SIESGST MUN 2021

BACKGROUND

"Peace is not absence of conflict, it is the ability to handle conflict by peaceful means." This quote by Ronald Reagan captures the essence of SIES GST MUN.

SIESGST Model United Nations India is a two-day international relations conference for college students held annually at SIES Graduate School of Technology, Nerul since 2015. Currently in its seventh iteration, SIESGST MUN offers delegates the chance to discuss pressing global issues and challenge them to take on new perspectives; enabling them to become the world leaders of the future. It is an exciting opportunity for students to debate issues and to draft resolutions in response to various issues worldwide.

The Literary Team is an integral part of SIES Graduate School of Technology's Students' Council and the larger GST Community. It aims to promote reading, creative writing, oratory skills and an interest in the vast world of literature amongst the members of our college community. The team plays an active role in the life of a student at GST, with an expanding repertoire of workshops, seminars and activities conducted every academic year.

Committees

AI for Good Summit

The AI for Good summit is the leading United Nations platform for dialogue on AI. It identifies practical applications of AI and supporting strategies to improve the quality and sustainability of life on our planet and formulates strategies to ensure trusted, safe and inclusive development of AI technologies and equitable access to their benefits.

As the UN specialized agency for information and communication technologies, ITU is well placed to guide AI innovation towards the achievement of the UN Sustainable Development Goals. We are providing a neutral close quotation mark platform for international dialogue aimed at building a common understanding of the capabilities of emerging AI technologies.

- Houlin Zhao, Secretary General of ITU

The Committee Agenda

(Single delegation)

Advancing Human Rights and Development through Artificial Intelligence.

Introducing the EB

Dhruv Thakker

Chairperson

Dhruv is an aspiring lawyer. Having his fair share of experience in both the Bangalore and the Mumbai circuit he has attended over 50 Model UNs both as a delegate and as an executive board member. This Executive Board member has experience in almost all types of committees namely, UNSC, DISEC, Crisis, UNHRC, Lok Sabha, and ECOSOC. He believes that Model UNs are all about the experience and the knowledge gained. Apart from attending Model UNs, you can find him at various literary events. He is a huge fan of Game of Thrones and the MCU.
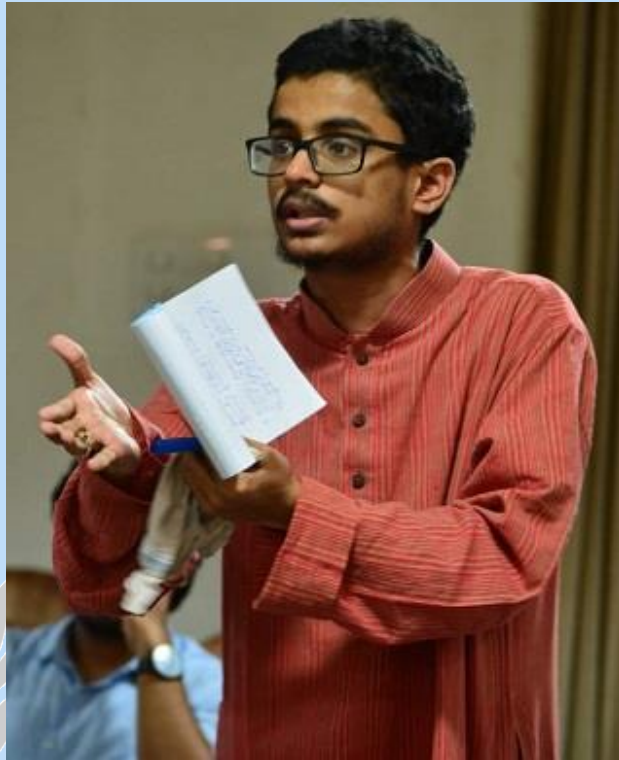
SOCHUM

The Social, Cultural and Humanitarian Committee (SOCHUM) is the third committee of the United Nations General Assembly. The Committee also discusses questions relating to the advancement of women, the protection of children, indigenous issues, the treatment of refugees, the promotion of fundamental freedoms through the elimination of racism and racial discrimination, and the right to self- determination. The Committee also addresses important social development questions such as issues related to youth, family, ageing, and persons with disabilities, crime prevention, criminal justice, and international drug control.

The Committee Agenda

(Single delegation)

To discuss upon the social, cultural and humanitarian issues involved in treatment of prisoners of War.

Introducing the EB

Vignesh Narayan

External Advisor and Chairperson

Vignesh Narayanan is currently pursuing law from Dr DY Patil College of Law Mumbai. Vignesh Narayanan is one of the most friendly and encouraging personalities you will ever come across .He possesses unparalleled experience in the MUN sector as a delegate, executive board member and an organizing committee member in various conferences in Mumbai and South India .Hence it is fair to say Vignesh has probably and quite literally seen it all. He is very passionate about international relations .Plato's famous quote "He who wishes to serve his country must not only have the power to think but the will to act "is what motivates him.

Nipa Dharod

Vice Chairperson

A relatively new comer to Bombay MUN Circuit, Nipa Dharod is a third year law student pursuing the BLS LLB course from SVKM's Pravin Gandhi College of Law and is an alumni of SVKM's NM College of Commerce and Economics. She aspires to be a Criminal Litigation Lawyer and is considerably inclined towards Constitutional Law. She is currently serving as the Head of Department of Logistics and Hospitality at PCGT NYP, 21, along with serving in different capacities in different festivals and events. She has won several MUN's, Youth Parliaments and other competitions. She has also authored various research articles on various topics.

The Ministry of Education

The Ministry of Education (MoE), formerly the Ministry of Human Resource Development, is a Ministry responsible for the implementation of the National Policy on Education. The Ministry is further divided into two departments: the Department of School Education and Literacy, which deals with primary, secondary and higher secondary education, adult education and literacy, and the Department of Higher Education, which deals with university level education, technical education, scholarships, etc.

The Committee Agenda

(Single delegation)

Discussion over the National Education Policy 2020: with special emphasis on creation of a legislative framework.

Introducing the EB

Drasti Jain

Moderator

Drasti Jain is a 3rd year Law student at Government Law College, Mumbai. The first time she actually did an MUN was in the 5th grade, when her Social Studies teacher made them simulate the UN to better learn about the organisation and as a young student that had a huge impact on her. She learnt that we can actually make a change and being aware of the problem is the first step towards coming to a solution, and that is exactly the kind of opportunity MUNs provide us with, which she hopes will be replicated here. She welcomes all the delegates and wishes them good luck for the conference!

Aditya Trivedi

Deputy Moderator

Aditya is a second year student of law at Government Law College, Mumbai. Being an exception to the usual saying, he is a jack and master of all. His attention to detail and perfection in execution makes him bring nothing but solutions to the table. Do not confuse his jovial face for innocence, he has a lot of eccentricities behind his smile!

FAQs

1. What is Model United Nation (MUN)?

The United Nations are an international body comprising of representatives from different countries to deal with the problems of our world. A MUN is a platform for the students to experience the task of being a delegate representing their allotted country to tackle the agenda of the committee.

2. What are the benefits of registering for the SIESGST MUN?

SIESGST MUN presents you with an opportunity to overcome any fears of public speaking and showcase your prowess over the current happenings around the globe. It provides you with a platform to learn and grow in the art of diplomacy and negotiation.

3. What skills will I need to participate?

As a delegate it is important to have done proper research on the committee. You could improve your confidence by practicing in front of a small audience.

4. What do I need to prepare?

Researching is the first and most important step in preparing for a conference. Not only is it necessary to have a grasp on information about the country you are

representing and its position on the policies being discussed, it is also important to understand the UN body that your committee is representing.

5. What should I research about the Committee?

It is very important to have researched the purpose, power, membership and procedure of the committee.

6. Will I be required to present a Position Paper at the start of the conference?

Yes, it is recommended that a position paper be prepared for the conference. Before attending a conference, it is necessary to have a clear understanding about the workings of your country, as well as its position on the issues that are being discussed. Position papers should contain your country's relation to the topic, as well as its suggestions for how to solve the issues discussed.

7. What are the tips to perform well in an MUN as a first timer?

The first step is to have to done proper research on the agenda, which you could note down in a notebook for reference. Frame your points and speeches in such a way that it highlights the issues that matter the most to your country or your position. Speeches that try to cover too many ideas at the same time are incoherent, hence focus on one idea at a time. Most importantly, do not get

nervous. Ask questions if you do not understand something.

8. What should I wear?

Since you will be representing your country at an International platform, the dress code will be strictly formal attire. Abiding by the UN convention, you can also wear the national attire of the country you are representing.

9. What is the code of conduct during a MUN?

The language spoken/written should always be respectful. No foul language or aggressive behaviour will be accepted. The contestants need to be courteous and polite towards other teams and moderators. No use of photos, videos or audios will be allowed unless approved by the chairperson in advance.

10. Who all can participate?

Students pursuing their bachelor's degree in any field, recently graduated or students who are in their F.Y.J.C/S.Y.J.C can participate. Age limit of the participants is 25 years. It is compulsory to bring you college ID on the day of the event.

11. What are the advantages of a two day conference?

A two day conference will help the delegates to have vast discussions, resolve issues with proper solutions and come to a fulfilling conclusion.

12. What is the role of AI for Good Summit in the UN?

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13. What kind of issues are addressed by SOCHUM in the UN?

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14. What is the Ministry of Education?

The Ministry of Education (MoE), formerly the Ministry of Human Resource Development, is a Ministry responsible for the implementation of the National Policy on Education.

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