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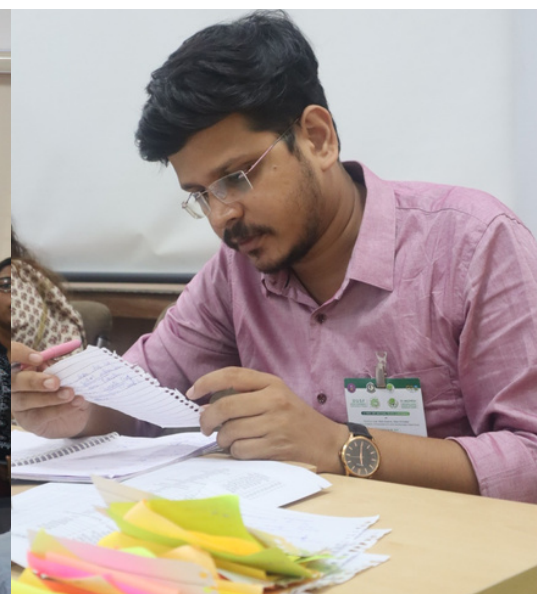
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The second day of the Harithkram Model United Nations Environment Assembly (H-MUNEA '23) commenced with the Roll Call, followed by a dynamic 10-minute Unmoderated Caucus. During this session, the delegate of Arab States took the floor, presenting valuable suggestions on the given issue. After the end of the Unmoderated Caucus, the Executive Board smoothly transitioned the delegates into a Moderated Caucus. There were 3 agendas that were discussed in the assembly for the day. **Climate Adaptation and Resilience** was the first agenda that was put forward by the delegate of Sweden. It garnered by overwhelming support and was swiftly passed by the majority of the house.

A pivotal moment arose with the formation of a speakers' list, allowing the delegates to articulate their stances on the motion. The assembly, pulsating with energy and determination, continued its deliberations, addressing the other two key Agendas focusing on **Circular Economy and Waste Management and Green Finance and Accountability in Climate Agreement**, both of which steered the discussions towards a meaningful resolution.



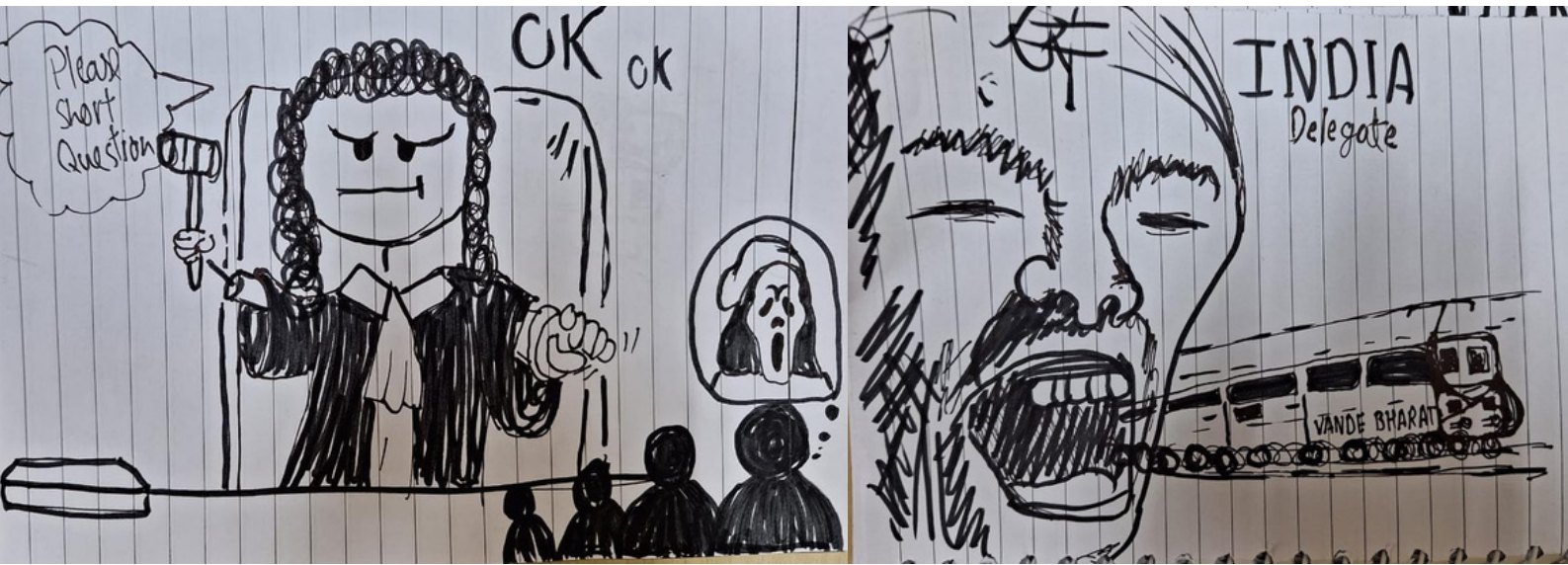
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IMPORTANT POINTS AND SUGGESTIONS RAISED IN THE 3 AGENDAS:

- The delegate of South Korea made a pertinent observation: “We the leaders of the world should step up our efforts for the overall development of the earth (pay more for eco-pool), as the world is not only about us,” thereby being assertive about how combined efforts could play a key role towards Climate Adaptation.
- India also remained on the same page by speaking about collaborative efforts with Germany to improve coastal resilience against natural disasters. Along with it, the delegate also mentioned about changes in lifestyle choices that could make an impact - giving examples of Mission LiFE.
- The delegate of Arab States talked about their implementation of several policies, thereby stressing on the importance of having an institution of legal framework for the same; also adopting local approaches like Fog harvesting and building revolving community funds.
- Most delegates emphasized on organic farming and repurposing of organic waste in the context of a Circular Economy. However, Pakistan’s representative highlighted the need for developing the REDD+ framework (Reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation in developing countries).

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- While the delegate of the World Bank claimed that “Circular Economy can cut down global carbon emission by almost 39%,” the delegate of Denmark brought in a detailed explanation of the Circular Economy by briefing the assembly about Assimilating Capacity through Harvest like technology and behavioural change for consumers.
- To enhance transparency and accountability, delegates suggested the promotion of green bonds by both public and private enterprises, simultaneously building consensus on the fact that levying tax as a mode of punishment (Carbon Tax) or incentivising tax for better private interplay could be beneficial.
- The delegate of Sweden apprised the assembly of their sustainable waste management practices, such as their policy of using 52% waste of their country to generate electricity.
- Pollution was a primary concern for the delegates, who proposed and resonated with practices in line with their respective treaties.
- While delegates presented a plethora of ideas on various agendas, the central issue on agenda 3 was the Transparency and Accountability in the Loss and Damage Finance Facility (LDFF). This topic ignited several debates between developing and developed countries, energizing the discussion.

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The result of the delegates' combined efforts was framed into a well-written resolution that perfectly summarised their discussions. The delegates demonstrated their commitment to identifying sustainable solutions and addressing pressing environmental concerns on what proved to be a very productive day. Their dedication to promoting a more sustainable and resilient future was clear in their high-spirited discussions.

With mutual consensus, the agreed upon solutions in the resolution were passed with a full majority in the house, thereby making the H-MUNEA '23 a successful forum for insightful discussions and significant decision-making. The draft resolution passed by the committee was read by the Executive Director before the closing of the sixth Harithkram model UNEA session by Dr. Sumit Sharma, Program Officer from UNEP - INDIA.

The day concluded with the "Mission LiFE" pledge, where all present committed to fighting climate change and championing sustainable living, recognizing that even the smallest actions can make a difference.

