



# The GST GAZETTE

SIESGST Model United Nations India is a two-day international relations conference for college students held annually at SIES Graduate School of Technology, Nerul. It offers delegates the chance to discuss pressing global issues and challenge them to take on new perspectives; enabling them to become the world leaders of the future.

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#### From the Team

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, concerned citizens can change world. Indeed it is the only thing that ever has."

- Margaret Mead

Changing the world is no mean feat, Margaret Mead through her quote reveals two of the great truths of the world. First, the world can be changed. Second, every great positive movement in the world starts with a tiny group of people who simply refuse to accept a noxious situation. Instead, they gather their ideas and their passion and rive forward. If there is a problem, they solve it or simply overcome it. They are not intimidated by the odds. Young voices to fore with strong ideologies, a dedicated vision and sharp communication skills bring great transformations to our world! As said by Yoko Ono, "Remember, each one of us has the power to change the world."

## SaatvāGSTMUN

# What makes this edition special?

This is the first edition of the SIES GST Model United Nations to be held on a digital platform. It boasts of 3 committees - AI for good summit, SOCHUM and Ministry of Education. It will be single delegation only and you can enjoy participating from the comfort of your own home! What's more, there are participation certificates and cash prize of Rs 21k+ on offer. Make sure you register quickly!



#### **Executive Board**

- 1. Dhruv Thakker Chairperson of AI for good summit Dhruv is an aspiring lawyer. He has fair share of experience in both the Bangalore and the Mumbai circuit.
- 2. Vignesh Narayan External Advisor and Chairperson of SOCHUM

Vignesh Narayanan is currently pursuing law from Dr DY Patil College of Law Mumbai. He possesses a lot of experience in the MUN sector as a delegate, executive board member and an organizing committee member.

- 3. Nipa Dharod Vice Chairperson of SOCHUM Relatively new to Bombay MUN Circuit, Nipa Dharod is a third year law student pursuing the BLS LLB course from SVKM's Pravin Gandhi College of Law.
- 4. Drasti Jain Moderator, Ministry of Educaton (MoE) Drasti Jain is a 3rd year Law student at Government Law College, Mumbai. The first time she actually did an MUN was in the 5th grade, when her Social Studies teacher made them simulate the UN.
- 5. Aditya Trivedi Deputy Moderator, MoE

Aditya is a second year student of law at Government Law College, Mumbai. His attention to detail and perfection in execution makes him bring nothing but solutions to the table.

### **#BrighterTomorrow**

Let's break all barriers,
And be peace carriers,
Let's overcome the sorrow,
And achieve a brighter tomorrow!

The theme for **SaatvāGSTMUN** is 'Brighter Tomorrow'. No matter how bleak the present may seem, there will be a brighter and better tomorrow waiting for you.



Model United Nations was introduced to the SIESGST student community in the year 2015. Starting out as a part of the larger cultural festival - Tatva Moksh Lakshya (TML) held every spring in the college, the SIESGST MUN has grown exponentially over the past three years, into a standalone event conducted in the days leading up to the festival.

The 2017 conference witnessed over 35 delegations from across the city and beyond attend for a session of the DISEC Committee to discuss actions to be taken against the unregulated sale and use of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs). Delegates from various countries presented intriguing perspectives on the use of UAVs ('drones') and their role in the unsanctioned murders of civilian targets.

The 2018 conference saw over 40 delegates from across Mumbai and Navi Mumbai convene for a session of the DISEC, co-chaired by Mr. Puneet Pathak and Mr. Apurva Sinha. The delegates discussed steps to stop the development of nuclear, chemical and biological weapons.

In 2019, SIESGST MUN was ready to get bigger and better. A 2-day conference with 2 of the most important committees - the UNGA-Disarmament and International Security Committee and the United Nations Human Rights Committee which was a double delegation committee saw over 80 delegates from across Mumbai and Navi Mumbai from a myriad of different institutions ranging from the Humanities to the Engineering and Science Departments and the Commerce Colleges, all bringing their A-Game to the biggest iteration of SIESGST MUN.

In 2020, SIESGST MUN reached new heights. It was a two-day international relations conference which encompassed three committees viz. DISEC (Disarmament and International Security) and UNHRC (United Nations Human Rights Council) and AIPPM (All India Political Parties Meet). UNHRC which was a double delegation committee witnessed 28 delegations which discussed the agenda 'Preventing potential human rights infringements emerging with the technological developments in networking and communication'. DISEC was a single delegate committee where 27 delegates put forth their views regarding the issues related to Nuclear Disarmament chaired. AIPPM observed a participation of 21 participants who voiced their opinions about implementation of uniform civil code across the country.



