KHAIYAN PUBLIC SCHOOL
MODEL UNITED NATIONS SOCIETY

presents

THINKERS' CONCLAVE
'Triumpho Cogitandum – The Victory of Thought'
11\textsuperscript{th} – 12\textsuperscript{th} October 2019
'Cogito Ergo Sum' – René Descartes

René Descartes rightly said 'I think, therefore I am.' It is the elemental property of thought that makes it relevant to man's existence and imperative for his growth.

It is a matter of immense prestige and honour for us to introduce, to you, the first edition of Khaitan Public School’s Model United Nations conference, 'KhaitanMUN Thinkers' Conclave' to be held on the 11th and 12th of October, 2019.

Khaitan Public School, Ghaziabad is a benchmark in the modern education system with the motto of providing quality education and creating 'Leaders for Life'. In its journey towards the completion of 20 years in the industry, the institution has made a mark by remaining focused on its goal to provide the best education to its students, be it academic or co-curricular.

Our endeavour to create informed and conscientious global citizens is the reason why we give immense importance to learning beyond classrooms. The Model United Nations is a superlative platform for young minds to grow into thinking, analytical and resolute individuals, who are global citizens with a will and a plan to change the world for the better. Bearing the torch for positive change, the KhaitanMUN Society conceived the idea of a conclave of thinkers to affect qualitative transformation. Hence our motto –

'Triumpho Cogitandum – The Victory of Thought'

With immense enthusiasm, we invite a delegation from your esteemed institution for this intellectually stimulating experience, where the committees will tackle issues, which are real, engaging and relevant to the social context

The Secretariat
KhaitanMUN Thinkers' Conclave
INVITATION

COMMITTEES
The simulation will have discussions on gender as a theme and its critical examination in policies of India. The participants would be involved in discussing issues pertinent to gendered experiences with a strong focus on activity-based, inquiry-based and project-based approach. They will be delving into concepts and perspectives on gender to plan for sensitisation, challenges and solutions at macro-level. Students will be donning the hat of active citizens to prepare a charter at the end of the simulation. This framework will help students run initiatives in schools that address policy implications in their daily life.

A guide will be provided to the students with essential textual and audio-visual resources that will help them prepare for the discussions in the simulation. Their thinking and reasoning abilities, sensitivity, research, solution-orientation, articulation and collaborative work will be some of the key parameters on which the awards in this simulation will be decided.

Chief Facilitator:
Ms. Shivangi Gupta

Ms Shivangi Gupta has completed her post graduation in Clinical Psychology from Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai. She has led research projects in the field of public health, child rights and gender and sexuality. As an accomplished debater and a public speaker, Shivangi finds meaning in leading workshops to create awareness among students and teachers on issues of gender and sexuality. She is currently working for content development of enrichment courses for faculty with Rishi Valley Institute for Educational Resources. She has been a practicing psychotherapist, having engaged in projects that document emerging issues in counselling practices paving way for a field-driven improvement in the discipline of Psychology and Education.
Comedy & Freedom of Speech and Expression

This simulation will be examining various debates that emerge when we think of issues of censorship in comedy and the extent of freedom of speech and expression. The discussions would revolve around how sensitive topics are addressed in comedy and the ways in which they are perceived by the audiences. It will delve into themes of agency, receptivity, political influence and ideologies to judge whether we should have the freedom to select what we want to express and how. The simulation will also address ethical questions concerning comedy industry through constitutional values. The participants would be engaging in group discussions, conducting case-study analysis, contributing to legal interpretation of the right to free speech, discussing visual media and drafting policies. They will be donning the hat of various stakeholders like the lawyers, comedians, club-owners, digital platform heads, policy-makers and comedy appreciators. The committee would witness principle-based reasoning and normative discussions on media, ethics and free speech.

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Chief Facilitator: Mr. Samridhh Sharma

Mr. Samridhh Sharma is academically pursuing management at Shaheed Sukhdev College of Business Studies. Member of the Debating Society, he is an active participant in various public speaking formats such as Parliamentary Debating and Model UN Conferences. His keen interest in politics and philosophy has also pushed him to participate in various policy-making simulations.Having won laurels at prestigious debating events like Shri Ram Debating Festival, Wax Eloquent and Udaan Youth Parliament, Samriddh is driven by love for public speaking and believes in empowerment of the self through platforms that enable uncensored and unapologetic expression.
Central Examination Systems and Reservation Policy

The committee will conduct panel discussions and presentations on policy failures with respect to examinations and reservations in the education system. The aim is to trace sociological and historical perspectives to understand the politics of representation in today's educational practice. The participants would examine the principle of justice and equality by analysing the benefits given to the less privileged in the education system. They will step into the shoes of some historical and some contemporary figures to make the discussion relevant. Some of the activities that the committee would initiate are powerpoint presentations on the issue, drafting of the working papers which suggest implementation measures for certain policies at the school level, group discussions to follow up spontaneously with emerging themes, and creative writing and expression of the problem statement.

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Chief Facilitator. Ms Syeda Sana

Ms. Syeda Sana is one of the founding members of LEARN, an initiative working for life skills development. She is currently pursuing her MA in Sociology from Ambedkar University, Delhi. She has studied Philosophy from Lady Shri Ram College, University of Delhi and has served in several leadership positions in her college. She has been a SAGE fellow at Leo&Mike in Hyderabad where she was responsible for training students of 9–14 years in Robotics, Digital Game Making, Stop Motion, Short–film Making and Makers Senior through modern pedagogies. She has individually trained students across disciplines and has been a volunteer at Four Steps – an organisation that works for the differently–abled, and at Finger Chat – an initiative that imparts training in sign language. She has been involved in training children with special needs for the past four years. Her work has been represented at JENESYS Programme, Japan. She has been associated with Model United Nations Conferences and Parliamentary Debates in various capacities.
Art, Imagination and Politics – The Marvel Universe

The idea of this simulation is to reflect on the creation of the Marvel Universe through a critical literary lens. The participants would analyse the social impact and normative behaviour that the content and politics of character generate in the form of storyline and brand narrative for the viewership. The aim is also to understand and trace world realities and histories in fictions and how they have been expressed through the cinematic and comic universe. This would be achieved through character modelling and analysis, panel presentation, essay writing, movie-screening and discussion. Participants will be donning the hat of the characters, the makers of the Marvel series, digital platform heads and Marvel fans.

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Chief Facilitator: Mr. Yash Jain

Mr. Yash Jain is currently pursuing management at Shaheed Sukhdev College of Business Studies. Having started debating at the age of 14, he has participated in over 26 Model UN Conferences and innumerable debates in national and international formats of Parliamentary Debating. He believes that rigorous engagement with such skills changes individuals as people, making them more sensitive and empathetic to the socio-political issues in their surroundings. For him, debating is not just an activity but a process that enables each student to learn something new. Yash is confident that if one embarks on such a journey, their love for the activity will be perennial.
Media Reportage

The simulation will report the event live and formulate a newsletter with beats and opinion-editorials on the themes being discussed in the conclave. The participants will be writing articles, clicking photographs, drawing caricatures and compiling videos to report on the event. Journalists will have to step into the shoes of their news agencies and represent the ideology of the agency to the best of their capabilities. Photographers will also be experimenting with photoessays, visual storylines and other formats in photojournalism. Caricaturists will be judged based on their ability to convey political meaning and relevance of a topic. A press conference will also be conducted where the media will go to each simulation and engage with the participants present in each room.

Head of the Press, Ms. Prisha Saxena

Prisha Saxena is presently a second year, Economics undergraduate student at Jesus and Mary College. She is a part of the secretariat of her college's Model UN society as the 'DSG- International Press'. She has an extensive background in the arena of writing and editing. As the Secretary of her alma mater's Literary Club, she compiled the annual school magazine, in the capacity of editor in chief. This endowment of hers was recognised not only in her school, but in inter-school, inter-collegiate as well as state level competitions, including her stint as a student correspondent for the Times of India. She has been participating in UN simulations since 2014. Over her five year long métier in Model United Nations as a journalist as well as an organiser, she has been recipient to many awards.
INVITATION

TEAM STRENGTH AND COMPOSITION

Each school may send a maximum of ONE team comprising participants (Thinkers, Reporters, Photographers and/or Cartoonists), along with one Faculty Advisor escorting the team. Please find enclosed the School Registration Form.

FEE DETAILS

The Registration Fee for the conference is as follows.

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1 – This fee is inclusive of the fee for ONE Teacher Escort, their accommodation and all-conference amenities.
2 – This fee is inclusive of all amenities during the conference timings, including the stationery kits and meals.

Link to form: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc6T05c73yYYiQOp01ju974zxuI2HE69HrQYdLx_XYK5qFQ3g/viewform?usp=sf_link

The deadline for sending the School Delegation Registration Form September 20, 2019. No forms after this deadline will be accepted.

Payment details will be shared once registration is complete.

CONTACT DETAILS

Further information will be provided on the KhaitanMUN facebook and Instagram pages. Feel free to contact us at khitanmun@khaitanpublicschool.com

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