

HARVARD MODEL UNITED NATION, HYDERABAD

Harvard Model United Nations conducted its seventh session from 12th August 2017 to 15th August at Hyderabad International Convention Centre. Three students from Class IX attended this four day conference and have been enriched with immense knowledge that will have a lifelong impact. At HMUN India 2017, students of high school got the opportunity to meet and interact with more than 1,200 high school students from more than 150 high schools and 13 countries around the world. This conference is designed to foster negotiation and public speaking skills, introduce students to a range of global challenges.

The United Nations is an international organization mainly formed to maintain peace among the countries in the world. Harvard Model United Nations is simply a simulation of UN.

This four-day conference starting from 12 August 2017 to 15 August 2017 focused on three main organs- The General Assembly, The Economic and Social Council and Specialized Agencies. The students of DAV Thane were a part of General Assembly in which they were assigned committees such as Special Political and Decolonization Committee, World Health Organisation and the Legal Committee. The participants, also called as delegates gained insight into the workings of the United Nations and the dynamics of international relations. Each delegate played the role of UN representatives of member states. DAV Thane students represented the country of Luxembourg which is in Europe.

HMUN India is an exciting opportunity for students to debate issues that confront world leaders and to draft resolutions in response to these global issues. Participants developed their abilities to work with others who are equally motivated and passionate about the topics of debate and to respond to global concerns.

HMUN India 2017 also organized the Leadership Forum in which eminent personalities like **Mrs.Shobana Kamineni, Dr. Poonam Gandhi, Mrs. Ulrike Reinhard, Mr Asim Parekh and Mr. Jason Lewis** shared their journeys and insights with the delegates and the faculty advisors. These speakers had powerful stories of compassion, perseverance and vision. The conference also had cultural events like HMUN India's Got Talent and the Delegate dance for the participants to showcase their talent.

On the whole, HMUN strives to foster a constructive forum for open dialogue on complex global issues, including international peace and security, and economic and social progress as well as enhancing skills such as public speaking, effective communication, negotiation and diplomacy.

