



Symbiosis Institute of Management Studies

Model United Nations

2024- 2025

SIMS MUN Society Annual Report 2024-25

A Comprehensive Review of SIMS Inter MUN & Youth Parliament

Overview of SIMS MUN Society Events 2024-25

The **SIMS MUN Society** successfully organized two major flagship events in the academic year 2024-25: **SIMS Inter MUN 2024** and **SIMS Youth Parliament 2024-25**. These events provided a platform for students to engage in meaningful debates, diplomatic discussions, and policy-making simulations, enhancing their leadership, negotiation, and critical thinking skills.

1. SIMS Inter MUN 2024 (24th-25th August 2024)

SIMS Inter MUN brought together students to participate in a **Model United Nations** conference, where they represented various countries and deliberated on pressing global issues. The event featured three committees:

- **United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)** – Focused on the **economic impact of Middle East conflicts**.
- **United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (UNCSW)** – Debated policies addressing **gender-based violence and sexual harassment**.
- **International Press (IP)** – Covered and reported the proceedings, capturing key discussions and resolutions.

2. SIMS Youth Parliament 2024-25 (21st December 2024)

The SIMS Youth Parliament provided a dynamic platform for students to simulate parliamentary proceedings, discussing key national policies and legislative reforms. The two committees included:

- **Lok Sabha Committee** – Debated the feasibility of "**One Nation, One Election**", analyzing its impact on governance and democracy.
- **Rajya Sabha Committee** – Explored the implementation of the **Uniform Civil Code (UCC)** and its effects on India's diverse socio-political landscape.

Both events saw active participation from students, renowned guest speakers, and engaging policy debates, reaffirming SIMS MUN Society's commitment to fostering future leaders and policymakers.

SIMS Inter MUN 2024

SIMS Inter MUN 2024 was successfully organized by the SIMS MUN Society on the **24th and 25th of August 2024**. The event commenced with an inspiring opening ceremony in the **SIMS Auditorium**, setting the tone for two days of rigorous debate and discussion. The SIMS motto, “**Make a Difference,**” echoed through the hall, reinforcing the significance of diplomacy and dialogue.

The **Chief Guest, Major General Yash Mor**, was introduced and welcomed by the SIMS MUN team. A distinguished peacekeeper who represented **India in the United Nations in Mozambique (1993-1994)**, Major General Mor shared his invaluable experiences in global diplomacy, peacekeeping missions, and India's role in shaping international relations. He emphasized that while no single individual can resolve all societal issues, each person has the power to make a difference in their **communities, neighbourhoods, and families**. His insights inspired participants to engage actively in discussions and contribute toward meaningful solutions.

Following his address, the event transitioned into an **interactive Q&A session**, where students explored topics related to diplomacy, multilateralism, and global governance. Delegates gained firsthand perspectives on international relations and the evolving landscape of world politics.

The **event was well received**, with attendees appreciating the thought-provoking discussions and the high level of participation. The successful execution of SIMS Inter MUN 2024 was made possible under the guidance of **Dr. Smita Mehendale**, faculty-in-charge of SIMS MUN, and the leadership of **Varun Panwar (Secretary-General)** and **Srishti Jha (Director-General)**. The event reaffirmed SIMS MUN Society's commitment to providing a **platform for intellectual engagement, diplomacy, and leadership development**.



Table Programme

SIMS INTER MUN 2024 ITINERARY			
24th August 2024			
S.NO.	TIMING	ACTIVITY	VENUE
1	10:00 AM - 10:10 AM	Welcome address by SIMS MUN	Auditorium
3	10:10 AM - 10:15 AM	Introduction of Chief Guest	
4	10:15 AM - 10:45 AM	Address by Chief Guest	
5	10:45 AM - 10:55 AM	Q & A Session	
6	10:55 AM - 11:00 AM	Vote of Thanks	
SESSION BEGINS AT 11:30 AM			
10	11:30 AM - 01:30 PM	Session 1	Chanakya, Tutorial Room, 203
11	01:30 PM - 02:30 PM	LUNCH BREAK	
12	02:40 PM - 04:40 PM	Session 2	
13	5:00 PM - 5:30 PM	SNACKS BREAK	

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SIMS INTER MUN 2024 ITINERARY			
25th August 2024			
S.NO.	TIMING	ACTIVITY	VENUE
1	10:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Welcome address by SIMS MUN	Chanakya, Tutorial Room, 203 Auditorium
SESSION BEGINS AT 10:30 AM			
2	10:30 AM - 01:00 PM	Session 3	
3	01:00 PM - 02:00 PM	LUNCH BREAK	
4	02:10 PM - 04:30 PM	Session 4	
5	04:45 PM - 5:30 PM	Closing Ceremony	

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4	SAKSHAM SHARMA	<i>Co-Chair (UNGA)</i>
5	MEHEK SINGH	<i>International Press Head</i>

UNGA REPORT

S.No.	ACTIVITY	REMARKS
1.	Topic	UNGA: The Economic Toll of Middle East Conflict: Implications on the Global Economy
2.	Duration	Date: 24 th and 25 th August 2024 Time: 10 AM to 5 PM
3.	Invitations	Honourable Chief Guest Major General Yash Mor; Director SIMS, Brig. (Dr.) Rajiv Divekar; Dr. Smita Mehendale, faculty in-charge SIMS MUN Society; Participants of SIMS Inter MUN 2024 and Transformational Student Managers of SIMS.
4.	Participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● 52 Delegates● 2 members of the executive board● Organizing Committee (On Rotation)● 4 Members of the International Press
5.	Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● To examine the devastating economic consequences of Middle East conflicts, identify critical implications for global economic stability, and explore collaborative solutions to promote regional peace and prosperity.
6.	Outcomes	The session was fruitful because of its multi-faceted approach and effort to resolve broader issues, keeping peace as the prime influential agenda. Delegates left with a renewed sense of purpose committed to working together to address the complex issues driving conflict in the region.

UNGA session on Middle East Conflict

The two-day UNGA session on the Economic toll of the Middle East conflict was inaugurated by the guest of honour, Major General Yash Mor. As a reporter, I attended the session, bringing global delegates together to discuss the complex issues driving regional instability. The session aimed to explore conflict's economic consequences and identify solutions for peace and stability.

Insightful discussions and debates focused on the refugee crisis, international trade, economic cooperation, and collective action. Delegates from Egypt, Jordan, and Iraq shared experiences hosting millions of refugees, highlighting the need for increased humanitarian aid. Japan and China debated the latter's VRA policy, while others discussed the conflict's impact on trade and investment. Key debates included Western countries' role in Asian disputes, China's debt trap policy, and Japan's growing military presence. Delegates offered solutions like diplomatic efforts, economic sanctions, and humanitarian aid.

Conclusion

The session concluded with a call to action, emphasising unified responses to address the refugee crisis, combat terrorism, and promote economic cooperation. Delegates acknowledged the complexity but expressed hope for a peaceful resolution through dialogue and diplomacy. I observed a greater sense of urgency and commitment to address the economic toll of the Middle East conflict. The session laid the groundwork for meaningful progress, and continued collaboration will be crucial in achieving lasting peace and stability. Future sessions will build on this momentum, driving collective action towards a peaceful and prosperous region in Mor. With a unified approach, the international community can mitigate the economic toll of conflict and foster a brighter future for the Middle East. The session's success highlights the importance of continued dialogue and cooperation in addressing global challenges. The session was fruitful because of its multi-faceted approach and effort to resolve broader issues, keeping peace as the prime influential agenda. Delegates left with a renewed sense of purpose committed to working together to address the complex issues driving conflict in the region.

The winners of the UNGA Committee were as follows:

Best Delegate - Arunjai Agarwal (Israel)

High Commendation - Vedanth Lokesh (Japan)

Special Mention - Vidit Sahai (India)

UNCSW REPORT

S.No.	ACTIVITY	REMARKS
1.	Topic	Addressing Gender-Based Violence and Sexual Harassment
2.	Duration	Date: 24 th and 25 th August 2024 Time: 11:30 AM to 4:50 PM – 24 th August 2024 Time: 10:30 AM to 4:30 PM – 25 th August 2024
3.	Invitations	Honourable Chief Guest Major General Yash Mor; Director SIMS, Brig. (Dr.) Rajiv Divekar; Campus Administrator, Air Commodore Vishwajit Dedgaonkar VM VSM (Retd); Faculty in-charge Dr. Smita Mehendale; Participants of SIMS Inter MUN 2024 and Transformational Student Managers of SIMS.
4.	Participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● 49 Delegates● 2 members of the executive board● Organizing Committee (On Rotation)● 4 Members of International Press
5.	Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● To strengthen global commitments and actions to prevent and respond to gender-based violence and sexual harassment, promote survivor-centred approaches, and achieve gender equality and empowerment for all women and girls.
6.	Outcomes	Each country was doing or had been doing with regard to arresting gender-based violence, support of the survivors, and reintegration of these into society. The questions have picked on specific challenges and clarified concrete steps towards improvement.

UNCSW session on Gender-Related Violence

The indelible blotter of gender-based violence and sexual harassment remains a cancer across most societies worldwide. Only recently, the issue has been put into sharp focus during a meeting held by the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women. The opening day was colourful with a forum where countries shared views, each presenting policies and practices that were simply a hallmark of the diversity and disparity in the global approach towards gender-based aggression. They shared regarding a tapestry of ideologies and practical measures embracing the spectrum of devotion and deficiency in eradicating the disturbing features of our societies. The depth and breadth of the discussions exposed both the tenacity of some nations' strides and the jarring dissonance in others' responses. The second day brought enlightened discourse on the improvement in education and awareness about gender-based violence against the challenging backdrop of digital harassment.

Every country was trying to project itself as a torchbearer of progress and sensitivity, noisily touting initiatives and measures for education and raising awareness. From the Fasttrack Procedure of Italy to the strength women could bring to leadership as recognized by Thai, and from safe working conditions introduced by UAE to the recommendation for criminalizing marital rape and domestic violence by Qatar, the discourse wove a tapestry of solutions filtered through national policies. The journey was at once inspiring and underlined the gap that these global issues need to traverse, capturing both the victories and struggles in this ongoing battle for equity and reformation. The symphony of change and stagnation playing through the editorial was discordant yet harmonious.

This underlines the great need to orchestrate a unified vision for a world free of the shadows of gender-based violence. The fact that the influence of India in the education initiative in neighbouring Bangladesh and Brazil learning from Sweden becomes a silent testament to the vast reservoir of alternative viewpoints and approaches that lay the foundations for collaborative efforts, which can alter horizons of hope for a future where slogans and shayari do more than tickle our senses, but they ignite action and provoke change. In other words, critical questions were framed for delegates from countries like Spain, India, Japan, Bhutan, UAE, UK, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Qatar, Israel, and Pakistan. These would have pointedly referred to what each country was doing or had been doing with regard to arresting gender-based violence, support of the survivors, and reintegration of these into society. The questions have picked on specific challenges and clarified concrete steps towards improvement.

The winners of the UNCSW Committee were as follows:

Best Delegate - Darshan Kamat (USA)

High Commendation - Kishan Pandey (Bangladesh)

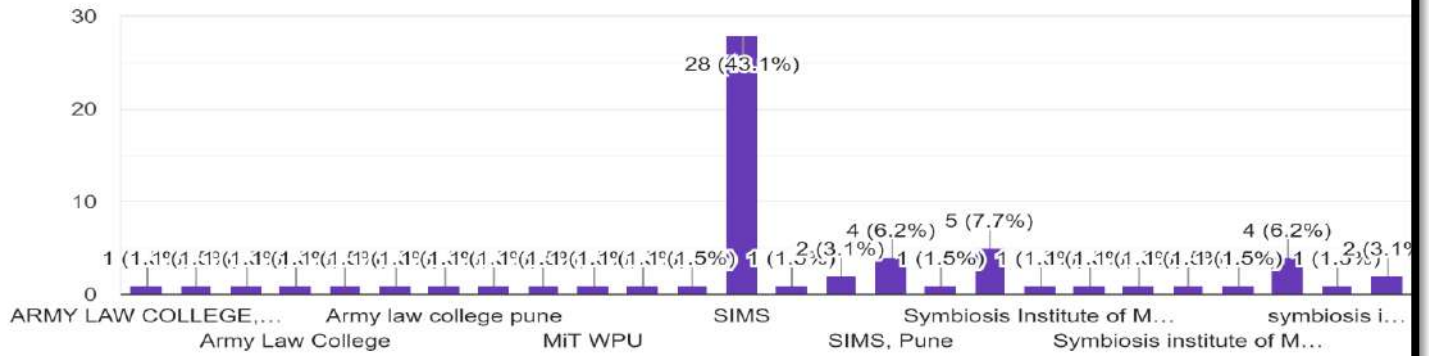
Special Mention - Kundan Singh (China)



Feedback

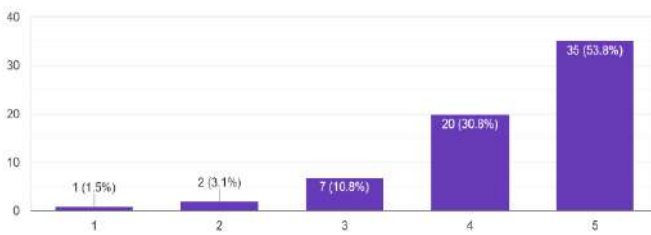
Name of College

65 responses



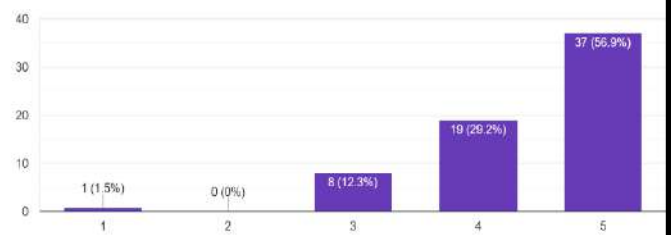
How would you rate your learning experience of the event?

65 responses



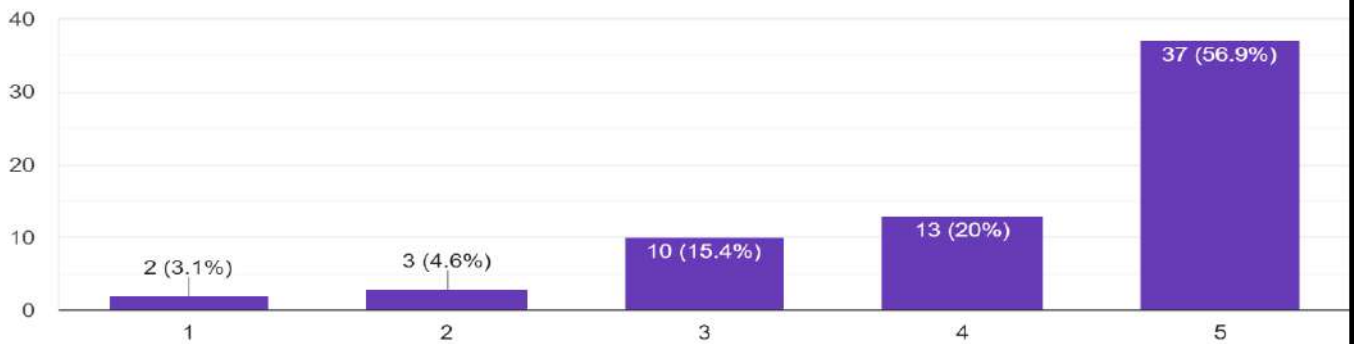
How would you rate the conduct of the Organisation committee?

65 responses



How would you rate the conduct of the judges/EBs?

65 responses



SIMS Youth Parliament (December) 2024

On **December 21, 2024**, the **SIMS Youth Parliament 2024-25** was inaugurated in the **Chanakya Hall** at SIMS. Guided by the **SIMS motto**, “**Make a Difference**,” this event served as a **dynamic platform** for **engaging discussions**, **fostering connections**, and generating **actionable solutions** to pressing **national and international issues**.

The event commenced with a **formal introduction** and address by the **Chief Guest, Mrs. Smita Purushottam**. A **distinguished diplomat**, she has represented **India** in **Switzerland, Venezuela, Beijing, London, and Berlin**, offering **deep insights** into **diplomacy and international relations**. Post-retirement, she founded **SITARA**, a **think tank** dedicated to **indigenous technological advancements**. As a **Harvard Fellow** and **policy expert**, she provided **thought-provoking perspectives** on **innovation, sustainability, and governance**.

During her **keynote speech**, Mrs. Purushottam emphasized the **importance of collective action** in driving **social change** and encouraged delegates to **critically evaluate policies** for a **resilient future**. This was followed by an **interactive Q&A session**, where students engaged in **discussions** on various **national and international concerns**.

The **SIMS Youth Parliament 2024-25** was successfully organized under the **guidance** of **Dr. Smita Mehendale, faculty-in-charge**, and led by **Mr. Varun Panwar (Secretary-General, SIMS MUN)** and **Ms. Srishti Jha (Director-General, SIMS MUN)**. The event was **well-received**, with participants gaining **valuable insights** into **governance, policy-making, and leadership**.



TABLE PROGRAMME

TIME	AGENDA
10:00 AM	Seating of all participants and attendees.
10:00-10:10 AM	Welcome address by SIMS MUN
10:10-10:15 AM	Introduction of Chief Guest
10:15-10:40 AM	Address by Chief Guest
10:40-10:55 AM	Q&A Session
10:55-11:00 AM	Vote of Thanks
11:00-11:15 AM	Committees' assembly in their respective rooms
11:20-01:30 PM	LOK Sabha and Rajya Sabha – Session 1
01:30-02:30 PM	Lunch Break
02:30-04:30 PM	LOK Sabha and Rajya Sabha – Session 2
04:30-04:40 PM	EBs shares their thoughts regarding the event
04:40-04:45 PM	Felicitation of EBs
04:45-04:50 PM	Winner announcement and Prize Distribution
04:50-05:00 PM	End of event

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LOK SABHA REPORT

S.No.	ACTIVITY	REMARKS
1.	Topic	Lok Sabha: One Nation, One Election: Discussing logistical challenges and impacts on democracy and governance.
2.	Duration	Date: 21 st December 2024 Time: 10 AM to 5 PM
3.	Invitations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Honourable Chief Guest Mrs. Smita Purushottam● Director SIMS, Brig. (Dr.) Rajiv Divekar● Campus Administrator, Air Commodore Vishwajit Dedgaonkar VM VSM (Retd)● Faculty In-charge Dr. Smita Mehendale● Participants of SIMS Youth Parliament 2024-25 and Transformational Student Managers of SIMS
4.	Participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● 40 Ministers● 2 members of the executive board● Organizing Committee (On Rotation)● 5 Members of National Press
5.	Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● To explore the feasibility and logistical challenges of implementing the "One Nation, One Election" policy in India.● To evaluate its potential impacts on democratic processes, voter participation, and election transparency.
6.	Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● A comprehensive understanding of the benefits and challenges of implementing synchronized elections in India.● Insights into how such a policy could impact democracy, governance, and federalism in the long term.● Well-reasoned arguments and policy suggestions for overcoming logistical and constitutional barriers.

LOK SABHA Session

“ONE NATION, ONE ELECTION: REVOLUTIONIZING GOVERNANCE OR UNDERMINING FEDERALISM”

On Saturday, 21st Dec, the Lower House of Parliament began the debate with a session agenda titled ‘One Nation, One Election: Discussing logistical challenges and impacts on democracy and governance.’ The ruling party leader *Amit Shah* endorsed the bill by saying, “conducting simultaneous elections, we can reduce the financial burden on the government and free up valuable resources for development work.” However, The Opposition Party calls it an “attempt to weaken democracy and set India on a path of Dictatorship.”

One Nation One Election Bill is a proposal to synchronize all elections in India so that they occur once every five years. As per the *Kovind Committee Report*, Simultaneous Elections will boost India’s GDP by 1.5%, which is equal to 4.5 lakh crores, half the country’s Health Budget. *Piyush Goyal*, Minister of Commerce and Industry supported the bill by making an opening statement, “It is a step to make democracy more efficient and the election process simpler.” However, in a country with the world’s largest population and numerous political ideologies, it is a daunting task.

To implement this agenda India has to make changes to the federal structure of the constitution which ensures the delicate balance of power between state and center along with this Indian Constitution has to go through a massive overhaul. amending Article 83, A85, A172, A174, and A356 with at least 50% of states approving the same.

DMK leader *Kanimozhi Karunanidhi* quoted the PIB report during the debate saying that “when elections in India are synchronized, on average there is a 77% chance that Indian voters will vote for the same party both at state and center”, calling it an attempt by the ruling party to secure their future terms.

For the first time in history, India is planning to have fully synchronized elections. However, the question that exists is will this move to bring national unity without the risk of silencing regional issues and ensure accountability in the absence of voter power to punish the non-performer governments.

The winners of the Lok Sabha Committee were as follows:

Best Delegate- Kaustubh Hanumant Pawale (Rahul Gandhi)

High Commendation - KC Tharangani (Kanimozhi Karunanidh)

Special Mention - Ramit Naik (Om Birla)
Pratik Gatane (Rajnath Singh)

RAJYA SABHA Report

S.No.	ACTIVITY	REMARKS
1.	Topic	Rajya Sabha: Uniform Civil Code and Pluralism: Balancing constitutional mandates with societal diversity.
2.	Duration	Date: 21 st December 2024 Time: 11:30 AM to 5:50 PM
3.	Invitations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Honourable Chief Guest Mrs. Smita Purushottam● Director SIMS, Brig. (Dr.) Rajiv Divekar● Campus Administrator, Air Commodore Vishwajit Dedgaonkar VM VSM (Retd)● Faculty In-charge Dr. Smita Mehendale● Participants of SIMS Youth Parliament 2024-25 and Transformational Student Managers of SIMS
4.	Participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● 31 Ministers● 2 members of the executive board● Organizing Committee (On Rotation)● 5 Members of National Press
5.	Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● To analyze the implications of implementing a Uniform Civil Code (UCC) on India's pluralistic society.● To discuss the balance between constitutional mandates and societal diversity, focusing on the challenges of inclusivity and cultural preservation.● To provide a platform for examining the legal, social, and political aspects of UCC in the context of India's democratic framework.
6.	Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● A deeper understanding of the complexities surrounding the implementation of a Uniform Civil Code in India.● Thoughtful debates that highlight the balance between constitutional ideals and societal realities.

RAJYA SABHA Session

“UNIFORM CIVIL CODE”

The Symbiosis Institute of Management Studies (SIMS) inaugurated the Youth Parliament 2024-25, fostering discussions on critical national issues. The event commenced with an address by chief guest Ms. Smita Purushottam, who emphasized the importance of the Uniform Civil Code (UCC) and One Nation, One Election.

She highlighted UCC's potential to unify India's legal systems and promote equality while addressing the complexities of simultaneous elections. Deputy Director Dr. Pravin Kumar Bhoyar, MUN Society faculty in-charge Dr. Smita Mehendale, and enthusiastic students contributed to the vibrant atmosphere. The National Press, comprising four reporters, covered proceedings from both the Rajya Sabha and Lok Sabha. With guidance from the Chairperson on parliamentary procedures, the session proceeded smoothly.

In the Rajya Sabha, 24 members debated the agenda, “Uniform Civil Code and Pluralism: Balancing Constitutional Mandates with Societal Diversity.” The Chair initiated the discussion with opening statements. BJP's Mr. Jagat Prakash advocated for UCC, emphasizing its role in empowering women by addressing inequalities in inheritance and divorce laws. Mr. Bhagvat Kishanrao highlighted UCC's principle of “one law for all, not one religion for all,” while Mr. Dhananjay referenced the Shah Bano case to underline its urgency.

AAP's Mr. Raghav Chadha criticized BJP's incomplete reforms in Hindu inheritance laws, arguing for progress. Dr. Jaishankar supported UCC as a step toward modern governance, while Sonia Gandhi warned against forgetting India's cultural roots.

A motion titled “Personal Laws vs. UCC: Navigating Traditional Integration,” proposed by Mr. Chadha opened further debate. While some members highlighted UCC's benefits, others expressed concerns about its impact on diversity. Dr. Jaishankar's motion to extend the session was denied, and the session broke after a heated discussion.

The event showcased meaningful dialogue, setting the stage for impactful deliberations.

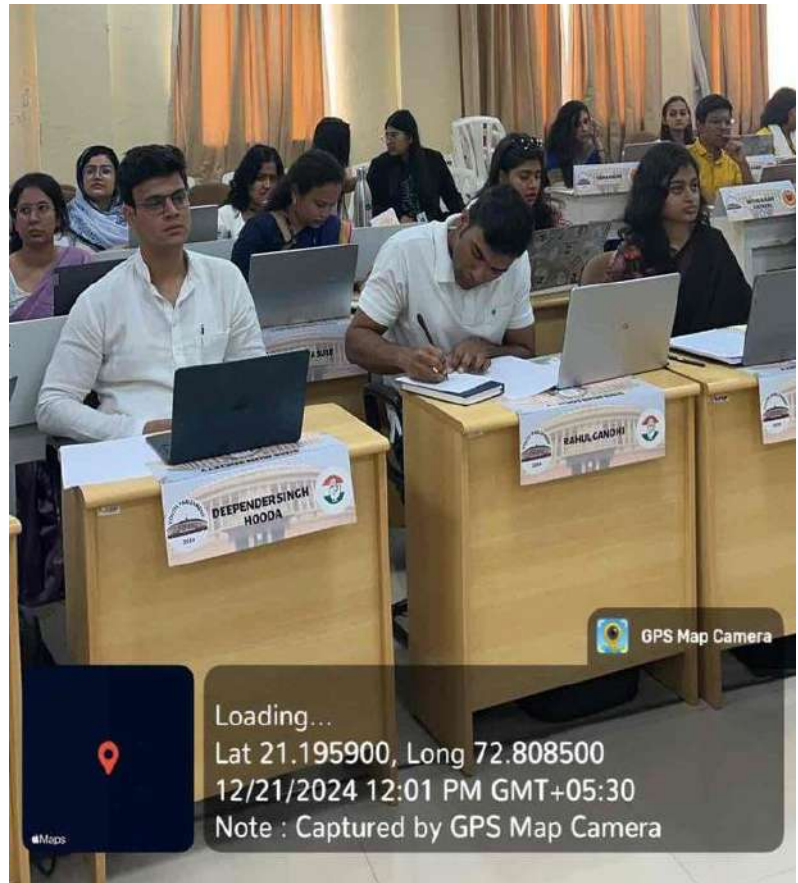
The winners of the Rajya Sabha Committee were as follows:

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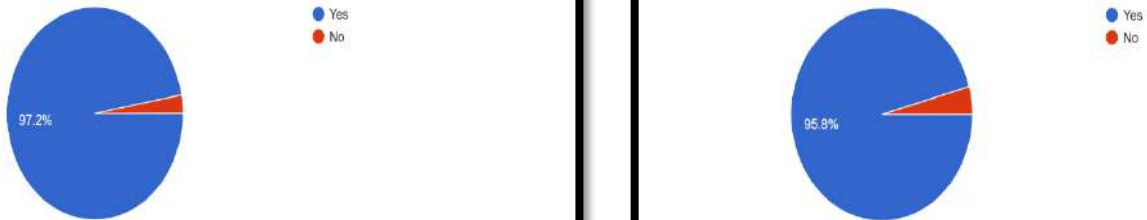
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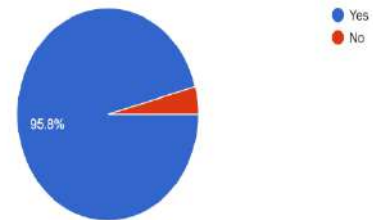
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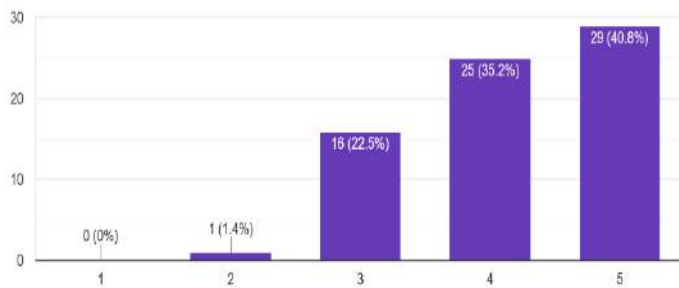
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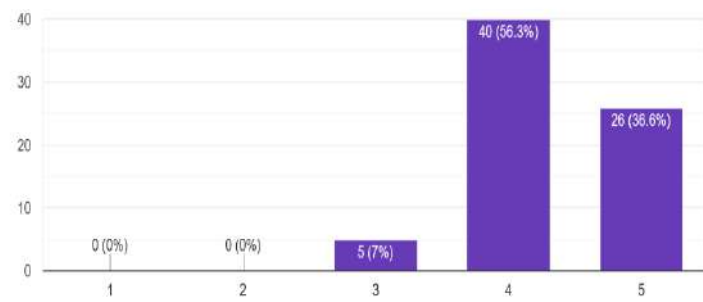
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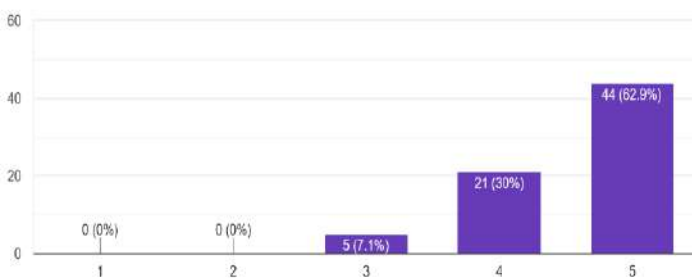
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