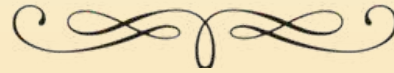




# DELIVERING DEMOCRACY WORKING GROUP



## Compendium of Posters and Stance of Stakeholders

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## VISION OF DEMOCRACY: POSTER MAKING COMPETITION



Empowering youth to engage in civic issues and creating avenues for their increased political participation is essential for a strong and sustainable democracy.

Civil20 (C20), under India's G20 Presidency, provided a platform for youth voices on how they and their peers can be motivated to involve themselves in governance and democracy at all levels from personal engagement at the grassroots to holding offices of accountability.



Poster competition was one such initiative by the working group as it ensures fresh perspectives, fosters civic engagement, and empowers the next generation of leaders from the youth. Engaged youth bring innovative ideas and drive social change, promoting inclusivity and diversity in decision-making. By actively participating youth shapes policies that reflect the societal needs, creating a more representative and responsive government. Youth involvement builds a stronger democratic foundation, inspiring a brighter future for society and fostering a sense of ownership and responsibility for the betterment of communities.

Posters were submitted by youth in both online & offline modes through initiatives like 'youth for democracy' & 'civil society for democracy' in multiple cohorts. This compendium presents to you the best among posters selected by GRAAM.

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# MY STANCE ON DEMOCRACY



My Stance on Democracy is a civic engagement platform that enabled diverse stakeholders in India to participate and voice their opinions. It empowered the nationalist and pluralistic Indian population from different sections to join a campaign to strengthen age-old democracy.

Democracy has been a part of India since the Rigvedic period, with greater elements witnessed during its struggle for independence. However, maintaining democracy for 75 years of independence has been difficult in the face of an evolving world and ever-changing and challenging trends in Indian society.

My Stance on Democracy is an initiative to learn about the needs of New India through their participation in this campaign.

This compendium presents to you people's diverse stances on India's vibrant democracy.



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## 1980 Ballot Paper Voting

- Booth capture vulnerability
- Time consuming
- Traditional - non tech driven system



## 2010 Electronic Voting Machine

- 3840 votes 1 EVM can cast
- Not technologically smart for today's generation
- Youth/people can't vote if they are not in the home state
- Time consuming



## 2030 Universal Voting System - Way Forward

- Aadhaar linked system
- Anyone can vote from any district in India
- Youth don't have to travel to home state for voting.
- Smart - Secure - Speedy - Tech driven system



**Ek Aadhaar**

**Ek Vote**

**Ek Democracy**

Jay Gohil  
Akanksha Jha  
Indian School of Public Policy

**By: Jay Gohil, Akanksha Jha (Indian School of Public Policy)**

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## MY STANCE ON DEMOCRACY



**Dr. Balasubramaniam**  
**Member (HR), Capacity Building Commission, GoI**

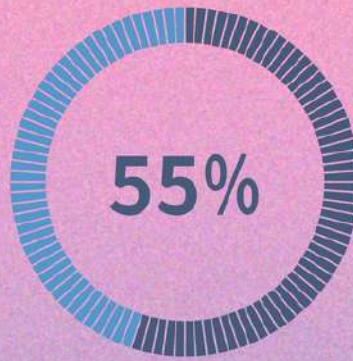
"Democracy runs deep in India's DNA, from our family structure to our electoral system. Our democracy is a work in progress. Sometimes it might appear to be in stress, but we do believe democratic approach to be the best way ahead. From conducting elections to participatory democracy at grassroots in the form of Panchayati Raj, SHGs, FPOs of farmers, our democratic principles are embedded everywhere. Citizens should empower themselves through instruments like RTI, mygov, CPGRAM and engage with the state as partners. Only then will we be able to build a Resurgent India and showcase a democratic model for the world to imitate"



# AAO MILKAR MANAYEIN DEMOCRACY KA TYOHAR!



55% of Indians are planning to travel home to vote\*



ARE  
YOU  
COMING  
TO  
VOTE?

Confused whom to vote for?  
capsule-sized information available at  
[knowyourcandidatesindia.com](http://knowyourcandidatesindia.com)

\*Source: Young India Foundation



Aswathy, Shrikant (ISPP)

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## MY STANCE ON DEMOCRACY



"Democracy is very much in roots of the Indian culture because our society is diverse & yet, we have unity. Success of democracy depends on participation. In letter and spirit, democracy is only successful when it is inclusive. If you can make everyone participate, that is the real est of democracy. Democracy is inclusive to our culture and through Vasudhev Kutumbkam, we convey that not just our village, but the entire world is our family. Living a culturally rich Indian life itself means living a democratic life."

**Prof. M K Sridhar**

**Academician & New Education Policy 2020 Drafting Committee Member**





# YOUTH CAN BE THE LEADERS OF TOMORROW



## THE BALLOT IS STRONGER THAN THE BULLET



THE RIGHT TO VOTE IS PROVIDED BY THE CONSTITUTION AND THE REPRESENTATION OF PEOPLE'S ACT, 1951, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN DISQUALIFICATIONS.

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## MY STANCE ON DEMOCRACY



Smt. Ritu Khanduri Bhushan Ji

### **Smt. Ritu Khanduri Bhushan** **Speaker, Uttarakhand Legislative Assembly**

"Democracy for me is selecting your own government. Hallmark of a Democracy is discussion, debate and consensus. Over the last few years, from 1993, when the Panchayati Raj system came into being, we have seen a revolutionary change. It gives opportunities to women, to rise, to work, to function. Hence, we are empowering not only the women but also the society. I am all for Democracy. I think it is something which India is, it is not something new to India. When we are talking about empowering our women through democracy, I am heartened."



**IT'S A RESPONSIBILITY,  
IT'S NOT ONLY A RIGHT.**

**EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE!**

**DON'T  
LET YOUR  
CHOICE BE  
OUTVOTED**



**HELP THE PILLAR TO STAND  
STRONGER!**

**VOTE!**

**YOUR VOTE  
YOUR VOICE**

Dr. Anil Kumar, Secretary  
Rajiv Gandhi Institute of  
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## MY STANCE ON DEMOCRACY



**Ms. Usha Subramaniam**  
Deputy Resident Representative, Hanns Seidel  
Foundation

### **Usha Subramaniam**

#### **Deputy Resident Representative, Hanns Seidel Foundation**

"I think all Indian citizens must have their stance on democracy because it is a much-used word in India. What is more important is that we must instil democratic values that are expected of each citizen. Then we will have an empathetic country, where each citizen is thinking about each other and not just about themselves. We will be an inclusive society where every section of society is walking together towards development and progress. We must definitely understand the meaning of true democracy and try to follow it as much as we can."



**ONE VOTE**



**MILLION  
POWER**

VOTE  
**INDIA**



**IF YOU  
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OINDRILA BHATTACHARYA

By: Oindrila Bhattacharya (IISWBM, Kolkata)

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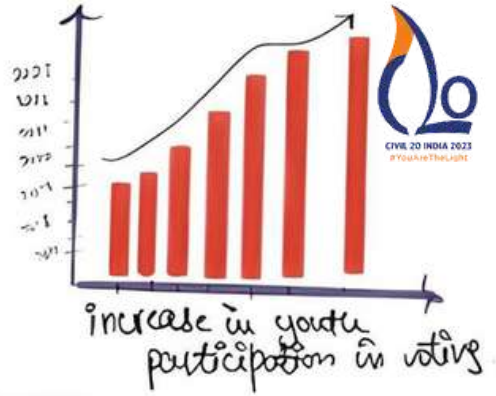


**Sujeet Kumar**  
**Member of Parliament Rajya Sabha**

"India is the oldest democracy in the world. Extremely proud to be an Indian because of our democratic values. We need to strengthen and deepen our democracy, for that we need a responsible citizenry. We can't just harp on the government all the time, we need to have responsible citizens who work towards deepening our democracy. And that is only possible if the citizens come forward to participate in civic efforts. So, this is why we need Jan Bhagidari, Jan Andolan and Jan Samvad. I urge my fellow citizens to come, be part of our rich democratic tradition. Do your bit and be responsible citizens and then we demand for a responsive government."



Nothing like Voting!!



ARE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE?

"young people DON'T VOTE?"

BREAK THE STEREOTYPE

THE CHANGE IS at your FINGERTIPS



Abu, Jim voting for his

Nah, Maria says Vote for her

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**Dr. Helmut Brand**  
**Director, Prasanna School of Public Health**  
**Manipal Academy of Higher Education**

"What we have found is that the health status of the population and index level of democracy are highly interlinked. You will not find a healthy population in an autocratic state. Universal health coverage is the promise of democracy too because every person counts the same and in a democratic way you allocate resources by fairness in the system. So, democracy is one of the underlying issues that you need for a good health status of the population and only with a good health status, people can be productive or can go to school. Even education and economic indicators depend on the people who have a good health status."





WIZARD  
2023 INDIAN



EDUCATING CITIZENS TO **VOTE** THROUGH  
**POLITICAL AWARENESS  
CAMPAIGN**



MAKE VOTING CONVENIENT  
THROUGH  
**DIGITAL VOTING**

**VOTE FROM  
HOME !**



AYO, ANEESHA - B.A

CHANAKYA UNIVERSITY

By: Ayo, Aneesha (Chanakya University)

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## MY STANCE ON DEMOCRACY



### Amrat Singh

**Director, CUTS International**

"In my view, democracy exists when the person who is most vulnerable in the family, the society or a country, he/she has a say in the decisions which affect his/her life. So, for promoting democracy we need to promote participation of people, we need to educate them, we need to aware them and we need to provide them all rights which can affect discussion on their life."



अपना मतदान करें, लोकतंत्र को जीताएं

Mahalaxmi Singh, BCA  
Chanakya University

By: Mahalaksmi, BCA (Chanakya University)

## MY STANCE ON DEMOCRACY



### Ali Khalis

#### President, Federation of International Students' Association (Bangalore)

"Democracy is when the power is with the people. People have the power to choose or to elect their leaders. Democratic elections are a boon, but challenges arise when suitability does not align with election outcomes, therefore requiring informed citizen choices, improved electoral processes and youth participation. How shall we improve the election process and make sure that the choices that people make are the right choices and the ones that will be respected is to be discussed. I believe that with this kind of initiative the youth of the world will be more aware of their responsibilities to work towards the development of their nation around the world."

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By: Dr. Nimisha Bhatu (Dwarika, Gujarat)

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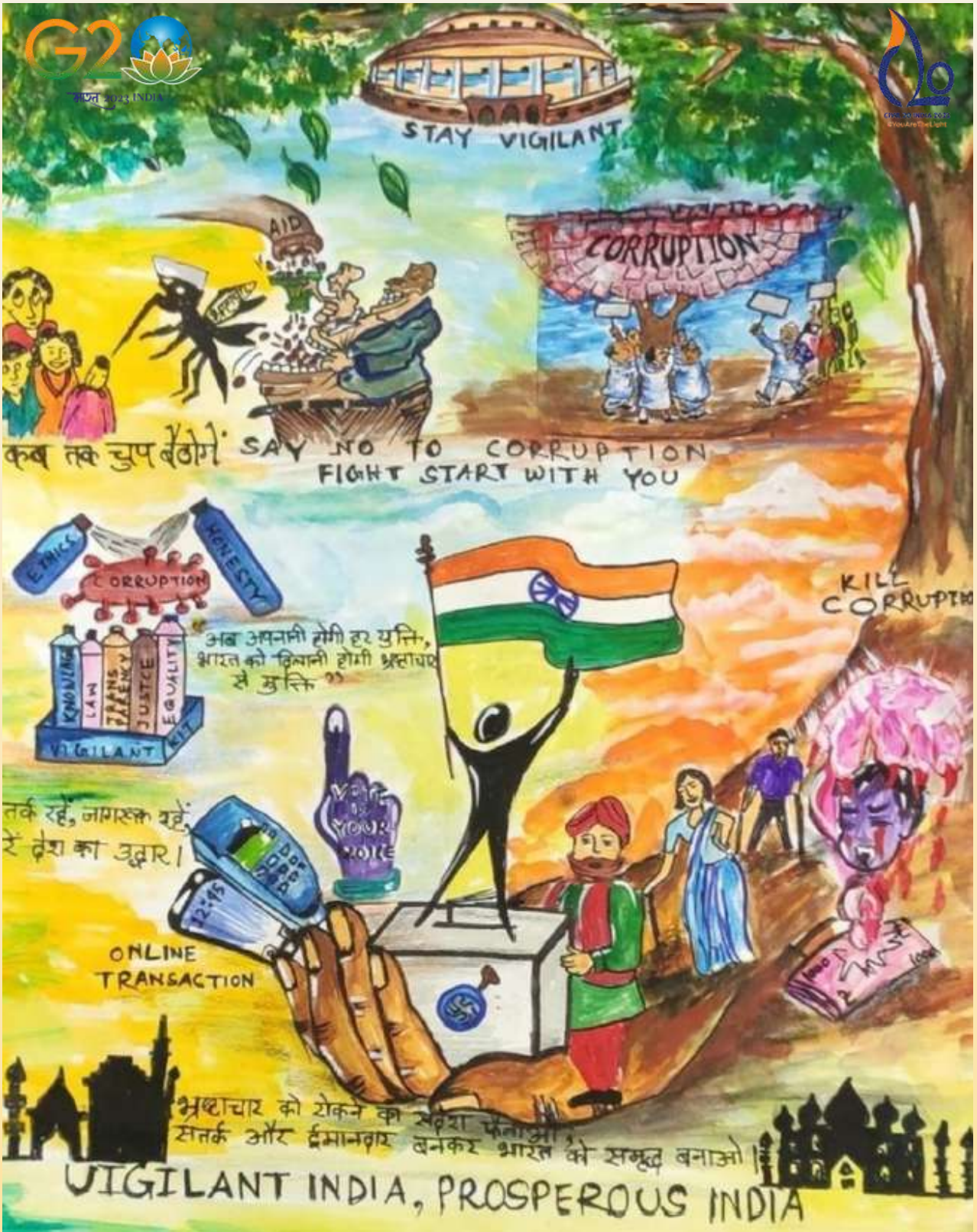
**Dr Venkatesh Murthy**  
Department of Social Work, Bangalore City University

### **Dr. Venkatesh Murthy** **Department of Social Work, Bengaluru University**

"In order to promote the democracy and to strengthen the democratic process in a much more effective manner, we need to remove the lacunas and the negativities which exist. I think this kind of a forum is a thought process, an initiative to unite together with collective efforts and help us to move ahead. We should think in a very collective and effective manner and implement our government welfare program schemes with the active participation of community. The youth should take initiative with new thoughts & ideas which will be much more effective, and should be implemented."

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By: Bhumika (BA, Delhi University)

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## MY STANCE ON DEMOCRACY



### Mukesh Kumar Sharma

#### Executive Director, Population Services International

"We have to talk about democracy at a scale because none of the last mile population should be away from their participation in the democratic activities and intervention in the country. Until and unless we are listening, we will not be able to learn and once we learn, we take that to other people. It is very important in a big country that nobody is left behind, be it rural or urban population, to be a part of democracy development. We are a young country, so adolescent and youth have the responsibility to take our democracy forward with great intervention to achieve great results. Let's make our country a great country of the world."





# VOTE INDIA



## GIFT YOURSELF

### BE AN ADARSH NAGRIK

People with a 100% record of voting (in all levels of elections)

- Get priority access in availing Govt. services.
  - Priority queues in govt. offices.
  - Priority in requests for electricity connection, gas connection, etc.
- Digital badge and certificate for displaying on social media platforms.

IT'S  
**You** **R**ight  
responsibility

ADRISH BANERJEE | AKASH MISHRA  
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## MY STANCE ON DEMOCRACY



### CA Payal Sarada Care for You Foundation

"Democracy is celebrating diversity. What I feel about the youth, democracy and the women is that equal rights have to be given to women as well as the youth. The highly educated people usually refrain from getting into the politics because of two reasons, because it is said that a lot of money is required to get into the politics and lot of contacts and black money, etc. This hierarchy and this age-old tradition should be broken and the politics should be taken as the career. They should get highly paid, then we will get the young generation in politics and the real meaning of democracy will come out for the nation."



# VOTE!

YOU'VE  
GOT  
THE  
POWER  
USE IT RIGHT!

*"The ignorance of one votes in a  
democracy impairs the security of all."*

*Jhon F. Kennedy*

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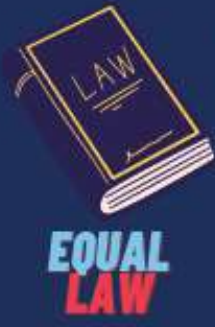
## MY STANCE ON DEMOCRACY



### Kartik Varma

#### Core Team Member, Piramal School of Leadership

"In my opinion democracy comes down to one thing which is the act of service and the act of listening. I think both of these are at the heart of democracy. The challenge for our generation is to see how we can be of service to this country's democratic experiment for the next 100 years, how do we learn to listen, to serve others. Therefore, what kind of people we need to become to continue to remain a vibrant democracy. I wish my children experience an even stronger and even deeper democracy than the one that I grew up in. That would be my contribution towards building a democracy."



# REPRESENTATION OF MARGINALIZED



<b>VOTING INFRASTRUCTURE</b>	<b>WORKPLACE INCLUSION</b>	<b>INCLUSIVE EDUCATION</b>
<b>Infrastructure</b>	<b>Acceptance</b>	<b>Skill Development</b>

Dr. Nimisha Bhatu & Shantanu Shrivastava

By: Dr. Nimisha Bhatu & Shantanu Shrivastava (Dwarika, Gujarat)

## MY STANCE ON DEMOCRACY



### **Ritesh Pandey** **Representative of Janagraha**

"CSOs play a very vital role in the democratic process, but still we need to adopt some innovative way. If we consider the CSOs in our country, we are really scattered. We need to focus on partnership, we need to be collaborative, we need to take the approach where we can shake hands with each other and can lead forward. E.g In Bihar, a lot of civic organizations working in the same domain to serve just one purpose and the purpose is to enhance the student's learning outcome. But we need collaboration and convergence. First the CSOs need to do a self-change and then think about the systematic change."

## MY STANCE ON DEMOCRACY



**Jay Datt Bhatt**  
**Ph D Scholar, NIMHANS**

"Democracy means the rule of law. But I feel that democracy should also be including people & their diversity. It has to include women, persons with disabilities, etc. Democracy means taking all the sectors together and bringing their contribution to the development of the country. These engagements are very important for strengthening of the democracy. Democracy is not an abstract term, it is the value system which will come through understanding of the related terms like communication & stakeholder engagement"

# SOLUTIONS



# BARRIERS

Shantanu Shrivastava & Dr. Nimisha Bhatu

By: Dr. Nimisha Bhatu & Shantanu Shrivastava (Madhya Pradesh)



## MY STANCE ON DEMOCRACY



### Rashmi Samant

#### Managing Director, AATMAH Foundation

"To me democracy is responsible freedom. To have appropriate responsible freedom I believe that inclusivity is key; inclusivity in representation, in decision making and in the impact that all these decisions have. I believe that this can happen through effective participation from all walks of life including the youth, the disabled, the challenged and the less represented sections of the society. I believe that effective education through civil societies can go a long way in doing away with the disillusionment and the cynicism that most people seem to bear when it comes to inclusivity in democracy."



YOUR VOTE HAS THE POTENTIAL TO MAKE A  
SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCE. EVERY VOTE COUNTS.



YOUR VOTE, YOUR RIGHT.

# EVERY VOTE SERVES AS A BRICK.

**BRICK  
THAT BUILDS THE  
NATION.**

YOUR NATION, OUR NATION.



Gargi Priyadarshini Mohanty  
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## G20 & CIVIL20



The Group of Twenty (G20) is the premier forum for international economic cooperation. It plays an important role in shaping and strengthening global architecture and governance on all major international economic issues.

India holds the Presidency of the G20 from 1 December 2022 to 30 November 2023. The G20 Presidency gives India a unique opportunity to strengthen its role in the world economic order. With the theme of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam,' India is steering an ambitious, people-centric agenda to address global challenges and facilitate sustainable economic development.

Civil20 (C20) Engagement Group is one of the official Engagement Groups of the G20. It provides a platform for Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) around the world to voice people's aspirations with the world's leaders in G20. C20 also aims to protect the essence of the sector, promote social and economic development with the vision that no one should be left behind.

Under the Indian Presidency of G20, one of the priorities of C20 is to focus on finding sustainable solutions to the socio-economic matters that touch people & their daily lives.

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# COMPOSITION OF THE WORKING GROUP



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