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YOUNG LEADERS CONCLAVE

NEWSLETTER

*“...no nation is rich enough to pay for both  
war and civilization...”*

*then who must bear...*

THE COST  
OF WAR |

# YLC'17 OPENS

DAY 1

INAUGURAL SESSION

Day one opened with an engaging address by Ms. Meenakshi Sahni, Principal, Modern School, Vasant Vihar. She extended a warm welcome to the Fellows from various schools across the country, introduced the Facilitators - Ms. Agrima Bhasin and Mr. Pranab Mukherjee and familiarised all with the theme of the fifth edition of the Young Leaders Conclave - 'The Cost of War'

*"Change may not be perceptible, but these five days will prove to be gamechangers in the lives of the Fellows."*

Ms. Sahni said, "The current generation's perspective on war is very different from that of those who have actually experienced a war in their lifetimes." Giving a further insight into this, the Principal shared her experience of the 1971 Indo-Pak war. She said that we may be taking this peace and comfort for granted. In her concluding remarks she said, "Confidence is the most important thing we need in ourselves. Total silence can be very liberating or very intimidating, the choice is ours." The address left a terse message for all to ponder - we must rise to battle our fears.



# THE ICEBREAKER

DAY 1

ICEBREAKER SESSION

The Principal's speech was followed by an ice breaking session conducted by the Facilitator, Ms. Agrima Bhasin. This session jolted the auditorium into



action as the Fellows interacted with each other first assuming the role of disinterested acquaintances and then of long lost friends.

As a result of this interaction emerged the pivotal rule - YLC is not only a place where minds meet it

is a place where hearts meet - upon which were built the three other rules - YLC is a place of learning and collaboration, listening to each other and finally having fun and taking care of one another.

To put these rules to test the Fellows further engaged in an interactive session wherein they had to introduce their teams, their most annoying habits and the one thing that makes them come alive.



# THE TRUST WALK

DAY 1

*“Fall in a line, close your eyes and place your hands on the shoulders of the person in front of you.”*

Thus instructed the Facilitators as they led the Fellows on a ‘Trust Walk’.



The objective of the ‘Trust Walk’ was to summon confidence in situations that are not premeditated or rehearsed, as also to draw upon reserves of personal integrity and faith in own action.

# HOW

VIOLENT CAN NON VIOLENCE BE



Hand in hand...  
in step with peace



# TARGETED INQUISITIVENESS

DAY 2

INTERACTIVE SESSION

His Excellency Sir Dominic Asquith, British High Commissioner to the Republic of India, addressed the Fellows in the inaugural session of Day 2 of the Young Leaders Conclave. Eye opening insights were earned through this interactive session wherein the Fellows raised pertinent questions and His Excellency shared meaningful views.



*“Future wars will not be fought by humans, but by machines.”*

Sir Dominic Asquith identified the social fabric of a community, a state or a nation as the aspect that war inflicts the most damage on and also responded to wide ranging queries that skimmed themes affecting world politics.



An engaging activity involving the Fellows was conducted in which each group was asked to discuss the issues raised in narratives in the form of letters from countries caught in conflict.

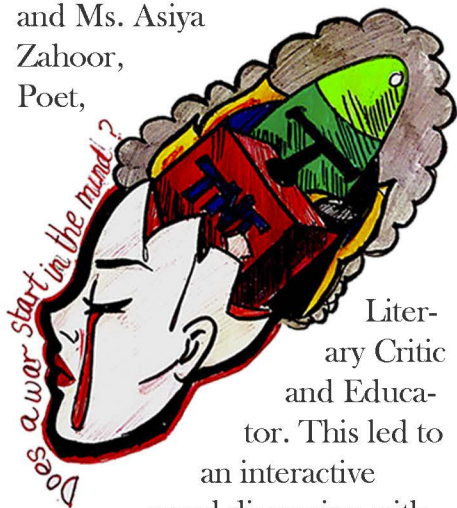


# DISCUSSING ETHICS

DAY 2

INTERACTIVE SESSION

The Facilitator, Mr. Pranab Mukherjee, detailed, explained and discussed *The Universal Declaration of Human Rights 1948* by Amnesty International, UK followed by talks by Ms. Amina Shervani, Women's Rights Activist and Ms. Asiya Zahoor, Poet,



Literary Critic and Educator. This led to an interactive panel discussion with the Fellows raising their concerns about the conflicts within India especially in the Kashmir region.



Ms. Asiya Zahoor



Ms. Amina Shervani





Composing a symphony as the Fellows march into a better tomorrow equipped with information, knowledge and experience.



# WARZONE DIARIES

DAY 3

AN ACTIVITY

The Fellows were assigned identities of government officials of Zedna - a country recovering from war and were asked to interact in groups to arrive at the best combination of departments to form a Ministry of Peace. The session concluded with each group discussing and analysing their respective ministries.



# DEFINING SECURITY

DAY 3

INTERACTIVE SESSION

The Fellows interacted with the Assistant Chief of Naval Staff, Rear Admiral Sanjay Jasjit Singh. He presented a talk detailing the might of the Indian Navy as well as its influence in the subcontinent.

*"The strong do what they can, the weak suffer what they must."*

Taking inputs from the audience, Admiral Singh constructed the definition of security and listed its various aspects. Further he prodded the Fellows into outlining the strategies with which war can be prevented. The Fellows came up with intelligent ideas such as 'Persuasion', 'Diplomatic Talks', 'Passive Aggression' and 'Compromise'. This was followed by a Q&A session, which found the Fellows at their best once again and posing intelligent questions as well as presenting relevant observations. Admiral Singh congratulated the school for the Young Leaders Conclave - an enterprising initiative to train and empower aspiring leaders.



# PERCEIVED REALITY

DAY 4

FIELD TRIP

To gain a deeper insight on war and its various aspects, the Fellows went on a field trip to the camps of the Rajputana Rifles Regimental Centre and the Central Vehicles Depot, Delhi Cantt. The Fellows were able to truly experience the other side of war by acquainting themselves with the physical and mental perspectives of the Javans. They familiarised themselves with the people and the machinery that constitutes the Indian army and this experience transported them from fantasy to a reality which the Javans face routinely. This field trip served adequately to broaden their comprehension of the idea of war in its totality.



# A BEFITTING CONCLUSION

DAY 5

FINAL SESSION

The concluding day of the Young Leaders Conclave coincided with the celebration of the 71st Independence Day of our great nation. An eminent and illustrious alumnus, Mr. Mukul Rohatgi, Senior Counsel and former Attorney General of India, presided as the Chief Guest. Also present were Mr. Ashok Pratap Singh, President, Board of Trustees, Modern Schools and Mr. Jagdeep S. Chhokar, Chairman, Managing Committee Modern School, Vasant Vihar, special dignitaries, guests, teachers, parents and students.



The celebration began with the unfurling of the tricolour in the school field followed by a cultural program in the auditorium that included dances, a



splendid orchestra performance and a melody presented by the Fellows.

Mr. Mukul Rohatgi urged the students to take leadership roles with seriousness of purpose and face challenges with determination. He also

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FINAL SESSION

encouraged the students to be tenacious, diligent and firm in the face of challenges and setbacks. He shared his fond memories of Modern School and credited the school for sculpting and directing him in his formative years.

Later, the Fellows were felicitated with certificates and congratulated for successfully completing the training intended by the Conclave.

But the truth is, the Young Leaders Conclave never ends. The thought-provoking discussions that took place during the event will resonate in the minds of the participating future leaders, until one day, one of the minds has its 'Eureka' moment, caused by these very discussions, and the world will change.



The mesmerising cultural show...



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