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## **G20 University Connect** Engaging Young Minds

**Detailed Report**  
**of**  
**“G20 UNIVERSITY CONNECT PROGRAM”**  
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## Theme

The G20 Logo draws inspiration from the vibrant colours of India's national flag – saffron, white and green, and blue. It juxtaposes planet Earth with the lotus, India's national flower that reflects growth amid challenges. The Earth reflects India's pro-planet approach to life, one in perfect harmony with nature. Below the G20 logo is "Bharat", written in the Devanagari script. The theme of India's G20 Presidency - "*Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam*" or "One Earth · One Family · One Future" - is drawn from the ancient Sanskrit text of the Maha Upanishad. Essentially, the theme affirms the value of all life – human, animal, plant, and microorganisms – and their interconnectedness on the planet Earth and in the wider universe. The theme also spotlights LiFE (Lifestyle for Environment), with its associated, environmentally sustainable, and responsible choices, both at the level of individual lifestyles as well as national development, leading to globally transformative actions resulting in cleaner, greener and bluer future.

## Introduction

The Faculty of Economics at Chitkara Business School, Chitkara University, in collaboration with the Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, achieved a significant milestone by successfully conducting the "G20 University Connect Program - Engaging Young Minds." The event, held on August 24th, 2023, marked a remarkable effort to engage young minds in discussions and activities centred around the G20 Indian Presidency. The program encompassed a series of activities, lectures, and competitions designed to foster academic growth, global awareness, and innovation among students.



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# G20 University Connect

Engaging Young Minds

Lecture Series

11:00 AM, Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> August, 2023  
Exploreitorium Hall, Chitkara University, Punjab





## Welcome Address and Lamp Lighting Ceremony

Dr. Madhu Chitkara, Pro Chancellor Mam, Chitkara University, Punjab, delivered a captivating and inspiring welcome address at the G20 University Connect Program 2023, setting a tone of enthusiasm and cooperation for the event. She emphasized the importance of international collaboration and the role of academia in driving positive global change. Dr. Chitkara's welcome address served as a beacon of unity, highlighting the shared purpose that brings together academic communities from around the world.

The event commenced with a symbolic lamp lighting ceremony; a tradition rich in cultural significance. This ceremony represents the illumination of knowledge and ideas, shedding light on the path towards sustainable development. Dr. Chitkara emphasized the commitment of the G20 University Connect Program to contribute meaningfully to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). She stressed the pivotal role of universities and educational institutions in advancing these global objectives. Her remarks served as a call to action for participants to engage actively in discussions and initiatives aimed at addressing the world's most pressing challenges and fostering sustainable progress. Dr. Chitkara's welcome address and her focus on the SDGs enlightened the spirit of collaboration and shared responsibility that defines the G20 University Connect Program, motivating all attendees to work collectively towards a better future.





## Inauguration and Case Study Release

The event proceeded with the release of a notable case study titled "Marking a Legacy as an Edupreneur - Dr. Madhu Chitkara." Authored by Dr. Shefali Saluja, Dr. Shivani Inder, Dr. Sandhir Sharma, and Prof. Harkiran Kaur, this case study unveiled the journey of Dr. Madhu Chitkara and her contributions to the education sector. The case study was included in the esteemed publication "Cases on the Resurgence of Emerging Businesses," edited by Dr. Shefali Saluja, Dr. Dhresh Kulshreshtha, and Dr. Sandhir Sharma from Chitkara Business School. The book itself comprised a collection of 20 real-time case studies that shed light on emerging businesses, contributing to the academic enrichment of the participants.





## Eminent Academicians and Insights

Eminent academicians, each a stalwart in their respective fields, delivered insightful lectures that revolved around the G20 Indian Presidency. Prof. Manish from Central University, Gujarat; Prof. Kanhaiya Ahuja from Devi Ahilya University, Indore; Prof. N.R. Bhanumurthy, Vice Chancellor of BASE, Bengaluru; and Prof. Rahul Ranjan, Consultant at RIS, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, engaged the audience with their comprehensive understanding of the G20 theme. Their lectures not only broadened participants' knowledge but also provided valuable insights into the challenges and opportunities that come with India's involvement in global leadership.

### Prof. Manish from Central University, Gujarat on “G20 Presidency: Opportunities for India to steer the World”.



Prof. Manish anticipated expert lecture on "G20 Presidency: Opportunities for India to steer the World" during the G20 University Connect Program 2023 provided a comprehensive exploration of India's pivotal role as it assumes the G20 Presidency. The lecture focused on the immense possibilities that this leadership position affords India in shaping the global narrative and fostering positive change. Prof. Manish adeptly navigated through the multifaced avenues that India's G20 Presidency can explore to guide the world towards a more prosperous, equitable, and sustainable future.

The lecture outlined how India's role as a G20 leader opens doors to facilitate global economic resilience and growth. Prof. Manish emphasized the significance of India's policies that prioritize inclusive economic development, narrowing income disparities, and ensuring that the benefits of growth reach all strata of society. By advocating for fair trade practices, ethical investments, and

robust financial systems, India can steer discussions towards fostering economic stability and opportunity on a global scale.

Moreover, Prof. Manish explored into the critical realm of climate action and sustainability. As the world contends with environmental challenges, India's G20 Presidency presents a prime opportunity to spearhead discussions on green technologies, renewable energy adoption, and climate resilience strategies. The lecture stressed India's commitment to sustainable development and its potential to drive a collective global effort towards mitigating climate change and safeguarding the planet's future. Additionally, Prof. Manish eloquently highlighted how India's proficiency in the digital realm can contribute to discussions on innovation, cybersecurity, and digital inclusivity. By fostering technological advancements that prioritize ethical considerations, India can lead the G20 in shaping a technologically advanced yet ethically responsible global society.

In essence, Prof. Manish's expert lecture painted a vivid picture of India's potential to navigate the G20 Presidency towards an inclusive, sustainable, and collaborative world order. Through deliberations on economic growth, climate action, technological innovation, and ethical leadership, India can undoubtedly play a transformative role in steering the course of the world towards a brighter future for all.

### *Questions and Discussions*

1. How does the concept of "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam" align with the goals and ideals of the G20 University Connect program in bringing together students from around the world to collaborate on global challenges?

The concept of "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam" aligns seamlessly with the goals and ideals of the G20 University Connect program, which aims to bring together students from around the world to collaborate on global challenges. "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam," an ancient Indian philosophy, translates to "the world is one family." This philosophy underscores the interconnectedness of all human beings and promotes unity, inclusivity, and a shared sense of global responsibility. Similarly, the G20 University Connect program seeks to foster collaboration among students from diverse backgrounds and cultures, transcending national boundaries. It embodies the essence of this philosophy by encouraging global cooperation to address pressing issues such as climate change, poverty, and healthcare. Both "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam" and the program share a common goal: to create a world where individuals recognize their interconnectedness, embrace diversity, and work collectively to build a better future for all, mirroring the belief that the world is indeed one large family.

In summary, "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam" aligns with the G20 University Connect program by promoting a worldview that values unity, inclusivity, and a shared responsibility for



addressing global challenges. It emphasizes the importance of working together as a global family to create a better future for all.

2. Undoubtedly, India taking up the presidency for this year has already set an example to the world and showed the potential and resilience that we have. But what could be the certain checks or red flags that the country might face as the host nation for G20 this time?

India's presidency of the G20 undoubtedly showcases its potential and resilience on the global stage, but there are certain checks and potential challenges the country might face as the host nation.

**Logistical Challenges:** Hosting the G20 involves managing a massive international event with numerous world leaders and delegates. India will need to ensure smooth logistical operations, including security, transportation, and accommodations, which can be a considerable undertaking.

**Economic Disparities:** India's status as a developing country means that it faces significant economic disparities and poverty. The G20 focuses on economic issues, so India may need to address these disparities while showcasing its economic growth and reforms.

**Geopolitical Tensions:** Geopolitical tensions in the region can pose challenges. India may need to navigate complex international relations and diplomatic issues, particularly given its relationships with neighbouring countries.

**Climate Change Commitments:** As climate change is a top global priority, India, like other G20 nations, may face scrutiny regarding its commitments to reducing carbon emissions. Balancing economic development with environmental sustainability will be a key challenge.

**Domestic Issues:** Protests, political unrest, or domestic issues can sometimes overshadow the summit's agenda. Ensuring that the G20 summit remains focused on its objectives amid any domestic challenges will be essential.

**Public Expectations:** Hosting the G20 may raise public expectations for change and progress. India will need to manage these expectations and communicate effectively about what can realistically be achieved during its presidency.

**Pandemic Management:** The ongoing management of the COVID-19 pandemic, including vaccination distribution and containment measures, may require additional attention during India's presidency.

India's leadership in hosting the G20 is a significant opportunity to influence global policies and showcase its capabilities. Still, it will also require careful planning, diplomacy, and the ability to address both domestic and international challenges effectively.

3. What do you, as an expert, think is the most significant sector or aspect to focus on or benefit from being the President Nation of G20?



Well as an expert, I can provide an analysis of what many experts and leaders consider to be one of the most significant sectors for a nation to focus on and benefit from when assuming the presidency of the G20. One of the key areas of focus and benefit is typically the economy. As the G20 represents the world's largest and most influential economies, the presidency provides a unique platform for a nation to shape global economic policies and priorities. This includes discussions on trade, finance, investment, and economic growth strategies. By leveraging its presidency effectively in this realm, a country can not only advance its own economic interests but also influence international economic cooperation, financial stability, and development efforts. Additionally, addressing economic issues often goes hand in hand with discussions on poverty alleviation, sustainable development, and addressing global challenges like climate change, making it a critical sector for a nation to focus on during its G20 presidency.

**Prof. Kanhaiya Ahuja from Devi Ahilya University, Indore, M.P. on "G20 India Presidency: A Way Forward".**



In the highly anticipated expert lecture by Prof. Kanhaiya Ahuja from Devi Ahilya University, Indore, as part of the G20 University Connect Program 2023, the focal point revolved around the theme "G20 India Presidency: A Way Forward." Prof. Ahuja's lecture comprehensively illuminated the strategic pathways that India's leadership within the G20 can pave towards a more cooperative and progressive global landscape. The lecture explained several key directions that India's G20 Presidency can navigate to drive meaningful change on a global scale.

Prof. Ahuja's lecture emphasized India's pivotal role in advocating for inclusive economic growth on a global platform. With its position as the world's sixth-largest economy, India's presidency offers a significant opportunity to champion policies aimed at reducing income inequalities,

promoting social welfare, and ensuring equitable economic development across diverse socio-economic strata. The lecture also highlighted India's commitment to climate action and sustainability, emphasizing its potential to lead discussions on clean energy adoption, resilient infrastructure, and collaborative efforts to combat climate change. By leveraging its technological ability and diplomatic tradition, India can navigate discussions on digital innovation, data governance, and multilateral diplomacy, contributing to a balanced and cooperative global order. Prof. Ahuja's expert insights echoed the sentiment that India's G20 Presidency offers a strategic point to forge a path towards a more inclusive, sustainable, and harmonious world.

### *Questions and Discussions*

1. What are the plans outlined by government for innovation & and technology exchange between G20 member countries and what role can students play in this?

The plans of government for innovation and technology exchange between G20 member countries often revolve around fostering collaboration, knowledge sharing, and the development of cutting-edge technologies. Governments recognize the importance of innovation in driving economic growth and addressing global challenges. Several initiatives can be undertaken:

**Research Collaborations:** Governments can promote research collaborations among universities, research institutions, and private sector companies across G20 countries. These collaborations can lead to breakthroughs in various fields, from healthcare to renewable energy.

**Tech Transfer Programs:** Facilitating technology transfer and commercialization of innovations can be a priority. Governments can create platforms for startups and innovators to share their inventions and seek international partners for scaling their solutions.

**Education and Skill Development:** Governments can invest in education and skill development programs that prepare students for the jobs of the future. This includes STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) education and vocational training.

**Innovation Hubs:** Establishing innovation hubs or clusters that bring together academia, industry, and startups can foster an environment of creativity and collaboration. These hubs can attract talent and investment from around the world.

**Regulatory Frameworks:** Creating favourable regulatory environments that encourage innovation and the adoption of emerging technologies is crucial. Governments should ensure that intellectual property rights are protected while facilitating the responsible development and use of technology.

Students can play a pivotal role in these initiatives. They represent the future workforce and are often at the forefront of technological advancements. Their fresh perspectives, enthusiasm, and creativity can drive innovation. Students can engage in international research collaborations, participate in tech transfer programs, and contribute to innovation hubs. Moreover, they can advocate for policies that support innovation and technology exchange, and they can serve as bridges between academia and industry. By actively participating in



government-led initiatives, students can contribute to the development and diffusion of technology and innovation across G20 member countries, ultimately fostering global progress.

2. Economic growth & and environmental sustainability somewhat clash with each other. What measures can be taken which strike a balance between the two?

Balancing economic growth and environmental sustainability is indeed a complex challenge, but it's essential for the well-being of both current and future generations. Here are some measures that can help strike a balance between these two crucial objectives:

**Green Technologies and Innovation:** Invest in research and development of green technologies that enable economic growth while minimizing environmental impacts. This includes renewable energy, energy-efficient technologies, sustainable agriculture practices, and cleaner transportation.

**Economic Incentives:** Implement economic incentives such as tax breaks, subsidies, and grants for businesses and industries that adopt environmentally friendly practices. This can encourage businesses to incorporate sustainability into their operations.

**Regulations and Standards:** Enforce and strengthen environmental regulations and standards to limit harmful practices. These regulations should be designed to prevent pollution, reduce resource consumption, and promote sustainable practices.

**Circular Economy:** Transition to a circular economy model that promotes recycling, reusing, and reducing waste. This approach can reduce the extraction of raw materials and decrease environmental impact while creating economic opportunities in waste management and recycling industries.

**Sustainable Infrastructure:** Invest in sustainable infrastructure projects that prioritize clean energy, efficient transportation systems, and green building practices. This can create jobs and stimulate economic growth while reducing carbon emissions.

**Carbon Pricing:** Implement carbon pricing mechanisms like carbon taxes or cap-and-trade systems to put a price on carbon emissions. This encourages businesses to reduce their carbon footprint and invest in cleaner technologies.

**Education and Awareness:** Raise awareness and educate the public, businesses, and policymakers about the importance of environmental sustainability. Informed citizens and leaders are more likely to support policies and practices that strike a balance between economic growth and environmental protection.

**International Cooperation:** Collaborate with other nations on global environmental challenges. Climate change, for example, requires coordinated efforts on a global scale to reduce emissions and mitigate its effects.

**Natural Capital Accounting:** Incorporate the value of natural resources and ecosystem services into economic decision-making. This can provide a more accurate picture of the costs and benefits of economic activities.

**Long-Term Planning:** Develop long-term, holistic strategies that consider the interplay between economic growth and environmental sustainability. These strategies should aim for sustainable development that benefits both the economy and the environment over time.

Balancing economic growth and environmental sustainability is a complex task, but with careful planning, innovative solutions, and a commitment to long-term well-being, it is possible to achieve both objectives simultaneously. It requires a shift in mindset, with a recognition that a healthy environment is a foundation for a strong economy.

3. Considering the diverse cultural and educational backgrounds of the participants, how does the G20 University Connect program create an inclusive environment that values different perspectives and encourages collaborative learning?

The G20 University Connect program recognizes the importance of fostering an inclusive environment that values diverse perspectives and encourages collaborative learning among participants with diverse cultural and educational backgrounds. Here's how the program typically achieves this:

**Diverse Participant Selection:** The program deliberately selects participants from a wide range of cultural, educational, and disciplinary backgrounds. This diversity enriches the learning experience by bringing together individuals with varying viewpoints and expertise.

**Cross-Cultural Exchanges:** The program often includes activities and events that promote cross-cultural exchanges. Participants have opportunities to share their cultural traditions, experiences, and perspectives with one another, fostering mutual understanding and appreciation.

**Interdisciplinary Approach:** To address global challenges effectively, the program encourages an interdisciplinary approach. It brings together students with backgrounds in science, technology, economics, social sciences, and more. This approach ensures that participants consider a broad range of perspectives when tackling complex issues.

**Interactive Workshops and Discussions:** The program typically includes interactive workshops, discussions, and group projects that require collaboration among participants. These activities encourage open dialogue, idea sharing, and problem-solving, allowing students to learn from one another's diverse perspectives.

**Mentoring and Networking:** The program often facilitates mentorship and networking opportunities. Experienced professionals and experts from various fields may interact with participants, providing guidance and insights and fostering connections that can transcend cultural and educational boundaries.

**Language Support:** Recognizing that language can be a barrier to communication, the program may provide language support to ensure that all participants can effectively engage in discussions and activities.

**Cultural Sensitivity Training:** To promote respect and cultural sensitivity, the program may offer training or workshops on intercultural communication and understanding. This helps participants navigate cultural differences and build harmonious relationships.



**Inclusive Leadership:** The program's organizers and facilitators play a critical role in creating an inclusive environment. They lead by example, demonstrating respect for diverse perspectives and promoting a culture of inclusivity.

**Feedback Mechanisms:** Regular feedback sessions and evaluations may be conducted to gather input from participants on their experiences. This allows the program to continuously improve its inclusivity efforts.

**Accessibility:** The program strives to ensure that all participants have equal access to resources and opportunities, taking into account factors like disabilities, socio-economic backgrounds, and more.

In essence, the G20 University Connect program recognizes that diversity is a strength and actively works to create an inclusive environment that values different perspectives. By doing so, it not only enhances the learning experience for participants but also equips them with the skills and mindset needed to address global challenges collaboratively and effectively.

### **Prof. N.R. Bhanumurthy, Vice Chancellor, BASE, Bengaluru on "India's G20 Presidency for Inclusive Growth and Climate Resilience".**

The image is a composite of two parts. On the left is a presentation slide titled "India's G20 Presidency for Inclusive Growth and Climate Resilience". At the top of the slide are logos for RIS, G20, the Ministry of External Affairs, and Chitkara University. Below the title is a portrait of Prof. N.R. Bhanumurthy, with text identifying him as "Expert Prof. N.R. Bhanumurthy, Vice Chancellor, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar School of Economics, Bangalore (Karnataka)". At the bottom of the slide is a date stamp: "Date: 24th August, 2023". On the right is a photograph of Prof. N.R. Bhanumurthy speaking at a podium. Behind him is a banner for "University Connect Young Minds Series" and a Chitkara University logo. The podium has a microphone and some flowers.

In the illuminating lecture delivered by Prof. N.R. Bhanumurthy, Vice Chancellor of BASE, Bengaluru, during the G20 University Connect Program 2023, the focus was firmly placed on India's crucial role as the G20 Presidency and its dual commitment to fostering Inclusive Growth and Climate Resilience. The lecture provided a comprehensive overview of India's potential to shape the global discourse through its leadership. Prof. Bhanumurthy meticulously outlined the twin pillars of India's agenda: first, the pursuit of inclusive economic growth that places emphasis on equitable distribution of wealth, reduction of income disparities, and socioeconomic upliftment

across all segments of the population. The professor's insights highlighted India's unique position to advocate for policies that prioritize social welfare and harmonious development within the G20 forum.

Furthermore, the lecture rang with the urgency of climate resilience in the face of escalating environmental challenges. Prof. Bhanumurthy highlighted India's commitment to spearheading discussions on climate action, renewable energy adoption, and sustainable practices. The lecture emphasized how India's vast experience in adapting to diverse climatic conditions can contribute to international conversations on climate resilience. Prof. Bhanumurthy's compelling arguments accentuated that India's G20 Presidency provides a pivotal platform to not only advocate for inclusive growth and climate resilience on a global stage but also to catalyse actionable steps that drive positive change and sustainable development across the world.

### *Questions and Discussions*

1. How G20 policy initiatives will increase employment opportunities for youth? With economic disparities becoming more pronounced, how can the G20 work collectively to promote job creation, skill development, and entrepreneurship to uplift economies and societies?

The G20, as a forum of the world's largest economies, has a significant role to play in addressing youth unemployment and promoting job creation, skill development, and entrepreneurship. Here are some ways in which G20 policy initiatives can increase employment opportunities for youth:

**Investment in Education and Training:** G20 countries can collectively invest in education and vocational training systems to ensure that youth have the skills and knowledge needed for the jobs of the future. This includes modernizing curricula to align with emerging industries and technologies.

**Support for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs):** SMEs are often significant sources of employment. G20 nations can implement policies that make it easier for youth to start and grow their own businesses, including access to financing, mentorship programs, and streamlined regulatory processes.

**Labor Market Reforms:** G20 countries can enact labor market reforms that promote flexibility while protecting workers' rights. These reforms can include measures to reduce informality in the labor market and make it easier for businesses to hire young talent.

**Youth Employment Programs:** Governments can establish targeted youth employment programs that provide internships, apprenticeships, and on-the-job training. These programs can facilitate the transition from education to work and provide valuable work experience.

**Entrepreneurship Ecosystems:** Foster entrepreneurship ecosystems by supporting incubators, accelerators, and innovation hubs that provide resources, mentorship, and access to networks for young entrepreneurs.

**Digital Skills Development:** Given the increasing digitalization of economies, G20 nations can



work together to promote digital literacy and skills development among youth, ensuring they are well-prepared for the digital job market.

**Promote Green Jobs:** Invest in environmentally sustainable industries and green technologies to create employment opportunities in sectors that address environmental challenges, such as renewable energy and conservation.

**Social Safety Nets:** Establish or strengthen social safety nets to provide a safety net for youth in times of economic uncertainty, ensuring that they can access basic services and support during periods of joblessness.

**Global Collaboration:** G20 countries can collaborate on cross-border initiatives to promote job mobility, exchange of best practices, and the recognition of qualifications across borders, facilitating youth employment in a globalized world.

**Gender-Inclusive Policies:** Recognize and address gender disparities in youth employment by implementing policies that promote gender equality and access to economic opportunities.

To promote collective action, G20 nations can share successful policies, programs, and experiences with one another, learn from best practices, and collaborate on joint initiatives to address youth unemployment. By working together, G20 nations can leverage their collective resources and expertise to uplift their economies and societies, ensuring that young people have opportunities for meaningful employment and contributing to reducing economic disparities.

2. How does the G20 University Connect program foster cross-cultural understanding and collaboration among students from diverse backgrounds and nations?

The G20 University Connect program fosters cross-cultural understanding and collaboration among students from diverse backgrounds and nations through several key mechanisms:

**Diverse Participant Selection:** The program intentionally selects students from a wide range of countries, cultures, and academic disciplines. This diversity ensures that participants bring different perspectives, experiences, and ideas to the table.

**Cultural Exchange:** The program often includes cultural exchange activities that allow students to share their traditions, cuisines, and customs with each other. These exchanges promote mutual understanding and appreciation of different cultures.

**International Teams and Projects:** Participants are frequently grouped into international teams to work on projects related to global challenges. Collaborative projects require students to communicate, problem-solve, and share their unique insights, leading to greater cultural understanding.

**Language Support:** Recognizing that language barriers can hinder communication, the program may offer language support, translation services, or multilingual resources to ensure that all participants can engage effectively.

**Global Issue Discussions:** The program typically includes discussions and workshops on global challenges, encouraging students to explore different viewpoints and solutions from various cultural and national perspectives.

**Mentorship and Networking:** Participants often have opportunities to interact with mentors, experts, and professionals from diverse backgrounds. These interactions provide insights into global issues and career opportunities while fostering international connections.

**Cultural Sensitivity Training:** Some programs offer cultural sensitivity training to help students navigate cultural differences and communicate effectively in a diverse group.

**International Conferences and Summits:** The program may involve attending international conferences or summits, where students engage with global leaders and scholars, gaining exposure to a broader array of cultural and academic perspectives.

**Peer Learning:** Participants learn from each other through peer-to-peer interactions. They share experiences, challenges, and solutions related to their respective countries or academic fields.

**Inclusive Leadership:** The program's organizers and facilitators play a crucial role in creating an inclusive environment. They lead by example, demonstrating respect for diverse perspectives and promoting a culture of inclusivity.

Overall, the G20 University Connect program is designed to be a melting pot of diverse cultures, ideas, and experiences. It encourages participants to step outside their comfort zones, engage in meaningful cross-cultural dialogues, and work collaboratively to address global challenges. By fostering these interactions, the program helps build bridges of understanding and cooperation among students from diverse backgrounds and nations, contributing to a more interconnected and harmonious global community.

3. How can the G20 leverage its collective influence to encourage international cooperation and coordination in tackling issues such as global migration, humanitarian crises, and geopolitical tensions?

The G20, as a forum of the world's largest economies, has the potential to leverage its collective influence to encourage international cooperation and coordination in tackling critical global issues like migration, humanitarian crises, and geopolitical tensions. Here are some ways it can do so:

**Policy Dialogue and Sharing Best Practices:** The G20 can serve as a platform for member countries to engage in policy dialogue and share best practices related to migration, humanitarian assistance, and conflict resolution. By exchanging experiences and successful strategies, nations can better address these challenges.

**Humanitarian Aid and Support:** The G20 nations can commit to providing humanitarian aid to regions affected by crises and conflicts. They can pool resources and coordinate efforts to ensure efficient and effective humanitarian responses.

**Conflict Resolution:** The G20 can use its diplomatic influence to promote peaceful conflict resolution. Member nations can collaborate on diplomatic initiatives, mediation efforts, and peacekeeping operations to reduce geopolitical tensions and prevent conflicts.

**Migration Management:** Given the complexities of migration, G20 countries can cooperate on developing comprehensive migration policies that prioritize the protection of human rights, while also addressing the economic and social aspects of migration.



**Global Governance Reform:** The G20 can advocate for reforms in international organizations like the United Nations to enhance their capacity to address global crises effectively. This includes reforms to the Security Council and mechanisms for humanitarian intervention.

**Economic Development:** Economic development can be a key factor in addressing migration and crises. The G20 can focus on policies that promote economic growth and reduce inequalities, addressing some of the root causes of migration and instability.

**Education and Empowerment:** G20 countries can invest in education and empowerment programs in regions facing crises. Education can help build resilience, foster economic opportunities, and promote stability.

**Regional Partnerships:** Collaborating with regional organizations can be an effective way to address geopolitical tensions and conflicts. The G20 can work with regional bodies to support peace and stability efforts.

**Global Information Sharing:** Sharing intelligence and information related to security and humanitarian crises can be crucial. The G20 can facilitate information sharing mechanisms to combat terrorism, prevent crises, and respond to disasters.

**Climate Change Mitigation:** Recognizing that climate change can exacerbate migration and conflict, the G20 can collectively address climate-related challenges and promote sustainable development to reduce the environmental drivers of crises.

**Public Diplomacy:** G20 leaders can use their collective influence to engage in public diplomacy efforts that raise awareness about the importance of international cooperation and solidarity in addressing global challenges.

By leveraging its economic and diplomatic power, the G20 can play a pivotal role in fostering international cooperation and coordination on these pressing issues. However, it's essential for G20 member nations to align their priorities, values, and actions to ensure effective and sustained efforts to address global migration, humanitarian crises, and geopolitical tensions.

## **Dynamic Activities and Engagement of Students**

Throughout the event, a range of engaging activities like Poster Making Competition, Collage Making Competition, Essay Writing Competition and Blog Writing Competition on various themes of G20 was organized for students from B.A. (Hons.) Economics with Data Science, B.Com. (Hons.), BBA (Professional), BBA (Business Analytics), BBA (Fintech), BBA (Supply Chain Management) and BBA (Aviation Management), IPM, BBA (Digital Marketing) and BBA (Retail Management), MBA (Marketing), MBA (Finance & Banking), MBA (HR), MBA (Supply Chain Management) and MBA (Health Care) fostering a platform for interaction, creativity, and knowledge-sharing. The culmination of these activities was marked by the prize distribution ceremony, which took place on the final day. A lecture series along with question answers and discussions facilitated by proficient and renowned academicians focused on the G20 Indian presidency, further deepening participants' understanding of the theme.

### ***Poster Making Competition***

Poster Making Competition for students of B.A. (Hons.) Economics with Data Science, B.Com. (Hons.), BBA (Professional) was conducted on 22<sup>nd</sup> August, 2023. More than 80 students participated in the event. Winners were awarded during the G20 University Connect Program on 24<sup>th</sup> August, 2023. Head of the Jury, Prof. U.P. Sinha, Prof. & Head of Department T.M.B.U, Bhagalpur, Former Vice Chancellor, Central University of Haryana, Mahendragarh, declared the following results-

Positions	Program	Roll No.	Name of Participant	Marks	Remarks
I	BA (Hons.) Eco. With Data Science	2120993509	Garima	18	Excellent
II	B. Com. (Hons.)	2320991508	Arshdeep Kaur	17	Very Good
III	BBA (Professional)	2320991111	Vibha Kondel	16	Good

### ***Collage Making Competition***

Collage Making Competition for students of BBA (Business Analytics), BBA (Fintech), BBA (Supply Chain Management) and BBA (Aviation Management) was conducted on 22<sup>nd</sup> August, 2023. More than 120 students participated in the event. Winners were awarded during the G20 University Connect Program on 24<sup>th</sup> August, 2023. Head of the Jury, Prof. Ashutosh Mishra, Prof. & Dean, Chitkara School of Mass Communication, Chitkara University, Punjab declared the following results-

Positions	Program	Roll No.	Name of Participant	Marks	Remarks
I	BBA (Aviation)	2320996509	Charvik Chugh	19	Excellent
II	BBA (Analytics)	2320993058	Eknoor Kaur	18	Very Good
III	BBA (Fintech)	2320992591	Sarthak Kohli	16	Innovative Idea
1 <sup>st</sup> Runner- up	BBA (Logistics & Supply Chain Management)	2320994553	Satnam Kohli	15	Good



### ***Essay Writing Competition***

Essay Writing Competition for students of IPM, BBA (Digital Marketing) and BBA (Retail Management) was conducted on 22<sup>nd</sup> August, 2023. More than 60 students participated in the event. Winners were awarded during the G20 University Connect Program on 24<sup>th</sup> August, 2023. Head of the Jury, Prof. Narender Singh Garcha, Dean Sales & Marketing, Chitkara College of Sales & Marketing, Chitkara University, Punjab declared the following results-

Positions	Program	Roll No.	Name of Participant	Marks	Remarks
I	BBA (Digital Marketing)	2220994799	Shloka	17	Very Good
II	IPM	2320931061	Sanch	16	Good
III	BBA (Retail Management)	2320996032	Ruhaan	15	Fair

### ***Blog Writing Competition***

Blog Writing Competition for students of MBA (Marketing), MBA (Finance & Banking), MBA (HR), MBA (Supply Chain Management), MBA (Health Care) was conducted on 22<sup>nd</sup> August, 2023. More than 40 students participated in the event. Winners were awarded during the G20 University Connect Program on 24<sup>th</sup> August, 2023. Jury Members, Prof. Kuldeep Chand Rojhe, Dean Academics, Chitkara Centre for Continuing Education, Chitkara University Punjab and Prof. Shitij Kapur, Director, Chitkara Centre for Continuing Education, Chitkara University Punjab declared the following results-

Positions	Program	Roll No.	Name of Participant	Marks
I	MBA (HR)	2320981519	Harshita Sharma	18
II	MBA (Finance & Banking)	2320982538	Ashutosh Patel	16.5
III	MBA (Supply Chain Management)	2320983521	Dhruv Shankar	15
1 <sup>st</sup> Runner-up	MBA (Supply Chain Management)	2320983569	Piyush Makker	13
2 <sup>nd</sup> Runner-up	MBA (Finance & Banking)	2320982685	Rochan Dutta	12
3 <sup>rd</sup> Runner-up	MBA (HR)	2320981562	Srishti Chugh	11.5







*Inhouse Activities (Poster Making, Collage Making, Essay Writing and Blog Writing Competitions held on 22<sup>nd</sup> August, 2023 for G20 University Connect Program on 24<sup>th</sup> August, 2023.*

### **Honouring Commitment and Vision**

Dr. Madhu Chitkara Mam, Pro Chancellor of Chitkara University, conveyed her heartfelt congratulations to the organizing team for organising a successful event. She reiterated the university's unwavering commitment to the growth of the nation and the world, emphasizing the pride that the G20 Presidency holds for all Indians. Dr. Chitkara expressed her anticipation for the university's active participation in the G20 theme of "One Family, One Earth, One Future," and extended gratitude to RIS and the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, for their invaluable support.



## Leadership and Appreciation

The event was skilfully led by Prof. Sandhir Sharma as Joint Coordinator and Prof. Dhiresk Kulshrestha as Coordinator. Their extensive experience, guidance, and support were instrumental in shaping the event's success. The university extended its gratitude to RIS and the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, for their sponsorship, which played a pivotal role in making the event possible. The event served as a unique opportunity for students to witness India's strides in global leadership for the G20, offering them a once-in-a-lifetime experience that will undoubtedly contribute to their academic and personal growth.

## Conclusion

The "G20 University Connect Program - Engaging Young Minds" stands as a testimony to the power of collaboration, academic excellence, and forward-looking vision. With insightful lectures, creative competitions, and meaningful discussions, the event successfully fostered an environment of learning, innovation, and global engagement. As Chitkara University continues to drive academic growth and contribute to India's global leadership aspirations, this event remains a shining example of its commitment to excellence.



*Inauguration, Felicitation, Case Release and the event G20 University Connect Program on 24<sup>th</sup> August, 2023.*