

# THE PINNACLE TIMES



## NORTH EAST INDIA INTERNATIONAL MODEL UNITED NATIONS

### The Time Starts Now



*More than ever before in human history, we share a common destiny. We can master it only if we face it together. And that, my friends, is why we have the United Nations.*  
- Kofi Annan

74 years ago, on the 24th of October in 1945, the United Nations officially came into being. Nation States came together to sign the founding document, and the UN Charter was started up with the promise to be devoted to making known to the people of the world the aims and achievements of the United Nations and to gain their support for its work. On the 24th of October 2019, the NEIMUN conference was declared open in its Opening Ceremony that was hosted in Sikkim Manipal Institute of Technology, Sikkim. There couldn't have been a better occasion to mark the beginning of this journey than this auspicious day, with the theme set as the Youth, Peace and Security after the noteworthy UNSCR 2250, the first resolution on youth, peace and security. Delegates from all across the country and beyond witnessed the opening of the three-day conference.

The opening ceremony was led by Ms. Rovino Livi, USG, Information and Public Relations. The program started off with a warm welcome address by Ms. Imlimenla Longchar, Program Director of NEIMUN who gave a brief history of NEIMUN where she stressed upon the importance of conferences like Model UNs in North East Region and in other parts of the country. And also highlighted the contributions of the young and enthusiastic people who act as engines of the organization and expressed her gratitude to the people associated with the same.

The ceremony was graced by Mr. Samuel S. Vaiphei (IRS), Deputy Director, Directorate General of GST Intelligence (DGGI) who shared a few thoughts on how young people can deal with the social and political transformation in the world. He stressed upon the importance of the role of youths in the world today and gave key points on how the youths can exercise the power that they possess which can highly contribute in making the world a better place. The august gathering also featured Mr. Ibrahim El-Kazaz, Head Trainer from Best Delegate, who emphasised on how we should all come together to solve global issues. Mr. Radip Tandukar, the Program Director of Youth Thinkers' Society, Nepal narrated a very nostalgic story of his college years and inspired everyone by talking about his initial MUN years. The opening ceremony was concluded when the Secretary-General, Mr. Deep Shankar Nath declared the conference open with the thump of his gavel.

Dear readers and young leaders,

To commemorate the seventh edition of the North East India International Model United Nations, we, on behalf of the International Press Bureau are proud to present the newsletter of the conference, The Pinnacle Times. The three days of the conference were filled with drama, dialogue and debate; and this newsletter is our humble attempt to encapsulate all that has occurred over the conference of this conference. The newsletter contains the proceedings of the committees as well as the snippets of the small happenings across the conference. The photo gallery showcases the best moments of the conference. We hope this newsletter forever remains special to you, as it does to us.

Regards,  
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NEIMUN 2019



# Stitching a Ribbon of Peace and Security



"Education is given so that all of us could become in one way, kind of a conformist. So, we have a programmed introduction to various academic seedlings to beat us into a being that conforms to the norms. So, it is very important for the young people to question the received wisdom."

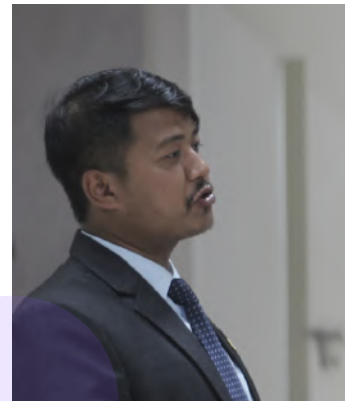
**Mr. Samuel S. Vaiphei (IRS)**

Deputy Director,  
Directorate General of GST Intelligence (DGGI)

"Leadership is more about situations than the entitlement of leadership."

**Radip Tandukar**

Program Director  
Youth Thinkers' Society, Nepal



"Best Delegate brings out the best in others. We are committed to work with students to bring out the potential in them."

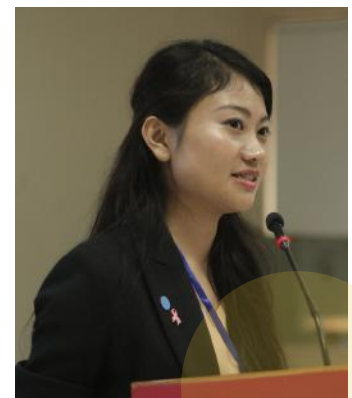
**Ibrahim El-Kazaz**

Operations Manager  
Best Delegate. USA

"NEIMUN is the result of young people with similar passion, purpose and mission statement for the young people. It is a culmination of the enormous collective efforts of the young people spread across the north-east region."

**Imlimenla Longchar**

Program Director, NEIMUN



The Committee Session in the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization began with an ice-breaking session followed by the Introduction of Secretary, Miss Imlimenla Longchar who briefed all the delegates about the agenda for the following days which was, "Prevention of Violent Extremism caused by Religious Intolerance".

She acquainted the delegates about the problems caused by Religious intolerance and the level of violent extremism causing turmoil throughout the world. She stated about the rule of procedures and furthermore enquired if the delegates have any kind of queries.

This was then proceeded with the chair elections for the committee. The candidates who stood up for the elections gave inspiring and promising speeches on why they should be elected as the chair. Among all the candidates, the Delegate of India, Mr. Arindam Sharma Goswami emerged winner and was elected as the chair of the committee.

Next, all the delegates were asked to put forward their position papers and were assigned a minute to put forward their country's stance on the particular issue. The affair was an exciting one to be noticed upon and brought out different views on the said topic.

The Secretary then ran down through the process of bringing out a resolution. She divided the delegates from similar regions into groups to come out with a resolution paper.



## UN WOMEN

United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women

The Trainer assigned for the committee, Mr Ibrahim El Kazaz welcomed all the delegates and held an ice-breaking session to make everybody loosen up a bit and then briefed everyone about the agenda, "Political Participation of Women".

He explained the role of women in politics across different parts of the world which intrigued everyone present in the committee room. He then proceeded with the chair elections. Among the three delegates who vouched for the role, the delegate of Argentina, Lushian H. Shui was elected as the chair by voting.

The Committee session of UN Women started at 9 am. The trainer kickstarted the session by briefing about the procedure of the session and the general speakers list. Noticing the nervous faces of the delegates, Ibrahim offered some hopeful words of wisdom and motivation to the delegates. The general speakers list was initiated by the delegate of Chad. There were many delegates who spoke with passion and commitment. The delegate of Japan appealed for a cultural revolution to eradicate the social injustice faced by women all over the world. The delegate of Syria delivered another powerful speech and ended with a quote, "A woman is like a tea bag - you can't tell how strong she is until you put her in hot water." Ethiopia concluded the general speakers list.

After the general speakers list, delegates quickly jumped into the informal session. The delegates were then divided into blocks to prepare their working paper for the pending resolutions to be passed. Everyone was well involved in the process and took a part in the decision process. All in all, it was a healthy operation.



*"Climate change can ever be the one that causes the war, the government. To fall or migration, it makes all the other factors harder."*  
 - Delegate of Venezuela



The Committee session of IOM formally commenced with an icebreaking session initiated by the trainer, Radip Tandukar. The room was filled with laughter and happy faces. Once the committee members were accustomed to each other, the trainer briefed the delegates on the agenda "Migration and Climate Change followed by the rules of procedures of the committee session.

Soon after the briefing of the proceedings, the Chair Elections took place where three enthusiastic delegates of Guatemala, Norway and Switzerland stood up for the election.

All of the three delegates delivered powerful and insightful speeches on why they should be elected as the Chair of the Committee. It was a close battle but the delegate of Norway, Tia Longkumer won the vote of the committee.

The trainer delivered an intuitive presentation on the issue of climate change and the alarming negative impacts its leaving on the planet where migration being one of the concerning issue. After which the delegates were allowed to put forward their queries on the agenda.

To make sure that the delegates were aware of the magnitude of the outrage caused by climate change, the trainer shared some alarming statistics of the 1.8 million people who are affected and the possibility of 50 million displacements by the year 2050.

# WHO

## World Health Organization

*"Of all the forms of inequality, injustice in health is the most shocking and inhumane."*  
 - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

With the agenda on the Access to Medicine in Developing Countries, the committee witnessed wonderful participation in the same. The third Sustainable Development Goal shares a correlation with the agenda as it talks about ensuring healthy lives and promotion of wellbeing for all at all ages. Access to essential medicines as part of the right to the highest attainable standard of health is well-founded in international law. The right to health first emerged as a social right in the World Health Organization (WHO) Constitution and in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

The World Health Organization states that essential medicines should be available, of good quality, and accessible.

The Trainer, Miss Laina Singha enlightened the committee about the various problems the nation states are facing in terms of access to medicines and healthcare. Furthermore, she elaborated on how unequal distribution of health care resources create a major hurdle in terms of accessibility. Her words made the delegates ponder about the trade routes, how markets can turn into monopolies, the advent of black markets, and transportation of medicines and healthcare facilities in remote locations.

Soon after, the Chair elections took place and the Delegate of Japan, Surya Prabhat Pali was elected as the Chair after his thundering speech.



# #NEIMUNBUDDY



## *Delegate Experiences...in one term*

### **Delegate of Central African Republic (UN Women):**

"In one term I would describe my experience as fun and hectic, I love the fact that I met new people."

### **Delegate of UK (UNESCO):**

"In one term I would say my NEIMUN 2019 experience was amazing, I learned great leadership skills and I will miss the SMIT campus very much."

### **Delegate of Bosnia and Herzegovina (UNESCO):**

"In one term vibing would be the perfect word to express how I felt during NEIMUN 2019, from my trainer, the purpose of living was the most significant lesson I learned."

### **Delegate of Japan (IOM):**

"In one term..awesome is how my experience was, I learned communication skills from the committee sessions."

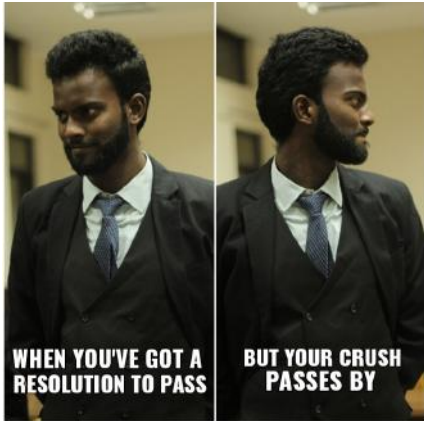
### **Delegate of Germany (IOM):**

"NEIMUN 2019 was enjoyable for me out of everything I learned to communicate better with people"

### **Mridul Hasan Choudhury (IPB):**

"NEIMUN 2019 was a wonderful experience. I learned a lot in the last three days and I'll cherish these memories forever. From teamwork to time management, these three days taught me a lot."

# NEIMEMES



## Know Your Trainer - Imlimenla Longchar

**What does MUN mean to you?** To me, MUN is all about learning and building confidence in yourself. More importantly it is about the friendships that are built. My MUNs took me to places where I met so many interesting people, and now we have really become friends for lives. I remember friends from 2014 MUNs, they are still in touch with me so we have become really close friends. I have friends from 2015 too with whom I have travelled. So I think MUNs are more than the fact of what it has taught me, it has also given me friends for life.

**What is the one thing that inspires you in life?** There are many things that inspires me. It depends on the different situations. Reading and writing keeps me motivated but if you talk about NEIMUN or social service then, it is my faith in the youth that inspires me.

**What is the most embarrassing moment in your life?** It was in an exchange programme, during the closing night we had a banquet, and also, we had a tournament where we were supposed to perform on the stage. So we were performing and suddenly I had realized that I was a little lower than all my friends, and then I knew I actually crashed down the stage, but then I was still dancing! And when I came out I actually had a lot of blisters. But at the end I won an award!

## Know Your Trainer - Liana Singha

**How has your NEIMUN experience been?** This is my first time as a trainer so, initially I was very exhausted because I wasn't aware of the weight of this responsibility. But when the first committee session progressed, I was able to pick up the pace. Even in terms of the delegates I discovered that most of them are first timers and also received their country allotments very late but they were also able to pick up the pace after the first initial stage and kudos to them for the efforts that they put in. So this whole experience has been exhausting but it has also been about developing resilience and creating an environment of assimilation and dissimulation.

**Is there any message that you would like to give to the delegates?** I not only appreciate but applaud NEIMUN for providing such a positive platform to the people of North East because I am also from the region and it always fills me joy and hope when I see my people doing well in life. This conference is culture shifting and changing the minds and hearts of the delegates. They are polishing their personality, their social interactions, extending their networking beyond their borders and learning about the important pressing issues of the world and finding ways to contribute. And the only reason why they are able to yield those benefits is because they allow themselves to benefit from them which shows how determined and motivated they are in life. I think they are on the right track. So, my message to them is, keep the same fire burning, never stop learning, always make use of any platform and opportunity you get in life, like they way you are utilising this NEIMUN platform and always try to have fun. You will be fine in life.

## Know Your Trainer - Radip Tandukar

**What does MUN mean to you?** It is a system of harmonious exchange and respect of different ideologies that comes together and tries to find answers to problems that we thought from different perceptions. It is an opportunity for me to actually share my perspective that might truly not be mine and might be against my beliefs but It gives opportunity to vogue against or for a policy that I may not agree upon and to see the world through a lens that I have never ever worn, but then it actually allows me to look into another side of the world that I never thought existed. So for me, it is actually an exchange of harmonious dialect on the verge that there is a self respect for identity, perception, information, history and all that actually makes an individual personality.

**How has your NEIMUN experience been?** It has been beautiful. In one term, it has been beautiful. It is very well managed. Everyone is very friendly, the delegates are beautiful, they have worked very hard, the trainers are very supportive. I cannot complain about anything.

## Know Your Trainer - Ibrahim El-Kazaz

**What does MUN mean to you?** MUN means an educational opportunity where students can explore different aspects including research writing and public speaking and all this incredible skill that they could learn and also to gain a global perspective and understanding the world from a new way. MUN for me is an incredible important part of my life that has included a lot of growth and has encouraged me throughout my life to push myself to be better and help others to be better as well.

**How has been your NEIMUN Experience been?** NEIMUN is amazing, I love NEIMUN. NEIMUN is one conference I look forward to every year whenever I get the opportunity to come. Its an awesome experience where I get to interact with a group of people who want to become better and are looking for ways to become better which is an incredible thing and I look forward to come back here and interact with students.

**One thing which inspires you the most in life?** A large part of my inspiration comes from my religion and family. A lot of purpose and beliefs has been given to me by my religion.

**A message to your committee members?** Keep having fun. You all are doing great.

# NEIMUN SECRETARIAT 2019



## *Words of Wisdom from the Secretariat*

**Deep Shankar Nath (Secretary General):**

"Adapt. Improvise. Overcome."

**Kethosinuo Tapa (Deputy Secretary General):**

"If you're about to lose it, come to me."

**Tajungrenla Longkumer (USG Economic and Delegate Affairs):**

"Don't forget to be happy."

**Rovino Livi (USG Information and Public Relations):**

"Like the posts on Instagram already!!"

**Abhishree Kashyap (Chief of International Press Bureau):**

"Too busy designing. Come back later."

**Nikila Sogyal Bhutia (USG Conference Management and Logistics):**

"Please sit in your regional bloc!"

**Jahnabi Barua (Deputy USG Communications):**

"Too busy finding my USG.."

**Jafrin Akhtar (Deputy USG Information and Public Relations):**

"If taking down bills were as easy as taking down Instagram posts."

**Soboienla Longkumer (Deputy USG Economic and Delegate Affairs):**

"Dear Delegates, travel back safely. I'm no longer one call away."

**Ved Vijay Neog (Deputy-in-Chief of International Press Bureau):**

"Let me know when there are photos to be clicked."

**Pratyush Pran Sarma (Deputy USG Conference Management and Logistics):**

"When my legs don't work like they used to before..."

# NEIMUN 2019 PHOTO GALLERY



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