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“This time of 21st century is very important as today India is a young country with a huge young population. Yuva Shakti is the driving force of India’s journey. The next 25 years are important for building the nation. The dreams and aspirations of Yuva Shakti decide India’s direction and destination and Yuva Shakti’s passion decides India’s path.”

- [Prime Minister Narendra Modi](#)¹

Introduction

Started in 2012, the [Y-20 is the youth version of the G-20 Summits and it is the only officially recognized platform for young people to engage with the G-20](#). It is one of the most influential international diplomatic forums for young leaders. It is also one of eight official engagement groups under the G-20 umbrella.

The G-20 rotating presidency bears the responsibility of hosting the youth summit, which usually takes place some weeks prior to the traditional forum to know what the youths are thinking and incorporate their suggestions in their own policy proposals. It is an attempt to create a connecting point between G-20 governments and their local youth.²



¹<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1890835>

²<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1896467>

Under India's G20 Presidency, 5 key themes have been prioritized which are as follows:

Y20 Engagement Group Themes
<u>Future of Work: Industry 4.0, Innovation and 21st century</u>
<u>Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction: Making Sustainability as a Way of Life</u>
<u>Peace Building and Reconciliation: Ushering in an Era of No War</u>
<u>Shared Future: Youth in Democracy and Governance</u>
<u>Health, Wellbeing & Sports: Agenda for Youth</u>

**Click on the themes to access the White Paper prepared on each theme.*

YOUTH 20 INCEPTION MEETING

Guwahati, Assam | February 06-08, 2023

As part of India's G20 Presidency, the Youth 20 group's first inception meeting was held at Guwahati from February 06-08, 2023 to consult the youth of the nation on ideas for a better tomorrow and draft an agenda for action on five identified Y20 themes.³ This was the first of the various summits to be held on the five Y20 themes at different Universities across states in India in a run-up to the final Youth-20 Summit in August 2023⁴. During the inception meeting, 21 foreign delegates and 200 Indian delegates participated in the main events.⁵



DAY 1 - February 6, 2023

Union Minister for Youth Affairs & Sports and Information & Broadcasting Shri Anurag Thakur welcomed the Y20 family and addressed the gathering at the ***Inception Meet*** and went on to

³<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1897204>

⁴<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1888943>

⁵<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1897204>

highlight the significance of holding the Y20 meeting at IIT, Guwahati, Assam.⁶ The Minister said:

- [Y20 is a brilliant way to amplify the voices of young people](#). This Summit is significant because it is being held amongst the world largest youth population & the world's largest democracy; there can be no better place as unique as this.
- [Youth is the engine which drives the nation towards success](#). Innovation, entrepreneurship and problem solving will be the cornerstone for youth led development anywhere in the world.



DAY 2 - February 7, 2023



The **second day** of the Inception Meeting of Y20 began from the sprawling campus of IIT Guwahati. Shri Anurag Singh Thakur in the session 'Youth Dialogue with Youth Minister " stated that the Y20 India Summit would exemplify the youth-centric efforts and showcase policy measures ideated by the youth. He stated that the demographic dividend of India is uniquely poised to usher in an era of rapid social, economic, environmental and technological innovation and advancement.⁷

While remarking at the opportunities for youth in the AmritKaal of Indian democracy, the Minister stated that AmritKaal is *AdhigamKaal* - an era of to leap forward, *AwsarKaal* - an era of opportunities and *KartavyaKaal* - an era of duty to the nation.

Following Panel discussions with eminent speakers and leaders were held over the course of the second day:

Theme 1: Peace-building and Reconciliation: Ushering in an Era of No War

The Panel consisted of Gen V K Singh (Retd), MoS, Government of India; Tejasvi Surya, MP;



⁶<https://twitter.com/YASMinistry/status/1622963816819724288?s=20&t=4aXVjKL5u0DtLFEfCSltJg>

⁷<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1897111>

Lt. Gen. Satish Dua (Retd), Indian Army; GyanendraPratap Singh, IPS, DGP, Govt of Assam; Shri Hiren Chandra Nath, IPS, ADGP (STF/SB), Assam; BipulKalita, Surrendered Insurgent and Binal Warry, Surrendered Insurgent which was moderated by Kanchan Gupta, Senior Adviser, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting.

Theme 2: The Second technical session-Future of Work: Industry 4.0, Innovation, & 21st Century Skills

The panel comprised of Dr. GD Dhanuka, Industrialist; D. Uma Maheshwar, Chief Consulting Engineer at GE Aviation Prem Kumar, Founder and Chief Innovator at MarutDronetech and Dr. P. Muthukumar, Professor at IIT, Tirupati Hydrogen Energy Lab. The session was moderated by Dr. RakhiChaturvedi, Professor & Head, Department of Biosciences & Bioengineering, Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati.

Themes 3: Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction: Making Sustainability a Way of Life



The panel comprised of Dr. ShilpiKushwaha, Scientist; Purnima Devi Burman, Founder of the Hargila Army; RiturajPhukan, Social Entrepreneur, Dr. Akshai Kumar AS, Professor, IIT Guwahati and Dr. PrateekKanakia, Entrepreneur had a threadbare discussion on climate change and the strategy to maintain biodiversity by community participation. The session was moderated by AnamikaBarua, Professor, IIT Guwahati.

Theme 4: Shared Future: Youth in Democracy and Governance

The panel comprised of MitaNath Bora, Member of Assam Youth Commission; AnkurJyotiBhuyan, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Kumar Bhaskar Varma Sanskrit and Ancient Studies University, Dr. VikasTripathi, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Gauhati University and Abhinav Prakash, Assistant Professor, University of Delhi, which was moderated by Prof. PahiSaikia, Associate Professor (Political Science), IIT Guwahati.

Theme 5: Health, Wellbeing & Sports: Agenda for Youth

The panel comprised of LaishramSarita Devi, Sports person, Dr. AsheemaHaobijam, Senior Doctor, Shreyasi Singh, MLA and Dr. UjvalMaske, HoD, Yogic Science & Naturopathy, MahapurushSrimantaSankardeva University, Guwahati. Dr. Bithiah Grace Jaganathan, Professor, Department of Biosciences and Bioengineering, Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati moderated the session.



DAY 3 - February 8, 2023

Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports, Shri Anurag Thakur launched Youth20 Whitepapers, outlining vision of G20India. The white-papers will form the basis of deliberations among global youth at @IndiaY20.⁸



Talking about the five key themes of the Y20 under India's presidency, the Union Minister said that these themes have been carefully chosen to be deliberated upon for a shared future for the global community. These five themes present an extraordinary opportunity for the youth to create, contribute and collaborate to the development agenda of G20.⁹

The closing ceremony of the three day inception meeting of Y20 engagement group concluded in Guwahati on February 08, 2023. While addressing the closing ceremony of the Youth20 Inception Meet, Anurag Singh Thakur wished a bright future to all the

Delegates and Participants. He said that these three days saw invigorating ideation and spirited dialogues and deliberations on some of the most crucial issues humanity is facing with.¹⁰

YOUTH 20 PRE-SUMMIT

Leh | April 26-28, 2023

The Y20 Pre-Summit Meeting under the Indian G20 Presidency hosted by the Ministry of Youth and Sports Affairs was held in Leh from April 26-28, 2023. More than 100 delegates from 30 different countries attended the pre-summit.

In run upto the Pre-Summit, a sustainable campus challenge was organised based on one of the Y20 themes, **'Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction: Making Sustainability a Way of Life'** by the Department of Higher Education, UT Ladakh to promote sustainability in educational campus.

Day 1 - April 26, 2023

The first day of the Y20 Pre-Summit began with an excursion trip in and around Leh. Y20 delegates got a glimpse of Ladakh's rich cultural heritage when they visited Hemis and Thiksey Monasteries.

At Hemis Monastery, delegates witnessed the



⁸https://twitter.com/g20org/status/1623240783750119424?s=20&t=qZiK0idbOiKlt_f19NkGEg

⁹<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1897332>

¹⁰<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1897332>

famous Cham dance—an enigmatic and energetic mask dance. Cham dance is used in all four schools of Tibetan Buddhism—Nyingma, Sakya, Kagyu and Gelug—in their rituals as a sacred dance that is reflective of the Buddhist tantric practices.

In their visit to Thiksey Monastery, the delegates participated in the prayers with Buddhist monks. The delegates also visited the Maitreyi Temple, home to statue of Maitreya Buddha, as well as the Snyemo Sangam of Indus and Zaskar rivers and the Pathar Saheb Gurudwara.

Later in the evening Lieutenant Governor (LG) of Leh-Ladakh Shri Brig. (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd) inaugurated Stalls of Ladakh Haat and interacted with the delegates.¹¹



Day 2 - April 27, 2023

On the second day, the Youth20 pre-summit saw discussions on ways to enhance collaboration with stakeholders to contribute towards the development of youth. The inaugural session of Y20 Pre-Summit was held at Sindhu Sanskriti Kendra, Leh. The session was inaugurated by LG, Ladakh Shri Brig. (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd).



¹¹ <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseIframePage.aspx?PRID=1920041>

LG, Ladakh Shri Brig. (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd) in his address mentioned that the vision of G20 came into realization under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. He also said that the youth of the country is intelligent, committed, focused and know their way ahead. They are the future of the country because of the potential they have.¹²

He welcomed the esteemed delegates on behalf of people of Ladakh at the highest meeting point of India at 11000 feet above mean sea level. He further highlighted the culture, food and traditions of Ladakh to familiarize the guest delegates with the lifestyle of Ladakh. This included the scenic beauty of mountainous landscapes of Ladakh, anganwadi or courtyard shelter for toddlers, handicraft and handloom by SHGs comprised of Ladakhi women, pashmina wool, wood carving, apricots as a part of the horticulture heritage of Ladakh, sea buckthorn, ice-hockey and winter sports activities like ice climbing, ice skating, skiing, and frozen lake marathon. He also mentioned polo on top of the world with players wearing traditional attire and riding horses which is unique to Ladakh.

A session based on the theme '**Health & Wellbeing- The Indian Perspective**' was presented by the team of the Indian National Young Academy of Sciences (INYAS). The session was followed by an interactive session with the youth delegates where their concerns and questions were addressed by the panelists.¹³

Five parallel technical sessions were held for negotiations and deliberations based on the Y20 themes:

- Shared Future: Youth in Democracy and Governance
- Future of Work: Industry 4.0, Innovation & 21st Century Skills.
- Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction: Making Sustainability a Way of Life
- Peace-building and Reconciliation: Ushering in an Era of No War
- Health, Wellbeing & Sports: Agenda for Youth

Day 3 - April 28, 2023

On the third and the final day of the Y20 Pre-Summit, Union Minister for Youth Affairs & Sports and Information & Broadcasting Shri Anurag Singh Thakur graced the [Youth Dialogue](#) (Yuva Samvaad) interaction. He said that the runway is ready for youth to take off, whether it is for economy or education, sports or entrepreneurship, skill development or digitization, and the youth - now have a mission to make a global impact.



¹² <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1920325>

¹³ <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1920325>

He also said that the Y20 summit is providing an extraordinary opportunity for the youth and the world alike to shape their national as well as international discourse and in many ways be proactive in finding solutions to problems our respective regions face.

The delegates also got an opportunity to delve deeper into the traditions of Ladakh and learn about the rich heritage of the region.¹⁴

Addressing a press conference on the conclusion, Union Minister Shri Anurag Singh Thakur said that G20 under India's Presidency has set new milestones. He said that the discussions and deliberations are going on successfully and India's rich art, culture, and heritage has left a lasting impression on the delegates from across the world. He also said that around 103 delegates participating in the Y20 pre-summit in Leh are mesmerized by the monasteries, Sangam, and landscape of Leh and they want to return to Ladakh again.¹⁵

He also informed that as an outcome of the Pre-Summit in Leh, there is a consensus on the five themes of the Y20 summit among the participating countries and international organizations.



Later in the evening Union Minister Shri Anurag Thakur participated in the closing ceremony where two short videos on Azadi Ki Amrit Kahaniyan were launched. On the occasion Modi@20 book was also released. The launch was graced by LG, Ladakh Shri Brig. (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd); Shri Tashi Gyalsen, Chief Executive Councillor, and Shri Jamyang Tsering Namgyal, Member of Parliament, Ladakh.¹⁶

¹⁴ <https://twitter.com/g20org/status/1652020990116007936?s=20>

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YOUTH 20 SUMMIT

Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh |August 17-20, 2023

Youth 20 Summit 2023 under the Indian G20 Presidency was organised by the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports from August 17-20, 2023 in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh. The Y20 Summit brought together leading experts, decision makers, national and international delegates/representatives from G20 countries, guest countries and international organizations to negotiate, finalize and signing the Y20 Communiqué created from the conclusions of the various deliberations and discussions from past few months.¹⁷

Day 1 - August 17, 2023

On the first day of the Y20 Summit, the delegates visited the Super Computing Centre and Precision Engineering Hub at Benaras Hindu University, Varanasi. They got a glimpse of how the goal of converting more application domains, and critical missions can be achieved through the Super Computing technology. Faculty members of the IIT BHU showcased how the Super Computing Centre has advanced the country's research and development area of science and technology.

The visit was followed by sessions and presentations curated by IIT- BHU at Rudraksh International Cooperation and Convention Centre (RICCC). The presentation began with a glimpse of the ever-evolving institute of IIT-BHU and its vital role of technical education in strengthening India. The sessions by IIT-BHU further focused on ongoing research activities, placement activities, innovation, incubation, and start-up culture. A cultural performance filled with musical rendition and classical dance performances like Garba, Odissi, Bharatnatyam, Kathak, and Bhangra were also showcased by the talented students of IIT-BHU as a part of the program.

Later in the evening, delegates and participants visited Sarnath and were given a glimpse of the culture of Varanasi. The



¹⁷<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseIframePage.aspx?PRID=1949946>

excursion to Sarnath helped the delegates experience the cultural aura of one of the world's foremost Buddhist pilgrimage centers. At Sarnath, delegates visited the Archaeological Museum, which exhibited the Buddhist Cultural wealth, recovered from the site of Lord Buddha's first sermon at deer park Mrigadava in Sarnath. Delegates explored the Sarnath Museum, a repository of invaluable Buddhist cultural treasures. The first day of the Y20 Summit, concluded with the mesmerizing Light & Sound show, which narrated the profound life journey of Gautam Buddha.¹⁸

DAY 2 - August 18, 2023

Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports, Anurag Singh Thakur and Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister, Shri Yogi Adityanath jointly inaugurated the Youth 20 Summit 2023 at Rudraksha International Cooperation and Convention Centre at Varanasian August 18, 2023.



Speaking at the Y20 Summit, the UP Chief Minister Shri Yogi Adityanath ji pointed out that young people have the potential to change the world and that Gautam Buddha, Vardhman Mahavira, Adi Sankaracharya, were all young men. ¹⁹

Addressing the gathering on the occasion, Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports, Anurag Singh Thakur said that the Y20 Summit brings together young people from diverse nations each facing unique economic, social, and environmental problems and challenges and they are not limited to a single country. He said it provides a platform to work together to find solutions to tackle the challenges. The Minister added that India has the largest young population and the youth power is the power of the country which will make the country the third largest economy of the world.

Three sessions were organized on the following themes:

- **The Future of Work and Job Creation**
- **Mentoring Entrepreneurs and the Future of Work**
- **AI in School and College Curriculum**

This was followed by a discussion on the Y20 draft Communique.

¹⁸<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseIframePage.aspx?PRID=1949946>

¹⁹<https://newsonair.gov.in/News?title=Formal-inauguration-of-Youth-20-Summit-to-take-place-in-Varanasi&id=466299>

Day 3 - August 19, 2023

The third day of the Y20 Summit at Varanasi witnessed a session on ‘**Empowering the Amrit Generation through participatory Governance**’. The session began with a video emphasizing on ‘*Yuva Shakti*’, the driving force of India. It was followed by an insightful glimpse of the MyGov platform, which has been established as the Government of India’s Citizen Engagement Platform that collaborates with multiple Government bodies and Ministries to engage with citizens for policy formulation and to seek the opinions of people on issues/ topics of public interest and welfare.

The session was followed by **Discussion on Y20 Draft Communiqué**, where more than 100 international delegates from G20 Countries, Guest Countries and International Organizations engaged in deliberations and negotiations on the five identified themes of Y20.

The sessions provided a discussion platform based on agreed recommendations related to the G20 agenda, which are being compiled into a joint communiqué to represent the point of view of the global youth on the G20 priorities. The finalization of the Y20 communiqué is the result of several months of recommendations, ideations, brainstorming sessions, youth consultations, and discussions that created a dialogue on global matters.

An Organizer’s Conference was also held, which reflected on the learnings from the past few months since the Inception Meeting of Youth 20 Summit held in February 2023 in Guwahati, Assam. The conference was presided by Mr. Priyank Chauhan, India’s OC Representative, and members of the Y20 Secretariat. The Organizer’s Conference ideated the way forward for the Y20 Communiqué and an outcome document was prepared emphasizing the mutual learning and support among Y20 groups reflecting G20 India’s spirit of ‘One Earth. One Family. One Future’.

Day 4 - August 20, 2023

A plenary session for the signing of the Y20 Communiqué was held on the last day at Rudraksh International Cooperation and Convention Centre (RICCC). Sh. Sharad Vivek Sagar, Sh. Anmol Sovit, Y20 India; Sh. Pathikrit Payne, Coordination Head, Y20 India; Sh. Falit Sijariya, Head of Delegation, Y20 India and Smt. Aditi Narayani Paswan, Track Chair, Y20 India led the session.

The outcome of the Summit in the form of the [Y20 Communiqué](#) was signed by the Heads of Delegation, which marked the conclusion of the various discussions held during the last few months.

Besides the formal meetings, [outreach events](#) were organized across the country. Over 26 lakh participants from schools, colleges, universities, and research institutions across India, took part in these discussions which were held at 64000 locations, along with 14,000 young



professionals in brainstorming sessions. It is a testament to the collective common vision across the five identified themes of Y20, which will ensure that the voices of young people are heard by the highest-level decision-makers on the global platform.²⁰

The major recommendations included in the Communiqué are:

- Empower Lifelong Learning
- Prepare a Global Workforce for Global Challenges
- Strengthen International Research Collaboration
- Promote Universal Gig Worker Rights and
- Implement Accessible Sustainable Financing and Mentoring

After the release of the Y20 2023 Communiqué by the troika countries comprising of Chair Y20 India, Indonesia Organising Committee Representative, and Brazil Organising Committee Representative, **the Flag was officially handed over by the Y20 India Chair to the Brazilian Head of Delegation.**



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