G20 Secretariat Ministry of External Affairs

Model G20: Youth Awareness Among Educational Institutions Across India

What is G20?

The Group of Twenty (G20) is the premier forum for international economic cooperation among its members who are the world's major economies, representing 85% of global economic output two thirds of the world's population, and 75% of international trade. The G20 reflects a recognition that global prosperity is interdependent and our economic opportunities and challenges are interlinked. In order to make it more inclusive and representative, the G20 also traditionally invites a few other guest countries as well as key international organisations.

The G20 initially focused largely on broad macroeconomic policy, but it has expanded its ambit overtime. Since 2008, when the G20 was raised to the level of Leaders, its agenda has expanded significantly to include socio-economic issues of trade, climate change, development, energy, fossil fuel subsidies, anti-corruption, agriculture, education, health, etc. The contemporary events also influenced the agenda heavily.

The G20 Summit is conducted through the established Sherpa and Finance tracks that prepare and follow up on the issues and commitments adopted at the Summits. In addition, G20 also has Engagement Groups representing civil societies that develop recommendations which are submitted to G20 Leaders for their consideration.

The group follows a rotational presidency format with three countries being a part of troika (past, current and incumbent presidencies). As on 1st December 2022, India assumed the presidency from Indonesia. Following which, several meetings across various work streams are set to be conducted leading up to the final leaders summit. These meetings will be seen pursuing India's broad priorities inclusive of Accelerating Progress on SDGs; Green Development, Climate and Lifestyle for Environment (LiFE); Technological Transformation; Multilateral Institutions for the 21st Century and Women-led Development.

Model G20 & its Purpose

A Model G20 may be conducted by schools and colleges across the country to engage students in dialogue and hence, provide exposure and insights into the nuances of multilateral discourse on global challenges and pressing policy issues of the current times.

The Learning Opportunities for Students

- Exposure to foreign policies and deeper understanding of socio-economic and political global challenges faced by countries
- Development of writing skills while preparing outcome documents
- Promotion of creative and analytical thinking

- Learning of diplomatic ethics and code of conduct
- Honing of debating and negotiation skills

Suggested agenda for discussions

- The Progress on Sustainable Development Goals
- Climate Change and its Impact
- Reforms for Multilateral Institutions
- Circular Economy and Lifestyle for Environment
- Digitalisation of Agriculture/ Trade/ Skilling
- · Women at the core of the Development Agenda /Women-led Development

Format & Rules of Procedure

- The profile allocation may include G20 Countries along with a combination of Guest Countries and International Organisations.
- The simulation may follow an Individual Delegate Format.
- The Group may be steered by 1 Chair or 2-3 Co-Chairs.
- The discussion may be divided into 2-3 sub-sessions under the broad chosen agenda.
- The Committee may agree upon an outcome document in the form of a communique. This document may then be shared with the G20 Secretariat at the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) to be considered for an additional reward.
- The minutes of the meeting may also be recorded.
- The Chairs may evaluate the delegates to finally announce awards and recognitions as indicated below.
- Delegate kits along with placards of country names and G20 lapel pins may be arranged for all delegates.

Recognition / Awards to be considered

Award Category	Number of Awards	Rewards
To be announced by	respective institut	ions conducting the event
Best Delegate (G20 Member Country, Guest Country and International Organisation)	3	 Cash Reward Certificate of Merit signed by the India G20 Sherpa Chance to attend a G20 Meeting
Best Delegation	1	 Cash Reward Certificates of Merit signed by the India G20 Sherpa
High Commendation (G20 Member Country, Guest	3	Cash RewardCertificates of Merit signed by

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Country and International Organisation)	entra 110 Acto	the India G20 Sherpa
Special Mention (G20 Member Country, Guest Country and International Organisation)	3	Certificate of Merit signed by the India G20 Sherpa
To be announced by MEA		
Best Outcome Document	2	 To be released at a G20 meeting and published in an esteemed publication Certificate of Merit signed by the India G20 Sherpa
Best Model G20 (across India)*	1	 Cash reward of Rs. 5 lacs by the G20 Secretariat

*Indicative metrics: number of participants, quality of outcome documents (action oriented, ambitious, inclusive, decisive), no. of green / innovative initiatives proposed, social media outreach

Further suggested readings

- 1. <u>www.g20.org</u>
 - 2. http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/