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To mark India’s G20 Presidency, the Think20 group organised the T20 handover ceremony on 30 November 2022. It introduced the T20 Core Group, Secretariat and India Task Forces. The event was an official ceremony as T20 India took over from the Indonesian T20 counterparts.

Dr Samir Saran, President, Observer Research Foundation (ORF), and Mr Amitabh Kant, G20 India Sherpa, welcomed attendees to the handover ceremony on behalf of the G20 Secretariat and India team. Mr Kant thanked Indonesia for its impressive work at the Bali Summit amidst various geopolitical and economic challenges and mentioned that India will serve its term with a decisive, resilient, and sustainable presidency. He explained the Indian presidency’s
motto of “Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam” meaning one cosmic web and unity in diversity and highlighted the focus areas of a sustainable lifestyle, developing countries, inclusivity, green transition, and digital platform development.

Dr Saran presented the calendar and agenda for T20 and also outlined its structure. He also introduced the seven task forces under T20, elaborating on workstreams under each task force. He said that the task forces are dynamic, robust, and evolving. He highlighted the four significant touchdown events that are going to be held as a part of T20, namely—the handover event, inception conference, mid-year event, and the T20 summit. He also spoke about launching a G20 global research forum which could act as a repository of G20 conversations and can last beyond this year.

Among the prominent speakers were Dr Nilanjan Ghosh, Director, ORF; Mr Sujan R Chinoy, Chair, T20 India Core Group; Chair, T20 Task Force 3 & 7; Director General, MP-IDSA; Mr Bambang PSBrodjonegoro , Professor, Faculty of Economics, University of Indonesia; Mr Yose Rizal Damuri, Executive Director, Centre for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), Indonesia; Ms Sunaina Kumar, Senior Fellow, ORF, and the hosting secretariat; Mr Sachin Chaturvedi, Member,T20 India Core Group; Chair, Task Force 3; Director General, RIS; Mr Rohan Jaitley, Member, T20 India Core Group; Amb Vijay Thakur Singh, Chair, Task Force 7—T20 India, Director General, ICWA; Dr Poonam Gupta, Chair, Macroeconomics, Trade, and Livelihoods: Policy Coherence and International Coordination; Prof. NR Bhanumurty, Chair, Task Force 1, and Vice-Chancellor, Dr B.R. Ambedkar School of Economics University; Prof Gopaikrishna A. Tadas, Chair, Accelerating SDGs: Exploring New Pathways to the 2030 Agenda; Mr Anirban Sharma, Chair, Task Force 2: Our Common Digital Future: Affordable, Accessible and Inclusive Digital Public Infrastructure; Riatu Mariatul Qibthiyyah, Co-Chair, Task Force 6: Accelerating SDGs: Exploring New Pathways to the 2030 Agenda.

Mr Sujan R. Chinoy delivered the closing remarks on the responsibility of G20 and the robust collaboration it requires, The Think20 (T20) India kicked off its convenings with a conversation between Remy Rioux, Chief Executive Officer, Agence Française de Développement (AFD) and Samir Saran, President, Observer Research Foundation (ORF) and member of T20 India Core Group around the G20 Imperative for mobilising development finance that can provide a renewed impetus to making the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Agenda 2030 a central idea.
T20 Inception Conference

13–14 January | New Delhi

Think20 India hosted its Inception Conference in New Delhi, featuring 14 task force meetings, 5 plenary sessions, 2 roundtables and saw over 250 participants from 17+ countries. The two-day conference featured panel discussions and breakout sessions for each task force. During the course of two days, members of each task force presented their ideas and priorities, as well as the plan of action.
The Think20 India Inception Conference laid the groundwork for what the seven task forces aim to achieve during India’s Presidency. It involved groups of think tanks and research institutions that are a part of the Think20 process and members of the task forces.

The event was opened by Dr Samir Saran, Chair of the T20 India Secretariat and President of the Observer Research Foundation, who introduced the Think20’s objectives and functions. He emphasised the importance of renewing friendships, strengthening the community, and building a network of believers who value G20 and see it as a medium to respond to the challenges that the world is confronted with, and who also see the benefits of friendships and working together.

The opening remarks were made by Amb. Sujan R. Chinoy, Chair of the T20 India Core Group, Chair of the T20 Task Force 3 and 7, and Director General, MP-IDSA. He emphasised the utilisation of well-known social media platforms and highlighted the need for inclusion of members from G20 and guest countries.

Amitabh Kant, G20 Sherpa for India, gave the opening speech on the current state of the world during India’s presidency of the G20. Among the themes he addressed were, slowdown in the economy, post-COVID effects and role of gender in India’s growth story. He argued that “India cannot grow at its sustained pace with women. It is impossible to drive the world today without taking care of female nutrition, maternal health, and learning outcomes. Without women in positions of leadership, development cannot take place.” Echoing the sentiments Rohan Jaitley, T20 India Core Group member, emphasised the group’s focus on
inclusivity and representation, adding that they have fostered new friendships and creative connections.

In his spotlight address, Mr Jayant Sinha, Chair, Parliamentary Standing Committee on Finance and Member of Parliament, India, argued that while the world was engulfed in several crises, climate action also demanded equal urgency and attention. Mr Sinha highlighted that net zero is net positive for all and “It is a win for the planet if we decarbonise, and a win for the Global South and the Global North if we can get the trajectory to reduce global warming issues”.

Closing the convenings at the T20 India Inception Conference on Day 1, Hardeep Singh Puri, Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas, and Housing and Urban Affairs, Government of India traced back the journey of the inter-governmental forum to its establishment and highlighted the relevance of the grouping in addressing the gaps left by failures in multilateral organizations. The event rounded off with a Valedictory Address from Eenam Gambhir, Joint Secretary, G20 Secretariat, Ministry of External Affairs, India.
Observer Research Foundation in partnership with the Ministry of External Affairs, organised The G20 Global Think Tank Townhall—a day-long conference which introduced the Think20 India initiative—the G20 Global Research Forum, on 5 March 2023. The Townhall saw participation from over 200 experts from both G20 and non-G20 countries. It featured conversations around key Indian G20 priorities, including climate and sustainable lifestyle, digital public infrastructure, women-led growth, and the sustainable development goals.
Key speakers at the event included Bhupender Yadav, Union Minister of Labour and Employment, Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India; Ashish Kumar Sinha, Joint Secretary (G20), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India; Nagaraj Naidu Kakanur, Joint Secretary (G20), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India; Muktesh Pardeshi, Special Secretary (G20-Operations), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India; Adrian Haack, Director, KAS India; Abhay Thakur, Sous Sherpa, G20 India; Harsh Vardhan Shringla, Chief Coordinator (G20), India; Samir Saran President, ORF and Chair, T20 India Secretariat and Sujan Chinoy, Director General, Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses (MP-IDSA) and Chair, T20 India Core Group.
The Think20 (T20) Mid-Year Conference, held as a precursor and bridge to the final T20 Summit, successfully provided a unique platform for experts and policymakers to collaborate and exchange ideas on global challenges. The conference, which spanned three days, featured insightful discussions on a wide range of topics, including health, green growth, technology for development, reformed multilateralism, gender and its interplay with green transitions, and the future of work.

The Conference brought together over 300 participants, including esteemed experts, policymakers, and delegates from various nations. The presence of distinguished speakers, such as Ina Krisnamurthi, Ambassador of Indonesia to India; Vincenzo De Luca, Ambassador of Italy to India; Harsh Vardhan Shringla, Chief Coordinator (G20), India; and Amitabh Kant, G20 India Sherpa, added immense value to the conference. Their insights and expertise enriched the discussions, providing a holistic perspective on the global challenges at hand.

The primary objective of the conference was to enable the task forces to meet in person and finalise their Task Force Statements. These statements serve as the foundation of the T20 Communiqué, a critical document that consolidates policy recommendations for consideration for the G20. The collaborative efforts of the task forces during the Mid-Year Conference were
instrumental in shaping the direction of policy discussions and forging actionable solutions.

In addition to the policy discussions, the conference also offered participants the opportunity to engage in mindful yoga sessions and a cultural evening organised by the T20 Secretariat. These activities aimed to foster a sense of well-being, cultural exchange, and networking among international delegates and speakers.

The recommendations and solutions proposed during the conference are expected to play a significant role in addressing global challenges, promoting sustainable development, and advancing inclusive policies. The conference laid a solid groundwork for continued collaboration and cooperation among experts, policymakers, and stakeholders, underscoring the importance of collective action in addressing complex global issues.
21 December 2022: The Energy and Research Institute (TERI) with ERIN-ERIA organised an expert consultation on the theme 'Renewable Energy Transition in South Asia: Role of Regional Energy Trade and Cooperation' on 21 December 2022, in New Delhi. The event included discussions on two key points -

- Realising the potential of regional cooperation in RE trade in South Asia
- Challenges and opportunities for regional energy cooperation
ORF Kolkata | T20 Side Event
Empowering Citizens Digitally: Building Affordable, Accessible and Inclusive Digital Public Infrastructure

10 January 2023

ORF Kolkata office organised a T20 Side Event on ‘Empowering Citizens Digitally: Building Affordable, Accessible and Inclusive Digital Public Infrastructure’ on 10 January 2023. The event was marked by a welcome address given by Dr Nilanjan Ghosh, Director, T20 Secretariat, Centre for New Economic Diplomacy and ORF Kolkata, India. The panel discussed the role of Digital Public Infrastructure and its importance in light of the COVID-19 pandemic and the Russia-Ukraine conflict. Their ideas and priorities, as well as the plan of action.
In partnership with T20, U20, Government of Madhya Pradesh, AIGGPA, UNICEF, GDC at RIS, and BMGF - RIS hosted a two-day T20 programme on “Global Governance with LiFE, Values and Wellbeing: Fostering Cooperation in Framework, Finance and Technology” on 16–17 January 2023, at KTICC in Bhopal. Over 400 participants attended, including 90 international speakers and 100 experts from India. The event marked a significant milestone for T20 India and aimed to become a basis of reference for T20 and G20 in the upcoming Working Group deliberations and ministerial tracks.
Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses hosted its 14th South Asia Conference on Think20@G20: Towards A Resilient South Asia. The two-day event at New Delhi, began with a welcome address by Mr Sujan R. Chinoy, T20 Chair of G20 India and Director General, MP-IDSA, and a special inaugural address by Amitabh Kant, Sherpa, G20 India. A cross-section of experts, analysts, and policymakers were invited to discuss the most pressing issues faced by South Asian countries.
MacArthur Foundation X Theia Ventures X ORF

Green Investment Dialogue: Accelerating India’s Cleantech Ecosystem & Opportunities from India’s G20 Presidency

3 February 2023

ORF and Theia Ventures, in collaboration with MacArthur Foundation, hosted a day-long green investment dialogue under the aegis of Think20 (T20), the official engagement group under India’s G20 Presidency, to take stock of current financing challenges affecting the climate tech ecosystem and identify opportunities for India’s G20 presidency to boost this sector. The overall dialogue was split into two roundtable discussions which focused on key topics including ‘Financing India’s Emerging Climate tech Ecosystem and G20’, and ‘Climate Finance: Enabling Greater International Finance for India’s Green Transition’.
Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses in association with the Jerusalem Institute for Strategy and Security organized the Fourth Bilateral Dialogue on India-Israel Ties in the Evolving Global Order at New Delhi. The event started with opening remarks from Amb. Sujan R. Chinoy, Director General MP-IDSA and T20 Chair of G20 India and Prof. Efraim Inbar, President JISS, Jerusalem, followed by a special address given by Amb. Naor Gilon, Ambassador of Israel to India and Amb. Sanjeev Singla, Ambassador of India to Israel.
The London School of Economics teamed up with the National Institute of Public Finance and Policy to organise a roundtable on “Scaling Up Sustainable Finance in India”. The roundtable provided an opportunity for the experts to discuss the way forward for scaling up sustainable finance in India. The roundtable also served as a platform to discuss challenges faced at national, regional, and international levels as well as those that affect specific groups in achieving sustainable finance targets.
The Centre for Strategic and International Studies, Indonesia as the T20 co-host institution, conducted a T20-T7 Roundtable Discussion highlighting the state and the future of global cooperation in the fractured world due to multiple crises and geopolitical tensions. The discussion aimed to address the current G20 and G7 agenda about tackling the macroeconomic shock due to the Russia-Ukraine conflict, providing safe and affordable digital public infrastructure and tech-enabled development, climate financing and circular economy, global energy security, and disaster risk reduction issues to development cooperation and multilateral reforms. The event was marked by opening remarks from Djisman Simandjuntak, Lead Co-chair, T20 Indonesia and Deepali Khanna, Rockefeller Foundation.
On 15 February 2023, the Gateway House launched the G20 Energy Transition and Climate Finance Task Force Report. The report was launched by Amitabh Kant, India’s G20 Sherpa and Rahul Narwekar, Speaker, Maharashtra Legislative Assembly. The Gateway House G20 Energy Task Force acknowledges goals and addresses priorities through working groups focusing on: energy markets, energy transitions and climate finance.
TERI, along with IGSD, hosted a high-level dialogue between key members of the G20 titled ‘G20 in Action: How collective effort drives development and keeps 1.5°C target within reach.” The key speakers at the event included, Vibha Dhawan, Director General, TERI; Leena Nandan, Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC); Durwood Zaelke, President, IGSD. This event aimed to provide a platform for a meaningful discussion on—an important next step—that will help carve out a pathway for countries, multi-laterals, private sector players, and non-government agencies towards building a sustainable future for all.
IPCIDE
Annual Conference on State of India’s Digital Economy

24 February 2023

IPCIDE organised its first Annual International Conference to launch the flagship report on the State of India’s Digital Economy (SIDE) with a focus on the rise of India’s Digital Public Infrastructure and Platforms (DPIP). The Conference was a culmination of a year of research and analyses on issues facing India’s digital economy, undertaken in consultation with a wide range of experts from industry, government and academia. Key speakers at the event included Pramod Bhasin, Chairman, ICRIER; Deepak Mishra, Director & CE ICRIER; Ashwini Vaishnaw, Minister of Railways, Communications and Electronics & Information Technology, Government of India; and Amitabh Kant, G20 Sherpa for India.

ORF X MP-IDSA X Gujarat University-AMA

27 February 2023

Observer Research Foundation in partnership with Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses, Gujarat University and Ahmedabad Management Association, hosted a Think20 (T20) Side Event as part of India’s G20 Presidency titled ‘Key Pillars of Think 20 In India’s G20 Presidency’. The key speakers at the event included Amb. Sujan Chinoy, T20 Chair for India’s G20 Presidency & DG, Manohar Parrikar Institute of Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses; Mr Anirban Sarma, TaskForce 2 Chair and Senior Fellow, Observer Research Foundation; Mr Varun Jhaveri, Advisor, Y20.
T20 X B20 X WRI X CIIJ

Towards new carbon market regime: Perspectives from India and the world

1 March 2023

WRI India, along with CII, organized a G20 Business 20 (B20) - Think 20 (T20) convening with industry and experts from India and the world to deliberate on the emerging carbon market regime on 1 March 2023 at Hilton Mumbai International Airport. The discussion was themed ‘Towards New carbon market regime: Perspectives from India and the world’ and shared WRI India’s research findings on a carbon market simulation with 20 Indian companies, and included expert perspectives on the Indian carbon market. The tone of the event was set with welcome address by Ulka Kelkar, Director, WRI India; Abhay Bakre Director General, Bureau of Energy Efficiency; Ravi Pandit Chairman and Co-founder, KPIT Technologies, and Dr Riza Suarga Chairman, Indonesia Carbon Trade Association.
ISID and the Global Development Policy Centre of Boston University (GDPC-BU) organised a Special Policy Roundtable on “Finance and Global Economic Governance for Green Transformation” in collaboration with the T20 Secretariat, at ISID campus on 2 March 2023. The roundtable focused on the reforms required in the global financial architecture and international trade rules for facilitating green industrial transition. Ambassador Sujan R Chinoy, the Chairperson of T20 and Director General of Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses (MP-IDSA), delivered the inaugural address.
The distinguished speakers of the two technical sessions included Prof. Nagesh Kumar, Director, ISID (TF6); Prof. Kevin Gallagher, Director, BU-GDPC (TF4); Mr Kamal Malhotra, Non-Resident Senior Fellow, BU-GDPC; Prof. Tetsushi Sonobe, Dean and Chief Executive, ADB Institute, Tokyo and also the Chairperson of T-7 initiative of G-7 (TF1); Dr Amar Bhattacharya, Senior Fellow, Brookings Institution, Washington (TF5); Ms Chandini Raina, Advisor, Ministry of Finance, Government of India; Dr Laveesh Bhandari, Senior Fellow, Centre for Economic and Social Progress, New Delhi; Dr Kim Heung Chong, President, Korea Institute for International Economic Policy, Seoul (TF1); Prof Renato Baumann, Institute of Applied Economic Research (IPEA), Brasilia; Prof. Suma Athreye, School of Public Policy, IIT Delhi and ISID; and Dr Prerna Prabhakar, Council on Energy, Environment and Water, New Delhi.
The Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses (MP-IDSA), New Delhi organised the 21st edition of its flagship calendar event, the Asian Security Conference (ASC), on the theme “Towards Reformed Multilateralism in the Era of Indo-Pacific”. This year, the ASC of MP-IDSA focused on developmental themes related to India’s G20 Presidency such as reformed multilateralism, reforming global financial institutions, trade, connectivity, non-traditional security challenges, and the digital economy. The 21st ASC was a Think20 Side Event that featured foreign speakers from around 30
countries including the United States, Russia, Japan, China, the United Kingdom, South Korea, Saudi Arabia, Iran, Uzbekistan, Belarus, Indonesia, Laos, Canada, Mongolia, Thailand, the Netherlands, Bangladesh, India, and countries from Africa including Kenya, Mozambique, Tanzania, Nigeria, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Ethiopia, Mauritius, Madagascar, and the Seychelles. The key speakers included Amb. Sujan R. Chinoy, Dammu Ravi, and Amitabh Kant.
Under the aegis of the G20/T20 task force ‘Accelerating Gender Sensitive SDGs’, a consortium of SEWA Bharat, Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), Asian Development Bank Institute and United Nations India, organized an event titled ‘Women are Active Participants and Propellers of Economic Growth: Focusing on Livelihoods and Care Infrastructure’, at UN House, New Delhi. The aim of the event is to initiate dialogues and discussion around women-led development and myriad other factors that actively impact women’s livelihoods and the pillars of necessary support in the informal economy.

The key speakers at the event included Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, Research and Information System for Developing Countries; Renana Jhabvala, Chairperson, SEWA Bharat; Gargee Ghosh, Global Director, PAC, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation; Tetsushi Sonobe, Dean and CEO, Asian Development Bank Institute and Sujan R. Chinoy, Chair, Core Group, T20 India 2023, Director General, Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses.
iFOREST organised the ‘Global Just Transition Dialogue’ as a two-day event in which national and international stakeholders will deliberate on policy and financial aspects of a just energy transition in the Global South. The Dialogue was conducted as part of the T20 deliberations. The two-day deliberation aimed at contributing meaningfully to India’s leadership at the G20 and complementing the country’s proactive engagement to support the clean energy transition, green growth, and inclusive and equitable development agenda. The event was marked by a keynote address by the Chief Guest, Amitabh Kant, G20 Sherpa and the release of two reports—‘A Policy Framework to Support Just Energy Transition in India’ and ‘Just Transition Financing and International Cooperation’.
Institute for Energy Economics and Financial Analysis (IEEFA) and World Resources Institute (WRI India) organised capacity building cum policy outlook roundtable discussions which would feed recommendations to the T20 (Think 20) engagement group of India’s ongoing G20 Presidency. The theme of the event was ‘Technological and Financial Pathways for the Clean Energy Transition in Developing Economies’. The aim of these discussions was to provide targeted recommendations from three large emerging economies that currently form the troika of the G20—India, Indonesia, and Brazil—that can feed into the G20 communique. The keynote address at the event was delivered by Jayant Sinha, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Finance and Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha.
Manipal University

Interlinkage of G20 and SDG Challenges, Solutions and Way Forward

20–21 March, 2023

Manipal Academy of Higher Education hosted the two-day discussion on the “Interlinkage of G20 and SDG Challenges, Solutions and Way Forward” on 20–21 March 2023 at Manipal, Karnataka, India. The event witnessed several participants and key speakers included Prof Bibek Debroy, Chairman, EAC to PM; Dr Seshadri Chari, Member, Planning and Monitoring Board, MAHE, Manipal and Member, Governing Council, RIS, New Delhi.
Research and Information Systems for Developing Countries (RIS), New Delhi, in partnership with AgHub, Agri Innovation Hub, PJTSAU, Hyderabad, IKP Knowledge Park, Science Park and Incubator, Genome Valley, Hyderabad, conducted a one-day side-event “Building Innovation-led Entrepreneurial Pathways for Acceleration the Reach to SDGs” under TaskForce6 of T20 engagement for G20. The platform engaged with Agri-professionals, innovators, startups, innovative farmers, industry, investors, policymakers, and other stakeholders. The theme was focused on stressing the need for the agricultural sector to look for innovative pathways towards enhancing global food and nutritional security, especially in more challenged, deprived regions.
Civil20 in collaboration with T20 engagement, organised a Joint Consultation on Strategic Vision on Reformed Multilateralism in a Changing World. The event was organised at Amritapuri, Kerala and was marked by a welcome address by Dr. Maneesha V Ramesh, Provost, Amrita Vishwa Vidya Peetham & C20 Sustainable & Resilient Communities, Working Group Coordinator.
EGROW organised a webinar series on “The Role and Adequacy of Multilateral Development Banks” as a part of T20 initiatives covered under the Task Force 5. Dr Arvind Virmani, member of Niti Aayog, former Chairman of the Foundation for Economic Growth and Welfare (EGROW) and President of the Forum for Strategic Initiatives (FSI, Delhi), chaired the event. The discussion revolved around ‘Purpose & Performance: Reassessing the Global Financial Order’, and included Dr Surjit S Bhalla, the Former Executive Director of IMF, representing India, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Bhutan; Professor Sachin Chaturvedi, currently Director General at the Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS); Dr Frannie Léautier, a finance and development expert, with long-standing global experience leading and transforming organisations in the private, public and not-for-profit spheres.
EGROW conducted a webinar series as a part of T20 initiatives covered under Task Force 5. The event was marked by talks on ‘climate finance’ and how it is frequently associated with international diplomacy on climate change. Dr Arvind Virmani, member of Niti Aayog, former Chairman of the Foundation for Economic Growth and Welfare (EGROW) and President of the Forum for Strategic Initiatives (FSI, Delhi), chaired the event. The key speakers included Amar Bhattacharya, a Visiting Professor in Practice at the Grantham Research Institute at LSE; Galina Hale (Borisova), a Professor of Economics at UC Santa Cruz; Suranjali Tandon, Assistant Professor at NIPFP and a current member of the T20 task force on “Refuelling Growth: Clean Energy and Green Transition”.

Finance for climate action: Scaling up investment for climate and development

Summary of the Independent High-Level Expert Group on Climate Finance report

January 30, 2023
Foundation for Economic Growth and Welfare organized a webinar on 31 March 2023. The theme of the discussion was “Climate Finance: Role of Monetary and Fiscal Policy”. The webinar involved deliberation amongst the panelists on the issues of climate finance and its aim at reducing emissions, enhancing sinks of greenhouse gases, reducing vulnerability of, and maintaining and increasing the resilience of, human and ecological systems to negative climate change impacts. The key speakers included, Arvind Virmani, Member, Niti Aayog, Former Executive Director, International Monetary Fund; Montek Singh Ahluwalia, Former Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission of India; Frannie Léautier, Senior Partner and CEO, SouthBridge Investments; Architesh Panda, Senior Researcher, United Nations University; Neha Kumar, Head, South Asia Programme, Climate Bonds Initiative.
The event was designed as a curtain-raiser for deliberations before the second Health Working Group (HWG) meeting during India’s G20 Presidency. The attendees included representatives of governments, non-profits, and civil society. The event was organised before the second HWG. It had two keynote addresses by global and Indian thought leaders, which laid ground for moderator-driven two panel discussions that explored various dimensions of the theme, finally leading to the ‘Call to Action’ statement.
MP-IDSA, KIIT, KISS

India’s Leadership of G20 and Global Priorities

4 May 2023

MP-IDSA and KIIT in collaboration with KISS, organised a Think20 Side Event, on the theme, ‘India’s Leadership of G20 and Global Priorities’. KIIT Bhubaneswar hosted the event wherein Ambassador Sujan R Chinoy (T20 Chair of India’s G20 Presidency & DG, MP-IDSA, New Delhi–Leader) graced as a Keynote speaker delivering a special lecture on “Reformed Multilateralism and India’s Outlook during its G20 Presidency”. Along with him, Ms Anandita Bhada, Research Analyst, MP-IDSA, spoke on Task Force 4: “Refuelling Growth: Clean Energy and Green Transitions”. Ambassador Debraj Pradhan, Director General, International Relations Office (IRO) placed the welcome address and felicitated the guests.
May 9, 2023: In 2021, the first G20 Ministerial Conference on Women’s Empowerment in Italy was prompted by the need to bring together the multiple streams of conversation within the G20 around women empowerment and the issue of gender equality. In light of this, Think20 (T20) India, G20 Alliance for the Empowerment and Progression of Women’s Economic Representation (G20 EMPOWER), Women20 (W20), and Civil20 (C20) came together at Goa for a day-long conference on the issues of Women Entrepreneurship, Women in STEM, and Women’s Leadership. Tanoubi Ngangom, Chief of Staff, Observer Research Foundation delivered the welcome remarks at the event.
Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses organised an Africa Day Roundtable on ‘India’s G20 Presidency: Furthering India-Africa Ties’ as a T20 Side Event, on 23 May 2023. Director General and Chair of Think-20 (India’s G20 Presidency) Amb Sujan R. Chinoy delivered the opening remarks and highlighted the need for African voices. Deputy Director General, Maj Gen (Dr) Bipin Bakshi delivered the Vote of Thanks.
GIGA

India’s Presidency of the G20: “LiFE, Resilience and Values” in a World of Geopolitics

7 June 2023

This panel discussion showcased the work of this unique T20 taskforce within the G20 process, highlighting its idealism as well as attention to Realpolitik. Sachin Chaturvedi, as Lead Chair of TF3, chaired and moderated the discussion, after providing a brief, framing statement. Wolfgang Niedermark provided the first input statement on the needs and constraints of German/European business interests amidst increasing geoeconomic competition. The other three panelists (as members of the taskforce), Nicolas Buchoud, Seeta Prabhu, and Amrita Narlikar provided inputs on the different aspects of the taskforce that they see as key, and also the challenges they anticipate.
Towards Stronger Climate Action: The Reform of International Financial Institutions

June 8-10, 2023

A closed roundtable discussion on how the international financial system and institutions can be directed towards stronger support to climate finance and how G20 can promote such reform. Distinguished experts and participants discussed the need for reforms and action plans to implement them. The discussion focused on ways to improve and reform the International Financial Institutions (IFIs) to enhance their function of channeling funds toward the development agenda in low- and middle-income countries.
A panel discussion was organised by the Indian Institute of Bio Social Research and Development (IBRAD) on the theme “Participatory Assessment Of Ecosystem Restoration For Climate Resilient Livelihood” as a side event of the T20 at IBRAD Campus, Kestopur, Kolkata. The session was chaired by Dr K.K. Chakraborty, IAS (Retired), Former Secretary to the Government of India. Dr Raktima Mukhopadhyay, Executive Director, was the moderator of the session. All the panelists stressed the need for community involvement in conserving natural ecosystems and biodiversity. It is also emphasised to identify the associated traditional knowledge and cultural practices of the communities, indigenous communities in particular, favouring conservation and blending them with modern scientific knowledge.
INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH EVENTS

World Policy Forum
The Global Solutions Summit 2023
15–16 May 2023 | Berlin

An intense, two-day forum for the world’s leading minds to propose and debate research-based policy recommendations for the G20, G7 and beyond was organised at Berlin. The Global Solutions Summit brought together top leaders from policy, academia, civil society, and the private sector—to find a way towards a sustainable, inclusive, and common future. The event took a global view on today’s systemic crises and looked at urgently-needed global solutions and welcomed over 100 speakers and 1,000 on-site guests from around the world.
India’s 2023 G20 Presidency: What to expect?

Dr. Samir Saran
Mr. Francisco Port
Ms. Pilar Sanchez-Bella

28 March, 2023 | Madrid
Digitization, Climate, and Debt: The Agenda for Multilateral Development Banks

11 April 2023

On the occasion of the World Bank–IMF Spring Meetings held in Washington DC, ORF America convened a diverse group of senior policy makers and thought leaders from the government, private sector and civil society to discuss the future roadmap of the multilateral development banks. The discussion focused on the three defining issues facing the MDBs and the broader development finance community: digitalisation, climate and the debt crisis.

The event was set in tone with welcome remarks from Dhruva Jaishankar, Executive Director ORF America and featured a keynote from Nandan Nilekani, a technology pioneer and visionary leader of India’s digital transformation, followed by a panel of experts with deep knowledge, experience and insights on the changing needs and roles of the global development finance institutions.
The Australian Strategic Policy Institute (ASPI) and India’s Observer Research Foundation (ORF) inaugurated Raisina @ Sydney Dialogue on 18 February to discuss the Australia-India relationship and how the two countries can further deepen their close collaboration and contribution to a free, open and prosperous Indo-Pacific. A keynote address was delivered by Hon’ble External Affairs Minister Dr S. Jaishankar. The session covered topics like ‘Next steps in Australia-India Economic Partnership: Stability, Security and Sovereignty’. The key speakers included Vivek Lall, Chief Executive, General Atomics Global Cooperation; Jodi McKay, National Chair, Australia-India Business Council; Vikram Singh, Vice President and Country Head - ANZ, Tata Consultancy Services and facilitated by Bec Shrimpton, Director, Sydney Dialogue, Australian Strategic Policy Institute.
An event based on the theme of ‘Global Connect: The Gateway to The G20 and The World’ was organized at Santa Clara, California, USA as a G20-T20 side event in partnership with TIEcon. The Global Connect track explored the process of increased interconnectedness among countries and innovation capital from and to the United States, India, Israel and the Middle East, Japan, The track was chaired by George Abraham, Ambassador, iSPIRT Foundation and Syed Mateen, Co-founder and CEO, Bizhance. The keynote address was delivered by Dheeraj Pandey (DevRev, Inc.).
YOUTH OUTREACH EVENTS

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Special Session on the theme ‘G20 India Presidency and Global Economic Order: Trade, Investment and Technology’

27 December 2022

Research and Information System for Developing Countries hosted a T20 special session on the theme ‘G20 India Presidency and Global Economic Order: Trade, Investment and Technology’ in partnership with Indian Economic Association at CMS Business School, Jain University, Bengaluru. The tone of the event was set by a special address from Professor Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS, on ‘Indian Presidency and Development Agenda of G20: Broad Reflections’.
ORF, in partnership with the University of Mumbai’s Department of Civics and Politics and School of International Relations and Strategic Studies, organized a Think20 (T20) Side Event as part of India’s G20 Presidency titled, ‘Towards Reformed Multilateralism: Transforming Global Institutions and Frameworks. The event was organised at Pherozeeshah Mehta Bhavan Auditorium, University of Mumbai, Mumbai, and included a talk by Mr Sujan R. Chinoy, Chair, Core Group, T20 India 2023, and Director General, Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses (MP-IDSA). The Side Event was marked by student presentations and interactive discussions. Over 200 students and faculty from the University of Mumbai and various other affiliated and private colleges and institutions attended the session.
ORF, in partnership with the Symbiosis School of International Studies, Pune, organised a Think20 (T20) Side Event as part of India’s G20 Presidency titled, ‘Towards Reformed Multilateralism: Transforming Global Institutions and Frameworks.’ The event witnessed introductory remarks by Shivali Lawale, Director, Symbiosis School of International Studies, followed by panel discussions, student presentations and audience interaction.

The panel comprised Amb. Gautam Bambawale, former Ambassador to China and Bhutan and High Commissioner to Pakistan; Dr Rajeswari Pillai Rajagopalan, Director of Centre for Security, Strategy and Technology, ORF; Prof. Harsh V. Pant, Vice President of Studies and Foreign Policy, ORF; and Shivali Lawale, Director of Symbiosis School of International Studies, Pune. The panel discussion was followed by student presentations from 10 educational institutions from Pune on reformed multilateralism.
ORF, in collaboration with Jadavpur University, hosted a Think20 (T20) Youth Engagement side event on the “Geopolitics of Multilateralism”. The event brought together scholars and graduate and post-graduate students from the Departments of International Relations and Economics at the University and also those interested from a few other universities in the city. The event received a Welcome Address by Prof. Imankalyan Lahiri, HoD, Dept of International Relations, JU. Speakers at the event included Professor Imankalyan Lahiri, Head, Department of International Relations, Jadavpur University; Sunaina Kumar, Executive Director, Think20 India Secretariat; Professor Harsh V. Pant, Vice President, Strategic Studies and Foreign Policy, ORF, New Delhi, and Dr Nilanjan Ghosh, Director, T20 Secretariat, Centre for New Economic Diplomacy & ORF Kolkata. The discussion was designed to acquaint students with the workings of the G20 as well as the reach, impact, and significance of the T20 platform as an ‘Ideas Bank’ of the G20. The discussion also highlighted Regional Trade Agreements and India’s growth story.
ORF in partnership with St. Xavier’s College, organized a T20 Youth Engagement event on 27 March, at St. Xavier’s College (Autonomous), Kolkata on the topic—Macroeconomic Policy Coherence, Global Trade and Livelihoods. The event brought together scholars, graduate and post-graduate students from the Department of Economics at the college and also interested students from other academic disciplines and Universities in the city. The event was marked by a Presentation on T20 by Ms Pratnashree Basu, Coordinator, Think20 Task Force 6 (Accelerating SDGs: Exploring New Pathways to the 2030 Agenda) at T20 India Secretariat and Associate Fellow, ORF, and talks delivered by Prof. N. R. Bhanumurthy, Chair, T20 Task Force 1 (Macroeconomics, Trade, and Livelihoods: Policy Coherence and International Coordination) and Vice-Chancellor of Dr B.R. Ambedkar School of Economics University, Bengaluru (BASE University), on Macroeconomic Policy Coherence, Global Trade and Livelihoods, and Dr Nilanjan Ghosh, Director, T20 Secretariat, Centre for New Economic Diplomacy and ORF Kolkata, on Geopolitics, Geoeconomics and Sustainomics of India’s Growth Story.
A special lecture on “Reformed Multilateralism and India’s Outlook During its G20 Presidency” was held at the IRBMS Seminar Hall, MGU Campus. The event was organised by the School of International Relations and Politics (SIRP) of Mahatma Gandhi University (MGU) in collaboration with IMPSS, MGU. The lecture aimed to discuss the significance of reformed multilateralism in the contemporary world and India’s role and perspective as the G20 President. The event commenced with a welcome address by Prof. C Vinodan, the Director of SIRP, MGU. The special lecture was given by Amb. Sujan R Chinoy, T20 Chair and DG of the Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defense Studies and Analyses (MP-IDSA). Amb. Chinoy presented his insights on the role of reformed multilateralism in fostering international cooperation and stability.
The National University of Juridical Sciences (NUJS) and ORF hosted a T20 Youth Engagement event on 4 April on the theme ‘Home and the World: India and the G20’. The event took place at NUJS, and brought together scholars, academics and university students with the aim of acquainting young adults with the workings of the G20, and with the role and significance of the Think20 (T20) Engagement Group as the ‘Ideas Bank’ of the G20. The event was marked by Welcome remarks from Dr Sanjit Kumar Chakraborty, Director, Centre for Law and Social Justice, NUJS and an Introduction to the T20 by Sunaina Kumar, Executive Director, T20 Secretariat and Senior Fellow, ORF. Beginning with an introduction to the T20 process and modus operandi, the event explored the importance and prospects of multilateral trade in the context of a rapidly evolving global order.
In partnership with the Observer Research Foundation, the Ministry of External Affairs, and the G20 Secretariat, the Hindu College organised a conclave on 20 April 2023. The discussion was based on the theme “Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam”, symphonising voices across the Globe. The Hindu-Observer Research Foundation (ORF) Policy Conclave was aimed at taking the pedagogic discourse beyond the confines of classrooms and assisting students in grappling with the current socio-political affairs of the world. The underlying goal was to build a platform for creative dialogue that bridges the gap between the foreign policy establishment, the research community and students at large, bringing together domain experts and public intellectuals on a single platform.

The event commenced with welcoming remarks from Chandrachur Singh, Teacher-in-Charge, Department of Political Science, Hindu College, University of Delhi and Inaugural Ministerial Address by Hardeep Singh Puri, Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs; Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Government of India.
In memory of Padma Vibhushan Late Shri Arun Jaitley (1952-2019), former Union Minister of Finance and Minister of Corporate Affairs, Government of India, the most eminent alumni of Shri Ram College of Commerce and one of India’s most respected lawmakers, Shri Ram College of Commerce commenced the “Arun Jaitley Memorial Debate”. Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar, addressed the concluding ceremony of the first Arun Jaitley memorial debate. The event was attended by Arun Jaitley's spouse Sangeeta Jaitley, and DU vice chancellor Yogesh Singh.
Section 3. PUBLICATIONS

- Enhancing Interoperability Between Connectivity Initiatives to Achieve the SDGs and Paris Climate Goals
- GVCs, Resilience, and Efficiency Considerations: Improving Trade and Industrial Policy Design and Coordination
- Revolutionising Rulemaking: How Digitised Rules Can Accelerate Digital Transformation
- Multilateralism for the Future: New Challenges, New Models, New Solutions
- Advancing AI for Climate Action: Global Collaboration on Intelligent Decarbonisation
- The G20’s Response to Debt Distress: The Case of Sri Lanka
Commentaries

Think20 India: Bridging the Inequality Gap

G20 and Feminist Foreign Policy: Improving Multilateralism, the Indian Way

Do we need wealth funds for the protection of IP in the digital age?

Mitigating spillovers of financial risk

Addressing the uneven geographical coverage of the Global Financial Safety Net

Dem and its dangers
Event Reports

India’s Presidency of the G20: "Life, Resilience and Values’ in a World of Geopolitics.

Joint Engagement Groups Roundable on WomenLed Development

Africa Day Round Table on the theme "India’s G20 Presidency: Furthering India- Africa Ties”

Special T20 Policy Roundtable on Finance and Global Economic Governance for Green Transformation

Finance and Global Economic Governance for Green Transformation: Key Recommendations of ISID-BUDGET Special T20 Roundable

Think20 Youth Engagement: ‘Home and the World: India and the G20’
T20 Publication Timeline

1415 abstracts received across 7 T20 Task Forces in 1.5 months (December 1 to January 17)

Shortlisting until February 8

Review Process instituted with network of international experts from March to June 2023

160 Policy Briefs published as on 21 June. 172 Policy Briefs underway

T20 India Policy Brief

Published Think20 India PBs* ................................................. 160 (172 underway)

Authors covered .................................................................... 516

Countries covered ................................................................... 53

Institutions covered ............................................................... 316

*As on 21.06.2023

- Published 40 commentaries in three languages (Hindi, Bangla and English)
- Published 4 special reports Published special research reports on topics related to global climate alliance, data for development, energy transition, climate finance and climate change adaptation Partner institutions include PWC, Reliance Foundation, Konrad Adenauer Foundation, DIW Berlin, Gateway House
- Published over 20 T20 event reports

Launch of a special T20 report on climate alliance
ORF hosts Think20 inception conference under India’s G20 Presidency; participants discuss ideas concerning task forces

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New Delhi [India], January 14 (ANI): Think20 Inception Conference, the first key T20 convening under India’s G20 presidency which was hosted by Observer Research Foundation (ORF), concluded here on Saturday with the participants giving suggestions for making engagement groups of the international body more effective to tackle challenges like climate change and food security.

The T20, which serves as an “ideas bank” for the G20, has constituted seven task forces that will delve into issues ranging from digital public infrastructure to macroeconomic policy.
Observer Research Foundation to host T20 Mid-Year Conference today
ANI | Updated: May 10, 2023 17:44 IST

New Delhi [India], May 10 (ANI): The Observer Research Foundation, the Think20 Secretariat under India's G20 Presidency, is all set to host the Think20 Mid-Year Conference in Mumbai on Wednesday.

At the Think20 Mid-Year Conference, Amitabh Kant, G20 Sherpa; Harsh Vardhan Shringla, chief coordinator (G20); and Sujan Chinoy, Director General of Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses (MP-IDSA) and Chair of T20 India Core Group will be present.
Gujarat University hosts T20 Chair for India’s G20 Presidency

Sujan Chinoy is the Director General of the Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses.

Gujarat University Monday hosted Think20 Chair for India’s G20 presidency, Sujan Chinoy, in Ahmedabad.

Chinoy, who is also the Director General of the Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses, along with Anirban Sarma, T20 Task Force Chair and Senior Fellow, Observer Research Foundation (ORF), spoke at ‘Key Pillars of Think20 in India’s G20 Presidency’. The T20 event was organised in association with ORF, Ahmedabad Management Association (AMA) and the Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses Monday.

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Sujan Chinoy (centre) spoke at ‘Key Pillars of Think20 in India’s G20 Presidency’ (Twitter @SujanChinoy)
A ‘Think-20’ session on ‘inclusive growth’ under the G20 summit was held at the Kushabhau Thackre Convention Center on Monday in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh. The session was chaired by Elizabeth Sidiropoulos from Institute of International Affairs, South Africa. She said the world today needs global financial architecture, innovation and inclusive growth. Jawaharlal Nehru University Prof. Gulshan Sachdeva said that India will create a new development agenda for the world.
Links to News Coverage


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4. T20 Social Media coverage

Twitter (December 2022- May 2023)
- Tweet Impressions: 2,711 Million
- Followers Gained: 2,448
- Total Tweets: 4,212
- Total Followers: 68,126
LinkedIn (December 2022-May 2023)

- Post Impressions: **300K**
- Total Page Views: **7363**
- Followers Gained: **2779**
Youtube (December 2022- May 2023)

- Total Views: 13348
- Subscribers Gained: 348
- Subscribers Lost: 409
- Impressions: 134,342
Facebook (December 2022 - May 2023)

- Total posts: 194
- Page Visits: 12805
- Reach: 66929
- New Followers: 348
Instagram (December 2022- May 2023)

- Impression: 155,996
- Profile Visits: 4,200
- Accounts Reached: 55,212
- Accounts Engaged: 3,142
- Total Followers: 1,135
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