

Yuvamanthan Model G20 Initiative Launches With Its Inaugural Summit in Goa.

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India has assumed the G20 presidency from 1st December 2022 onwards for the G20 Summit in 2023. A nation deeply committed to democracy and multilateralism, India's presidency would be a watershed moment in our history as it seeks to play an essential role by arriving to pragmatic global solutions for the wellbeing of all, manifesting the true spirit of '*Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam*' or 'The World is One Family'.

The role of India's youth in a deeply interconnected world is critical. Initiatives to facilitate their inclusion are essential to give them a global voice to be heard on matters related to the world's socio-political problems. Yuvamanthan Model G20 (YMG20) is one such platform aimed at creating awareness on G20 among the youth, capturing their ideas and disseminating them to policymakers, G20 practitioners and foreign delegates. It allows students and young participants to discuss current economic, socio-political and cultural issues in a mock simulation of the G20 summit where they act as the leaders of the G20 nations.

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The launch event at Goa witnessed participation from over 50 students from Parvatibai Chowgule College where students participated as Finance ministers and Sherpas of G20 countries. The summit was divided into two major tracks, the Sherpa Track and the Finance Track where participants discussed the most pressing issues on global economic, environmental and trade-related affairs. The action-packed summit led to a consensus on investing in sustainable energy was one of the key points of discussion where India's active efforts on facilitating a green transition was highlighted. Another pressing concern was innovation of technologies to enable sustainable growth in the agricultural, forestry etc., and financial contribution from countries with the highest emissions to developing nations that face immediate threat of facing climate change challenges. The student delegates discussed a possibility of labour sharing in countries with shortage of labourers and those countries with excess capacity but no employment opportunities due to the reverse migration caused by the global COVID-19 pandemic. Lastly, there was talk of technology sharing among the G20 countries, specifically that of data, designs, inventions, material, software, technical knowledge or trade secrets from developed countries to developing countries as they require it to make the intermediate goods into final goods.

Addressing the students on this occasion **Goa's Chief Minister Pramod Sawant** said "Yuvamanthan Model G20 is a great opportunity for the youth to come forward and share their innovative ideas and opinions on global issues that shall bring a new perspective in the eyes of the decision makers for a sustainable, smart and inclusive world". The Chief Minister added that "Yuvamanthan as a platform will engage with the youth on real world matters and leverage their talent, skills and encourage static thinking in order to shape the thoughts of our upcoming leaders in the future." **Minister of State for Tourism and Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Government of India, Sh. Shripad Yesso Naik also addressed the students and said "Yuvamanthan Model G20 is a great example of engaging the young generation in**



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transforming global scenarios through deliberations on the different strategies that should be implemented to solve the problems faced by global citizens.” **Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha Sh. Vinay Tendulkar spoke to the students and said** “For the first time in history and delegates from over 20 countries, will visit India for the several meetings and discussions to be held across the year 2023. Goa is the venue for 8 G20 meetings and participation should be encouraged from the students”.

Aditya Chowgule - Vice President of Parvatibai Chowgule College of Arts and Science, Goa said "Our college encourages youth to engage in practical discussions on global issues and helps develop soft skills like confidence, teamwork, diplomacy and responsibility towards a better world that youngsters really need."

The series of **YMG20 Summits** which will start in Goa will expand pan-India and be held at the institutional levels in various schools, colleges and universities, followed by state-level and national-level summits. **"We hope to reach 10,000 educational institutions and engage 1 crore students with this initiative"** said Nitin Agarwal - Director Yuvamanthan. "We are building our website as a single source of useformation for everything G20 " he added. Educational institutions across the country will organise institutional-level summits on their campuses. The winners of these institutional-level summits will have a chance to qualify for the state-level summits and their winners will participate in the National Yuvamanthan Model G20 Summit planned in September "

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About Yuvamanthan Model G20

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Under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership, India has continuously molded its policies to suit the genius of the youth. With further emphasis on collective decision-making and the promotion of India's culture of knowledge, the youth will serve as a catalyst for overall economic and social growth. India is not just one of the youngest countries in the world but also with the most potential in terms of intellectual strength. Identifying archetypes in our youth dividend and building their skills is necessary to achieve inclusive growth. Therefore **initiatives that lead to self-awareness in the youth will become the cornerstone for acquainting the world with India's vision.**

Yuvamanthan aims to create awareness, soft-skills and participation amongst the youth on the principles of self awareness, inclusivity, role sharing and innovation. As we enter the 'Amrit Kaal' which is futuristic and inclusive, initiatives like YMG20 will build them up and position themselves for success. **Some of the objectives of YMG20 are:**

- **To encourage the youth to come up with solutions to real-world problems.**
- **To activate the participation of youth in governance.**
- **To inform the youth on the initiatives of the government.**
- **To provide the youth with a global outlook.**
- **To engage the youth in meaningful activities and build their soft skills.**

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Yuvamanthan is completely youth driven and is seeing self-aware youth participate in big numbers in strengthening it further

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