

JMUN 2021: Vice – Chairperson’s Address at the Inaugural Ceremony

Respected Mrs. Tulika Srivastava, Executive Director, Women’s Fund, Asia, Principal Seth M.R. Jaipuria School, - Mrs. Promini Chopra, Mrs. Preeti Singh, Teachers, delegates and dear students,

In these last eight years, through our student driven initiative, - Jaipuria Model United Nations, you students have crossed so many milestones,- you have gained the ability to conceive of an event at the National level, you have learnt teamwork, you have learnt to organise multiple UN Committees in a short time, you have learnt to handle disappointments, manage last minute glitches, -the list is long!

You have gained knowledge about the problems facing different nations, you have gained the ability to discuss and debate with the sole aim of finding solutions for these nations. And the most important learning comes from the sustained effort you have made to harmonise! And how can we harmonise without connecting to the real seat of Harmony, our inmost Soul!

Just as the Divine lives within us as the Soul, whispers and guides us from there; similarly, every Nation too has a Soul, a Shakti, a Force behind it. It is this Nation Soul which supports the separate existence of every nation from behind.

Dear students, I would like to share Sri Aurobindo’s idea of the Nation Soul briefly with you.

Every Nation’s Soul is unique and has its own distinctive personality.

For instance, Mother India is not a piece of earth; Mother India is a Power, a Godhead., a Force. Her innate nature is a bent towards spirituality. The sense of the Infinite is native to its people. Even an unread villager is aware of the omnipresence and omnipotence of God. The stories of Ramayan and Mahabharat still guide our lives.

Similarly, the innate personality of the Soul of Japan is her fascination for beauty. In every aspect of life, from the most mundane to the most important function of life, Japanese people spontaneously express beauty. Look at their homes, their gardens, their public spaces. After a purchase, even the bill will be presented to the customer in an aesthetic manner. The sense of beauty is innate in the nature of Japanese people.

The role of France is to express clarity of intellect. Their literature is vast and deep and distinctly reveals this lucidity of the French brain.

Germany expresses skill while

Russia ticks with the spirit of brotherhood of man and equality.

The best education that can be given to students consists in making them aware of the true nature of their country and the mission that their Motherland has to fulfill in the world concert, in the world drama. This way students get rooted in their culture and traditions. A kite without a string doesn't fly for long.

Students must have a wide understanding of the role of other Nations too but without losing sight of the genius of their own country. On the side, I strongly recommend that all students watch Genius of India, a video on You Tube, created by Auroville. It has a 15 min and a 30 min version.

The time has come to integrate countries within the common goal of harmony, peace, freedom, fraternity and equity, equity mind you, equity not equality.

Probably, JMUN is leading delegates to this wideness of knowledge.

May all the delegates who have enrolled for Jaipuria Model United Nations, Edition VIII participate from their highest potential. The real trophy is in participating and you all have already won it.

Congratulations! Thank you, Vande Mataram!

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