

A Handbook on G20

**A Comprehensive view of G20
with special reference to India**



Brochure

The Youth Ink: Publication on a Mission

Introductory Note

The G20, representing around 85% of the global GDP, over 75% of the global trade and about two thirds of the world's population, is an extremely important forum for international economic co-operation. It serves as a crucial platform for a constructive dialogue among all the member countries on a range of issues from trade, economy, climate change, labor, digital infrastructure to culture, heritage and sustainable development.

Since India has presided over the Presidency of G20, there is discussion everywhere about its impact and about the role India is going to play. In a concise manner, G20 Presidency gives India a unique opportunity to strengthen its role in the world economic order and become a global soft power.

This Handbook is an attempt to theorize and articulate all the dimensions encompassing the sphere of India's Presidency and the relevance of G20 in contemporary global world. This compilation aspires to be a 'single source' of all whereabouts of G20. Ranging from the evolution and formal setup of the organization to the discussion on geopolitical scenarios, India's Presidency, India's priorities for G20, the role of youth and a total evaluation of G20 so far.

The publication will be helpful for academic as well as educational purposes as it is first of its type. It will provide exclusive and substantive research papers over above mentioned themes which will be immensely helpful for the students and researchers of international studies, policy makers and all those interested in understanding the highly intellectual and engaging discussions on a variety of subjects affecting inclusive growth, climate resilience, sustainability, and global financial stability.



About the Initiator

The Youth Ink is an emerging research platform based on the idea of true education and research for the Masses. Knowledge and its quest isn't an option, it's a duty of the Young. Youth can give the right tone to today's and tomorrow's society by having a spirit of True Education within them.



The Youth Ink believes that a young mind must not be fed with opinions, biases, and prejudices, because they're capable of processing and analyzing the knowledge on their own.

The Youth Ink conducts Workshops based on the idea of true notion of education and research methodology. The workshops aim to empower the youth with a philosophy of education and its goals related to individuals and society. FGDs, Self-assessment tests, Presentations, and Learning Research Methodology are the inputs in the workshops that aim to deliver a youth who is academically strong, socially educated, and well-rounded in character.

The Youth Ink has its publications on social media platforms alongside having a YouTube channel of its own. It focuses on providing video content based on the idea of awareness of the masses about relevant and meaningful topics.

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Instructions for Authors

Important Dates:

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| Abstract Submission: | 25 July 2023 |
| Confirmation of Abstract: | 30 July 2023 |
| Submission of Full Paper: | 10 August 2023 |

Guidelines:

- Submit your abstract (250 words) in word file to g20handbook@gmail.com, kindly mention the sub-theme in the subject of the mail.
- Abstracts received earlier will be prioritized.
- Please prefer Font – *Times New Roman* and Font Size – 14.
- For detailed overview of the themes and sub-themes, please have a look at further given information -

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Unit 1: Introduction

The Group of Twenty (G20) is the premier forum for international economic cooperation. It plays an important role in shaping and strengthening the global architecture and governance on all major international economic issues. The G20 initially focused largely on broad macroeconomic issues, but it has since expanded its agenda to inter-alia includes trade, sustainable development, health, agriculture, energy, environment, climate change, and anti-corruption. G20 can also be looked by various theoretical perspectives of international relations.

1. G20: Overview and Evolution

After the Asian Financial Crisis, G20 was formed to avoid such situation in future. In 2007, after the Global Financial Crisis, it was upgraded to Head of States level. This article would look into the circumstances in which this platform came into being and would also explore the development of G20 through all the years till now.

2. G20: Working and Composition

The G20 is made up of 19 member countries and EU. The article is to find the possibilities of the member states, along with observing the working style and decision making processes of this group.

3. G20: Agenda and Commitments

Initially, G20 was committed to only economic goals but recently it has included issues of contemporary importance like sustainable development, security issues, digital cooperation, terrorism and many more. The extension of agendas and the commitments towards it would be covered under this sub-theme.

4. Theoretical Perspective and G20

The focus is to analyze the institution of G20 through various theoretical perspectives of international relations i.e. social constructivism, realism, liberalism and other related relevant theories.

Unit 2: Geopolitics and G20

The existence of G20 has always been affected by geopolitical structures. In this way, G20 is not just economic but geopolitical too. Geopolitical issues took centre stage for the first time in the discussions and the Leaders' Declaration at the G20 Summit in Bali late last year. The disastrous impact of the novel corona virus pandemic, the war in Ukraine, India-China border tensions, EU/U.S.-Russia hostility, deteriorating U.S.-China relations and an emerging multilateralism are the factors contributing in the geopolitics of G20.

1. G20: A Platform of Multi-polarity

It is easy to call for reform of the United Nations as the centre of multilateralism and to advocate multi-polarity, but as the G20 president, India will face the rifts created by multi-polarity. How different members of G20 are projecting multi-polarity and how it is going to affect the institution of G20 is a matter of research.

2. Global South and Global North

The issue of Global South and Global North is one of the major issues in current global discourse. The platform of G20 consists of members from both sides. Since the impact of current economic crisis and disrupted supply chains has created more division between Global South and Global North, there is need to work upon the nature of effect and way forward.

3. The War and its impact on G20

The war between Russia and Ukraine has created blocs in G20. The ongoing interactions of G20 have also been impacted by these blocs. The fault lines in G20 caused by the war and how it is changing the course of events in the proceeding of G20 need to be inquired.

Unit 3: India and G20

As a member of G20, India plays a crucial role in shaping the global economic policies. G20 is the forum that brings together the world's major economies to discuss and coordinate on key issues such as trade, finance, climate change, and sustainable development. India's participation allows her to voice its concern and contribute to decision-making processes that impact the global economy.

1. Presidency and its Global Impact

G20 presidency gives a special privilege for the Host to set up the agenda of the meetings. This opportunity in the current critical Geopolitical realities (war, pandemic, debt circle, etc.) gives a chance India to use its smart power to attain more Strategic Autonomy and Political Capital to further her National Interest. Thus, this sub-section explores the challenges; opportunities of Geopolitical maneuvers with value added events and examples.

2. India: A bridge between Global South and Global North

India plays a vital role of a bridge between the Global North and Global South within the G20 and is crucial for promoting inclusivity, addressing the challenges of developing countries, and advancing balanced & equitable global agenda. India as a connecting link through representation, bringing development issues, advocacy for Global South interest, and ensuring SOUTH -SOUTH cooperation.

3. Showcasing the Soft Power

India has been actively utilizing its soft power to showcase its influence and engage with other nations within the G20 framework through cultural exchanges, Yoga diplomacy, Indian cinema, Ayurveda, traditional medicine, educational exchanges, etc.

Unit 4: India's G20 Priorities

India's G20 presidency is based upon key priorities as the theme 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam: ONE EARTH-ONE FAMILY AND ONE FUTURE'; suggests, healing our One Earth, creating harmony within our One Family and giving hope for our One Future. The major focus is going to be making India's presidency inclusive, ambitious, action-oriented and decisive which will be aligned to tackle the burgeoning issues of climate change, environmental degradation and how to make sustainable use of resources through initiatives like LiFE, Green Development Pact, and Energy Transition and through technological maneuver.

1. SDGs , Green Development, Climate Finance and LiFE

The agenda of this presidency is going to be finding more ways and means to protect the environment from its further degradation and to ensure environmental

sustainability through the mechanisms like Green Development, Adequate Climate Financing and LiFE.

2. Technological transformation & Digital Public Infrastructure

The G20 platform has tremendous role in the promotion of human - centric approach to technology and in curbing the technological barriers to ensure inclusive tech-enabled development through Digital Public Infrastructure.

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

The growing disruptions due to the climate change have resulted into multiple disaster risks globally, so G20 presidency provides India an opportunity to emerge as a voice of Global South in addressing and reducing the disaster risks by collaborating with each other.

Unit 5: G20 and Youth L-Ink

The G20 recognizes the importance of engaging with youth and including their perspectives in discussions and decisions related to global challenges. As such, several initiatives and platforms including Y20 have been established to foster a link between the G20 and youth. This section tries to understand the agendas, forums and possibilities of future cooperation among G20 nations.

1. Future of Work: Industry 4.0, Innovation and 21st Century Skills

Industry 4.0, innovation, and 21st-century skills are interconnected concepts that are transforming the modern workplace and driving economic growth in the digital age. Industry 4.0 involves integrating digital technologies into manufacturing and industries. 21st-century skills, such as digital literacy, critical thinking, collaboration, adaptability, entrepreneurship, communication, and cultural competence, are crucial for individuals to thrive in the digital economy and contribute to innovation and Industry 4.0 initiatives.

2. Shared Future: Youth in Democracy and Governance

Youth participation in G20 democracy and governance is vital. It involves engagement, representation, policy input, capacity building, entrepreneurship, education, and aligning with the SDGs. Sharing knowledge and best practices

ensures a shared future that reflects the interests of young people and enhances global governance. The linkage with communication revolution and democracy could also be taken in consideration.

3. Women Led Development

India hopes to use the G20 forum to highlight inclusive growth and development, with women empowerment and representation being at the core of India's G20 deliberations. This includes a focus on bringing women to the fore, and in leading positions, in order to boost socio-economic development and achievement of SDGs.

Unit 6: G20 and the future of Economic Cooperation

This section of the handbook looks into the core functionalities of G20, which is to make an inclusive, sustaining and equitable Global Economic Order and preventing it from crisis and shocks.

1. G20 and Global Economic Recovery

This section of book analyses the steps, policy changes and steps taken by different financial institution specially G20 to recover the global financial crisis's from 1997 to 2022, which included Asian Financial crisis, 2008 global crisis, 2012 Euro crisis and recent COVID crisis. The value addition with WB, IMF reports will be beneficial.

2. Scope for Economic Integration

Economic Integration refers to formation of common fiscal and monetary policy within the group. The G20 has been debating for justifiable diversifying of supply chains, and equitable share in technology, manufacturing to bolster more economic integration. This section should also discover other possible areas of integration like Digital economy, Infrastructure, etc.

3. Mobility and Employment in Globalised World

With globalisation not only mobility of goods have increased, but also services too have seen a surge. This sub-section focuses on analysing the changing of employment nature and need of skill sets, and how the G20 engagements can help

developing nations to be at par with the developed world. The policy of migration and working conditions should be analysed among different nations.

Unit 7: G20: The Journey so far

Since the formation of G20 in 1997, after the Asian financial crisis, the group's impact has rippled beyond just the financial domain as the world has opened up and become more inter-connected. This segment of the handbook focuses on the temporal journey of the Group, which comprehensively includes its political journey from Ministerial level to Head of state level, from financial crisis to health & social crisis (poverty, extremism, conflicts, pandemics, humanitarian Aids, etc). This section of the handbook lay off the insights for the domains of challenges, limits and signs of new opportunities for making an inclusive future and more engagements.

1. Achievements of G20

This Article is to bring the recorded history of the achievements of G20 like focusing on popular achievements like 2008, 2010 crisis management and pandemic period. It can also talk about Employment, Sustainable development, Tourism, Agriculture and Climate & Tech cooperation, which have brought significant changes and cooperation at the policy level. The article can also value add the lags and limits of the achievements.

2. The Challenges before G20

This sub-topic covers the contemporary challenges like Ukraine-Russia war, polarized world and unhealthy competition among nation, and its impact on G20 summits and the agendas. The author could also bring futuristic challenges like regulations on AI, cyber security, trans-national migration and demographic changes at policy and action levels.

3. Issue of Inclusivity and G20

Though the group has included visiting & guest member, the leaders like Modi, Biden, Macron has pushed for inclusion of African nations. This article should bring the reasons and advantage of including African union, and also analyze other regional groups or Nations applicable to be part of G20 group like West Asian countries, ASIAN, etc.