

IN BRIEF

BITS Pilani holds G20 events

VASCO: BITS Pilani, K K Birla Goa campus, organised day-long G20 events, comprising a Y20 brainstorming session on 'Climate Change and Disaster Risk' in Goa in the first half of the day, and the 69th G20 University Connect Event in the afternoon. The Y20 Brainstorming session highlighted Climate Change and Disaster Risk in Goa. Prof. Suman Kundu, director of BITS Pilani's Goa campus welcomed the delegates. Prof. Sunil Singh, a Bhatnagar Fellow and the Director of National Institute of Oceanography (NIO) Goa spoke about the increased warming in the Arabian Sea and its implications for the state of Goa, its people and its economy. Dr. Rajiv Kumar Chaturvedi from BITS Pilani Goa and Dr. Bappa Das from ICAR, Goa discussed about how climate change is affecting disasters and posing new challenges for the state of Goa. Dr. Pradip V Sarmokdam, nodal officer, Goa Climate Change Cell, spoke about participatory initiatives to engage citizens in disaster risk management in the state. The Y20 event also witnessed interactive participation of young forest officer from state forest department, Amit Gemawat.