

CONFERENCE REPORT

SRI SIDDHARTHA MODEL UNITED NATIONS-2024



THEME:

STRENGTHENING INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION FOR HEALTH EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND SECURITY

Organized by:
SRI SIDDHARTHA MEDICAL COLLEGE, SSAHE, TUMKUR
On
23rd, 24th 25th of April 2024

Venue:
Nagarjuna Hall, Skill Lab
Sri, Siddhartha Medical College and Hospital, Tumkur.

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Background

Sri Siddhartha Medical College (SSMC) and Hospital, Tumkur was established in 1988 under the aegis of the Sri Siddhartha Educational Society, with the aim of developing and nurturing quality medical professionals committed to excellence in health care and social welfare.

Nestled in a 250-acre green campus, spread over 75,000 sqmts, the college today evolved into a renowned hub of higher education and health care in India under SSAHE. The medical college team comprises of a dedicated team of faculty members who are equipped to coach their wards in both clinical and academic aspects with the vision of “Entrancing Education to Reach the Unreached”

Model United Nations (MUN) is an Academic simulation of the United Nations where students take on the role of delegates representing different countries or organizations. Participants engage in debates and discussions, aiming to find solutions.

In SSMUN, participants can expect a dynamic and immersive experience where they will have the opportunity to hone their negotiation, public speaking, and critical thinking skills. They will engage in lively debates on pressing global issues, collaborate with delegates from diverse backgrounds, and work towards crafting resolutions that address complex challenges.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Chief Patron:

Dr. G Parameshwara

Hon'ble Chancellor

Sri Siddhartha University, Tumkur

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AIM:

To provide students a platform to stimulate the workings of the United Nations

OBJECTIVE:

1. **Research Skills:** Participants learn to research and understand complex global issues, gaining knowledge about various countries perspective and policies.
2. **Negotiation and Diplomacy:** Participants learn the art of negotiation and diplomacy, learning to build consensus, draft resolutions, and reach compromises with others.
3. **Leadership Development:** Through roles such as committee chairs, press heads and delegates develop leadership skills by managing discussions, organising debates, and guiding the flow of the simulation.
4. **Public Speaking:** SSMUN encourages participants to articulate their ideas effectively in front of an audience, whether in formal speeches or informal debates.
5. **Networking:** Participants have the opportunity to network with other students, educators, and professionals interested in international affairs, potentially leading to future collaborations or career opportunities.

PARTICIPANTS

The event brought together total 210 participants among which 140 were delegates from 1st year MBBS to Post-graduation students' from various institutions across the state, 70 UG volunteers

INTRODUCING THE COMMITTEE

WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION



WHO AGENDA

**Combating misinformation and enhancing
supply chain resilience during health emergencies**

WHAT IS WHO?

The World Health Organization (WHO) is a specialized agency of the United Nations responsible for international public health. Established in 1948, it operates with a mission to promote health, keep the world safe, and serve the vulnerable. WHO sets norms and standards, provides technical support, and coordinates global health efforts to address various health challenges such as infectious diseases, non-communicable diseases, and emergencies. With a vast network of experts and partners worldwide, WHO plays a crucial role in shaping health policies, conducting research, and facilitating collaboration to achieve better health outcomes for all.

UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (UNDP)



UNDP AGENDA

“Resource Mobilization: Discussing mechanisms to mobilise financial, technical and human resources to support countries in strengthening their health emergency response.”

WHAT IS UNDP?

“As the United Nations lead agency on international development, UNDP works to eradicate poverty and reduce inequality. We help countries to develop policies, leadership skills, partnering abilities, institutional capabilities, and to build resilience to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals. Our work is concentrated in three focus areas; sustainable development, democratic governance and peace building, and climate and disaster resilience.”

DISARMAMENT AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY COMMITTEE (UNDP)



DISEC AGENDA

***“ENHANCING GLOBAL RESPONSES TO BIOLOGICAL THREATS:
Integrating healthcare Delivery and Security measures in Humanitarian Crisis
for a resilient future***

WHAT IS DISEC

The Disarmament and International Security Committee (DISEC) is the First committee of the United Nations General Assembly. This Committee addresses and deals with issues That are related to disarmament challenges to global security as well as threats to international peace. It considers all disarmament and international security Matters within the scope of the Charter or relating to the powers and Functions of any other organ of the United Nations; the general principles of Cooperation in the maintenance of international peace and security, as well as principles governing disarmament and the regulation of armaments; promotion of cooperative arrangements and measures aimed at Strengthening stability through lower levels of armaments.

DAY 1

1. Inauguration:

The welcome address was rendered by Dr. G Parameshwara , Hon'ble Chancellor, Siddhartha University, Tumkur.

He began by welcoming the dignitaries, delegates and the guest speakers. He mentioned the new convention between SSAHE University and the AVLON University of the Caribbean Islands. He spoke on how such International relations are needed for fostering the betterment of students of both cultures, and stepping stones for such is MUN. He highlighted on the importance of having Student centric activities that help in the overall development of students. He and the other Dignitaries inaugurated the event with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp.






This was followed by Dr. Prabhakar's address to the gathering. He spoke on how such events help students develop diplomatic skills, which are essential to a practising doctor. His words of encouragement were truly an inspiring one.




This was followed by an addressal by Siddanth Shaktivel ,2nd year MBBS student at Sri Siddhartha Medical College, Tumkur. He brings a wealth of experience and expertise to the diplomatic arena. Having attended a total of 12 Model United Nations across Southern India, he is well experienced in the world of MUNning. He shared his insights from his treasury of experiences and expressed his best wishes to those MUNning for the first time. With this Dr. G Parameshwara , Hon'ble Chancellor, Siddhartha University, Tumkur, finally opened the House for discussion with the Gavel.



EVENT SCHEDULE:s

SSMUN DAY 1- 23RD MAY	
	
8:30 AM to 10:30 AM	Registration
10:30 AM to 11:30 AM	Inauguration ceremony
12:00 PM to 1:00 PM	LUNCH
1:00 PM to 3:00 PM	Session 1
3:00 PM to 3:30 PM	HIGH TEA
3:30 PM to 5:30 PM	Session 2

SSMUN DAY 1- 23RD MAY VENUE	
	
Registration	Nagarjuna Hall
Inauguration ceremony	Nagarjuna Hall
SESSIONS	
DISEC and UNDP	Skill Lab
WHO	Nagarjuna Hall



SSMUN

DAY 2- 24TH MAY

8:30 AM to 11:00 AM	Session 3
11:00 AM to 11:30 AM	HIGH TEA
11:30 AM to 1:30 PM	Session 4
1:30 PM to 2:30 PM	LUNCH
2:30 PM to 4:30 PM	Session 5
4:30 PM to 5:00 PM	HIGH TEA





SSMUN

DAY 2- 24TH MAY

VENUE

SESSIONS	
DISEC and WHO	Skill Lab
UNDP	Nagarjuna Hall

<div>  <div> SSMUN DAY 3- 25TH MAY </div>  </div>	
8:30 AM to 10:30 AM	Session 6
10:30 AM to 12:30 PM	Emergency crisis
12:30 PM to 1:30 PM	closing ceremony
1:30 PM to 2:30 PM	LUNCH

<div>  <div> SSMUN DAY 3- 25TH MAY VENUE </div>  </div>	
SESSIONS	
UNDP and WHO	Skill Lab
DISEC	Nagarjuna Hall
Emergency crisis	Nagarjuna Hall
Closing ceremony	Nagarjuna Hall

SESSIONS:

UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Day 1: Skill Lab

The House was opened by the Chairman, Siddanth Shaktivel, (2nd year MBBS student, SSMC) of the delegates and sessions were in order. Roll call of the delegates were taken by the Vice-Chairman, Kushal S Gowda, (3rd Year MBBS student, SSMC) and the General Speaker's list was introduced. Each country addressed their stand with reference to the Agenda. Chits were received and graded based on their relevance by Tara Piera, Rapporteur Chair, (3rd year MBBS student, SSMC). Following this a moderated caucus was passed to discuss the sub agendas for the day. The delegates of various nations spoke for and against the topic in discussion. The Committee Observer, Dr, Kavyashree (Head of Department of Anatomy, SSMC) graded the delegates based on their diplomatic skills. The press presented their questions to the delegates based on their statements regarding the agenda. Finally the session ended with a brief introduction on the agenda and high tea.







Day 2: Nagarjuna Hall

The Session was started and was in order by Siddanth Shaktivel, (2nd year MBBS student, SSMC). Roll call of the delegates were taken by the Vice-Chairman, Kushal S Gowda, (3rd Year MBBS student, SSMC) and the General Speaker's list was continued from day 1. The delegates further stood their stance on their country's policies and heated debate took forth. The rapporteur Chair, Tara Piera (3rd year MBBS Student, SSMC) discussed the chits received and graded them accordingly. A moderated caucus was soon passed and discussion on the same continued. Following this, and unmoderated caucus was set in motion. The delegates discussed amongst themselves and lobbied for their strategies to be included in the draft resolution. This was then followed by a one vs one debate between the delegate of North Korea and South Korea.

Following lunch, the press put forth their perspective after listening to the delegates during the press conference and the delegates were questioned by the press Representatives and the delegate of Israel in particular gave diplomatic replies on her stance.

This was followed by a moderated caucus to highlight on topics needed to form the draft resolution. An Unmoderated caucus helped delegates gather their allies and discuss their points, so the best ones could be added in the

draft resolution. The committee observer for the day, Dr. Nandini (Head of Department of Pharmacology, SSMC), was a patient listener and appreciated the delegates on their commitment and graded the delegates appropriately.

Towards the day's end, the committee presented the draft resolution with the delegate of UAE, USA, UK, China and Israel being the sponsors.











DAY 3: Skill Lab

The Session for day 3 began with the roll call being taken by the Vice-Chairman, Kushal S Gowda (3rd year MBBS student, SSMC) to know whether delegates wished to vote or abstain with reference to the resolution. A moderated caucus was passed into motion to entertain amendments to the draft resolution. Accordingly Introductory and Operative clauses were added and removed from the draft resolution. The Sponsors, under the guidance of the Chairman, Siddanth Shaktivel (2nd year MBBS student, SSMC), finalised the clauses to the draft resolution. Following this the house voted to the resolution clause by clause. Clauses were added and removed accordingly. After the final sponsors to the resolution- Delegates of UAE, USA, UK, China and Israel and the signatories –Delegates of Egypt, Japan, North Korea, Sweden, Saudi Arabia, Cuba, Oman and France formed the final Resolution it was voted “for” by the majority of the house and the Resolution of the United Nations Development Program (UNDP9) of SSMUN 24 was hence passed! Following this a friendly informal discussion regarding chits were discussed and the delegates were amused.







United Nations



UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

RESOLUTION

Sponsors: China, Israel, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United State of America

Signatories: Egypt, Japan, North Korea, Sweden, Saudi Arabia, Cuba, Oman, France

Committee: The United Nations Development Program

Topic: Preparing for a health crisis, working on reducing climate change, providing solutions for humanitarian crises survivors, improving refugees' living status, and working towards clean energy and sanitation

The United Nations Development Program,

Reaffirms the Livelihoods and Economic inclusion,

Reminds the countries of the efforts of The UN Refugee Agency's cash-based interventions and technical and vocational education training and resettlement programs,

Noting with deep concern the need of the hour of resource mobilisation to help countries strengthen their responses during an emergency crisis,

Alarmed by the fact that there are freshwater problems in the world and these problems have not yet been solved,

Aware that sanitation facilities are not achieved to the fullest in all countries,

Bearing in mind the wars in countries which lead to eviction of people and refugees to be forced to work under uncomfortable and low living standards that may be against their will,

Deeply regretting that current policies for massive repercussions of climate change and global warming are not sufficient,

Recognising requirement to be assigned to solving rising percentages of food and hunger in poverty-stricken countries and in times of crisis,

Reaffirming United Nations framework convention on climate change,

Encouraging Sustainable energy for all,

RESOLUTION
PASSED:

DISARMEMENT AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

DAY 1: Skill Lab

The House was opened by the Chairperson Pranav Kumar, (4th year MBBS student, SSMC) of the delegates and sessions were in order. Roll call of the delegates were taken by the Vice-Chairperson, Aashank Nandagopal (4th Year MBBS student, SSMC) and the General Speaker's list was introduced. Most of the countries spoke on the Agenda for over an hour. Chits were received and graded based on their relevance by Jeevika V, Rapporteur (3rd year MBBS student, SSMC). We welcomed our committee observer Dr. Kiran Kumar sir who questioned our delegates. Following this a motion for moderated caucus was passed by the Delegate of China to discuss the sub agendas for the day. The delegates of various nations spoke for the given motion and were accordingly graded. An unmoderated caucus was initiated by Delegate of Australia & Delegates were left for a tea break. Press Conference was conducted after break and session was closed by Delegate of Kazakhstan.





DAY 2: Skill Lab

The House was opened by a General Speakers List in which around 17 countries spoke. Following this there was a moderated caucus in which 15 speakers spoke. Delegates were questioned by other delegates. Soon we welcomed our 2nd committee observer Dr.Chandru sir. This was followed by a brief break for 30 mins as unmoderated caucus. Delegates settled down back and we had a healthy discussion on reducing arms imports. Delegates were left for a lunch break after this. Post lunch we had 1 session in which we discussed the Draft Resolution presented by Delegate of India & China. All of the Delegates agreed on this resolution paper. A one vs one debate "challenge" between Delegates of Russia & Ukraine, Palestine & Israel to understand their knowledge of ongoing war in the real world. The day ended with a press conference.







DAY 3:

The House was opened for a discussion on unfriendly amendments which had to be made to Block 1's Draft Resolution. Discussions were soon started and finally ended with passing of a Resolution.

Delegates of DISEC participated in Emergency Crisis and participated wholeheartedly.

RESOLUTION PASSED:

United Nations



Disarmament and International Security Committee

Distr.: General
25th May 2024

Resolution 2024

Sponsors: Federal Republic of Germany, People's Republic of China, Republic of India, The Commonwealth of Australia, United Kingdom,

Signatories: Argentina, Brazil, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Nigeria, Palestine, Pakistan, Poland, Somalia, Sudan, Ukraine, and Vietnam,

Adopted by the Disarmament and International Security Committee at its meeting on 25 May 2024.

The Disarmament and International Security Committee,

'Reaffirming the commitment of the United Nations to the principles of international cooperation and solidarity in addressing global challenges, including the prevention and response to biological threats and disasters,

Recognizing the importance of the Biological Weapons Convention (BWC) as the cornerstone of international efforts to address the threat of biological weapons, and the need to ensure its continued relevance and effectiveness,

Deeply concerned by the potential for biological agents and toxins to be misused for the development of biological weapons, including by non-state actors and terrorist groups, and the grave consequences such actions could have on international peace and security,

1. *Authorizes* the creation of a panel under the OCHA to organise relief efforts and funding following bioterrorist and other biological attacks;
 - 1.1. *Confident* in their ability to mobilise necessary resources in times of crisis;
 - 1.2. *Emphasizing* the need for countries with available resources and finances to freely contribute the same to halt the fallout of future crises;
 - 1.3. *Calls for* the allocation of 1% of the working budget of the panel of the OCHA to developing countries to build their capacity in implementing effective surveillance and export control mechanisms;

WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION

DAY 1: Nagarjuna Hall

Under the distinguished leadership of Chairperson Bhoomika Jayakumar , a 3rd-year MBBS student from SSMC, the House commenced its inaugural session with a sense of purpose and anticipation. The Vice-Chairperson, Bandhavi Singhania, also a 3rd-year MBBS student from SSMC, meticulously conducted the roll call, ensuring every delegate's presence was accounted for. The introduction of the General Speaker's list saw an impassioned discourse from numerous countries, each addressing the day's agenda with fervor for over an hour. Rapporteur Shruti Chopdekar, a 3rd-year MBBS student from SSMC, diligently reviewed and categorized the chits based on their relevance to the discussions. The session was graced by the presence of Dr. Geetha, who posed thought-provoking questions to the delegates. A motion for a moderated caucus, initiated by the Delegate of Israel, was passed, allowing for an in-depth examination of sub-agendas. This was followed by an unmoderated caucus for about 20 minutes, after which delegates enjoyed a tea break. The day concluded with passing of another moderated caucus featuring rigorous deliberation led by the Delegate of South Korea accounting several speakers marking the end of this fruitful session.



DAY 2: Skill Lab

The house reconvened with a moderated caucus initiated by Delegate of Ukraine where delegates from approximately 15 countries presented their positions with eloquence and insight. The presence of our committee observer Dr. Geetha , lent additional gravitas to the proceedings.

After a 20 minute unmoderated caucus which allowed the delegates to engage informally , delegates returned for a vigorous discussion on supporting vulnerable communities during health crisis which was led by Delegate of Canada with a deep insight, leading into a lunch break.

Following the lunch break, the session resumed with a highly anticipated press conference. During this segment, the delegates faced intense scrutiny from the press, who posed probing and often critical questions. This led to a series of heated exchanges, with delegates vocally defending their stances against the pointed inquiries and criticisms of the press. The afternoon session was dedicated to the deliberation of the Draft Resolution .

Throughout the discussions, the Delegates of Israel and Kenya emerged as pivotal vocal figures, passionately advocating against the formation of two blocks. The debates were intense and prolonged, with both Israel and Kenya standing firm in their stance, engaging in numerous discussions to persuade other delegates. After much deliberation and negotiation, consensus was achieved, and the delegates collectively agreed to form one unified block, thus ending the session on a productive note.



DAY 3: Skill Lab

The final day's proceedings were initiated with a rigorous discussion on the unfriendly amendments proposed for Block 1's Draft Resolution. Intense negotiations ensued, with the Delegate of Belarus being particularly vocal. The Delegate's persistence ensured that all aspects of the amendments were thoroughly examined. All other fellow delegates' rigorous questioning and scrutiny highlighted potential issues and pushed for clearer, more robust provisions within the resolution. After extensive deliberation, during which each clause was debated and refined, consensus was eventually reached. The passage of the resolution represented a significant achievement, reflecting the collective effort and dedication of all delegates. Amid the fervor of the simulated emergency crisis, delegates from WHO ardently engaged in intricate negotiations and collaborative problem-solving, demonstrating unparalleled diplomacy and strategic acumen. The SSMUN concluded on a resounding note of success, as everyone departed with newfound knowledge, cherished memories, and a sense of profound accomplishment.



RESOLUTION PASSED:

UNITED NATIONS **World Health Organisation**



Sponsors: Canada, Israel, Kenya, South Korea,
Russia

Signatories: The Netherlands, China, Iran, Mexico, France, Ethiopia, Indonesia, Ukraine

Date: 25/05/2024

Topic: Combating Misinformation and Enhancing Supply Chain Resilience during Health
Emergencies

The World Health Organisation,

1) **Affirming establishment of a Dual Comprehensive Task Force to Combat Misinformation and
Enhance Supply Chain Resilience During Health Crises**

1.1. Recognizing the profound impact of misinformation and supply chain disruptions on public health outcomes during health crises, such as pandemics and epidemics, the World Health Organization (WHO) hereby establishes a comprehensive task force dedicated to addressing both challenges concurrently.

1.2. The task force shall be composed of a multidisciplinary team of experts encompassing public health specialists, epidemiologists, logistics professionals, digital communication analysts, supply chain managers, media outlets and other relevant stakeholders. The task force shall operate under the mandate to develop and implement integrated strategies to combat misinformation and enhance supply chain resilience during health crises.

1.3. With regards to combating misinformation, the task force shall be responsible for:

a) Monitoring and analyzing the dissemination of false or misleading information related to health crises, identifying key sources, trends, and narratives;

b) Collaborating with governmental agencies, international organisations, civil society groups, technology companies, and non state actors to establish mechanisms for rapid response and coordinated action against misinformation. Establishing of a hierarchy based system.

1.4. With regards to enhancing supply chain resilience, the task force shall be responsible for:

a) Assessing vulnerabilities and weaknesses in health-related supply chains, including but not limited to pharmaceuticals, medical equipment, personal protective equipment (PPE), and vaccines;

b) Developing risk mitigation strategies and contingency plans to address supply chain disruptions caused by factors such as border closures, transportation constraints, and production shortages during health crises;

c) Promoting Innovation and leveraging digital technologies, such as blockchain, artificial intelligence, and data analytics, to optimise supply chain management, enhance transparency, and improve the traceability of medical products.

d) Creation of a feed-back mechanism for checks and balances.

EMERGENCY CRISIS

DAY 3:

After the resolutions of all 3 councils were passed, an Emergency Crisis was introduced where delegates were seated having a single/double or triple delegation for each country. Heated discussions followed clever replies from the delegates, and a draft resolution for the same was passed.





CLOSING CEREMONY:

The Closing ceremony was held felicitating the organisers, committee observers and the prize holders of various committees.





In the WHO Committee, BEST DELEGATE was awarded to the delegate of Israel, HIGH COMMENDATION to the Delegate of Kenya and Delegate of Canada, BEST MENTION to the Delegate of Indonesia and the Delegate of France, NOBLE MENTION to the Delegate of South Korea and the Delegate of Belarus.





The BEST POSITION PAPER was awarded to the Delegate of India.

The BEST INTERNATIONAL PRESS was awarded to Wall street journal and SPECIAL MENTIONS were awarded to Reuters and ABC News



In the UNDP Council, BEST DELEGATE was awarded to the delegate of UAE, HIGH COMMENDATION to the delegate of USA and the delegate of Israel, BEST MENTION to the delegate of North Korea and the delegate of China, NOBLE MENTION to the delegate of Egypt and the delegate of Sweden.





The BEST POSITION PAPER was awarded to the Delegate of Argentina

**The BEST INTERNATIONAL PRESS was awarded to Al-Jazeera and
SPECIAL MENTIONS were awarded to BBC and Asia News Network.**



In the DISEC Council, the BEST DELEGATE was awarded to Delegate of India, HIGH COMMENDATION to the Delegate of Australia and Delegate of China, BEST MENTION to the Delegate of Iran and Delegate of UK and NOBLE MENTION to the Delegate of Kazakhstan and the Delegate of Poland.



The BEST POSITION PAPER was to the delegate of North Korea



The BEST INTERNATIONAL PRESS was awarded to and SPECIAL MENTIONS were awarded to





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