

## GNLU Model United Nations 2019

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**Gandhinagar, Sep 09, 2019:** The fourth edition of GNLUMUN witnessed participation from across the country with a record of around 150 delegates sojourning for the three-day event from 6th to 8th September. The event was organized by the MUN Society of Gujarat National Law University in collaboration with UNICEF and Teach for India. Teach for India is a non-profit organization which recruits graduates to teach in low-income schools for a span of two years. The branch in Ahmedabad sent fifteen meritorious students to participate in the conference, the registration fees for whom was waived off by the Society.

The theme for 2019 is Trafficking; a serious crime and grave violation of human rights. Every year, thousands of men, women and children are trafficked in their own countries and sometimes, sent abroad. Trafficking of drugs is also another concern, which undermines the political and economic stability apart from ruining lives. Keeping that in mind, four committees were formed with agendas related to the overall theme.

This edition of GNLUMUN also saw a panel discussion on the theme, “Challenges in the Prevention of Trafficking in Women and Children and Rehabilitation of Victims” for which three distinguished panellists were invited. Mr Anil Pratham (IPS), Mr Ravi Kant, an advocate in the Supreme Court of India and Ms Geetanjali Ghosh, a professor teaching at NLUJA, Assam graced the panel, with the discussion being moderated by Mr. Vedprakash Gautam, a Child Protection Specialist at UNICEF. The discussion brought out the panellists’ experiences in working with trafficking and highlighted the importance of combatting this issue effectively. In India, every year 55,000 to 60,000 people go missing. 80% of them are girls with the brothel houses being their destination. There exist several different forms of trafficking, which affect the most vulnerable sections of society and the agendas selected for the four committees which were simulated at GNLUMUN 2019 aim to cover most of the aspects and forms of trafficking.

The MUN concluded on the evening of 8th September with the closing ceremony. The Secretary General of MUN, Vishesh Sharma and the Convenor of MUN Society, Dr William Nunes gave the vote of thanks encapsulating the consistent hard work and effort of the core committee and all the society members to ensure that the event was a success. The conference witnessed around 150 delegates from across the country, the highest ever for GNLUMUN and with an even more accomplished Executive Board who were able to direct and guide the committee proceedings effectively to arrive at a resolution.

The conference had a total of four committees and each committee had four awards. In the United Nations Security Council, the Best Young Delegate was given to Kuwait, Special Mention to Venezuela, High Commendation to Iran and the Best Delegate Award to Yemen. In the UNGA (Legal). The Best Young Delegate was awarded to Yemen, Special Mention to New Zealand, High Commendation to Russia and the Best Delegate was given to The people’s Republic of China. In UNHRC, we had the delegate of USA as the Best Young Delegate, Pakistan was awarded Special

Mention, Australia the High Commendation and the Best Delegate was given to the United Kingdom. Finally, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime saw delegate of Iraq as the winner of Best Young Delegate, the USA as Special Mention, Germany as High Commendation and The Philippines snagged the Best Delegate Award. The GNLUMUN also had six International Press Members amongst which Shivangi Sharma and Radhika Varma took away the prizes for High Commendation and Best Delegate respectively, and Shaikh Rehan Nooralam from the Teach for India delegation was awarded the Best Young Delegate award for International Press.

This fourth edition was made possible because of the support of the UNICEF and Teach for India as well as the Director of GNLU, Prof Dr S. Shanthakumar. We hope that the next edition will see more participation and we look forward to hosting it.

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