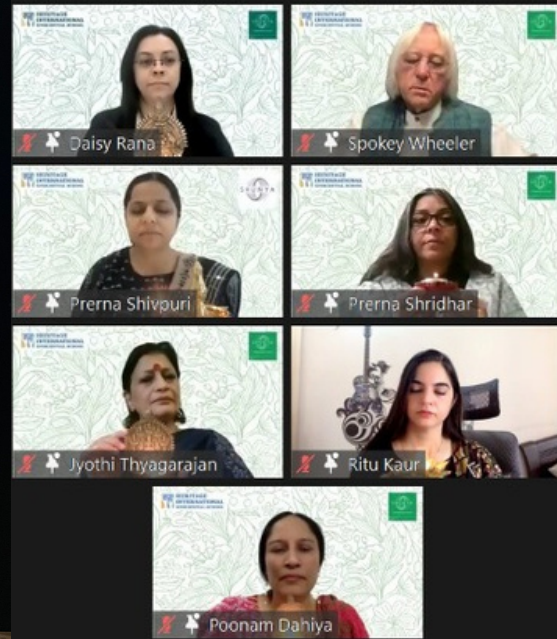


# The Shunya Chronicles

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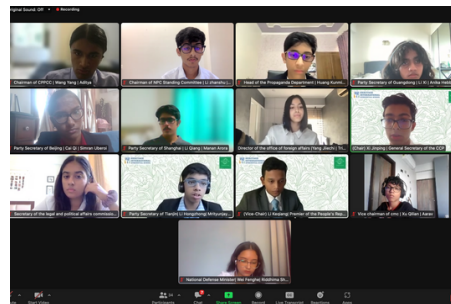


## HIXS MUN: The Chinese Communist Party Committee

At the end of the initial proceedings, Xi Jinping; the general secretary of the Chinese Communist Party expressed his disappointment at not being able to initiate a comprehensive plan with the esteemed members of the communist party as they proved incapable of providing a practical approach to the current climatic crisis faced by the Chinese denizens.

Amidst this discussion, it was extremely puzzling to observe their inability to assess the particular solution as a far-fetched and incomprehensive reality. However, later better solutions to the problem were prescribed, followed by a heated debate on whether solutions like building dams and desalination are contributory to the betterment of the environment or not. As the discussion progressed, broader ramifications were addressed on the policies and goals the bureaucrats envisioned in terms of the propaganda established. However, Xi Jinping's visible disappointment in the impotence of what he describes as 'the most powerful body in china' to solve the crisis as their goals isn't centred around the problems but over-generalized solutions. He decentralized the bureaucrat's attention to the country's lack of water recycling mechanisms and throwaway prices of water in the commercial industry as the reasons which are completely overstepped in the race to solve this crisis through an evidently faulty approach.

Thus, the proceedings of the Chinese Communist party ping-ponged between focusing on the solution and informal power politics.



## The beginning of the end of the Atlantic Treaty

The art of Model United Nations isn't one to be mastered fast, but the delegates of the AdHoc committee are determined to find a solution to an issue that is soon to arrive. Every second, we are closer to the expiration of the Atlantic Treaty.

As opening statements began, each delegate presented their view of what shall happen in 2049, in the aftermath of the expiration of the treaty. Numerous delegates shared their opinions, and many others contrasted. Many delegates urged countries to realize the importance of preserving the natural beauty of Antarctica.

At 1:21 pm the committee was presented with two crisis updates. One relating to the United Kingdom and the other relating to South Korea. The delegates notably scribbled down the updates, and it was made abundantly clear to these writers that each and every delegate in the session today was looking forward to collaborating and working with the crisis updates.

## THE OPENING CEREMONY

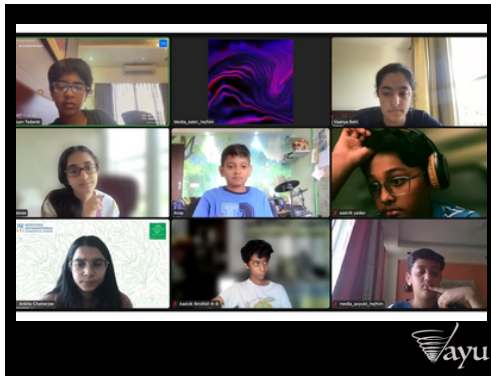
With over 500 students attending from schools around the country 'Shunya- The Beginning or the End' commenced with an auspicious lamp-lighting and a beautiful rendition of the Sarasvati Vandana to seek the blessings of Goddess Saraswati. After extending a warm welcome to the guests and all the participating schools, our acclaimed principal, Ms Daisy Rana, shared a few of her thoughts and briefed us about what the event was based around - climate change, and how we ought to step up and take responsibility.

The keynote speaker, Ms Jyoti Pandey Lavakare, an internationally famous journalist, author, clean air activist, and evangelist, gave us her insightful remarks that put this summit off to a victorious beginning.



Everyone present enjoyed the performances by the HIXS students as they sang, danced and powerfully recited poems based on the theme of climate change.

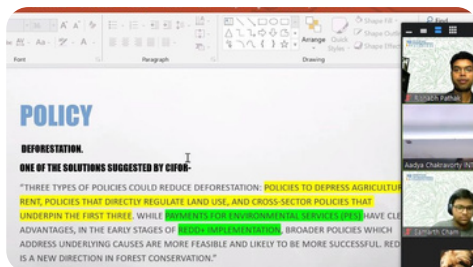
The hosts later presented the expert facilitators who would later join us in each activity to make them memorable and motivating. The lively opening ceremony was concluded by sharing the event itinerary for the following three days.



## Vayu - The Theater Event

The theatre event Vayu will culminate on the 30th of September with a compilation of clips highlighting the theme, of climate change. There was a vast array of participants of different ages and backgrounds in separate breakout rooms. This highlighted the importance of an individual perspective on this global issue. Each breakout room decided on the tone of their sketch, ranging from comedy to drama, to a scientific approach. Drawing inspiration from the resources available on the internet, using the deep pool of their prior knowledge, and the diverse nature of the participants acted as an advantage. They added layers of technicality, emotion and practicality to their acts.

### INQUISITI N



## Inquisition: Day 1

On Day 1 of the Summit, the participants of the Panel Discussion started by getting familiar with the topic of scope insensitivity AKA scope neglect. They were firstly clubbed together in groups with people of the same roles, where they researched and discussed a few guiding questions. We then had 2 sets of panel discussions. The initial one acted as a stage for everyone, whilst we nominated certain people who had an exemplary performance to participate in the second-panel discussion.

## The Countdown's exhilarating day

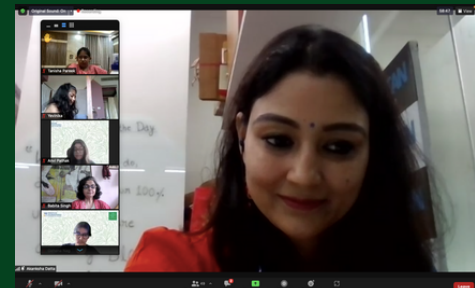
Ms Saumya brushed up on basic language enhancers such as the use of eloquent diction and syntax and elaborated on the stylistic choices to keep in mind while creating a slam poem. Taking the students through the power of literary devices such as imagery, alliteration, simile and metaphor, Ms Saumya shed immense light on the backbones of textual literature while also allowing students to write short poems or rhymes. She concluded the talk with a graceful Q&A session wherein she gave her expert insights on stage presence, the difference between recitals and slam poetry and working as a future slam poet. The guest talk was followed by a crisp but informative video on stage presence, an integral part of any slam poetry performance. After a quick break for lunch, the participants were formally introduced to the masterminds behind the event along with the teachers who supported them. They were also given a sneak peek of Day 2's activities, which included the 3 cornerstone sessions that emit the essence of 'The Countdown' and their respective work and deadlines.

## The UNEP's promising start

The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) started with an opinion-based speech about addressing the climate crisis in the year 2040 and they were questioned by other delegates about the same. Next was a discussion on how they can make their country more sustainable and how they are working towards it. The delegates were also given a document which was secured with a password. Soon after, they were given a crisis update written in Bulgarian, which gave a hint about the password. The delegate of Germany was able to crack the password. Some delegates thought that Bulgaria was the one who sent this document, as the update was written in Bulgarian. After the document was opened, the delegates were able to see a map which showed a prediction of where an earthquake and cyclone could happen (the Andaman Islands and an island on the Sulu Sea) and a message written in Indonesian which said - "Beware, friends, danger awaits the end of mankind". Now or never. The delegates then discussed the validity of the message. Most delegates agreed on analysing the situation and then questioning if this is really from Bulgaria or if someone is trying to frame it. The UNEP session is surely going to be promising tomorrow if it continues in this direction.

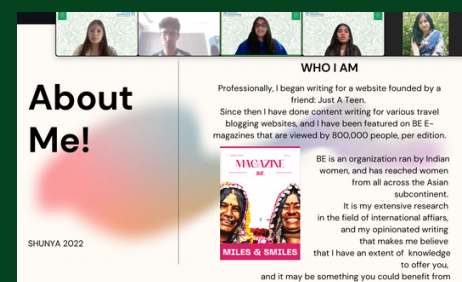
## SUKRITI

The art event, Sukriti, set off with an introduction and icebreaker; familiarizing the participants with one another, their team facilitators and the agenda for the day. Following the break, we began with our first activity 'Avenir', in which, using the prompts assigned, participants had to explore and showcase its consequences through the lens of photography, sketch, poster etc. After establishing the severity and urgency of climate change, we conducted a game called 'Photo Reorder' during which participants had to juggle around with photos, with the final goal of creating a story. Soon after, our expert Ms Akanksha Dutta joined us to give a talk on the art of constructing an engaging story. Using her exciting narratives and examples, we culminated our day with our final activity for the day, 'Be the Change'. Taking her guidance to paper, participants began creating their own short stories on the current situation and possible consequences of climate change.



## ADONIS

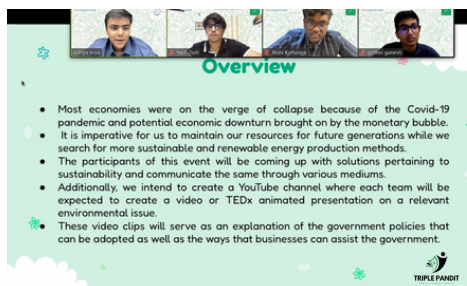
The Journalism event, "Adonis", began with a briefing session for the participants, exploring the separate types of articles that they had to write throughout the day. Following this, student experts Aarushi and Saachi, with professional experience in journalism expanded on the idea of being a journalist and its importance in today's world with relevance to climate change. With the knowledge they received, the participants dispersed and took the lead as journalists themselves, recording and articulating the events of every part of the summit, formatting it into a reflective article which will be posted in the daily gazette to be shared with everyone at the end of each day!





## Triple Pandit

On Day 1 of the Summit, Triple Pandit conducted an activity extremely relevant to the theme; of climate change. The students were divided into groups and went into breakout rooms and were each allocated a large organization like Coca-Cola, Walmart, Amazon, Exxon Mobil, and Samsung. The task at hand was to analyze how environmentally friendly the company is and find solutions the company can implement into their work practices. The teams were to analyze the company considering its environmental and economic aspects. After spending time researching, having fruitful discussions, and creating a presentation in their breakout rooms, the students were asked to present in the main room. Firstly, went team Amazon, did an in-depth analysis of the company.



## Tweak

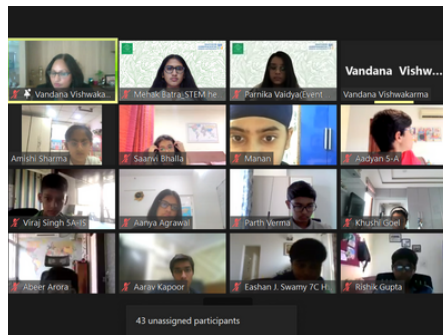
Tweak, the STEM event aimed to show the students the severity of climate change in today's world, and urge them to explore various ways to combat the pressing issue of global warming.

On day 1, all three of the subdivisions began with expert talks as an introduction to the topic. Dr Vinod Chacko was the expert for one of the senior events. He demonstrated methods that can make a building smart. He explained how smart devices such as motion-detector lights and fans are not the only way to make a building more sustainable. By using renewable energy resources such as solar panels and thermophotovoltaic cells, the consumption of energy produced by fossil fuels can be reduced. Simply changing the structure and layout of a building can also make it more efficient. A specific layout can allow natural light to enter and also allow natural cooling because of the direction of the wind. This learning helped the students greatly when working on their projects. Mrs Vandana Vishwakarma focused on the striking effects that climate change has had on people. Videos containing alarming statistics on methane and carbon dioxide concentration had an impact on the students as their surprise was evident through their comments and expressions. An introduction to geoengineering was provided for the junior event, and she gave a brief and appropriate start to their work. After the expert talks, the students played an icebreaker activity to get comfortable around their teammates.

They talked about what the company had done for the environment in the past year. Also, team Amazon talked about how the company will achieve its next target. Afterwards, the audience's feedback was sought. The audience gave their views on the solutions provided, and if they were impactful enough or not. Then, we saw presentations from Coca-Cola, Walmart, Exxon Mobil and Samsung. They also talked about their company's revenue and expenses, and solutions on how to reduce their carbon footprint. It was evident that the participants thought outside the box, and came up with innovative and unique solutions. For instance, team Netflix suggested that the company could use a different coding program to reduce their carbon emissions. All in all, day 1 of Triple Pandit was a huge success.

## SEL- Kudrat

The SEL event explored the effects of climate change on humans at an emotional level. One aspect of their exploration isolated the effect of water scarcity in locations as close as Telangana, diving into the loss of a crucial part of human life, depriving people of activities which we take for granted. On the other hand, the flooding of Kedarnath was viewed due to its devastating consequences, the displacement of 5000 homes and their inhabitants and the melting of 3 kilometres of the Gangotri glaciers. To follow unnatural human intervention, unethical construction was looked at objectively. Due to methods of cost-cutting, the construction industry contributes to 23% of air pollution, 50% of worldwide climate change, 40% of water pollution and 50% of landfill waste.



The seniors from grades 8-11 were divided into two separate topics: Building planning and City planning. The students who worked on building planning were asked to focus on making a building smart. One particular group also created a 3D model of their solutions which they will be further working on tomorrow. The students working on city planning were given 5 major sources: Agriculture, Electricity Production, Forestry, Industry and Transport. They were given the liberty to choose 1-2 of these sources and evaluate them w.r.t any two cities in the world. Their task was to find solutions to reduce their respective source's contribution to climate change, while simultaneously evaluating the solution's feasibility.

## An ode to climate change

*Sohana Luthra, HIXS*

Mid July and its snowing  
Whos to blame but us,  
ourselves,  
Slowly ruining our planet.

Animals going extinct,  
Deforestation being normalised,  
Animals been taken out of their  
habitats!

How,  
How could we have let this  
happen?  
How are we still letting it happen?



## Vocals of the Mutants

*Gauri portrays the failure of democracy in the proceedings of the Chinese Communist party in the context of the Yinying protests*

At dawn, the invisible men march  
through the cracks  
into their mysterious disappearance.

Persecuted, Exiled and Jailed;  
Has her advent in modernity failed?

Those who are vocal on the barren  
lands,  
Are mute to those who snatch from  
their hands.

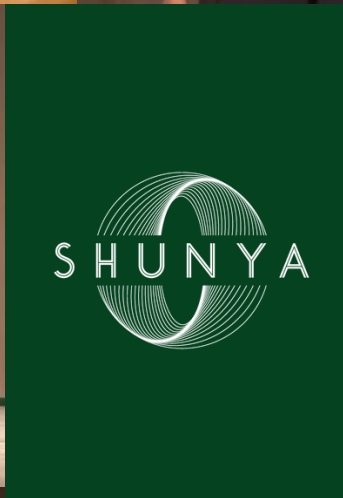
They toil for liberation,  
distant in their lands.  
The silhouette of detainment, put up  
to vote

Free and fair is the guise of their  
authoritarian tote.

Faith in her keeps raging in agony.  
As her enemies plan against her a  
mutiny.



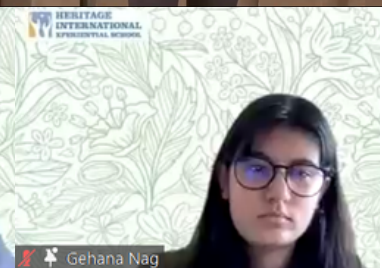
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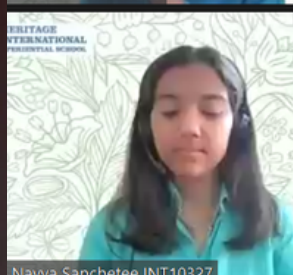
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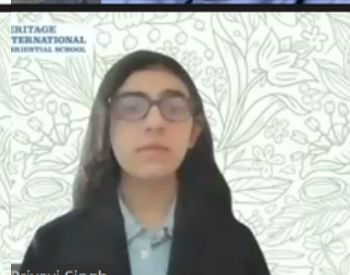
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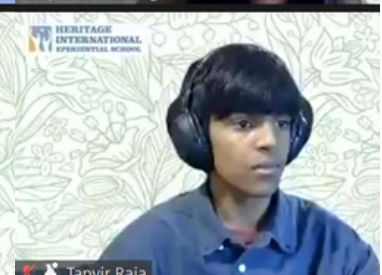
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