

Report

EVENT- Model United Nations Conference

MODERATED BY- AWAAZ, The Debating Society, RLAC

DATE- 9th & 10th April, 2022

VENUE- Ram Lal Anand College, University Of Delhi, Benito Juarez Marg, West End Colony, South Campus, Anand Niketan, New Delhi, Delhi 110021

PARTICIPATION RANGE- 50 - 70 participants



Awaaz, the English Debating society of Ram Lal Anand College, University Of Delhi, under the guidance of Teacher Convenor , Dr Urvashi Kuhad, Co-convenor, Ms. Seema Meena and respected faculty members, Ms Srijana Singh and Mr Prem Kumar organized the first ever edition of an Model United Nations Conference on 9th and 10th April 2022. Model United Nations, also known as Model UN or MUN, is an extra-curricular activity in which students typically role play delegates to the United Nations and simulate UN Committees.



At the end of most conferences, outstanding delegates in each committee are recognized and given an Award, Certificate & the Best Delegate in each Committee. Schools and college students participated in Model United Nations, which involved substantial researching, public speaking, debating, and writing skills, as well as critical thinking, teamwork, and leadership abilities.



In order to familiarise students who were interested but a tad bit unfamiliar, treading into the global system was made easier for them with a training session that was organized by the society on the 4th of April, 2022. The session covered the core aspects of public speaking, and as to how these conferences do intrinsically change one's perspective regarding the world. Over 80 students from various colleges across the varsity participated in this event, which was organized in collaboration with ImpleMentors.



The conference observed a participation of over 50 students from schools and colleges across Delhi-NCR. In the first edition of RLACMUN'22, there were a total of three committees and the International Press. The committees were –United Nations Human

Rights Council, United Nations General Assembly, All India Political Parties Meet & International Press.



As a *simulation* of the UN, RLACMUN'22 provided an opportunity for students to both replicate the work of the UN and to view the problems facing the international community from a unique perspective. For example, the quality and tone of debate was at times dramatically different from the "real" UN. Representatives at the UN, along with their consular staff, spend months in preparation, behind-the-scenes caucusing, and interacting with other nations before an issue is brought to a vote.



At RLACMUN'22, Representatives had only two days to assume the role of their nation's Ambassador and simulate the deliberations of the UN. This consolidation of time led to many different circumstances with which students had to contend. Rather than a prepared speech, Representatives had to verbally react to circumstances as they arose, and make impromptu speeches based on their knowledge and research. Students also made decisions on behalf of their member states directly from the floor of the UN, a significant difference from the series of consultations and instructions that happen between real UN Representatives and their governments.



Even with these variances RLACMUN'22 deliberations covered the issues before the UN systematically, thoroughly, and with a good view of the workings of the international system. In a nutshell, during the course of the conference, there was an ecosystem of intense learning that was built with the presence of highly talented students and executive board members, which is something that is invaluable. The first edition of Ram Lal Anand College Model United Nations Conference was organized very successfully.

