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G20: UNIVERSITY CONNECT ENGAGING YOUNG MINDS

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G20 University Connect Engaging Young Minds

Lecture Series

9.30 am, Wednesday, 15 March 2023

Mini Auditorium, Rajiv Gandhi University, Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh

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Background Note on the University

Rajiv Gandhi University (RGU), formerly Arunachal University nestled atop Rono Hills on a picturesque table land of 302 acres is a premier institution of higher education in Arunachal Pradesh and has completed thirty-eight years of its existence. Late Smt. Indira Gandhi, the then Prime Minister of India, laid the foundation stone of the University on 4th February, 1984 at Rono Hills, Doimukh. The University was converted into a Central University with effect from 9th April, 2007 as per the notification of the erstwhile Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India. Since then, Rajiv Gandhi University has carved a niche for itself in the educational scenario of the country. Prof. C.L. Anand appointed in 1987 was the first Vice-Chancellor of the university whereas Shri A P Srivastava was the first Registrar of this University who served from 1985 till 1988. Currently, Prof. Saket Kushwaha is serving as the Seventeenth Vice-chancellor of this university and Dr. N T Rikam is the Twenty Second Registrar of Rajiv Gandhi University serving from 2020.

The University received academic recognition under section 2(f) from the University Grants Commission on 28th March, 1985 and started functioning from 1st April, 1985. It received financial recognition under section 12B of the UGC on 25th March, 1994. The University started its academic journey in the year 1988 with 48 students, 18 faculty members, and three departments namely History, Political Science, and Education. B.Ed. programme was started in the current campus whereas post graduate programmes in History and Political Science initiated with Jawaharlal Nehru College (JNC), Pasighat.



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INAUGURAL SESSION



G20 University connect: Engaging Young minds

Rajiv Gandhi University, Rono Hills, Doimukh, Arunachal Pradesh

G20 University Connect program of Rajiv Gandhi University in collaboration with Ministry of External Affairs, Research and Information System New Delhi and North East Training and Research Advocacy NETRA was held on 15th march 2023 from 9.30 am onwards at Mini Auditorium, Rajiv Gandhi University. 405 students and 42 faculty members from various departments and institutes of Rajiv Gandhi University and 8 affiliated colleges of Rajiv Gandhi University participated in the program. Hon'ble Speaker Legislative Assembly, Arunachal Pradesh has graced the inaugural session as Chief Guest. Ambassador Satbir Singh was the keynote speaker of the program. Other dignitaries present were: Shri Tana Hali Tara, Hon'ble MLA Doimukh Constituency Arunachal Pradesh, Prof Saket Kushwaha, Vice Chancellor, Rajiv Gandhi University and Dr N.T Rikam, Registrar, Rajiv Gandhi University.

As a pre event, essay competition was conducted among the university students where more 150 students from various departments participated. The winners of the essay competition were felicitated in the inaugural program. To motivate the young students 10 Start-Ups of the state were invited.

Inaugural Session

The program started with University song and screening of G20 video followed by welcome address by **Prof Kesang Degi**, Coordinator, University Connect Program Rajiv Gandhi University.

Dr N.T Rikam Registrar, Rajiv Gandhi University highlighted the importance of G20 and urged the youths to participate actively.

Shri Tana Hali Tara, Honble, Member Legislative Assembly, Doimukh Constituency thanked the organizers for organizing the important program and promised for full support in future endeavor of the university.

Ambassador Satbir Singh, the keynote speaker gave detailed knowledge on G20 Indian Presidency and its importance in present scenario. He also spoke about the agendas for the G20 summit in alignment to the history of India.

Prof Saket Kushwaha, Honble Vice Chancellor Rajiv Gandhi University, spoke on the concept of developed and underdeveloped country and why there is a parity among countries. He quoted Honble Prime ministers' idea on G20 Presidency and responsibility of youths. He also emphasized the duty of every citizen in building up the economy of country.

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Shri Pasang Dorjee Sona, Honble Speaker Legislative Assembly Arunachal Pradesh, who was the Chief Guest, highlighting the theme of G20 Indian presidency and its background said that the concept of one family is rooted in Indian culture since ancient days. He further said, through G20 we have an opportunity to showcase the real India, its potential and character to the world. He further emphasized on the need to safeguard planet earth in all possible ways. He also urged the youths to channelize their minds in right direction and use social media in right direction.

Chief Guest address was followed by question and answer session, where students interacted with keynote speaker and chief guest. Many pertinent and thought provoking questions were raised by students and Hon'ble Speaker and Keynote Speaker clarified accordingly.

Inaugural program ended with the vote of thanks by **Dr Sunil Koijam Member, University Connect Program, Rajiv Gandhi University**.



TECHNICAL SESSIONS



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Technical sessions

There were two crucial technical session which was conducted as a part of the programme. The first one was chaired by **Prof. Tamo Riba**, Vice-Chancellor of Arunachal University, Pasighat. In his opening remarks he requested the crowd to keep away their mobile phones as it distracts the topic at hand and also requested the crowd to take advantage to gain knowledge and also note to the speakers to keep to the allotted time.

Prof. Sassang Gao, Professor in NERIST(North Eastern Regional Institute of Science and Technology) in his topic “IT: Leveraging technology for a better future” highlighted the following key points:

- Key to success is leveraging technology.
- Vital to understand the technology to follow any application.
- Transportation and communication are potentials of IT.
- Expansion of IT is like a train if one misses there is always another one.
- IT is cost effective.
- IT promises to connect physical to digital, it's a direct connection between the two.
- IT is empowering firms to maintain reputation in reality.
- Key to leverage IT is to select people & processing.
- For IOT(internet of things),data is the key.
- IOT analysis says that there will be billion of devices by 2027.
- IOT is to solve general problems.
- IOT Applications are in_1. Smart homes. 2. Smart Irrigation. 3. Road safety and management. 4. Smart cities. 5. Web car manufacturers
- Future lies in IT/IOT.

Mr. Sadique Mannan, Department of Entrepreneurship, Government of Arunachal Pradesh then talked on the topic: “Empowering startups: Fostering Entrepreneurship and Innovations”

His talked mostly concerned on the Arunachal Pradesh Entrepreneurship Development (APPEDP) & Arunachal Pradesh Startup policy which is doing a marvelous job in the state and was quite inspiring to the young audience. Some of the key highlights of his talks area:

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- Vision: to create job creators.
- MoU with RGU since last year.
- In 14th Aug 2020, launched AAPEDP in Arunachal and 4000 applications came, out of which top 10 got 4 lakhs each.
- He talked about Innovation and investment and how young minds can inculcate ideas and bring it to reality. Showed some local examples of how they have conducted programs in different part of state and how **young** minds have come forward with innovative ideas.
- FOUR Pillars- 1. Digital startup ecosystem. 2. State owned incubator. 3. Incentives. 4. Academic intervention.
- A.P Innovation & Intervention part
- Incubation process
- Achievement of cohort 2.0 before their own boarding
- Startup Arunachal Web Portal. (DPIIT, Ministry of Trade and Commerce. GOI has adjoined A.P in 'leaders' category).

It was followed by an interactive Question and answer session.

Prof. Tamo Riba in his chairperson speech said that Technology is not to be blamed for problems. As technology has solved and is solving many problems. Technology is a work in better way. Through Technology, we can connect ourselves with anyone. He gave the e.g. of Namdafa Life Sanctuary (CCTV). He further said that we the people of Arunachal are not living in a backward place to suffice this statement, he gave the e.g. of female drivers in A.P. He said that A.P has the highest no. of female drivers in the country. He said that for business idea is required not money. We are creating unemployment ourselves as we are leaving behind our tradition of making our own goods (e.g. Dau). He said, instead of doing small jobs be business man. Start from small things towards big goals. Gave e.g. of his own life experiences of planting trees and plants. " A pair of hands can create a forest and can destroy one" ended his speech with this remarking statement.

The session ended with the Words of thanks by Dr. Narender Singh, Member of the organizing committee.

TECHNICAL SESSIONS



The second **TECHNICAL SESSION** was held post lunch.

Moderator: Dr. Nishanth PM

Chairperson: Prof. T Lhungdim

Invited speakers: Prof. Jumyir Basar, Arunachal Institute of Tribal Studies, RGU
Prof. Elizabeth Hangsing, Department of Education, RGU

The session started with the felicitation of Chairperson and keynote speakers.

Prof. Jumyir Basar, Arunachal Institute of Tribal Studies, RGU in her topic “**Indigenous knowledge system: preservation and promotion**” deliberated in lengths about the scenario specific to the state and some of the highlights of her talks are:

- informed about the Indigenous knowledge system and how to preserve and promote it.
- highlight that indigenous knowledge is a lived reality.
- Indigenous knowledge informs and sustain people how to live sustainably
- Indigenous knowledge in indigenous people view, it bridges between human, nature and super natural
- It is a form of holistic knowledge system.
- For promotion and protection of indigenous knowledge we need to have a global and indigenous goals.

Prof.Elizabeth Hangsing, Director, Women Studies and Research Centre in her talks on “**Gender justice: Breaking barriers, building equality**” takes us to the reality of the situations with specific to the state and the country and some of the important key points of her talk are:

- focused on the building Gender Equality through education as this is her field of interest and expertise.
- when empowerment is given to everyone there is no inequality. Gender equality is when same treatment is given to all the people without taking gender consideration,gender equity is must for gender equality.
- Gender justice is whenever everybody is treated just without discrimination according to person sex is gender justice
- Challenges to Gender Equality
- Bread winner model where non-domestic works are associated with male and masculinity and care giving roles are associated with the faminity.
- Building equality through education
- There should be change in family institution

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- Strong foundation can be built at young stage by inclusion of gender equality in school curriculum.
- Strengthening the pre-primary education
- More male role as child caregiver or educators at pre-primary education need to be increased.
- approach to gender equality can be gender responsive, gender blier gender transformative, policies may not meet the needs of gender equality.

It was followed by an interactive question and answer session

Chairperson Prof. T Lhungdim concluded the session and highlighted that:

- Modern ideas come from traditional or indigenous knowledge
- There is a need to preserve and document the indigenous knowledge
- Education brings the changes in the mindset to have a gender equality.

The session was ended by Dr. Nishant PM, member organizing committee with a words of thanks.

The last session of the day was **the INTERACTION SESSION WITH THE ENTREPRENEURS/START-UPS**

- following six entrepreneurs invitees were given chance to interact with the participants
 1. Doni Riba from Hungryji/Dukandada
 2. Ninna Lego from House of macnok
 3. Tomi Riba from Oven Yums
 4. Yangsen matte from Mirror yasai
 5. Lingkam Markia from Itamoto travel
 6. Avang wangsue from Kangte

The interactive session with the startups and the participants was moderated by Ambassador Satbir Singh and Dr. Sayantan Ghosal, from RIS

The session was ended by Dr. Sayantan Ghosal, RIS giving the vote of thanks.

The programme finally ended with all raising for the National Anthem.

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The inaugural program was graced by Chief Guest, Shri Passang Dorjee Sona, Hon'ble Speaker, Legislative Assembly of Government of Arunachal Pradesh and who is also the chairman of the G20 summit in Arunachal Pradesh. He talked about the origin of the motto of the G20 summit 2023: *Vasudeva Kuttambakam- One World, One Family*. He said that the world here does not only mean the humans but everything that is in the world including the plants, animals, insects, resources and the humans. He also was of the opinion that the name G20 must be G21 actually inclusive of the vast African Union, total population of 1.4 billion people and their vast flora and fauna. The speaker also focused mainly on the youths and their importance of confidence in themselves. He quoted Swami Vivekananda ji "Whatever you think, you will be" and remarked that the youths today have become intelligent but also very fragile in mind to which he suggested the young students in the audience to be confident of themselves. He was of the opinion that the youths have become passive and just carry about without actually knowing or thinking of the affects and impacts of various issues and appealed that the youths introspect within and out deeply of the many events that occur and create an opinion of their own rather than just following about.

He further added that expressed technology and innovation comes with boons and banes and it is upon the person who is using it and how he is using it. "We as users, many times fail to use the technology and innovation responsibly which in turn affect the youths and their mental health. As it is said that with great power comes great responsibility and therefore it is our responsibility to use it in a good manner with the knowledge of how it can harm you and your family" he embodied.

Ambassador Satbir Singh delivering his key note speech on G20 Indian Presidency talked a lots about Indian vision of leading the world. He added that the G20 programs are not limited to the Government, but it should be taken to the common people of the country. He also talked about the vision our Prime minister, Shri Narendra Modi vision of ONE World rather then first

world or second world. The ambassador also talked in length about the role and duties of the people of our country to take the country forward in all directions. He talked about sustainable growth and how India can help in bringing the equity to it. He also highlighted the various agendas for G20 summit in alignment with the history of India.

Shri Tana Hali, MLA in his talks recollected the past of him travelling to Delhi and how it used to take them weeks to reach and now in comparison it takes only 6 hours to fly from Delhi to Kolkata and to reach Hollongi. He was elated about the technological advancement and innovation that has made our life a lot easier than it used to be. He suggested everyone to have a common goal and mindset for the betterment and development of the country.

Prof Saket Kushwaha, Vice Chancellor in his speech quoted Mahatma Gandhi, our father of the nation who firmly believed that “Earth provides enough to satisfy every man’s needs but not every man greed”. He said that our country has had the culture of sustainability ingrained in our culture since long time ago. Its high time that we need to explore our culture of sustainability and take a collective step in brining the world together. The VC added that it’s the duty of every citizen in building the economy of the country.

He stated that we as students must learn about the G20 not just as a group and program for the diplomats but as youths and students what we can do? What impact can we have on the world and the minimisation of our carbon footprints. He also said that we must not wait for other people to tell us what to do and order us but observe and acknowledge our duty and responsibilities ourselves.

Dr. N. T Rikam, Registrar of the university in his remarks talked about the history of G20 and the pride of Indian ‘s presidency. He added the various works that India has carried out so far in its presidency period.

In the beginning, Prof. Kesang Degi, coordinator of the conference talked about the idea of the conference and the platform which is required to let the Youths know about the importance of G20 and how one can be a part of it.

Dr. Sayantan Ghoal from RIS(Research and Information system for developing countries), New Delhi also spoke on the occasion.

Young startups of the state were felicitated by the speaker and encouraged of their innovative ideas in works. Stalls were set up displaying their works which was visited by many of the young students who are participating the conference. The young startups were House of Macnok, Hungriji/Dukandada, Mirroryasai, Mee Herbal, Itamoto Travel, Kangte, Oven Yumms, CK Bliss, Neorganics and GG Woods.


Dr. Sunil Koijam, member organising committee formally proposed the vote of thanks. A large numbers of college students in addition to the university's students participated the conference.


Two unique technical session were conducted as a part of the conference. The first technical session was chaired by Prof. Tomo Riba, Vice Chancellor of Arunachal University. Prof. Sarsing Gao from NERIST delivered a talk on "IT leveraging technology for a better future and Mr. Sadique Mannan delivered a talk on "Empowering Start-ups: Fostering Entrepreneurship and Innovations". The second technical session witnessed the talks on "Gender Justice: Breaking Barriers, Building Equality" by Prof. Elizabeth Hangsing and "Indigenous knowledge system: preservation and promotions" by Prof. Jumyir Basar both from RGU. The session was chaired by Prof. T. Lhungdim.


A engaging question and answer session was also conducted with all the start ups where in many of the young participants asked many valid questions.





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Rajiv Gandhi University and Research and Information
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invites your kind presence at the

G20: University Connect Rajiv Gandhi University Chapter

Shri Pasang Dorjee Sona
Hon'ble Speaker
Arunachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly
has kindly consented to grace the occasion as Chief Guest

In presence of

Prof. Saket Kushwaha
Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, RGU

And

Dr. N. T. Rikam
Registrar, RGU

on
Wednesday 15 March 2023
Time: 09:30 hrs

At
Mini Auditorium,
RGU

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PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

G20: University Connect: Rajiv Gandhi University Chapter

- 09:30-10:10 am Arrival of Dignitaries, University Song and Lighting of Ceremonial Lamp
- 10:10-10:15 am Theme of G20 Indian Presidency 2023
(Official Video) (5 min)
- 10:15-10:20 am Welcome Remarks: Professor Kesang Degi, Coordinator,
G20 University Connect, Rajiv Gandhi University,
Itanagar (5 min)
- 10:20-10:40 am Felicitation of the Invitees
Announcement and Prize Distribution of the various
pre event competitions
- 10:40-11:50 am **Opening Remarks:** Dr. N. T. Rikam, Registrar,
Rajiv Gandhi University, Itanagar (5 min)
Special Lecture on G20 Indian Presidency: Ambassador
Satbir Singh, Former Ambassador,
Government of India (25 min)
Special Remarks:
Professor Saket Kushwaha, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor,
Rajiv Gandhi University, Itanagar (10 min)
Shri Pasang Dorjee Sona, Chief Guest, Hon'ble Speaker,
Legislative Assembly, Government of
Arunachal Pradesh (15 min)
Q & A (10 min)
Vote of Thanks: Dr. Sunil Koijam, Member, G20 University
Connect, Rajiv Gandhi University, Itanagar (5 min)
- 11:50-12:00 noon Inauguration of Start Up Stalls
- 12:00-12:20 noon High Tea

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PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

G20: University Connect: Rajiv Gandhi University Chapter

12:20-1:00 pm **Technical Session 1**

Chair: Professor Tomo Riba, Head of the Department,
Geography, Rajiv Gandhi University

- IT: Leveraging Technology for a Better Future:
Professor Sarsing Gao, North Eastern Regional
Institute of Science and Technology
- Empowering Start Ups: Fostering Entrepreneurship
and Innovations: Mr. Tabe Haidar, Department of
Entrepreneurship, Govt of Arunachal Pradesh

1:00-2:00 pm Lunch Break

2:00-3:00 pm **Technical Session 2**

Chair: Dr. Nishanth P.M, Department of Education,
Rajiv Gandhi University

- Indigenous Knowledge System: Preservation and
Promotion: Professor Jomyir Basar , Arunachal
Institute of Tribal Studies,Rajiv Gandhi University, Itanagar
- Gender Justice: Breaking Barriers, Building Equality:
Professor Elizabeth Hangsing, Director,
Women Studies and Research Centre

3:00-3:30 pm Interaction with students

3:30-3:35 pm Vote of Thanks: Dr. Sayantan Ghosal, Consultant, RIS,
New Delhi (5 min)

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'G20: University connect, engaging young minds' conference held at RGU

March 16, 2023



RONO HILLS, 15 Mar: Rajiv Gandhi University (RGU) here on Wednesday organised a programme titled 'G20: University connect, engaging young minds', in collaboration with the Research & Information System for Developing Countries of the external affairs ministry, and the North East Training, Research & Advocacy (NETRA).

"The conference was held in the university as one of the selected 75 universities across the country for commemoration of the 75 years of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav," the university informed in a release, adding that the programme was "mostly youth-oriented to create awareness among the young students about the G20 summit and India's presidency for the year 2023, and also how it will affect them and what are the responsibilities they can take up as youths."

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Gracing the occasion, Legislative Assembly Speaker Passang Dorjee Sona highlighted the origin of the motto of the

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