

JINDAL GLOBAL CENTRE FOR G20 STUDIES (JGC4G20) O.P. JINDAL GLOBAL UNIVERSITY

CONCEPT NOTE

It is a matter of great pride for all of India that we have assumed the presidency of the prestigious G20 forum. In the span of 14 years, the G20 has grown into a powerful, representative and effective forum for coordination, discussion and problem-solving at the global level. As the Hon'ble Prime Minister has observed, upon taking over the presidency from Indonesia, India's G20 Presidency will work towards benefitting humanity as a whole. The PM also added that the greatest challenges the world faces today can only be solved, by acting together.

Immersed in this spirit with a vision to bridge the gap between Indian academia and global institutions, O.P. Jindal Global Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University (JGU) has established the Jindal Global Centre for G20 Studies (JGC4G20) on 16 January 2023. This will be the first research centre established by any Indian university, which will exclusively focus on research, thought leadership, and capacity building initiatives related to G20.

With more than 1,000 faculty members from over 48 countries and over 375 institutional collaborations from 67 countries in the world, JGU is equipped with the potential to become the most comprehensive hub for interdisciplinary knowledge and policymaking related to G20 studies in Indian academia and the wider Indian society. Professor (Dr.) Mohan Kumar, the former Indian Ambassador to France and the Dean of the Office of International Affairs & Global Initiatives and Professor of Diplomatic Practice at the Jindal School of International Affairs of JGU was appointed as the Inaugural Director of the JGC4G20.

Objectives

With a vision to transcend and democratize the functioning of the G20 forum, JGC4G20 aims to fulfil five major objectives:

1. To develop a strong vision for enabling academic institutions across the G20 region to build international collaborations between them
2. To launch new initiatives to promote G20 studies and greater understanding of the countries in G20 in all its dimensions across other Indian higher education institutions

3. To organise periodic lectures, seminars and conferences of topical relevance to India-G20 cooperation in partnership with other universities, think-tanks and government officials
4. To build and strengthen capacities for pursuing research relating to G20 countries within India with a strong focus on joint research between institutions in G20
5. To develop multisectoral training and capacity building programmes in close partnership with higher education institutions in the G20

Action-Plan for 2023

The newly established research centre will undertake independent and interdisciplinary research in the following areas already established by India as priorities for its presidency. These are, inter alia: (1) Accelerating SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals) in Education and Health; (2) Accelerated, Inclusive and Resilient Economic Growth; (3) Green Development and Climate Finance; (4) Multilateral Institutions for the 21st Century; (5) 3 Fs: Food, Fuel and Fertilizers; and (6) Gender: Women-led development.

Following are the five specific initiatives that the Centre will be undertaking this year:

1. To host a Global Conference of 200 universities from G20 with representation of 10 universities from each G20 partner to focus on the future of education
2. To organize a G20 Ambassadors Conclave that will promote a dialogue on the future of diplomacy
3. To host a Global Justice Colloquium with a focus on bringing together lawyers and judges of the G20 countries to discuss and debates on the state of the justice systems across G20
4. To host the World Sustainability Forum for bringing together thought leaders and institutions in G20 to engage on issues relating to environment and climate change
5. To host the Global Public Policy and Development Dialogue for bringing together policy makers and academics in G20 to discuss about issues confronting the world of policy and development