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Editorial

Greetings from the International Press Team of NEIMUN 2015.

Dear honourable delegates, I am delighted to welcome all of you in yet another stimulating session of NEIMUN. We, as a team, believe that every NEIMUN experience will be different from the last one you attended. In the midst of high politics, unending extensive dialogues on foreign policies and negotiations on resolutions you will forget how time flies by. In the blink of an eye the NEIMUN 2015 shall see its culmination. And this is where we, the team, come to create and craft impressions of your stay with us. We shall capture your adored memories, spawn your skills that you acquire here and compose a myriad of stories, of each one of you. Stories, we believe, so beautiful, that it shall dwell in your heart.

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International Press Team, NEIMUN 2015

#GONEIMUN

The third session of the North East India International Model United Nations (NEIMUN) Annual Conference 2015 took off with a grand opening ceremony at the Royal Group of Institutions, Guwahati, Assam. Miss Aolemla Imsong, the Secretary-General of NEIMUN 2015 led the opening ceremony, encouraging delegates to "come together for change and focus on issues that matter". NEIMUN, for three years now, has been on the forefront in educating and creating awareness among the youths of North East India with the vision of "creating a network of young leaders for tomorrow" as expressed by Miss Limabenla Jamir, the Director of NEIMUN.

The Opening Ceremony was graced by Shri Gaurav Gogoi, Member of Parliament from Kaliabar (Lok Sabha

Constituency), Assam, who also emphasized on the theme of the conference, which is "The Sustainable Development Goals: Reshaping the Global Development Agenda." Over a period of four days, from 1st to 4th November 2015, over 250 delegates from across the 8 Northeastern states, and across India and international delegates from Nepal, Bangladesh and Afghanistan will discuss, debate and negotiate on various global issues pertaining to the theme of the conference. Prof. Kenneth Houston of Webster University, Thailand was also among the speakers of the ceremony.

The delegates of this year's NEIMUN conference will be taught and trained by a team of four trainers headed by Laurabeth Goldsmith from Best Delegate (USA).

Good MUN-ing from NEIMUN!

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Up came the sun with the arrival of the yellow buses, and along came the ecstatic feeling amongst the delegates for NEIMUN. Every girl MUN-nequined and every boy looked grown up like a gentle-MUN, all braced for the 'Diplomatic Adventure'. As the suited young leaders entered the a-maze-ing building of RGI, their diplomatic spirits outweighed the nervousness off their sleeves.

The auditorium doors closed and the Secretary General took over the

microphone, addressing the sea of MUN-ners and potential leaders. She welcomed the Guest of Honour, Mr Gaurav Gogoi, the Best Delegate Trainers, Speakers and over 200 delegates.

The trainers from Best Delegate, USA coached us on how we, as potential global leaders, can solve all the hu-MUN-gous problems that our world has to deal with constantly, in order to make it a better place to live in. Sustainable develop-MUN-t being the agenda of the conference was discussed elaborately by the guest speakers.

As the cere-MUN-y drew to an end, we reached the mo-MUN-t everyone was waiting for—'declaring the conference open' by the Secretary General. Every soul present in the hall held their breath for a second, silence prevailed and there was utter joy and pride, as if it was their understood way of paying a tribute to that improbable mo-MUN-t! Hooting, clapping or whistling was the only MUN-dane activity that suited the ambience.

"This year is all about being HU-MUN"



The Linchpin of the Conference

The third session of the North East India International Model United Nations brought to us the very paramount concern of the century: The Sustainable Development Goals: Reshaping the Global Development Agenda.

"The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are a new, universal set of goals, targets and indicators

that UN member states will be expected to use to frame their agendas and political policies over the next 15 years" (The Guardian). Passed this September, the SDGs consist of 17 goals that seek to address and alleviate pressing contemporary global challenges.

This conference saw young enthusiasts ready to deliberate and debate on the feasibility,

implications and impact of the SDGs globally. NEIMUN believes in the latent power of the youth to change and reshape the future. While we heard the eminent Speakers and the Guest of Honor educated us on the implications of the theme and the agenda, the following three days shall be all the more intense with debates and resolutions on the same.

KNOW YOUR TRAINERS



Did you know?

In an interview with the Press Team, **Laurabeth** expressed concern over the absence of recycling in India. She shared about how inspired she was in the NEIMUN Annual Conference 2014. She expressed her excitement and her eagerness to work with the delegates at NEIMUN 2015.

Laurabeth says: *"Have an open mind and embrace what NEIMUN brings because it can change your life."*

Laurabeth Goldsmith has travelled to 53 countries. She is passionate about learning the world around her. Travelling for her is not just about mindlessly visiting tourist locations and getting photographed in picturesque locations but about being inspired to learn through her experiences in visiting different countries.



Did you know?

NEIMUN 2015 is Caroline's first visit to India. She is impressed by the delegates and the young people who are well-versed in International politics unlike a lot of people in the US. However, landing in India, she was surprised to know that bathrooms do not have trash cans! (Let's get more trash can!).

Caroline says: *"Try! It's okay to fail. Proposing one change in the committee sessions will make a difference."*

The shoes you see her wearing today have a dark history. During her first MUN, when she was called upon the stage to collect her award, those very shoes tore off. Funny thing is that she did not even realize it!

Caroline is also the brain behind @MUNgirlproblems.



Did you know?

Julie George is originally from India and visits India every April. Coming to India as a trainer is a whole new experience for her and has a lot of expectations from NEIMUN. She is looking forward to innovative solutions to problems from the delegates.

Julie says: *"Don't be afraid to think outside the box while thinking of solutions. We need bright and confident youths."*

Julie has a phobia of birds which she developed when she was five years old in a duck feeding incident with her father. Her dad chose to laugh at her instead of helping her, to teach her a lesson on self dependence. She had missed important events because there were birds swarming around. Will this problem ever fly away?



IBRAHIM EL KAZAZ

Did You Know?

For Ibrahim, being in India is like being home. He stressed on the importance of making the Sustainable Development Goals relevant to the context of North East India.

Ibrahim says: "*It is important to take the things that we talk about in the conference and find ways to implement them.*"

Talk about multi-tasking? Ibrahim sure is the guy! Do you also know that Ibrahim always carries an extra pair of pants wherever he goes? The embarrassing incident that went someway around the scenes of tearing his pants during a conference has probably had a huge impact on his decision to do so.

LIMABENLA JAMIR

Did You Know?

Limabenla, the Director of NEIMUN, eagerly hopes that all the plans will go well. She also expects maximum participation from all the delegates.

Limabenla also wishes the trainers to have a terrific experience at the NEIMUN 2015 annual conference.

Limabenla Jamir, a small town girl who took the midnight train with big ambitions in her heart, has been an exceptionally amazing keyboardist since her college days. Somewhere stuck between awkward jokes, which were most often misfired, she found her muse in rock metal music and played in a rock band for three years.

Clearly, music had its way in her journey towards excellence.

NEIMUN 2015 behind the scenes...

“I have had the privilege of being elected to the Secretariat without any MUN experience.

Being in NEIMUN not only honed my organizational skills but has also taught me to accept others as they are. Thank you NEIMUN for trusting me.”

**- Nayani Sharma
Deputy for Conference Management**

“The conference work has been challenging but after meeting with the delegates I’m starting to get the feeling that things are going to be good.”

**- Tubin Nabam
USG for Social & Political Affairs**

“I am happy to be part of NEIMUN 2015. Today, there are glaring gaps between policy making and implementation. The state cannot answer or offer solutions to all our problems and challenges. I strongly believe in John F Kennedy’s quote, ‘We all share the same planet, we all breathe the same air, we all cherish our children’s future, we are all mortal’.”

**- Prof. Kenneth Houston
Webster University**



PGA ELECTIONS @ NEIMUN 2015



"A leader is not someone who only talks about change. He becomes the change."

These were the words of an aspiring candidate for the elections of the PGA. The elections commenced with the delegate of South Korea emphasizing on the importance of an unbiased and motivational leader as the President, the most coveted position in the UN. While some candidates gave powerful speeches like the delegate of Egypt in UNGASS who said, "You give me chance, I'll give you blood", other candidates were more subtle and focused on thought provoking topics like that of gender equality and facing challenges through peaceful negotiation.

Some of the inspirational speeches got overwhelming applauses while some amusing speeches were met with collective laughter (especially the rather controversial speech of a candidate who promised the other delegates dates for the social event, if voted to power).

While one candidate glorified the will to fight by saying, "If you want to be breaking bad, you'd need to fight the Game of Thrones", another candidate retorted by saying, "Fighting is futile if you fight amongst yourselves. Fight against challenges, not against each other."

"I am not a femi-Nazi, I'm a feminist", said the delegate from Rwanda in one of the most inspirational speeches which won the hearts of many, making her the President of the General Assembly.

The PGA election came to a conclusive end with one delegate very rightly quoting Nelson Mandela, "As your leader, I can't change the direction of the wind, but I can adjust the sails to help you reach your destination."

#OOTD (Outfit of the day)



NEIMUN 2015 Day One



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Badge: ₹ 50/- only**

**Contact Tubin (9717447125) to get them.
While we deliberate let's not forget to make
some memories...**

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