cheer them up when they are feeling down. However, none of that carries over into art class. She's always the first to raise her hand

when the teacher asks who has completed an assignment, much to the chagrin of her classmates, who feel betrayed. That competitiveness also carries over to laser tag. Her friend reminisced about a birthday party, where Niyatee had twice the eliminations of the next best player. Her favourite pastime is to head to Galleria with her friends after school for a nice, iced coffee, especially on a hot summer day.

Now, as head of caricature and design, she hopes to find the next Niyatee and help nurture and develop their talent in the same way her predecessors did for her. She advises new delegates to be prepared for all circumstances, turn their weaknesses into strengths, and most importantly, capture the audience's attention.



ANANYA BANSAL: HEAD OF CARICATURE & DESIGN

“Your Opinion is Not a Fact”

Vinati Manchanda profiles the Head of Caricature and Design



Paula Hammond, a Chemical Engineering Professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology sparks the scientist in Ananya Bansal, the Head of Caricature and Design and brings out the “researcher” in her. Her artwork and designs are exceptional, and she uses them to express her thoughts and criticisms on the profiles she works on. She has been a part of several Model United Nation Conferences and has been awarded the “Best Caricaturist” several times. A classic “roaster”, her obsession with Benzene is over the top and aims to preserve Andy Warhol's 'Silver Factory'.

A massive Barney fanatic, she chooses to enter a room with “Perfect Places” by Lorde blaring on the speakers. Adverse to what she seems like, Ananya’s list of advises includes “killing” so it is best to beware of her enigmatic appearance.

Her friends and peers describe her as “Ananya Bansal, a crazy girl whose obsession over dogs is unruly”. She also enjoys playing badminton with them. To them she is lively, amusing to watch and a spirited yet sometimes scary person to be around. She prefers to read books and barely watches two movies in an entire year, which, according to the journalist is quite noteworthy.

When questioned about Julius Caesar, a popular literary piece, her last words, if ever stabbed twenty-three times like Caesar, would be “You could have at least stabbed me in the Sistine Chapel”, which brings out the true artist in her as an admirer of Michelangelo. Although she does not prefer pineapple on pizza, she does not strongly oppose it and claims that her eulogy would be about her love for dogs and providing shelter for them, chemistry, and random artists.

It is quite a relief that she knows that the shape of the reputable Kohinoor Diamond is oval. In this year’s conference, she hopes to inspire her committee through her caricatures and designs. She intends to impart skills to bring out serious topics in the form of humor. She is looking forward to working with her fellow artists and designers and awaits at the doors of creativity and critique.

TUHINA BAWA: HEAD OF PHOTOGRAPHY

A Reflective Perspective

Arjun Kashyap profiles the Head of Photography

Competitive and introverted by nature, Tuhina believes that being independent is the pathway to happiness and contentment with oneself. With the eventual goal of being self-sufficient, she lives by the saying, "People aren't always going to be there for you; that's why you learn to handle things on your own."

With a deep fascination for the inner workings of a camera, Tuhina first tried her hand at photography at the age of 13 and has not looked back since. Believe it or not, one of Aravali's best photographers, she wasn't allowed to use a camera



till she was 13. She pursued photography using her cell phone, but the exhilarating feeling she got when she placed her eye in the viewfinder of the camera and adjusted the lens to get the perfect shot was immeasurable.

A vegetarian by choice, she enjoys trying new cafes and cherishes her alone time. Believing that lockdown has made her a complete introvert, she always liked having a few close friends, and they have a lot to say about her.

Hilarious and helpful, Tuhina has truly made a lasting impression. A loyal and quick-witted goof, she never fails to brighten a room and offer a helping hand. This admirer of abstract photography and horoscope addict describes herself as an independent yet impatient and short-tempered individual, literally embodying her fiery sun sign.

Disarmingly charming and the biggest ice cream junkie, this talented individual is one you want to know: a joyful, loving, and ambitious friend who's not afraid to refocus an image and change its perspective.

MYRA AASHI JONES: HEAD OF PHOTOGRAPHY

Choupette

Vishaka Banerjee profiles the Head of Photography

Myra Aashi Jones, Head of Photography, UNCA is known to her friends as talented, inspiring and generous. Just like Dionne Davenport, a character whom she does not relate to exactly but finds very similar, from the extremely popular 1995 film *Clueless*, Myra, feels she is authentically herself.

She also describes herself as ambitious, spontaneous and talkative. When asked if she had to choose only one word to use for the rest her life, she was unable to do so, attesting to her effusive nature.



Myra's favourite lyrics are from the song *Young and Beautiful* by Lana Del Rey. "Hot summer nights, mid-July, when you and I were forever wild". Owing to the old money aesthetic portrayed by Lana Del Rey, when asked if she had the choice to be an animal for a day, she responded with Choupette. Choupette was the cat of Karl Lagerfeld, the German fashion designer. This cat was known to be spoiled and lived a life of luxury and lavishness.

Her favourite ice cream flavour is cookies and cream. She also made to sure to emphasise on the fact that mint chocolate chip ice cream tastes exactly like toothpaste and that she detests it deeply, calling it disgusting.

If she were to be in a movie, she would choose to be in *Divergent*, specifically, a part of the dauntless faction.

Myra describes her first experience at MUN to be good but not what she expected. Her first MUN was online, and she found it to be very different and hectic. Her head at the time was extremely strict on deadlines. But the frantic and turbulent first MUN convinced her to join photography again, the year after.

This year, at AMUN, she is looking forward to seeing the gossip box and motion of entertainment. She also looks forward to forming special bonds with her peers and having tantalizing discussions with them.

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