

PSG COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY, COIMBATORE
G20 UNIVERSITY CONNECT – ENGAGING YOUNG MINDS LECTURE SERIES
REPORT

PSG College of Technology organized the G20 University Connect: Engaging Young Minds lecture series on 28th March, 2023 from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm. PSG Institutions is one among the 75 educational institutions selected across India by Research and Information Systems for Developing Countries (RIS), an autonomous body of the Ministry of External Affairs, GoI. Dr. K. Prakasan, Principal, PSG-CT welcomed the gathering and, in his remarks, stated, that it is indeed a watershed moment for India to host the G20 Presidency this year and a moment of pride for PSG Institutions to have been selected as part of this celebration to organize the University Connect lecture series. Ambassador Rahul Chhabra, Former Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs in his special lecture on G20 Indian Presidency, highlighted the significance of G20 Presidency for a country like India, to represent the problems and suggest solutions for the same, during this presidency year. Mr. Chhabra also stated that the Indian G20 Presidency was capable of steering the growth of member countries with focus on financial stability, humanitarian crisis, poverty and aid to least developed nations. Dr. P.N. Vinayachandran, Professor of Oceanography, IISc Bengaluru in his talk on Climate change and coastal systems addressed the need to understand the relationship between global warming and coastal systems, as the world is witnessing unexpected weather phenomenon, resulting in scenarios such as lack of fishing during March, which is considered the peak fishing period, in Karnataka. Dr. Pramod, Senior Principal Scientist, Salim Ali Centre for Ornithology, Coimbatore, in his address on “Biodiversity and Sustainable Development” enlightened on the rich biodiversity of India in every aspect from trees to flowers, animals and insects. India’s G20 Presidency is an opportunity where India envisions “VasudheivaKudumbakam”, signifying India’s role as a mediator for the development of the world. He talked about how biodiversity is being commoditized and the need to move away from it, which causes lack of symbiosis with nature. Dr. Subramanyam Raju, Dean International Studies, Pondicherry University, highlighted that India is becoming young as the world is aging and this helps India in the G20 Presidency to stand as a representative to achieve the SDGs envisioned successfully. An interactive question and answer session was facilitated by the speakers who addressed the queries of the participants. Dr. K.P. Radhika, Assistant Professor (Sr. Gr), Department of Humanities, proposed the vote of thanks.