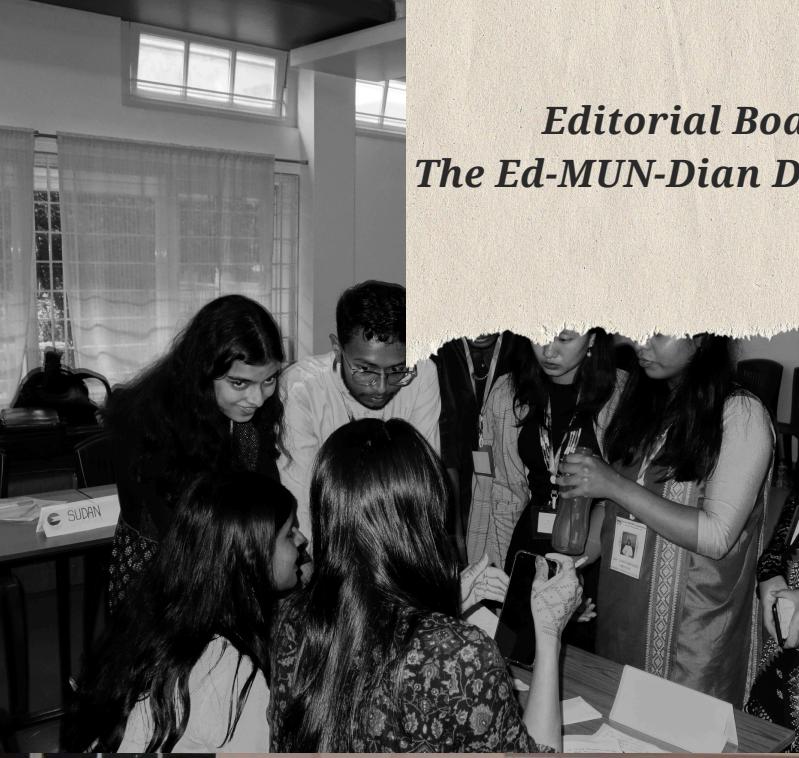


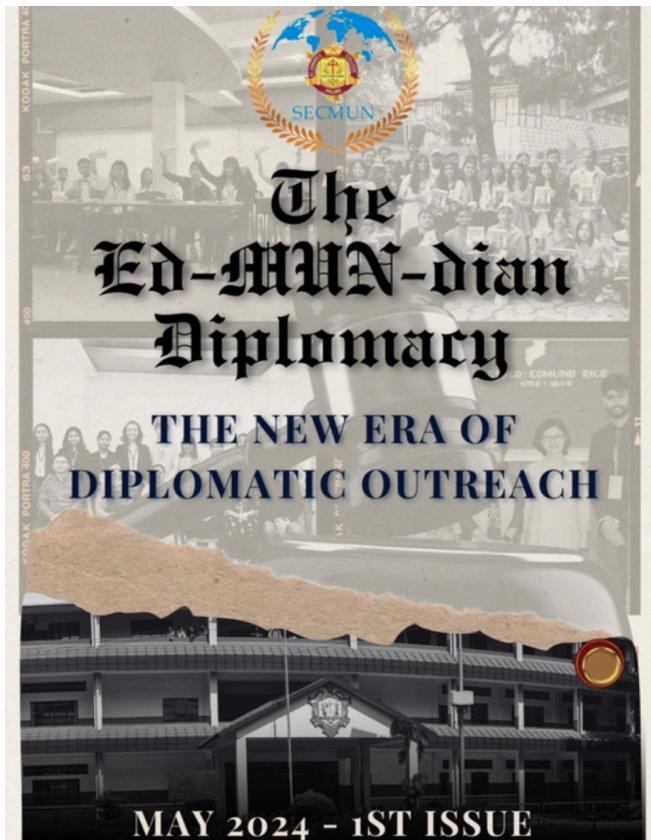


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MESSAGE FROM THE EDITORIAL TEAM

DEAR ESTEEMED MEMBERS,

WE ARE THRILLED TO ANNOUNCE THE RELEASE OF THE INAUGURAL EDITION OF "THE ED-MUN-DIAN DIPLOMACY" MAGAZINE, COMMEMORATING A DECADE OF EXCELLENCE IN DIPLOMACY AND DISCOURSE WITHIN OUR ESTEEMED CLUB.

AS WE CELEBRATE THIS SIGNIFICANT MILESTONE, WE REFLECT ON THE JOURNEY THAT HAS BROUGHT US TOGETHER, UNITED BY OUR PASSION FOR MODEL UNITED NATIONS (MUN) SIMULATIONS AND THE PURSUIT OF GLOBAL UNDERSTANDING.

WITHIN THE PAGES OF THIS HISTORIC EDITION, YOU WILL FIND CAPTIVATING ARTICLES THAT ENCAPSULATE THE SPIRIT OF OUR CLUB, FROM INSIGHTFUL ANALYSES OF PAST CONFERENCES TO HEARTFELT REFLECTIONS ON THE TRANSFORMATIVE POWER OF DIPLOMACY. WE ALSO PAY TRIBUTE TO THE VISIONARY LEADERS, DEDICATED MEMBERS, AND INSPIRING MOMENTS THAT HAVE SHAPED OUR COLLECTIVE EXPERIENCE OVER THE YEARS.

IN ADDITION TO CELEBRATING OUR PAST ACHIEVEMENTS, THIS SPECIAL EDITION SETS THE STAGE FOR THE NEXT CHAPTER IN OUR CLUB'S JOURNEY. AS WE LOOK AHEAD TO THE FUTURE OF "THE ED-MUN-DIAN DIPLOMACY", WE REAFFIRM OUR COMMITMENT TO FOSTERING A CULTURE OF COLLABORATION, INCLUSIVITY, AND EXCELLENCE IN ALL THAT WE DO.

WE EXTEND OUR HEARTFELT GRATITUDE TO EACH AND EVERY MEMBER WHO HAS CONTRIBUTED TO OUR CLUB'S SUCCESS, WHETHER THROUGH THEIR PARTICIPATION IN CONFERENCES, THEIR INSIGHTFUL CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR DISCUSSIONS, OR THEIR UNWAVERING SUPPORT OF OUR SHARED MISSION.

TOGETHER, LET US CONTINUE TO UPHOLD THE VALUES OF DIPLOMACY, DIALOGUE, AND MUTUAL RESPECT THAT DEFINE OUR CLUB AND PROPEL US TOWARD EVEN GREATER HEIGHTS IN THE YEARS TO COME.

WITH SINCERE APPRECIATION,
RAJ THAPA
EDITORIAL TEAM
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MESSAGE

MIGHTY CONGRATULATIONS TO THE SECMUN FOR NOT MERELY ORGANIZING THE UPCOMING MEET IN ST. EDMUND'S COLLEGE, BUT FOR THE WORK TO PUBLISH ITS MAGAZINE.

IT BRINGS IMMENSE PRIDE TO SEE THE STUDENTS ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN THIS POWERFUL LEARNING EXPERIENCE. MODEL UN NOT ONLY FOSTERS A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF GLOBAL ISSUES BUT ALSO HONES A REMARKABLE SET OF SKILLS THAT WILL SERVE YOU WELL BEYOND THE CONFERENCE HALLS.

THROUGH YOUR PARTICIPATION, YOU HAVE SHARPENED YOUR PROBLEM-SOLVING SKILLS AND CRITICAL THINKING ABILITIES. YOU HAVE LEARNED TO NAVIGATE COMPLEX SITUATIONS, CRAFT COMPELLING ARGUMENTS, AND BUILD CONSENSUS THROUGH DIPLOMACY AND NEGOTIATION. THESE ARE INVALUABLE SKILLS, NOT JUST FOR FUTURE CAREERS IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OR LAW, BUT FOR THRIVING IN ANY FIELD.

REMEMBER, THE WORLD CRAVES EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATORS, EMPATHETIC LISTENERS, AND PASSIONATE ADVOCATES. YOU ARE DEVELOPING THESE VERY TOOLS WITHIN THIS VERY FRAMEWORK. DO NOT LET THESE TALENTS REMAIN CONFINED TO CONFERENCES. SHARE THEM! EDUCATE YOUR PEERS ON PRESSING GLOBAL ISSUES. ADVOCATE FOR CHANGE AND REMEMBER, THAT EVEN THE SMALLEST SPARK OF ACTION CAN IGNITE POSITIVE TRANSFORMATION.

THIS COLLEGE IS FORTUNATE TO HAVE A GROUP OF SUCH DEDICATED AND TALENTED TEACHERS AND STUDENTS COMMITTED TO MAKING A DIFFERENCE. KEEP STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE AND REMEMBER, THE POWER TO SHAPE A BETTER FUTURE LIES WITHIN YOU.

WE TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SALUTE ALL THE MEMBERS OF SECMUN, ESPECIALLY THE EDITORIAL BOARD FOR THIS INITIATIVE AND LOOK FORWARD TO THE PUBLICATION.

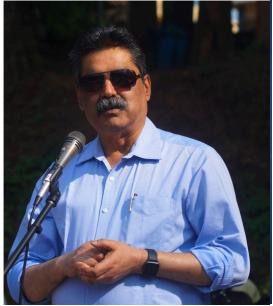
WISHING THE ENTIRE TEAM THE VERY BEST,

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MESSAGE

SECMUN OR ST. EDMUND'S COLLEGE MODEL UNITED NATIONS HAS BEEN A COMPARATIVELY NEW ADDITION TO THE ILLUSTRIOS EXISTENCE OF ST. EDMUND'S COLLEGE. SINCE ITS INCEPTION THE CLUB HAS TAKEN SIGNIFICANT STRIDES TOWARDS CREATING A BUNCH OF CONFIDENT YOUNG LEADERS OUT OF HESITANT LEARNERS. I AM HAPPY TO LEARN THAT THE SECMUN HAS PROPOSED TO ORGANIZE THEIR ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON THE 6TH AND 7TH OF MAY, 2024, AT THE COLLEGE PREMISES. THE CONFERENCE PROMISES TO BE A MEETING GROUND FOR THE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AS WELL AS POLITICAL AND DIPLOMATIC IDEAS IN A SIMULATED ECO SYSTEM. THE IDEA OF PUBLISHING A MAGAZINE THE ED-MUN-DIAN DIPLOMACY IS INDEED COMMENDABLE AND AUGURS WELL FOR THE FUTURE OF THE ORGANIZATION. THE PROPOSED MAGAZINE WILL SERVE AS THE MOUTHPIECE OF SECMUN AND WILL SURELY PROVIDE THE RIGHT KIND OF CREATIVE SPACE TO THE MEMBERS.

I WHOLEHEARTEDLY CONGRATULATE EACH MEMBER OF SECMUN, TEACHERS AND STUDENTS ALIKE, FOR HAVING CHOSEN TO PUBLISH A MAGAZINE TO RECORD THE ACTIVITIES AND INITIATIVES OF THE CLUB OVER THE YEARS. MAY THIS NOVEL INITIATIVE INSPIRE STUDENTS TO EMBRACE THE ESSENCE OF THE MODEL UNITED NATIONS IN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS!

THANK YOU!

BEST WISHES ALWAYS

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DEAR READERS,

LET ME START BY CONGRATULATING THE EDITORIAL BOARD OF THE ED - MUN - DIAN DIPLOMACY FOR THE RELEASE OF THE FIRST EDITION! THE TEAM HAS TRULY MET THE HIGH EXPECTATIONS AND THE EXHILARATING ANTICIPATION OF AN ENTIRE COMMUNITY BY PORTRAYING, IN THIS INAUGURAL ISSUE, A DECADE FILLED WITH SUCCESS AND ACCOMPLISHMENT.

AS WE DELVE INTO THE PAGES OF THIS MAGAZINE, WE ARE REMINDED OF THE CRUCIAL ROLE DIPLOMACY PLAYS IN OUR WORLD TODAY. THE UNITED NATIONS STANDS AS A BEACON OF HOPE, A TESTAMENT TO THE RESILIENCE NEEDED IN A WORLD RIDDEN WITH TURMOIL AND CRISIS. IT SERVES AS A REMINDER THAT DIALOGUE AND COOPERATION ARE THE CORNERSTONES OF A PEACEFUL AND PROSPEROUS FUTURE.

REFLECTING ON THE HISTORY BEHIND THE DECADE-LONG ENGAGEMENT OF STUDENTS IN SECMUN, WE ARE REMINDED OF THE PROFOUND IMPACT IT HAS HAD ON GENERATIONS OF STUDENTS. IT MOTIVATES STUDENTS TO UNDERSTAND THE INTRICATE SUBTLETIES OF WORLD POLITICS, THE MACE OF GLOBAL GOVERNANCE STRUCTURES, AND THE COMPLEXITIES OF DIPLOMACY, FOSTERING CROSS-CULTURAL UNDERSTANDING, TOLERANCE, AND RESPECT FOR DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVES.

IN CONCLUSION, THE JOURNEY OF SECMUN IS A JOURNEY OF LEARNING AND GROWTH. IT EMPOWERS STUDENTS TO BECOME SENSITIVE GLOBAL CITIZENS, EQUIPPED WITH EMPATHY AND SKILLS TO MAKE A POSITIVE IMPACT ON THE WORLD. THE RELEASE OF THIS INAUGURAL EDITION IS NOT JUST A MILESTONE; IT IS A TESTAMENT TO THE DEDICATION AND PASSION OF ALL THOSE INVOLVED. AS WE TURN THE LEAVES OF THIS MAGAZINE, LET US BE INSPIRED TO CONTINUE OUR PURSUIT OF BRINGING ABOUT A SOCIETY THAT IS SAFE AND SECURE.

BEST WISHES,

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A MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

DEAR MEMBERS OF THE ST EDMUND'S COLLEGE MODEL UNITED NATIONS CLUB AND STUDENTS

I AM VERY HAPPY THAT THE ST EDMUND'S COLLEGE MODEL UNITED NATIONS (SECMUN) CLUB WILL RELEASE THE FIRST EDITION MAGAZINE THE ED-MUN-DIAN DIPLOMACY 2024 - A PUBLICATION THAT WILL CELEBRATE A DECADE OF OPPORTUNITIES THAT SECMUN HAS OPENED FOR ITS MEMBERS, TO ROLE PLAY AS DELEGATES TO THE UNITED NATIONS, AS MEMBERS OF UNITED NATIONS COMMITTEES, AND TO LEARN ALL ABOUT INTERNATIONAL DIPLOMACY.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLUB ON ITS TENTH ANNIVERSARY. DURING THE TEN YEARS, A GOOD NUMBER OF STUDENT MEMBERS MUST HAVE BENEFITED FROM THE EDUCATIONAL GUIDANCE ON THE ART OF PUBLIC SPEAKING, DEBATING AND DISCUSSIONS. TO BE ABLE TO COMMUNICATE AND ARTICULATE EFFECTIVELY ARE ABILITIES THAT CAN IMPROVE RELATIONSHIPS, OPEN UP NETWORKING POSSIBILITIES AND ADD CONFIDENCE TO LEARNERS. THE CHALLENGING DISCUSSIONS AND DEBATES MUST HAVE PROVIDED MEMBERS WITH VALUABLE OPPORTUNITIES TO HONE IN THEIR ABILITIES.

THE CONTENTS OF THE MAGAZINE WILL BE LOOKED FORWARD TO, AS PORTRAYALS OF TALENTED AND IGNITED MINDS. THE REPORTS, ARTICLES, POEMS AND OTHER CREATIVE EXPRESSIONS WILL SURELY BE 'TESTAMENTS OF THE CLUB'S DIPLOMATIC JOURNEY'.

AS SECMUN SERVES THE STUDENT COMMUNITY OF THE COLLEGE YEAR AFTER YEAR, MAY IT PROVIDE A SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT FOR MEMBERS TO PRACTICE, IMPROVE AND UNLOCK NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR EVERYONE.

I CONGRATULATE THE TEACHER-IN CHARGE AND THE STUDENT EDITORIAL TEAM FOR THEIR EFFORT TO BRING OUT THE MAGAZINE.
MY BEST WISHES.

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"Take up one idea, make that one idea your life- think of it, dream of it, live on that idea. Let the brain, muscles, nerves and every part of the body be full of that idea and leave every other thought.....That's the way to success!" - Swami Vivekananda

I AM PRIVILEGED TO BE PART OF THE FIRST EDITION OF THE MAGAZINE PUBLISHED BY SECMUN CLUB OF THE COLLEGE. I EXTEND MY APPRECIATION IN YOUR ENDEAVOURS AND COMMITMENT TO PUT TOGETHER THE JOURNEY AND THE DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF THE CLUB WHICH WAS FORMED IN THE YEAR 2014 BY INTERESTED GROUP OF STUDENTS. OVER THE YEARS, THE CLUB HAS ORGANISED MANY PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTING THE OBJECTIVES , THEREBY BRINGING INTERESTED YOUNG LEARNER'S IN A COMMON PLATFORM. SUCH INITIATIVES HAVE CERTAINLY HELPED THE STUDENTS TO EXPLORE AND EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS ON SOCIO POLITICAL SCENARIOS OF THE REGION AND WORLD AT LARGE. I SINCERELY WISH THAT THE CLUB SHALL CONTINUE ITS NOBLE PURSUIT TO OFFER SCOPE AND A PLATFORM FOR THE STUDENTS TO EXPRESS THEIR POWER TO THINK, ANALYSE AND PROPOSE A SOLUTION ON A PARTICULAR ISSUE THROUGH DIPLOMACY!
TRUST YOUR INSTINCTS TO THE END, EVEN THOUGH YOU CAN GIVE NO REASON....

GOD BLESS YOU ALL!

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DEAR SECMUNMEMBERS AND WELL WISHERS,

I WAS AMAZED TO REALIZE THAT SECMUN HAD REACHED ITS TENTH ANNIVERSARY. WHAT AN INCREDIBLE JOURNEY IT'S BEEN! REFLECTING BACK TO 2014, I REMEMBER BEING FILLED WITH PASSION AND A STRONG DESIRE TO MAKE A POSITIVE IMPACT ON THE COMMUNITY. I USED TO BE A TIMID STUDENT, OFTEN STRUGGLING WITH STUTTERING DURING SPEECHES AND PRESENTATIONS AT COLLEGE, WHICH HINDERED MY CONFIDENCE. SEEKING TO OVERCOME THESE CHALLENGES, I ATTENDED THE FIRST SESSION OF THE NORTH EAST INDIA INTERNATIONAL MODEL UNITED NATIONS (NEIMUN) IN DECEMBER 2013 AT KOHIMA, NAGALAND. THAT EXPERIENCE PLANTED THE SEED OF CHANGE IN ME, EVENTUALLY LEADING TO THE INITIATION OF SECMUN IN OCTOBER 2014. LOOKING BACK, I FONDLY RECALL THE EFFORTS TO PERSUADE THE PRINCIPAL ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF FORMING THIS CLUB AND ITS BENEFITS FOR ENHANCING SOFT SKILLS ESPECIALLY FOR STUDENTS. I RALLIED SUPPORT FROM PROFESSORS IN VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS LIKE SOCIOLOGY (MY OWN DEPARTMENT), GEOGRAPHY, SOCIAL WORK, HISTORY, AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE, AS WELL AS FROM THE IQAC COORDINATOR AT THAT TIME, SIR MONOTOSH CHAKRAVARTY ALONG WITH SEEKING THE SUPPORT OF LIKE MINDED STUDENTS TO BE PART OF THE MUN CLUB. IT WAS A JOURNEY OF PERSISTENCE, INVOLVING NUMEROUS DISCUSSIONS AND NEGOTIATIONS, WITH CRUCIAL BACKING FROM MY MENTOR AND MY LIFE-LONG FRIEND, SIR GIDEON KHARKONGOR FROM THE GEOGRAPHY DEPARTMENT. SECMUN BREATHE LIFE ONLY BECAUSE OF ALL THESE SUPPORT WHEN THE CONCEPT OF MODEL UNITED NATIONS WAS ALIEN AND



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NEW IN INDIA'S NORTHEAST.

AMIDST THESE ENDEAVORS, A GROUP OF US STUDENTS CAME TOGETHER TO DRAFT THE CLUB'S MISSION AND OBJECTIVES THROUGH EXTENSIVE DEBATES AND DISCUSSIONS. WE ULTIMATELY SETTLED ON THE TAGLINE 'POWER OF YOUTH- POWER OF CHANGE' FOR THE SECMUN WHILE PLAYING U2'S SONG 'ORDINARY LOVE' AT THE BACKDROP. THE SONG STILL PLAYS SO VIVIDLY: "I CAN'T FIGHT YOU ANYMORE IT'S YOU I'M FIGHTING FOR THE SEA THROWS ROCKS TOGETHER BUT TIME LEAVES US POLISHED STONES" AT THE CLUB'S INAUGURATION, I RECALL WE GATHERED ESTEEMED INDIVIDUALS SUCH AS LIMABENLA JAMIR, THE FOUNDER OF NEIMUN; H.H MOHRMEN, A PROMINENT ENVIRONMENTALIST; FARIDA WARJRI, THE FORMER HEAD OF THE SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT; AND JOY GRACE SYIEM, A HUMAN RIGHTS LAWYER, AS SPECIAL GUESTS. DR. SYLVANUS LAMARE, THE THEN PRINCIPAL, ALONG WITH SEVERAL PROFESSORS AND STUDENTS FROM VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS OF THE COLLEGE, ALSO JOINED US IN THE AV ROOM. THIS MARKED THE BEGINNING OF SECMUN, WHERE OUR JOURNEY COMMENCED. WITH NOTHING BUT DREAMS AND HOPES, WE AIMED TO FOSTER A BETTER COMMUNITY AND ASSIST STUDENTS IN DEVELOPING ESSENTIAL LIFE SKILLS. AS I LOOK BACK ON THESE MEMORIES AND OUR JOURNEY, I AM FILLED WITH PRIDE TO SEE HOW MUCH WE HAVE ACHIEVED DESPITE THE CHALLENGES WE FACED. SECMUN IS NOT JUST A PLATFORM, BUT A DRIVING FORCE FOR CHANGE—A SPACE WHERE IDEAS ARE EXCHANGED, INNOVATIONS ARE BORN, AND TOGETHER, WE TACKLE THE ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES THAT CONFRONT YOUNG PEOPLE IN OUR REGION. KEEP ENVISIONING AND SHAPING A FUTURE WHERE YOUNG MINDS DARE TO DREAM BIGGER AND BOLDER, FUELED BY UNWAVERING HOPE AND A SPIRIT OF COLLABORATION, OPEN-MINDEDNESS, AND A SHARED DEDICATION TO MAKING A POSITIVE IMPACT THAT KNOWS NO BOUNDS. WITH THESE ASPIRATIONS AND DREAMS, MAY THE JOURNEY OF SECMUN CONTINUE!

**SINCERELY, DENNIS LALLIENZUOL HMAR
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Message From President of SECMUN Club

DEAR READERS,



WE HERE IN SECMUN CLUB ARE A FRATERNITY THAT HELPS EACH MEMBER IN EVERY ASPECT OF THEIR JOURNEY IN THE WORLD OF DEBATE AND DIPLOMACY. ONE MIGHT LEARN A GREAT DEAL WITHIN CLASSROOMS BUT THE ABILITY TO ARTICULATE AND IMPLEMENT YOUR THOUGHTS IS SOMETHING THAT SECMUN GIVES YOU. WE HELP YOU BUILD YOUR OWN PERSPECTIVE ON GLOBAL TRAGEDY, WHICH HELPS YOU BECOME A BETTER DEBATER AND GLOBAL LEADER WITH LONG-TERM OBJECTIVES. WITH A DEEP BELIEF IN THE "UNITED NATIONS" PRINCIPLES, WE WANT TO CONTINUE ON THIS PATH OF PROGRESS AND AMBITION. SECMUN TRACES ITS ORIGINS BACK TO ITS INCEPTION IN 2014, DRIVEN BY THE VISION TO ESTABLISH A PLATFORM WITH NATIONAL-LEVEL STANDARDS FOR DEBATE AND DIPLOMACY AT THE HEART OF OUR MISSION IS THE COMMITMENT TO ELEVATE THE QUALITY OF DISCOURSE TO UNPRECEDENTED LEVELS WITHIN OUR CITY. I EXTEND MY HEARTFELT GRATITUDE TO ALL THOSE WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO SHAPING THIS ENDEAVOR, FROM SENIORS TO CONTEMPORARIES, WHOSE GUIDANCE HAS PREPARED US FOR THE RESPONSIBILITY OF LEADING THE CLUB, REALLY GRATEFUL. AT THE END I WOULD LIKE TO SAY SECMUN IS NOT JUST A CLUB IT'S A WAY TO GROW AND CHANGE OURSELVES INTO WHAT WE WANNA BECOME IN FUTURE THROUGH AN UNPARALLELED LEVEL OF DEBATE AND LEARNING.

**ANKIT BHATTARAI
PRESIDENT
SECMUN CLUB 2023-24**



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IT IS INDEED AN HONOUR TO ANNOUNCE THAT WE ARE BRINGING OUT THE MAGAZINE OF ST. EDMUND'S COLLEGE MODEL UNITED NATIONS (SECMUN) ENTITLED "ED-MUN-DIAN DIPLOMACY". OUR SECMUN CLUB HAS CROSSED MANY MILESTONES AND HAS BROUGHT QUITE A NUMBER OF LAURELS TO OUR COLLEGE, BOTH AT THE STATE LEVEL AND THE NATIONAL LEVEL. WE HAVE A NUMBER OF VERY SMART, HARD-WORKING AND ENTHUSIASTIC CLUB MEMBERS WHO WORK TIRELESSLY TO ENGAGE STUDENTS IN THE CLUB, COORDINATE AND ORGANIZE OUR SECMUN PROGRAMMES AND CONFERENCES, AND WORKS TOWARDS ACHIEVING THE GOALS OF THE MUN.

WE HAVE SEEN MANY TIMES BEFORE HOW CRITICAL IT IS TO ENGAGE STUDENTS WHO OUR BUDDING LEARNERS, IN ORDER TO BOLSTER THE SUCCESS OF THEIR FUTURE. NUMEROUS ACTIVITIES AND ENGAGEMENTS IN EDUCATION RAISES THE BAR FOR EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS THAT ARE IN HIGH DEMAND, AND BRINGS OUT THE BEST IN STUDENTS, AS IT STIMULATES CREATIVITY AND INNOVATION. MUN TEACH STUDENTS MANY IMPORTANT LIFE LESSONS. IT TEACHES DISCIPLINE, FOCUS, DEDICATION, HARD WORK, COMMITMENT, TEAMWORK. IT IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY AS TEACHERS TO VALUE PARTICIPATION AND ENCOURAGE STUDENTS TO TAKE ACTION RATHER THAN FOCUSING ON WINNING OR LOSING.

I APPLAUD THE COORDINATION AND EFFORTS MADE BY THE TEACHERS AND THE STUDENTS IN BRINGING OUT THE MAGAZINE, AND THE WHOLEHEARTED SUPPORT OF THE EDITORIAL TEAM IN PREPARING, EDITING AND FINALISING THE MAGAZINE. I ALSO ACKNOWLEDGE ALL WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE SUCCESS OF THE MAGAZINE. I SINCERELY HOPE THAT THE EFFORTS AND HARD WORK PUT IN HAS LEFT NO STONE UNTURNED IN BRINGING OUT THE BEST IN THIS MAGAZINE.

THANKING YOU,
DR. JASMINE T. SAWIAN

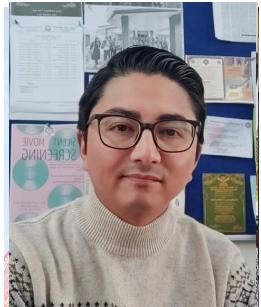


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"IT BRINGS ME AN IMMENSE SENSE OF FULFILLMENT AND PRIDE TO EXTEND THIS HEARTFELT MESSAGE OF ENCOURAGEMENT TO ALL THE ESTEEMED MEMBERS OF ST. EDMUND'S COLLEGE, MODEL UNITED NATIONS (SECMUN) CLUB, AS THEY GEAR UP FOR THE HIGHLY ANTICIPATED INTER-COLLEGE MEET ON THE 6TH AND 7TH OF MAY, 2024. FROM THE VERY MOMENT THE SEED OF ORGANIZING SUCH A PRESTIGIOUS EVENT WAS PLANTED, THE UNWAVERING ENTHUSIASM AND DEDICATION EXHIBITED BY EACH MEMBER HAVE BEEN NOTHING SHORT OF INSPIRING. YOUR COLLECTIVE PASSION AND DRIVE HAVE SET A REMARKABLE PRECEDENT, ONE THAT I AM CONFIDENT WILL CONTINUE TO SHINE BRIGHTLY THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE DURATION OF THE EVENT.

THE CHOSEN THEME, "DIPLOMATIC OUTREACH FOR GLOBAL PEACE," ENCAPSULATES A PROFOUND VISION OF HOPE AND SOLIDARITY, RESONATING DEEPLY AMIDST THE MULTIFACETED CHALLENGES OF OUR CONTEMPORARY GLOBAL STAGE. IN A WORLD OFTEN CHARACTERIZED BY DIVISION AND DISCORD, THIS THEME STANDS AS A TESTAMENT TO THE ENDURING POWER OF DIPLOMACY AND COOPERATION IN FOSTERING POSITIVE CHANGE.

AT ITS CORE, THIS THEME UNDERSCORES THE PIVOTAL ROLE THAT PLATFORMS LIKE SECMUN PLAY IN SHAPING THE NARRATIVE OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS. BY PROVIDING A FORUM FOR DIALOGUE AND DEBATE, SECMUN SERVES AS A CRUCIBLE WHERE DIVERSE PERSPECTIVES CONVERGE, FACILITATING A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF GLOBAL ISSUES AND FOSTERING EMPATHY ACROSS BOUNDARIES.

AS DELEGATES DELVE INTO THE INTRICACIES OF THIS THEME, I URGE THEM TO APPROACH THEIR DISCUSSIONS WITH A SPIRIT OF OPEN-MINDEDNESS AND HUMILITY. LET WISDOM GUIDE YOUR DELIBERATIONS, DRAWING UPON THE COLLECTIVE WISDOM OF YOUR PEERS TO NAVIGATE COMPLEX ISSUES WITH NUANCE AND INSIGHT. EMPATHY, TOO, MUST BE A GUIDING PRINCIPLE, AS YOU SEEK TO UNDERSTAND THE PERSPECTIVES AND EXPERIENCES OF OTHERS WITH

COMPASSION AND RESPECT.

ABOVE ALL, LET YOUR DISCUSSIONS BE DRIVEN BY A SHARED COMMITMENT TO THE COMMON GOOD. RECOGNIZE THAT THE PURSUIT OF GLOBAL PEACE REQUIRES COLLABORATION AND COMPROMISE, TRANSCENDING INDIVIDUAL INTERESTS IN FAVOUR OF THE GREATER GOOD. AS YOU ENGAGE IN DIALOGUE AND NEGOTIATION, REMEMBER THAT THE DECISIONS YOU MAKE HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO SHAPE THE COURSE OF HISTORY, IMPACTING THE LIVES OF PEOPLE AROUND THE WORLD.

IN THE SPIRIT OF "DIPLOMATIC OUTREACH FOR GLOBAL PEACE," I CHALLENGE EACH DELEGATE TO EMBRACE THEIR ROLE AS AMBASSADORS OF CHANGE, WORKING TIRELESSLY TO BUILD BRIDGES OF UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION IN PURSUIT OF A BETTER WORLD FOR ALL. MAY YOUR EFFORTS BE GUIDED BY INTEGRITY AND CONVICTION, AS YOU STRIVE TO LEAVE A LASTING LEGACY OF PEACE AND PROGRESS IN THE WORLD.

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I AM WHOLEHEARTEDLY CONVINCED THAT THE DILIGENT RESEARCH AND INSIGHTFUL DELIBERATIONS OF EACH PARTICIPANT WILL NOT ONLY ENRICH THE DISCOURSE BUT ALSO PAVE THE WAY FOR INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS AND ENDURING PARTNERSHIPS. AS SECMUN MEET 4.0 UNFOLDS, I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT YOUR COLLECTIVE EFFORTS WILL CULMINATE IN FRUITFUL AND PEACEFUL RESOLUTIONS THAT HAVE THE POWER TO SHAPE THE COURSE OF HISTORY.

TO ALL THOSE INVOLVED IN ORGANIZING THIS MONUMENTAL EVENT AND TO EVERY PARTICIPANT WHO WILL LEND THEIR VOICE TO THE DIALOGUE, I EXTEND MY SINCEREST WISHES FOR SUCCESS. MAY YOUR JOURNEY BE MARKED BY MOMENTS OF PROFOUND DISCOVERY, CAMARADERIE, AND PERSONAL GROWTH. EMBRACE THIS OPPORTUNITY WITH OPEN HEARTS AND MINDS, KNOWING THAT YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO MAKE A MEANINGFUL DIFFERENCE IN THE WORLD. WISHING YOU ALL THE VERY BEST AS YOU EMBARK ON THIS TRANSFORMATIVE JOURNEY, MAY IT BE FILLED WITH COUNTLESS MOMENTS OF EXCELLENCE, INSPIRATION, AND MUTUAL RESPECT."

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FINDING OUT THAT SECMUN WILL BE PUBLISHING A CLUB MAGAZINE IN 2024 BRINGS ME GREAT JOY. IN MY CAPACITY AS A CLUB ADVISOR, ALLOW ME TO SAY WITH GREAT EXCITEMENT THAT THE CLUB IS UNLOCKING THE HIDDEN ABILITY OF ITS YOUNG MINDS.

THIS ASPIRATIONAL CLUB'S MAIN GOAL IS TO LEAD WITH CREATIVITY AND ADVANCE BY FORESEEING CHANGE EVEN IN ENVIRONMENTS WHERE OTHERS BELIEVE IT IS NOT REQUIRED. TO SET OUT ON A VOYAGE THAT WILL TRANSFORM LIVES AND PROVIDE YOUNG PEOPLE THE ABILITY TO MAKE NEW FRIENDS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD, GAIN CONFIDENCE IN LEADING OTHERS, AND INCREASE THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF GLOBAL ISSUES.

OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS, I HAVE WITNESSED A LOT OF ENERGETIC STUDENTS WHO ARE INTELLIGENT, DILIGENT, ENGAGING, COORDINATED, AND SO ON, PERFORM AT DIFFERENT EVENTS AND CONFERENCES WHERE STUDENTS WERE ASSIGNED COMMITTEES AND COUNTRIES TO REPRESENT, AND THEY ACT AS DELEGATES TO TRY AND RESOLVE REAL-WORLD PROBLEMS USING THE VIEWPOINTS AND POLICIES OF THEIR DESIGNATED NATION. THE YOUTH OF TODAY, IN MY OPINION, HAVE THE VOICE AND THE VISION TO TRANSFORM THEMSELVES.

I HOPE THAT SECMUN WILL CONTINUE TO ENCOURAGE BUDDING LEADERS AND PREPARE THEM TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DIPLOMATIC AREA.

I URGE ST. EDMUND'S COLLEGE STUDENTS TO JOIN THE CLUB AND PARTICIPATE IN THOUGHT-PROVOKING CONVERSATIONS, EXCHANGE IDEAS, SHARE OPINIONS, PARTAKE IN DEBATES, UNDERSTAND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, AND ACQUIRE WORLD PERSPECTIVES.

LAST BUT NOT LEAST, I CONGRATULATE THE EDITORIAL TEAM, ALL THE STUDENT MEMBERS, AND THE STAFF MEMBERS OF THE CLUB FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO THE SUCCESS OF THE SECMUN MAGAZINE 2024, AND BEST WISHES TO ALL.

THANKING YOU
MS. LARIHUN JEENGAPH

What is SECMUN?

St. Edmunds College Model United Nation (SECMUN) Club as an educational based College Club functions as a simulation on lines of the United Nations (UN). It calls for the mention of the revolutionary change of some students' with some motive in mind to bring up the leadership quality, to bring up the diplomatic conception of each of the member and to motivate and teach people regarding the geopolitical variations and areas that call for global participation and engagement. The formation of the Club dates back to the backdrop of the North East India Model United Nations (NEIMUN) Conference held at Shillong in the year 2014. The primary objective of the Club then was to spread awareness about MUN to the students of the College, as well as nurture aspiring participants and encourage them to participate in MUN events held in the North Eastern region.

After detailed discussion and conversion, the Club came up with its first Conference, SECMUN 1.0 in 2016 during the College month, EDBLAZON 2016. The successive editions of the Conference took place with no stop as SECMUN 2.0 and SECMUN 3.0 in the year 2017 and 2018 respectively. The 4th edition of The Conference was planned with sheer dedication and enthusiasm by the then Secretariat however had to be initially postponed and later had to be cancelled due to global SARS Cov-2 pandemic. The Club came in full strength from 2023 and hosted the Intra SECMUN Conference and what you read now is as part of the SECMUN 4.0 on the 6th & 7th May, 2024.

What is SECMUN?

As SECMUN Club celebrates a decade old journey of Diplomatic Outreach for Global Peace which is also the theme of this year's Conference, it strives to reach the maximum in all capacities and be a wheel in the vehicle of global change and transformation. In its enduring motion to discover solutions and resolutions to pressing global challenges, it calls for the participation of one and all and make this space one such that welcomes unity in diversity, and above all international peace and prosperity.



Articles



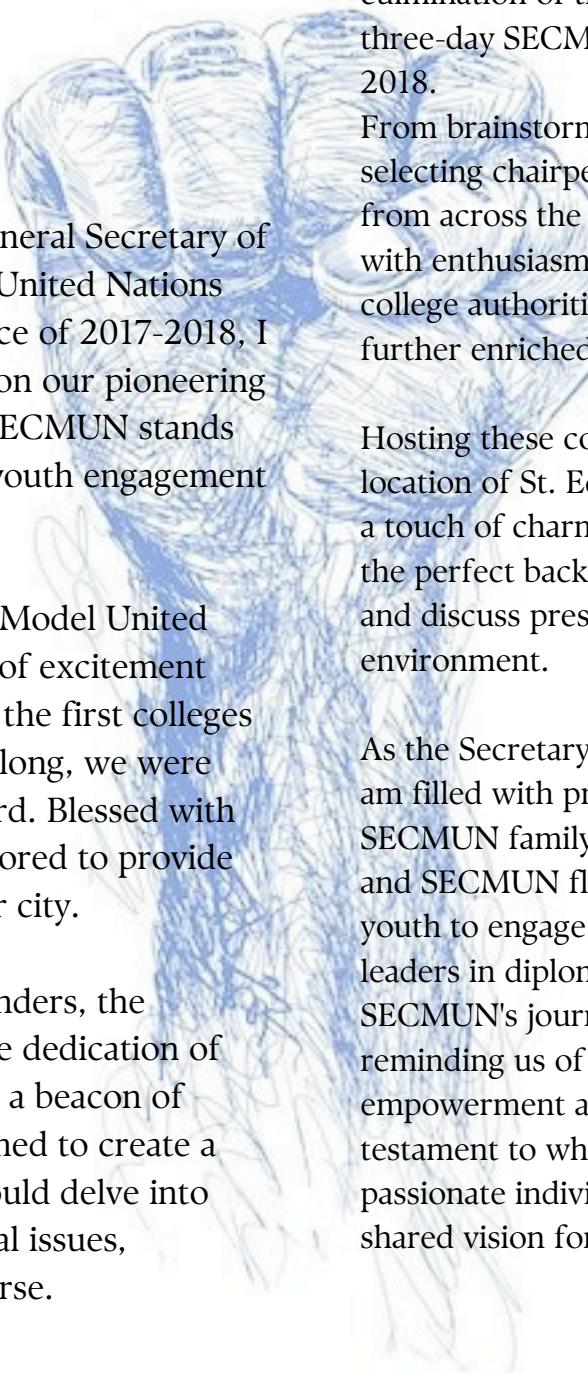
Poems

Empowering Youth Diplomacy: A Reflection on SECMUN's 2017-18 Journey

As the former President and General Secretary of the St. Edmund College Model United Nations (SECMUN) Club and Conference of 2017-2018, I am immensely proud to reflect on our pioneering journey in SECMUN Shillong. SECMUN stands as a testament to the power of youth engagement and diplomatic discourse.

Our initiation into the world of Model United Nations was marked by a sense of excitement and responsibility. Being one of the first colleges to host such conferences in Shillong, we were determined to set a high standard. Blessed with an exceptional team, we endeavored to provide the best MUN experience in our city.

Guided by the vision of our founders, the support of our principal, and the dedication of our teachers, SECMUN became a beacon of diplomacy and dialogue. We aimed to create a platform where young minds could delve into socio-political and environmental issues, fostering a spirit of open discourse.



Our conferences were meticulously crafted around pertinent themes such as "Fostering sustainable development through Science-Youth for Actions" and "Sustainability, Peace, and Security". These themes ignited passionate debates and discussions, empowering delegates to delve into global challenges and potential solutions.

Preparation for the conferences involved rigorous mock debates and discussions within the club, ensuring that our delegates were well-equipped to engage meaningfully. The culmination of these efforts was the memorable three-day SECMUN conferences in 2017 and 2018.

From brainstorming agendas with teachers to selecting chairpersons and welcoming delegates from across the Northeast, every step was met with enthusiasm and joy. The participation of college authorities, ambassadors, and delegates further enriched the experience.

Hosting these conferences in the picturesque location of St. Edmund's College, Shillong, added a touch of charm to the proceedings. It provided the perfect backdrop for youth to come together and discuss pressing global issues in a serene environment.

As the Secretary-General and Club President, I am filled with pride to have been a part of the SECMUN family. Together, we raised the College and SECMUN flag high, offering a platform for youth to engage, learn, and grow as future leaders in diplomacy and international affairs. SECMUN's journey continues to inspire, reminding us of the importance of youth empowerment and global dialogue. It is a testament to what can be achieved when passionate individuals come together with a shared vision for a better world.

Borsha Dutta

**Former President,
SECMUN (2017-2019)**

A Moment of Epiphany

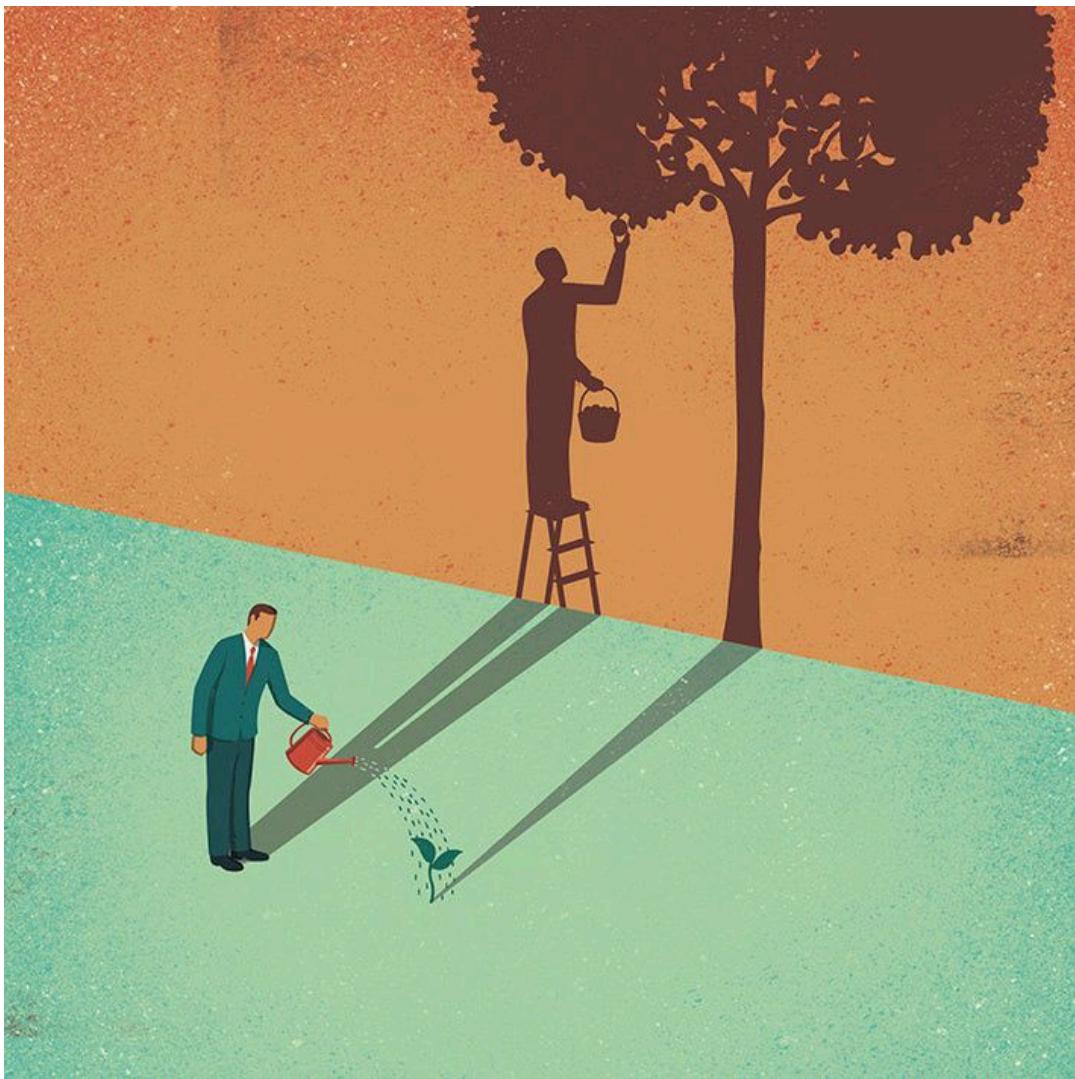
I recall waiting quietly with the rest of the interviewees in the big, old fashioned hall. I could see the curtains that once red, were now turned maroon due to the gathered dust. There were 4 interviewers, each calling names at random. Out of the 4, there was one lady in particular, I was hoping wouldn't call my name, but as fate would have it, she did!

"Hello Sonia, how are you feeling today?" She started with an attempt to break the ice. I may have, actually, I did give off some nervous energy. As she went on to ask me a few questions, she landed on the part of my resume, where I so proudly mentioned about my experiences with Model United Nations. It's like, she pushed the right button and suddenly I had the gift of the gab. My interviewer was pretty impressed and I swear, she smiled only while interviewing me. As I returned to my seat, waiting for the next round. I had a Moment of Epiphany.

I looked back on my journey with MUN, and I was overcome with a heartfelt gratitude. It's amazing how this experience has woven new friendships into the fabric of my life.

In the heart of every conference, amidst the heated discussions and the pursuit of solutions, whether it was as a delegate or as a part of the Organising Committee, I discovered the true essence of camaraderie. We stood together, united by our shared passion for change, drawing inspiration from each other's brilliance. Through laughter and tears, hours of travelling, late night talking, car rides, sleepless nights, victories and defeats, we unknowingly created beautiful memories.

Introducing my existing friends to MUN was about sharing something truly meaningful. And in doing so, I've seen how MUN has helped us in fostering creativity, improving decision-making, and inspiring us to tackle real-world problems with innovative solutions.



I urge everyone to embrace every opportunity that comes their way, to engage themselves in new experiences. Whether it's MUN, sports, arts, music, or any other endeavour, each has the power to bring you closer to your niche.

So, to those who are hesitating on the threshold of possibility, I say take the leap. For one day, when you too look back on your journey, you'll see a life rich with colour, filled with moments of joy, growth, and contribution. And in that realisation, you'll have no one else to thank but yourself for taking that leap.

Sonia Hajong
Former President, SECMUN

DIVINE DESOLATION

Atop the castle's lofty spire, He stands, divine and grand,
His presence fills the heavens, bold and beautiful, as if by
divine hand.

The starry sky, a canvas bright, with moonbeams soft and
true,

And in this cosmic symphony, a white moth flits, accompanied
by the cricket's gentle cue.

His gaze, a silent witness, upon the kingdom once His own,
Now lies in ruin and decay, its glory days long flown.

A silent lament echoes through the crumbling walls, a tale of
grandeur lost,

In shattered stones and broken dreams, the kingdom's fate
embossed

"He is great," the scriptures sing, "He is divine," they claim,
Yet in the whispers of His creation, echoes of doubt and blame.
Roses bloom with thorns concealed, a paradox of grace and
strife,

Where truth and lies intertwine, a dance of love and life.
O, where is Your divine sight? Have You turned Your gaze
away?

Blind to the suffering below, have You forsaken Your flock, led
astray?

How contradictory, how silent You remain, as Your children
cry in pain,
In the shadow of Your once-proud throne, doubts and fears
reign.

Do You see the child in need, abandoned and forlorn?
Or the mother's tear-stained plea, for her lost child,
torn?

Do You witness the doubts that plague our hearts, the
colours of our soul?

Or the betrayal's bitter sting, as love's embrace turns
cold?

Love's tender kiss transformed to curses, passion
turned to scorn,

In the labyrinth of human hearts, where love and hate
are born.

Do You see it all, or have You turned a blind eye, deaf to
our cries?

Have You abandoned us, left us to wander beneath these
starless skies?

Your eyes, once radiant with wisdom, now veiled in
sorrow's shroud,

A silent witness to the tragedy, of hopes dashed and
dreams allowed.

Beneath Your darkened altar, we kneel, hearts heavy
with despair,

Tears flow freely down our cheeks, as we plead for a sign,
a prayer.

Longing for a glimmer of hope, amidst the darkness
deep,

Our voices rise in unison, in hymns of faith we weep.

Yet Your gaze remains unmoved, fixed upon the distant
horizon's line,

A silent sentinel amidst the storm, as if lost in a trance
divine

In desperation, we cry out, our voices lost in the void's abyss,
Your face a mask of sorrow, as Your silent tears we miss.
Lost in the labyrinth of Your blindness, we wander aimlessly,
Our hopes dashed upon the rocks of doubt, our dreams lost to the sea.
In Your kingdom, shadows reign, darkness holds sway,
Despair's cold embrace envelops us, as we wander lost, astray.
Upon Your castle's lofty heights, You stand, unmoved and alone,
A silent sentinel amidst the chaos, upon Your silent throne.



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LIFE AT SECMUN CLUB AND CHANGE OF ROLES

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As I sit back with a pen between my finger tips to let words flow from mind to this page, I am at a loss of track of where to start and where to end this piece of writing. The Club as is already read is to foster the understanding of United Nations for active participation and prompt action in decision making and drawing on to resolutions of what concerns the global arena.

As the Club celebrates a decade long peregrination of diplomacy, peace building, resolution making and more, it has grown in every single step to reach the stage it is at today. As a former Club member and a Secretariat who had the privilege of serving in the capacity of the President for a year, this magazine is a dream come true to celebrate the past 10 years and start preparing for the future.

As I come back to the Club with a new role and responsibility, it is with excitement that I await to peruse through each page of the magazine and know the unknown about the Club and its endless efforts of rising in its diplomatic Outreach. To have the Club the way we see it today was a matter of new learnings, unexpected challenges to meet and most importantly to work as a team despite difficulties but, it has grown promisingly over the years. SECMUN has been a place of personal and professional growth, and a space to make one familiar to draw on resolution of crisis. It has helped the masses foster their decision making skills, ability enhancement and discovering and rediscovering the leader in them. Such an academic engagement will continue to strive for excellence for all concerned. The exposure it provided me with ever since 2019 till date has left no stone unturned in making me discover the undiscovered in me alike many others in the finest way possible. SECMUN 4.0 as much is a dream project of the student Secretariat, is equally when it comes to me.

After the halt and then cancellation of SECMUN 4.0 where I was a student secretariat members that was previously scheduled for March 2020 didn't rise to reality for the global pandemic. Joining St. Edmund's College in the summer of 2023 welcomed me with an open arm to achieve the unachieved in a new position and it can never be put to words other than feeling it deep within.

As 6th May 2024 marks the release of The ED-MUN-dian Diplomacy, this piece of reading will prove as a testament of victory, challenges and opportunities the Club aligned in the manner of the United Nations fostering a consciousness over zonal, regional, national and up to global concerns through critical thinking and assessment of real life challenges faced. As we peruse through the pages of the 1st edition of 'The Ed-MUN-Dian Diplomacy', it gives me immense pleasure to learn about the efforts behind this magazine and feel honoured to be a part of the Editorial Board. Here's to Wishing SECMUN Club more achievements and success in all its future endeavors.



Cast your vote, make your voice resonate!

The Office of the Chief Electoral Officer of Meghalaya functions under the Superintendence, directions and control of Election Commission of India. The Election Commission of Meghalaya serves as the guardian of democracy, entrusted with the critical task of organizing and overseeing electoral processes to ensure fairness, transparency, and integrity. As the cornerstone of democratic governance, the commission diligently upholds the principles of free and fair elections, striving to provide equal opportunities for all eligible citizens to participate in the democratic process.

Through meticulous planning, robust enforcement of electoral laws, and impartial oversight, the Election Commission of Meghalaya fosters public trust in the electoral system, safeguarding the fundamental rights of voters and candidates alike. With a steadfast commitment to upholding democratic values, the commission stands as a beacon of democracy, guiding nations towards peaceful transitions of power and the realization of the collective will of the people. This year the Election Commission of Meghalaya with collaboration with Meghalaya Model United Nation held a Voting Awareness on the 17th April 2024 at Police Bazar, East Khasi Hills, Shillong, Meghalaya, 793001. The Meghalaya Model United Nations is an educational simulation of the United Nations which aims to enable students to become more engaged in and knowledgeable of international political issues and the UN while developing their communication, deliberation, leadership, and debate skills.

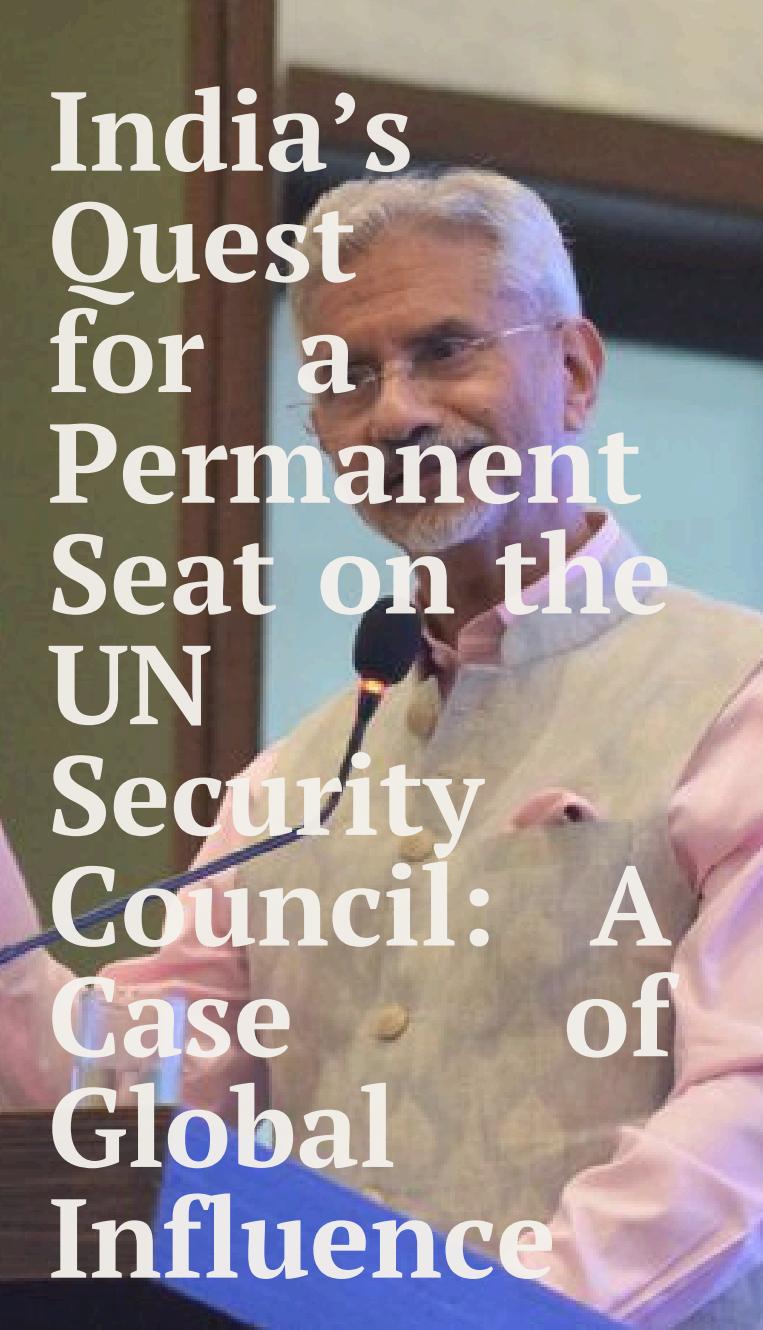
The St. Edmunds College Model United Nations (SECMUN) club participated with great enthusiasm in the event, which aimed to educate attendees on the significance of voting and encourage participation in the electoral process. Voting is not just a civic duty; it's an opportunity to shape the future you want to see. Every ballot cast is a voice heard, a choice made, and a step towards building a better society. Your vote is your power to influence policies, elect leaders who reflect your values, and champion causes close to your heart. Each mark on the ballot paper is a symbol of hope, progress, and positive change. So, let your voice be heard, let your vote count, and let your actions shape the course of history. Your participation in the democratic process isn't just about you; it's about the generations to come and the world they will inherit. Be inspired to make a difference, inspire others to do the same, and together, let's create a brighter future through the simple act of voting.

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The participants showcased their talents through dance performances, melodious songs, beat boxing, short speeches, all centred on the importance of casting votes in elections. The diverse range of performances engaged the audience and effectively conveyed the message of civic duty. Ankit Bhattarai the beat boxer finished his mesmerizing performance, the audience erupted into enthusiastic applause, their rhythmic claps echoing the intricate beats he had just delivered. As the final notes of the music faded away, the audience erupted into applause, their hands coming together in a symphony of appreciation for the dancers' flawless execution and captivating performance by Lurshailang Lyngdoh Mawplang. The crowd erupted into applause, cheering for Yoshepha B. Lyndem and Marzia B Lyngskor as the singers finished their heartfelt singing, moved by the raw emotion conveyed through every lyric. As the quiz host, Kashyapi Bezbarua and Naphibansabet Byrsat wrapped up the evening's festivities with a witty closing remark, the audience erupted into hearty applause, their appreciation evident in the enthusiastic cheers and claps that filled the atmosphere.

At the very end of the program, participants were honoured with prizes and gift hampers by the official from the District Council Office, further motivating them to continue their efforts in promoting voter awareness within their community. The event served as a successful initiative in fostering civic engagement and empowering individuals to exercise their democratic rights

India's Quest for a Permanent Seat on the UN Security Council: A Case of Global Influence



In the ever-evolving landscape of international diplomacy, India stands as a beacon of progress and potential. With its burgeoning economy, diverse population, and steadfast commitment to peacekeeping efforts, India has emerged as a prominent player on the world stage. Yet, despite its undeniable contributions to global stability, India finds itself on the outside looking in when it comes to one of the most crucial bodies in international affairs: the United Nations Security Council (UNSC).

Established in 1945, the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) is one of the five principal organs of the United Nations, charged with the maintenance of international peace and security as well as accepting new members to the United

Nations and approving any changes to UN Charter.

Functions and powers of United Nations Security Council:

- The most important function of the UNSC is maintaining peace and security at the international level.
- Apart from maintaining peace, the Security Council can also deploy UN peacekeeping operations and impose sanctions on states.
- The UNSC can also impose diplomatic relations severance, financial restrictions and penalties, blockades and even collective military action if required.

UNSC Members

There are permanent and non-permanent members of the UNSC.

- A total of 15 members are there in the council, out of which 5 are permanent and 10 are not permanent.
- The five permanent members include China, France, the Russia, the United Kingdom, and the United States of America.
- The 10 non-permanent members are Albania, Brazil, Gabon, Ghana, India, Ireland, Kenya, Mexico, Norway and United Arab Emirates. The non-permanent members are elected for two-year terms by the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)

The most important power or I rather say the director power is the VETO. So, basically the meaning of VETO is “Latin of ‘I Forbid’”.

Let us take a hypothetical example to understand what VETO really is:

Due to the extreme human rights violation Uyghur Muslim population USA rafts a resolution for an enquiry in this matter. Now to adopt a draft resolution, none of the permanent members should VETO it and 9 non-permanent members should vote in favor. So just in case all the 10 non-permanent members vote in favor and the 4 permanent members also does not VETO the resolution, do you think that China will VETO or Not. Absolutely they will VETO the draft resolution, now that's how democratic the UNSC is!

This VETO power is used by all the permanent members-

- China and Russia have VETOed four draft resolutions on Syria since 2019.
- The U.S has used its VETO right 42 times for Israel since 1972
- Palestine has not become a UN member, as full membership requires UNSC approval.
- China blocks Taiwan's UN membership, not recognizing Taiwan as a sovereign country
- And recently China and Russia VETO a draft resolution filed by US for complete ceasefire on Israel-Hamas War.

No representation from Africa, South America

As such the UNSC has no representation from the continents like Africa, South America and Australia and very less representation from Asia. Now we have to ask a simple question do these five countries use their VETO powers in the interest of the world or their national interest.

Road Blocks in India's bid for Permanent Membership:

- It is argued by critics that Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) and also refused to sign the Comprehensive Nuclear Test-Ban Treaty in 1996.
- China, which has VETO power in the UNSC, has been stonewalling India's efforts to become a permanent member.

Now the question arises why not India if not India?

- India sends the largest deployment as UN peacekeeping force which comes under UNSC.
- We are and will always be the largest democracy in the world.
- We are the country with the greatest number of people 1.41 billion or 17.76% of world population.
- We are the fifth largest economy in the world. India have been always in the forefront in helping our neighbours and the world as such. With sending vaccines, operation Dost and all.

"Well finally getting into UNSC is a big deal and since it's a big deal its not easy to get in, and the world is not very generous..." - S Jaishankar



S. Jaishankar

Whispers of Unity

In a world torn by strife and despair,
We dream of a place where compassion is rare.
Let's join hands, my friend, and take a stand,
For world peace, let's lend a helping hand.
In the darkest of nights, let hope be our light,
Guiding us towards a future so bright.
With empathy as our compass, we'll navigate,
Through the challenges we face, we won't hesitate.
Let's paint the sky with colors of unity,
Embracing our differences with love and humility.
For in diversity lies our strength,
A tapestry of cultures, a harmonious blend.
Imagine a world where conflicts cease,
Where understanding and respect increase.
With open minds and hearts so pure,
Together, we'll find a lasting cure.
Let's build bridges of peace, not walls of hate,
For kindness and compassion, it's never too late.
In every act of love, a ripple will spread,
Touching lives, mending hearts, breaking down what's misread.
So let's strive for peace, my dear friend,
For a world where war and suffering will end.
Hand in hand, we'll make a change,
Spreading peace and love, in a world so strange.

Echoes Of Peace

In the hush of twilight's gentle glow,
Where whispers of peace softly flow,
In the realm where oceans meet, and skies
embrace,
A whispered dream of harmony takes its
place.

From distant shores to mountains tall,
Echoes of tranquillity softly call.
From every corner of the earth's embrace,
Rises a chorus, a call for grace.

No language barriers, no walls to bind,
In the tapestry of peace, all hearts entwined.
No borders drawn, no barriers to divide,
In the tapestry of peace, all souls reside.

May every heart, every voice, every hand,
Join in the chorus of peace, across the land.
For in the embrace of understanding and
love's release,
The world finds solace in the arms of peace.

For in the beauty of our unity,
Lies the promise of eternity.
May every soul, in every land,
Join in the dance, hand in hand.
For in the dance of light and shadows' cease,
We find the eternal beauty of global peace.

THE STATE OF SORROW

Blood and tears on ancient sands,
Where hope fades 'neath fear's demands.

In shadows of relentless strife,
Yearning for the dawn of life.

Gaza's streets echo with despair,
Rockets rend the silent air.
In Israel's heart, tension thrives,
As citizens face uncertain lives.

Yet amid the turmoil, unseen,
A child's eyes hold dreams serene.
Soldiers stand on streets of old,
Whispers of martyrs, stories untold.

Yet, in the depths of strife's cruel hold,
Resilience shines, a tale untold.
Amidst chaos, voices yearn for peace,
Beneath the skies where conflicts cease.

Blood and tears on ancient lands,
But courage grasps compassionate hands.
For in the midst of strife and pain,
Love's beacon shines, our hearts remain.

JOURNALISM is the heart of DEMOCRACY

journalism serves as the lifeblood of democracy, nourishing its values of transparency, accountability, dialogue, and empowerment. Without a free and independent press, democracy cannot thrive, as it relies on the dissemination of accurate information, robust debate, and civic engagement to flourish. Journalism serves as a watchdog, holding those in power accountable for their actions and decisions. Investigative reporting uncovers corruption, abuse of power, and other malpractices, shining a light on issues that might otherwise remain hidden. By exposing wrongdoing and promoting transparency, journalism helps maintain the checks and balances necessary for a healthy democracy.



Journalism empowers individuals and communities by giving them a voice and a platform to share their stories and advocate for change. Investigative journalism into social injustices, economic disparities, and environmental issues can mobilize public opinion and catalyse social movements aimed at addressing these challenges. By amplifying marginalized voices and championing social causes, journalism contributes to a more inclusive and participatory democracy. Journalism plays a crucial role in safeguarding democratic rights, including freedom of speech, freedom of the press, and the right to information. Journalists often risk their lives to report on human rights abuses, threats to democracy, and violations of civil liberties. By upholding these rights and exposing infringements upon them, journalism helps protect the very foundations of democracy.

Journalism provides citizens with the information they need to make informed decisions. Through newspapers, websites, TV broadcast, and social media, journalists report on events, analyze issues, and present diverse perspectives. Informed citizens are essential for a democracy to function effectively, as they can participate meaningfully in elections, hold elected officials accountable, and advocate policies that reflect their interests and values.

One notable Indian journalist is Ravish Kumar. He is widely recognized for his work as a senior executive editor and prime-time anchor of NDTV India, one of India's leading news channels. Ravish Kumar is known for his incisive analysis, fearless reporting, and commitment to addressing critical social and political issues. Kumar's reporting often focuses on issues affecting marginalized communities, government accountability, and the state of Indian democracy. He has received several prestigious awards for his journalism, including the Ramon Magsaysay Award for Journalism, Literature, and Creative Communication Arts, often referred to as Asia's Noble Prize. Ravish Kumar's dedication to ethical journalism, his willingness to question authority, and his efforts to amplify the voices of the disenfranchised have earned him widespread respect and admiration both within India and internationally. He serves as an inspiring example of journalistic integrity and courage in the Indian media landscape.

Freedom of the press is a fundamental democratic principle. Journalists play a crucial role in upholding this freedom by reporting

without fear of censorship or reprisal. By defending the right to free speech and expression, journalists help safeguard individual liberties and prevent the concentration of power in the hands of a few. Through investigative reporting and advocacy journalism, journalism empowers citizens by giving them the knowledge and tools they need to participate actively in society. By raising awareness about social injustices, advocating for change, and amplifying marginalized voices, journalists inspire individuals to become agents of positive change in their communities.

Journalism is essential for democracy because it provides citizens with the information they need to make informed decisions, holds those in power accountable through investigative reporting, fosters public discourse and debate by presenting diverse viewpoints, defends the freedom of the press, and empowers citizens by raising awareness about social issues and advocating for change.

“Nothing like Voting, Vote for sure.”

Discovering the democratic process of voting in Meghalaya: the youths took the initiative to learn about elections, voter registration, and the power of one vote. When young people are franchised or engaged in political processes, it provides a platform for individuals to voice their thoughts and opinions on voting and their rights. On the 13th April, 2024 St. Edmunds College Model United Nation (SECMUN), in collaboration with Meghalaya Model United Nations (MMUN) organised an Open Mic event which was also coordinated with the Office of Chief Election Commission, East Khasi Hills District. The SECMUN Club with the JGA Cultural Team of St. Edmund's College hosted the event.

Originally the event was hosted by the Regional Director of Jaintia Hills and Ri Bhoi region MMUN, Ma'am Ibalarishisha Syiem and the Director of Finance MMUN, Sir.Eddy Ripnar together with the guest of the day Ma'am.Anendya Raajsshree, IAS and Assistant Commissioner, East Khasi Hills District and Nodal Officer SVEEP (Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation). The motto of the annual day is to encourage students to participate in the upcoming elections which are to be held on the 19th April 2024.

As it was inspired by Ma'am Anendya Raajsshree that “elections are the festivals of democracy and it is the biggest right anyone can exercise.” The right to vote have been given to us by the Constitution of India, in order to have a voice in the biggest democracy in the world. That being said, she also encouraged the youths to exercise



Sr. Eddy Ripnar, Director of Finance summarised the purpose of the event which is to spread awareness on the criteria introduced by the Election Commission of various technologies in voting. As he mentioned that in Meghalaya the vote turn out is comparatively less than other states, however the awareness program would encourage individuals to exercise their vote and to raise a voice through voting as it is one of the foundation of the nation.

Several performances were featured by the students of St.Edmund's College as well as members from Meghalaya Model United Nation who promoted the when, how, and why of voting. Mellberg Shangdiar kicked off the event with a song performance and mesmerized the crowd with his wonderful composition. The very gifted dancer Lurshailang Lyngdoh Mawplang also graced the occasion, stunning the audience with his infectious energy and skills. Our very own entertainer, Yoshepha Lyndem amused everyone with her original Khasi Phawar with a message of the importance of voting.

Emily Grazel Jyrwa, President of the college music society added even more elegance to the occasion by captivating everyone with her vocal strains and notes. The current leader of the appreciation in everyone. In addition, the band

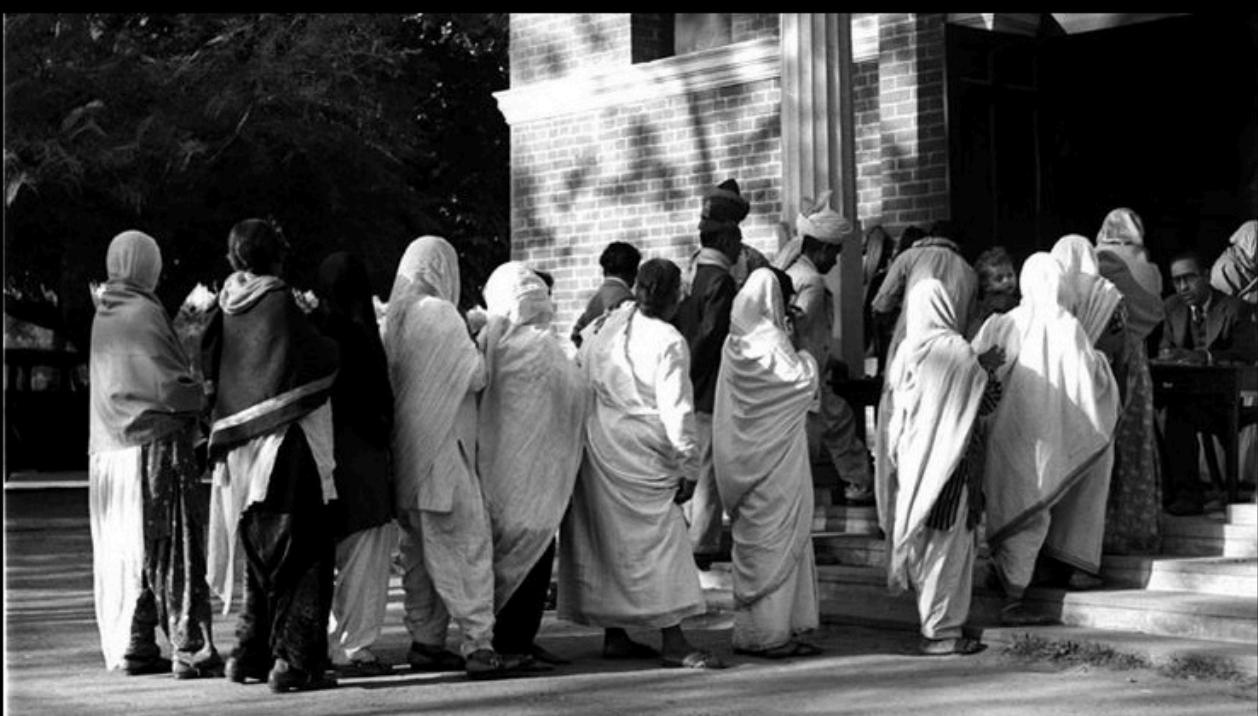
Cheeky Chorister played a song. They even got the throng to join in on the song. Followed by a dance performance by Rebecca and her partner who were two of the exceptional dancers. People envied them for the way they moved. A duet performance by Mrinmoyee and Shayonika was also included. Their calming voice truly enthralled the audience.

A series of the quizzing hosted by Naphibansabet Byrsat and Riwaka Pyrbot Tangsong helped in brainstorming ideas and improved the knowledge of voting. Such questions were to derive the abbreviation of EPIC (Elector's Photo Identity Card) and VVPAT (Voters Verifiable Paper Audit Trial) and so on. Some winners bagged a back to back win and it gave the students the confidence to continue on with the quiz. The performances ended with an inspirational speech by Da-aibiang Marngar from the History department, expressing his views on the significance of voting and selecting a leader based on their actual qualifications rather than just their catchy music. The vote of thanks was delivered by Bartley Noel Dkhar.

We were given a wealth of voting-related information and learned that voting is crucial. Enabling citizens to voice their choices for who and how they are governed is a fundamental component of democratic governance. Voting allows people to hold their leaders responsible, shape public policies and decisions that impact their lives, and contribute to the future development of their town, state, and nation. On top of that, it guarantees that the chosen government represents the will of the people and upholds its legitimacy. Voting is therefore a vital civic duty as well as a right.

All in all, the event was a success. In fact, it gave individuals the motivation to utilize their right to vote and not throw it away in favour of shaping the nation's future. Once again, St. Edmund's College Model United Nation club successfully acted as a change agent by assisting and collaborating with the event organizers into making the occasion worthwhile

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MODEL UNITED NATIONS (MUN) IN DIPLOMATIC CONDUCT AND DECORUM

Model United Nations (MUN) is a simulation that replicates the actual proceedings and committees of the United Nations. It serves as an educational platform where students can gain knowledge about diplomacy, international relations, and the current agenda of the United Nations, enabling them to grasp the complexities of world issues and politics.

Through MUN, participants assume the roles of diplomats representing different countries and engage in debates, negotiations, and resolutions akin to real diplomats. This immersive experience exposes participants to a diverse range of international issues and allows them to comprehend the perspectives of various nations, thereby fostering empathy, critical thinking, and a deeper understanding of global affairs.

Furthermore, MUN aids in the refinement of diplomatic skills such as public speaking, negotiation, compromise, consensus-building, and conflict resolution. Participants learn to express their viewpoints eloquently, defend their country's positions, and collaborate towards finding common solutions. By interacting with peers from diverse backgrounds, MUN also promotes cultural sensitivity, tolerance, and the ability to effectively cooperate in multicultural settings - vital attributes for diplomatic engagement. Moreover, MUN encourages thorough research on assigned topics, countries' stances, and global policies, thus enhancing participants' analytical skills, information gathering and synthesis abilities, and comprehension of policy-making processes.

Professionalism, etiquette, and respect for diplomatic norms are emphasized in MUN, guiding participants on how to conduct themselves in formal settings, adhere to diplomatic protocols, and engage in civil discourse even during contentious debates. Additionally, MUN provides valuable opportunities for networking with peers, mentors, and experts in the field of international relations. These connections can potentially lead to collaborations, mentorship, and future career prospects in diplomacy, politics, academia, or related fields.



All in all, MUN acts as a training ground for aspiring diplomats and global leaders by fostering diplomatic conduct, promoting decorum, and equipping participants with the necessary skills for success in this realm.

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REPORTS OF A DECADE LONG JOURNEY OF SECMUN CLUB

SECMUN CONFERENCE 2017

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The second edition of the St. Edmunds College Model United Nations (SEMCMUN) convened in 2017, provided a dynamic platform for discussing global issues under the theme of "Sustainability, Peace, and Security." The conference aimed to engage students in simulations of United Nations sessions, fostering dialogue on critical international policies and humanitarian efforts. SECMUN 2017 was marked by the active participation of students in various committees, each focused on specific global challenges. The discussions were structured around the central theme with the objective of crafting resolutions that advocate sustainable and peaceful solutions to security threats.

Committees and Agendas

Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Committee (SOCHUM)

Agenda: Protection of women's rights in violent conflict zones

The SOCHUM delegates focused on enhancing protection mechanisms for women and girls in conflict zones, emphasizing the prevention of gender-based violence and reinforcing legal frameworks for accountability.

United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA)

Agenda: Creating a standard for disputed land and water boundaries between countries

This committee discussed the environmental and political implications of disputed boundaries. Delegates proposed international standards to manage land and water resources that cross borders, aiming to prevent conflicts and encourage cooperation.



Disarmament and International Security Committee (DISEC)

Agenda: Preventing proliferation of chemical and biological weapons

DISEC addressed the urgent need to strengthen international agreements to prevent the spread and use of chemical and biological weapons. Proposals included enhancing verification mechanisms and supporting global non-proliferation treaties.

Lok Sabha

Agenda: Rehabilitation of Rohingya Muslims in India

The focus was on policy-making for the integration and rehabilitation of Rohingya refugees within Indian borders. Discussions included measures for legal protection, economic integration, and societal acceptance of the Rohingya community.

The SECMUN 2017 served as a significant educational experience for all participants, enhancing their understanding of international diplomacy and policy-making. The resolutions developed across the committees emphasized a unified approach to global challenges, underlining the importance of international cooperation and sustainable strategies.

SECMUN CONFERENCE 2018

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The 2018 Model United Nations Conference at St. Edmunds College marked the third edition of this esteemed event, showcasing a significant platform for diplomatic simulation among students. This year, the conference featured four committees, each delving into critical global issues ranging from environmental concerns to geopolitical conflicts.

Committees and Agenda

United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA)

Agenda: Eradication of Marine Litter and Ocean Pollution

Chairperson: Vishwa Mohini

Co-chairperson: Deep Shankarnath

Summary: The UNEA committee focused on innovative and sustainable methods to address the growing problem of marine litter and ocean pollution. Discussions revolved around international cooperation, enhancing recycling practices, and enforcing stricter marine protection laws.

World Health Organization (WHO)

Agenda: Antibiotic Resistance as a Threat to Global Health

Chairperson: Ushinis Guha

Co-Chairperson: Ankusma Saikia

Summary: This committee tackled the escalating threat of antibiotic resistance, emphasizing the need for global surveillance systems, promoting responsible use of antibiotics, and encouraging the development of new antibiotics and alternative treatments.



Disarmament and International Security Council (DISEC)

Agenda: Israel-Palestine Conflict; Two-State Solution

Chairperson: Arpit Chakravarti

Co-Chairperson: Jaya Singh

Summary: The DISEC committee focused on addressing the Israel-Palestine conflict, with a particular emphasis on discussing the viability of a two-state solution. The committee's debate centered around ensuring regional stability and security, promoting peace through diplomatic efforts, and upholding the rights of people in both nations.

All India Political Parties Meet (AIPPM)

Agenda: Hindrance to Indigenous Aspiration or a Tool for Foundation Building – AFSPA

Chairperson: Sudarshan Goswami

Co-Chairperson: Aniket Arch

Summary: The AIPPM focused on the controversial Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act (AFSPA), debating its impact on indigenous communities and its role in foundation building in conflict areas. The committee examined potential reforms or alternatives that respect human rights while maintaining national security.

The 2018 Model United Nations Conference at St. Edmunds College successfully fostered a dynamic environment for dialogue and problem-solving, engaging participants in deep, constructive discussions. Each committee brought forward thought-provoking ideas and resolutions, reflecting the participants' dedication and deep understanding of complex global issues. The event not only enhanced the analytical and diplomatic skills of the participants but also inspired a generation of future leaders to commit to global peace and sustainability.

SECMUN 2019

MOCK SESSION

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This report provides a detailed overview of the 2019 mock session for the Model United Nations (MUN) held at Edmund's College. The session was designed as a preparatory meeting to introduce and familiarize new delegates with the workings of MUN. The primary focus was a singular committee session where the Mr. Ayushman Das, the invited resource person, provided guidance and training to help delegates prepare for the upcoming NEIMUN Conference 2019 in Sikkim, Majitar. The Model United Nations (MUN) conference provides a platform for students to learn about diplomacy, international relations, and the United Nations. St. Edmund's College hosted a mock MUN session in 2019, aimed at equipping new MUN delegates with necessary skills and knowledge to participate effectively in future conferences.

Objectives

- To introduce new delegates to the format and procedures of MUN.
- To provide practical training in MUN operations.
- To prepare delegates for successful participation in the NEIMUN Conference 2019.

Overview

The mock MUN session at St. Edmund's College was a brief but intensive committee session. The resource person of the session played a pivotal role, focusing on educating the delegates about:

- The general structure of MUN committee sessions.
- Key roles and responsibilities of MUN delegates.
- Techniques and strategies for effective participation and negotiation.

Methodology

The methodology employed during the mock session included:

- An introductory lecture by the resource person outlining the basic operations of MUN.
- A simulated committee session where delegates practiced drafting resolutions, negotiating with allies and adversaries, and following formal MUN procedures.

Key Learnings

- A clear understanding of MUN's operational framework.
- Enhanced skills in public speaking, diplomacy, and negotiation.
- Increased confidence in their ability to contribute effectively at the NEIMUN Conference.

SECMUN DELEGATION AT NEIMUN 2019

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The NEIMUN 2019 conference at SMIT, Sikkim, provided a platform for students to engage in simulated United Nations sessions, developing skills in diplomacy, negotiation, and global policymaking. St. Edmunds College participated with 21 students and two accompanying teacher-teachers, Sir Dipankar Deb from Mathematics Department & Miss Larihun Jeengaph from Environmental Science Department.

Objectives

- To enhance students' understanding of international relations and UN operations.
- To develop skills in public speaking, negotiation, and diplomacy.
- To promote leadership qualities among students.

Participation and Awards

- Delegation Size: 21 students, two teachers
- Committees Involved: Multiple, covering a range of global issues
- Awards: 9 Diplomacy Awards
- Special Recognition: One student elected as President of the General Assembly

The students of St. Edmunds College demonstrated exceptional performance at NEIMUN 2019. Nine students received Diplomacy Awards for their outstanding negotiation and problem-solving skills. Their achievements highlight the college's commitment to nurturing diplomatic and leadership qualities in its students.

Recommendations for Future Participation

- Continue to encourage and prepare students for participation in international model UN conferences.
- Increase training sessions to include more specialized topics in international law and economic policies.
- Foster an environment that continues to celebrate and recognize students' achievements in extracurricular engagements.

The participation in NEIMUN 2019 significantly benefited the students of St. Edmunds College, enhancing their capabilities in international diplomacy and leadership. The experience not only enriched their academic and personal development but also elevated the college's standing in the educational community. The success at the conference is a testament to the college's exemplary educational standards and its dedication to student development.

This report affirms St. Edmunds College's commitment to providing high-quality educational experiences that prepare students for global citizenship and leadership roles.

SECMUN DELEGATION AT SACMUN CONFERENCE 2019

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The St. Anthony's College Model United Nations (SACMUN) 2019 conference, held from October 31st to November 2nd, was a pivotal event that gathered aspirational students from all educational backgrounds to participate in high-level discourses on significant international concerns. This conference took place just days after the NEIMUN conference in Sikkim, which affected attendance; as a result, fewer delegates from St. Edmund's College were able to participate. Despite the lower turnout, the delegation from St. Edmund's College made a substantial contribution to the conference discussions and earned remarkable accolades, highlighting their commitment and skill in international diplomacy and debate.

Overview of the Conference

The SACMUN 2019 conference, themed "Go Green," included various committees, each tackling important worldwide issues via thorough discussion and resolution drafting. This theme was central to inspiring a more environmentally conscious approach to global issues.

Key committees and their agendas included:

United Nations Security Council (UNSC):

The UNSC meeting's agenda was centred on evaluating the hazards associated with the existing climate and critically examining the plans for enacting new climate control policies. Discussions also focused on developing a backup governance structure to efficiently handle the pressing resource issues related to climate change.

United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (UNCSW):

The agenda for the UN Commission on the Status of Women (UNCSW) focused on critically analyzing the current position of women in high-level political forums and examining their impact on global geopolitics. This discussion aimed to assess the progress and challenges in enhancing women's representation and influence in these critical decision-making spaces.

National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC):

For the National Commission for Backward Classes, the agenda centered on re-assessing and re-establishing feasible amendments in the current quota system. The discussion aimed to explore ways to enhance the effectiveness and fairness of the quota system, ensuring it meets the evolving needs and challenges of the communities it serves.

Climate Action Summit on UN Waters:

Proposing standardised recommended ways to re-establish water resources and existence programmes in war-torn places was on the agenda for the Climate Action Summit's UN Waters Committee. The focus was on developing practical and sustainable strategies to address the urgent water crises exacerbated by conflicts, aiming to restore access to vital water supplies and support resilience in affected communities.

International Press Committee (IPC):

Covered journalism and photography, focusing on documenting the conference and providing insights into the deliberations and outcomes through various media.

Achievements:

The delegation from St. Edmund's College showcased exemplary performance and skill, resulting in several awards:

- Justin Thabah was awarded the Best Delegate in Photojournalism, highlighting his exceptional skills in capturing the essence of the conference through photography.

- Arjit Das received a High Commendation for his outstanding participation as Switzerland in the UNCSW committee, demonstrating superior understanding and advocacy of the agenda.

- Banaiboklang Khongtir earned a High Commendation for his exemplary representation of China at the Climate Action Summit on the UN Waters committee, demonstrating his commitment to climate resiliency and sustainable water management.

- Arjit Endow received a High Commendation in Photojournalism and was also recognized as the Best Campus Ambassador, reflecting his dual excellence in both journalistic skill and leadership.

The SACMUN 2019 conference was a platform of immense opportunity for all attendees, particularly highlighted by the achievements of the St. Edmund's College delegation. In addition to fostering critical engagement with global concerns, the conference helped attendees develop their public speaking, negotiation, and diplomacy abilities. The conference's ideas and resolutions demonstrate the global youth's continued commitment to tackling and resolving worldwide problems through cooperation.

SECMUN MOCK SESSION

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The SECMUN Mock Session, organized by the SECMUN Club of St. Edmunds College Model United Nations, was conducted with the aim of raising awareness among college students about global issues, fostering research skills, and nurturing leadership qualities. The event took place in two parts: an online session on March 23, 2023, and an offline session on March 25, 2023.

Before the event, meticulous planning was done to ensure its success. Committees and topics were selected in advance, allowing participants to research and prepare their arguments. Roles such as delegates, co-chair, and volunteers were assigned to ensure smooth organization. The venue, both physical and virtual (Zoom Meet), was prepared with necessary equipment and facilities. Study guides were provided to participants beforehand to familiarize them with the topics and rules of procedure. Additionally, refreshments were arranged to keep participants energized and focused.

During the event, participants engaged in simulations of United Nations proceedings, debating global issues related to politics and international relations. The session began with introductions, where participants stated their positions on the topic. Opening speeches followed, where participants presented their arguments. An unmoderated caucus allowed informal discussions and alliances among participants, while a moderated caucus facilitated in-depth discussions.

Resolutions were presented and voted upon, and the session concluded with closing speeches summarizing the proceedings.

After the event, winners were declared based on various criteria including knowledge of assigned countries, debating skills, negotiation abilities, and teamwork. Refreshments were distributed to participants and viewers, consisting of a samosa and a cup of tea. Participants were also encouraged to provide feedback, allowing organizers to gather insights for future improvements.

In essence, the SECMUN Mock Session successfully achieved its objectives of raising awareness, promoting research skills, and nurturing leadership qualities among college students. Through meticulous planning, engaging simulations, and post-event reflections, the session provided a platform for students to actively engage in discussions on global issues and enhance their diplomatic and negotiation skills.

SECMUN INDUCTION PROGRAM

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Induction Program for SECMUN Club

On 8th August, 2023 St. Edmund's College Model United Nations (SECMUN) Club as part of the College initiative to familiarize primarily the newly admitted students of academic year 2023-24 held the induction programme and brought to light the diplomatic engagement of the students. As part of this initiative, more than 50 fresh students joined the Club and became as Club members. The preparation for the program started days prior with making of Chats, Presentation and explanation of what is Model United Nations, what is the purpose of the SECMUN Club in the College, the list of activities the Club hosts from time to time and more. The highlight of the day was the reflection of success stories of the Club members in several regional and National level Model United Nations Conference held across the length and breadth of the country from time to time.

The role of diplomacy, decision making, awareness of International relations, dialogue exchange and deliberation and discussion(s) on several pressing global concern that takes place in a MUN Conference made each of the students know the importance of being engaged with the Club as a responsible and accountable nation builder. The ever ready support of the faculty team of the Club with the students' made them grow their interest for membership to the Club. The organizers were assigned with roles such as Communicator, Host, Presentation handler and this ensured that the session was well-organized, productive and concluded with a success note. Bhushan Kalita, Govinda Upadhyay and Shreyashi Vedashruti, members of the Club from the 4th semester department of Biochemistry, Computer Application and Chemistry respectively handled all technical sessions of the day with sheer greatness and enthusiasm. As a mark of appreciation and encouragement, the students who joined as new members were distributed handmade Club badges and they assured constant support and cooperation as Club members'. The day was enriched with the visit to the Club room by respected Principal (I/c), Br. Dr. Simon Coelho and Vice Principal (Administration), Prof. Monotosh Chakraborty to encourage the organizing for their dedication and commitment.

INTRA SECMUN CONFERENCE 2023

"In the corridors of Model United Nations, the voices of tomorrow's leaders echo, united in their pursuit of peace, justice, and sustainable development."

**Shubhankar Sarma (Faculty incharge)
Ankit Bhattacharai President (SECMUN 2023-24)
Riwaka Tangsang (Student & IPC Delegate)**

St. Edmund's College Model United Nation club held its first Intra-MUN Conference for the year 2023-2024 on 19th & 20th September, 2023. Bringing diplomacy back and transforming society, SECMUN empowered youth from various departments to actively take part and improve their confidence and skilled trained leaders and diplomats. With committees like the All Indian Political Parties Meet (AIPPM), United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) and International Press Corps (IPC) thereby expanding the horizons of diplomacy, international relations, and the United Nations and world issues. The All India Political Parties Meet (AIPPM) engaged in a crucial dialogue on the Citizenship Amendment Act which aimed to foster a better understanding of its implications and significance. The United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) gathered together for a crucial deliberation on Violence and Discrimination based on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity. Delving into the world's complexities, the International Press Corps (IPC) through its Journalist and Photo Journalist convenes to amplify global voices and shedding light on diverse narratives, fostering understanding and dialogue.

The opening ceremony held on the college auditorium was graced by Br. Dr. Simon Coelho, Principal (I/c), Prof. Monotosh Chakravarty, Vice Principal (Administration), Dr. K. P. Pallavi Malhan, Vice Principal (Academics), Dr. B. W. Nongbri, Dean, esteemed Executive Board members of the respective committees, teachers associated with the club for supervision and guidance, faculty members of the college across departments, secretariat members, delegates and students of the College. The formal session comprised of the speeches and deliveries given by the guests and were being felicitated as a token of gratitude from the club for their support and presence. With the tagline #Diplomacy Homecoming, the team tried to give the students of the college the finest platform to showcase their potential and shine bright in their respective flair. It was a grand comeback for the club with a new and dedicated team after the gloom brought in by the pandemic that veiled their vision and mission for a couple of years at a stretch.



Intra SECMUN Conference Committee Sessions

The entire conference was a success with the support and expertise forwarded by the bench of dedicated teachers comprising of Dr. Jasmine Sawian, Ms. Larihun Jeengaph, Ms. Mitali Dasgupta, Sir William Lynrah, Ms. Rajni Khyriem, Sir Ricky Basaiawmoit, Ms. Naphisabet Syiemlieh and Sir Shubhankar Sarma respectively. The inaugural session also witnessed the introduction of the board of Secretariat members of the club for the year 2023-24 starting with President : Ankit Bhattacharai, Secretary General : Kashyapi Bezbarua, Director General: Shreyashi Vedashruti , USG for Delegate Affairs : Zabeen Riwanmika Pakyntein , USG for Conference Management : Ngiplo Chuhwanglim , USG for Finance : Tanisha Saikia , Deputy USG for Finance : Raj Thapa , USG for Information Technology : Bhushan Kalita , Deputy USG FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY : Adriel Neziah Syiemlieh, USG for Public Relations and Communication : Sanskriti Modgal , Deputy USG for Public Relations and Communication : Naphibansanbet Byrsat , USG for Sponsorship Affairs : Hiyashree Nath , Deputy USG for Sponsorship Affairs : Deepak Sharma, USG for Marketing : Govinda Upadhyay , USG for Logistics and Hospitality : Prithviraj Tanti , Deputy USG for Logistics and Hospitality : Ker-I-Ka K Kharshanlor respectively.

The Executive Board Members who plays an important role in any MUN conference, are the positive influencers who are contributors and passionate leaders. Being in the world of diplomacy for the last 7 years with IPC Journalism, Mr. Shubhankar Sarma headed the International Press Corps (Journalism). He is currently serving as a faculty of the college in the department of Sociology and it was a delight to have him on board who selflessly agreed to grace in the capacity of the Executive Board member as well. At the snap of a finger, his camera lens springs to life and he punctuates the moment with his wry, sarcastic wit Mr. Arijit Endow served as the Head of Photo Journalism.



A popular face in the MUN circuit, he has chaired conferences in and around the parts of the nation, Mr. Dheeraj N. Yadav led the United Nation Human Rights Committee (UNHRC) as the Chairperson. Ms. Tanisha Saikia, current student of the college with her prior experience in the world of diplomacy served led the United Nation Human Rights Committee (UNHRC) as the Vice-Chairperson. Mr. Yatrick Sarmah, a known face in the North Eastern MUN circuit who has never failed to amaze the delegate around him by securing the best delegate award in almost every MUN he has ever taken part served in the All India Political Party Meet (AIPPM) as the Chairperson. Ms. Anshita Sheryll Das, current student of the College who is as well into the world of diplomacy served in the All Political Parties Meet (AIPPM) as the Vice-Chairperson respectively.

The excitement and enthusiasm was felt on the first day of the conference in showing the immense possibilities of debates, discussions and exposure to knowledge. The conference brought together great minds and its proceedings are a step towards making those involved and present great leaders and diplomats.

In a world of critical issues, arguments and controversy the delegates familiarized themselves with the respected agenda given to each committee in order to properly prepare for the conference and to be able to faithfully defend their position. Aside from the delegates and the Chairs, members of the press were present in the committees. It was in charge of writing news articles about the debate's developments and conducting interviews with the delegates on the second day of the conference as per the format of a MUN conference. Throughout the conference, delegates were able to develop a series of skills, such as oral and written communication, diplomacy, critical thinking and teamwork. This is also an interactive way to approach social, economic, political and cultural problems. During the two day conference, delegates looked for solutions to the various problems via diplomacy. Last, but not least activities scheduled after the debates were the social night. The purpose of a social is to form friendship and strengthen their social network. It was an evening to remember for all the delegates after the exciting and insightful proceedings of day one.

The day after, the conference followed the pattern of informal discussion, often including informal negotiation and agreements among the more active delegations, which pave the way to formal decisions by the conference. With the investigation of the International Press Corps during every committee session, a team of journalist and photo journalist (media team) added new layers of complexity and enjoyment during the press conference. Press Corps can be challenging but are also a very fun part of any conference that can really make the delegate's experience pop, providing a useful outflow of energy and creativity in the conference and provide a nice keepsake at the end. Done right, the Press Corps can really make a lasting impression amongst delegates and be a great source of positivity and memories for all involved. All that remained was the closing ceremony of the conference. Mr. Meshuwa Kupar Mawthoh, Founder President of Meghalaya Model United Nations graced as the Chief Guest of the day. He was felicitated by the President of SECMUN Club as a token of gratitude for his presence and encouragement. The ceremony witnessed time where the Executive Board members expressed their satisfaction with the course of discussions. However, the final part of the closing process is the concluding statement by the Chairman. They attempted to put as positive a light as possible on what has transpired, drawing attention to the real achievements of the



conference and to the possibilities that it has opened for the future. The awaited moment was the distribution of awards for the Best Delegate, High Commendation, Special Mention and Verbal Mention award of UNHRC and AIPPM committee and the award of Best Journalist and Best Photo Journalist respectively. The two day conference filled with captivating speeches, thought provoking ideas and unmatched insights was a sheer success with the participation of 70 delegates across the three committees. It was a moment of joy and achievement on the part of the organizers of the conference and the college at large to receive such profound excitement and enthusiasm. The Intra SECMUN Conference 2023 ended on a note to return back with an even more striking and bigger conference soon for its college students and others outside and make the club shine more brighter and vibrant.

SECMUN DELEGATION AT APOGEE 2023: THE PATH TO PROGRESS

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The three day Model United Nations conference organized by: APOGEE-THE APEX YOUTH CONCLAVE at Assam Engineering Institute on 27th, 28th and 29th of October 2023 was an enriching and educational experiences that bought delegates from different colleges, school and universities. The delegation representing St. Edmund's College, Shillong comprised of Nabya Kalita in the IPC (International Press Corps) committee, Ridabiang Sungoh and Sajarmiki Dhar in the AIOPPM (All Indian Opposition Parties Meet) committee and Pratixa Chetiya in the UNHRC (United Nations Human Rights Council) committee respectively who had the opportunity to engage in dynamic discussions, learn from the experts and also to collaborate with fellow delegates to address global and political issues.

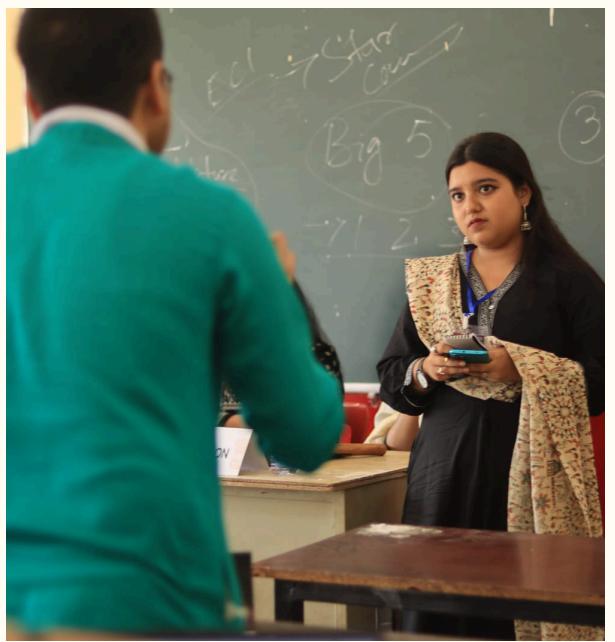
The conference began with an inspiring opening ceremony with speeches from the esteemed guests of honors as Dr.Bhabaranjan Sarmah, National Executive Council Member of ISTE, New Delhi, who is an extremely talented persona and has chaired conferences across the globe.

His inspirational words had a profound and positive impact on the delegates and built a sense of confidence to proceed the committee sessions with successful resolutions along with a great change. Dr.Hitesh Tahbildar, Principal of Assam Engineering Institute along with Mr.Tanmai Das, Chairperson ISTE Assam and Eastern Section were also present as chief guests in the conference. The ceremony proceeded with the lighting of lamp and captivating cultural performances and got concluded as soon as the Secretary General, Mr. Yatrick Sarmah formally declared the conference to be open. Delegates had the chance to meet and interact with peers from and around different colleges during the break after the ceremony. Following the opening ceremony, committee sessions commenced. The delegates were given informative briefings by the Executive Board members of the respective committees. The first day at the conference was quite productive and interactive.

The second day of the conference was mainly focused on the committee work with an intense focus on the drafting resolutions. Delegates were very active debating in the

formal debates and were discussing about their agendas respectively. The delegates of AIOPPM had an agenda on I.N.D.I.A coalition and roadmap to General Elections 2024 whereas the UNHRC shared a common purpose of Human Rights implications of big data and data ownership. Delegates from both the committees were discussing on the political and global issues with all dedication and mental competency. The day also featured moderated as well as unmoderated caucuses that enabled informal committee interactions. Apart from the committee work, the delegates had friendly interactions with each other as they proceeded for their lunch. It was followed by a cultural night also can be termed as "Socials" where the delegates as well as the advisors were greeted with music, dance and a variety of refreshments. The event provided a relaxed yet energetic setting for the attendees to meet and engage in informal conversations.

The final day of the conference featured last-minute negotiations and revisions of resolutions within committees, followed by the press conference where the delegates representing different news portfolios from the International Press Corps/Press Information Bureau questioned the members of the committee about critical issues which were discussed in their respective committees. The conference ended with a memorable closing ceremony, where awards were distributed to delegates who displayed outstanding diplomacy and negotiation skills. Participating in the APOGEE MUN 2023 was a transformative experience. We have gained valuable insights into the world of political and international diplomacy, learned to work collaborate with individuals of diverse backgrounds. Overall the conference has been an enriching experience and has helped us to achieve a great learning experience.



SECMUN CLUB at ELECTORAL LITERACY CARNIVAL

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SECMUN Team with MMUN Founder President Mr. Meshuwa Kupar Mawthoh

On the 7th of November 2023, St. Edmund's College Model United Nations Club, with 14 of its members along with the teacher in charge, Mr. Shubhankar Sarma and the support of all faculty members of the club, visited as a team to the "Electoral Literacy Carnival" organized by the Office of The District Election Officer, East Khasi Hills District, Shillong in collaboration with the Meghalaya Model United Nations as invited guests. The carnival was held at Anton Hall, Don Bosco Square, Shillong with day long activities of learning and engagement. The team was welcomed by the Founder-President of the Meghalaya Model United Nations, Mr. Meshuwa Kupar Mawthoh with great gestures as he escorted the team into the hall. Mr. Meshuwa urged any two members to represent the college in the Debate Competition to be held in a while then. Under the guidance of Sir Shubhankar Sarma, Govinda Upadhyay and Sambuddha Das were given the opportunity to represent the College for the event. The Debate Competition was a part of the many events held for the day with the motion "This House believes that One Nation One Election is the most cost-effective method of elections in India". Govinda Upadhyay had spoken against the motion while Sambuddha Das had spoken for the motion. After a very exciting debate, it was time for the prize distribution. Govinda Upadhyay won the award for "Most Humorous Speaker" thereby making the college proud and Making a statement as an Edmundian. He was awarded the trophy by the Chief Electoral Officer, Dr. B.D.R. Tiwari at the end of the competition.

Moving on, distinguished guests like Dr. Tiwari, Mr. Mawthoh and others gave their speeches filled with motivation, civic awareness and much more. The event was then offered a break for lunch, as well as for the attendees to enjoy the fun and games which were being held at the venue. Some of them were crossbow shooting and ring throwing. The venue also had a photo booth for people to get themselves a collage of some interesting pictures. Being a part of an Electoral Awareness program, young adults who were of 17 years of age were invited to register themselves as voters at the venue itself. The SECMUN team after their lunch enjoyed the games offered there. The event was then made livelier by the presence and some incredible performances by a live band. They indeed made the afternoon a memorable one.

Moving on, the day had Smti. Rosetta Mary Kurbah, IAS, the Deputy Commissioner, East Khasi Hill District distributing certificates to the winners and other participants of the Debate Competition. Following which she gave an inspiring speech encouraging young talents to be responsible and reliable citizens of the nation. As the Day came to an end, the team had a few more members of the organisation giving their concluding remarks marking the end of the event.

Later that day, the SEC MUN team clicked some group pictures as an endearing and valuable memory before heading back to our destination.

Diplomacy, Solutions and Negotiations: **SECMUN** **DELEGATION AT** **SMIT 7.0**

Riwaka Tangsong (Student & IPC Delegate)
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St. Edmunds College United Nation Club present to you the outcome and results of the The Sikkim Manipal Institute of Technology (SMIT) Model United Nation Conference held on 19th December of 2023. The conference attracted over 100 participants in person and it was an event at which we were able to actively engage with and reach out to a wider range of knowledge and diplomacy. St.Edmund's College had a delegation team consisting of ten members under the supervision of Sr. Ricky Basaiamoit and Ms.Rajni Khriem. The Sikkim Manipal Institute of Technology (SMIT) Model United Nation club on a Tuesday evening of 19th December 2023, gathered to discuss and to form a resolution within a three day conference. The college students who participated in the Disarmament & International Security Committee (DISEC) were Dianne Marak, Emaedeiwa War and Ridabiang Sungoh. Naphibansabot Byrsat, Raisa A.B Sawkmie and Wellborn Umsong were engaged in the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC). The International Press Corps (IPC) constituted by Riwaka Pyrbot Tangsong and Gloria Naorem.

The Model United Nation (UN) Crisis scenario and heated debates was held in the premises of the four committees of the Sikkim Summit UN conference. Delegates focused on the stressful situation, treat their immediate needs and coping skills so they can handle the same or similar situations. The committee session started with an ice breaking session where each delegate was to introduce themselves and about their perspective on life. The Executive Board explained on the importance of a diplomatic conduct and decorum. The training session started with emphasizing the significance of public speaking under its 4P's i.e. "Pace, Pitch, Pause, and Projection". The principles of Diplomacy was elucidated with examples of the 'Carrot and Stick' policy which was followed by countries of United States of America and North Korea and the principles of Switch policy abided by countries of China and United Kingdom.

The various topics discussed are the mobilization of tank and army personnel, abandoned vessels at the borders of India, US fighter jets, China's military drills, increases in mobilisation.US fighter jets bombed



SECMUN Delegation at SMIT MUN conference



Gaza borders through a drone strike as information of Hamas hideouts received by the Central Investigation (CIA).

Negotiations means confrontation to reach an agreement. The 3C's of Negotiations are "Confrontation, Competition and Compromise", which was the key factor of a successful diplomat. The aim of the committee session is to establish a foundation for the chaos they want to create later in the conference through the collected resources: physical armies, an outlet to spread the propaganda, or needed connections for funding or later events. St. Edmunds College bagged the Best Photo Journalist Award by Gloria Naorem and High Recommendation Award by Riwaka Pyrbot Tangsang. The participants wishes to thank wholeheartedly all contributors and faculty members making it an informative as well as an enjoyable conference.



EBTV & THE EDBLAZON TIMES

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EbTV, the journalism hub of St. Edmund's College, formed under the guidance and assistance of Sir Shubhankar Sarma and Miss Rajni Khyriem on 18th February, 2024 is dedicated to capturing and sharing the vibrant life within the College by serving as a platform for information, expression and the coverage of

the on-going events of our College during the Edblazon festivities. The objective was to make the young and energetic Edmundians' who are keen to Journalism and report making, put to action their flair. Every Journalist made the most of the initiative and delivered a never before experience to the Campus News scenario.

On 20th February, 2024 the journalism team of EbTV comprising eight Journalists' and seven photo and video Journalists' embarked on a captivating journey to capture the preparations, activities, highlights of the events and views of the students and faculty members for our highly anticipated college fest - Edblazon, 2024 and this was the first coverage by EbTV. Through a comprehensive blend of interviews, EbTV aimed to provide an immersive experience bringing the excitement and energy of Edblazon 2024 to the screens across the college community.

From 20th February to 29th February, our EbTV team worked tirelessly alongside various journalists and photojournalists, collaborating in shifts to cover the multitude of activities during EdBlazon 2024. With a commitment to be present wherever possible, we ensured that no important moment of the fest went undocumented. Each day of memories was captured and highlights were shared through videos on our social media platforms.

Additionally, The EdBlazon Times, a newsletter publication by the Journalist team was launched, featuring daily reports of the day long activities and engagements of every member of the Edmundian family. The newsletter was a perfect piece of update for every reader in connection with Edblazon and was accompanied by pictures, further amplifying the coverage of the events. To encourage the budding Journalist to carry forward their passion, the College decided to award them on the categories as Best Journalist, Best Photo Journalist, Best Journalist Team for EbTV & Best Journalist Team for 'The Edblazon Times' respectively. The award ceremony was held on the Grand Finale day and it encouraged each member of the team to carry forward what they started for a brief time.

While Edblazon 2024 may have concluded, EbTV's journalism journey is far from over. EbTV has laid the groundwork for continued coverage of the upcoming college activities and is committed to continue its expedition of discovery enriching the college experience and to celebrate the achievements of St Edmund's College, Shillong. The team plans to continue its Journalist peregrination discovering news ideas of news coverage, information and engagement with the college campus holding to its vibrancy and second to none activities lined up on all possible occasions.



Snippets from Journalist during their coverage

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION 2024

Ankit Bhattarai
(President SECMUN Club 2023-24)

The General Election conducted by the St. Edmunds College Model United Nations (SECMUN) Club on 26th March 2024 aimed to elect suitable candidates for the positions of President, Secretary, and Assistant Secretary. The election process was meticulously organized to ensure fairness and transparency.

For the positions of President and Secretary, only 4th and 6th-semester students were eligible to register as candidates. This ensured that candidates had sufficient experience and maturity to handle the responsibilities associated with these roles.

For the position of Assistant Secretary, recognizing the academic commitments of 1st-semester students who were on study leave preparing for upcoming exams, a special provision was made for online voting. This decision allowed 1st-semester students to participate in the election process without disrupting their study schedules.

On the day of the election, the AV Room 1 served as the designated venue. The election proceedings were conducted in an orderly manner, with the opening speech by Sanskriti Modgal one of the active secretariat member of the club after which each candidate had to say a short speech on why they should be elected for the post they've applied for. The electorate voted through a secret ballot.



For 1st-semester students who were unable to physically attend the election due to study leave, an online voting system was implemented. This allowed them to participate in the election process conveniently, ensuring their voices were heard despite their academic commitments. After the conclusion of the voting process, ballots were counted, and the results were announced promptly. The SECMUN Club ensured transparency and integrity throughout the counting process to maintain the credibility of the election outcomes.

As from above the new Office Bearers of SECMUN(2024-25) is:

1. Bhushan Kalita – President
2. Vivian Alexander – Secretary
3. Naphibansabot Byrsat – Assistant Secretary

The General Election conducted by the St. Edmunds College Model United Nations (SECMUN) Club on 26th March 2024 was a testament to the commitment to democracy and student participation. The structured approach, inclusive measures, and adherence to fairness ensured that the election process was conducted smoothly and effectively. The elected candidates are now poised to serve their roles diligently, representing the interests of the student body and upholding the values of the SECMUN Club.

**ST. EDMUNDS COLLEGE
MODEL UNITED NATIONS CLUB**

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION 2024-25

**DATE: 26TH MARCH,
2024**

**TIME: 02:30 P.M.
ONWARDS**

VENUE: AV ROOM 1

A vertical banner for the SECMUN club. At the top is the club's logo, which includes a crest with a globe and the letters "SECMUN". Below the logo, the text "ST. EDMUNDS COLLEGE MODEL UNITED NATIONS CLUB" is written in a serif font. Underneath that, the text "PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION 2024-25" is displayed in a larger, bold, serif font. At the bottom of the banner, the election details are listed: "DATE: 26TH MARCH, 2024", "TIME: 02:30 P.M. ONWARDS", and "VENUE: AV ROOM 1". There is also a small image of a room showing people seated at tables.

ST. EDMUNDS COLLEGE SHILLONG MODEL UNITED NATIONS VISIT TO ALL INDIA RADIO SHILLONG

Raj Thapa (6th semester Mathematics)
Sanskriti Modgal (2nd semester English Department)

On the 25th of April, a group of students from St. Edmunds College Shillong, representing the Model United Nations team, visited Akahwani, North Eastern Service, Shillong to have a discussion on the topic titled 'An Interaction on the Model United Nations Generation: Youth Leadership in Model United Nations' of essence of MUNs and the pivotal role they play in shaping students' understanding of global affairs. Emaedeiwa War first spoke about understandings of MUNs and elucidated on the concept of MUNs, portraying them as simulated diplomatic forums where participants assume the roles of delegates representing different countries or organizations. He emphasized that MUNs serve as platforms for delegates to engage in debates, negotiate resolutions, and tackle global issues, mirroring the real workings of the United Nations.

The session was moderated by Mr. Shubhankar Sarma, Faculty of the College at the studios of Akashwani, north Eastern Service, Shillong. Riwaka Tangsong song underscored the educational benefits of participating in MUNs, including enhancing public speaking skills, fostering critical thinking, and promoting diplomacy and negotiation tactics. They emphasized how MUNs provide a holistic learning experience by immersing students in global affairs and encouraging them to develop innovative solutions to pressing world problems.

- Committees Overview: The students provided insights into the diverse committees typically found in MUN conferences:
- United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC): was discussed by Sambuddha Das on how UNHRC addresses human rights violations and formulates resolutions to safeguard fundamental freedoms worldwide.
- United Nations Security Council (UNSC): was discussed by Raj Thapa he highlighted the role of UNSC in maintaining international peace and security, emphasizing its authority to impose sanctions and authorize military interventions.
- All India Political Parties Meet (AIPPM): was explained by Sanskriti Modgal she talked about how AIPPM simulates a forum for Indian political parties to deliberate on domestic issues and draft policies to address them.
- Lok Sabha: Sanskriti also elaborated on the functioning of Lok Sabha, the lower house of the Indian Parliament, where delegates represent constituencies and engage in legislative debates.
- International Press Corps (IPC): Finally, Riwaka Tangsong elucidated on IPC's role in MUNs, representing journalists who report on conference proceedings, fostering media literacy, and promoting freedom of expression.

The visit to All India Radio Shillong served as an opportunity for students to advocate for the importance of MUNs in academic and personal development. By delving into the essence of MUNs and highlighting the significance of different committees, the students aimed to inspire listeners to engage in such enriching educational experiences.



SACMUN24: A RESOUNDING SUCCESS IN DIPLOMATIC DISCOURSE AND COLLABORATION

Nabya Kalita

2nd Semester, Sociology

The St. Anthony's College Model United Nations Conference, held on April 26th and 27th, proved to be an intellectually stimulating event for delegates from diverse educational backgrounds. There were a total of 12 participants who represented St. Edmunds college in various committees which includes Sanskriti Modgal and Raj Thapa from Lok Sabha, Sambudha Das from UNHRC , Jifith Paulus Marnagar ,Ridabiang Sungoh and Damaialang Lamare from UNSC , Dianne Marak , Evanskhemlang M Mawthoh and Nengchamkim Haokip from IPC photojournalism and Amongst them, I, Nabya Kalita as a member of the International Press Corps (IPC) Journalism committee along with namely Emaedeiwa War , Riwaka Tansong , Swargam Borkotoky, and Raisa Sawkmie . Together, we embarked on a journey of insightful discussions and deliberations, striving to bring forth comprehensive coverage and analysis of the conference proceedings. Throughout the conference, our team of diligent journalists diligently covered the unfolding event providing nuanced perspectives and shedding light on crucial issues discussed within the Model UN framework. Overall, the St. Anthony's College Model United Nations Conference served as a platform for exchange and engagement, fostering meaningful interactions and paving the way for future leaders to address the world's most pressing challenges. As delegates of the IPC committee, we embraced this opportunity wholeheartedly, leaving a lasting impact through our dedication to journalistic excellence and commitment to the pursuit of truth.

The day was quite bright, which could only be a sign of brighter times ahead. The opening ceremony of SACMUN 2024 started off with a welcoming and refreshing speech by Jennifer R Marak, the Joint Head of Public Delegate Affairs. This was followed by a special prayer by Gabriela, enlightening the room with God's presence. After a small but meaningful prayer, Professor Kharlukhi was called upon to the stage, to deliver the welcoming address. He delivered a powerful speech that resonated with the audience, especially the delegates. After this, Julian Thabah, the Joint Head of Finance along with another member of the organising committee distributed gravels to the respected and honourable chairpersons of each committee respectively. After the distribution, the Principal of St.Anthony's college was called upon to deliver a speech. His speech was full of passion and enthusiasm as he voiced his support of the youth for making a positive change for themselves and the world around them. After such a powerful speech, the students of St.Anthony's College graced the auditorium with a beautiful and harmonious traditional Khasi song which delivered a heartfelt touch to the hearts of the delegates. After this, the Deputy Secretary General, Eddy Ripnar delivered a powerful and innovative speech to ignite the passion within the delegates. This was shortly followed up by a beautiful and mesmerising dance performance by a talented and beautiful dancer. And finally, the program ended with the Secretary General, Theodora Pyngrope, marking the opening of the SACMUN 2024.

During the initial day of the conference, the atmosphere was characterized by measured deliberations and diplomatic discourse across various committees, including the Lok Sabha, UNHRC, UNSC, and League of Nations. Delegates engaged in thoughtful exchanges, carefully navigating complex issues and articulating their respective nations' positions with precision and tact. Within the Lok Sabha, delegates delved into the intricacies of parliamentary procedure, engaging in spirited debates on Ladakh empowerment and 6th Schedule Inclusion. Meanwhile, in the UNHRC, discussions centred on media freedom and journalist safety in conflict zones. Simultaneously, the UNSC convened to address matters of Israel-Hamas war with delegates scrutinizing potential resolutions and diplomatic initiatives to mitigate conflicts and promote stability on the global stage. Similarly, in the League of Nations committee, historical perspectives intertwined with contemporary challenges as delegates grappled with issues on crafting blueprint for economic resurgence post WW1. Despite the deliberate pace of proceedings, the first day of the conference laid a solid foundation for substantive dialogue and collaboration, setting the stage for deeper engagement and meaningful outcomes in the days to come. Delegates exhibited a commitment to diplomacy and consensus building, demonstrating their dedication to finding constructive solutions to the world's most pressing issues within the framework of the Model UN simulation. Following the committee's dispersal, the social gathering blossomed with vibrant music and spirited dancing, infusing energy into everyone's spirits.



Nothing could set us up for what the second day had brought upon us. It was the culmination of brilliant arguments and heated discussions which led to some of the best moments of the entire conference. In each committee, the delegates brought solutions that they felt were best suited to combat pressing issues for their respective agenda, which at the end of day was passed by a majority stake. After a taxing few hours, the delegates were finally treated to a sumptuous spread for lunch. The high tea spread was a much-needed refresher. The quality of the food was truly remarkable, providing a delightful contrast to the exhaustive work undertaken earlier. After a day filled with exertion, the highly anticipated moment arrived for the delegates: the prize distribution and closing ceremony. The stage came alive with captivating performances, showcasing various dance forms, and enriching speeches delivered by esteemed faculty members. It was a moment of immense pride for our team from St. Edmunds as we clinched the coveted Best Delegation Award, along with accolades for, Best Photojournalist by Evanskhemlang M. Mawthoh , High Recommendations by Sanskriti Modgal and Sambuddha Das, Special Mentions by Swargam Borkotoky, Raisa A B Sawkmie and Emaedeiwa C S War, and Verbal Mentions by Jifith Paulus Marngnar and Nengchamkim Haokip. Among them, I, Nabya Kalita, am deeply honoured to receive the prestigious title of Best Journalist. Overall, SACMUN24 proved to be an enriching and thoroughly delightful experience for all involved.



THE STRAIGHT LINE: INSIGHTS FROM MY FIRST MUN CONFERENCE

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My journey to the Model United Nations (MUN) was a serendipitous one. After the discontinuation of the National Cadet Corps (NCC) at our school, I found myself drawn to MUN as a new and intriguing alternative. It was not just a chance to explore global diplomacy but also a leap into something entirely new for me. I was among the first in my school to join this fledgling club, spurred on by presentations from the MUN association which ignited my curiosity about international relations. The decision to join MUN was accompanied by a mix of excitement and apprehension. I was presented with an exciting opportunity to participate in my very first conference, hosted by the North East India International Model United Nations (NEIMUN), 2019. This significant event was scheduled to take place in Sikkim. As someone new to the Model United Nations scene, the prospect of attending this conference promised not only a chance to learn about global issues and international relations firsthand but also to develop critical skills in public speaking, negotiation, and policy-making. Representing my school, St. Margaret's Higher Secondary School, it was just me and a classmate amidst a sea of college and university students—an intimidating anticipation for a high schooler.

My introduction to MUN involved hurried shopping trips to prepare for the conference, from buying formals to selecting the perfect trolley bag for the chilly Sikkim weather in October. Traveling to Sikkim was an adventure in itself. The journey involved multiple changes from buses to trains and cars, each transition a frantic rush due to my oversized and overpacked luggage. Thankfully, the kindness of strangers shone through when a few gentlemen from St. Edmund's college, assisted with my cumbersome bag, easing my travel woes slightly. The most memorable moment came as we reached Sikkim around midnight on October 24th—coincidentally, my 16th birthday. The spontaneous celebration by fellow travelers marked my birthday in an unprecedented way, singing in a car far from home, offering a moment of joy amidst the stress of new experiences and unfamiliar faces.



The first day of the MUN conference marked a significant turning point for me. Assigned to the World Health Organization (WHO) committee, I found myself right where I wanted to be. Having always been drawn to roles where I could contribute to meaningful change, this was my chance to step into such a capacity. The environment was energizing, filled with like-minded individuals passionate about global issues and ready to tackle complex challenges.

Stepping into the bustling conference room as the youngest delegate, my heart was a mix of nervous excitement and anticipation. Representing the Central African Republic in the WHO committee, I was tasked with addressing the pressing issue of access to medicine in developing countries—a daunting yet thrilling challenge for my inaugural MUN experience. The first day was an immersion into the unknown. With no prior understanding of how committee sessions functioned, I was fortunate to have the Executive Board (EB) and other delegates guide me through the proceedings. Their kindness and willingness to help were beyond what I could have hoped for, setting a warm and encouraging tone for the rest of the conference. Over the next three days, the atmosphere was one of camaraderie and mutual support. Seasoned delegates and first-timers alike reached out to help me navigate the complex discussions, encouraging me to share my thoughts. Although more of an observer, I took the opportunity to deliver a speech, which, to my delight, was later featured in the conference magazine as "empowering." This recognition was a significant boost, affirming my research skills and ability to articulate complex issues effectively.



The social events were equally memorable. Each evening brought delegates together in a more relaxed setting, ranging from a culturally themed gathering and a cozy pajama party to an exhilarating prom night. The pajama party stood out as particularly special; it was not just fun but also an emotional bonding experience with peers who had quickly become friends. These socials were a perfect complement to the day's debates, allowing us to unwind and forge deeper connections.

As the conference in Sikkim concluded, I felt a pang of sadness mixed with a sense of accomplishment. Though I did not receive any awards, the words of encouragement from the EB and fellow delegates were invaluable. One EB member's remark that he saw the brightest future ahead for me will stay with me forever, reinforcing my resolve to pursue a career at the United Nations.



Joining the MUN was a foray into the unknown, driven by the absence of familiar options at school. It was a blend of nervous first steps and serendipitous moments, like celebrating a birthday in transit. Each phase of this journey, from the chaotic travels to unexpected birthday cheers, taught me about resilience, adaptability, and the unexpected friendships that can arise in new environments. This wasn't just about gaining new skills; it was about growing as a person. I found myself stepping into others' shoes, seeing the world through their eyes, and that changed me. It made me realize that I could be a force for good, by simply understanding and respecting different perspectives. It was a spiritual awakening in a way, showing me how interconnected we all are and how my actions can influence and uplift others.

Today, as a college student and a secretariat member of the St. Edmund's College MUN club, I reflect on how that first MUN conference was a turning point. It was there that I realized my potential to contribute meaningfully to global discussions, despite my initial self-doubt and introversion. With every new MUN experience, I am honing my public speaking skills and overcoming my stage fright, steadfast in my dream to work for the UN. Looking back, I am immensely grateful for the MUN platform provided by NEIMUN in my school years—it was more than just a conference; it was the beginning of a journey towards greater confidence and clarity about my professional aspirations. As I continue to grow and learn, I am hopeful and excited about what the future holds.

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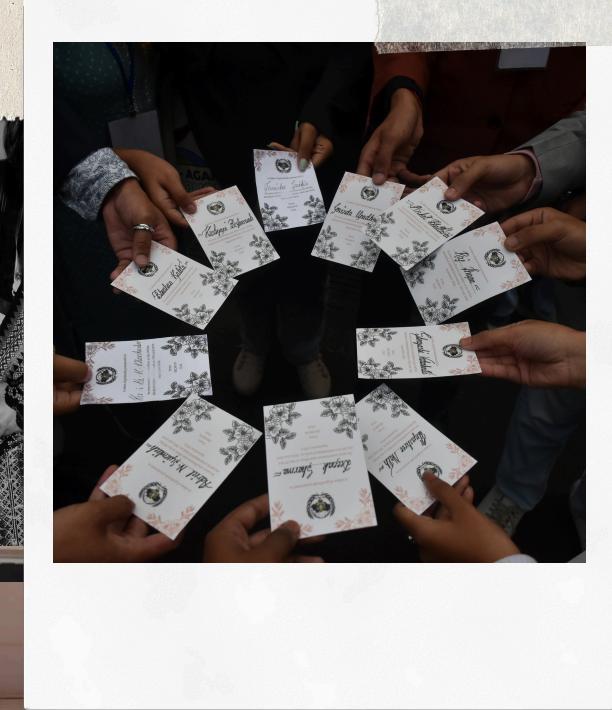
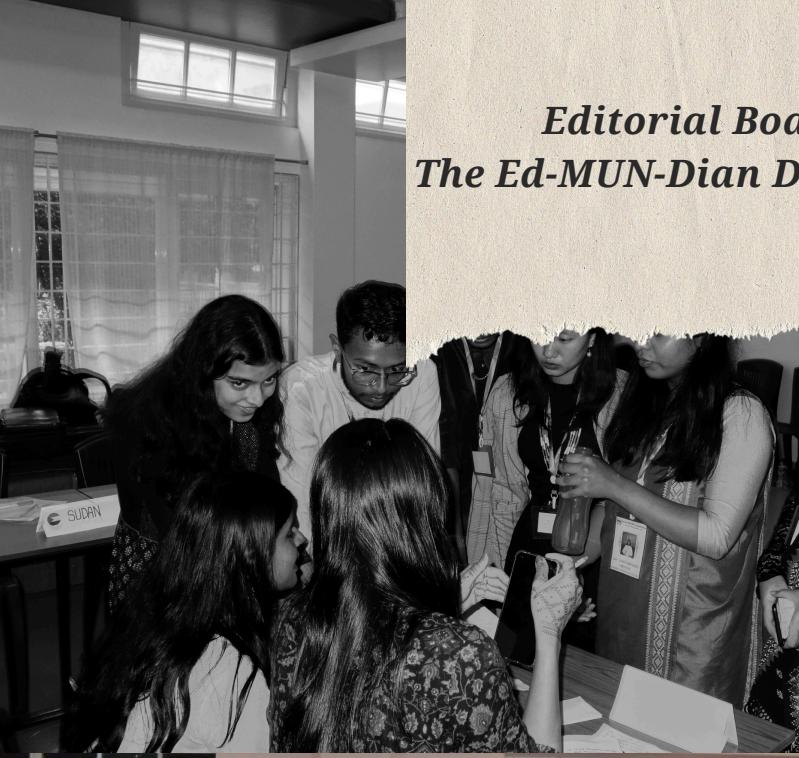
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