

ISG STUDENTS MENTOR FIRST EVER E AHAMED MUNC IN KERALA

A team of 48 students from Indian School Al Ghubra mentored the first ever International E Ahamed Model United Nations Conference held at Jamia Hamdard University in Kannur, Kerala, India on the 19th and 20th of January 2018. The conference was held under the aegis of the P.M Foundation and was inspired by the contributions of late Mr. E. Ahamed, a stalwart Indian Parliamentarian and a State Legislator who represented India at the United Nations a record 26 times.

The conference was conceptualized by Mr. Ahmed Rayees, President, School Management Committee, Indian School Al Ghubra. The theme of this year's conference is 'Sustainable Development.' As the students of Indian School Al Ghubra have gained immense exposure and experience by attending MUN conferences at the international level and also hosts the ISGMUNC annually they mentored the EAMUNC as it was the first ever MUNC to be held in Kannur. At the EAMUNC, there were six dynamic committees in English and one committee in Malayalam which discussed several real world crisis such as Transnational Organized Crime, Situation in Central America, Atoms for Peace and Development, Cybercrime, Labour Rights in Emerging Economies, and the adverse effects of technology on Children.

EAMUNC saw the coming together of over 200 delegates across 15 schools from Kerala and Tamil Nadu. The EAMUNC was driven by the purpose of encouraging delegates to think differently, challenge the norm and take action on an array of global issues. The delegates from the various schools in Kerala and Tamil Nadu had a first-hand experience into the proceedings of the United Nations and learnt to actively engage with one another to achieve consensus through negotiations and consultations. Committee members were engaged in

heated debates and learnt to forge alliances resulting in interesting and innovative resolutions.

The conference was graced by the presence of a panel of influential speakers from India. The students had the incredible opportunity to interact with Mr. Anil Wadhwa, Mrs. Deepa Gopalan Wadhwa, Mr. A.P.M. Mohammed Hanish I.A.S, Mr P Mohamed Ali, Mr. Mir Mohammed, Mr. K.M Shaji MLA, Mr. K.C Joseph MLA, among many others.

The top three diplomats of EAMUNC Kannur will be invited on an all paid trip to attend the EAMUNC to be held in Muscat, Sultanate of Oman later this year.

The opening ceremony witnessed the book release of the translated version of 'India's Voice at the UN – Speeches by E.Ahamed". The book was translated into Malayalam by Dr.Jitheesh, Head of the Department of Malayalam, Indian School Al Ghubra. The proceedings from the sale will be used for the funding the Fellowship Programme, and scholarships will be awarded to meritorious students to pursue Post Graduation in either International Relations / Political Science. The delegates from all participating schools also had an opportunity to showcase their talents at the Cultural Programme which left the audience spellbound.

EAMUNC was an exposure to life skills, which helped the students imbibe the core values of leadership, responsibility and team spirit. Above all, EAMUNC was an enriching, exciting and rewarding experience for the mentors as well as the delegates.