

## **BMCC holds its second edition of MUN**

Deccan Education Society's Brihan Maharashtra College of Commerce conducted its second edition of Model United Nations on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2024. This edition marked a significant milestone as it was the first time BMCC invited students from outside the college to participate in an inter-college MUN. Students from Symbiosis, Fergusson College, Bharati Vidyapeeth and MMCC actively participated, thereby broadening the scope of BMCC MUN, and enriching the experience for all participants. The conference successfully enabled students to engage in diplomatic simulations, fostering understanding of global issues and enhancing their intellectual, collaborative, and leadership skills. There were a total of 44 participants, with each being the delegate of the assigned country. These delegates were part of two committees, the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) with the agenda being 'Israel – Palestine Conflict' and the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) with the agenda being, 'Deliberation on the Rights of LGBTQ+ Community'.



To ensure the smooth flow of events and maintain impartiality, the chairs and the co-chairs for the Executive Board (EB) were invited from outside BMCC. For the UNSC, the EB hailed from MIT- WPU College, Pune, contributing their expertise and guidance to the deliberations. Similarly, for the UNHRC, the EB hailed from VIT College, Pune, enriching the discussions with diverse perspectives and insights.

Delegates, with set agendas, showcased their country's views, engaging in debates, discussions, and networking, embodying diplomatic essence to address global challenges with resilience and insight. Soham Sahasrabudhe of SY B. Com from BMCC (UNSC) and Prasanna Upadhyay of Bharati Vidyapeeth (UNHRC) were honoured with the 'Best Delegate' award, while Rahul Bapat of TY B. Com from BMCC (UNSC) and Neha Jadhav of Fergusson College (UNHRC) received recognition for 'Best Speaker' for their exceptional oratory skills showcased during the debates.



The organizing committee team planned everything carefully to manage the 2- day conference starting from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm making sure everything went smoothly. All of this was possible under the able guidance of HoD of Economics Department Prof. Deepak Powdel, Prof. Suresh Waghmare and Asst. Prof. Vidushi Tewari. They motivated the organizers as well as the participants on this journey. The organizing team felt grateful for their support. Their dedication and hard work played a huge role in making the event a success.

Overall, the second edition of the BMCC MUN was a resounding success, setting a precedent for future events and enriching BMCC's academic landscape.