

The International Relations Club

[2022-2023]



Annual Club Report

The academic year of 2022-2023 for the International Relations Club commenced with Senior Executive interviews. Applications were opened on 2 July 2022. We received 13 applications. Interviews were scheduled between 11th and 13th July 2022. Regarding interviews, only 12 applicants showed up except Samruddhi Srivastava . The interviews of Eeshita Saxena, Vanshika Singhal, Mitali Agle, Arisha Mohsin & Artha Anil were rescheduled due to scheduling conflicts. Following the interviews, a written assignment of 200 words on the Resignation of Sri Lankan President: Gotabaya Rajapaksa was expected to be submitted by 18 July 2022. Written assignments were only submitted by Sanjna Sen, Yamini Yadav, Sanvi Barjatya, Urmila Udhalikar, Anezka Saraogi, Radhika Agrawal, Arisha Mohsin, Artha Anil, Vanshika Singhal & Mitali Agle. Taking into account interview performances as well the written assignment, Anezka Saraogi, Artha Anil, Arisha Mohsin, Sanjna Sen & Mitali Agle were selected as Executives. They were added into the respective WhatsApp groups on 20 July 2022. The club opened membership registrations in hybrid mode from 25 July 2022 till 28 July 2022, of which the IRC Core team conducted registrations offline in the Canteen Extension on the 27th and 28th of July.

Documentary Screening On- 'Can UN Keep The Peace?'

Our first event of the year, a short documentary - 'Can UN Keep The Peace?' produced by the Bureau for International Reporting was conducted on 5th August 2022 from 1:30pm-2:30pm in Room 30. It was followed by a discussion on the UN's funding, UNSC decisions, and limitations faced by the UN were discussed. On 12 August 2022, IRC made its first impression on the FY students during the Glimpses orientation, where a trailer-style video was presented followed by a small speech and introduction of the current team by Secretary Meghna Nair in the Sophia Bhabha Hall. In addition to that, the Club opened Membership registrations for the second time between 22nd to 25th August 2022 to students in the Canteen Extension. In addition to these, minor developments included assisting the CUC in Teacher's Day celebrations that took place on 5th September 2022 in the Multipurpose Hall.



In the month of September, Junior Executive applications were rolled out [14th September 2022], for which offline interviews were conducted on 15th and 16th September 2022 from 12:00 pm to 2:30 pm in Room 5. Across the two days, we interviewed 6 FY students, namely- Shriya Ray, Anushka Rawat, Fizraa Wani, Khansa Ibrahim, Aaliya Bukhary, and Paridhi Dwivedi. Post interview, they were asked to send any short form content they have written in the past to assess their editorial skill. Based on the interviews and content sent by the candidates; Shriya Ray, Aaliya Bukhary, and Fizraa Wani were announced as Junior Executives on 18 September 2022. The Club conducted its last membership drive of the academic year from 21st till 24th September 2022 in hybrid mode, of which the newly complete team carried out offline registrations on 21st and 22nd September in the Multipurpose Hall. With that, our Membership count stood at 147.

Nature Club X IRC- Workshop on Climate Change

The month ended with an event with the Nature Club for an online workshop on Climate Change, in collaboration with ClimateScience, a global non-profit organisation. The workshop took place on 30th September 2022 at 6:30pm on Zoom. The event also had a poster making competition, for which the speakers provided data sets that interested participants can use to produce creative visualisations before October 4th 2022. The NGO awarded the best 2 entries with certificates out of 5 entries, which was displayed on the Nature Club and IRC boards.



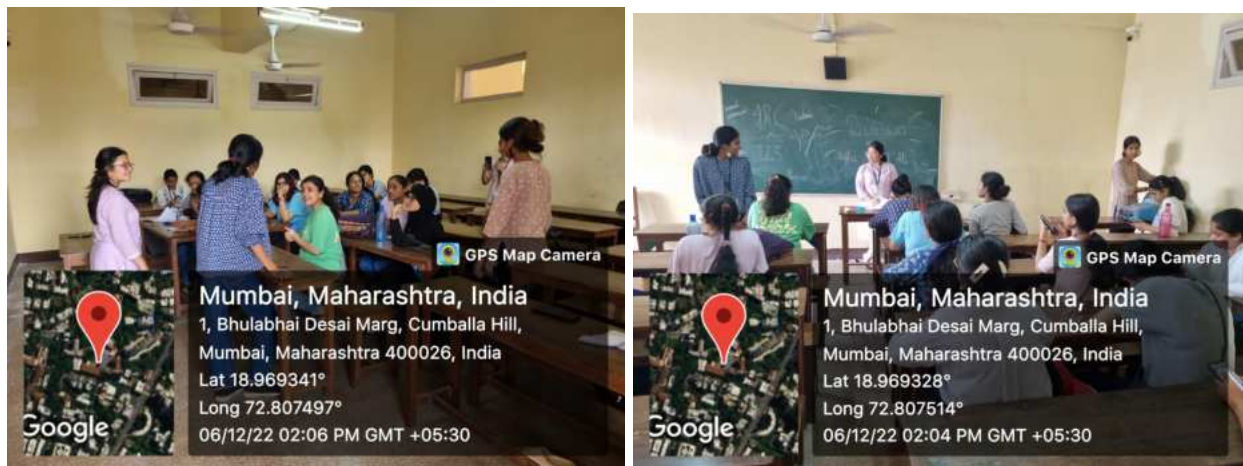
IRC X MUNSOPHICAL- Open Forum Debate

The month of October was predominantly inactive for the club owing to the SY and TY Semester End Exams (SEE) that were scheduled across 2 weeks. However, the Junior Executives utilised this time to acquaint themselves with the Club's Google Drive and social media campaigns. Majority of November was utilised in the planning and execution of a Debate Style Event in collaboration with MUNSOPHICAL. The event was an Open Forum Debate where participating teams picked 2 topics at random from a box on the spot. Participants were divided into Team Pro and Team Con post registrations. The topics picked were "Does the British Monarchy hold any significance in the contemporary world?" and "Is the current world order Unipolar or Multipolar?". It was conducted on 29th November 2022 from 2:00pm-3:30pm in the AV/F Room.



IRC X ELS: Discussion on the Poems Of Agha Shahid Ali

On 6 December 2022, IRC and ELS hosted “ A Discussion On The Poems Of Agha Shahid Ali”, from 2:00pm-3:30pm in Room 9. The event was an analysis on 3 poems excerpted from the collection “A Country Without A Post Office”, namely ‘A Footnote To History’, ‘A Country Without A Post Office’, and ‘Farewell’. The theme of the discussion was the impact of the political atmosphere in the Kashmir Valley on the people, especially from the perspective of Kashmiris, like Agha Shahid Ali himself. The rest of the month was relatively inactive for the club due to the Junior Executives’ unavailability owing to Semester End Exams. However, the team worked hard during the Christmas break to conceptualise and finalise the Club’s flagship event.



Vivaad: Piracy in the Contemporary World and Talk on "History and Future Of Indian Politics"
In January, the team started the year by juggling the execution of 2 events. First was a discussion based event- “Vivaad: 100% Unadulterated Discourse- Piracy in the Contemporary World”, that was hosted on 17th January 2023 from 1:30pm-2:30pm in Room 5. The event was a discussion on modern day piracy, looking specifically at how piracy proliferated as a consequence of the Somali Civil War. Preliminary reading was sent on the Event Whatsapp Group for the participants to research prior to the event. The second event was the most awaited one of the year- IRC’s flagship Event. It was “A Talk on the “History And Future of Indian Politics”, conducted on 28th January 2023 from 1:30pm-2:30pm in the Convention Centre. The event was a discussion on changing intellectual currents in India, which was presented by the speaker- Mr. Vikrant Pande, a member of the Department of Political Science at Ramnarain Ruia College. This was IRC’s only capital-intensive event in the whole academic year. The event saw a total of 107 audience members, which filled the majority of the venue and was also the highest offline turnout for the Club this year.

In addition to this, application for the position of Club Secretary [2023-2024] was rolled out on 17th January 2023, the deadline for which was 25th January 2023. Applicants were expected to

send across their resume, available marksheets, statement of purpose and agendas for the forthcoming year. The applicants for the same were Shriya Ray, Arisha Mohsin, Sanjna Sen, and Krishna Singh. Interviews were conducted with the Student Body President 2022-23 and 2023-24 [Aditi Gupta and Shreya Singh] and Cultural Secretary 2022-23 and 2023-24 [Mihika Hajela and Ishani Sen] on 13th February 2023 in Room 10. However, only 3 applicants, except Shriya Ray attended the interview. Post interview, the Core and IRC Secretary agreed to grant candidature to Sanjna Sen and Arisha Mohsin.

IRC X SSRI- Hijab Row: A Year In Review

IRC had its last event of the academic year on 10th February 2023 from 1:30pm- 2:30pm in Room 9. This was a collaboration with SSRI, titled “Hijab Row: A Year In Review”, and was a discussion to analyse the political and social environment triggered by the hijab row in the Indian, Iranian, and French context.





Campaigning for the position of Club Secretary took place offline and online on 16th and 17th February 2023, after which 18th February 2023 was observed as Silence Day, where no campaigning took place. Voting was done on 19th February 2023. Sanjna Sen was declared as elected Club Secretary 2023-24 on 21st February 2023, owing to the majority votes of confidence she received.
