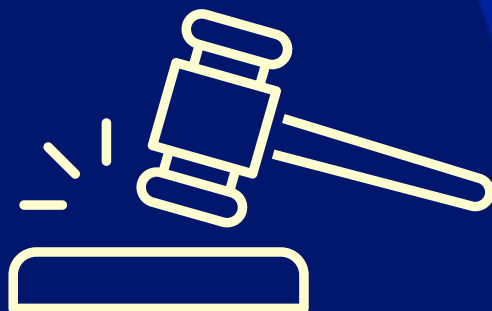




MERIDIAN MUN 2021

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*Delegate
Handbook*

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Message from the Principal's Desk

Dear Participants,

The Meridian MUN hosted by Meridian School for Boys and Girls is one of the finest MUNs in the twin cities because it provides a lasting learning experience for participants.

The pre MUN training and mentorship is meticulously planned and executed, hence the quality of the MUN is qualitative and effective.

It gives me great pleasure to commend each one of you for participating in the Meridian Model United Nations 2021. You are exceptional because through the participation you are developing a global vision, envisaging the world as a global village and finding consensus on issues that matter.

As you research, present and solve the problems of your chosen country you will don the mantle of leadership as we place you on a simulated world stage.

I wish all of you the very best and hope that many of you will become global game changers of the future.

With Warm Regards,

Dr.D. Usha Reddy

Principal

Meridian School Banjara Hills



Dr. D Usha Reddy
Principal and CEO
Meridian Schools

Message from the Secretary General

Dear Delegates,

On behalf of the Management, Staff and Students of Meridian School Banjara Hills, I, Alekhya Vemuri deem it my proud privilege to welcome you all to Meridian Model United Nations 2021.



Model United Nations is something very unique, a learning opportunity beyond the scope of Classrooms and Textbooks. As they say, Learning takes places best through experience and we at Meridian MUN aim to do just that- provide to you the very best experience. Over days and weeks, we have meticulously put together this conference for all of you.

We hope that Delegates make a good use of this opportunity and take away learning from this experience. The first Model United Nations that a Delegate attends is indeed a magical one as you step into the world of MUN. As much as I have personally cherished my journey of MUNning, we hope that all first timers that attend continue not just their journey of MUNs, but their journey of learning.

As the conference approaches, we advise you all to research well and make the most of the opportunity, as we are equally excited to be hosting you and look forward to meeting you all.

All the very best to all of you!

Warm Regards,

*Alekhya Vemuri
Secretary General*

Our Secretariat



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Secretary General



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Our Executive Board

UNGA-DISEC



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Chairperson

Prabhas Adabala
Vice Chairperson



Our Executive Board

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Chairperson

Tvishi Reddy
Vice Chairperson



Our Executive Board

UNSC



Nikita Divekar
Chairperson

Dhruva Teja Avadootha
Vice Chairperson



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Lok Sabha



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Speaker

Dhruv Chaganti
Deputy Speaker



Our Executive Board

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Chairperson

Sri Kalash Yedlapati
Vice Chairperson



Our Executive Board

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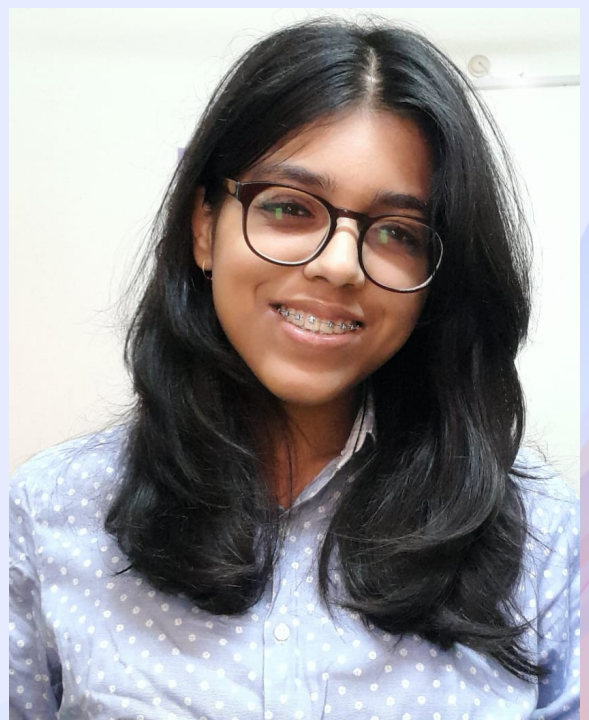
Our Executive Board

WHO



Mohammed Shad
Chairperson

Shivi Parihar
Vice Chairperson



Our Executive Board

International Press



Shreya Chatterjee
Chairperson

A. Sai Pragnya
Vice Chairperson



Conference Schedule

DAY 1 - THURSDAY - 7TH OCTOBER 2021

OPENING CEREMONY: 9:00AM - 10:00AM

BREAK: 10:00AM - 10:15AM

COMMITTEE SESSION 1: 10:15AM - 12:45PM

LUNCH: 12:45PM - 1:45PM

COMMITTEE SESSION 2: 1:45PM - 2:45PM

BREAK: 2:45PM - 3:00PM

COMMITTEE SESSION 3: 3:00PM - 4:30PM

DAY 2 - FRIDAY - 8TH OCTOBER 2021

COMMITTEE SESSION 4: 9:00AM - 11:15AM

BREAK: 11:15AM - 11:30PM

COMMITTEE SESSION 5: 11:30AM - 1:15PM

LUNCH: 1:15PM - 2:15PM

COMMITTEE SESSION 6: 2:15PM - 3:30PM

BREAK: 3:30PM - 3:45PM

COMMITTEE SESSION 7: 3:45PM - 5:30PM

TALENT EVENING - DELEGATES GOT TALENT: 6:30PM - 7:30PM

DAY 3 - SATURDAY - 9TH OCTOBER 2021

COMMITTEE SESSION 8: 9:00AM - 11:00AM

BREAK: 11:00AM - 11:15PM

COMMITTEE SESSION 9: 11:15AM - 12:45PM

LUNCH: 12:45PM - 1:45PM

COMMITTEE SESSION 10: 1:45PM - 3:15PM

BREAK: 3:15PM - 3:30PM

CLOSING CEREMONY: 3:30PM - 4:30PM

Conference Policy



MERIDIAN MUN 2021

Decorum, Discipline and Cooperation are important for the smooth functioning of any event. Meridian Model United Nations 2021 organised by Meridian School, Banjara Hills has a very strict MUN Policy regarding delegates' conduct in committee.

It is extremely important that while debating on a platform like a Model United Nations, respect and compassion for fellow delegates, Executive Board Members, International Press members, Organising Committee Members, Secretariat Members and Faculty Advisors strictly be maintained at all times. Any action considered against the policies of our conference will result in strict action taken by the discretion on the Organisers.

We request all Delegates to carefully go through the policy and keep it in mind during the Conference to make the experience enjoyable for everyone.

Conference Policy



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Violence and Aggression Policy:

As we understand that this is an online platform for a conference, please keep in mind that delegates are prohibited from any form of misconduct during committee sessions, lobbying sessions or break sessions.

Forms of misconduct may include but not limited to:

- Use of Unparliamentary language during committee.
- Insulting a fellow Delegate/ Executive board member/ International Press Member/ Organising Committee Member/ Secretariat Member.
- Harsh behaviour towards delegates during committee sessions.

Violation of any of the above rules may result in verbal reprimanding, expulsion from committee session, expulsion from awards consideration, expulsion from the Conference or any other form of expulsion deemed fit by the Executive Board and Secretariat members.

Plagiarism Policy:

Plagiarism of any form is strictly prohibited through the course of the conference. All material submitted and presented must be unique and original, and any references picked up or statements quoted must be given due recognition and citations.

Delegates while quoting a fellow delegate or a person must mention in their statement the author of the original statement. References picked up from credible and reliable websites also need to be cited in the form 'Name of website, Name of the article if applicable, Name of the author' in order to maintain transparency.

Statements of the same accordant made with slight differences in verbatim will also be considered plagiarised.

All official documentation during the Committee must be unique and authentic, and plagiarism checkers will be run from time to time.

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Electronic Policy:

Although the Conference is based on an online platform and the Organising Committee will not be able to directly monitor the delegates, we encourage you to kindly refrain from using the Internet during Committee proceedings.

Use of the internet during unmoderated sessions and breaks is permitted, but during Committee sessions, unless the Executive Board allows so under special conditions, kindly refrain from using the Internet.

Awards Eligibility:

All delegates who participate in the Conference will receive Participation Certificates and be eligible for awards. Participation Certificates will not be awarded to delegates who miss more than one Committee Session.

Eligibility to awards depends upon not only participation during the Committee but also conduct and behaviour through the course of the Conference.

The Secretariat and Executive Board reserves the right to exclude any Delegate from consideration for awards if we deem them misfit for consideration.

Expulsion Policy:

The Secretariat reserves the right to expel any Delegate from the Committees or Conference on the grounds of their misconduct during Committee Sessions or any other reason we deem appropriate against actions by the Delegates.

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MUN POLICY

By attending Meridian MUN 2021 Organised by Meridian School Banjara Hills, you agree to all of the points mentioned above and take sole responsibility of all the risks and circumstances of your participation in the Conference.

You agree to abide by all the security rules and other rules specified by the Conference, and comply with the sole right of the Secretariat to reprimand you if necessary through the course of the Conference.

You agree to uphold the spirit of the Conference and ensure to conduct yourself in a polite and appropriate manner, and act in the best interest of the Committee.

You also agree to the non-refundable policy of the delegate fees and fully confirming the dates of the Conference, apply in accordance with your schedule.

Rules of Procedure and Guidelines

One of the most vital components of Model United Nations is the Rules of Procedure, or ROP.

Meridian MUN 2021 will be following the UNA-USA Rules of Procedure, and this delegate handbook is provided to equip you with all the necessary information to attend and debate during committee sessions.

However, please keep in mind that since the mode of the conference is now online, the Executive Board may alter the ROP according to committee proceedings and what they consider for the benefit of the committee.

We hope you find this guide useful!

Rules of Procedure and Guidelines

Start of Committee:

Dias (Chairs) begins with roll call.

Delegates may respond “present” or “present and voting”.

- When a delegate responds “Present”, it means that during procedural voting, they can either say “Yes”, “Yes with Rights”, “No”, “No with Rights” or they can abstain from voting. However, when a delegate responds “Present and Voting”, they cannot abstain from procedural voting.
- Once a delegate says “present”, they can change their stance to “Present and Voting” during the following committee sessions, but once they say “Present and Voting”, they cannot revert back to “Present”.
- Next, the Dias asks to hear any points or motions.
- If there are no points or motions on the floor, the Dias will recognise the next speaker on the Speakers’ List from the previous session.

General Speakers List

- In the first committee session, a delegate must motion to open the Speakers’ List.
 - During the first committee session, the agenda must also be set (choose topic 1 or 2)
- Speakers’ List:
- The Speakers’ List is the default format of committee, if there are no points or motions
 - A country may only appear on the list once at any given time
 - A delegate can be added by raising their placard when the Dias asks or by sending a note to the Dias
 - The speaking time will be set by the delegate who motions to open the Speakers’ List, but a delegate may motion to change the speaking time
 - If the Speakers’ List is exhausted and no other delegates wish to be added, committee moves immediately into voting procedure on any draft resolutions that have been introduced

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Yields:

- If there is still time remaining when a delegate concludes his or her speech, he or she must yield his or her time (to the Dias, to another delegate, or to questions, by saying either “I yield my time to ...”)
- Yielding to Dias ends the speech, yielding to another delegate allocates the remainder of the time to that delegate (the second delegate may not yield to a third delegate), and yielding to questions allows for feedback from other delegates.

Points and Motions:

Points:

- Points are tools for delegates to ask questions about committee and its proceedings, rather than the content of debate. Points do not require a vote. Points may be raised during caucuses, and some points may be used to interrupt a speaker.

There are four common points, as follow:

- Point of Parliamentary Inquiry - used to ask a question about parliamentary procedure.
- Point of Order - used when a delegate believes the Dias has made a procedural error.
- Format for raising: “The delegate of (your country) would like to raise a point of order on the delegate of (the person who made factual inaccuracy) where the delegate stated (quote)” the wrong statement” (unquote) tell the right statement.”
- However, please keep in mind that the Executive Board may alter the Rules of procedure keeping in mind the status and benefit of the committee.
- Point of Personal Privilege - used to express concerns about comfort such as the temperature of the room or the ability to hear a speaker.
- Point of Information - used to ask a clarifying question about the content of a speech or statement (only during the speakers list).
- Only a point of order and a point of personal privilege may be used to interrupt a speaker.

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Motions:

Delegates may only introduce motions while the Speakers' List is open and between speakers. Some motions require a two-thirds majority to pass, while other require a simple majority.

Moderated Caucus:

- When the Speakers' List is open, a delegate may introduce a motion for a moderated caucus, which is a less formal debate format to debate a specific subset of the topic
- No set speaking order; each new speaker is chosen after the previous speaker concludes
- A delegate may not yield her or his time; if delegate finishes early, move to next speaker
- Must have a set topic, duration, and speaking time (which will be voted on)

Format of raising a motion for moderated caucus: "The delegate of [country name] motions to move into a five minute moderated caucus with a 30 second individual speaking time on the topic [Topic XYZ]."

Unmoderated Caucus:

- When the Speakers' List is open, a delegate may introduce a motion for an unmoderated caucus, the least formal debate format
- Delegates may move around the room and speak freely to one another to draft resolutions
- Delegate may not leave the room without permission from the committee director

Format of raising a motion for an unmoderated caucus:

"The delegate of [country name] motions to move into a ten minute un-moderated caucus."

Rules of Procedure and Guidelines

Resolutions:

The first stage of resolutions is “working papers,” or the first draft of a resolution

- Working papers, like draft resolutions, require sponsors and signatories. Sponsors must submit working papers to the Dias for feedback.
- Committee discusses working papers and subsequently moves to creating draft resolutions.
- Draft resolutions should be improved and edited versions of working papers. Like working papers, they will be assigned numbers based on the order in which they were received by the Dias. When a working paper is ready to be introduced as a draft resolution, one of its sponsors may motion to introduce a new draft resolution.
- This motion is not voted on, but instead is at the discretion of the Dias.

At that point, the committee will be given time to read the resolutions. Then the sponsors will explain it and answer questions in a Q&A session. The Dias chooses the allotted time for each activity.

If delegates wish to improve a draft resolution, they may pass an amendment.

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Amendments:

- Amendments must first be written down with a sponsor and signatories. If all sponsors of the draft resolution agree that the amendment should be added, it is considered a “friendly amendment,” which means it can be added without debate.
- If at least one sponsor does not agree with the amendment, it is considered an “unfriendly amendment” and needs support from a majority of the committee
- After debate, delegates may move to enter voting procedure
- When entering voting procedure, four delegates can speak, two in favour and two against. If the motion passes, doors are closed and no delegates may enter or exit the room until all voting has been completed.
- Amendments are voted on first
- Each amendment is read, with one or two speakers for
- and against, and then voted upon
- During voting procedure, delegates may move to ask for each country’s vote individually (“roll-call vote”) or to vote on different parts or clauses of the resolution instead of all at once by dividing the question
- Delegates may not pass two draft resolutions that have conflicting clauses
- Once a draft resolution passes, it becomes a Resolution.

Rules of Procedure and Guidelines

Writing a Resolution:

Definition: A resolution is one very long sentence that describes how a committee will address the topic they've discussed. Resolutions include two types of clauses, called preambulatory clauses and operative clauses.

Preambulatory Clauses

- Preambulatory clauses setup the context of a resolution:
- They do not do anything; they serve to justify the actions taken later on in the resolution
- Not numbered and it ends in a comma rather than a semi-colon
- The Preambulatory phrase italicized, and calls for no specific action from countries

Operative Clauses

- Operative clauses are the main substance of a resolution:
- These are the clauses that actually do something (calls for one specific action)
- Clause is numbered, operative phrase is underlined, and ends with a semicolon
- Only the last clause in a resolution should end with a period
- Sub-clauses are indicated with a lower case letter, and sub-sub clauses are indicated with lowercase roman numerals
- There are no underlined words in sub or sub-subclauses
- Please note: most UN committees cannot call for binding action (only recommendations)
- Words like “requires,” “forces,” and “obligates” may not be used in operative clauses except for in committees that may pass binding resolutions, such as the UN Security Council Sponsors and Signatories
- Draft resolutions and working papers must have a certain number of sponsors and signatories.
- Sponsors are delegates who wrote the working paper, or whose ideas are substantially represented in the paper.
- Signatories are delegates who would like to see the working paper debated.
- Signatories need not agree with the content of the resolution they are signing, they must only agree that it is worthy of discussion.

Award Categories

Model United Nations provides an immeasurable amount of knowledge beyond the scope of classroom learning. However, one aspect of MUN that excites delegates the most is none other than the Awards! Winning your first Award in an MUN is always a magical feeling you can never forget.

Some of the common Categories of Awards that Delegates receive in our MUN every year are:

- **Best Delegate:** The Delegate who shows the very best performance in Committee receives Best Delegate. This Award is conferred to appreciate the Delegate for their relentless and key contribution to committee, giving direction to the committee as well as their leadership skills and role in bringing together the delegates as one.
- **High Commendation:** This Award is generally conferred on Delegates who show exceptional performance in the committee and without whom the committee could not have progressed.
- **Honourable Mention:** This Award is conferred upon Delegates for their immense effort towards the Committee Sessions, attention to detail and unique solutions proposed.
- **Special Mention:** This Award is conferred to Delegates for their unique contribution to committee in specific areas.
- **Verbal Mention:** As the Name says, this Award is Verbally conferred to Delegates to recognise their Debating Skills and Contribution to Committee

Note: These Award Categories are only common ones that are generally conferred but the final decision for awards lies at the sole discretion of the Executive Board.

Acknowledgement

We at Meridian MUN 2021 could not have put together this event without the vital and key role of many, to whom we extend our deepest gratitude.

- *Firstly, we would like to extend our sincerest gratitude towards our Vice Principal Ms. Rahat Rashed for always being our guiding force and supporting us in all the endeavours we choose to pursue. Your constant support always keeps us going and your advice and suggestions polish the fine tips of our work.*
- *From the bottom of our hearts we would like to thank our Faculty Advisors Ms. Rajatha Gora, Mr. N. Srinivas and Ms. Vijaya Ajay for their tireless and relentless effort, able guidance and all the days and nights they have spent with us in meetings and calls to make this MUN what it is today. We would not have been able to put together this conference without your encouragement, constant motivation and support.*
- *Lastly but most importantly we would like to thank all of our sponsors for venturing out to support Meridian MUN 2021 and the cause of spreading knowledge about today's global issues among the youth. We thank you for your support and hope you continue this journey with us in future editions as well.*

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Shaurya Tripathi



Shashank Siddhartha



Safaa Lakhani



Disha Agarwal



Nahyr Sehgal

Organising Committee



Ameya Bopparaju



K Shruthi Reddy



Siri Yadam



Disha Agarwal



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Participating Schools

We at Meridian MUN 2021 are proud to host schools from all over our country at our Model United Nations Conference 2021!

Bharatiya Vidya Bhavans
Bhavans Sri RamaKrishna Vidyalaya
CAL Public School
Chirec International School
Cornerstone School
DAV Public School
DDMS P Obul Reddy Public School
Glendale Academy
Hillside School
Indus International School
Kids Public School
Meridian School
Mount Carmel Global School
Narayana
Oakridge International School
Pallavi Model School
Pragathi Central School
Regelford International School
South City International School
Stepping Stones High School
The Future Kids School
The Global Edge School
Vikas- The Concept School

Rules of Procedure Training Session Schedule

SESSIONS FOR ALL DELEGATES BY SECRETARIAT:

2ND OCTOBER, 10-10:45 AM: SESSION FOR FIRST TIME DELEGATES

2ND OCTOBER, 11-11:45 AM: OVERVIEW OF MERIDIAN MUN

COMMITTEE WISE SESSIONS BY EXECUTIVE BOARD:

UNGA-DISEC: 2nd October, 3-4 PM

UNSC: 2nd October, 3-4 PM

LOK SABHA: 2nd October, 5-6 PM

WHO: 2nd October, 5-6 PM

UNICEF: 3rd October, 2-3 PM

CCPCJ: 3rd October, 3-4 PM

IP: 3rd October, 3-4 PM

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