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Preface

The G20 Presidency came to India at a time when the country celebrated the 75th year of its independence. As India is progressing towards becoming a developed country, there are numerous challenges for the country where Indian Youth need to participate in resolving them. The compartmentalisation of young students in terms of acquainting them with international issues, like Sustainable Development Goals, reforming International Institutions etc., which are part of the new development paradigm, is to be addressed to bridge the knowledge gap among students. This could be a major challenge for the expanding Indian economy if such mechanisms are not in place.

Prime Minister's vision has been to acquaint students with new issues which are debated on various global platforms such as carbon-free economy, trade governance, fair economy, digital world, etc. The future development path of the world and the Indian economy is likely to be more complex which necessitates the future generation to become capable of addressing such critical challenges. Further, the youth should understand India's role as a key player in global governance. With this vision in mind, the Prime Minister conceived the idea of G20 University Connect to spread awareness at the G20 among youth and students.

RIS has been assigned the task of undertaking lectures on G20 issues at 75 universities across different states and union territories of India. Going beyond the initially envisaged number, the University Connect Series has touched the number 101. The geographical coverage includes almost all States and Union Territories of India in a span of 10 months. Lakhs of students participated in the lectures, panel discussions and competitions. RIS also disseminated a background note '*G20-A Primer*' to the students to familiarise them with the G20 processes and issues discussed in past presidencies. Apart from Hindi and English, the Primer has also been published in eight Indian languages.

The University Connect has created a knowledge wave in the country to internationalise Indian youth to compete with their counterparts in other parts of the world. This programme has also created an opportunity to establish a network of Think Tanks and Universities to bridge the gap between the theories taught in the universities, and the practical experience gained in think tanks, through various programmes including internships, seminars, policy dialogue, etc. This is a new exposure gathered during the G20 Presidency to connect universities with various think tanks to continue debate on various global issues.

In this journey, I would like to thank all the Vice Chancellors of the participating universities, faculty members, students and officials for actively engaging and promoting various activities related to G20 university connect in their respective campuses. I appreciate that some universities have willingly absorbed certain financial burdens for organising the events. Enthusiastic participation of some tribal universities in the programme needs special mention.

The present volume highlights some of the unique features of the University Connect Programme. It captures the memorable movements of the overwhelming response of engaging young minds as well as the faculty members. I am sure you would appreciate the efforts made by RIS to bring out this special publication that the student community would like to cherish as a compendium on the Indian G20 Presidency experience. We thank G20 Secretariat and the MEA particularly, G20 Sherpa, Shri Amitabh Kant and Chief Coordinator, Shri Harsh Vardhan Shringla for their guidance and Shri Vinay Kwatra, Foreign Secretary for his personal support and engagement. Thanks are also due to Shri Muktesh Pardeshi for his support. I also compliment the young team of RIS researchers and the publication unit of RIS for bringing out the book so elegantly in a short time.

Sachin Chaturvedi
Director General, RIS



Nurturing *Yuva Shakti* for ‘Developed India’

India under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has achieved several milestones. Besides undertaking forward-looking reforms in governance and policy making which helped India improving its ranking in ‘Ease of Doing Business’ significantly, the incumbent government has always given emphasis to nurture the power of youth in building a new and developed India in 2047. *Kartavya-bodh* and *seva-bhaav* are two of the most important character traits for youth. Youth can help others; in the process they can help themselves too. The crucial role that education would play in preparing the youth of the nation especially meeting new skill requirements for modern industry and addressing emerging technological challenges was well-anticipated by the Government led by Shri Narendra Modi.

Amrit Kaal

As India has begun its journey of the *Amrit Kaal* marking a very significant juncture in India’s glorious history, it is a time defined by the pulsating aspiration of our youth, their big dreams, their bold confidence and their quest for becoming *Atmanirbhar*. These dreams, these aspirations can only be realized if we are able to nurture individual potential and create conditions for productively harnessing individual talents. These are also times when the world is witnessing changes in practically every sphere, at a pace and scale never experienced before. The all pervasiveness of technology in our lives has changed the way we function and communicate, altered our lifestyles, and also modified our socio-economic fabric, our value systems. In times like these, the importance of quality education that empowers the youth with positive values and relevant competencies to tackle upcoming challenges, harness emerging opportunities, and work for larger societal good cannot be over emphasised. Providing such an education is a challenge that calls for collaborative thinking, churning of the best minds and synergy of action between multiple stakeholders. The present government at the centre has taken concerted action in making this transformation possible.

Skills, Entrepreneurship and Employment

Youth of Naya Bharat stand for aspiration, enthusiasm and fair play. Youth are bringing about the transformation of society in a big way. Synergizing hopes and aspirations of youth to enable harmonious growth of society, is our vision. We, as a nation, are building a positive eco-system where the expectations and energies of youth are enabled to lead to growth for all. Skilling, upskilling and re-skilling have been top priorities of Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s government since 2014. The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship was set up soon after the Prime Minister took office in 2014, to meet the demands of skilled manpower, to build up vocational and technical training mechanisms and to create a labour force not only for existing jobs but also those of the future. Through programmes like the *Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana*, *Pradhan Mantri MUDRA Yojana*, the Digital India Mission, the Start-up India Initiative, Khelo India, Fit india, Khelo Mahakumbh, etc; Government has been

building enabling mechanisms to harness the energies of youth more effectively towards inclusive economic growth and responsible governance to help re-energise the nation.

Youth can utilise their spare time during the most important years of life to learn added skills too. The Ministries of Education, Youth Affairs and Skill Development are working together to offer the young, a combination of classroom learning with practical learning in real-life situations. Exposure to practical real-life situations during their spare time can help to inculcate the dignity of labour and also help apply learning to solving practical problems. Youth can spend time working in local self-government bodies and in businesses in real projects. In this manner, they can learn skills and also contribute to the community in a very valuable way.

Envisaging an integrated youth development, the central government under Prime Minister Modi has introduced diverse sets of initiatives like AGNIPATH scheme, Deen Dayal Upadhyaya-Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY), training of rural youth as panchakarma technicians/ assistant, iDEX, among others. The Innovations for Defence Excellence (iDEX) initiative by the Ministry of Defence for the youth to contribute to national security and instil the spirit of innovation is laudable. In the last five years since its launch, young minds have participated in finding solutions to defence-related problems and start-ups.

The transformation of youth from dreaming of becoming job seekers to becoming job creators can be the turning point of our growth story. They are already aware of the value of entrepreneurship. The Department of Youth Affairs' experiential learning programmes facilitate the interface between youth and enterprises across the entire country. In the past five years, more than 92,000 start-ups have been launched. Sixty eight per cent of loans under the MUDRA Yojana since inception have been given to women entrepreneurs. Women-led development is the need of the hour. The Prime Minister also used the occasion of Independence Day to announce the Vishwakarma scheme, with an allocation of Rs. 13,000 crore to Rs. 15,000 crore to improve the quality, scale and reach of products and services of artisans and craftspeople and to integrate them with the domestic and global value chain.

Today's youth are curious about the world around them and eager to learn about new subjects and new skills. Over 26 lakh youth participated in different programmes of the Youth20 engagement group throughout India. The G20 Presidency provided the youth with a platform to articulate their ideas, to find mentors and to connect with the youth of the world. In the discussions of Youth20, Startup20, Business20, there is a big change visible in the aspirations of youth. Millions of youth now plan to set up their own enterprises.

Technology

Technology is being used extensively not just to enhance access but also quality of education. DIKSHA has 3.17 lakh e-contents and, 6,600 Energized Textbooks in 36 Languages. More than 5 lakh students are taking exams and getting certified on SWAYAM every year. There are 280 TV channels and Skill India Digital have making education and skilling accessible even to remote areas of the country. Accessibility has also been enhanced for students who wish to study in their own languages. There are 49 Engineering Courses across 12 States in seven regional languages; MBBS Course has

been started in Hindi; Common University Entrance Test conducted in 13 Languages and participated by 242 Universities; JEE (Mains) and NEET (UG) conducted in 13 languages involving about more than 30 lakhs students; text books are being translated into multiple Indian languages through an AI based App. Technology is also allowing for better governance of institutions as evidenced by SAMARTH in higher education institutions and Vidya Sameeksha Kendra in schools. Very soon all these digital educational resources will be available on the Global Digital Public Infrastructure Repository that will be developed following the decision under G20 New Delhi Leaders' Declaration, for any student in the world to use.

Further, to expose the students to the various nuances of artificial intelligence, Responsible AI for Youth' - a national programme for by Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology was launched to empower students, and to support them to become part of the skilled future workforce in an inclusive manner. Further, Responsible AI for Youth 2022' aims to develop AI-centric skills among school children. Many young people are well aware of the use of internet tools, online banking and online ticket booking and in this respect they are ahead of the older generation. The young can help small entrepreneurs, shopkeepers and farmers to use these new technologies.

In this fast changing world we find ourselves at a definite advantage. We lead the world in digital initiatives, we have the success of Chandrayaan, Aditya to fuel our zeal for doing more, *Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam* has always been our guiding principle in navigating our relations with the world.

Sport and Culture Connect

A healthy lifestyle is important to be fit and energetic. In the digital age, it continues to be important to spend time outdoors in physical activity. The Khelo India scheme identifies and promotes sporting talent in youth; promotes physical fitness of school children. It provides support to National, Regional and State Support Academies. With an increasingly complex lifestyle and competitive environment, stresses in the life of youth are also increasing. Schools are encouraged to teach young people healthy ways to manage stress, such as yoga, exercise, meditation, or deep breathing exercises. Good schools create a supportive environment for youth. They provide access to an environment where healthy choices are easy and accessible. This includes providing safe places to exercise, and access to social support mechanisms. Celebration of International Yoga Day on 21 June every year is a unique contribution of India under the leadership of Shri Narendra Modi.

International Connect

International exposure and global outlook are being encouraged through schemes like SPARC, GIAN, VAJRA and Regulations like Twinning, Joint, Dual degrees have been brought in to encourage research collaborations and mobility of students and faculty between Indian and foreign higher education institutions. Significant strides have been taken in enhancing academic collaboration with major countries like USA, Australia, UK, Taiwan, Germany, Norway and others. India and the United States have launched an Initiative on Critical and Emerging Technology (iCET) under which an agreement has been signed between higher education institutions on both sides to set up an Indo-US Global Challenges Institute. There are similar other multi-institutional agreements with USA and other countries. In addition to this, India has even opened two campuses of IIT in Zanzibar and Abu Dhabi.

The present government has made ambitious international collaborations for promoting scientific temper, encourage innovation & entrepreneurship and leveraging on new technologies. In that endeavour, India's agreements with Singapore and Japan are notable. There are five skill development centres in Delhi, Udaipur, Guwahati, Madhya Pradesh and Odisha in partnership with Singapore. Likewise, as per an agreement with Japan in 2021 with specified skilled workers (SSWs) from India in 14 categories, who meet skill requirements and pass Japanese language tests, can explore employment opportunities in Japan on contractual basis. Earlier, another pact was signed with Japan for training 30,000 persons over 10 years with Japanese style manufacturing skills and practices through the establishment of the Japan-India Institutes for Manufacturing (JIM) and Japanese Endowed Courses (JEC).

New Education Policy

The National Education Policy of 2020 was the result of this churning, and a lot of positive and transformative changes have taken place at every level in the education sector since its roll out three years back. The number of Universities has increased by 70 during 2020-21, to 1,113 in 2020-21 from 1,043 in 2019-20. The number of colleges increased by 1453 during 2020-21, and to 43,796 in 2020-21 from 42,343 in 2019-20. Total enrolment in higher education has increased to nearly 4.13 crore in 2020-21 from 3.85 crore in 2019-20 (increase of 28.80 Lakh). The annual rate of increase in enrolment has also shown an improvement over the years. The increase in enrolment in 2020-21 over 2019-20 is 7.4 per cent, which was 3 per cent during 2019-20 and 2.7% during 2018-19. Further, overall increase in enrolment since 2014-15 is 20.9 per cent.

An exercise in this direction was taken up under the visionary leadership and guidance of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, in which top academic minds, educationists, policy makers, parents, teachers right down to the panchayat levels came together to ponder over the question of how to deliver the best and most relevant education to our youth. It included education that addressed issues of equity, accessibility, affordability while maintaining top quality; education that was enjoyable but triggered and nurtured the curiosity, creativity and individual talent of learners; education that was grounded in Indian values while being truly modern and totally futuristic; and other fields of its manifestation. At the school level, initiatives like *NIPUN Bharat*, *Vidya Praveesh*, *Jadui Pitara* and *Bal Vatika* and *PARAKH* are ensuring that children enjoy their studies with better learning outcomes. Stress on *Multidisciplinarity* in higher education, the introduction of *Multiple Entry-Exit* and the launch of *Academic Bank of Credit* has given students the flexibility to study as per their choice and convenience and at their pace.

There is enhanced stress on developing employability of students and preparing them for the future of work by introducing TVET in class 6 in schools, developing apprenticeship embedded programmes for higher education students, promoting internships with industry engagement, focusing on skilling, upskilling and reskilling of students, creating Skill Hubs in over 2000 institutions, over 300 new age courses specifically tailored to meet the needs of Industry 4.0 and by creating a national credit framework that allows for seamless mobility between academic and skill streams.

Carrying forward the true spirit of the NEP 2020, students have been encouraged to develop a sense of social awareness and responsibility, and a spirit of promoting peace and harmony. Youth of the country have participated with a lot of enthusiasm in the Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat programme that aims to develop empathy for people living in different parts of the country through shared activities like cultural programmes,

tourism, EBSB clubs, sports events, food festivals etc, Kashi Tamil Sangamam under EBSB was a month long programme in which around 2500 people from Tamil Nadu, from different walks of life visited Varanasi and its adjoining areas on a five day tour. The objective was to rediscover the ancient connect between the two important centres of Indian culture.

Similarly, two phases of Yuva Sangam- a week long student exchange visit between two states – saw about 2000 students gaining an immersive experience in another state on five identified pillars - Paryatan (Tourism), Parampara (Traditions), Pragati (Development), Prodyogik (Technology) and Paraspar Sampark (People-to-people connect). Similarly, promoting the principles of LiFE (Lifestyles for Environment), promotion of *Swachhta* and environment consciousness, has been a major priority that has been getting reflected increasingly in both academic and non-academic activities of our educational institutions like Swachhta abhiyaans, redevelopment of water bodies, plantation and care for trees and other such activities.

The G20 Education Working Group has provided a platform not just to showcase the developments and transformations in India's education and skill ecosystem but also share major priorities and concerns with partner countries, learn from their experiences and offer to share our own for larger good. The principles of NEP 2020 have been endorsed and agreements have emerged on the four identified priority areas. The Indian education sector has reached out a hand in support to countries across the world.

Way Forward

As our country strides ahead to become one of the top three countries in terms of GDP, we have to empower our youth, our young daughters, our divyaang brothers and sisters to realize their potential. Prime Minister underscored the importance of this aspect in his Independence Day speech to the nation on 15 August 2023. Whether it is the realm of new age emerging technology or sports, design or manufacturing, music or literature, we have future world leaders amongst us, in our homes and society, in our towns and villages. It is our collective responsibility to create conducive environment for nurturing their potential through appropriate education and skilling. And along with this, or even more important than this, is the need to inculcate positive values in our young people that allows them to look at the world as one big family.

This Kartavya Kaal has provided a golden opportunity to youth to fulfil their dreams and aspirations. We aim to build an enabling environment where youth can come together, persevere, and work relentlessly with their utmost strength towards the making of a new nation. This journey of the next twenty-five years is a very special one for our country. Education and skill development have a critical role to play in this journey. Standing at this critical juncture and looking ahead into the future we can visualise India standing proud on the shoulders of her empowered and enlightened youth, glowing with the light of learning, and the brightness of selfless sharing.

G20 University Connect

A Unique Initiative by G20 Indian Presidency

The G20 University Connect Programme is a unique, ambitious and flagship *Jan Bhagidari* initiative introduced by the Indian presidency. The programme aimed at creating awareness about the priorities, nature of deliberations, and key outcomes of various G20 processes among the students with specific emphasis on Indian G20 Presidency in 2023. Further, the programme was a dedicated effort towards creating capacity among the youth especially the students of colleges and universities across the country in the areas of multilateral negotiations, diplomatic trade-offs, emerging technologies and associated economic opportunities, nature and modalities of regional and international development cooperation, among others.

Genesis

The aims of the G20 University Connect Programme were:

- ❖ To connect eminent experts to the students on various facets of G20 besides the faculty members of the universities/institutions.
- ❖ To create awareness about the priorities and focus of G20 Indian Presidency especially on the themes of various G20 meetings (Sherpa Meetings, Working Group Meetings, Engagement Group Meetings, etc.) scheduled in different cities where the universities are located.
- ❖ To prepare the youth for a Developed India in 2047 with requisite skills for analyzing the intricacies of linking local economy with global developments, and creating future leaders
- ❖ To institutionalise the programme, the Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), a leading policy research institution in New Delhi, was tasked to coordinate it across the country.

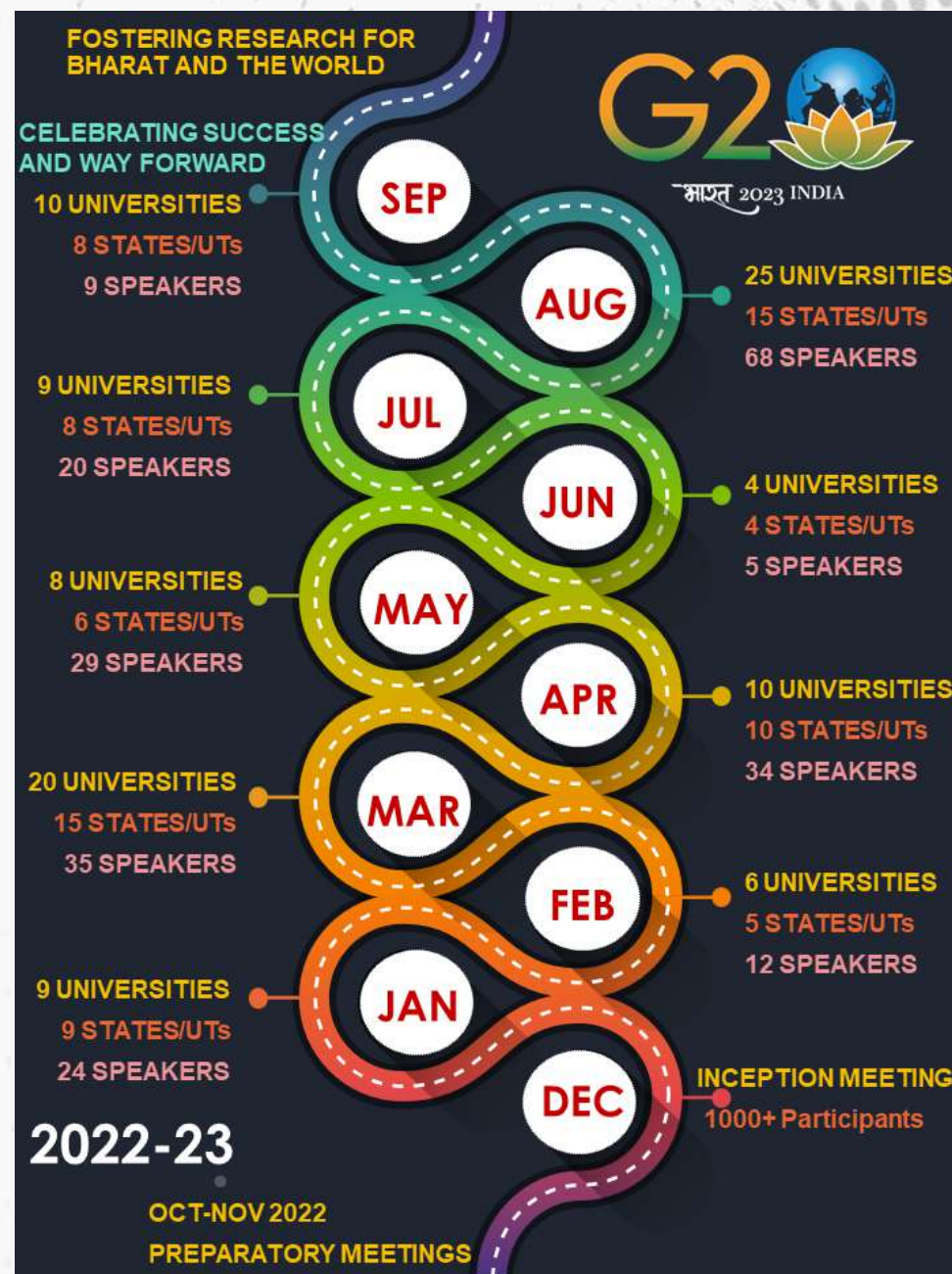
Timeline of the G20 University Connect

- ❖ With the initial preparatory meetings in October-November 2022, University Connect was successfully initiated with the Inception meeting on 1 December 2022, the first date of India's G20 Presidency. The flow of events for the University Connect Programme since its conceptualisation is presented in Figure 1.
- ❖ The activities under the G20 University Connect were organised throughout the year, beginning with university lecture held at Kerala on 9 January 2023, covering 101 universities.

Methods of Implementation

- ❖ A Steering Committee of eminent persons who are connected to at least 5 to 10 universities were constituted to advise in design and implementation of the programme. The Steering Committee helped RIS to connect to the universities and for greater outreach of the programme across different states and union territories.
- ❖ 'G20-A Primer' (multilingual) was prepared by RIS as background reading material for the students in Hindi, English and a number of regional languages such as Tamil, Gujarati, Kannada, Bengali, Odia, Marathi, Assamese, and Malayalam. The G20 Primer was placed on G20 Official website, RIS website and websites of host universities for wider awareness among the people.
- ❖ Social media platforms like Twitter, Linked-in, Facebook, Whatsapp, etc. were leveraged for branding and facilitating community interaction among the participating universities.
- ❖ The programme involved lectures by eminent diplomats, scholars and practitioners; theme-based student competitions, e.g. Essay Competition, Debate, Poster, Model G20, Painting, Fashion Show, Drama & Music Competition, Photography; and panel discussion on topics of contemporary relevance such as Climate Change, Sustainable Development Goals, LiFE, Coastal Economy, Fintech, Start-Up, and so on. Onus rested on the coverage and quality of student interactions with the speakers and panelists.

Figure 1: Flow of Events in the G20 University Connect



Spread of G20 University Connect

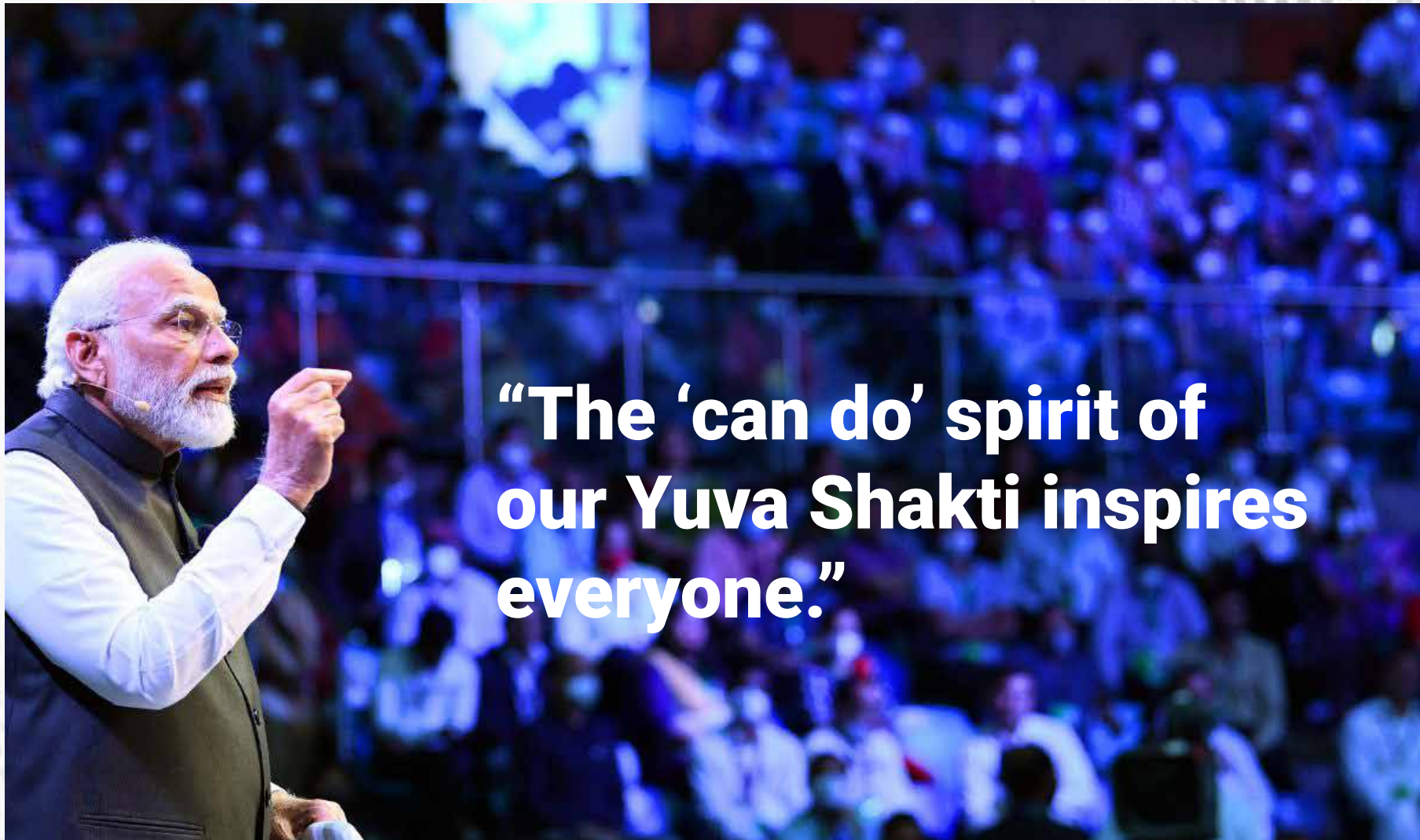
The footprints of the University Connect programme are visible throughout the country. The lectures were held in almost all the states and union territories, as presented in Figure 2. The digits in the parentheses denote the number of Universities involved in the programme.

Figure 2: Held State-wise Lectures



The programme benefited the students, faculty members and the host institutions immensely. Specifically the programme succeeded in providing:

- ❖ First-hand exposure to global issues, nuances of multilateral negotiations, emerging economic challenges and solutions especially facing the world, the developing countries in particular.
- ❖ Ideas for updating course curriculum, introduction of new courses, organising seminars and conferences, etc.
- ❖ Encouragement to students for exploring their future study plans and opportunities beyond participation in the lectures such as internship, exchange programmes, etc.



**“The ‘can do’ spirit of
our Yuva Shakti inspires
everyone.”**

— Shri Narendra Modi
Hon’ble Prime Minister of India

Andaman & Nicobar Islands

Over
800
Students
Participated

Pondicherry University, Port Blair Campus

31 March 2023

Pondicherry University conducted the “G20 University Connect” programme in its Port Blair campus on 31 March 2023 in collaboration with Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS) on the theme, ‘Engaging Young Minds’ in the spirit of inclusive, ambitious, action-oriented and decisive agenda of G20.

- ❖ Students of the Master’s Programme of three departments, Ocean Studies and Marine Biology, Coastal Disaster Management and Department of Management Studies, along with 25 research scholars, participated.
- ❖ Dr C. Sivaperuman, Joint Director and Officer in charge of the Zoological Survey of India, Port Blair Centre, spoke on the suitability of the G20 programme in island ecosystems. He added the strategic geo-political role of these islands along with the significance of conserving the biodiversity resources for these islands.
- ❖ Ambassador Rahul Chhabra underscored the significance of the G20 during the aftermath of the Corona pandemic and the Ukraine conflict. He emphasized India’s perspective on the global development agenda, which aligns with the country’s swift economic and societal changes initiated by the Hon’ble Prime Minister. These changes primarily involve green and digital transformation.



Media/Social Media



Andhra Pradesh

Central University of Andhra Pradesh

Andhra University

Sri Venkateswara University

Over
3700
Students
Participated



Central University of Andhra Pradesh

28 June 2023

Central University of Andhra Pradesh, in collaboration with RIS and in association with Government College (Autonomous), Ananthapuramu, organised a Special Lecture on G20 Indian Presidency on 28 June 2023. Professor A Subramanyam Raju, Dean, International Relations, Pondicherry University, delivered the keynote address and stressed the key role played by India as a catalyst of change and and global transformation.

- ❖ UN-District Youth Officer, Raichur, Karnataka deliberated on the prominence and dynamics of G20 and India's emerging global role.
- ❖ Prior to the lecture, pre-event student activities were also organized by the university that ranged from quiz, elocution competition and a Mock G20 Summit. The student winners were felicitated during the main event.



Media/Social Media



Andhra University

24 March 2023

Andhra University hosted a remarkable event as part of the G20 University Connect programme on 24 March 2023 aimed at fostering academic collaboration and dialogue among university students. The event brought together esteemed speakers, experts, and students to discuss global issues.

- ❖ Ambassador Gitesh Sarma delivered the keynote address and shared his valuable experiences and perspectives on international cooperation, diplomacy, and the G20 agenda, stimulating thoughtful discussions among the audience.
- ❖ Professor Sreeram Murthy, former principal of the College of Arts & Commerce at Andhra University, Professor K. Ravi, a former professor from the Department of Political Science & Public Administration at Andhra University, and Professor A Subramanyam Raju, the Dean of International Relations at Pondicherry University also shared valuable insights.
- ❖ Students who emerged as winners from various pre-event student activities such as essay writing, poster making and elocution were felicitated during the event.



31 July 2023

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Youth Could Play Commendable Role

Ambassador Muktesh K. Pardeshi, Special Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs remarked that G20 is providing a platform for interaction between developed and emerging economies. India as mother of democracies and member in the G20 is representing and voicing in favour of Global South Countries, known for developing economies. India as president of G20 is striving hard to achieve Global Security Goals like promoting local handicrafts, preventing pandemic diseases.

Prof. Subramanyam Raju, G20 University Connect Coordinator from Pondicherry University said in recent past world has passed through several pandemics. It provided India to become digital economy. India while focussing on the solar energy, biodiversity is doing a lot in reducing the Green Houses Gases in the atmosphere. Prof. Jayachandran Reddy, G20 coordinator in the University, Faculty, Students, Research and media participated in the meeting. Students interacted with the Ambassador.



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Arunachal Pradesh

Over
900
Students
Participated

Rajiv Gandhi University

15 March 2023

G20 University Connect programme of Rajiv Gandhi University, Arunachal Pradesh, in collaboration with RIS and NETRA, was held on 15 March 2023 at Mini Auditorium. A good number of students, along with 42 faculty members from various departments and affiliated colleges, participated in this programme.

- ❖ A pre-event essay competition was organized, attracting the participation of over 150 students. In order to foster entrepreneurial spirit among students, a total of ten start-ups were extended invitations within the State.
- ❖ Sri Pasang Dorjee Sona, the Hon'ble Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Arunachal Pradesh, emphasized the theme of India's G20 Presidency by accentuating the deep-rooted presence of the concept of one family in Indian culture since ancient times. The speaker encouraged young individuals to cultivate a spirit of curiosity in their pursuit of research, emphasising the potential of social media as a tool for societal advancement.
- ❖ In two technical sessions, distinguished speakers such as Professor Tamo Riba, Vice Chancellor of Arunachal Pradesh University, Professor Sassang Gao from NERIST, Professor Jumyir Basar from Arunachal Institute of Tribal Studies, Professor Elizabeth Hangsing, Director of Women Studies and Research Centre, and Mr Sadique Mannan from the Department of Entrepreneurship, Government of Arunachal Pradesh, made presentations. Topics discussed encompassed promotion of start-ups, cultivation of innovative practices, conservation of indigenous knowledge systems, and pursuit of gender justice.



Assam

A wide-angle photograph of a lush green tea plantation in Assam. The tea bushes are arranged in neat, winding rows on a sloping hillside. Several workers, wearing traditional conical hats and colorful clothing, are seen tending to the plants. In the foreground, a large white sack, likely for tea, is visible. The background shows more of the plantation and some distant trees under a clear sky.

- IIT Guwahati
- Dibrugarh University
- Central University of Assam

Over
2500
Students
Participated

IIT Guwahati

28 January 2023

The “G20 - University Connect” programme centered around the theme “Building Bridges to Achieve SDGs,” took place at IIT Guwahati on January 28, 2023. This collaborative effort involved RIS and the North East Training and Research Advocacy (NETRA) Foundation. The event was marked by diverse activities and distinguished speakers.

Before the main event, over 200 students participated in a G20 awareness quiz. Subsequently, 50 students from various disciplines and universities engaged in an in-house panel discussion, while another 100 students joined online in a hybrid mode.

During the event a diverse array of distinguished speakers shared their insights. Professor Arvind Kumar from JNU emphasised India’s pivotal role in the G20 and its potential to address global challenges like economic recession and sustainable development. Professor Haloi, President of NETRA Foundation, stressed holistic life values and the significance of family as a global model. Professor Polly Vauqueline advocated for gender mainstreaming in higher education, especially in science and technology, to promote inclusivity and reduce gender disparities. Professor Saurabh Basu highlighted IIT Guwahati’s outreach programmes as models for improving education and bridging divides among G20 nations. Professor Sisir Nayak recommended the development of open-access research sharing platforms and joint technology initiatives, particularly in energy sectors. Professor Jayanta Choudhury urged the localization of G20 in North East India, showcasing the



region's strengths. Professor Farrukh Khalid and Professor Ranjith T. discussed bridging the gap between research and technology development in the energy sector. These insights, shared during the programme, collectively emphasised the importance of international cooperation and innovative approaches in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

Media/Social Media

IIT-Guwahati Hosts 'G20 - University Connect' Program

As a pre event, a quiz about G20 and its goal was conducted for the awareness among university students in which more than 200 students participated.



IIT-Guwahati Hosts 'G20 - University Connect' Program | Representative Image



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G20 University Connect lecture at IIT Guwahati by Prof.Arvind Kumar.
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Dibrugarh University

28 March 2023

Dibrugarh University on March 28 2023, hosted an important event as part of the G20 University Connect programme. This event provided a platform for academic collaboration and dialogue among university students, featuring renowned speakers, experts, and students focusing on global issues.

The agenda included an inaugural address by Professor Jiten Hazarika, the Vice Chancellor of Dibrugarh University, who highlighted the G20 University Connect programme's importance and the university's dedication to international collaboration.

Ambassador Gayatri Kumar, a former diplomat, delivered a thought-provoking keynote address, stimulating meaningful discussions on global diplomacy, international cooperation, and the G20 agenda.

Dr Sushil Kumar, Assistant Professor, RIS, shared his views on global governance and sustainable development.

Dr Pranjal Phukan, representing BCPL, Dibrugarh, shared experiences as the guest of honor, emphasizing the role of industry and innovation in addressing global challenges.

A dynamic question and answer session allowed students and participants to engage with the speakers and help enrich perspectives on the G20 agenda and global issues.

The event also announced upcoming student activities, cycling, and marathon events, fostering participation and camaraderie.

Overall, the event proved significant in promoting academic collaboration and insightful discussions on global challenges.



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Assam University

17 July 2023

On July 17 2023, Assam University hosted the G20 University Connect programme in collaboration with RIS NETRA Foundation. The event witnessed the participation of around 1000 students, faculty members, and staff from various departments of Assam University.

The inaugural session was graced by Professor Rajive Mohan Pant, the Vice Chancellor of Assam University, with Shri. Parimal Suklabaidya, Minister of Forests, Fisheries & Excise, Government of Assam, as the Chief Guest. Ambassador Lalduhthlana Ralte delivered the keynote address, and Dr Shiva Kumar, Chief Conservator of Forests, Assam, was the Guest of Honour. The programme also featured Dr Pradosh Kiran Nath, Registrar of Assam University, and Professor Gangabhushan M. Molankal, Convener of the Steering Committee for the G20 University Connect Programme, Assam University.

Pre-event student activities included online quizzes, extemporaneous speeches, and competitions in poster and photography, with participation students from Assam University and affiliated colleges. The inaugural programme began with the ceremonial lighting of a lamp, followed by a welcome song. Dignitaries discussed the significance of G20 and its role in addressing global challenges. Ambassador Ralte emphasised promoting inclusive growth and development during India's G20 presidency.

A panel discussion and plenary session delved into various aspects of the G20 agenda, including demographic dividends, youth responsiveness, and localizing G20 initiatives. The programme culminated with a vote of thanks and the national anthem, leaving participants enriched with insights on global issues and the G20's role in shaping the future.



Media/Social Media



Bihar

Patna University

Nalanda University

Central University of South Bihar

Indian Institute of Management, Bodh Gaya

Over
3600
Students
Participated

Patna University

14 March 2023

Patna University hosted an engaging and enlightening event as part of the G20 University Connect Programme on 14 March 2023. The event aimed to foster intellectual growth, cultural exchange, and collaboration among university students. This programme included pre-student activities that took place at Patna University, including the Rangoli Competition, Essay Competition, and Quiz Competition. Around 600 students participated in the event.

- ❖ The essays covered a wide range of subjects, including climate change, gender equality, and technological advancements. The participants exhibited remarkable insights and innovative ideas, highlighting their commitment to finding solutions for global challenges.
- ❖ A Quiz Competition was conducted, testing the student's knowledge in various fields such as economics, politics, and culture. The quiz encouraged healthy competition and fostered a spirit of camaraderie among the participants.
- ❖ Ambassador Pardeshi shared his invaluable experiences and insights on diplomacy, global governance, and the role of young leaders in shaping the future. His lecture captivated the audience, inspiring them to take an active role in addressing global issues and working towards a more inclusive and sustainable world.



Media/Social Media



Nalanda University

16 April 2023

On 16 April 2023, Nalanda University along with RIS organised an event on the theme “G20 University Connect: Engaging Young Minds Initiative”. Speakers from India and abroad delivered the lectures. The university also organised the Quiz Competition. Over 500 participants attended the event online as well as offline.

- ❖ Vice Chancellor of Nalanda University highlighted that India has emerged as software giant, with young entrepreneurs creating more than hundred Unicorns.
- ❖ Ambassador J. S. Mukul highlighted the significance of India's Presidency in G20 and the role of India as a voice of the Global South shall be the cross-cutting theme.
- ❖ Shri Shaurya Doval, leading young economist said that India's affluence would benefit numerous countries, not less than 40 per cent of humanity and direct beneficiaries would be the youth.
- ❖ Ambassador Virendra Gupta explained the relevance of G20 and the unique role of IBSA - Global South Countries (India, Brazil and South Africa).
- ❖ Students of the university from over 30 countries participated in the programme, and interacted with distinguished speakers and asked questions related to India's role in G20.



Central University of South Bihar

23 August 2023

The Central University of South Bihar (CUSB) organised G20 University Connect Lecture on 23rd August 2023. The pre-lecture events organised at university included essay competition, poster-making and quiz competition. The topic of this essay competition was “Guru Rabindra Nath Tagore and Swami Vivekanand: Their Contribution to Modern India”. The theme of the poster competition was centered on eco-friendly and sustainable lifestyle, climate change and inclusion of traditional knowledge for better lifestyle and event was Quiz Competition on the topic “G-20 India’s perspective.

- ❖ Professor Kameshwar Nath Singh, Vice-Chancellor, highlighted how India could contribute to the global development through its cultural diversity, demography, democracy and ancient history of being the first republican.
- ❖ Ambassador Achal Malhotra gave a structured talk on the theme “Empowering Youth for Global Progress” which reflects the commitment of the world’s leading economies to actively involve and amplify the voices of young people in the decision-making processes.



Media/Social Media



Indian Institute of Management, Bodh Gaya

27 August 2023

IIM Bodh Gaya hosted the G20 University Connect Lecture on 27 August 2023. This event has played an important role in sensitising the country's young minds through valuable discussions on Innovations and Entrepreneurship, Issues and Challenges in Healthcare, and other aspects of the G20 Indian presidency. Students actively participated in several pre-event activities of G20, such as Essay writing competition, Quiz, and an engaging discussion on "Climate Change" which was a Model G20 Presidency Summit competition.

- ❖ Ambassador J.S. Mukul explained how India stands for reformed multilateralism and informed multilateralism, which reinforced his enlightening quote: "India is inclusive, ambitious, decisive, and action-oriented in its G20 Presidency."
- ❖ Mr Samit Ghosh, Founder of Ujjivan Financial Services Ltd, shed light on India's growing influence and potential on the global stage by saying, "Our entire strategy is based on the resurgence of India."
- ❖ Mr Ramanan Ramanathan, Former Additional Secretary, NITI Aayog, underscored the prominence of Challenges as they become the opportunities for the transformation of the world.



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India a land of learning: IIM-BG director at 'G20 University Connect' programme

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GAYA: The Indian Institute of Management-Bodh Gaya (IIMBG) hosted the "G20 University Connect - Engaging Young Minds" event in collaboration with Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS) on Sunday, featuring a lecture series. A press release from IIMBG said, "The event holds value in sensitizing the country's young minds through varied valuable discussions on innovations and entrepreneurship, issues and challenges in healthcare, and other aspects of the G20 Indian presidency."

B-school director Vinita S Sahay, who inaugurated the event with other distinguished guests, spoke about the significance of resilience and teamwork. "Cooperation and collaboration should be prioritized with competition taking a backseat, which resonates with the sanguine views of the G20 summit. Most learning happens outside the classroom while travelling and learning new cultures. India is a land of learning and opportunities, a microcosm of cultures," she said.

Former ambassador and ex-dean of the Foreign Service Institute, J S Mukul, while explaining how India stands for reformed multilateralism, said, "India is inclusive, ambitious, decisive, and action-oriented in its G20 Presidency".



“There are global voices saying that this century is India’s century. It is your century, the century of India’s youth.”

— Shri Narendra Modi
Hon’ble Prime Minister of India

Chandigarh

An aerial photograph of Chandigarh, India, showcasing its unique urban design. The image features a large central fountain with multiple water jets, surrounded by green lawns and winding roads. In the background, modern high-rise buildings and a body of water are visible under a clear sky.

Over
800
Students
Participated

Panjab University

20 January 2023

On 20 January 2023, Panjab University in collaboration with RIS successfully hosted a seminar as a part of G20 Events on topic 'Blurring Boundaries and Changing Societal Governance, G20 University Connect Engaging Young Minds'. The purpose of the event is spreading awareness among the youth and academic community in the country- about G20 and the Indian Presidency of G20.

- ❖ Professor Renu Vig, Vice Chancellor spoke on the identified verticals such as digital healthcare, technology, governance, digital gateways. These have provided enormous opportunities for startups and youngsters in particular who can think beyond the traditional jobs and work for themselves. Start-up policies have been adopted by higher education institutions to promote the interest of students. Business incubation centres have been opened in various educational institutions including Panjab University, Chandigarh.
- ❖ Ambassador Bhaskar Balakrishnan apprised the audience about the G 20 Presidency and its importance and the areas that need to be worked upon such as inclusion of African nations by giving them adequate representation in G 20, tackling global challenges such as climate, health, environment, food and water etc., managing geopolitical tensions between Ukraine, Russia, china, US etc., overdependence on OECD and working on the relationship with IMF/World Bank and UN Institutions.
- ❖ Professor Devinder Singh, Chairperson spoke on richness of Indian culture, highlighted principles such as Vasudev Kutumbhkam, Sarv Darm sambhav as being part of Indian society since ages. Inclusiveness, viz religion, caste, region, gender are a part of our culture and are enshrined in the principles of the Indian Constitution.



Chhattisgarh

- **Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University**
- **Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidalaya**

Over
2100
Students
Participated



Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University

4 March 2023

As a part of the G20 University Connect lecture series, Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University, Raipur, organised an event comprising lectures from eminent dignitaries and inter-departmental competitions on 4 March, 2023. More than 800 students from different universities and colleges participated in the event and approximately 100 students registered themselves for essay writing competition, debate and extempore competitions.

- ❖ The event was inaugurated by the Shri Dilip Sinha, former Diplomat, Government of India.
- ❖ Shri Pradeep Sharma, an esteemed advisor to the Chief Minister of the Government of Chhattisgarh, provided insights on the significance of the G20 Indian Presidency. Specifically, he discussed the role of agriculture, planning, and rural development in this context.
- ❖ Professor Kanhaiya Ahuja, Director of the School of Economics at Devi Ahilya University in Indore, Madhya Pradesh, provided an analysis on the significance of India's G20 Presidency in the current global landscape. Additionally, he gave his perspectives on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).



Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya

3 August 2023

As part of University connect programme of G20, Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya organised lecture series on 3rd August 2023. Three competitions, namely Essay writing, poster making and slogan writing was held on 1st August 2023, which constituted part of pre-event activities. Themes of various competitions were inclusive development, global collaboration, education for sustainability, climate action, biodiversity conservation, technology for good, among other.

- ❖ Professor Kanhaiya Ahuja, Head, Department of Economics, Devi Ahilya Vishwavidyalaya, Indore, who attended the programme as the Chief Guest, said that the main objective of the establishment of G20 has been to promote inclusive development and economic stability of the world. He highlighted importance of global cooperation and the need to impart skills to youth. He called for promotion of agricultural growth, rural technology, and information and communication technology.
- ❖ Mr Arpit Barman from RIS expressed his views on the G20 Lecture Series and lauded India's efforts in hosting G20 events across the country. He emphasised upon sustainable development and digital public infrastructure as key areas of concern.
- ❖ Professor Neelambari Dave, Former Vice-Chancellor, Saurashtra University Rajkot, Gujarat, appreciated India's rich cultural diversity. She stressed on the need for adapting to globalisation keeping in mind the importance of inclusiveness, particularly of women and marginalised communities.



DADRA AND NAGAR HAVELI

Over
800
Students
Participated

NAMO Medical Education and Research Institute

6 June 2023

NAMO Medical Education and Research Institute organized G20 University Connect Programme on 6 June, 2023. The participants included 1st-year and final-year MBBS students. Several students join online besides the students who attended the event physically.

- ❖ Dr Seshadri Chadri, a Member, Governing Council, RIS, delivered the lecture and shared his knowledge and experience related to the G20 agenda, global health, and healthcare policies.
- ❖ Such events provided an opportunity for knowledge sharing, networking and fostering a deeper understanding of important topics in the medical field and beyond.



DAMAN & DIU

Over
250
Students
Participated

National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT)

24 April 2023

The National Institute of Fashion Technology, Daman Campus organised G20 University Connect Programme on April 24th, 2023. Prior to the G20 University Connect event at NIFT in Daman, discussions were held on the campus from April 2 2023 to April 23 2023, involving students, experts, and faculty members.

- ❖ Ambassador Dr Bhaskar Balakrishnan, Science Diplomacy Fellow, RIS shared his insights on the significance of the Indian economy in the global fashion industry. He urged the fashion design and management students to be more imaginative in their profession and learning, and to promote sustainable and ethical practices in their businesses to remain competitive.
- ❖ Dr Sandeep Sachan, Director, NIFT, Daman highlighted the importance of integrating with the global fashion market and the recent move of the Textiles Ministry to establish major textile parks in India.



Delhi

- Jawaharlal Nehru University
- Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT)
- IILM University

Over
3500
Students
Participated



Jawaharlal Nehru University

21 August 2023

The three-week G20 University Connect Lecture Series on the theme 'Pathways and Paradigms for India's G20 Presidency' was organised by Jawaharlal Nehru University, supported by RIS. The inaugural session was graced by Ambassador Harsh Vardhan Shringla, Chief Coordinator of India's G20 Presidency and Professor Sachin Chaturvedi, Director-General, RIS. The session was chaired by Vice-Chancellor of JNU, Professor Santishree D. Pandit. The inaugural session also included a lecture by Professor S. D. Muni, Professor Emeritus in JNU.

- ❖ During his address, Ambassador Shringla highlighted India's role in pushing the African Union (AU) as a member of the G20 Forum. He illuminated the inclusive nature of India's G20 Presidency, highlighting the active participation and contributions from all states and union territories across the nation.
- ❖ Professor Muni contextualised the G20 within the landscape of other multilateral groupings, particularly the G7, and highlighted the distinctions in India's presidency with its emphasis on the Global South, which differs from the earlier concept of Third World solidarity in past decades.
- ❖ The session ended with appreciation extended to all participants, organisers, and contributors who came together to make the session a resounding success.



Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT)

29 May 2023

On May 29 2023, the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT) New Delhi hosted a seminar as part of the G20 University Connect Programme, in celebration of India's G20 presidency. The seminar saw participation from various stakeholders, including faculty, students, and staff, as well as representatives from institutions such as Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi. The seminar also had a virtual component, with faculty, students, and staff from both Kolkata and Kakinada campuses of IIFT, as well as participants from other institutes and organizations, joining remotely.

- ❖ Mr Amit Tyagi highlighted the concept of "Sachetization" of financial products, which he believed would contribute to addressing certain challenges. Another panelist, Mr Dhruv Bajaj, brought up two major challenges in the FinTech industry: patent-related issues and digital lending. He also discussed the dilemma faced when choosing the initial payment platform for transactions.
- ❖ Students actively participated in the seminar by posing questions related to challenges faced by the FinTech sector and the evolving dynamics of both the Finance and Technology industries. They were keen to understand the business models employed by FinTech companies and their impact.
- ❖ Student inquired about how developments in the FinTech industry affect Financial Bank Lending Rates and Credit Rationing. Additionally, students raised thought-provoking questions on contemporary issues such as climate change, Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), women-led development, and harnessing the potential of youth.



IILM University

8 August 2023

As a part of the G20 University Connect, IILM University vigorously took initiatives by organising events and activities with an emphasis on environmentally sustainable and responsible choices leading to a cleaner, greener, and brighter future. The theme of the mega conference was Achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) for a Better World. The event was supported by RIS. Prominent speakers of the conference included Dr Sujata Shahi, Vice Chancellor, IILM University, Gurugram, Mr Harsh Vardhan Shringla, Chief Co-Ordinator for India's G 20 Presidency and former foreign Secretary of India, Mr Pawan Verma, Ex-Member of Parliament and former Indian Ambassador to Bhutan, and, Mr S.Y Qureshi, Former Chief Election Commissioner of India.

- ❖ The conference deliberations included a discussion on education scenarios and disruptions during Covid-19 in the recent past.
- ❖ The speakers also underscored the importance of high GDP growth, considering the substantial number of people living below the poverty line in India and around the world. Proposing sustainable bonds and climate and green financing, the speakers advocated initiatives to bridge financial gaps. The dominant theory of economic growth which is associated with the Solow-Swan neoclassical growth model was also discussed. As per this model, economies will reach a steady state in which capital accumulation and depreciation, along with technological progress, balance out, leading to stable levels of output per worker and economic growth.
- ❖ This mega event was, in a way, the culmination of a



marathon of events held at IILM University Gurugram in line with the G20 theme to get students involved in finding solutions to global problems like Climate Change and Innovative and Sustainable Practices. Quizzes, Essay competitions, and Poster competitions were held before the conference. Mr. Shringla gave away prizes to students who participated in various activities and came first in that activity. The students were awarded for their achievement in their respective participation in the G20 Intercollege Quiz, Yuva Manthan, and Intercollege Competition. The students were appreciated by the memento and cash prize.



Goa

- BITS Pilani (Goa Campus)
- Goa University

Over
1400
Students
Participated

BITS Pilani (Goa Campus)

1 August 2023

BITS Pilani organised lecture series as part of University Connect programme of G20 on 1 August 2023 at its Goa campus. Lectures covered themes of digitalisation, technological innovation and artificial intelligence.

- ❖ Dr Seshadri Chari delivered keynote lecture. He covered a great range of issues from tourism, technological innovation, cultural diversity and so on and so forth.
- ❖ He emphasised that technology could be leveraged for transition to clean energy. He called upon youth of India to develop homegrown technological solutions for complex issues.
- ❖ He also highlighted India's rich cultural diversity and stressed that diversity should be preserved as well as promoted in order to boost tourism in the country.



Media/Social Media



Goa University

14 March 2023

Goa University, hosted a dynamic event as part of the G20 University Connect programme on 14 March, 2023. The event aimed to facilitate knowledge exchange, foster academic collaboration, and encourage dialogue on global issues among university students.

- ❖ Professor Arvind Kumar, Professor of the Centre for US, Canadian and Latin America Studies, JNU, was keynote speaker. He emphasized upon global cooperation and role of global south in delivering achievements of sustainable development goals (SDGs).
- ❖ Dr Priyadarshi Dash, RIS made an incisive intervention by illuminating the approach of India as a bridge between the advanced North and the rising South in terms of the issues it canvasses for within the G20. He outlined how various domestic governance initiatives at home have found traction across the Global South and has pitched India as a leader and spokesperson for developing country causes of equity, access, affordability, and financial and technology transfer. He also highlighted India's role and contribution in the trajectory of trade facilitation and global commons cooperation.
- ❖ Professor Harilal B. Menon, Vice Chancellor, Goa University underscored role of science and technology and research and development within the emerging global order being shaped by new forces of globalization. He also emphasized that India's technological competence in key areas as also its ability to foster cost effective technological solutions from health and agricultural solutions to the digital space, makes it a unique proponent and exponent in the G20 constellation. He also focused on the urgent imperative to address the scourge of Climate Change through democratic and multilateral Climate Action initiatives aimed at fostering resilience and equity in global affairs.





Gujarat

- **Veer Narmad South Gujarat University (VNSGU)**
- **Krantiguru Shyamji Krishna Verma Kachchh University**
- **Birsa Munda Tribal University**
- **Central University of Gujarat**

Over
4500
Students
Participated

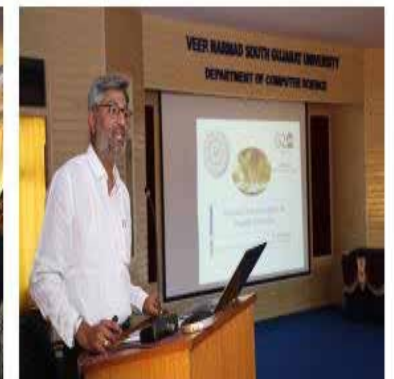
Veer Narmad South Gujarat University (VNSGU)

15 February 2023

“G20 University Connect” event at Veer Narmad South Gujarat University was held on 15 February 2023 in the seminar hall of the Department of Computer Science in the premises of Veer Narmad South Gujarat University, Surat, Gujarat.

- ❖ Professor Manish, Central University of Gujarat addressed he gathering on G20 Indian Presidency Citing the example of Sardar Patel, Gandhiji and Prime Minister Modi’s remark: “Gujarat is the land from where the revolutions of ideas are born and guides the entire world and takes the world to the pinnacle of progress”.
- ❖ Dr Gaurav Shah, Professor, VNSGU spoke on Climate Change and its implications for the humanity. He underlined that is need to protect the earth through responsibility sharing.

Media/Social Media



Krantiguru Shyamji Krishna Verma Kachchh University

31 January 2023

The G20 University Connect was took place at Krantiguru Shyamji Krishna Verma Kachchh University on 31 January 2023. The students expressed their eagerness in attending the lecture. More than 1000 students ranging from postgraduates to research scholars attended the event.

- ❖ The session comprised of insightful discussions stimulated by eminent panelists with deliberations focusing on the need and importance of Indian leadership on contemporary global issues.
- ❖ An interactive session between the panelists and students with the latter asking questions ranging from issues such as climate change, food security, youth empowerment, etc. was also held.



Media/Social Media



Birsa Munda Tribal University

28 July 2023

Birsa Munda Tribal University, Rajpipla organised G20 University Connect Lecture on “Engaging Young Minds” with the collaboration of RIS on 28 July 2023. In this event around 650 students and 35 faculties were registered.

- ❖ Mr Manish Chand, had delivered his special speech on India G20 Presidency, 2023 which included the significance and meaning of G20 and as a citizen of India, what role one has to play to serve the society and nation.



Central University of Gujarat

22 July 2023

Central University of Gujarat organised G20 University Connect Lecture on “Engaging Young Minds” on 22 July 2023. In this event around 1000 students and 45 faculties were registered.

- ❖ Amb Sanjay Bhattacharya emphasised that G20 would promote the universality of unity in the world. G20 was born during an economic crisis in the late 1990s, which drew attention to the ability of the G7 to decide the fate of the world economy. It resulted in the birth of the G8 and eventually the G20.
- ❖ Vice Chancellor Professor Rama Shankar Dubey stated that there is a need for empowering the youth to do excellent work in the field of research.



Media/Social Media



Haryana

Over
3000
Students
Participated

- **Amity University**
- **Kurukshetra University**
- **Gurugram University**

20 April 2023

Amity University Haryana played an active role in fostering awareness about the opportunities arising from India's G20 Presidency. Several initiatives were organised under the G-20 University Connect programme.

- ❖ One of the significant events was the G-20 Sensitization Lecture, where Dr Mangu Singh, Former Managing Director of Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC), addressed 600 students from diverse departments. This lecture shed light on the importance of metro systems, particularly the success story of the Delhi Metro. It delved into emerging trends, policy implications, socio-economic impacts, and valuable lessons from Dr Mangu Singh's expertise.
- ❖ Another notable activity was the G-20 Poster Competition, encouraging students to express their creativity and thoughts on the theme "One Earth, One Family, One Future – Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam," aligned with India's G20 Presidency. The competition touched on topics like climate change, gender equality, and global trade, fostering global unity, creativity, and understanding of India's G20 Presidency.
- ❖ Furthermore, a Brainstorming Session was held as part of the G20 University Connect Programme, where students explored the remarkable changes brought about by digital transformation and its benefits and challenges. This session encouraged critical thinking, collaboration, and effective communication.
- ❖ Additionally, the university organized special programmes on World Water Day and World Meteorological Organization (WMO) Day, emphasizing the importance of water conservation and meteorology's role in decision-making and climate change.



Media/Social Media

एमिटी विवि में जी 20
व्याख्यान आयोजित

गुरुग्राम। एमटी विश्वविद्यालय (विवि) की ओर से सोमवार को जी 20 शिखा प्रेसिडेंसी व्याख्यान सत्र आयोजित किया गया। सत्र में नीति आयोग के सदस्य और जवाहरलाल नेहरू विश्वविद्यालय के कुलपतिपति डॉ. विवेक सारस्वत मौजूद रहे। उन्होंने सतत विकास के लिए विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी की आवश्यकता पर जनजातों की व्याख्यान लाभ के लिए एमटी शिखर के वादस चांसलर डॉ. पीबी शर्मा और प्रो वादस चांसलर प्रो विकास मधुकर ने डॉ. सारस्वत का स्वागत किया। डॉ. सारस्वत ने कहा कि जलवायु परिवर्तन, वायु प्रदूषण, जल की कमी और उर्जा सुरक्षा जैसे भात के समन अनर वली चुनौतियों के लिए नवीन और स्थानीय समाधानों की आवश्यकता है। यह केवल विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी के अनुप्रयोग के माध्यम से संभव है। उन्होंने अग्रज उर्जा और टिकाऊ स्वच्छ पेटेंट की बढ़ावा देने की आवश्यकता व्यक्त की। मंगल

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खपत को बढ़ाने की जरूरत

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Kurukshetra University

28 August 2023

- ❖ The G20 University Connects – Engaging Young Minds event was held at the Kurukshetra University on 28 August 2023. The chief guest at the event was Ambassador Sanjay Bhattacharya. A host of events were organised on campus which elicited wide participation from students and faculty. These included poster making, quizzes, extempore debates, round tables on various issues surrounding India's priorities in the G20 Summit. The inauguration was ceremonially done by lighting the lamp by the University vice chancellor. This was followed by lectures by the academics and the chief guest Ambassador Sanjay Bhattacharya.
- ❖ The vice chancellor Professor Som Nath Sachdeva thanked the students and faculty for their enthusiastic participation in the G20 University Connect programme. He commended the government of India for its Jan Bhagidari initiative which has made the G20 Summit 2023 a truly inclusive programme.
- ❖ The chief speaker Ambassador Sanjay Bhattacharya, drawing from his vast diplomatic experiences gave several instances to show how India's global stature has been growing consistently in the recent past. He showed how the ongoing presidency of India in the G20 has brought the agenda of South-South co-operation to the fore.





Media/Social Media



जीयू में आयोजित जी-20 यूनिवर्सिटी कनेक्ट संवाद में जी-20 लक्ष्यों की प्राप्ति में युवाओं की भूमिका और भारत की प्राथमिकताओं पर हुई चर्चा





“21st Century is the century of knowledge and the world has always looked at India whenever knowledge finds prominence. Emergence of knowledge society is no more a slogan but has become a reality. Knowledge will be the fountainhead of all the activities that happen in the human development.”

— Shri Narendra Modi
Hon’ble Prime Minister of India

Himachal Pradesh

Over
550
Students
Participated

Himachal Pradesh University

7 July 2023

Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla organised a lecture Series on G20 University Connect: Engaging Young Minds on 7 July 2023 at the HP University Auditorium. This was a culmination of multiple pre-events organised by the university. The eminent speakers included Professor S.P Bansal, Vice-Chancellor, Himachal Pradesh University, Ambassador Preeti Saran, Former Secretary (East) Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, Professor Rajinder Verma, Pro-Vice Chancellor, himachal Pradesh University. The event was supported by RIS.

- ❖ Himachal Pradesh University is a multi-faculty and affiliating university. It stands for knowledge, learning, progress, humanity, tolerance, intellect, morality, determination, thought, and discernment.
- ❖ As part of the Pre-activities under G20 University Connect programme Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla organised a national seminar on the theme India's G20 Presidency and the Global Vision on 22 June 2023. The seminar was attended by more than eighty participants from different states and districts.
- ❖ Various departments of the university also organised guest lectures, poster making, declamation competitions, etc.



Jammu & Kashmir

Over
5000
Students
Participated

- Central University of Kashmir
- Central University of Jammu
- Indian Institute of Management, Jammu
- Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology



Central University of Kashmir

10 April 2023

On 10 April 2023, the Central University of Kashmir (CUK) held a one-day Lecture Series at the Sher-e-Kashmir International Convention Center (SKICC) in Srinagar under the banner of G20 University Connect: Engaging Young Minds in cooperation with RIS.

- ❖ Ambassador J.S. Mukul, in his keynote address explained to the students the Genesis of the G20 and Indian and Global Perspectives on the G20. He emphasized the one-of-a-kind nature of the G20 by stating that the organisation is committed to achieving new dimensions of global development, with a significant focus on both developed and developing countries.
- ❖ Professor Arvind Kumar provided some insight into the political strategies that could be utilised by India in order to move closer to the center of the G20 forum. He cited India as an “agent of solutions” to problems like climate change that affect the entire world.
- ❖ Preceding the lecture a cricket match and poster competition was also organized as a part of pre-event and the winners were felicitated during the event.

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Indian Institute of Management, Jammu

28 August 2023

IIM Jammu, in collaboration with RIS organised the G20 University Connect Lecture on 28 August 2023. A slew of pre-event activities were organized aimed at creating interest, awareness, and participation among the students in Jammu and Kashmir. This occasion provided valuable perspectives on fostering business success and effectively positioning India globally. Ambassador J. K. Tripathi shared various contours of G20 presidency. Professor Jabir Ali mentioned that students need to stay informed about India's G20 presidency.

- ❖ Discussions centred around the students as the nation's future and their contribution to the voyage by adding value to society and serving the nation in its truest sense, signifying that students have the power to transform the world.
- ❖ Students who emerged as winners from the various pre-student activities such as debate competition, essay-writing competitions, and poster-making competition were felicitated during the event.



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Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology

22 August 2023

Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Jammu in collaboration with RIS organised G20 lecture on 22 August, 2023. The vision was to spark curiosity and passion among its students for the G20's vital role in shaping a sustainable future. The lecture was attended by a huge gathering of students.

- ❖ Ambassador Sanjay Bhattacharyya added a global perspective to the event's discussions, particularly concerning the G20 and its broader implications. The lecture centred on India's priorities within the G20 framework, emphasizing the country's role while leading the G20 forum.
- ❖ There were also insightful deliberations into the origins and background of the Agricultural Working Group which was established within the G20 to address global agricultural concerns.
- ❖ Students who emerged as winners from the various pre-events such as poster-making, essay writing competition, quiz competition, ideathon, rangoli making competition, etc. were also felicitated during the main event.



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Jharkhand

Over
2500
Students
Participated

- **Central University of Jharkhand**
- **Xavier Labour Relations Institute (XLRI)**

Central University of Jharkhand

6 March 2023

Central University of Jharkhand, hosted a dynamic event as part of the G20 University Connect programme on 6th March, 2023. The event aimed to facilitate exchange of knowledge, foster academic collaboration, and encourage dialogue on global issues among university students.

- ❖ Dr Rajan Sudesh Ratna, Deputy Head and Senior Economic Affairs Officer, United Nations ESCAP South and South-West Asia Office, delivered keynote lecture. He heaped praises on India's efforts in hosting various programmes as part of G20. He especially lauded India's initiative of hosting different events across different cities in India. He emphasized that such endeavor contributes to democratization.
- ❖ Professor S K Samdarshi in his speech on "Renewable Energy and Energy Storage: India's Opportunities" emphasized India's growing aspiration towards not only producing renewable energy but also storage of the same. He cited statistical data to establish his point of view about India's storage capacity and the need to develop the same at a faster pace. He discussed in detail India's endeavors at maximizing solar energy and expanding its global outreach.
- ❖ Dr Anurag Linda, Associate Professor in Department of Environmental Science spoke on "Climate Change Issues: India's Quest for Sustainable Development". He discussed about India's leadership role to address the global issue of Global Warming with consequent climate change. He also emphasized on need to work for the issue both at global and regional level through policy interventions as well as by individuals themselves.



Xavier Labour Relations Institute (XLRI)

30 August 2023

XLRI, a premier management school of India, successfully conducted its University Connect Lectures on 30 August 2023. The chief guest of the event was Ambassador Sanjay Bhattacharya. He was given a tour of the various exhibitions put up by the students on the theme of “One world, One future”.

- ❖ The programme began with the inaugural lighting of the lamp by the chief guest and the distribution of awards to the winners of the various pre-lecture events like extempore debates, poster making competition and quizzes. It was followed by lectures from the head of the institute, academics and finally the guest speaker who spoke at length about India’s G20 presidency and the significance of engaging the youth in it.
- ❖ Chief guest Ambassador Bhattacharya began with mentioning the global distribution of power and how it has been evolving since the twentieth century. He mentioned that major changes have taken place in the 21st century which are favourable to India’s rise. He also mentioned the dynamics of India’s rapport with the great powers like China, Russia, EU and the US. He mentioned that the centre of gravity of global power is shifting decisively towards Asia in the current scenario and it is India’s opportunity to leverage its demographic dividend to spur economic growth by making the most of global linkages and globalization.



Karnataka

- Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore
- Karnatak University
- Manipal University
- University of Mysore
- National Institute of Advanced Studies

Over
6000
Students
Participated

Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore

15 August 2023

The Indian Institute of Management Bangalore recently hosted the G20 University Connect Programme in preparation for the G20 summit. This event was organised in collaboration with RIS to raise awareness among young individuals about the significance of India's leadership in the G20 and the role that youth can play in these discussions.

- ❖ The guest lecture featured esteemed speakers who shared their insights on the importance of India's presidency at the G20 summit. The event commenced with an opening address by Professor R. Srinivasan, Chairperson of the Post Graduate Programme at IIM Bangalore. He stressed the importance of such gatherings and the necessity for youth awareness regarding India's aspirations for future growth.
- ❖ The event became even more engaging through an interactive Q&A session. Students actively posed thought-provoking questions to the speakers, delving deeper into G20 themes and their implications. This exchange of ideas proved to be mutually enriching for both the students and the speakers, contributing to the event's overall success and its goal of promoting informed dialogues.
- ❖ As part of this programme, the student community at IIM Bangalore organized pre-events, including quiz and debate competitions, as well as guest lectures. These activities spanned over a week, with the debate competition taking place on August 9, 2023, the quiz competition on 14 August 2023, and a guest lecture on 15 August 2023.



Karnatak University

12 September 2023

- ❖ Karnatak University in Dharwad hosted G20 lecture on 12 September 2023 as part of the G20 University Connect initiative, with the support of RIS. Distinguished speakers at the conference included: Mr G.A Tadas, Visiting Fellow, RIS, Professor M. Govinda Rao, a Member of the 14th Finance Commission and former Director, National Institute of Public Finance and Policy (NIPFP), New Delhi, Dr V.B. Annigeri, Former Director, Centre for Development Research (CMDR), Dharwad, Dr S.S. Patagundi, Professor (Retired) of Political Science at Karnatak University, Dharwad and Dr J. R. Tonannavar, Adjunct Professor in the Department of Physics at Karnatak University. The event witnessed an impressive turnout, including students, teachers, and research scholars from Karnatak University and its affiliated institutions. The event spanned across a wide spectrum, engaging around 40 departments within the university and involving over 280 colleges situated in four districts of North Karnataka, namely Dharwad, Gadag, Haveri, and Karwar.
- ❖ The lecture focused on the significance of the Delhi Declaration of G20. It emphasised that the G-20 Summit Declaration has played a crucial role in enhancing global governance, making it more inclusive and effective in addressing worldwide challenges. Overall, the G-20 Summit held in New Delhi, under India's leadership, was deemed a significant success.
- ❖ Students were provided ample opportunities to engage with leading speakers and panelists. Discussions revolved around various topics, including India's accomplishments during its G20 Presidency, the role of G20 in advancing Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and concerns regarding the successful implementation of G20 declarations.
- ❖ Speakers underscored India's commitment to fulfilling its responsibilities within the framework of SDGs. Additionally, they highlighted India's efforts in refining its policies related to science, technology, and innovation, which are already in place. Prior to the event, the university also conducted essay competition and speech competitions.



Manipal University

11 March 2023

- ❖ Manipal University, hosted a dynamic event as part of the G20 University Connect programme on 11 March 2023. The event aimed to facilitate knowledge exchange, foster academic collaboration, and encourage dialogue on global issues among university students.
- ❖ Professor Arvind Kumar, from the Centre for Canadian, United States and Latin American Studies at the School of International Studies, JNU, delivered a thought-provoking keynote address. Professor Kumar shed light on key issues pertaining to the G20 agenda, such as sustainable development, climate change, and global governance. His address provided the audience with a comprehensive understanding of the challenges and opportunities facing the G20 nations.
- ❖ Dr Seshadri Chari, a member of the Governing Board and Governing Council of RIS, New Delhi. Dr Chari delivered special remarks and shared his insights on the importance of international cooperation and the role of young leaders in shaping global discourse. His remarks set the stage for the engaging discussions that followed.
- ❖ Special remarks were also delivered by Dr Ravindranathan P, Head. of the Department of Geopolitics & International Relations, Dr Padma Rani, Director of the Manipal Institute of Communication, and Dr Sanjay Pattanshetty, Associate Professor and Faculty Coordinator of Prasanna School of Public Health. These esteemed faculty members shared their expertise and perspectives on various aspects of geopolitics, international relations, and public health, providing valuable insights to the audience.
- ❖ The event culminated with an interactive session in which students raised thoughtful questions which was duly addressed by speakers.



University of Mysore

15 May 2023

The University of Mysore, organised the G20 University Connect event titled Engaging Young Minds.” As part of India’s G20 Presidency theme, “One Earth, One Family, One Future,” the event aimed to engage the youth and students in discussions about global issues and India’s role in G20.

- ❖ The event garnered an overwhelming response from young scholars from various colleges and fields such as International Relations, Engineering, Ayurveda, Space Technology, and Maritime. The programme commenced with the unveiling of India’s G20 Logo and Theme. Dr Bharati Hiremath, Head and Founder Coordinator of the Department of International Relations at Maharaja’s College, University of Mysore, welcomed the esteemed guests, faculty, and young scholars to the event, emphasizing the importance of engaging the youth in shaping the G20 agenda.
- ❖ The Young Scholars’ Round Table on G20 featured discussions on various topics, including Space Technology and Governance, Climate Action, Maritime Governance, Green Energy Transition, Heritage Conservation, Addressing Maritime Plastic, Renewable Energy, Disaster Management, and Preserving the Cultural Heritage of Indigenous Communities. The event also included an interactive session with young scholars offering feedback and insights on these critical issues.
- ❖ Prominent figures such as Professor K.S. Rangappa, Dr Seshadri Chari, and Dr Krishna Prasad N. lauded the presentations by young scholars and stressed the importance of research and development in areas such as drug discovery, hydrogen as a future fuel, and the integration of Ayurveda in healthcare practices. The event concluded with an interactive question-and-answer session and the singing of the national anthem.



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National Institute of Advanced Studies

8 February 2023

The G20 University Connects – Engaging Young Minds event at the National Institute of Advanced Studies (NIAS) took place on 8 February 2023 at NIAS, Bangalore. Scholars from Mysuru University, Pondicherry University and Saint Joseph's University, Bengaluru also took part in this lecture. Dr Subachandran, Dean of the School of Conflict and Peace Studies at NIAS, served as the programme organizer. The young scholars presented papers on the twin themes of “India’s G20 Heritage” and “India: G20 and Environment”.

- ❖ Rashmi Ramesh, a young PhD scholar presented an engaging and rich paper on “G20 and the world affected by anthropogenic climate change”, wherein she outlined the various climate action resolutions adopted at previous global summits like the Paris Accord and the previous G20 Summits and what the youth can do towards the fulfilment of those resolutions including a change in our consumption patterns.
- ❖ Aishwarys Mhaske and Gaurav talked about “G20 and the youth’s role in heritage research, heritage conservation and sustainable heritage management”. Another young scholar Athira presented a paper on wildlife conservation and its challenges. Several other papers were presented dealing with themes of sustainable tourism, youth in G20, skill enhancement of the youth, peacebuilding measures in G20, gender, sustainable HR practices in G20 economy countries, youth ambassadors in collective policy intervention, marine biodiversity conservation, etc..
- ❖ NIAS Director Professor Shailesh Nayak spoke on the need to adopt a cross disciplinary approach in studying allied themes of research like climate, refugees, and humanitarian measures. He also spoke on the changes ushered by emerging technologies like AI and ML and the need for the youth to be abreast with them. Professor Bhanumurthy commended the government on making the G20 Summit a collective effort involving various strata of the society.





Kerala

Over
4200
Students
Participated

- **Central University of Kerala**
- **Kerala University**
- **Indian Institute of Management, Kozhikode**
- **Cochin University of Science and Technology**

Central University of Kerala

22 March 2023

On 22 March 2023, the Central University of Kerala played host to a stimulating event as part of the University Connect programme, designed to facilitate academic exchange, intellectual discourse, and discussions on pressing global issues. The agenda of the event was comprehensive, encompassing a series of engaging sessions.

- ❖ The event's keynote address was delivered by Ambassador Manjeev Puri, a former diplomat. Ambassador Puri's insights into diplomacy, global governance, and India's role in international relations stimulated thoughtful discussions among the attendees. Furthermore, special remarks from esteemed guests Professor K. Jayaprasad and Professor A Subramanyam Raju enriched the event by providing diverse perspectives on global affairs, adding depth to the discussions and promoting a more comprehensive understanding of the subject matter.
- ❖ The event's dynamic question and answer session allowed participants to actively engage with the speakers, seeking clarifications and sharing their unique viewpoints on the topics under discussion. Additionally, the announcement of student activities and competitions added an exciting dimension to the event, fostering active participation and facilitating academic and cultural exchanges among the attendees.
- ❖ The University Connect programme at the Central University of Kerala served as a valuable platform for intellectual discourse, international collaboration, and academic enrichment, reflecting the university's steadfast dedication to academic excellence and global engagement.



Kerala University

9 January 2023

The Kerala University played a pivotal role in the G20 University Connect programme, a collaborative effort between the Ministry of External Affairs and RIS (Research Information Systems for Developing Countries).

- ❖ Dr Priyadarshi Dash, RIS provided valuable context for India's G20 presidency, tracing its origins to financial crises in the 1990s. He elucidated the G20's evolution from discussions on fiscal and monetary policies to government-level summits in response to global crises. Dr Dash highlighted the diverse agenda of the G20, encompassing sustainable development and poverty eradication, and shared insights into the numerous meetings planned during India's presidency, as well as the intricate three-tier negotiation process involved.
- ❖ Professor T. C. James highlighted the importance of health in G20 and initiatives taken by G20 in the past. Professor Girish Kumar R. underscored India's readiness to assume a credible leadership role in a world marked by shifting global power dynamics. With international trade on the rise, multilateralism has become paramount, and India stands prepared to provide such leadership. He also recognised the University's capacity to leverage the G20 University Connect programme for its advantage, underscoring the institution's potential to contribute significantly to global discussions and collaborations.



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Indian Institute of Management, Kozhikode

13 September 2023

IIM Kozhikode, located in Kerala, played a pivotal role in the G20 University Connect programme on 13 September. The event served as a vibrant platform for fostering academic exchange and intellectual dialogue among students and experts. A highlight of the event was the special lecture delivered by Ambassador J.K. Tripathi, focusing on the “Global South” within the G20 context.

- ❖ Ambassador Tripathi’s lecture delved into the unique challenges and opportunities faced by nations in the Global South within the framework of the G20. This insightful discourse stimulated thoughtful discussions and provided attendees with a deeper understanding of the complexities involved in global governance.
- ❖ IIM Kozhikode’s active participation in the G20 University Connect programme underscored the institution’s commitment to promoting international cooperation and academic excellence while addressing critical global issues. The event not only showcased the university’s dedication to fostering academic collaboration but also contributed significantly to the ongoing dialogue surrounding the role of the Global South in shaping the G20’s agenda and future global governance.



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Cochin University of Science and Technology

20 March 2023

Cochin University of Science and Technology (CUSAT) took immense pride in organizing the G20 University Connect lecture series and associated student activities in collaboration with the University's Office of International Relations.

- ❖ The event was graced by distinguished guests, including Ambassador Manjeev Puri, Vice Chancellor Professor Dr KN Madhusoodanan, Pro Vice Chancellor PG. Shankaran, and Dean of International Relations at Pondicherry University, Shri Subramanyam Raju, among others.
- ❖ The programme featured a welcome address by Vice Chancellor Dr KN Madhusoodanan, followed by a keynote address and engaging question-answer session with Chief Guest Ambassador Manjeet Singh Puri. Special remarks and a report on student activities related to G20 were presented by Dr Remya Ramachandran.
- ❖ The successful organisation of the G20 University Connect programme by CUSAT's NSS and Office of International Relations highlighted the university's commitment to fostering international cooperation and academic excellence while actively engaging with critical global issues. The event not only showcased the enthusiasm and dedication of NSS volunteers but also contributed significantly to the ongoing dialogue surrounding the G20 and its implications for the global community.



Media/Social Media



Ladakh

Over
800
Students
Participated



University of Ladakh

30 May 2023

University of Ladakh (UOL) hosted the G20 University Connect Lecture Series on 'Engaging Young Minds' on 30 May 2023. There were around 800 students that attended the event. Apart from insightful deliberations on the Indian G20 Presidency, the event placed emphasis on "Projecting Ladakh as Future Spiritual Destination of India".

- ❖ Discussions revolved around outlined various aspects of India's G20 Presidency and their role in shaping a sustainable global future. There were also interesting deliberations on the technological and digital advancement that India has achieved.
- ❖ Ladakh's role as the future spiritual destination of India was also brilliantly highlighted. The co-existence between the nature and spirituality was well-established in the discussions that followed.
- ❖ As a part of the event, an interesting panel discussion also deliberated on the importance of spiritualism as an eminent aspect of promoting Ladakh and be recognized as a spiritual destination.

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Ladakh Univ organises G20 U Connect Lecture

■ EARTH NEWS SERVICE

LEH: The G20 University Connect Lecture Series on 'Engaging Young Minds' took place at the University of Ladakh, Leh Campus, in a collaborative effort between the Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS) and the University of Ladakh.

The program aimed to foster intellectual discourse and engage young minds in



exploring innovative ideas for the future.

The Inaugural session of the program witnessed the

esteemed presence of the Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Brigadier B D Mishra, the Vice

Ladakh Univ ...

Chancellor of Ladakh University, Prof SK Mehta, Prof Arvin Kumar from Centre for Canadian, United States and Latin American studies, School of International studies, JNU along with Ven Bhikkhu Sanghasena.

Bhikkhu Sanghasena delivered a thought-provoking talk on the theme "Projecting Ladakh as the future spiritual destination of India".

During his address, Bhikkhu Sanghasena emphasized the collective responsibility to promote Ladakh as a spiritual tourist destination, likening it to the mythical Shangri-la. He expressed his deep appreciation to Prof S K Mehta, vice chancellor and the University of Ladakh for hosting this important discussion.

In fact Bhikkhu Sanghasena for last three decades has been rising his voice and working for the same; to make Ladakh the capital of spirituality; Meditation and Yoga.

Panellists include Dhammachari Tsewang Norbu Vivek, Founder, International Fellowship of Buddhist Youth, Ladakh, Lobzang Visuddha, Founder, Ancient Tracks & Founder Chairman, WCBL, Deleks Namgyal, President, All Ladakh Tour Operators Association, Leh, Lobzang Tsendol, Vice President, All Ladakh Tour Operators Association, Leh, Venerable Dorje Dolma, Harvard Divinity School.

Madhya Pradesh

WELCOME TO THE CITY OF LAKES

- **Devi Ahilya Vishwavidyalya (DAVV)**
- **Indian Institute of Management, Indore**
- **Makhanlal Chaturvedi National University of Journalism and Communication**
- **Shri Krishna University**
- **Indira Gandhi National Tribal University**
- **Vikram University**
- **Jiwaji University**

Over
9500
Students
Participated



Devi Ahilya Vishwavidyalaya (DAVV)

13 February 2023

DAVV hosted intellectually stimulating events as part of G20 University Connect programme on 13 February 2023. The event aimed to promote intellectual understanding and informed research on contemporary challenges like climate change, agricultural growth, food security among others. Various competitions were organized as part of this programme and students showed great enthusiasm in participating in various competitions. A model G20 summit was held at the university.

- ❖ Essays covered a wide range of themes that include climate change, gender equality, and technological innovations. Participants exhibited great depth of insights and ideas with an orientation of finding solutions for global issues.
- ❖ A quiz competition was organized in order to test students' knowledge on topics of climate change, sustainable development, political economy and culture.
- ❖ Dr Guillaume Gruere, the keynote speaker, delivered an insightful lecture on the topic of agriculture and resource policies, shedding light on the current challenges and proposing potential solutions. His expertise and comprehensive analysis captivated the audience and stimulated engaging discussions.
- ❖ Professor Sachin Chaturvedi provided special remarks, emphasizing the importance of academic collaboration in addressing global challenges and fostering innovation.





Indian Institute of Management, Indore

14 August 2023

- ❖ G20 University Connect Programme was organized on 14 August 2023, at IIM Indore, Madhya Pradesh. The event served as an influential platform for thought-provoking discussions centered on the intersection of education, healthcare, and global diplomacy, contributing to advancing key agendas within the G20 framework.
- ❖ In the keynote lecture Ambassador L. Savithri, stressed upon India's 2023 presidency as a golden year, and emphasized its significance, involving preparatory meetings and domestic outreach, with each state engaged in the exercise. The Ambassador emphasized the inclusive approach, addressing the concerns of Global South nations and ensuring the G20's impact extending beyond its member countries.
- ❖ The interactive sessions by experts was followed by a very dynamic and engaging Q&A session where students enthusiastically posed thought-provoking questions to the speakers, delving deeper into the themes of the G20 and its implications.

Media/Social Media





Makhanlal Chaturvedi National University of Journalism and Communication

17 January 2023

Makhanlal Chaturvedi University, Bhopal organized a lecture series on 17 January 2023 as part of G20 University Connect programme. Lecture was organized at Ganesh Shankar Vidyarthi Auditorium, Bisankhedi campus. Different speakers delivered lecture and covered a wide range of issues that include, health, environment, youth, research, collaboration and cooperation among others.

- ❖ Professor Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS, was the keynote speaker. He emphasised upon role of youth and students in finding innovative solutions for global issues. He encouraged and appreciated participation of students for coming up with ideas. He highlighted that students have a huge role to play in future leadership. He stressed upon need of filling the void in international journalism by young journalists.
- ❖ Dr Andre de Mello e Souza, Coordinator, IEC, IAEA, Brazil highlighted that health and environment require special attention. He called for collaboration between think tanks and government in order to formulate policies backed by data and evidence.
- ❖ Professor Elizabeth Sidiropoulos, CEO, SAIIA, South Africa emphasized upon greater role for youth. She emphasized upon youth having a great potential for demographic dividend. She also highlighted that G20 member countries need to address issues such as environment, poverty, gender equality, ocean protection, and clean air.





Shri Krishna University

17 February 2023

- ❖ As part of University connect programme of G20, Shree Krishna University organised lecture series on 17 February 2023. The university showed great alacrity in organizing lecture series as part of the university connect programme. The overall theme was global collaboration to address pressing challenges. Competitions like essay writing and poster making was held for the students.
- ❖ Ambassador Dinkar Srivastava, a former diplomat, delivered special lecture and highlighted role of India's presidency of G20. He emphasised upon sustainable development, digitalization and inclusive growth as key areas of concern.
- ❖ Special lecture was followed by interactive session in which other participants asked numerous though provoking questions to the ambassador leading to exchange of ideas and perspectives.
- ❖ Professor Kanhaiya Ahuja, a distinguished member of G20 University Connect Steering Committee shared his valuable insights on the importance of academic collaboration and research endeavors in pursuit of G20 objectives.

Indira Gandhi National Tribal University

22 August 2023



The G20 University Connect programme of IGNTU University in collaboration with RIS was held on 22 Aug 2023. More than 1000 students and faculty members from various departments of IGNTU participated in the programme.

- ❖ Director General, RIS Professor Sachin Chaturvedi highlighted the multifaceted agenda of the Indian G20 Presidency and emphasised that as a rapidly emerging economy, India is dedicated to contributing to policies that foster financial stability, encourage open trade, promote investment, and champion sustainable development.
- ❖ Interesting panel discussions session also highlighted the critical issues surrounding the G20 and its relevance to the growth of the Indian economy and eminent speakers like Professor Kanahiya Ahuja and Professor R.K. Bramhe, shared their insights on various aspects of issues related to development.
- ❖ The lecture series was also preceded by a handful of pre-event student activities such as quiz, poster-making competition, sports events, video-making competition and youth-lecture series. The winners from these competitions were felicitated during the main event.



Media/Social Media



Vikram University

28 July 2023

Vikram University, Ujjain, organized lecture series as part of University Connect programme of G20 under India's presidency was organized on 28 July 2023.

- ❖ The keynote speaker Ambassador J. S. Mukul spoke about India's vision of leading the world and stressed that G20 programmes were not limited to the government, rather, the need of the hour is to take it deep down to the common man of India. He was of the view that India can present itself as a reliable partner in global scenario particularly in financial uncertainty, climate change, international terrorism, global conflicts and trust deficiency among countries.
- ❖ Professor Kanhaiya Ahuja, Director School of Economics, Devi Ahilya University, Indore emphasised on the importance of timing of India's G20 Presidency discussing particularly the Ukraine conflict and said, that it is the duty of every citizen to build New India of 21st century. He said that the emergence of North was based on the politics of coercion by the developed nations. India's strategic global location may lead it to emerge as a leader that can reverse Nation-centric approach to multilateralism and humanitarian World Order.
- ❖ Professor Akhilesh Kumar Pandey, Hon'ble Vice chancellor Vikram University, Ujjain spoke about the motto of the G20 summit 2023 'Vasudeva Kuttambakam - One world, one family' and explained that the dynamic growth in infrastructure, health, education and defense sector in India in the past 50 years has made the nation strong in world order. India has shown that it is possible to co-exist and progress with non-belligerent ties, through sharing and co-operation rather than following the hegemonic model of dominance and power practiced by the Western world.



Media/Social Media



Jiwaji University

24 April 2023



Jiwaji University, Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh organised the G20 University Connect Lecture on “Indian G20 Presidency” on 24 April 2023. During the event, Certificates and Awards were distributed to the winners and runner-ups of the G20-related pre-event activities organised by the university such as debate, essay and poetry competitions.

- ❖ Shri Rajeev Kher, Former Commerce Secretary, Government of India and Distinguished Fellow, RIS, delivered the Special Lecture highlighting the significance of the Indian G20 Presidency, wherein he elaborated on the role of the G20 and how the Indian Presidency is leveraging this platform to be the voice of the Global South.
- ❖ Vice Chancellor Professor Avinash Tiwari expressed his gratitude for selecting Jiwaji University to host the G20 University Connect Lecture and stated that the Indian Presidency of the G20 is a great historic occasion and it must be celebrated across the country.

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Maharashtra



- Tata Institute of Social Sciences
- Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University
- Rashtrasant Tukadoji Maharaj Nagpur University
- Symbiosis International University

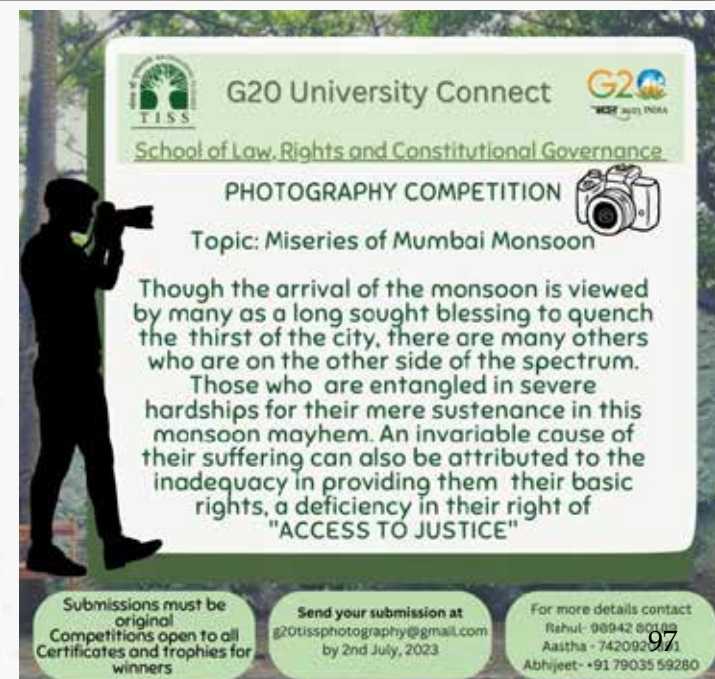
Over
7000
Students
Participated

Tata Institute of Social Sciences

22 June 2023

Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai organised lecture series as part of University Connect programme of G20 on 22nd June, 2023. Lecture covered themes of climate change and need for skilling workforce in order to cope with dynamic transition. The event also focused upon agrarian growth. Quiz competition was organised on the topic of constitution of India was organised as pre-event activities. In addition, photography competition was also held as pre-event activities.

- ❖ Ambassador J. S. Mukul delivered keynote lecture. He covered a wide range of issues as part of his lecture. He lauded India's effort in hosting G20 and stressed upon India's increasing importance in the world order.
- ❖ He emphasised that agricultural practices have to be changed keeping in mind water stress and climate change.
- ❖ He also called for imparting digital skill to emerging workforce to cope up with technological advancements.



Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University

17 February 2023

The G20 University Connect engaging young minds with a theme of multidimensional perspective of scientific and cultural heritage was held at Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University on 17 February 2023. The event witnessed by large number of students and faculty from all the universities affiliated to Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University, Aurangabad coming from the city and neighbouring region.

- ❖ Multiple activities such as G-20 Quiz contest, G-20 Poster Contest, G-20 Innovative Business Idea Contest, 'G-20 W-20' Women Led Leadership Awareness Workshop and G-20 Essay Contests had been arranged in the University Connect initiative.
- ❖ Professor Vijay Khare delivered a special lecture on G20 Indian Presidency. He provided historical context for the establishment of international institutions and highlighted different measures of the new education policy to reduce the brain drain. He also stressed India's focus on maintaining stability, peace, and a nuclear war-free world, despite past conflicts with neighbouring countries, and promote positive energy among young minds through university connections.
- ❖ Dr Manager Singh an expert in heritage conservation of the Archeological Survey of India, shared his extensive research in the field of scientific studies of the conservation of heritage and antiquities. He started by discussing his experience while restoring the sculptures and paintings of gods and goddesses of Maharashtra. He suggested using traditional techniques like using Millet juice mixed with plaster or lime mixed with cement paste to prevent termites instead of harmful chemicals
- ❖ Dr Jyoti Chandiramani, Director, Symbiosis School of Economics and Dean of the faculties of Humanities and Social Sciences, discussed the principles of conduct for globalisation, emphasising cooperation, long-term peace and security, equity, gender equality, sustainability, collaboration, and resilience



Media/Social Media



Rashtrasant Tukadoji Maharaj Nagpur University

16 March 2023

A lecture series with the theme of 'G20 University Connect' was organised on 16 March 2023, by Rashtrasant Tukadoji Maharaj Nagpur University, Nagpur, in association with RIS. The lecture series got the power pack participation of 660 students. Honourable Vice Chancellor of the Nagpur University, Dr Subhash Chaudhary, gave the presidential address by informing students that Rashtrasant Tukadoji Maharaj Nagpur University is celebrating centenary year with the theme 'Gram Chalo Abhiyan'.

- ❖ Quiz and essay competitions were organized on the various themes of G20.
- ❖ Dr A.M. Gondane, a former high commissioner of India to Australia, provided an analysis on the inception and objectives of the G20. He emphasised the significance of India, a growing post colonial nation, being at a pivotal moment in history. He discussed how India has integrated 17 objectives established by the United Nations for the advancement of human civilization, including areas such as the environment, renewable energy, women's empowerment, and biodiversity.
- ❖ Dr Jyoti Chandanamani, the Director of Symbiosis School of Economics, delivered a lecture on the topic of "Multilateralism and Inclusive Development." She emphasised the efforts made by India to promote inclusion in several aspects, such as development, collaboration, and cooperation. The speaker also underscored that the current state of affairs in the globe might be characterized as a polycrisis. She also stated that the vulnerability has several aspects, as shown by its reflection in the sustainable development goals (SDGs).



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Symbiosis International University

18 March 2023

The G20 University Connect event held at Symbiosis International University (SIU) on 18th March 2023 aimed to highlight India's economic growth, its role as a global entity in the G20, and the significance of education in fostering internationalisation.

- ❖ As a component of the pre-student activities, a variety of contests were organized, including Debates, Quiz, and Poster creation, with the aim of fostering the students' engagement and enthusiasm towards the G20 proceedings.
- ❖ The ceremony was graced by Shri Harsh Vardhan Shringla, the Chief Coordinator of the G20, who expressed his deep admiration for Prime Minister Narendra Modi's strategy of fostering international integration, which has resulted in India's enhanced resilience in the face of the global catastrophe precipitated by the epidemic. He also emphasised the significance of India's diverse socio-economic, geo-political, and cultural backgrounds in addressing worldwide difficulties and attaining global economic expansion.
- ❖ Professor S. B. Mujumdar, Chancellor of SIU, reiterated the university's conviction in the transformative potential of education as a formidable instrument for fostering globalization. He emphasised on the inherent presence of internationalism within Symbiosis, highlighting the cohabitation of Indian and foreign students and the subsequent mutual influence on their respective viewpoints.
- ❖ The Vice-Chancellor of SIU, Dr Rajani Gupte, underscored the significance of partnerships between academic institutions and the international community in tackling shared obstacles and expressed gratitude to all those who contributed to the successful execution of the event.



Meghalaya

Over
450
Students
Participated



North-Eastern Hill University

2 June 2023

- ❖ North-Eastern Hill University organised lecture series as part of University Connect programme of G20 on 2 June 2023. Lectures covered themes of biodiversity and conservation of water resources and regenerative agricultural practices.
- ❖ Professor Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS delivered keynote lecture and put particular emphasis on biodiversity, agrarian growth and indigenous medicine. He highlighted that local and indigenous practices in areas like agriculture and medicine might be of great value and would contribute in the overall growth of India's North-east.
- ❖ Ms. Patricia Mukhim delivered special lecture and covered topics of climate change, agriculture and inclusive growth. She particularly highlighted the need for women's participation in workforce which would pave the way for their empowerment.

Mizoram

Over
1000
Students
Participated

Mizoram University

6 March 2023

Mizoram University organised lecture series as part of University connect programme of G20 on 6 March 2023. The programme commenced with a welcome speech from Professor Srinibas Pathi, President, MZU G20 University Connect Team who welcomed the dignitaries and attendees.

- ❖ Special lecture was delivered by Ambassador Lalduhthlana Ralte, former Diplomat. He emphasised upon sustainable development, agricultural growth and health. In addition, he also underscored the importance of digital transformatin.
- ❖ The Chief Guest, Vice Chancellor of Mizoram University, Professor Pravakar Rath expressed his happiness for the success of the event. While highlighting the event as a great opportunity for Mizoram University to be a part of G20 activities. He envisioned the prospects of sustainable development and the role of the higher education institutions.
- ❖ The Guest of Honour, Professor Lalnundanga, Registrar of MZU conveyed words of encouragement for the participants. He highlighted the need to focus on climate change and renewable energy. He also addressed the role to be played by the University. He further added that academics have the responsibility to contribute towards the sustainable development through research in identifying the problems and suggesing possible solutions.

Nagaland



Over
600
Students
Participated

St. Joseph University

18 April 2023

On 18 April and 20 April 2023, St. Joseph University, Chumoukedima, hosted the G20 University Connect Lecture Series on “Engaging Young Minds.”

- ❖ Declamation and quiz competitions that were attended by 17 departments were established as literary activities to support the event’s goals of addressing issues pertaining to the global economy, preventing climate change, and promoting sustainable development.
- ❖ Ambassador Sanjay Bhattacharya, a former Ambassador and Secretary in India’s Ministry of External Affairs, served as the event’s keynote speaker. He emphasised several major concepts, including transformation, climate change, sustainable development, technology, the digital society, artificial intelligence (AI), and others.
- ❖ Dr Somingam Mawon, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science of the host University, underlined India’s plan to portray its presidency as the Presidency of Hope, Harmony, and Peace at the 2023 G20 in his note of remarks on the occasion.
- ❖ Dr Chubatila, an assistant professor in the department of Political Science, presided over the event. Welcome remarks were delivered by Dr K Sethupathy, Registrar, SJU and the dignitaries were felicitated by Dr D. Gnanadurai, who is the Vice-Chancellor of SJU. Dr Kinitoli Yeptho, Academic Dean of St. Joseph University, made a proposal for a vote of appreciation to close the event. Dr Shonreiphy Longvah served as the rapporteur for the day.



Odisha

- Ravenshaw University
- Xavier Institute of Management University
- Indian Institute of Management, Sambalpur
- Kalahandi University
- Khariar Autonomous College

Over
6000
Students
Participated



Ravenshaw University

20 April 2023

In a bid to sensitize the youth about India assuming the G20 Presidency, a special lecture was conducted at Ravenshaw University on 20 April 2023 at the main auditorium of the university. The event was also preceded by a range of pre-student activities marked by heavy enthusiasm among the students.

- ❖ Ambassador Debraj Pradhan, the keynote speaker addressed the students on the eminence of the G20 logo that reflects the thought of universal brotherhood. He further highlighted the India's agenda for the G20 and delved deeper into the concepts of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- ❖ Professor Chintamani Mahapatra, in his special remarks highlighted India's continuous evolution in post-independence years and pointed out India's capabilities in becoming a major player in resolving international crises.
- ❖ The lecture was also preceded by a range of pre-event activities ranging from essay competition, debates, quiz, poster competition. A Model G20 was deliberated and cyclothon was also conducted for students and faculties led by the Vice-Chancellor of the university.



Xavier Institute of Management University

21 July 2023

The G20 University Connect Lecture Series was organised at the Xavier Institute Management, Bhubaneswar on 21 July 2023. The lecture was based on the theme “Coastal Economy: Ingredients for a Convivial Future”. The imperative to select the ‘coastline’ as the context for deliberations is due to the University’s proximity to the coastline. The adjective in the title, “convivial”, was consciously chosen to highlight the overarching theme of India’s G20 Presidency – Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam.

- ❖ The Keynote speaker, focused his entire talk on three words, Sangharsh, Nirmaan and Seva as he focused on the ingredients for the Convivial Future of Marine Fisheries. He suggested that all the actors and stakeholders need to focus on managing the natural resource in the sea and human resources on the coast by focusing on these three pillars.
- ❖ Ambassador Debraj Pradhan enumerated the details of establishing the G20. He gave a historical overview of the G20 Summits, offering a bird’s view of the tracks, agenda, and membership in the G20 Summits.
- ❖ An enriching panel discussion followed this with rich deliberations on the role played by Self Help Groups (SHGs) in contributing to the financial independence of the many women in the coastal belt of Odisha.
- ❖ Pre-event student activities prior to the lecture were also conducted that ranged from poster making to essay competitions. Winners from these competitions were felicitated during the event.



Indian Institute of Management, Sambalpur

1 September 2023



- ❖ The G20 University connect professor was organized at IIM Sambalpur in collaboration with RIS on 1 September 2023. Mr J. K. Tripathi, the keynote speaker elaborated on the importance of the summit and how this platform can be leveraged to showcase to the world. He emphasised on India's economic growth and the experiences of India in various sectors like digital economy, start-ups solar power and clean energy.
- ❖ Discussions also centred around about the importance of startups and innovation in India while focusing on 'One Earth, One Family, One Future'.
- ❖ Students also raised pertinent questions related to key themes and priorities that India aims to address during its G20 Presidency this year; India's G20 Presidency contribution to enhancing international trade and fostering economic resilience in the face of ongoing disruptions

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Kalahandi University

10 April 2023

The G20 University Connect Lecture Series took place in full swing at Kalahandi University on 10 April 2023. The main lecture series were also preceded by exciting pre-event student activities.

- ❖ Director General, RIS, Professor Sachin Chaturvedi emphasised on the priorities of the Indian G20 Presidency and its growing achievements in the digital technology, fintech, etc.
- ❖ Shri Sujeet Kumar, Hon'ble MP (Rajya Sabha) presented the global economic challenges and the need for cooperation among G20 countries
- ❖ Insightful discussions also took place regarding the theme of Indian's G20 Presidency, i.e. "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam" and its prominence in the context of current geopolitical developments.
- ❖ Students who emerged as winners from various pre-event student activities such as quiz, poster-making competition held before the lecture were also felicitated during the event.



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Khariar Autonomous College

11 April 2023

The G20 University Connect Lecture was held at the Khariar Autonomous College on 11 April 2023.

- ❖ The event witnessed interesting deliberations on issues such as women-led development, energy transition, climate finance, etc.
- ❖ Keynote Speaker, Professor Sachin Chaturvedi put forth his ideas on the emerging role of India in addressing issues of global priority. He also highlighted the priorities of Indian G20 presidency
- ❖ Shri Sujeet Kumar, Hon'ble MP (Rajya Sabha) encouraged students to take interest in global issues like G20. He provided the larger picture emerging from the G20 presidency.
- ❖ This was followed by a lively interactive session between the students where a variety of questions ranging from food security, climate finance to green development were raised.
- ❖ Students who emerged as winners from pre-student activities such as quiz, poster-making, etc. were felicitated during the event.



Pondicherry

Pondicherry University

31 March 2023

- ❖ Pondicherry University conducted the “G20 University Connect” programme in its Port Blair campus on 31 March 2023 RIS with the theme on ‘Engaging Young Minds’ to prosper inclusive, ambitious, action-oriented and decisive agenda of G20.
- ❖ Ambassador Rahul Chhabra, former Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India and other dignitaries lighted the lamp indicating an invocation of the waves of knowledge that are activated on the stage.
- ❖ Dr C. Sivaperuman, Joint Director and Officer in charge, Zoological Survey of India, Port Blair Centre, spoke on the suitability of the G20 programme in island ecosystems. He mentioned that in Andaman and Nicobar group of islands only 38 islands are inhabited amongst 572 Islands. He added significance to conserving the biodiversity resource for these islands. He also elaborated on the geopolitical role these islands will play in the future. Andaman and Nicobar Islands lie in a strategically important zone, meaning that India with its growing capabilities could play a significant role in controlling access.
- ❖ Students of Master’s Programme of three departments, Ocean Studies and Marine Biology, Coastal Disaster Management and Department of Management Studies along with 25 research scholars participated in the event.

Over
700
Students
Participated





Punjab

- Punjabi University
- Chitkara University
- Guru Nanak Dev University
- Guru Angad Dev Veterinary and Animal Sciences

Over
5000
Students
Participated

Punjabi University

23 August 2023

On 23 August, 2023, an engaging G20 University Connect programme was organised at Punjabi University, Patiala. It was graced by the presence of eminent guests like Sri Harpal Singh Cheema, Hon'ble Minister of Finance, Punjab; Professor Ranjeet Singh Ghuman, a professor of eminence at the Guru Nanak Dev University at Amritsar; and former ambassador Shri Navdeep Suri. The lecture had among the attendees, the *divyang* students from the Deaf and Dumb School as well.

- ❖ The keynote address by Ambassador Suri dwelt on the theme of The Rise of India on the Global Stage wherein he underlined the fact that the contemporary world order is no more unipolar and multipolarity favours the rise of India. The exogenous and endogenous factors have both aided in India increasing its footprint abroad.
- ❖ Professor Ghuman, who is an eminent economist, underscored the importance of crop diversification for achieving the goal of sustainability. He also emphasised on making climate impact assessment mandatory for all large projects.
- ❖ Hon'ble Finance Minister Cheema, an alumnus of the same university, expressed his gratitude towards his university and also mentioned the measures taken to plug the loopholes in order to augment tax collection in his state.



Chitkara University

24 August 2023

The Faculty of Economics at the Chitkara University, in collaboration with RIS conducted the Univesity Connect event on the 24th August, 2023 to engage the young minds on issues surrounding India's G20 presidency. A series of activities, competitions and lectures were conducted to foster academic growth, global awareness, and innovation among the students. Eminent academicians from around the country delivered insightful lectures on India's global leadership role.

- ❖ Dr Madhu Chitkara formally inaugurated the programme and gave the inaugural address where she explained how the G20 University Connect programme contributes towards the achievement of UN SDGs.
- ❖ Academics who delivered the lectures included Professor Manish from Central University of Gujarat, Professor Kanhaiya Ahuja from Devi Ahilya University, Indore, Professor NR Bhanumurthy, the VC of BASE, Bengaluru, and Dr Rahul Ranjan, Consultant, RIS.
- ❖ The main points highlighted in these lectures included: opportunities for India to steer the world; climate action; promotion of fair trade and ethical investments; inclusive economic growth; reduction of income disparities; renewable energy adoption, etc..
- ❖ The Q&A session threw up interesting questions from the students, which dwelt on issues such as: G20's leverage in tackling global migration and humanitarian crises; fostering cross-cultural understanding within G20; increasing youth's employment opportunities, entrepreneurship and skill development; overcoming the contradictions between economic growth and climate sustainability; circular economy; plans for technology and knowledge exchange within the G20.



Guru Nanak Dev University

28 April 2023

Guru Nanak Dev University (GNDU), Amritsar organised the G20 University Connect Lectures on 28 April, 2024. Preceding the lectures, activities like essay competition, poster making competition, quiz on G20, and extempore debates were also conducted. The main lectures drew more than 500 participants from within the University as well as from civil society. The lectures centred on crucial topics such as sustainable development, climate change, and AI regulation. The active participation of students, faculty, and experts created a platform for interdisciplinary dialogue and collaboration.

- ❖ Professor Jaspal Singh Sandhu, the Vice-Chancellor of GNDU, delivered the inaugural address, emphasizing the university's commitment to the G20 themes and its contribution to sustainable development.
- ❖ Ambassador Navdeep Singh Suri delivered a special lecture discussing the boundaries of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and the need for interdisciplinary collaboration in its regulation.
- ❖ Professor Gulshan Sachdeva from Jawaharlal Nehru University spoke on India's Presidency of the G20, highlighting its priorities and the role of consultations with G20 partners and the Global South.



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Guru Angad Dev Veterinary and Animal Sciences University

23 August 2023

Guru Angad Dev Veterinary and Animal Sciences University and Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana jointly organised G20 University connect programme on 23 August 2023. The theme of G20 University Connect – Engaging young minds was “Climate-Smart Agriculture, Food System, and One Health”.

- ❖ Dr S. S. Gosal, the esteemed Vice Chancellor of PAU threw light on the G20's significance in agriculture. Dr Gosal elaborated that wheat production has been lowered by 15-20 per cent due to erratic and heat waves in recent years.
- ❖ Professor Manish, Dean, School of International Studies, Central University of Gujarat, Ahmedabad delivered his talk on the topic “G20 Presidency: Opportunities for India”. He introduced audience on how India got the G20 Presidency and discussed new opportunities for India in global trade, sustainable development and investment.
- ❖ Dr Smita Sirohi, Joint Secretary (G20), Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, GoI, New Delhi, made deliberations on the topic “Advancing Sustainable Agriculture Transformation: G20 Commitments and Future Research Frontiers”.



Rajasthan

Over
4000
Students
Participated

- **Mohanlal Sukhadia University**
- **Malviya National Institute of Technology**
- **Jay Narayan Vyas University**
- **BITS Pilani**

18 March 2023

- ❖ G20 University Connect was organised on 18 March 2023, at Jai Narain Vyas University, Jodhpur University, Rajasthan. The event was saw good participation from students.
- ❖ In his keynote lecture, Ambassador Sanjay Bhattacharya stressed upon the rising influence of India in the age of Globalization and termed the current era as the 'age of youth'.
- ❖ An interactive session with students took place on range of issues around the G20 and role of India.



Media/Social Media



Mohanlal Sukhadia University

25 August 2023

'G20 University Connect: Engaging Young Minds' took place at Mohanlal Sukhadia University on 25 August 2023 to celebrate India's presidency of G20. The event saw huge participation from students which focussed on the theme of Climate Change, Sustainable Development and Economics.

- ❖ The programme was graced by presence of Ambassador Satbir Singh who delivered his keynote speech on G20 Indian Presidency. He remarked that the main objective of the country-wide G20 programmes is to engage the people and youth as the brand ambassadors to spread awareness regarding India's role in the world. He mentioned that India is now on the path of becoming a world leader.
- ❖ Yoga event, quiz competition and poster competition were organised before to create awareness and enthusiasm amongst the students about the G20 Summit and sensitize young minds about the impact of the Environment and Climate Change on developing countries.



Media/Social Media



Malviya National Institute of Technology

9 August 2023

MNIT, Jaipur hosted an engaging lecture series as part of University Connect programme of G20 on 9 August 2023. Lectures covered themes of digital infrastructure, technological innovations, and skilling of labor force and so on and so forth.

- ❖ Ambassador J. S. Mukul delivered keynote lecture and focused on quite a few issues. To begin with, Ambassador highlighted role of India in contributing towards resolution of global crises and conflicts and applauded its peacekeeping mission.
- ❖ He also addressed youth and emphasized upon critical role of technological innovation. He stressed that technological advancement is key for future as technology enabled solutions are indispensable for achieving the goal of carbon neutrality.
- ❖ He also emphasised that nature of work has been undergoing massive shift with the introduction of artificial intelligence and digitalisation. Therefore, he suggested that imparting advanced skills would be key for inclusive and equitable growth.



BITS Pilani

25 August 2023

- ❖ G20 University Connect Leadership Conclave was organised on 25 August 2023, at BITS Pilani to celebrate India's presidency of G20. The event was saw huge participation from students and comprised of engaging Panel Discussion with Government, Industry and Academic Leaders.
- ❖ In the keynote lecture delivered by Ambassador Ms. Preeti Saran, it was highlighted that 'the key difference of this event from others is that the G-20 Presidency of India is a yearlong celebration and is achieved by "Jan Bhagidari" – where every Indian citizen can mark the celebration while showcasing Indian culture and traditions'.
- ❖ An interactive session with students took place on range of issues including purpose of G-20, appreciation of US dollar, AI integration in education, etc.



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Sikkim

Over
400
Students
Participated

Sikkim University

28 August 2023

- ❖ Sikkim University conducted a well-attended University Connect event on 28 August 2023. Speakers at the event included eminent personalities like Ambassador Preeti Saran, former secretary, MEA and Professor Chintamani Mahapatra, the Chairman of Kalinga Institute of Indo-Pacific Studies, Bhubaneshwar. Vice Chancellor Professor Avinash Khare made the formal inaugural address and underscored the importance of involving the youth of the northeast in global affairs. Several pre-lecture student activities were also conducted whose winners were awarded by the guests.
- ❖ The chief guest Ambassador Preeti Saran dwelt upon the possibilities for India's emergence as a superpower. She highlighted all the internal as well as external factors going in India's favour in this regard.
- ❖ Vice Chancellor Professor Khare expressed his delight at the opportunities provided by the G20 presidency of India to showcase all its diversity and historical glory.
- ❖ Professor Mahapatra dealt with India's significant roles in the Indo-Pacific area and how the emerging strategic scenarios in this area bode well for India. He took some very thought-provoking questions from the students who were inquisitive about India's quest for a permanent seat at the UNSC, and on issues relating to women-led development in India.



Tamil Nadu

Over
5200
Students
Participated

- Anna University
- Indian Institute of Technology, Madras
- PSG College of Technology

Anna University

10 March 2023

The G20 University Connect Lecture Series, “Engaging Young Minds”, was organised by Anna University on 10 March 2023, at the Vivekananda Auditorium.

- ❖ Students produced posters highlighting various themes of the G20 during the lecture series event.
- ❖ The event’s distinguished guest, Padma Bhushan Dr T. Ramasami, a former Secretary of the Ministry of Science and Technology, highlighted the need to integrate scientific advancements with universal human values in order to benefit society as a whole. He articulated their perspective on the role of universities and educational institutions as a catalyst for empowering the student community, with the overarching objective of fostering a novel avenue for national progress that ultimately serves the betterment of mankind.
- ❖ Professor Dr R. Velraj, Vice Chancellor of Anna University, Chennai, spoke about the fundamental pillars of the nation’s prowess, including its cultural, traditional, spiritual, and technical aptitudes.
- ❖ Professor Dr A. Subamanyam Raju, Dean of International Relations at Pondicherry University, spoke on several dimensions of India that possess a significant influence on the world stage. Dr Priyadarshi Dash of RIS emphasised the significance of India’s G20 Presidency against the current global landscape characterised by heightened geopolitical tensions and India’s role in offering diplomatic resolutions to these challenges.



Indian Institute of Technology, Madras

24 January 2023

Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras hosted the G20 University Connect Lecture Series on 24 January 2023 to create awareness about G20 and what it meant for India to lead the G20 this year. The pre-event student activities included mock G20 and other interactive activities.

- ❖ The distinguished speaker Dr Seshadri Chari, expressed his views on India's altruistic perspective towards information dissemination, stating that India has always embraced the principle of ensuring widespread access to developments rather than monopolising knowledge.
- ❖ Professor A. Subramanyam Raju, Dean of International Relations at Pondicherry University, provided insights into India's regional environment by stating that India, as an open society, effectively navigates the challenges posed by divergent perspectives, hence fostering a sense of harmony. He also highlighted India's capacity to promote peace, stability, and prosperity among nations, alongside its position as one of the globe's most rapidly expanding economies.
- ❖ According to Dr Subash S., a faculty member in the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences at IIT Madras, the Asian economy has emerged as a formidable competitor to Western economies, particularly those of European countries and the United States. G20 nations together account for 80 per cent of the global Gross Domestic Product (GDP), 75 per cent of global commerce, and include 60 per cent of the worldwide population. They possess the ability to exert influence on the economic structure of Asian countries.



PSG College of Technology

28 March 2023

G20 University Connect: Engaging Young Minds Lecture series was organised on 28 March, 2023 at PSG College of Technology. The event focused on several topics, including the overall issues of the G20, climate change and coastal systems, biodiversity and sustainable development, and India's position within the G20. The seminar was well-attended by a diverse group of people, consisting of faculty members, students, and research researchers from PSG institutions and neighbouring colleges in Coimbatore.

- ❖ Ambassador Rahul Chhabra, highlighted the significance of the G20 Presidency for a country like India. Indian G20 Presidency has the capacity to effectively guide the economic development of member states, with particular emphasis on ensuring financial stability, addressing humanitarian crises, alleviating poverty, and providing assistance to the least developed countries.
- ❖ Dr P.N. Vinayachandran, Professor of Oceanography, IISc Bengaluru, addressed the importance of understanding the correlation between global warming and coastal systems in light of recent phenomena like the lack of fishing in March, traditionally the peak fishing month in Karnataka, caused by unpredictable weather.
- ❖ Dr Pramod, Senior Principal Scientist, Salim Ali Centre for Ornithology, Coimbatore, in his address on "Biodiversity and Sustainable Development", enlightened on the diverse biodiversity of India in every aspect, from trees to flowers, animals and insects. The speaker discussed the commodification of biodiversity and emphasised the need of transitioning away from this practice, as it leads to a diminished state of symbiotic interaction with the natural environment.

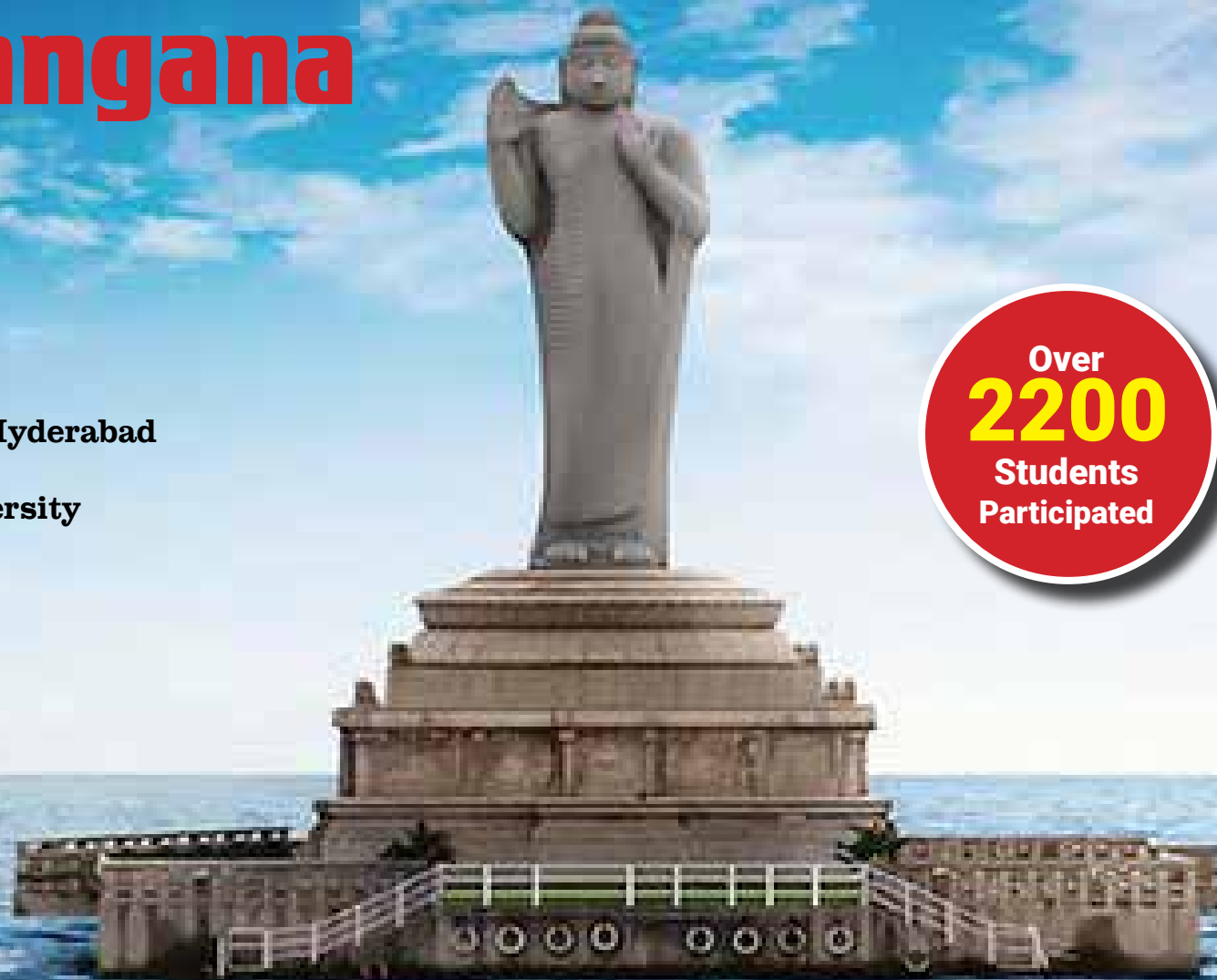
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Telangana

- **University of Hyderabad**
- **Osmania University**

Over
2200
Students
Participated



University of Hyderabad

25 January 2023

As part of the G20 University Connect event, a special lecture titled “G-20 and the Role of Indian Presidency” was delivered by Ambassador Syed Akbaruddin. Ambassador Akbaruddin, the Former Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations and Dean of the Kautilya School of Public Policy in Hyderabad, gave this lecture on January 25, 2023. The event took place at the Zakir Hussain Lecture Hall Complex at the University of Hyderabad (UoH).

- ❖ The lectures during the event delved into various key themes, including Green Development, Climate Finance, LiFE (Livelihoods, Finance, and Energy), Accelerated, Inclusive, and Resilient Growth, Advancing progress on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Technological Transformation, Digital Public Infrastructure, Multilateral Institutions for the 21st century, and Women-led development, among others.
- ❖ Ambassador Syed Akbaruddin underscored the significant role of the G20, representing nearly 80 per cent of the world’s economy, and emphasised the greater responsibility that comes with its Presidency. He encouraged students to actively contribute to making this G20 Presidency a memorable one, as such opportunities arise once every two decades for a country.
- ❖ Professor B. J. Rao, Vice Chancellor of the University of Hyderabad, highlighted the importance of internationalization and the role of the G20. He expressed that the G20 serves as a means to bring the world to India, aligning with the belief in ‘one world, one family.’



Osmania University

14 July 2023

G20 University connect lecture was organised on 14 July 2023, at Osmania University, Hyderabad to celebrate India's presidency of G20. The event served as an influential platform for thought-provoking discussions centered on the intersection of education, healthcare, and global diplomacy, contributing to advancing key agendas within the G20 framework.

- ❖ In the keynote lecture Ambassador Gitesh Sharma remarked that it is the Eureka moment for India due to its strength in education, IT, strong economy, entertainment industry, S&T and Pharma sectors along with soft power of yoga, music and movies. India combines hard and soft power along with use of market and strong diaspora. However, it has to go a long way in these sectors."
- ❖ Critical issues like importance of millets to achieve food security, and addressing the problem of poverty, hunger and nutrition at global level were also covered during the event.



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Tripura



Over
1100
Students
Participated

Tripura University

19 April 2023

G20 University Connect Programme was organised at Tripura University on 19 April 2023, to celebrate India's presidency of G20. The event was graced by presence of Shri Tinku Roy, Hon'ble Minister, Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of Tripura and saw huge participation from students and comprised of engaging discussion amongst experts.

- ❖ In the keynote lecture delivered by Ambassador Lalduhthlana Ralte, a detailed knowledge on G20 Indian Presidency and its importance was highlighted. It was particularly stressed on need for adoption of 'action oriented' policies for successful policy making.
- ❖ The event was also graced by presence of many other dignitaries to raise curiosity and inquisitiveness amongst the youth. Varied issues ranging from environment and digitalisation were discussed during the event. It was followed by a very comprehensive Technical Sessions on 'G20, Climate Change and LiFE' and 'Challenges for Globalization and Emerging role of G20.'



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Uttar Pradesh

- Sharda University
- Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University
- Banaras Hindu University
- Dr Bhimrao Ambedkar University
- Indian Institute of Management, Lucknow
- Deen Dayal Upadhyay University
- Allahabad University



Over
8000
Students
Participated

Sharda University

25 April 2023

The G20 University Connect programme at Sharda University was organised on 25 April 2023. The lecture series focused on the theme of the G20 India presidency and its significance in promoting multilateralism, sustainable development, climate change, and digital transformation. It encouraged young minds to understand their collective responsibility towards each other and the shared future. The event fostered an environment of knowledge exchange, enabling students to engage in discussions and gain a deeper understanding of the G20's goals. The lecture series at Sharda University was a resounding success, enabling students to actively participate in the global dialogue on sustainable development and multilateral cooperation. The event contributed to the overall objective of fostering global awareness and encouraging youth engagement in shaping a sustainable and inclusive future.

- ❖ The special lecture was delivered by Ambassador Dinkar Srivastava, a former diplomat. He acquainted the students with the emergent multilateral global order and the centrality of India's position in it. He also took questions from the students, who were inquisitive and probing.
- ❖ Special remarks were delivered by Dr Dinesh Rai wherein he talked about the key themes and objectives of India's G20 presidency.



Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University

24 February 2023

Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University (A Central University), Lucknow organised various G20 related activities like Model G20, G20 branding in festivals, selfie contests with monuments, especially those illuminated with the G20 logo, extempore debates, poetry and quiz competitions as well as the University Connect Lectures on 24 February 2023.

- ❖ Ambassador Dinkar Srivastav delivered special lecture on Indian G20 presidency he spoke on climate change, SDGs and other important issues



Banaras Hindu University

15 July 2023

Banaras Hindu University hosted the G20 University Connect Special Lecture on 15 July 2023, at K.N. Udupa Auditorium. The event was held as part of India's Presidency of G20, the inter-governmental forum comprising 19 countries and the European Union. The objective was to engage with the students and faculty members of BHU and to underline the importance of India's Presidency of G20.

- ❖ Addressing the gathering, Chief Speaker Ambassador Preeti Saran gave a brief introduction of G20 and explained as to why G20 is in discussion so much. She highlighted that "G20 represents eighty five percent of the global GDP, seventy five percent of world's trade, two-thirds of the world's population and almost half the world's land but most importantly it comprises of twenty influential nations which has the potential to make a difference".
- ❖ Professor Chintamani Mahapatra while highlighting the importance of India's Presidency for G20 said that G20 comprises of the richest countries, fastest growing economies, emerging economies as well as nuclear weapon powers of the world and therefore is capable of making a change. He added that India's Presidency for G20 is serving as a platform to converse with each and every citizen about India's achievements over the course of 75 years and its position at the global level and added that India has gradually moved to become the fifth largest economy in the world. He pointed out that SDGs have taken a backseat after the Covid pandemic and therefore the need is to revive these goals. Talking about women empowerment, he stated that the idea is not to empower women but rather 'women led development'.
- ❖ Professor V.K. Shukla, Rector, Banaras Hindu University, in his Presidential address, talked about the vision of Pandit Madan Mohan Malviya Ji and stated that his vision was that "the students who come to this university must first practice character building, then their first choice should be to serve the country, then the society and lastly the family." Emphasising the theme of G20: One Earth, One Family and One Future, Professor Shukla said that the theme has always been a part of Indian philosophy. He gave the example of Covid crisis and said that when most of the developed nations have refused to provide vaccines to poor nations, India actively helped nations in providing vaccines. He also talked about India's supremacy in the information technology sector.



Dr Bhimrao Ambedkar University

6 May 2023

G-20 University Connect was organized on Saturday, May 6, 2023 at JP Auditorium, Khandari Campus of Dr Bhimrao Ambedkar University.

- ❖ Ambassador Sri. J. S Mukul was the main speaker. The students were made aware of the purpose of the G-20 group and the importance of its meeting. A range of interesting questions were also posed by the students to the distinguished speakers.
- ❖ The students expressed their eager interest to know about the potential of developing our digital infrastructure, the role of our youth in shaping our future and pathway to achieve net zero emissions. University actively participated in welcoming the representatives of the G20 countries in the city of TAJ, the students of the University's Institute of Fine Arts made attractive paintings on the roadside and pillars from the airport to Hotel Taj Convention and also made many breathtaking sculpture from Scrap which are now in the name of selfie points in the city are prevalent.
- ❖ Ambassador J.S. Mukul deliberated that organisation of this 18th meeting is also important from India's point of view because it was being organised in the golden age of India's independence.



Indian Institute of Management, Lucknow

10 August 2023

Indian Institute of Management, Lucknow hosted an eventful day as part of University Connect Programme of G20 on 10 August 2023. Apart from lectures delivered by eminent speakers, the event saw active participation of students.

- ❖ Ambassador Sanjay Bhattacharya hailed India's G20 presidency and highlighted that India is leading the way in setting agendas which has global relevance. He categorically stated that the theme of vasudhaiv kutumbkam reflects India's commitment to achieve prosperity for entire humanity. He particularly emphasized upon role of youth in shaping global priorities.
- ❖ Dr Anand P. Maheshwari delivered special lecture on the theme of inclusive and sustainable development. He also highlighted that policies should be backed by data and they need constant revision and reformulation in the face of digitalisation and artificial intelligence.
- ❖ Dr Balu Kenchappa als delivered a special lecture that focused on topics of climate change, energy transition, and sustainable development.



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Youths role discussed at IIM Lucknow session

LUCKNOW: The Indian Institute of Management, Lucknow, (IIM-L) on Thursday hosted the G20 University Connect session in the light of upcoming meeting of the G20 summit under India's presidency.

The session was organised in collaboration with Research and Innovation System for Developing Countries and the ministry of external affairs (MEA).

It was preceded by some college events like G20 Quiz, article writing competition and poetry making. All of them were aimed at engaging the youth in activities surrounding the upcoming summit.

The University Connect began with the premiere of the official G20 video announcing the Indian presidency. The purpose was to foster insightful discussions on global economic challenges and opportunities while facilitating a fruitful exchange of knowledge to guide the national youth. Director, IIM Lucknow,



Participants at the event.

Prof Archana Shukla expressed her gratitude for the organisers for providing the institute a chance to host the event. A lecture series was also started with an address by Sanjay Bhattacharya, secretary, MEA, and India's former ambassador to Switzerland, Turkey and Egypt. He shared the story about the formation of the G20, India's priorities under its presidency and the role of youth in this global dialogue. He laid down seven priorities for the 2030 agenda setting, including climate financing and food security among others.

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Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gorakhpur University

24 May 2023

As part of G20 University Connect programme, Deen Dayal Upadhyay University, Gorakhpur organised lecture series on 24 May 2023. Lecture covered theme of India's growing importance in international affairs.

- ❖ Professor Arvind Kumar delivered keynote address on the theme of sustainable development and climate change. He emphasized upon looming challenges of climate change and its potential impact on agrarian growth.
- ❖ Professor Kanhaiya Ahuja delivered special lecture and focused upon inclusive and equitable growth. He highlighted the need for skilling workforce keeping in mind the trajectory of digital transformation.



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Allahabad University

14 September 2023

On 14 September, Allahabad University hosted a special lecture by Ambassador Preeti Saran, focusing on the crucial role of youth in driving development. The lecture was a part of the university's ongoing efforts to empower its students with insights and perspectives that can shape their contributions to society.

- ❖ Ambassador Preeti Saran, a distinguished figure in the field of diplomacy, shared her extensive knowledge and experiences, highlighting how the youth can actively engage in and influence the development process. She emphasised the importance of harnessing the energy, creativity, and potential of young individuals to address pressing global challenges.
- ❖ This lecture provided students with a platform to gain valuable insights into the role they can play in shaping a sustainable and prosperous future. It encouraged them to take up leadership roles, embrace innovation, and contribute to positive change in their communities and the world at large.
- ❖ Allahabad University continues to prioritize such enlightening sessions, aiming to nurture a generation of informed and empowered youth ready to take on the challenges of tomorrow's world.



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Pt. Lalit Mohan Sharma SDS University

Doon University

Indian Institute of Management, Kashipur

G.B. Pant University of Agriculture and Technology

Indian Institute of Technology, Roorkee

Over
5000
Students
Participated

Pt. Lalit Mohan Sharma SDS University

3 May 2023

On 3 May 2023 Pandit Lalit Mohan Sharma Shri Dev Suman Uttarakhand University Campus, Rishikesh organised G20 lecture in-collaboration with RIS.

- ❖ The chief guest/ keynote speaker at the event was Smt. Preeti Saran. She emphasised on Climate Change, Geopolitical conflicts (Sangharsh) and highlighted India's role in it.
- ❖ Professor HC Purohit in his lecture said about AmritKaal that India is emerging as a strong India. He spoke on Vocal for Local policy of Government of India and explained in detail about Yoga city Rishikesh.
- ❖ Prizes and digital certificates were distributed to the successful participants who emerged as winners from the pre-event activities such as essay competition, poetry competition and poster competition that were held prior to the lecture.



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Doon University

4 May 2023

- ❖ On 4 May 2023 Doon University organised a lecture series under the broad theme of Empowering Women and Youth in India.
- ❖ The lead speaker of the programme Ambassador Preeti Sharan shared her views on women empowerment and role of different government schemes in their upliftment. She also highlighted India's stand on climate change and the importance of theme of the G-20 to showcase our unique cultural and spiritual heritage, diversity of all sorts and development potential of an emergent India.
- ❖ Former ONGC Chairperson, Dr Alka Mittal highlighted the technological advances made by India and how it has led to positive social transformations. Changes have been evident in the leadership of women over the last 10 years whereas the number of women leaders in diverse fields is increasing rapidly.
- ❖ Doon University also organized inter-university bilingual essay writing completion and quiz competition on 1st and 3rd May 2023. In total six universities/institutions participated in the competition and the winners were felicitated during the main event.



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'Engaging Young Minds' G20 lecture series concludes at Doon University

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DEHRADUN, 4 May: The two-day day 'G-20 University Connects' lecture series concluded today at the Nityanand Auditorium in the Doon University. The theme of second day was Engaging Young Minds, and eminent personalities including Ambassador Preeti Sharan, Former Secretary (East) in the Ministry of External Affairs & Former Ambassador, India; Dr Alka Mittal, former Chairperson & Managing Director, Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. (ONGC); Dr Mohit D Gupta, Professor of Cardiology, GB Pant Institute of Post Graduate Medical Education and Research, New Delhi; Dr. Anshuman Gupta, RIS, New Delhi and Niyathi Singh, Consultant RIS, New Delhi graced the occasion with their presence. The convener of the event was Prof RP Mangain, Dean and Head, School of Social Sciences.



Indian Institute of Management, Kashipur

26 August 2023

The G20 University Connect Lecture was organised at IIM, Kashipur on 26 August 2023 with the aim of spreading awareness among students and preparing them as future leaders on global issues.

- ❖ A special lecture by Chief Guest- Ms. Savithri Lakshmanan, Former Ambassador of India to the Kyrgyz Republic covered the initiatives by India in its presidency that helped the students gain more insight into various initiatives and strategies of the G20 nations to achieve their goals.
- ❖ A session on 'Infrastructural Investment- Optimizing Logistics for the Future' by Professor Kunal Ganguly covered the importance of developing infrastructure in logistics, the current logistics situation and various measures taken by governments to develop the future of logistics.
- ❖ Another session on 'International Trade and Economic Activities' by Professor Abhradeep Maiti covered various economic factors that affect the decision-making and international trade and relations of governments.
- ❖ Pre-event student activities like The G20 Blog Writing Challenge, quiz, poster-making and debates were also conducted prior to the lecture. The winners were felicitated during the event.



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G.B. Pant University of Agriculture and Technology

27 August 2023

The Govind Ballabh Pant University of Agriculture and Technology, Pantnagar, Uttarakhand has organized a G20 University Connect: Engaging Young Minds Lecture Series on 27 August 2023 in collaboration RIS. The event was attended by over 1000 participants including students, professors and officials of the University.

- ❖ The Keynote Address was delivered by Ambassador L. Savithri who deliberated on the importance of the G20 and India's role as its president. She stressed on different aspects of food security, environment, education, disaster management, health, climate and sustainable development goals as important pillars of the G20.
- ❖ Event coordinator Dr S. K. Kashyap delivered the keynote address by stressing the importance of the youth in the G20 process and the importance being given by the university to the themes of the G20.
- ❖ Certificates and awards for winners of the competitions were handed out to the students who emerged as winners from various student activities such as oratory competitions, sloganeering and poster competition conducted prior to the event.



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Indian Institute of Technology, Roorkee

16 August 2023

Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee (IIT Roorkee), with 23 academic departments covering engineering, architecture and planning, sciences, humanities & social sciences, and management programmes in collaboration with RIS organised the G20 University Connect: Engaging Young Minds, on August 16, 2023 at the Bose Auditorium, Dept. of Physics. The theme of the lecture series substantiates the G-20 Indian Presidency by its way of hope, harmony, peace and stability - One earth, One family, One culture.

- ❖ Keynote speaker, Ambassador Sanjay Bhattacharya stressed the India's capabilities as a development partner and emphasized on India's key priorities.
- ❖ Interesting deliberations were also presented by the experts on the potential of entrepreneurs in the country and the stressed on the importance of youth empowerment.
- ❖ Lively interactive sessions followed thereafter with young minds posing questions on the emerging role of India in the rapidly evolving geopolitical landscape.



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West Bengal



Over
700
Students
Participated

Indian Institute of Management, Calcutta

20 January 2023

The G20 University Connect programme was held IIM Calcutta on 20 January 2023. Being the premier Management Institute in India, IIM Calcutta conducted a lecture at its Auditorium in presence of the Director, Professor Uttam Kumar Sarkar and with a special lecture by Ambassador Harsh V. Shringla. Other imminent panellists, Professor Varun Sahni and Professor Sanjay Chaturvedi from South Asian University were present as Panelists. Professor Biju Paul Abraham of IIMC as a Moderator responded to student's queries on Climate Change, LiFE, Ennergy secutity and modern day solution to both old and new problems challenging the new generation in an ever unpredictable global order, where India has to play the role of the leader for the global south and take forward the vision of the PM Modi of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Vikas and Sabka Prayas' and enshrine in Indian G20 theme of; 'one world, one family, one future.'

- ❖ Welcoming the initiative, Professor Manish K Thakur, Dean (New Initiatives & External Relations) says, "IIM Calcutta is proud to be associated with this historic event and looks forward to its success".
- ❖ During the student Interaction, Amb. Harsh Shringla, responded "COVID-19 was a shock to the global economic system, a big one since World War II. Then we saw the Ukraine conflict that impacted countries all over the world. Developing countries are bearing the brunt of this with fallen GDP, higher inflation etc. There are higher expectations from the G20 as the United Nations have failed to provide solutions to many significant problems that the world faces today. So India's presidency is also expected to be a pathway to solutions to many of the challenges faced globally."





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Shri Narendra Modi
Hon'ble Prime Minister of India

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