

# **Background Guide IPC**

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## **LETTERS FROM THE EXECUTIVE BOARD:**

### **DIRECTOR:**

As Michelangelo once said, "The greater danger for most of us lies not in setting our aim too high and falling short; but in setting our aim too low and achieving our mark." Here at JYC 2022, I implore each and everyone to be stars -: be it in terms of fiery speeches, compendious articles or creative illustrations and videos.

A very warm greeting everyone, I am Vinisha Barala and I take delight in telling you that I will be the Director for IPC this year. I am currently in 12th grade pursuing humanities with psychology. I have always been a very generative person and writing articles and poems on windy days is my safe haven. Also, I take immense joy in reading novels (history, ancient mythologies and colonial period books being my treasured genre) and poems (Robert Frost being my favorite poet). Besides this, being a state level badminton Player, I also adore the outdoors and traveling and recording the experiences in my journal gives me immense pleasure. I have been into Muns for the past six years and have gained a lot of knowledge and insight on varied topics. I came to uncover press committees late in my journey but it has become my forte since I discovered it. I welcome you all to IPC, a committee which will look forward to your ingenious write-ups and your spontaneity in different situations.

Signing in  
Vinisha Barala  
Director IPC

## VICE DIRECTOR:

Dear Delegates,

Hello and welcome to the 2022 Jodhamal Youth Conclave (JYC) and to the International Press Corps. My name is Shambhavi Garg and I will be your 2022 IPC Vice-Chair. I originally belong to Dehradun but am currently residing in Jammu. If you ever want to make conversation with me, talk about Dan Brown, ANY tv show, Joji, Billie Eilish or (again) ANY movie. I'm a cinephile and I do not understand people who are not. Just to get it out-there, I do not engage in conversations about Korea or K-pop or anything "K". I am so excited to meet all of you and cannot wait to see what you all bring to committee!

If this is your first MUN, a personal piece of advice I'd like to give you is that no matter what happens, put yourself out there. Point out dirty politics, help the underprivileged to voice out and go crazy on those you try to suppress you. Remember that you have the power of media and press and that you represent a whole ethnicity of people rather than an individual. I believe what me and Vinisha (Chair IPC) would like to see is honesty, passion and a wee little bit of competition in JYC this year.

I am so eager to hear your ideas, policies, and solutions for our topics. *Libertatem Per Press*. Press is not only extremely relevant to global conversations happening today, but ones which touch vast populations of every country. Today's modern times ask for multi-pronged, creative, and innovative ideas in order to address respective political, social, and economic contexts. Our goal for this committee is to create an atmosphere where everyone can learn through collaboration and showcase their research and passions for such nuanced issues. I hope this background guide will be helpful in guiding your understanding of the issues and I am anticipating seeing fruitful debate.

Go total Hunger Games for the trophy delegates!

Signing In  
Shambhavi Garg  
Vice Chairperson IPC

## RAPPORTEUR:

Dear Delegates,

Greetings to you all. It is my absolute pleasure to welcome you to the Jodhamal Youth Conclave (JYC) 2022 and this thrilling committee the International Press Corps. My name is Daania and I have been appointed as the Rapporteur for the 2022 IPC committee. I am incredibly excited to meet you all and would love to see you getting ready for this unparalleled delegate experience in and out of the committee room!

I firmly believe that the IPC committee offers delegates an enriching educational experience - - an opportunity to tackle the most challenging and complex international and national topics from the past and present.

In the twenty-first century, the press is a powerful force. This is the stronghold of strength and influence. It can make a common man and hero a hero of a common man. Let those who try to overshadow you see the young and invoking journalist! Wish you all the very best.

With warm regards

Daania Butt

Rapporteur IPC

## **Committee overview:**

Press Corps at the JYC has the responsibility of producing solid quality journalistic work that fits into the requirements of the media industry today, and that at the same time serves as a trustworthy source of information for delegates and Staff in other committees. When we talk about journalistic formats, there is an old saying that goes “In journalism and in war, all is fair”. Ok, maybe not exactly like that, but it is the principle that we will follow. Delegates will be encouraged to work in every format possible, be it written journalism, radio, video, photography and/or social media management. Since the journalistic world is pretty much unpredictable, do not expect to get a play by play of how this committee will go. Just as the world is pretty much unpredictable, do not expect to get played.

## **Reporting:**

The most vital part that a journalist plays for the International Press is to do formal Reporting. Journalists are the bridge between the committee and the other people. They are required to paint the important discussions and happenings of the committees in the form of the articles they submit at the end of the day. A good report should eloquent, concise, substantive and opinionated. The journalist must observe the committees, take notes and ask questions during the interviews to make their articles informative and discussive. The news should be a depiction of true events and should not show signs of plagiarism, the news report should be able to give an essence of occurrences to someone who has not personally witnessed it.

The points to be kept in mind while writing the report:

1. The articles should be short, crisp and informative. The reports should not exceed 250-300 words.
2. The journalist must write their own opinion and reasoned about what happened in the committee. But, must also keep in mind the bias of their news agency.
3. The report must be well-formatted and should follow the below structure-  
The opening paragraph  
Two informative paragraphs about the committee  
The closing paragraph.
4. The report should have a suitable tagline and a by line.  
Eg- The Crisis Post  
(By Shambhavi Garg)
5. The journalists should keep a strict check on alignment, spellings and punctuation.

## Beat Reporting:

The conference has various points, discussions and arguments, it is not possible for a journalist to report everything. The prime focus of the journalist should not be quantity but quality. The journalist must put in interesting and relevant information in their reports. The best possible way to do so is the write a ‘beat-based article’

For a beat report, the journalist must be able to fetch the center of agenda. He/She/They must write this specialized article where the whole of their article is related to the main agenda. They should be able to represent concise but informative news. They would be able to capture this through your experience and alertness in the committee.

More About Beat- Reporting :

[https://www.researchgate.net/publication/332078682\\_Beat\\_Journalism\\_and\\_Reporting](https://www.researchgate.net/publication/332078682_Beat_Journalism_and_Reporting).

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## Opinionated Editorial (op-ed):

*What is meant by the term ‘opinion editorial’?*

<https://www.thebalancesmb.com/oped-what-is-it-and-how-to-write-it-1360714>

## Interviews:

The journalists of the IPC, are responsible to report important parts of the Conference to the public. Interviews help a journalist create exquisite reports with the help of the opinions of the delegates. Interviews should be short and conveyable. Additionally the journalists can ask their questions to the delegates through chits. Chits are a substantive piece of document used for asking questions.

## Format For Chits:

*Via Executive Board*

*To: (the delegate you want to ask question)*

*From: IP (Name of News Agency)*

*POINT OF INFORMATION*

## Things to be kept in mind interviewing:

*Research:* the journalist must research and have a fair knowledge about the agenda in the committee. He/She/They must also have their knowledge about the ROP and the code of conduct.

*Questions :* frame questions based upon your research and the happenings of the committees. Make your questions short and crisp. It is not necessary that all of your questions are entertained.

*Key Elements of a great interview :* Don't start with the questions instantly. Have a conversation to establish a friendlier environment Don't make the delegate you are interviewing uncomfortable. Keep your interviews as natural as possible. Don't waste your time and the delegate's time. At the end of the interview, ask your delegate about any closing statements or points that weren't talked about. These interviews can be recorded by the permission of the source. If he/she/ they disagree, write down some important points that were mentioned during the interview session

*Submission Deadline:* adhering to the deadline should be the utmost priority of each and every delegate, it stands as one of the most important parts of the press. Delegates must understand that following the deadline will impact the chain of events which may cause some trouble. The delegates would be informed about the deadlines in the briefing sessions itself.

*Format:* The delegates must follow proper format while submitting their articles. The articles or opinions must be in the following manner: The name of your article and then your name separated by a hyphen. Each article must have a title. The title stand is the most important part of the article. It would be the deciding factor whether the article should be read or not. The delegates must spend proper time on making the articles and deciding a title with a creative mind.

*By lines:* A byline is something that is often ignored by delegates but it can stand as a deciding factor of whether the article is worth a read or not. After the name of the article and your name a small byline which may even be used to add humor or a touch of suspense to the article can lead to huge benefit for the delegates.

*Originality:* The delegates must be strictly aware that there would be a plagiarism check on each article so they must Make sure the article is original and has not been copied from anywhere. Plagiarism may lead to negative marking and a complete disqualification of the article written. Please make sure the articles you research about are only used as an inspiration and not plagiarized.

## Code of Conduct:

The International Press committee is a committee of exclusive nature and has characteristics of its own. Therefore, to ensure proper functioning and uniformity in the conference and the committee, there are certain policies and regulations dedicated to only International Press delegates: Reporters are expected to

be respectful and polite to every delegate, staff member, and conference executive. When in committee, reporters should not cause any sort of disruption. If a reporter wishes to interview a certain delegate or member of the Executive Board, they are to communicate with the person and arrange a time for the interview, which can only be conducted during lobbying sessions or breaks. However, if urgent, a reporter may confer with the person via notes and conduct the interview outside the committee room during the session, so long as it does not inhibit participation.

At times, reporters may not be permitted to enter committee rooms. The International Press delegates are to follow the rules set by the Executive Boards of respective committees, and no violation of them will be tolerated. The International Press Executive Board will specify and elaborate upon the committees to be covered and times to enter their rooms at time of allotments.

Reporters are advised to carry an active cell phone at all times. This is so that in case the Executive Board calls for an emergency meeting or is taking up delegates for a press conference, the Board is able to directly communicate with the reporters in an easier, faster way. However, reporters are to avoid using cell phones inside committees. Reporters are forbidden from calling and texting inside committee rooms. A recording device may be carried by reporters. The International Press of the JYC has a strict plagiarism policy.

No act of plagiarism of material from any online, tangible, or literary source will be tolerated. Any content caught indulging in this will be frowned upon, and its author will be subjected to negative marking. Originality is the key to successful reporting. Creativity, originality, and uniqueness are always applauded and encouraged. Do not indulge in any form of reporting which has your personal likes or dislikes for a person/country/religion. Do not write any reports without adequate knowledge; make sure your reports are accurate. One should remember the fact they are representing a news outlet. One is not required to write word by word on the proceedings of the committee session. Choose a specific topic or any instance during the committee and elaborate on it. News reports are always brief and to the point. Do not stray away from the core of the article and stick to the mentioned word limit. Always write News Reports in third person and in the past tense. News report or any other form of writing should be unbiased, and any personal feelings should not affect the reports.

Make sure to avoid using flowery and complicated language because the articles' main aim is to inform, and not to impress others by your language skills. Use complimentary and attractive titles for the articles. Columns are articles which may include certain opinions. But they have to be to the point and crisp. Don't put opinions which may hurt or disrespect a person, or a country. Select an interviewee who you think is smart and witty, or informative, or someone who has something important to say. One can interview delegates as well as EB Members. In an interview, make sure to introduce yourself to the respondent and note down everything the respondent has mentioned throughout the interview. In an interview, make sure you ask questions which are relevant. Proof-read articles before submission so that they are well written, with no grammatical errors. This will make the work of editors a little less burdened. Submit the materials in accordance with the deadline. It is suggested that one should go through the background guides of the other 5 committees, or at least read materials that revolve around the agendas which will be discussed. One has to be in the character of a reporter and should not deviate from the truth.