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Peeking into the Curves of Progress and challenges

- Tanuj Khandelwal

From January 2016 came into effect the Sustainable Development Goals laid down by the United Nations. Such goals were structured keeping in view the challenges in future and progress in the present. The question pertains whether or not the rate of progress is equitable to the rage of destruction.

While the SDGs have 169 targets to be achieved, the challenges and progress made by the countries with regards to achieving them still is a major call. Where countries like Ireland did make use of garbage to produce energy, so much so that now the garbage itself has to be imported, countries like the USA are facing and causing severe problems with disposal of its excess waste. From the geography of states to funding, population, national policies, and international relations, the countries have been calling for aid to meet the targets of the goals together. Also, countries across the globe did come up for help. However, enmity in international relations and cross-border issues are creating gaps in unity for uniform development.

With different borders creating different barriers and with the views of countries like UAE stating that "what is being produced is also being used and not wasted", and South Korea stating " Green growth agenda must be followed", it is clear that hands have to be held to come to measures that unify the progress.



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There's More!

Meanwhile during lunch...

A: I am Hungary.

B: May be you should Czech the fridge...

A: I'm Russian to the kitchen.

B: Is there any Turkey?

A: We have some, but it's covered with a layer of Greece.

B: Ew, there is Norway you can eat that.

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HMUNEA'17

Closing Session

Dr. Suchismita Mukhopadhyay

Associate Director, Climate Change and Energy, WWF-India

The closing ceremony of HMUNEA'17 began with the benign words of the Chief Guest Dr. Suchismita Mukhopadhyay (Associate Director, Climate Change and Energy, WWF-India). She emphasized on the two-way cause-effect relationship between cities and climatic changes, stating that cities are economies in themselves and problems like the unmanaged waste, natural resources, overexploitation, population density etc. must be taken care of. Through her presentation, she summarised possible and practical countermeasures to make cities a part of solutions addressing mobility, waste generation management. " Little things from small cities make them big", is what she had to say in order to recognise the progressing efforts that contribute immensely. Ending her words, she urged the youth to make a difference in the development through cities. "The youth can really make a difference- we have a lot to learn from you", she concluded.

The ceremony ended with awards given to those who outdid themselves in this edition of HMUNEA'17. The Delegate of India won Best Delegate followed by the Delegate of Netherlands who bagged the position of Best Book Delegation. Australia and Nigeria bagged well-deserved honourable mentions. Lastly, the Best Press Coverage award went to Tanuj Khandelwal, winning by close margins.

The ceremony ended with the promise of a new tomorrow, a better world, and an added zeal of enthusiasm amongst the delegates.





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