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South Asian Youth Peace Meet
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About South Asian Youth Peace Meet

Considering the current global eco-socio-political dynamics, it is imperative for the youth of the world, not only to be abreast of the events occurring but also to inculcate empathy and cultivate firm opinions about relevant issues. For this, social interaction and liberal dialogue among them is utmost necessary. Moreover, in this era of globalization, young people are beset daily by the need to balance local and global influences. The key lies in transforming the challenge of engaging the youth in responding to globalization, into an opportunity.

South Asia Youth Peace Meet (SAYPM) is an initiative in this direction. Organized by Symbiosis Institute of Media & Communication (SIMC), India's premier academy for higher media studies, SAYPM endeavours to galvanise the positive young thoughts towards broader concept of peaceful growth with equity.

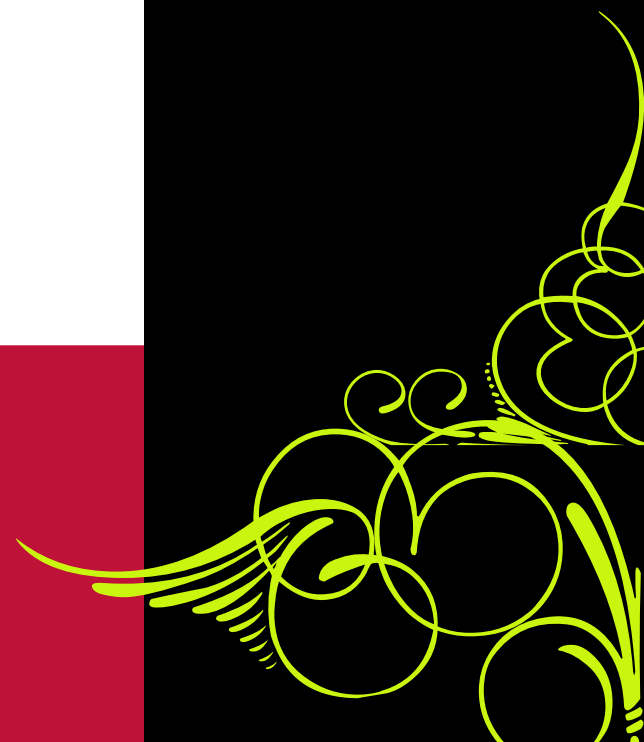
In its debut, SAYPM is a three-day event to be held from SEPTEMBER 21-23, 2009 in PUNE, India. The conclave also aims to formulate a SOUTH ASIAN YOUTH CHARTER, which will include resolutions related to peace, social, economic, cultural and political issues of the South Asian part of the globe. Eventually, this charter will be presented to United Nations.

SAYPM proposes:

- ✦ To connect
- ✦ To communicate
- ✦ To cultivate leadership

Participating Countries:

- ✦ India
- ✦ Pakistan
- ✦ Bangladesh
- ✦ Myanmar
- ✦ Bhutan
- ✦ Nepal
- ✦ Sri Lanka
- ✦ Maldives
- ✦ Afghanistan



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About Symbiosis Institute of Media & Communication

Symbiosis Institute of Media and Communication (SIMC), Pune is a global centre for excellence in media education. Established in 1990 and a part of the Symbiosis International University, it fosters the culture of initiation – both in idea and action.

Mission:

SIMC's mission is to serve the multi-faceted needs of the media and communications industry in particular, and society in general, through education, training, research and advocacy. SIMC seeks to develop competent, responsible and innovative professionals in the practice, development and management of media and communication.

Vision:

SIMC has already established itself as India's premier media training Institute. SIMC's Vision Document for 2010 envisages leadership in every sector of media and communication education and training in India. Towards this end, SIMC will initiate high quality entry-level under-graduate education; maintain its leadership in industry-oriented post-graduate training; originate doctoral research practices in media and communication; and pioneer major social and development communication initiatives.



About Symbiosis International University

Dr Mujumdar established Symbiosis International University (SIU) in 1971. Symbiosis today comprises of 37 institutes imparting training in diverse disciplines. It has over 45,000 students who hail from all states of India and from 60 different countries. In 2002, the Ministry of HRD, Govt. of India conferred on Symbiosis, the status of Deemed to be University.

Dr. Mujumdar now intends to strive towards converting Symbiosis University into an International University and also set up a Vishwa Gram, a Global Village on its university campus - where foreign and Indian students can live together in hostels, learn together in classrooms, play together on sports fields and eat together in cafeterias.





Themes for the day

Each day of the meet will focus on a particular theme. The three-day SAYPM commences on September 21st, which is observed as the UN International Day for World Peace.

DAY ONE

SIMC in association with Centre for Studies of Secularism & Society, Mumbai will explore the issue of COMMUNAL HARMONY AND PEACE in the South Asian region. The day has been devoted by the United Nations towards celebrating the ideals of peace both within and among all nations and peoples.

DAY TWO

Will look into YOUTH AFFAIRS AND POLITICS, and try to understand the role youth can play in a democracy. We try and throw light on the active involvement of the Youth in policy formulation and public opinion in the South Asian region.

DAY THREE

The event will conclude with discussions on ENVIRONMENT SUSTAINABILITY AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY in South Asia. The concluding day of the Meet discusses real issues like Carbon Footprints and Global Warming. Also, we release the South Asian Youth Charter which will be the product of our three days' deliberation.

Another major highlight of Day 3 will be the concluding General Assembly of the Model United Nations.





MODEL UNITED NATIONS (MUN)

Model United Nations (also Model UN or MUN) is an academic simulation of the United Nations that aims to educate participants about civics, effective communication, globalization and multilateral diplomacy. In Model UN, students take on roles as diplomats and participate in a simulated session of an intergovernmental organization (IGO). Participants research a country, take on roles as diplomats, investigate international issues, debate, deliberate, consult, and then develop solutions to world problems.

The MUN format at SAYPM due to time and resource constraints will only focus on three committees and two commissions of the General Assembly essentially the one's that make sense in the South Asian Perspective. A total of 60 delegations will represent their countries in the committees.

They are:

First Committee (Disarmament and International Security Committee) is concerned with disarmament and related international security questions;

Second Committee (Economic and Financial Committee) is concerned with economic questions;

Third Committee (Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Committee) deals with social and humanitarian issues;

Human Rights Commission deals with human rights issues;

Environment Commission deals with environment and climate change

Each committee in the first two days of proceedings would discuss an agenda each (informed to the delegations in advance), and hence pass a relevant resolution. All the five resolutions on the third day would be presented in the General Assembly, and finally passed there. The most important youth centric points from the final resolutions would be included in the SIMC YOUTH PEACE CHARTER, which would later be pitched to UN organizations to be presented at UN proceedings.



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EVENTS @ SAYPM



YOU (th) SPEAK (Paper Presentation Competition)

It's time for the youth to speak up and have their say! Present a paper and tell us what you think about any one of the topics given below. Make sure you don't just speak for your country!

- ✦ Challenges of a developing economy
- ✦ Relationship between UN and Regional Organizations for the maintenance of Peace and Security
- ✦ Media Rights in South Asian countries
- ✦ Globalization and Identity

LOVE THY NEIGHBOUR (South Asian Country Quiz)

Time to pick up those text books and lap up the knowledge as you may know yourself but now we will know just how much you love your neighbours. We are taking you back to school as you are going to be quizzed on the geography, history, art, literature, culture, economics, politics etc... of the South Asian Countries.

SAY JAM (Just a Minute)

Think you have the gift of gab or are you quick witted? Quick thinking, good oratory skills, correct grammar and appropriate use of words is the perfect mantra to succeed where the South Asian Youths say it all in Just A Minute.

WHAT WE KNOW!

Did you know that India has a sea, ocean and a bay around it or that Benazir Bhutto was Pakistan's first woman Prime Minister? Tell us all that you know about any random South Asian country we choose for you in this informal meet in just 3 minutes.

DANCE A PEACE (Choreography Competition)

Expressions speak more than words can. Music says more than words can. Bring them both together to give dance a chance to express what peace would mean to you. Go contemporary and express yourself!



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FACE OFF (Face Painting Competition)

Draw expressions; make your partner feel a mood, give him something different to show. It's time to paint his face!

SCAVENGER HUNT

The traditional game comes to our backyard as we ask you to snoop around SIMC collecting things that maybe valuable to you ;-) and long the way some points too. Hurry before somebody else does!

AMAZING RACE

Here's a clue, run to find the next but before you do you have to pass the little obstacle we place in front of you. Checkpoint to checkpoint one gets eliminated so don't leave anything for the last minute. It's an amazing race!

COVER PAGE

If Pakistan winning the T20 world cup is important to you then say it first. List the 10 important international stories we give you like any newspaper in your country would and let's see what the renowned editors and journalists think about your layout. You will definitely be given a chance to justify your work.

SAY CHEESE (Photography Wall)

Flash your cameras around the SIMC campus and tell us a story of your experience at the SAYPM 2009. Click your thoughts and smack it on our wall, since we believe that pictures do speak a thousand words.

PEACE OF MIND (Graffiti Peace Wall)

Peace on your mind? Then give this wall a piece of your mind; especially for those who think out of the box. If you think Obama will bring about peace say it and if you think the tree in your backyard is the tree of peace, draw it! No restrictions, no apprehensions, no bars! Draw, write doodle, scribble, colour -It's your space and your mind.





PARTICIPATION DETAILS

- ✦ To participate in SAYPM 2009, every contingent needs to fill the attached Registration Form and send it to the SAYPM 2009 participation team by 5th August 2009. No participation requests will be entertained after the prescribed deadline.
- ✦ All participants should necessarily be between the ages 18 to 30 years.
- ✦ All participants must be part of any college (UG and PG), university, or any other relevant organization from any of the nine South Asian countries i.e. India, Pakistan, Nepal, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Myanmar, Bhutan, Afghanistan and Maldives.
- ✦ A total of only 5 participants should apply for an MUN delegation with each one representing one committee, and other participants for the competitive and informal events.
- ✦ All participants are required to maintain the decorum of the college and any sort of indecent behaviour is unacceptable and may result in cancellation of the complete contingent with immediate effect.
- ✦ Liquor, cigarettes and other drugs are prohibited on the Lavale campus. Once here, you are requested to adhere to all the campus rules. Any flouting of rules will result in strict action against the participating contingent.
- ✦ All participants should be physically and mentally fit and in case of any medical history must carry medication, and also inform the organizer's in advance.
- ✦ **EVENT FEES**
The registration fee for each participant is Rs. 300, which would cover the accommodation expenses of the participant for all three days. SIMC will also be responsible for travel from (and to) Symbiosis S B Road Campus, Pune. All other expenses, including travel to Pune and the food has to be borne by the participants themselves. Please refer to the Registration Form for the payment details.

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We hope to hear from you!

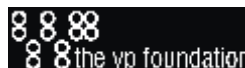
MENTOR ORGANISATIONS

These are the people without whom the event would not have been possible. We extend our greatest thanks to them, for agreeing to helping us out in every way possible.

- ✦ **CENTRE FOR STUDY OF SECULARISM AND SOCIETY** : Set up by a  group of eminent academics, social activists and prominent citizens, the Centre for Study of Society and Secularism is a one of its kind institution. CSSS conducts workshops and seminars on topics related to secularism and communalism all over the country.

- ✦ **AIESEC**: It is the world's largest student-run organization. Active in  over 1700 universities across more than 107 countries and territories, this international platform enables young people to explore and develop their leadership potential for them to have a positive impact in society.

- ✦ **CENTRE FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES**: CYDA is a  centre of excellence and has a unique niche in its work with young people in the country. It is not just an institution but also a movement created by young people to help them be responsible, productive and independent individuals.

- ✦ **THE YP FOUNDATION**: Founded in July 2002 in New Delhi, India,  The YP Foundation is a youth led and run registered non-profit organization that aims to empower young people with financial, infrastructural and mentoring resources to develop and execute innovative initiatives that address socio-cultural, economic, legal, political and environmental issues that concern them.

- ✦ **INDIAN YOUTH CLIMATE NETWORK**: Indian Youth Climate Network (IYCN), is a coalition uniting Indian Youth and Indian youth oriented organisations who are concerned about climate change. They aim at generating awareness and establish consensus on what role India should play in the global debate.

- ✦ **YOUTH MISSION**: The ultimate goal of Youth Mission is that of establishing World Peace with the youth playing an instrumental role in it. The World Peace Center (ALANDI), MAEER's MIT, Pune, India (Unesco Chair for Human Rights, Democracy and Peace) backs this initiative.

- ✦ **THE ACADEMIC ADVISORS**: 'The Academic Advisors' is a Social Enterprise for Service to Society. It is a voluntary non profit NGO playing the role of a catalyst in bringing together various agencies within the Public and Private sectors for achieving the common national goal for the betterment of our country.



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