



District Administration, Dibrugarh

### **Dibrugarh University Model G20**

- As India holds the presidency of the G20 from 1. 12. 2022-30.11.2023, Dibrugarh University, as one of the 75 institutions to be a part of the University Connect Series, will be organising its first Model G20 in the University on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2023. The forum will focus on economic challenges that are global in nature.
- We invite students to take part in the Dibrugarh University Model G20. The G20 comprises 19 countries and the European Union. International organisations and a few other countries also participate in the G20.
- This will be the first Model G20 to be held by Dibrugarh University. Students will participate as Ministers of Foreign Affairs, Finance and Development. They will represent the developed and important developing economies. A consensus will be required among the representatives on the issues discussed in the Model G20. The goal will be to produce a policy paper called a Communique to address matters important to the global community. The Communique will be formulated after deliberations that will be conducted through dialogue and cooperation and will be finalised through consensus. It will reflect the youth representatives' common values and aspirations about the global community's future. The Communique will be sent to the leaders of the government as well.
- Young people are the future of the world. Exercises such as the Model G20 will prepare students for a career as diplomats and leaders. It will enable them to hone their communication, negotiation, and research skills and gain first-hand experience on world leaders' challenges at multilateral fora. It will also enable them to experience a conference in a cross-cultural setting and appreciate the issues faced by different peoples and their countries. Most importantly, it will allow them to cooperatively build consensus among delegates through deliberations and reflections on critical issues facing the global community.

#### **The topics of the Model G20 are as follows:**

- Ministers of Foreign Affairs: *Russia's Special Operation in Ukraine and its impact on the world economy*
- Ministers of Finance: *The role of Climate Finance*
- Ministers of Development: *The implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals*

## **The countries and organisations that the delegates will be allotted are:**

- Members –  
Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, India, Italy, Japan, the Republic of Korea, Mexico, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Turkey, the United Kingdom, the United States of America and the European Union.
- Special invitee guest countries –  
Bangladesh, Egypt, Mauritius, Netherlands, Nigeria, Oman, Singapore, Spain and UAE.
- G-20's invited international organisations –  
UN, IMF, World Bank, WHO, WTO, ILO, FSB, OECD, AU Chair, NEPAD Chair, ASEAN Chair, ADB, ISA and CDRI.

## **Modalities**

- Students will be allotted as delegates to the G20 member countries and organisations.
- They will be given one of the above-mentioned topics for deliberation within groups.
- There will be a total of 43 delegations. Each delegation will have no more than three members.
- They will need to be the voice of their delegation during these discussions.
- Delegates are encouraged to read about the country or organisation that they have been allotted.
- Delegates are encouraged to form impromptu meetings with delegates of other countries on the sidelines of the summit on bilateral or regional issues.
- The two best delegates will be chosen based on their overall participation.
- Certificates of participation will be provided to all delegates.

## **Outcomes**

1. Delegates of the three topics must produce an outcome document/issue note addressing their topic.
2. They will need to produce a joint communique addressing the important economic matters of the international community with special reference to the chosen topics of the Model G20.
3. Deliberations will be divided into three parts-
  - a) Within their delegation on their topic (closed)
  - b) Within the larger sub-group of delegations with the same topic to produce an outcome document/issue note (closed).
  - c) Final presentations of selected delegations from each topic to produce a joint communique (open).

## **Important information**

- Registration- 25.01.2023 till 28.01.2023 (online)
- Please find the registration link here-

- [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSefNkdOEG8orIu0gIbstXvEGUJLLaQvmlo-yMe\\_Sw-29yjeww/viewform?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSefNkdOEG8orIu0gIbstXvEGUJLLaQvmlo-yMe_Sw-29yjeww/viewform?usp=sharing)
- It is **mandatory** to join the following WhatsApp Group for event updates and communication as part of the Registration Process: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/ECTcjFkIvJZCuqTbv-YiGx0>
  
- Preliminary Meeting- 29.01.2023, 11 AM (online)
- Date of the Model G20- 03.02.2023 (10.00 AM to 5.00 PM, Indira Miri Hall, Dibrugarh University)
- Venue- Indira Miri Hall, Dibrugarh University
- Eligibility- UG/PG students/Research Scholars of Dibrugarh University/colleges
  
- No TA/DA shall be paid by the University for attending the said event.

### **Coordinators**

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### **Note:**

#### **The G20- A brief overview**

The G20, or Group of Twenty, founded in 1999, is an intergovernmental forum comprising twenty members to promote international financial stability, economic cooperation and growth. The members include Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, the Republic of Korea, Mexico, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Turkey, the United Kingdom, the United States, and the European Union. These members are the world's major economies whose cooperation is essential for the world's economic growth. The members together account for around 85 per cent of the global GDP, 75 per cent of global trade and are home to 65 per cent of the world's population. Since 1999, the forum has met every year, with leaders of the members meeting for an annual G20 Leaders' Summit since 2008. In these summits, a communique detailing the priorities the world leaders agree upon during the deliberations is released.

The G20 Presidency leads the agenda of the G20 for a year, culminating in the Summit at the end. Two parallel tracks - the Sherpa Track and the Finance Track, comprise the G20. The Sherpas coordinate the Sherpa Track, and the Finance Ministers and Governors of Central banks lead the Finance Track. Working groups are formed within the two tracks in which the delegates from the members of the G20 participate. These groups bring out consensus-based Issue Notes and Outcome Documents, which are instrumental for the Sherpa Meetings' recommendations built on consensus. The outcome document of the Sherpa Meetings forms the

basis of the Leaders' Declaration of the final Summit attended by the leaders of the G20 members. The G20 also provides a platform for civil societies, women, young people, scientists, entrepreneurs, businesses and researchers of the G20 countries to contribute to a fruitful outcome of the multilateral process.

### **India's Presidency of the G20**

India's Presidency of the G20 is from December 1, 2022, to November 30, 2023. India adopted the theme of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' or 'One Earth. One Family. One Future'. The G20 Leaders' Summit will be held on 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of September 2023 in New Delhi. Several cities across the country will have G20 meetings throughout the year before the G20 Leaders' Summit, making the exercise pluralised and participatory. It will allow cities to showcase their unique heritage to international delegates. Several groups will be meeting to deliberate on the issues about the G20, such as the Business community (B20), Civil society (C20), Labour unions (L20), Scientists (S20), Think tanks (T20), Urban cities (U20), Women (W20), Youth (Y20) and India Startups (S20). India's G20 Sherpa is Amitabh Kant, and Chief Coordinator is Harsh Vardhan Shringla. As India commenced its Presidency, India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi outlined that India's G20 agenda will be 'inclusive, ambitious, action-oriented, and decisive.'

### **The G20 'University Connect'**

During India's presidency, a campaign to involve students from 75 universities across the country to stress the importance of the G20 for the youth and engage with them through various programs has been initiated. The G20 'University Connect' was inaugurated in a blended mode by the External Affairs Minister, Dr S Jaishankar, on 1st December with Vice Chancellors from the chosen 75 universities. The meeting highlighted the importance of making the G20 process deliberative, decisive and collaborative. Lectures, Model G20's, competitions, quizzes and other activities will be held under the University Connect framework to promote students' involvement in the G20 process. The University Connect and all other G20 events, it is intended, will enable an inclusive outcome of the G20 Leaders' Summit to be held in New Delhi on 9<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

### **Dibrugarh University and G20**

Dibrugarh University and Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati, are the two institutes from Assam among the 75 selected universities as a part of the nationwide campaign to sensitise students on the G20 and ensure their involvement. As part of its responsibilities in the G20 process, during India's presidency, Dibrugarh University intends to undertake several activities involving students of the region and the people at large. One of the activities it will organise is a Model G20 or MG20.

### **The Model G20 or MG20- A Brief Overview**

The Model G20 or MG20 is a program where students assume the role of world leaders based on a simulation of the actual G20 meetings. It enables students to learn about other countries and their unique challenges. Students understand the challenging world of diplomacy through such simulations because they face global challenges that each state views differently. In the

MUN, all United Nations member countries must pass unified resolutions, which means that the delegates must compete with others to ensure their interests are not compromised in the final resolutions. The MG20, on the other hand, is based on passing workable agreements instead of resolutions. This allows delegates to collaborate and work with the other participants to form strategies and solutions to address contemporary problems. The MG20 is thus based on a collaborative rather than a competitive backdrop.

The MG20, like the Model United Nations or MUN, helps students develop oratory and writing skills, critical thinking and research, negotiations and diplomacy, and formulate strategies, which are necessary for greater job prospects in the current times. It enables students to meet their counterparts from other parts of the world, engage with different cultures, and appreciate diverse perspectives. It provides a cross-cultural set-up for students and helps them imbibe essential skills such as global competency. The MG20 enables students to develop close personal relationships with delegates by building bridges between cultures and understanding different worldviews. It emphasises the growth of ideas through discussions and research so that plans and solutions that are accepted are practical and applicable to real-life situations.