

Y20 meet & University Connect lecture series at BITS to address climate change

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Panaji: BITS Pilani KK Birla Goa campus will be hosting the G-20 University Connect and Y20 on August 1 for students from the Goa university and colleges across the state and other youth to familiarise them with the issues being highlighted at the G20 meets, especially climate change.

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and India's G-20 Presidency," said professor from BITS Pilani Goa campus, Rajiv Kumar Chaturvedi.

Students will also get the opportunity to listen to, and interact with the vice-chancellor of India International University of Legal Education and Research, Goa University dean, and the director of BITS Pilani Goa campus Suman Kundu, among other experts.

On the same day, from 10am to 1pm, BITS Pilani Goa, in collaboration with Goa State Biodiversity Board (GSBB) and Goa State Climate Change Cell, is organising a half-day Youth 20 (as part of G20 events), which will involve a brainstorming session on climate change and disaster risk in Goa. The Y20 event is also supported by RIS.

Y20 focuses on how climate

change is affecting disasters and posing new challenges to disaster risk management in Goa and how the response to these can be improved using a Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) plan.

"Professor Sunil Singh, director of NIO, Goa, will be the chief guest of this event and speakers include Pradip Sarmokadam from GSBB and Bappa Das from ICAR, among others. The event will be live-streamed on the YouTube channel of the ministry of youth affairs and sports," Chaturvedi said, adding, "Based on the deliberations in this meeting, a report will be submitted to the ministry and the G-20 Secretariat."