



EVENT REPORT

SIGHT MODEL UNITED NATIONS 2021

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ABOUT IEEE SIGHT

The IEEE Special Interest Group on Humanitarian Technology (SIGHT) is an Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) program, instituted by the IEEE Humanitarian Activities Committee (HAC).

IEEE SIGHT is a global network of groups consisting of IEEE members and volunteers who identify and address local problems by applying their technical skills and partnering with their local communities.

Vision

Underserved communities around the world are able to benefit from technology as they seek sustainable solutions to development challenges.

Mission

The Special Interest Group on Humanitarian Technology (SIGHT) program is a network of IEEE volunteers around the globe that partner with underserved communities and local organizations to leverage technology for sustainable development.

Values

SIGHT focuses on sustainable solutions that make a longterm difference in the lives of people.

SIGHT operates through local volunteers and partners working with local communities.

For SIGHT, success is only achieved through partnerships, starting with the community and extending to government organizations, NGOs, schools, hospitals, companies, and others.

For SIGHT and its volunteers to be both effective and sustainable, continuous training and education is essential.

“Local” is defined by the fact that key leaders of the project are citizens and/or permanent residents of the geographical area in which the project is to take place.



WHAT IS MUN ?

Model United Nations is an academic simulation of the United Nations where students play the role of delegates from different countries and attempt to solve real world issues with the policies and perspectives of their assigned country. For example, a student may be assigned the United Kingdom and will have to solve global topics such as nuclear non-proliferation or climate change from the policies and perspectives of the United Kingdom.

While the existence of MUNs can be traced back to the U.S. in 1949, in India they started gaining popularity in 1996 and since then have been conducted on a regular basis at international and national levels. United Nations Information Centre – New Delhi collaborates with nearly 50 Model UN conferences per year in India, organised by schools and universities.

BENEFITS

Preparing and participating in a MUN helps students develop leadership skills, research, writing, public speaking, and problem-solving skills. Moreover, coming up with solutions that are acceptable to a majority of the representatives also inculcates skills of negotiation, conflict resolution, and cooperation.

SMUN 2021

IEEE GCET SIGHT

Presents



SMUN

*Make it Happen
Make it Matter!*



In 2011, the SIGHT program was conceptualized and inaugurated in Kerala, India. Ten years later, we have many reasons to celebrate the outstanding work accomplished by SIGHT volunteers. IEEE SIGHT Day 2021 aimed at fostering a spirit of community for the global SIGHT network, increase awareness of IEEE SIGHT within IEEE, promote the opportunity to support SIGHT financially, and celebrate the impact SIGHT volunteers and groups are making. On this occasion IEEE GCET SIGHT decided to take part in and witness an amazing session of discussions and negotiations. IEEE GCET SIGHT organized SIGHT Model United Nations 2021 which focused on drawing out attention to issues on a global scale.

Event Brief

Basically, SMUN 2021 had three committees namely,

1. UNHRC: The United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) is a United Nations body whose mission is to promote and protect human rights around the world.
2. UNESCO: The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization. It seeks to build peace through international cooperation in Education, the Sciences, and Culture.
3. WHO: The World Health Organization (WHO) is a specialized agency of the United Nations responsible for international public health.

Three meetings were scheduled for each committee simultaneously with their individual chair and participants. Total of 2 hours were allotted for each committee to complete the procedure of MUN, followed by the presentation of award to the Best Delegate of each committee.

The event flow is described below:

- o Introduction of IEEE SIGHT, three committees and the chairs
- o Announcement of the agenda for the session
- o MUN procedures started with the Roll Call
- o Preparing general speakers' list
- o Recognizing and granting the motion of flow
- o Moderated caucus (if any)
- o Open discussion
- o Drafting of the resolution





SMUN UNHRC

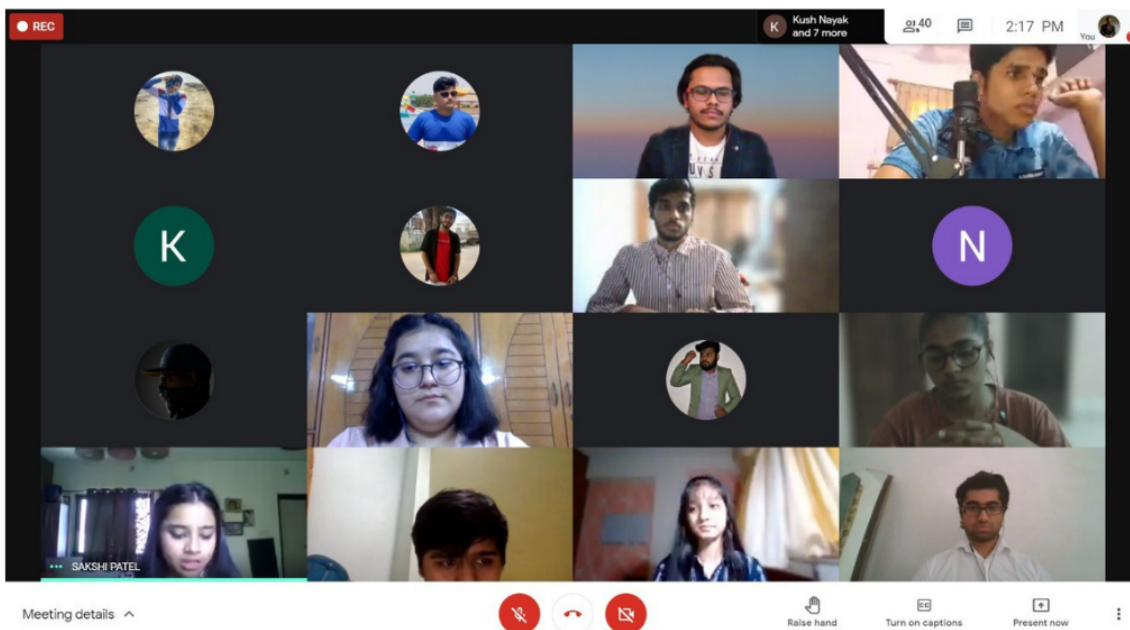
AGENDA: Combating Racism, Xenophobia, and Related Intolerance

CHAIR: Sakshi Patel, Chairperson, IEEE SIGHT GCET SB 2021

A total of 45 people were present at UNHRC committee conference from which we had nearly 15 delegates from various countries. The General speaking List had almost 10 speakers who gave a very good brief of their country, precisely to the point

Moreover, we had one main moderated caucus on the topic "Types of Racism and Types of Xenophobia". The topic was discussed for around 30 minutes with 2 minutes for each delegate. All the delegates noted down every point of one another and thus were able to draft a constructive conclusion.

UNHRC committee had a tie for the Best Delegate Award between the delegate of Canada and the delegate of Algeria.





SMUN UNESCO

AGENDA: Improving literacy rate among indigenous people.

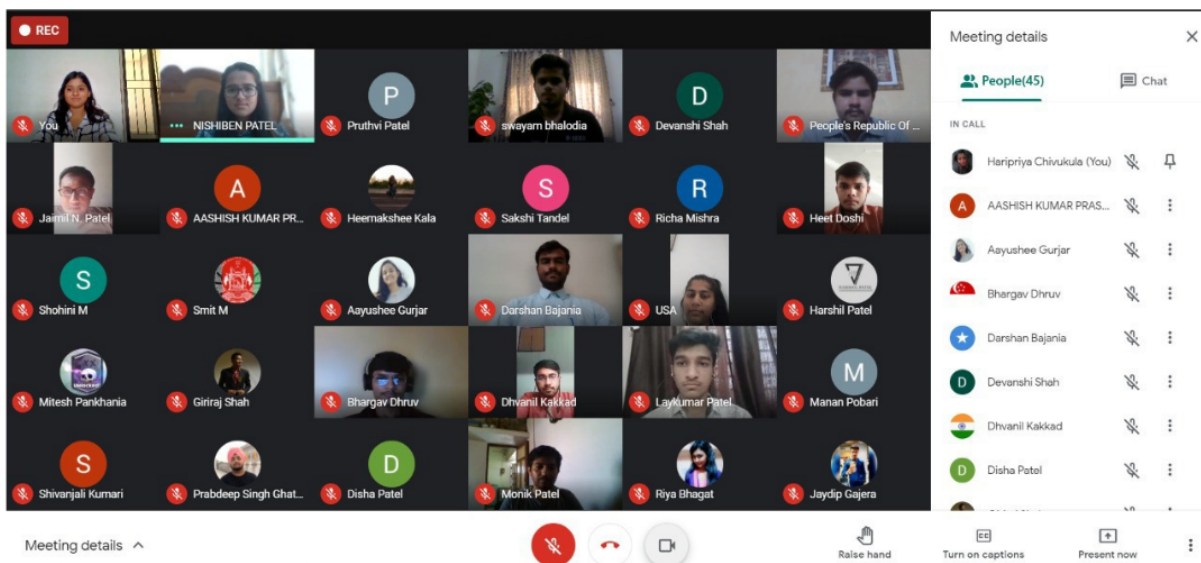
CHAIR: Haripriya Chivukula, Secretary, IEEE GCET SB 2021

UNESCO Committee had around 45 people attending the conference with 10 being participants.

It started with Roll Call where most of the delegates gave a call of "Present and Voting" which was then followed by declaring General Speaker's List that had around 8 delegates. Starting with the delegate of USA, general speaking continued with a well explanatory speech given by every delegate.

The delegate of People's Republic of China passed a motion for the moderated caucus with a majority of 7 delegates for which time allotted was 15 minutes as whole and 1.5 minutes for each delegate. It went on smoothly with a touch of fine depth in discussion with every delegate putting up substantive points one after the other. Lastly, it came to an end by drafting of conclusion to an overall diplomatic discussion.

The Delegate of India was awarded as The Best Delegate for SMUN UNESCO 2021.





SMUN WHO

AGENDA: Migrant crisis, a cause of covid 19

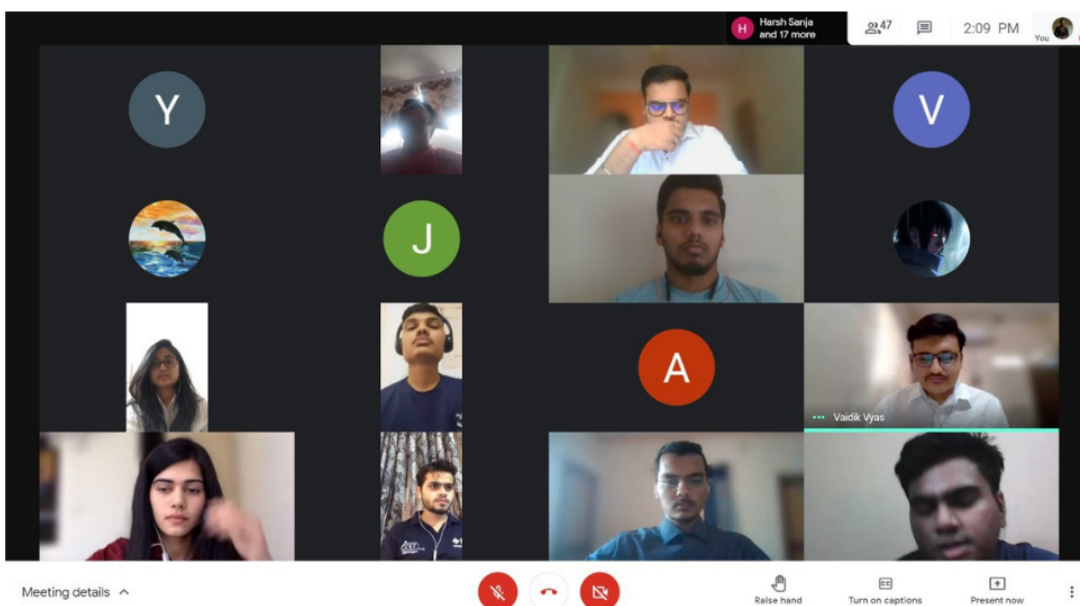
CHAIR: Vaidik Vyas, Chairperson, IEEE CS GCET SB 2021

Committee of World Health Organization had several delegates who participated actively in discussion and were able to give a thought to each and every sub topic of the agenda.

The session had a total participation of 45+. More than 10 delegates included their countries in the General Speaker's List. They discussed the measures taken by their respective governments in order to contain the spread of Coronavirus.

They also discussed about the relief packages sort out by their respective governments for migrants to sustain that community in this crucial times of world pandemic. Also a conclusion was made out of overall discussion and end up with on a good note.

The Delegate of New Zealand was awarded as the Best Delegate for WHO SMUN 2021, who distinguished himself at a conference and was up-to-date with his research and preparation.



SIGHT Model United Nations (SMUN) 2021, organized by IEEE SIGHT GCET Student Branch was a national level event that experienced total participation of 120+ amongst which there were 45+ delegates of different countries.

The three committees namely United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC), World Health Organization (WHO) and United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) presented a platform for the formal discussion on several crucial topics like Covid-19, Racism and Xenophobia, etc.

The enthusiasm with which the delegates presented their countries' decisions and reforms undertaken was incredible. They even discussed the previous governing bodies which are now replaced by another political group.

An innovative approach of the event was to include observers, to entertain those students who didn't have any prior knowledge of Model United Nations and wanted to learn to be a diplomatic delegate in the discussion, which took the event to the next level.

Event was open for HIGH school and college going students, from whom we got positive and exiting responses of having a startling and knowledgeable event organized in this pandemic where students were able to showcase their communication skills diplomatically and precisely.

To sum up, this event was an interactive conclave which was the first of its kind organized under the IEEE GCET Student Branch.