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Event Report

1. **Name of the Organizing / Department:** Vivekananda School of Economics
2. **Type of Activity/Event:** Sankaran 2025, Annual Academic Fest of VSE
3. **Title of Activity/Event:** Pros and Conference 3.0
4. **Date:** Thursday, 24th April 2025
5. **Venue:** Executive Room, Block A
6. **Name of the Guest(s)/ Speaker(s):** N/A
7. **Faculty Co-ordinator(s):** Dr. Isha Jaswal, Dr. Sachin Gupta, Ms. Soumya Mahajan, Dr. Sonika Redhu, Ms. Priya Jindal
8. **Student Co-ordinator(s):** Harsh Kalkal, Anushka Mahajan

Event Flyer:



Report of the Event:

On 24th April 2025, Arthvidya, the academic society of the Vivekananda School of Economics, organized Pros and Conferences 3.0 as part of its annual academic fest, Sankaran'25, in the Executive Room, Block A. The competition comprised an online preliminary round, which was article writing, and an in-person final round at VIPS-TC.

Pros and Conferences 3.0 preliminary round was conducted online, hosted by Aadya Dhawan and Isha Pathak. Participants had 2 days to write a 500-word article analyzing the case study, "The Arctic Military Stand-Off: Scientific Research or Strategic Occupation?" In this case study, participants were asked to discuss the growing tensions between Russia and Canada over the militarization of the Arctic region from India's point of view.

The 500-word article to be submitted had to include the following parameters: Root Cause, an analysis of the historical, political, economic, and social factors underlying the issue; Optimal Solution, a well-reasoned and practical response to balance humanitarian, economic, and diplomatic considerations. Global Perspective, knowledge of the perspectives of other significant countries on the same matter. India's Position: A concise explanation of India's stance on the matter mentioned in the case study, based on its strategic interests and foreign policy.

More than 40 teams competed in the preliminary round, from colleges like DU, demonstrating their proficiency in thoroughly and clearly explaining their perspectives and evaluating complex problems. 14 teams from the preliminary round advanced to the finals.

The final round of Pros and Conferences 3.0, hosted by Vidhu Razdan and Jiya Jain, was held on April 24th, 2025, in the Executive Room at VIPS-TC. The topic of the finals round was "Finding the Balance in Sanctions: Diplomacy or Economic Warfare?"

Global Economic Sanction Forum (GESF) was a hypothetical committee designed specifically for the competition, aimed at navigating difficult geopolitical realities by assessing, negotiating, and responding to international concerns. Delegates in the final round represented sovereign nations within the GESF, categorized into Sanctioned nations, Sanctioning nations, and Middle Ground nations. The format was designed to mimic a multilateral forum. There were four key segments to the forum: Segment 1 - The Opening Statement: Each team gave a 1.5-minute speech summarizing the stance of the country they were allocated to on economic sanctions. Segment 2 - The Concordance: Delegates had to give offerings from their nations in return for favorable changes in sanctions for 2 minutes. This was then followed by a cross-questioning round for 1 minute. Segment 3 - The Negotiations: An unmoderated caucus that permits unrestricted alliance building, deal-making, and negotiating without the involvement of any moderators. This segment carried with it 10 minutes. Segment 4 - The Reflection: Teams gave a 1.5-minute concluding remarks detailing the agreements made and the changes in their nations' position.

Participants were evaluated based on the following: Quality of Content, which assessed the depth of their argument and the significance of supporting evidence; Clarity of Thought, which focused on logical construction of their argumentation and critical thinking; Fluency and Accuracy, confidence and accurate depiction of geopolitical realities; Creativity, recognized innovative and original strategies proposed.

The final round was judged by the panel of esteemed judges: Dr. Avantika Raina, Associate Professor at the Vivekananda School of Business Studies; Ms. Priya Jindal, Assistant Professor at the Vivekananda

School of Economics; and Dr. Sonika Redhu, Assistant Professor at the Vivekananda School of Economics.

The first position was awarded to the delegates of Syria, Rachit Kumar Patel and Kanishk Sahi from VIPS, pursuing BA. LLB. The position of the first runners-up was given to the delegates of Russia, Sidh Gogia and Trijal Gupta from VIPS, pursuing BA. Economics (H). The position of the second runners-up was tied between the delegates of India, Raghav Gupta and Anushka Madan from Keshav Mahavidyalaya pursuing BMS, and delegates of the United Kingdom. Kirthana Nair and Sanyam Kumar from VIPS pursuing BBA. The event encouraged students to research, think critically, speak confidently, and understand global issues through discussion and debate.

Photographs:



Rules of the competition being explained to the delegates



Glimpse of debate round between delegates during Segment 2.



Delegates of Australia giving their remarks in the first round of the competition.