

Sher-E-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Jammu to host Pre-Events of G20 University Connect Lecture Series-2023

Prime Minister of India initiated the G20 University Connect, which is being jointly organized by the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, and Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), a New Delhi-based autonomous policy research institute. The objective is to engage with students from 75 universities around 56 locations across India. The University connect series will be executed in the form of Lectures, Mock G20 and other interactive activities enabling students to engage and be involved in the G20 process on the sidelines. Research support from RIS offering its prodigious Intellectual resources and network of experts including former diplomats, academics, and subject experts to maintain the academic nature of the deliberations. Prior to the main event, the partner institutions are encouraged to organize essay competitions, quizzes, and other stimulating activities to keep the interest of the students geared towards the year-long G-20 proceedings.

So far, the Program has covered a large number of general and Technical Universities all across the country. However, the Universities operating under the NARS has not been explicitly covered. The Agricultural Working Group (AWG) has come out with some very concrete deliverables this year. RIS being one of the knowledge partner of the AWG has accepted the request of reaching out to select Universities of repute in the field of Agri. and Veterinary Sciences. This will provide an opportunity to the students and faculty to will gain knowledge about G20, stay updated on the latest developments, and become familiar with India's priorities and commitments for the holistic development of the agri sector.

Sher-E-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Jammu (SKUAST-Jammu) is the first Agriculture University in the Country entrusted with the responsibility of organizing the 'G20 University Connect' programme. The event is being organized under the Chairmanship of Dr. B. N. Tripathi, Vice- Chancellor, SKUAST-Jammu.

As part of this initiative, the pre-events of the G20 University Connect Lecture series-2023 will start from 4th of August to 21st of August 2023 in which students from the Universities and colleges of Jammu and Samba districts will be participating in the different pre-events like Poster Making, Quiz Competition, Essay Writing, Ideathon and Rangoli on the theme Sustainable Agriculture for Resilient Agri-food Systems with Climate Smart Approach at SKUAST-Jammu. The objective of the pre-events is to stimulate the interest of the students and engage young minds on promoting multilateralism and global cooperation on sustainable development, climate change, and digital transformation. The students part of the G 20 university connect series can also highlight their suggestions through social media to bring attention to their inputs.