

DELHI GLOBAL CONCERN (CHAIR)

1. I have been a part of Delhi GC since grade 9, just this year I was elected as the co-chair with my friend Aryaman Arya. Our GC aims to provide educational opportunities to the marginalised and underprivileged women in Delhi. We have worked in close communion with the organization Prayatn and have in the past helped provide funds to construct a new school as well as supply materials such as pens and pencils to the students. I think being part of Delhi GC has taught me two important things, gratitude and leadership. Aryaman and I visited Prayatn not long ago when I was in Delhi. For me it was an eye opening experience seeing the deplorable conditions these children live in and their lack of access to any form of education. I remember interacting with students and Aryaman and I had brought them some snacks and pencils and other equipment. For something so small like a new pencil or even a used eraser, these children were ecstatic, for them it was like a pencil of gold, they cherished it. That particular day taught me the importance of gratitude in my life, as to how lucky I was that I had the opportunity to study in an international school in Singapore. I would not even think twice if I ever lost a pencil or an eraser in school, but for these children it was different. All they wanted was an opportunity to learn and excel. Whenever I feel my motivation wane towards something or I feel frustrated, I think back to those children and instantly I feel grateful and more driven.
 - ii) Assuming the position of chair for the GC was a massive responsibility and brought with it great excitement as well as a number of challenges. As a GC we participated in a number of events to raise funds for Prayatn, such as UN night and Holi Run. As chair it was my job to coordinate and organize everything for these events. My role ranges from replying and sending emails, coordinating shifts, buying and organizing materials, dispersing funding and running sessions. I am assisted by my co-chair and the other sub heads of the GC. Leadership has been very important, I think inspiring and keeping members motivated has been an interesting challenge and that is where I have used my skills of speaking from debate to address members in meetings and remind them of the cause we are working towards. For UN night our GC aimed to sell indian snacks in an attempt to raise funds. I myself was taking part in a dance and would be juggling between performances and manning the stall with my members. I feel although it was hard and difficult at first, after raising the money that we did, we all felt a sense of satisfaction towards the end of the night. UN night taught me the importance of persistence as well as teamwork.
 - ii) It is important to recognize all the work and the hours and the panning that goes behind one event. The indian GC cohort had organized the Holi run, as a festive way to have fun, and raise money for a good cause. Delhi GC was involved in registration, I was personally tasked with leading the registration and logistics team. From this event I learnt about the importance of planning and organization. We ran many sessions where all the members of various GCs pooled their ideas and discussed the panning and running of the event. Organization played a key role for us being prepared on the day and for the successful running of the event. This took many hours and a lot of hard work but paid off in the end, when the event ran beautifully. Delhi GC was proud to be a part of the Holi Run event. Overall as a GC chair, one can hope not to feel overwhelmed initially by the challenges, but it is through persistence, groundwork and the support of team members that I have been able to take this role. With school closure, we are no longer able to meet in person and take part in events to raise money, we have just recently disbursed funds to Prayatn and we remain in contact with them to help in any way we can in these uncertain times.