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GECCS MUN CLUB

Engage, Encourage, Empower



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Report of MUN Club for year 2023-2024.

The Model United Nations club formed with the motto of Engage, Encourage, Empower has been conducting various events in the college and has also been active in various conferences throughout the country since its inception.

This year also the club conducted various insightful events in the college and also participated and won accolades in various conferences across the country.

<u>1.Position Paper Competition</u>

On the auspicious occasion of International Youth Day, August 12, 2023, the MUN club organized a highly impactful and insightful position paper competition. The competition revolved around the critical agenda of "Ensuring Youth Mental Health and Well-being: Addressing mental health challenges faced by young people and devising measures to promote their well-being," with the primary focus on addressing the daunting mental health challenges faced by young individuals and devising measures to promote their overall well-being. The event was divided into two distinct levels, each designed to holistically assess the participant's knowledge, research skills, and communication abilities. On August 12, participants were engaged in the first level of the competition. They were required to craft wellresearched and comprehensive position papers in response to the designated agenda. The second round of the competition took place on August 19, during which the top-performing candidates from Level One demonstrated their capacity to effectively communicate their ideas through live presentations. The participants eloquently presented their position papers, showcasing a deep understanding of the issue and providing innovative solutions. Out of the numerous qualified participants from Level One, a total of eight individuals emerged as finalists for the Level Two presentation round. After thorough. evaluation by a panel of judges, two standout participants were declared the winners of the event: KHUSHI BANGADE and UTKARSH LOKANDE.

2. Indian Youth Parliament, Jaipur

The second event in which the club participated this year was the Indian Youth Parliament which was held in Jaipur.

The delegation from GECA consisting of six delegates participated in the Indian Youth Parliament held in Jaipur on 15th, 16th and 17th of September. This was the 25th edition of the conference and it was an honour for the students to attend the conference along with 300+ students from 18 different states of the nation.

Theme: UN Democracy Day National Session.

Agenda: Importance of media freedom to democracy, peace and delivering on the Sustainable development Goals.

Day 1: 15th September, 2023 Session 1: Started around 9:00 am post breakfast The first topic for discussion among the delegates was the inclusion of the African Union in G-20 countries. After that we were addressed by Bureaucrat from Rajasthan public service Mr. Arvind Saraswat. He spoke about democracy and Padmashree Laxman Singh sir from Lakhotiya village of Rajasthan then enlightened us on the topic of water conservation and Rajasthani culture. Mr. Puneet Karnawat was the next speaker, he talked about the culture and architecture of Rajasthan. The major address of the session was given by Sardar Kultar Singh Sandhwan who is the speaker of the Punjab Legislative Assembly. He widely described the ways in which the public should hold the government accountable. He was asked a lot of questions from the delegates and it was a very interactive session. Mr. Anurag Sharma focused on skill development and entrepreneurship.

Day 2: 16th September, 2023 Session 1: The first topic of the day was Gujarat Model of Development and contribution of Gujarat in collection of taxes from Gujarat. IAS Ajay Singh Rathod was the first speaker of the Session. The second topic of discussion was India and Bharat name change topic. Dr. Mahesh Sharma with us spoke about the rulers had affected our heritage.

Day 3: 17th September, 2023 Session 1: The topic of the last day was regional issues in various parts of the country. Girish Gautam the Speaker of the Madhya Pradesh Legislative Assembly was the first speaker for the day. He talked about how India has been promoting not just education but wisdom in Indian teaching. Then we had a question answer session with him. Session 2: In this session the delegates spoke in their regional language in an informal way describing their state. The speakers for this session were Mr. Arjun Modmania (Senior leader of opposition) and Adv. Tashi Gyalson (Leh Autonomous Council Chairman). After that all the delegates were awarded with the certificates for their active participation in the event the college team got recognition as one of the top 7 state teams among the present 18 states.

3. IITB Techfest MUN Conference

The MUN team from our college participated in the TWMUN held at the Techfest of IIT Bombay. The delegation consisted of 10 enthusiastic delegates who were eager to participate in the conference and learn from the experience. They were guided by their faculty advisor Arjumand Khan madam, who encouraged them to do their best. They knew that they were facing a tough competition, but they were determined to make their college proud.

At the conference, they faced many challenges and obstacles, but they also learned a lot from the other delegates and the chairs. They debated on various global issues and tried to find realistic and feasible solutions. They also made new friends and connections, and enjoyed the conference. Unfortunately, the GECA MUN team did not win any awards at the conference, but they did not let that discourage them. They realized that winning was not the only goal of MUN, and that they had gained valuable knowledge and skills that would help them in their future endeavors. They also received constructive feedback from the chairs and the organizers, and appreciated their efforts and contributions. The team returned to their college with the slogan "Join the Journey to Justice". They were grateful for the opportunity to participate in the conference, and looked forward to applying what they had learned in

their academic and personal lives. They also hoped to inspire other students to join MUN and experience the benefits of this educational and fun activity.

The whole conference was a great experience and an amazing platform to showcase skills for all the delegates. We are proud to have participated in the TWMUN 2023 conference, where we represented the views and interests of our assigned countries in various committees. We engaged in lively and respectful discussions on agendas and we contributed to the drafting and voting of resolutions that aimed to address these issues. We faced many challenges, such as researching our countries' positions, forming alliances, and persuading others.

However, we also developed many skills, such as public speaking, critical thinking, and teamwork. We received constructive feedback from the chair and our fellow delegates, which helped us improve our performance and confidence. We learned a lot from this experience, not only about the world and its problems, but also about ourselves and our potential. We are grateful for this opportunity, and we hope to continue our involvement in MUN and other activities that foster global citizenship and social responsibility.

4. GECA Model United Nations Club's Conference 2024: 1st National Edition.

Introduction: The Government College of Engineering, Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar, made history by hosting its first ever National Model United Nations (MUN) Conference, 'GMC Conference 2024: 1st National Edition', a three-day event that brought together participants from all corners of India. This milestone was achieved through the visionary leadership of the principal, who encouraged students to take their MUN experience to a national level. The conference not only provided a platform for diplomatic simulations but also created a perfect blend of learning, knowledge exchange, and infectious enthusiasm among the participants. With five committees—UNEP (United Nations Environment Program), UNHCR (United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees), DISEC (Disarmament and International Security Committee), AIPPM (All India Political Parties Meet), and IPC (International Press Corps)—the conference promised diverse discussions on global issues. The Executive Board members for each committee were, UNEP: Mr. Avinash Tripathy & Ms Bismah Shaikh, UNHCR: Ms. Hiranmai Rao & Mr. Anurang Sarda, DISEC: Mr. Ritwick Bhuyan & Mr. Sankarashan Joshi, AIPPM: Mr. Akshat Mohan Awasthi & Mr. Pankaj Navale, IPC: Mr. Abeer Tiwari & Mr. Pushkar Bhande. In line with the motto of the GECA MUN Club, 'Engage, Encourage, Empower', the theme of the conference was decided to be 'A Kinship of Knowledge with Kindness'.

Day 1: Inaugural Ceremony and Initial Committee Sessions (8:00 AM - 5:30 PM) The conference commenced with an inspiring inaugural ceremony from 8:00 AM to 9:30 AM, where dignitaries, faculty, and participants gathered to mark the beginning of a groundbreaking event. The principal's vision was evident in the charged atmosphere, setting the tone for the days ahead. The Guest of Honour for the event were Mr. Shrikant Umrikar (President of the Alumni Association of GECA), Principal Dr. S.S. Dambhare, Prof. S.P. Atipamulu (Dean of Student Activities), Prof. A.M. Khan (Faculty advisor) and Prof.Vikul Pawar (Faculty Co-ordinator). The first committee session began at 11:00 AM, with participants immersing themselves in the complex world of diplomacy. This session discussed the Rules of Procedure for each committee initially. A well-deserved lunch break from 12:30 PM to 2:00 PM allowed participants to recharge for the intense afternoon. Session 2, from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM, continued the committee discussions. Theday concluded with a delightful high tea from 5:00 PM to 5:30 PM, during which the participants not only enjoyed refreshments but also savoured the culinary delights offered.

Day 2: Further Committee Sessions (9:00 AM - 5:30 PM) Day 2 unfolded with committee session 3 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM, allowing participants to dive deeper into global issues within the committees. After their learnings from day one the delegates took up their speeches, and sessions with

a rejuvenated spirit. Lunch from 12:00 PM to 1:30 PM provided a much-needed break, fostering networking and camaraderie among participants. The first and the third days of the conference have the opening and the concluding ceremonies respectively to keep the delegates entertained, it is the second day on which the course of the conference sets when the delegates have settled in their portfolio and have got a proper understanding of the agenda and rules of procedure. On this day the delegates had a great time deliberating upon the moderated caucus topics and interacting with fellow delegates and the EB members. Committee session 4, from 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM, and session 5, from 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM, showcased the dedication and intellectual prowess of the participants. High tea at 3:30 PM added a touch of relaxation before the final session of the day. The students enjoyed the varied experiences of day 2, balancing intense committee sessions with moments of social interaction.

Day 3: Concluding Committee Sessions and Symposium Event (9:00 AM - 6:30 PM) The final day featured committee sessions 6 and 7, from 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM and 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM, respectively. Lunch from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM provided a reflective pause amid the intense deliberations. This day also had the engaging Press conference for each committee held by the delegates of the IPC. The draft resolution on the third day is also a point of excitement about the concluding day. The conference reached its emotional climax with a concluding symposium event from 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM. This session left members of the MUN Club tear-eyed as they reflected upon months of planning and interactions, overcoming various organizational and financial hurdles. Participants reflected on the three days of intense discussions, shared experiences, and newfound friendships. The Concluding Symposium Event along with the prize distribution ceremony showed the dedication of the team and the range of emotions they had about the event. The Chief Guests for the event were Mr. Mukund Kulkarni (BOM Member) and Mr. Bagla (Industrialist), the guests of honour were Mr. Prasad Kokil, Mr. Suraj Dumne (both are BOM members), Mr. Subhash Sarda (Alumni of GECA), Mr. Madhu Bajaj (Alumni of GECA). The event was also attended by the Principal, Dean of Student Activities and the Faculty Advisor. The symposium highlighted the impact of the conference in fostering a sense of unity, understanding, and shared responsibility among the participants

Overall, the year was full of exciting opportunities around the country and at home. From exploring the Youth Parliament in Jaipur, participating in IITB MUN, to having a very successful 1st National Edition of our own MUN conference.

Best Regards,

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