

DPGA- XENOCRATIC MUN

Everyone is probably aware of what happens in their surroundings and how an event affects one's livelihood. What about world events? Do we really understand how global events/decisions of world leaders affect us, our family, our society and nation? The answer – doubtful, since the chain of events that leads to major decisions are complex by nature because of various local/global changes – small as well as big.

Example: recently, the Turkish Lira had taken a plunge against the US Dollar as Donald Trump hiked tariffs on Turkish imports to United States. Why he did this? It was because the Turkish authorities had imprisoned Andrew Brunson, a US pastor, as they believed he had a hand in the failed military coup in Turkey, 2016. Events like these are important since, we can see it has cascading effect.

Today's youth needs to be aware of such happenings because it might affect their future. Also, they need to develop additional skills such as public speaking, problem solving and negotiation skills to survive in the present, ruthless world.

Keeping the above points, students of Dr. Pillai Global Academy hosted the Xenocratic Model United Nations-XMUN. It was a simulation of the actual United Nations Committee sessions where students, represented different nations as delegates, from a specific region allotted to them, and debated with others and arrived at a solution on issues concerning their region. Debaters were given a current world issues to discuss.

Two sessions were hosted - one for the juniors from grades 6 to 8 (Saturday, August 18, 2018) and the other for seniors form grades 9 to 12 (Saturday, August 25, 2018). The agenda for the juniors was 'Combating Illicit Wildlife Trade', while the seniors took 'The Yemeni Civil War' - a much more sensitive topic.

Both sessions, had arguments – counter-arguments posted across the table and many controversial points were brought up by all sides. The sessions were exciting and generated interesting solutions to the issues. The committees passed resolutions (two in the case for seniors).

The takeaways from these sessions, a model of the actual UN sessions, teach one how the world functions and how decisions are made every day which affect our lives, far off, behind our backs. It is necessary for students to grasp these lessons so that they are better equipped to face reality. Additionally, it is a great way to hone one's intra-personal skills – be it public speaking or negotiation.

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