



# THE BHAWANIPUR BEACON



"The Bhawanipur Education Society College, Kolkata"  
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## UMANG '17 EDITION

### UMANG'17: The curtain rises and the 'Wonderland' unfolds



The grand opening of UMANG'17 in the presence of the members of the Governing Body, BESC, Organising Committee members and the Inaugural performance

**December 14, BESC:** The Bhawanipur Education Society College organized its annual inter-college fest, UMANG, from 14th – 17th December, 2017 in the college campus. The theme of UMANG'17 was 'Wonderland – Realms beyond Reality'. The fest started with an awe-inspiring speech by Prof. Dilip Shah, Dean of the Student Affairs who boosted the confidence of the organizing team as well as the participants by promising that UMANG this time would be bigger and better than ever. He mentioned that for the first time UMANG introduced outdoor sports like swimming and paintball which are very rarely seen in college fests. Nearly 50 colleges from all around Kolkata participated in around 60

events held across the span of four days. He further accentuated the enthusiasm among the audience by introducing the Management Committee members of the college who appreciated and acknowledged the efforts of the Organizing Committee. The opening ceremony was attended by Champaklal Doshi, Chairman of the college, Miraj D Shah, Vice-Chairman of the College, Dr. Suman Mukherjee, Director General, BBA, Dr. Sandip Dan, Rector of the college, Dr. Suchandra Chakravarty, Teacher-in-charge and other Committee members. Dr. Suman Mukherjee shared his experience about the college fests of his time and he was eagerly looking forward to cherish his prized memories. Dr. Suchandra

Chakravarty and Dr. Sandip Dan both greeted the students. Dr. Chakravarty also said that UMANG embodies the spirit, aspirations and energy of youth. The UMANG theme video of the year was displayed throughout the course of the ceremony on the LED screens placed on either side of the stage. The fest was declared open by Mr. Champaklal Doshi which was followed by an inaugural classical dance performance by the student of the college. The opening ceremony ended on a festive note, leaving everybody excited at the prospect of witnessing all the events that were to unfold in the coming days.

- Jyotshna Agiwal,  
Abreeti Sen and Deepshika Sarkar

### 'Hum Sufi' sets the stage on fire



Bulleya being sung by the Hum Sufi Band

**December 14, 2017:** The Bhawanipur Education Society College played host to the Kolkata based orchestra band 'HumSufi', who performed live on stage in the college campus on the first day of UMANG'17. They call their genre as 'Sufusion' which is a combination of Sufi music and Rock songs. One of the best sufi bands in the country today, they had the crowd go crazy over their music. They performed on

legendary tracks like "Thare bina lage nahi mara jiya re", "Chaiya chaiya", "Dum-a-dum mast kalandar", "Jugni" and many more. The sufi rock-folk band gave the songs new identities and created a complete magical atmosphere.

-Abreeti Sen and Deepshikha Sarkar

# BDA Fashion Show mesmerizes the ‘Wonderland’



**Models showing their talents on the ramp of BDA Fashion Show**

**December 14, BESC:** UMANG '17 experienced true wonder on the very first day when the BDA Fashion show showcased a new side of fashion and left an impression and excitement among all the students. This was a special event organized by the Bhawanipur Design Academy (BDA) and hosted by RJ Rio. The BDA Fashion show

presented some amazing themes. The first theme was ‘Paper Dress’, where all the dresses were designed beautifully with papers. In the second theme ‘Princess of Persia’, the models were seen wearing gorgeous Persian dresses designed by Saheen Kausar and Saima Nasreen. The next theme was ‘Let’s Deconstruct’. The

designing of this segment was done by Nisha Upadhaya, Alafiyah Joher, Shweta Gupta, Khushbu Mahu and Hazra Khatun. The most attractive and impressive theme was ‘Triaastra’, in which the models embodied ‘Gods of Indian Mythology’. The designers were Saurabh Ranjan, Rukshar Khanum, Rakhi Sharma, Radhika Bubna,

Piyushi Modi and Chirag Agarwal. The parents of the participants of this show were also invited to witness the graceful moments. The show set the wondrous tone for the remaining three days of the event and was highly appreciated by the audiences.

**- Deepshikha Sarkar and Abreeti Sen**

## Students ‘tune’ through ‘War of Instruments’



**Clash of Keys and Strings in ‘War of Instruments’**

**December 14, 2017:** The ‘War of Instruments’ event was held on the first day of UMANG 17. This event took place on the main stage. Different colleges participated in this event and the total number of final participants was 6. Each round of battle was between 2 individuals, each individual was given 3 minutes to perform and then a ‘jugalbandi’ between the two was held. The chief judge of the event was Srinath Nair. The winners of the competition were

declared at the end of the final round. Roshan Jacob of St Xavier’s college took away the first place, Piyush Gupta of THK Jain College secured the second place and Swarnavo Ghosh of Surendranath Law College secured the third place. The judges were felicitated at the end of the event.

**- Raksha Choraria**

# The ramp dazzles in the Wonderland



Fashion shows its magic with beauty and style on the ramp

**December 15, BESC: UMANG'17** hosted one of its most popular and loved event - Fashion Show under the banner of Star Events on the second day. The theme of the show was based on the theme of the

fest- 'Wonderland'. The Main Stage transformed into a ramp for the show which was judged by Arko, a notable radio personality. The total number of colleges that walked the ramp was 10. NSHM Knowledge Campus was announced as t

he winner, who truly showcased confidence and imagination through their performance. This was followed by BESC and BESC (OTSE) as the first and second runners up respectively. The spectacular performance by the

students-turned-models drew a tremendous amount of applause from the audience.

- Meghna Das Chowdhury

## The 'Best out of Waste' presents 'from nothing to something'



Students participating in the 'Best out of Waste' event



'Nothing' becomes 'Something' with creativity

**December 15, BESC:** 'Best out of Waste' was an event classified under the Department of Fine Arts. Under this event, the participants were required to make the best possible use of waste materials and make something creative out of it. The event was hosted on the 2nd day of UMANG'17.

A total of 19 colleges had participated in it. Each team consisted of two participants. The event was judged by Mr. Som Sankar. Numerous creative products were made out of the waste materials brought by the

participants. After a tough competition, Rani Birla College bagged the first position.

- Dhristi Shah

# Students get on the stage with 'Bollywood' moves



Students performing in the 'Bollywood Dance' event

**December 15, BESC:** The second day of UMANG'17 started with the 'Bollywood Dance' competition which witnessed a participation of 11 colleges. The performers enchanted the audience with their well-choreographed dance sequences and graceful moves. The program was judged by Mr. Ashsish Ghosh from EPR and Underground Authority. After the performance, the judges pointed out a few errors on

the part of respective participants and shared some tips with them. The event ended on a cheerful note with the prize distribution ceremony, where the judges awarded trophies to the winning teams. BESC (OTSE-2) won the first prize while BESC (registered) and JDBI (Dept. Of management OTSE) were the first and second runners-up respectively.

- Bilal Azam

# 'Conserve the Monument' focuses on cherishing the old



Re-living the History at 'Conserve the Monuments' event

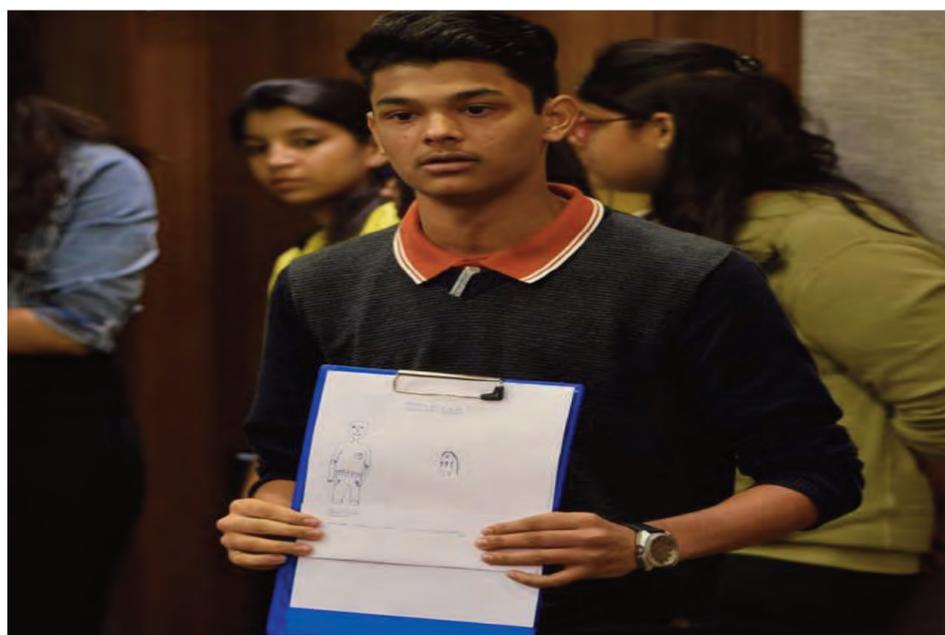
**December 15, BESC:** India's rich history has always been a popular discourse. At UMANG'17, 20 colleges participated in a discussion about "bridging the narrow gap between 'could have' and 'should have' been monuments". The purpose of the event 'Conserve the Monuments' was to explain why a certain structure, with a profound history, had not yet been

declared a monument. The event took place in the 2nd-floor society auditorium from 10:00 am to 11:30 am. The compères were Mr. Kishan Bagaria and Miss Oindrila Sinha while Mr. Parnab Mukherjee moderated the discussion. Each team, representing a particular college, had two members who were asked to demonstrate their arguments through the medium of a video or a presentation. Some of the potential monuments spoken about were 'Sovabazar Putulbari', 'St. Xavier's College', 'The Namghar', and 'Katra Mosque'. The first prize was awarded to St. Xavier's College, the students of

which displayed a brilliant presentation on the institution's structure, while the second and third prizes were accorded to Jogesh Chandra Chaudhuri Law College and the host Bhawanipur Education Society College respectively. The event ended with an illuminating speech by Mr. Parnab Mukherjee, in which he emphasized upon the awareness of such wonders among present generations.

- Sneha Gupta

# ‘Being Rocket Singh’: Students turn into business experts for a day



Participant presenting his idea of business to convince the judges

**December 15, BESC: UMANG 2017** provided a significant platform to aspiring entrepreneurs in an event called 'Being Rocket Singh' at the 2nd floor Society Auditorium on the 15th of December 2017. The event, sponsored by IBS, consisted of students from the most renowned colleges in Kolkata, such as Shri Shikshayatan College, University of Calcutta, The Bhawanipur Education Society College, H.K. Jain College, Goenka College, J.D. Birla College, Amity University, ICASA, Gokhale Memorial College, and St. Xavier's

College. The compères of the event were Miss Oindrila Sinha and Mr. Anurag Dhanania. The judge for the afternoon was Mr. Gautam Bajoria. The participants of this event were expected to sell a particular product to the judge. However, they had to use unconventional methods to advertise it. They were only allowed 30 minutes for preparation. The various products used were household items, such as straws, eraser, pen cap, empty cans, CD, phone cover, laser light, cotton balls and so on. After a taxing competition between the participants, Imtiaz Haque and Numaier from St. Xavier's College placed first. Prateek Sethia and Siddhant Sharma from J.D.B.I Department of Management and Sakshi Dalmia and Mahek Rehan from Shri Shikshayatan College were placed second and third respectively. Mr Gautam Bajoria's concluding speech was quite motivating, in which, he was of the opinion that the experience gained from the event would help the participants in their future endeavors in business.

- Sneha Gupta

## Students take ‘flight’ through lens in ‘Drishyam’



Contestant receiving prize from the judge in ‘Drishyam’ event

**December 15, BESC:** Why arrange for an expensive camera when shooting with a cell phone can be intriguing? The BESC organized such an interesting event as part of the fest, where the challenge was to be an

extraordinary filmmaker through an ordinary camera. The participants were asked to shoot a two-minute documentary on the theme ‘Superhero’. The event was judged by Mr. Debashish Sengupta who disclosed the topic on spot. The documentary had to be made without special effects and could only be shot inside the college campus with a restricted time limit of 1+1 minutes. 7 colleges participated in this event- ‘Drishyam: The Last Flight’. Debojit Charabor of T.H.K. Jain College portrayed friends as the true superheroes and was awarded the first prize. Utsav Ganguly from Heritage Law College and Md. Bilal Azam from The BESC were the first and second runners up respectively.

- Jyotshna Agiwal

# BESC beats all in the 'Counter Strike'



The participants and the winning team of event 'Counter Strike'

**December 15, Gamers' Paradise:** 'Counter Strike', one of the events in UMANG'17, took place at Gamers' Paradise, Northern Park, Kolkata. The participants of this event were The BESC (Reg.), The BESC (OTSE), University of Calcutta, IIHM, Heritage Academy, JCC Law College, Ashutosh College, St. Xavier's College, Kolkata, THK Jain College, Maulana Azad College, and Surendranath College. Each team had five contestants and the game had knockout rounds. There were teams of Terrorists and Counter-Terrorists with the terrorists having to plant the bomb and the counter party having to stop them from doing so. Event Masters Pranjal Preet and Punit Daga monitored the events. THK Jain College bagged the winning trophy. The BESC secured the second position, and The BESC OTSE got the third position.

- Monu Sharma

## 'Paintball' paints the fest



'Lock & Load'- participant is ready to battle in the Paint Ball event

**December 15, Breakout:** UMANG'17 featured an interesting gaming event called 'Paintball' which took place at Breakout, Sreepally, Bhawanipur. Participants had to eliminate opponents from the game

by hitting them with paintballs shot from a compressed air weapon called Paintball maker. The ten participant colleges were St. Xavier's College, Kolkata, Surendranath Law College, NSHM Knowledge Campus, Amity University, Kolkata, Shivanath Sastri College, JCC Law College, The Heritage Academy, Heritage Law College, University of Calcutta, and the host The Bhawanipur Education Society College. The rules and regulations were introduced to the participants by the event master Harshit Hindocha before the game began. Five members were allowed from each college in the prelims, quarter final and

semi-final. However, only three members per team were allowed to play in the finals. 4 rounds each of 10 minutes with an allowance of 20 shots were allotted for each team. The one with maximum number of successful shots won the game. Fair play of the event was monitored by Harshit Hindocha as event master and Koushik Shaw as event co-master. After 8 long hours of play, NSHM Knowledge Campus emerged as the winner of the event, while BESC and Heritage College stood second and third respectively.

- Shelly Maloo and Harsha Soni

# ‘Nailing’ the art with creativity



Contestants busy in designing in the ‘Nail Art’ event

**December 15, BESC:** Artists say that ‘Nail Art’ is not just an average nail job or manicure, but form of specialized nails through painting, embellishing and decoration. Keeping this in mind, on 15th of December, the event, ‘Nail Art’ was held in room 129D, as part of the 4-day college fest UMANG’17. The judge of the event was Mr. Abhinav Saraf. In a competition between participants from 17 different colleges, Rani Birla Girls’ College stood first. St. Xavier’s College, Kolkata and the host college BESC bagged the second and third positions respectively.

- Pratibha Singh and  
Shaibalina Choudhury

# Stunts of students leave audience stunned



Participants balancing on the hover board in the ‘Segway Skills’ event of UMANG’17

**December 15, BESC:** ‘Segway Skills’ was one of the most interesting events of UMANG’17, which took place on the main turf of the campus. The participants were required to show their skill on a ‘hover board’ also known as ‘self-balancing scooty’ by balancing themselves on it and doing different stunts. The moves were judged by Mr. Gaurav Bijoria. The competition was tough and it gathered a huge crowd who watched breathlessly as the performers enacted their feats. Nikhil Mehta from host The Bhawanipur College stole the limelight by his performance and took away the first prize followed by Imtiaz Haque of St. Xavier’s College, Kolkata and Shubham Agarwal of JDBI, who secured the second and third positions respectively.

- Bilal Azam

# Class Acts by students cast a spell



A scene from a one act play performed by the students

**December 15, BESC:** The event One Act Play in UMANG'17 emphasized on capturing the complete interest of the audience and leaving them amazed by sheer skill of acting. The participant teams

successfully managed to achieve this feat. 11 teams from different colleges enacted meticulously scripted skits with on-stage as well as off-stage performances. The event took place at 6th Floor Concept Hall and was judged by Mr. Janardhan Ghosh. Team BESC set the bar on a high level with their performance 'Welcome to mental asylum', which questioned the freedom of the weaker section of the society and won them the first prize. BESC (OTSE – 1) and T.H.K Jain College were the first and second runners up respectively.

- Jyotshna Agiwal

## Grooving Trios take the stage



Students performing with different styles in the Trio Dance event



**December 15, BESC:** The trio dance event was held on the second day of UMANG'17, the signature fest of The Bhawanipur Education Society College. The event took place on the main stage from 12:30 pm. 16 colleges participated in this event along with the host college. The time limit for each performance was set at three minutes. The BESC acquired both first and second place, while St. Xavier's College, Kolkata acquired the third place in the competition. The event was very interesting and witnessed great enthusiasm from the audience.

- Raksha Choraria

## A 'classic' touch to the fest



Some graceful moments of Classical Dance event

**December 15, BESC:** The Classical Dance event in the college fest UMANG'17 portrayed the vibrant culture of India. 8 teams participated in this Classical Dance competition and it was judged by Professor Meenakshi Chaturvedi. The event began with a

Kuchipudi performance followed by the Odissi, Bharatanatyam and Mohiniyattam compositions. The host team of BESC exhibited a blend of Kathak and Kuchipudi. The show was a visual delight for the audience.

The outstanding presentation of the dancers left the judges bereft of words so much so that it was very difficult for them to choose the winners. Finally, the host college BESC emerged as the winner, while Shri Shikshayatan College and St. Xavier's College, Kolkata secured the second and third places respectively.

- Bilal Azam

# BESC beats all in DOTA 2

**December 16, Gamers' Paradise:** The Bhawanipur Society College organized the DOTA 2 competition as part of the UMANG'17. It is a free-to-play multiplayer online battle arena (MOBA) video game. The game was hosted at an outdoor gaming hub Gamers' Paradise. Teams from 13 colleges with 5 members in each, participated in the event. The participating colleges were THK Jain College, The University of Calcutta, The Bhawanipur Education Society College (1 OTSE team and 1 registered team), Surendranath Law College, JCC Law College, Shyamaprasad College, The Heritage Academy, St. Xavier's College, Kolkata (2



**Participants playing DOTA 2 event at the Gamers' Paradise**

OTSE teams and 1 registered team), J.D. Birla College, EICASA, Amity University, Kolkata, Heritage Law College and Techno India University. The event consisted of 4 rounds – a preliminary elimination round, followed by 2 rounds of head to head knockouts and lastly the final round. The Bhawanipur Education

Society College (Registered team) was declared as the winner. Claiming the first runners-up spot was The Bhawanipur Education Society College (OTSE team), while Amity University, Kolkata became the second runners-up.

**- Abreeti Sen and Deepshikha Sarkar**

## From Scars to Stars: UMANG'17 witness students' empathetic 'Drishtikon'



**Students demonstrating their presentation in the event Drishtikon**

**December 16, BESC:** The Bhawanipur Education Society College organized a thought-provoking event at UMANG'17 named 'Drishtikon'. The event was held on the third day of

the fest in the 2nd-floor Society Auditorium. The sole intention of this event was to hold up to light the day-to-day life of common men. The compères were Mr. Aman Verma and Mr. Rishab Garg, while Mr. Parnab Mukherjee judged the event. Each team comprised 2 members, representing a particular college, who were given 4 minutes to demonstrate their presentations and an additional 2 minutes for explanations. The various men and women spoken about, were from different walks of life, such as shopkeepers,

confectioners, security guards, and so on. The striking presentations moved the audience to tears. Jogesh Chandra Chaudhuri Law College was awarded the first prize while the host The Bhawanipur Education Society College and Jyotirmoy School of Law secured second and third positions, respectively. The event concluded with some constructive criticisms and a speech by Mr. Mukherjee.

**- Sneha Gupta**

# Poetic Heights: Students explore new realms in UMANG'17



Participants showing their creativity through English Poetry writing

## December 16, BESC:

Aspiring poets got inspired in the 'English Poetry Writing' event, which was organized on the third day of UMANG'17, the annual four day fest of The

Bhawanipur Education Society College. The theme of the event was 'English Literature Poetry' and the topics given were 'Fragmented Sky' and 'Tormented Earth'.

Participating students from various colleges like NSHM Knowledge Campus, St. Xavier's College, Kolkata, Gokhale Memorial College, Surendranath College etc. showed their passion in poetry writing. The participants got 45 minutes

for preparing the poem and one minute and thirty seconds for reciting it. The competition was moderated and judged by Professor Tathagata Sen. Hayaad Fatema from Maulana Azad College bagged the first position, while Zoya Khan from St. Xavier's College, Kolkata secured the second position and Mayuri Dey from NSHM Knowledge Campus won the third prize.

- Satarupa Das

# Students turn into Chef for a day in 'Food without Fire'



Students busy in preparing delicious dishes in the Food without Fire event

**December 16, 2017:** On the third day of UMANG'17, the Fine Arts department organized an intriguing event named 'Food without Fire'. Students from 17 colleges of the city participated in the event including the host college, the Bhawanipur Education Society College. The judges for this event were Mrs. Nalini Parekh and Mrs. Shibani Shah. The rules of the event were simple. Fire, pre-cooked food, and non-vegetarian food items could not be used. The event

was for an hour and a half. Each group consisted of 2 members. Within the given time limit of an hour, the participants whipped up some scrumptious dishes like Cheesecake, Fondue, Salads with a twist, Choco-lava cake, Marshmallow bites and refreshing drinks as well. The delicacies prepared by the students were truly mouth-watering. After tasting each dish, enquiring about the ingredients used and the idea behind their dishes, the judges declared the

students of Bhawanipur Design Academy as the winner who made a complete three-course meal along with drinks. Students from Shri Shikshayatan College and International Institute of Hotel Management were the first and second runners-up respectively.

- Shaibalina Choudhury

# When 'Fest' becomes 'Test': Quiz on GK at UMANG'17



Few moments of the 'General Quiz' competition at UMANG'17

**December 16, BESC:** On the third day of UMANG'17, The Bhawanipur Education Society college organized a 'General Quiz' competition in the Society Hall. 20 colleges participated in the quiz which was judged by renowned quiz master Mr. Parnab Mukherjee. The quiz, which comprised of two rounds- prelims and finals, also had audio-visual rounds along with general

question rounds covering topics like environment, science, history, sports, personalities, culture and art. 8 participants got selected for the finale which was held the next day. The participants performed remarkably well in the finale. The quiz was won by Maulana Azad College who outdid everyone and showcased their expertise in every field of study. Jogesh Chandra College and Scottish Church College won the second and third prizes respectively. The entire event was managed by the coordinators in a very entertaining manner, who constantly interacted with the audience and involved them in the quiz as well.

- Satarupa Das

## 'Something rare, with the Hair': Students turn salon expert in Hair Styling competition



Participants trying their best to improvise new hair styles in the Hair Styling event

**December 16, BESC:** In its annual fest, UMANG'17, the Bhawanipur Education Society College hosted an event of Hair Styling. The event was held on the third day of the fest. The event required the participants to style their model's hair in the most creative and best way possible. A total of 16 colleges, including the host college participated in this interesting event. Each team comprised of 2

members- one stylist and one model. Mr. Abhinav Saraf was judge of the event. The winner of the event was the University of Calcutta followed by Surendranath Law College and Surendranath Women's College taking the 2nd and 3rd position respectively.

- Dhristi Shah

# 'A Minute' to finish and win it!



**Students out ranking each other in the J.A.M. event**

**December 16, BESC:** The Bhawanipur Education Society College organized an event of testing the skills of the participants to think on their feet and present matter of substance in the span of just a minute. 7 teams with 2 participants each were tested on their eloquence and ability to think within a minute in J.A.M., while the Verteez participants were graded on their analytical and critical

thinking abilities. The event was held on the third day of the fest and was judged by Mr. Parnab Mukherjee. BESC bagged both the awards of the winner and the second runner-up. St. Xavier's College, Kolkata, who put up fierce competition, emerged as the first runner-up.

- Jyotshna Agiwal

## Mockery takes constructive shape at UMANG'17



**Students entertaining with mockery of different artists**

**December 16, BESC:** Mocking is not a crime; it is just a talent of mimicking one's favourite artist. On this very note, UMANG'17 hosted the competition of Mock-an-Artist under Star Events. The main rule of the event was to feature a character from the Wonderland. Only a drum kit and microphone was provided to the participants. The event was judged by Arko, one of the notable radio personalities who came up on stage at the end of the event to appreciate all the participating colleges, individually. BESC emerged victorious in mimicking their favourite artists, while Goenka College of Commerce & Business Administration and BESC (OTSE) followed the suit as the first and second runners up respectively.

- Meghna Das Chowdhury

## Future DJs rock the dance floor



**Participants boost-up the ambience in the 'War of DJs' event**

**December 16, BESC:** All the aspiring DJs grabbed the attention of the audience by mixing amazing pieces of song and jamming them up with their own twists of beats and music in the 'War of DJs' event of the UMANG'17. Every participant was given 4 minutes to show off his/her harmonizing skills. As per the rule of the event, pre-mixing of tracks was strictly forbidden. After a tough competition, Yash Rathi of BESC (OTSE) was announced the winner of the event, followed by Raunak Agarwal of BESC and Amay Lakhmani of St. Xavier's College, Kolkata in the positions of first and the second runners up, respectively.

- Meghna Das Chowdhury

# Aces on the table: The Table Tennis competition boosts-up the sportsmanship



Participant struggling to win



Winner of the tournament receiving prize from Mr. Dilip Shah

**December 16, BESC:** The Bhawanipur Education Society College conducted an inter-college Table Tennis completion as a part of UMANG'17. The tournament took place in the Sport's Arena of the host college. The colleges which participated for the boys' tournament were University

of Calcutta, THK Jain College, St. Xavier's College, Kolkata (2 OTSE teams and 1 registered team), The Bhawanipur Education Society College (2 OTSE teams), Surendranath Law College, Syamaprasad College, JCC Law College, The Heritage Academy, J.D Birla Department of Management, EICASA, Amity University, Kolkata, Heritage Law College and Techno India University. The participating colleges enlisted under the girls' tournament were Shri Shikshayatan College, Gokhale Memorial College, Sivanath Shastri College, Scottish Church College, J.D. Birla College (OTSE), Surendranath Law College, St. Xavier's College, Kolkata, The Heritage Academy, Amity University, Kolkata and The

Bhawanipur Education Society College (1 registered team and 1 OTSE team). After several tight rounds, Techno India University was declared as the winner for the boys' tournament. The first runner's up for the boys' tournament was St. Xavier's College, Kolkata and the second runner's up was The Bhawanipur Education Society College (one of the OTSE teams). The girls had an equally tough completion. The first position was secured by Scottish Church College. The first runner's up for the girls' tournament was The Bhawanipur Education Society College and the second runner's up was St. Xavier's College, Kolkata.

- Abreeti Sen and Deepshikha Sarkar

## Splashes of colors on the floor

**December 16, BESC:** Umang'17 encouraged creative students to participate in the 'Rangoli' event. In this event the participants had to create patterns on the floor using colored rice and sand, dry flour and flower petals. A total of 16 teams participated in this event. Each team consisted of 2 students. The duration given to the participants to create

an impressive Rangoli was 90 minutes. The judges, Ms. Nalini Parekh and Ms. Shibani Shah, chose the team from the National Academy of Media and Events as the winner. University of Calcutta and BESC stood second and third, respectively.

- Pratibha Singh



The 'Rangoli' event spreads colour on the Wonderland

# ‘Don’t miss a glance, its all about Dance’: Western Dance rocks the floor



**Students from different colleges making their best moves in the Western Dance event**

**December 16, BESC:** Artistic props, dashing costumes, sprightly moves and oodles of energy were the main features of the ‘Western Dance’ competition at UMANG’17. Teams from 8 different colleges competed for the coveted award, which was judged by dance masters Tapas Das and Nikita Das. Various western dance styles such as hip hop, jazz and salsa dominated the d

ance floor of the fest for an afternoon. The team from the St. Xavier’s College, Kolkata was the only one which brought in a theme to their performance, which was well supported with props. The portrayal of the Cinderella theme blended perfectly with the UMANG’17 theme- ‘Wonderland: Realms beyond Realism.’ The Bhawanipur college team also displayed energetic

moves which made the crowd cheer throughout the performance. After a neck to neck competition, St. Xavier’s College, Kolkata snatched the winning trophy with their unique performance, while the captivating moves of the BESC and THK Jain College helped them to secure the second and third positions, respectively.

- Bilal Azam

## Western Bands amaze the ‘Wonderland’



**Participants competing each-other in the Western Band event**

**December 16, BESC:** The essence of western music was celebrated this year at UMANG’17. The host college BESC organized the ‘Western Band’ competition in which different colleges participated enthusiastically. 6 bands performed pure western music. The event was judged by Sir Shyane Hyrapiet. He appreciated all the performances and encouraged all the participants. The results were announced soon after the event concluded. Both the first and the second positions were acquired by the BESC and the third position was secured by Heritage Law College. Towards the end of the event, DRONE, the band of The BESC, performed various Bollywood songs which were thoroughly enjoyed by the audience.

- Raksha Choraria

# Musical event of the Wonderland steals attention

**December 16, BESC:** The popular game of 'Antakshari' was one of the most entertaining events at Umang'17. The preliminary round took place on December 15. The total number of teams that participated was 26 and each participating team had 2 members. Mr. Rajat Baid, who was the host as well as the judge of the event, explained the rules and regulations of the game to the teams and the audience. 8 teams qualified for the Final Round which was held on December 16. The Bhawanipur Education

Society College earned the winner's trophy while Surendranath Law College and Surendranath Women's College were the first and the second runners up respectively. The game was well received by the audience, as they participated and helped the contestants when they could not guess a song during the game. It was one of the most well appreciated events of the fest where both teachers and students participated.

- Raksha Choraria



**Contestants performing in the Antakshari event at UMANG'17**

# Argumentative students showcase their word-power in 'Controvert'



**Students brain-storming in the Controvert event**

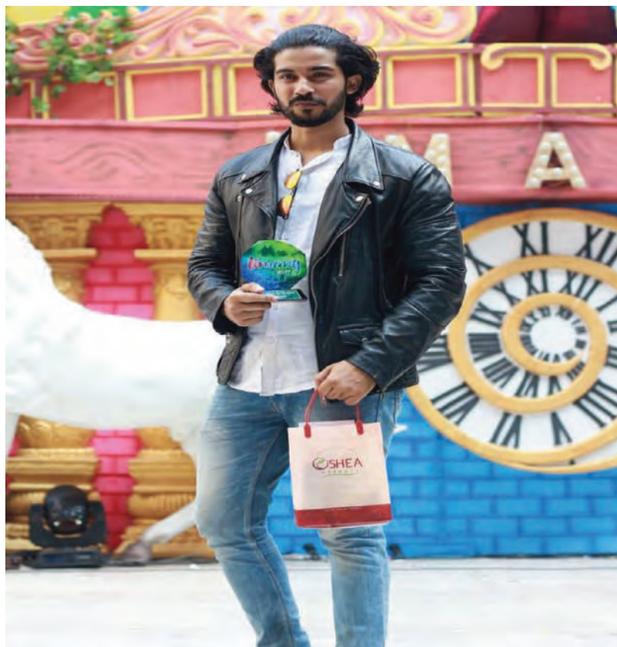
**December 16, BESC:** UMANG'17 commenced on an exciting note as the participants put forward their best arguments in Controvert on the first day of the fest. A form of debate involving quarrel, controversy and dissension before a public assembly, the rules for Controvert comprised two members in a team with a time limit of 3+1 minute per

participant and a penalty on the use of un-parliamentary language throughout the speech. Professor Dilip Shah, Dean of the Student Affairs, arbitrated the prelims where 16 teams debated on different motions for a spot in the finals and 8 teams qualified. Then on the third day, the competition took a step further when the 8 teams had to give themselves a run for the best team and best speaker. One by one the participants came up to the podium and debated on the motion which read "The country imposing sanctions on another country is obligated to pay reparations". Debalina Sarkar, a Second Year student of English Honors of The BESC, was the only one to

have defended the country imposing sanctions using the Machiavellian tenants of Political Realism. The finals were judged by Dr. Suman Mukherjee, Director General of the College who lauded the deserving candidates and announced the winners. St Xavier's College, Kolkata emerged victorious with the highest points whereas The Bhawanipur Education Society College and Jogesh Chandra Law College stood second and third respectively.

- Jyotshna Agiwal

# UMANG'17 hails Beauty and Elegance



Winners of the  
'Mr. & Ms. UMANG' event

**December 17, BESC:** 'Mr. & Ms. UMANG' was one of the most awaited events of UMANG'17, where personality, charm and humor were some of the key traits required to win the award. 15 colleges participated, with one male and one female participant in each team. The event took place in two rounds, first one being performing arts and second one being the interrogation round. The contestants kept the audience and judges hooked to their extraordinary performances. The judges also admired their skills and described the event as a power house of talent. Anam Islam from Shri Shikshayatan College and

Imtiaj Haque from St. Xavier's College, Kolkata stole the limelight by portraying their intelligence and originality and won the coveted title of Ms. & Mr. UMANG respectively. Sonam Lamhu Bhutia and Arpita Dey from The BESC won the second and third prizes respectively for Ms. UMANG. Debjeet Ghosh from Amity University, Kolkata and Yash Chitlangia from The BESC bagged the second and third prize for Mr. UMANG.

- Jyotsna Agiwal

## 'Indipop' infuses the fest with fusion

**December 17, BESC:** The event 'Indipop' was held on the closing day of UMANG'17. This competition gave a platform to the amateur bands to exhibit their skills, where a number of emerging youth bands participated and showcased their talents. There was a blend of foreign music with Indian lyrics which enchanted the audience present on the campus. This event was judged by the 'Underground Authority', which was overwhelmed by the performances and praised the efforts given by each team. Specially performances by the bands of Surendranath Law College and The Bhawanipur Education Society College enthralled the audience with their songs. As per the expectation of all, Surendranath Law College was declared



Students performing in the 'Indipop' event  
of UMANG'17

as the winner of the event, while The Bhawanipur Education Society College and Scottish Church College secured the positions of first and second runners-up respectively.

- Bilal Azam

# Students give 'striking' performance in Carrom tournament



Students participating in the Carrom competition

## December 17, BESC:

The Carrom game was organized at the Sports Arena of The Bhawanipur Education Society College as part of the UMANG'17. The event was held on the final day of the fest and witnessed participation from various colleges like Maulana Azad College, T.H.K. Jain College, Surendranath Law College, JDBI Dept. of Management, and host The Bhawanipur Education Society College. The teams were divided into two categories – male and female. After an intense competition, it was won by Sana E Sahar from the Bhawanipur Education Society

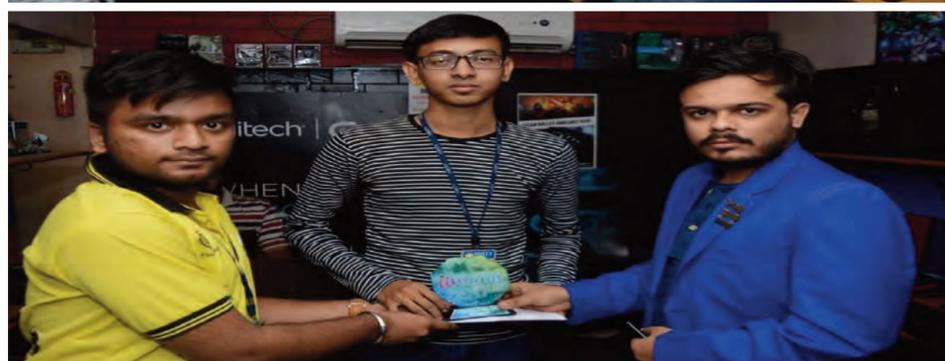
College in the female category and Md. Sarfaraz from T.H.K. Jain College in the male category. Under the female category the First runner up was Ambikeshwari Singh from Surendranath Law College and second runner up was Mahima Dugar from JDBI Dept. of Management. Under the male category, Shivam Shaw from The BESC and Md. Fayazan from Maulana Azad College secured the second and third positions respectively.

- Deepshikha Sarkar and Abreeti Sen

# UMANG'17 claims 'Need For Speed'

## December 17, Gamers' Paradise:

An extremely challenging car racing game 'Need for Speed' (NFS) was conducted as an event under UMANG'17. The event was carried out at Gamers' Paradise, North Park, with participants from The BESC (OTSE), The BESC (Registered), T.H.K. Jain College, NSHM Knowledge Campus, Scottish Church College, Amity University, Kolkata, Goenka College of Commerce and Business Administration, Heritage Law College, Surendranath College and St. Xavier's College, Kolkata. The game was started with knockout rounds and was monitored by Hiren Patel, the event master along with Harshit Hindocha, the event co-master. After a stretch of 4 hours, the results were announced. Md. Imdadul Haque of Amity University, Kolkata was declared as the winner, while Anirban Mondal of Goenka College of Commerce and Business Administration and Piyush



Participants and the Winners of 'Need For Speed' event

Utkarsh of BESC (Registered) stood as the first and second runner ups, respectively. Trophies were distributed by the event masters as the event concluded.

- Monu Sharma

# Pedestrians witness the 'Solo Battle' on the stage of UMANG



Contestant performing at Solo Battle event

**December 17, BESC:** An intriguing event named 'Solo Battle' was held on the fourth day of UMANG'17. This battle aimed to give the participants an opportunity to exhibit their dancing talents by performing on a pedestrian

stage on the streets, allowing the passersby to be an audience. 16 participants took part in this event and the time limit as decided by the judges was three minutes. One of the highlights of the event was when the judge, Mr. Harshvardhan Bhan came up on stage to display his skills. Participants from the Bhawanipur Education Society College were the first and the second runner-ups for the event, while the Future Institute of Engineering and Management walked away with the winner's trophy. The event was very interesting and witnessed great enthusiasm from everyone.

- Raksha Choraria

## 'Hitting the right pocket': Students show zeal in the Pool event



Participant focusing on the Cue ball

**December 17, BESC:** On the final day of the annual fest UMANG'17, a very interesting event of pool took place at the Sports Arena of the Bhawanipur Education Society College. Various colleges exhibited their zeal and each participant played with great efficiency. The event began at 9:30 a.m. with a short introduction of the judges who then explained the rules and regulations. A maximum of

sixteen boys and girls were allowed to play in their respective categories. The game started with a lot of excitement and ended following a knock-out format. The final round was a nail-biter for both the teams. The judges declared Surbhi Binnani from the BES College the winner of the girls' team. The runners-up were Megha Lunia from Shri Shikshayatan College and Niki Roy from the BESC (OTSE). From the boys' team, the winner was Ausaf Khan from NSHM Knowledge Campus followed by Gaurav Agarwal from BES College and Md. Fayazan from Maulana Azad College.

- Deepshikha Sarkar and Abreeti Sen

## When Faces turned into Canvases

**December 17, 2017:** Plutarch once opined, "Painting is silent poetry and poetry is painting that speaks". This very idea was manifested in an intriguing event in the UMANG'17, where the students were given a platform to express themselves creatively through 'Face Painting', the chosen canvas being the faces of their respective partners. There were 11 teams in total, each consisting of 1 participant and 1 accompanist. Each team had to create their own Wonderland character. The event was judged by Mr. Sanjeev Sen. IIHM was declared the winner. The event was a great success with the artistic creations of the students.

- Shaibalina Choudhury

# When Patience wins over Wisdom



Student facing the interview panel in the 'Stress Interview' event

The Bhawanipur Education Society College organized an extremely engaging and nerve-racking event- 'Stress Interview' as a part of UMANG'17. The two-hour-long event commenced at the 2nd-floor society auditorium.

The compères of the event were Miss Krupa Bakhai and Mr Aman Verma. The first round was held on the December 15, which comprised 17 participants from colleges all over the city, such as, St. Xavier's College, Rani Birla College, Shri Shikshayatan College, Surendranath Law College, Jogesh Chandra Chaudhuri Law College, Heritage Law College, Amity University, Kolkata, University of Calcutta and, indubitably, The Bhawanipur Education Society College. The judges for the preliminary rounds were Mr. Gaurav Bajoria and Mr. Tanay

Saigal. The judge for the final round, Mr Gautam Bajoria, made extra efforts to measure the patience and stress levels of the participants. Out of the 8 participants who qualified for the final round, Srestha Roy from Jogesh Chandra Chaudhuri Law College bagged the winner's trophy, while Ashish Ranjan from The Bhawanipur Education Society College, and Priyanka Halder from University of Calcutta secured the second and third positions respectively.

- Sneha Gupta

## Actions speak louder than words



Participant trying to make the viewers understand the name of the movie

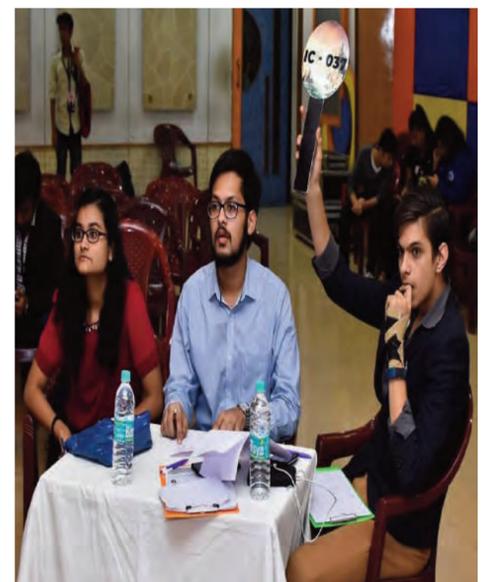
16 colleges participated in the Dumb Charades event of UMANG'17, with each team consisting December 14. The finals were held on December 15, in the 6th Floor Concept Hall. The participants came up with creative and

innovative acts which often induced bouts of laughter from the audience who thoroughly enjoyed the performances. The judge for the event was Ms. Bhavika Popat. Shivnath Shastri College stood first, while the first and second runners-up were The Bhawanipur Education Society College and T.H.K Jain College.

- Jyotshna Agiwal

## Students rule the Cabinet for a day

The event 'Politician's Auction' was organized under 'Management Events' of the four-day fest UMANG'17. The prelims for this were held on the second day and the finals on the third day. The judge for this event was Umang Somani. It was a power-packed event. The participants had to bid on their favorite politician of the country in order to win the auction and consequently, the award. In the prelims, there were 19 teams with 3 members for each. In the finale, Gokhale Memorial Girl's College stood first in the event, while



Participants bidding in the Politician's Auction event

J.D Birla Institute and St. Xavier's College, Kolkata secured the second and third positions respectively.

- Sneha Gupta

# Contemporary issues find expression in Street Plays



Few memorable moments from the Street Play event of UMANG'17

**December 17, BESC:** Ten teams participated in the Street Play event of UMANG'17, which was held in the courtyard of the college campus on the last day of the fest. Each team consisted of 6-12 participants and performed for 8-10 minutes. The event was judged by Mr. Janardhan Ghosh, who appreciated the depth and substance of the contemporary and social issues chosen by the teams. The winning team was from the Bhawanipur Education Society College, whose performance was based on the topic of how looks overshadow talent in India. Scottish Church College and BESC (OTSE - 1) stood second and third, respectively.

- Jyotshna Agiwal

## Wonderland closes its gates with 'desi' rhythm

**December 17, 2017:**

With over 50 events, 1000 participants and overwhelming audience, UMANG'17 witnessed a large congregation of youth, truly making it the youth festival of the city. Voted as the 5th best fest across Asia in 2009, UMANG has changed the magnitude of Kolkata's college fests. The fest saw active participation of students throughout the four days from 14th – 17th December, who explored the theme 'Realms beyond Reality' in every event they took part in. The special guest performer for the evening of the last day was Guru Randhawa, a Punjabi singer and songwriter. He received a warm welcome



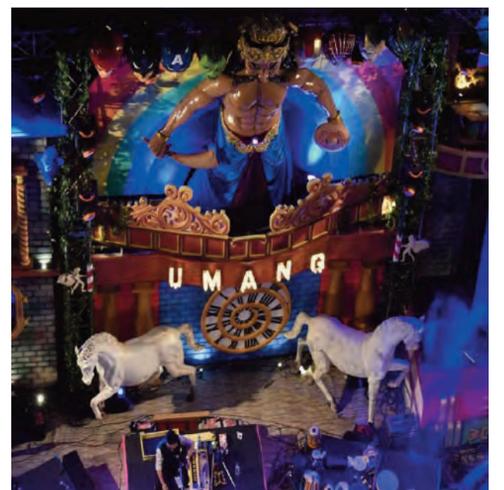
Guru Randhawa performing at the closing ceremony of UMANG'17

from the audience and was impressed by their constant enthusiastic involvement during the event. He sang his most popular tracks and got the crowd grooving to the Punjabi beats. After an hour long performance, he bid adieu to the crowd and appreciated the exhilaration of the students. Prof Dilip Shah, Dean of the Student Affairs, ended UMANG'17 by disclosing the theme for the next year – 'Competition for Collaboration' and promised to arrange the upcoming fest even better and bigger than this time.

- Jyotshna Agiwal

# UMANG'17 FRAMES

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