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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR



Amma sees the world as a flower. Each country is a petal of the flower. The foundation of all positive change is true education. Along with knowledge about the world, we have to understand ourselves. Only then will our education be complete. Technology has truly revolutionized human life, but its negative aspects raise alarming concerns about the future of humankind. Don't be discouraged by your incapacity to dispel darkness from the world. Light your little candle and step forward. May the tree of our life be firmly rooted in the soil of love. Let good deeds be the leaves on that tree; may words of kindness form its flowers; may peace be its fruit.

Hon'ble Chair C20 2023,
Mata Amritanandamayi Devi (AMMA)

TROIKA

The troika structure allows for dialogue and coordination between the lead civil society organisations from the current, previous and following G20/C20 host countries.



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INTERNATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (IAC)

Composed of international civil society organisations with experience working within the G20, the IAC functions as an advisory body. Its main roles are to advise the Steering Committee (SC) on strategic decision-making and contribute to disseminating C20 recommendations among key stakeholders to guarantee more visibility.



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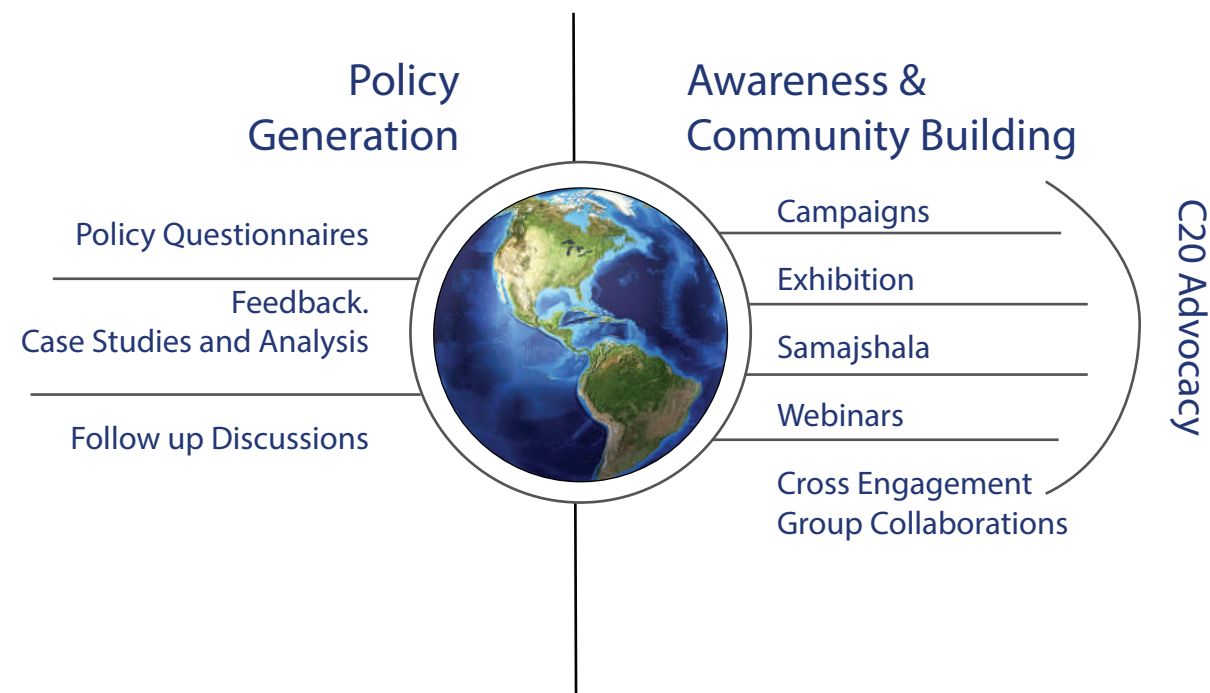
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APPROACH TO POLICY GENERATION



WORKING GROUP THEMES

Technology, Security & Transparency

TECHNOLOGY FOR EMPOWERMENT

Technology for empowerment theme aims at policy formulation for ensuring access to assistive technologies, promoting digital literacy, and enabling equitable access to the internet as essential steps toward creating a more inclusive and equitable digital workplace.



Coordinator

Dr. Prashanth Nair
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ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND DATA FOR SOCIETY

Artificial Intelligence and data for society theme aims to formulate policy recommendations that promote transparency, accountability, and ethical considerations while addressing potential negative consequences, including job displacement and inequality as a result of AI.



Coordinator

Mr. Gilad Gressel
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TRANSPARENCY, TRUST AND DISINFORMATION

Transparency, trust & disinformation theme aims to create a policy recommendation that promotes transparency and trust, and mitigating disinformation in the digital age is crucial for building a healthy and prosperous society.



Coordinator

Dr. Amit Agarwal
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SECURITY, SAFETY & RESILIENCE

Security, Safety & Resilience theme aims at protecting digital systems and promoting healthy internet usage which is a critical issue and requires attention at the individual, organizational, societal, and global levels



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C20 INAUGURAL EVENT

India's Civil 20 Engagement Group Inaugurated

India's Civil 20 Engagement Group (C20), the official engagement group of the country's G20 leadership representing the voices of non-profit, voluntary citizens' groups in service to society, has been inaugurated at Amritapuri in Kerala's Kollam district on 16th January 2023.

Dozens of G20 and C20 representatives, Government leaders, and other distinguished guests participated virtually in the high-powered gathering, including names like Sri Mata Amritanandamayi (Amma), who serves as Chair of C20; Amitabh Kant, former CEO of NITI Aayog; Shashi Tharoor, MP (Congress); Union Ministers Anurag Thakur and V Muraleedharan; Tamil Nadu Governor RN Ravi, and Kerala's State Public Education Minister, V Sivankutty.

On this occasion, Sri Mata Amritanandamayi (Amma) initiated an Rs. 50 crore project by the Mata Amritanandamayi Math to support the welfare of pregnant women who are malnourished and people with disabilities in underdeveloped districts across India and other developing nations. The Ashram will collaborate closely with local civil society organizations (CSOs) to bring about a tangible change in the lives of its beneficiaries.

In her address, Amma said, "At this juncture, with almost a quarter of this century completed, what is the state of our world? Close your eyes and place your finger on a map. Now open your eyes and see what continent and nation it landed upon. Wherever it is, find out if that place is peaceful and free from conflict. Is there enough drinking water and food to fulfill the thirst and hunger of everyone there? Is there a roof over every head? And clothes to wear? Is timely healthcare available for everyone? Are the women and children safe?"



Amma added, "Many civil organizations and individuals are actively engaged in finding solutions and doing humanitarian work. But they are only small raindrops falling into the ocean. But when they fall in the desert, even such small drops have some benefit. If we understand their place and use them accordingly, they can help bring some joy, peace, and health to the world."

Amitabh Kant, the former CEO of NITI Aayog, who is India's Special Representative (Sherpa) at G20, addressed the C20 inauguration. He emphasized how the C20 is a mirror of the dynamic range of activities CSOs must undertake to contribute to establishing India's G20 Presidency as a beacon of hope, healing, and harmony for the world.

He said, "With the theme of 'One Earth. One Family. One Future', we take on the G20 presidency in this complex and challenging environment. The world today is faced with complex geo-political tensions and conflicts, a global debt crisis, issues of food, fuel, and fertilizer, climate crisis, and slowing progress on the SDGs, meaning that millions of people have lost their jobs and been pushed into poverty. But with India's G20 presidency, we see these complex challenges as an opportunity for us to get the world to unite upon acting upon these challenges and to drive global consensus."

Shashi Tharoor, MP (Congress) and Former UN Under-Secretary-General, also spoke at the gathering. Having personally witnessed the power and reach of civil society firsthand, he explained that CSOs are essential for global welfare. He said: "I would argue that Civil Society can and must play a leading role in helping our communities to effectively navigate the past and address what we need to do to solve what, in my UN days, we called 'problems without passports.' That is the problem across all frontiers uninvited. And that no one country or even a small group of countries can solve on their own. Problems, in other words, of poverty, contagious disease, human rights and human wrongs, of chronic starvation and malnourishment, massive illiteracy, and massive displacement. All these kinds of problems are problems that require solutions that also don't need passports. That also cross over borders – blueprints without borders to match the problems without passports."

Union Minister Anurag Thakur said that it is hoped that the ideas emerging from the C20 working groups will solve the environmental challenges the world is facing today.

Tamil Nadu Governor RN Ravi said that community participation is essential for the success of any project, and C20 is playing a key role in ensuring that society's fundamental needs are expressed to the G20 leaders. Kerala's State Public Education Minister, V Sivankutty, said that G20 is a platform where the world will join hands to face today's challenges and that CSOs are the most effective mechanism to reach all levels of society. Union



Minister of State for External Affairs, V Muraleedharan, added that Prime Minister Modi envisions a G20 that is inclusive of all members of society, irrespective of whether they are women, men, young or old, and this can be achieved through C20.

Also taking part in the gathering: Vinay P Sahasrabuddhe, President of the Indian Council for Cultural Relations; Vijay K Nambiar, Sherpa C20 and former Special Advisor to the UN Secretary-General; Dr. Swadesh Singh,

C20's purpose is to bring the concerns of Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) from around the world to the G20 Summit set to take place in New Delhi this September. The Group of 20 (G20) is the premier intergovernmental forum for the world's developed and emerging economies to address financial stability on a global basis.



Members of India's C20 include Sri M, the Satsang Foundation as Participant; Rambhau Mhalgi Prabodhini as Secretariat; and the Vivekananda Kendra, Kanyakumari as Institutional Partner.



C20 Core Group Member & Rambhau Mhalgi Prabodhini; Nivedita Bhide, C20 Core Group Member & All India Vice President of Vivekananda Kendra; Sri M, C20 Core Group Member & Founder of Sri M, the Satsang Foundation; Marc Benioff, CEO of Salesforce and Philanthropist; T Denny Sanford, Entrepreneur, Philanthropist and recipient of an Honorary Doctorate from Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham; AH Maftuchan, C20 Troika Member from Indonesia; Alessandra Nilo, C20 Troika member from Brazil; and Laurent Bessede, General Legal Director of the Red Cross, France.

In advance of the Summit, C20 will collaborate with hundreds of CSOs from around the world to voice primary and common concerns and to promote sustainable development with the vision of leaving no one behind.



C20 INCEPTION MEETING

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Amma inaugurated the event as Chair of C20, and Sri Kailash Satyarthi, a Nobel Peace Laureate and child rights activist, spoke as Chief Guest. The Civil 20 India (C20) Inception Conference in Nagpur, Maharashtra, was a momentous occasion with Amma as the first spiritual leader ever appointed as Chair of the G20 Engagement Group for civil society and non-governmental organizations. More than 200 delegates from around the globe took part from March 20-21, 2023, and the results will eventually become policy recommendations that are presented to India's G20 Summit set to take place in New Delhi on September 9 & 10, 2023.

C20's purpose is to provide a platform for Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) and Nongovernmental Organizations (NGOs) to voice the people's aspirations to the Heads of State of the world's 20 leading economies.

Bringing together civil society representatives, leading social activists, academicians, policy practitioners, and representatives of the government, the C20 Inception Conference explored issues significant in the realization of a better society.

In her Inaugural Address on 20th March 2023, Amma spoke about the importance of cultivating a worldview based on inclusivity and oneness, and compassionate action. She said, "The future belongs not to the 'single' entities who stand divided, but to those who mingle and cooperate with others. Countries and societies that try to rise on their own will surely fail. Hence, let our mantra be 'Mingle,' not 'Single.'"

Amma also pointed out that while the government is providing many social-upliftment programs, NGOs and CSOs should serve as stewards, connecting the deserving beneficiaries with those programs.

"The Honorable Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched numerous significant schemes, like Jandhan Yojana, which is a revolutionary financial-inclusion scheme of delivering the benefits directly to the bank account of the vulnerable and low-income sections of society. Then there are Skill India Mission, Ayushman Bharat Health Insurance scheme, and the list goes on," said Amma. "It is important that people have the awareness to avail these schemes, also. It is not enough for a diabetic to take the medicines—they also have to maintain a regular diet. In a similar way, it is important to be aware of properly using the benefits they are receiving."

Amma concluded by invoking the G20 2023 slogan, "From ancient times, vasudhaiva kutumbakam— 'the world is one family'—has been the mantra of Indian soil. It still is today and will continue to be so in the future. The presidency of the G20 nations is a unique opportunity to model this truth before the world. May this initiative undertaken by Honorable Prime Minister Sri Narendra Modi and the government under his leadership inspire change in the world's outlook."

Gracing the occasion as Chief Guest was Sri Kailash Satyarthi, a Nobel Peace Laureate who has led a tireless global civil-society movement of more than 40 years to end child slavery and exploitation. He called the Inception of India's Civil 20 a historic day, as it is the first time in his knowledge that the C20 is driven by the core values of spirituality.

C20 INCEPTION MEETING



As the Conference came to a close on Tuesday, India's Minister of Road Transport and Highways, Sri Nitin Gadkari, addressed the gathering. He is also the Member of Parliament for Nagpur.

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"This spirituality does not mean any religion. It is the driving force of the soul of universal humanity. When we say 'the world is one family,' this is not simply a slogan. India should lead the globalization of compassion. Compassion is not sympathy. Compassion is not empathy. When you feel the suffering of others as your own suffering, with a deeper drive to elevate the suffering, then you are compassionate. That should be the message from this C20," said Sri Satyarthi. "But one thing is very clear. That when I call you the leaders of civil society, you represent the voice of the voiceless people of the world. You represent the faces of the most invisible people of the world. You are the custodians of the collective conscience of very ordinary people on this Earth. You are the purpose of democracy."

Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis is also Chair of the Rambhau Mhalgi Prabodhini (RMP), the Secretariat of C20.

As Guest of Honor, he addressed the occasion by thanking Prime Minister Modi for making G20 India 2023 a people's movement, an endeavor that can especially be seen through the actions of C20.

"We know that governments are a legal power, but civil society is a moral power. And any legal power without morality is a disaster. In any society, any community, any country, any nation, we need to have a very robust, equal system for civil-society discussions so that the last man's voice is heard by the government. And it is only civil society and its moral power that can make the governments act. So act," said Sri Fadnavis.

In addition, the Rambhau Mhalgi Prabodhini compiled proposals from C20's 14 working groups that were based upon a survey conducted by 200 CSOs and NGOs. Sri Fadnavis presented the collection to Amma in the form of a book entitled "Voice of Nagpur." Other Guests of Honour included Amb. Vijay Nambiar, Sherpa C20 India (2023); Ah Maftuchan, Sherpa C20 Indonesia (2022); Alessendra Nilo, Sherpa C20 Brazil (2024); Dr. Vinay Sahasrabuddhe, Vice-Chair RMP; Nivedita Bhide, Vice-President, Vivekananda Kendra, and C20 Steering Committee Member; and Sri M, the Satsang Foundation and C20 Steering Committee Member, who sent a video message.

"We need to establish cooperation, coordination, and communication between all stakeholders. And the people like you, who have their thinking in the interest of the welfare of the world... that is exactly the spirit behind this," he said.

"I am really happy today that under the leadership of Ammaji, your thinking, and your new futuristic vision will inspire and motivate the people of the world for the welfare of the whole world community."

Since January, C20's 14 Working Groups have been deliberating on their respective themes and engaging the global CSO/NGO community through webinars, panels, roundtable discussions, and meetings, both virtual and in-person.

Amma bows down to all, who are embodiments of pure love and the supreme self. Amma is very pleased to participate in this summit, one of the most esteemed among the C-20 conferences and to meet personally with the distinguished members of the steering committee, CSO, and NGO speakers who are offering their valued input for this endeavour. Humanity is facing many extraordinary challenges today. We think correctly only when we are on the brink of disaster. Only then do we realize that we need to do something.

However, such resolutions do not last long. People inevitably return to their old habits once again. The future belongs not to the 'single' entities, who stand divided, but to those who 'mingle' and cooperate with others. Countries and societies that try to rise on their own will surely fail. People experience two types of poverty in this world. The first is the poverty of food, clothing and shelter.

The second is the poverty of love and compassion. If we have love and compassion, we will be able to relieve the suffering of the first set of people, as well. These qualities are what we should cultivate. The huge leap in science and technology, along with misuse of the internet and increasing drug abuse among students, are all contributing to the predicament we face today.

For example, let us consider technology. It has truly revolutionized human life, but its negative aspects raise alarming concerns about the future of humankind. Now we see a new generation growing up devoid of a conscience and moral values— and what is the result? Violence, in various names and forms, is rising.

Our new discoveries and sophistication usually come with a negative side. The once evident problems have now shifted from the gross to the subtle and, consequently, become stronger. Technology is very important. It has increased conveniences and made life comfortable.

But, at the same time, the abuse of technology has also increased... and so have its dangers. This is why extensive research on the negative impact of any new invention or discovery is essential. The 'new' should never be allowed to trample on the 'old'.



NAGPUR SPEECH

The saying 'It is better to prevent than to cure' is apt in this regard. New discoveries can also mean unique, new hazards. Before such discoveries become a permanent headache to society, we need to find solutions to their potential negative repercussions and threats that could manifest. The world will bring us countless experiences—both bitter and sweet. We should consider both as opportunities for introspection. Another immediate concern is the mental health of children after the COVID pandemic. The children appear to be quite different from their former selves. Forty percent of the children seem to have a different appearance altogether.

Their behavior has changed, as well as their mental health. Fifteen years ago, Amma had encouraged devotee doctors in some countries to provide such services to children in their inner-city schools.

This suggestion comes from the experience of seeing the difference among those children. If we catch it at the beginning and offer timely counseling, it can be prevented from deepening into a psychological problem. Here is what can be done. Psychologists and psychiatrists who have the heart to serve can communicate with schools and colleges, and provide two or three hours of free counselling per week to such students.

I feel that in such places where doctors are not available, we could bring mobile clinic services in vehicles and conduct frequent health camps in remote areas. Telemedicine services can be provided for remote diagnosis and treatment of patients using telecommunication technology.

It is important to be aware of properly using the benefits they are receiving. The urgent need of the hour is good leaders with a holistic vision. We do not need those who speak the language of war but those who spread a message of peace. The world needs not separation and division today, but joining and unification.

The mind is like a pair of scissors while the heart is like a needle. To make a wearable outfit, we have to cut and divide with the scissors and join and sew together with the needle. The mind should be used in its place and the heart in its place. The heart is like a parachute. If it doesn't open, we will endanger ourselves.

May all see only the good that is in everything. While we are in a hurry to connect to science, technology and the internet— there are so many fields from which we have become completely disconnected. We have become disconnected from our true self, our atma. We have become disconnected from our environment, and from nature.

We have become disconnected from love and life, And this disconnected us from God. Most importantly, we have become disconnected from spiritual values, which can heal all the disconnections in our life. There is education for earning a living and education for life.

In ancient Gurukuls, these were taught together. When we study in college, striving for a job, that is education for a living. Education for life requires an understanding of the essential principles of spirituality. Education for life air-conditions the mind, while the former brings external air-conditioning.

Only then we would be able to bring about any changes in the world. Man has learned to fly like a bird and swim like a fish, but has forgotten how to walk and live like a human. The Creator and the creation are not two, but one. The sun does not need a candle to light its way. Just like gold is inherent in gold ornaments, and ornaments are inherent in gold. See God in others and love and serve them as such. Even if we drive carefully, another person may drive carelessly and crash into us. This is why God's grace is necessary for every situation. To receive this grace, positive actions are needed from our side. There is an underlying rhythm to our universe; the universe and every living thing in it have an unbreakable connection to each other.

The cosmos is like a vast, interconnected network. Think of a net that is stretched out by four people holding its four corners. If it is shaken slightly in one corner, the vibration is felt all over the net. Similarly, whether we know it or not, all of our actions reverberate throughout creation— whether done by an individual or a group.

So let us not think 'I will change after they do'; rather, even if they do not change, if we change, we can bring this change in others. From ancient times, 'The world is one family' has been the mantra of Indian soil. It still is today, and will continue to be so in the future. The presidency of the G-20 nations is a unique opportunity to model this truth before the world.

May this initiative undertaken by Hon. Prime Minister Sri Narendra Modi and the government under his leadership inspire change in the world's outlook. Inspire change in the world's outlook. May innumerable lamps be lit from this flame and carried across the world. May the conch call of this great yajna [holy offering] resound worldwide.

May it throw open the closed doors of human hearts! May it bring light everywhere! May you become the light!

EVENTS

POLICY DIALOGUES

Discussion Highlights

- AI policy is needed and the lawmakers must protect fundamental rights.
- The organization should be accountable for their use of AI technologies.
- The lack of trust in using AI technologies can be addressed by transparency and ethics.
- Right policies around AI and Data for local communities is the need of the hour.

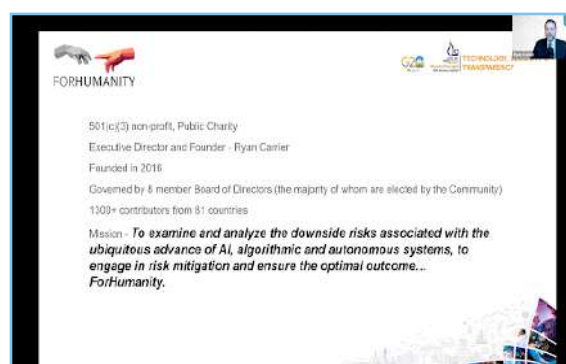
C20 Working Group TST Policy Dialogue Week: **Security, Safety, & Resilience**

Dr. Krishnashree Achuthan, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham highlighting the exponential growth of cybercrimes and how it has given rise to terms such as “Cyber Pandemics”. The purpose of the “Security, Safety, Resilience” dialogue was to bring together various stakeholders such as CSOs, NGOs, and individuals to engage in a dialogue with policymakers on the topic of cybersecurity.



C20 Working Group TST Policy Dialogue Week: **Artificial Intelligence and Data for Society**

Policy Dialogue Week kicked off on March 6, with the first dialogues around “AI and Data for Society.” Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) from over 20 countries joined the online meeting and shared their recommendations for using AI and Data responsibly. The participants collaborated on the C20 working group for Technology, Security, and Transparency.



Ryan Carrier, Executive Director and Founder of For Humanity on audit of AI Systems.



Participants of the AI and Data for Society Policy Dialog



David Whyte

Discussion Highlights

- The event emphasized on global co-operation to protect fundamental human digital rights.
- The exponential growth of cybercrimes has created a need for global cooperation to protect fundamental human digital rights and critical infrastructure.
- The event highlighted the importance of a collective, intersectional, and human-centric approach to cybersecurity to build resilience and protect vulnerable communities from digital violence.
- The event also provided a platform to share successful cybersecurity practices and frameworks and to educate the public on improving digital literacy.

C20 Working Group TST Policy Dialogue Week: **Technology for Empowerment**



Dipendra Monacha

Discussion Highlights

- Affordable high-speed internet in rural areas is the key for inclusivity.
- The digital divide can be bridged through donations from Industry.
- Digital rights can be protected by setting up helplines to provide support to counter violence in digital spaces.
- The key barriers to tech for civil society were shared and the need to make tech investments more relevant to community needs was highlighted.

C20 Working Group TST Policy Dialogue Week: **Transparency, Trust, and Disinformation**



Discussion Highlights

- The world has moved towards a new age of automation and information-sharing over cyberspace.
- The dangers of disinformation that is disseminated to the global civil population is to be considered and addressed by right policy decision.
- A balance is to be maintained between granting freedom of expression to the civil population on social media platforms.
- Policies and regulations are required to protect kids using digital technologies especially in developing countries. CSOs must work hand-in-hand with governments to prevent money laundering

C20 Technology, Security & Transparency (TST) Working Group (WG) Presentation at Plenary Session of C20 Inception Meeting



C20 Technology, Security & Transparency (TST) Working Group (WG) 's presentation was at the 4th plenary session of the C20 inception meeting, titled "CSOs as Drivers of Innovation & Technology" from 2 to 4 PM on 21st March 2023. Other WG who presented included a special committee on financial issues, education & digital transformation, conservation of traditional arts, crafts & culture, and traditional & innovative ways of livelihood.



In her presentation, Dr. Krishnashree Achuthan, C20 TST WG coordinator, highlighted that there has been no C20 Working Group (WG) focused on technology, security, or transparency for social good in past G20 summits. So this WG presents a unique opportunity to make a meaningful impact on society. She presented the issues, challenges, and policy-level changes needed for the 4 sub-themes of the WG, namely Technology for Empowerment, AI & Data for Society, Transparency, Trust & Disinformation, and Safety, Security & Resilience. She also provided an overview of the 20+ events organized by the WG to date in terms of policy dialogues, webinars, exhibitions, and Samajshalas. In terms of coverage, these events have attracted thousands of participants from 58 countries across 6 continents. She outlined the future events of the WG, including the ones in collaboration with other G20 official engagement groups such as Startup20, Science20, Thinktank20, Youth20, and Women20.

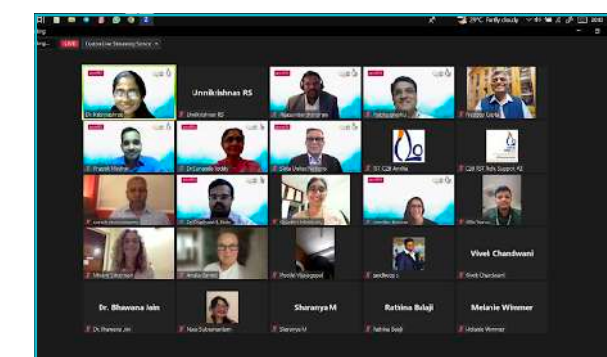
Ms. Alison Richards, Director, oneAPI Initiative, Software Products Team, Intel Corporation & international advisor of the C20 TST WG, also addressed the plenary session as an invited speaker. Other invited speakers for the plenary session included Ms. Jaya Jaitley, President & Founder, Dastkari Haat Samiti, and renowned activist Veronika Soboleva, Director of Development at ICPC Global Foundation and Binny Buchori, The Prakarsa, Indonesia. Amb. Vijay Nambiar, Sherpa C20 India, moderated the plenary session.



C20 Policy Dialogues on Assistive Technologies



Policy Dialogue on Assistive Technology provided an for CSOs, NGOs and individuals to voice their opinions and engage with policymakers regarding development and enhancement of Assistive Technologies.



Discussion Highlights

- The concept 5P's of Assistive Tech -People-centric, Policies, Products, Provisions, Personnel - and its ability to promote independence, inclusion and equality was putforward.
- Public and private sectors to collaborate in this field.
- Assistive Technologies needs to remain REAL - Recognize, Engage, Activate and Learn.



Technology is necessary for the future of human survival. AI may be used to prevent unethical use of AI and promote ethical guideline development. Compulsory courses in being conscious technologists in curriculums are needed. The technology launched today can be obsolete within a year and usage is unpredictable. Thus, education is key in tackling the ethical issues of AI. Young people have mixed reactions towards ethical regulations in technology use due to issues of free will and distrust of organizations. To prevent overdependence on technology, responsible use has to be perpetuated along with digital literacy and mindfulness studies.



C20 Policy Dialogues on Combating Disinformation –Pragmatic Approaches

Need more fact-checking institutions, use of mainstream media as a filter for information and holding states accountable. Regarding media self-regulation, it was highlighted that only good content and good ground reporting win. And although ratings are a key consideration, channels also see if there is a cause for belief and then act on a regular system of fact-checking. Journalists should go through proper training to deliver proper news and new perspectives and consumers should value information by paying to subscribe to legitimate channels over free consumption of news on social media.

It was established that profit-motivated actors engage in ad-based monetization of disinformation and countries should require the industry to have 'nutrition labels' for where facts are coming from and what's the supply chain for them.



C20 Policy Dialogues on Innovative Technology Management in Civil Society Organizations

Technology plays a critical role in healthcare for rural communities and has a major role in grassroots. Rural regions are more connected than before, both by roads and online networks.

Awareness of preventive health has increased and therefore demand for healthcare has gone up. AIs such as Chatgpt could assist doctors to get patient history and facilitate treatment.

Many individuals are not thinking about the safety and security of their information yet. For example, regarding the mass adoption of GPay in India, many people are not aware if their data and transactions are indeed safe. They don't trust the technology, they trust that the others are using it and it works.



C20 Policy Dialogues on AI, Data and Ethical Governance

We should focus on who is liable instead of who is accountable to address both but there are no clear norms for liability framework yet. Transparency of AI systems is needed in the public sector in easily understood languages on how it was trained, data, principles and legal consequences. Due to socioeconomic inequities, communities don't have access to data about themselves. AI-driven decision-making might work against them. For example in healthcare, incomplete or unusable data causes patients to miss out on the benefits of AI innovation.

C20 Policy Dialogues on Addressing Policy Needs in Cybercrime, Crypto and Privacy

Discussed the unique risks that cryptocurrency poses to the financial system. It enables criminal activities such as terrorism, money laundering, and fraud. A case investigation by Dr. Shlomit Wagman's agency was assessed to provide insight into how law enforcement agencies are dealing with these issues.

One of the main challenges highlighted with blockchain was the lack of familiarity among individuals with the technology and platforms they use to engage with digital currencies and transfer funds.

The Colonial Pipeline ransomware investigation was discussed and the importance of educating each other about decentralized finance, blockchain, and compliance and registration of companies in the marketplace was stressed.

The importance for governments and the private sector to work together to ensure that appropriate measures, such as anti-money laundering and counter-terrorist financing protocols, are in place to prevent illicit activities such as money laundering and ransomware attacks was established and discussed.



C20 Policy Dialogues on Dark Web

Need for mutual bilateral treaties between countries, collaboration between private and public sectors and partnerships amongst technologists, engineers and law enforcement agencies in addressing crimes. Continued use of honey pots, IP address monitoring, and stylometry for monitoring cyber criminal activities is essential.

Some recommendations were providing a hub for public and private companies to upload national ID information to be shared among nations to prevent misuse, a triple filter test for controlling privacy and three controls for governments: prohibiting private corporations from paying dark web vendors for information, implementing storage and deletion policies worldwide, and developing technical solutions to control these issues.

People's consent, process, and technology have to be considered when designing policies related to the dark web.



The Intersection of Artificial Intelligence and Intellectual Property Law

Concept of trying and examining ways to consider AI systems as a legal entity thereby making collaboration of AI and human creation easier and standardized.

AI systems should be graded based on the priority and the impact that the system has and the legal frameworks and ethical frameworks should be tailored for these systems.

A special Policy Dialogue on Multilingual Internet



The importance of rural people needing to use the Internet was used to support the need for regional languages on the Internet.

Technical infrastructure, financial support from the government and societal acceptance are needed in order to develop multilingual websites.

The panellists identified that content readiness is the most critical factor in developing multilingual websites. They recommended early education and broad awareness of different regional languages as a solution for the global issue of the language barrier in accessing the internet.

A special Policy Dialogue on Citizen Centric Cybersecurity

A concerted effort is needed to make Internet Governance citizen centric, involving industry, technical experts and users.

5 components are critical in cybersecurity ecosystems

- ▶ Cybersecurity policy and strategy
- ▶ Cybersecurity education, training and skills
- ▶ Legal and regulatory frameworks
- ▶ Standards for organizations and technologies
- ▶ Society

Education for citizens on cyber hygiene and security has to start in school.

At least 10% of budgeting in organizations should be for cybersecurity.



Cyber Peace Dialogue



Dr. Krishnashree Achuthan, Coordinator of Civil20 (C20) Technology, Security & Transparency (TST) Working Group highlighted the C20 priorities for Cyber-Security in CyberPeace Dialogue held as part of UK-India Cyber-Security Cooperation program on 11th March 2023. This hybrid event was organized by the British Deputy High Commission, Kolkata, and CyberPeace. The inaugural address was given by Mr. Peter Cook, Acting British Deputy High Commissioner. The objective of the event was to provide a platform for netizens to engage in a dialogue on CyberPeace and CyberSecurity, and to build awareness and capacity on best practices for the safe and responsible use of technology.

C20 WEBINARS

C20 2023 Technology, Security Transparency (TST) Working Group Inception webinar

The Civil20 (C20) 2023 Working Group (WG) on Technology, Security Transparency (TST) organized its inception event on 22 January 2023, with a webinar on “Technology & Civil Society: Vision & Agenda for Civil20 2023”. The event saw the participation of 85 international and national Civil Society Organizations (CSO) from 12 countries sharing their work and policy recommendations to align with the G20 priorities. The countries represented included Australia, Canada, Costa Rica, Denmark, Finland, Germany, India, Japan, Nigeria, Singapore, Switzerland, and the United States. The event discussions centered on seven key sub-themes: data security, cyber security, fake news/misinformation, financial security, affordable access to security, ethics, privacy in AI, and transparency. Leading the discourse, Mr. Vijay K. Nambiar, Sherpa of the C20 charter, who was formerly the UN Secretary General's Special Advisor and Deputy National Security Advisor to the Government of India, graced the inception event as the chief guest.



He provided an insightful overview of the Civil20 process and its overarching objectives to be the voice of civil society for addressing the G20 priorities.

Dr. Krishnashree Achuthan and Dr. Nava Subramaniam, Principal coordinators of the C20 TST WG, presided over the deliberations. Dr. Krishnashree Achuthan stated, “The primary objective of these types of gatherings is to foster discussions to pinpoint policy changes and devise recommendations. Our discourse is centered on the perspective of not only being technologists but also as members of civil society and how we can utilize this to not only support India but also disseminate key considerations to the attention of G20 nations on a global scale”.

The distinguished speakers of the webinar included Ms. Gauri Kumar, Chairman of the Wheels Global Foundation; Mr. Satish Babu, Chairman of the Asia-Pacific School of Internet Governance and a representative of the civil society in ICANN; Ms. Savitri Singh, Deputy Chief Executive of the National Corporate Union of India; Mr. Naavi Vijaya Shankar, founder of Naavi.org; Ms. Madhura Dasgupta Sinha, Founder and CEO of Aspire for Her; and Dr. Sundaram Seshadri, Secretary & Advisor of the Indigenous and Frontier Technology Research Centre.



C20 2023 Technology, Security Transparency (TST) Working Group Webinar on “Enabling Technology for Social Impact: Policies & Actions for a Better Future”webinar



The webinar was chaired by Dr. Nava Subramaniam, Dean, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, and C20 TST WG coordinator.

The Civil 20 (C20) Working Group (WG) on Technology, Security Transparency (TST) organized a webinar on the theme, “Enabling Technology for Social Impact: Policies & Actions for a Better Future,” on 23 February 2023. Civil Society Organizations (CSO) representatives from 17 countries, including Norway, Finland, Germany, Netherlands, Switzerland, United Kingdom (UK), USA, Australia, New Zealand, Indonesia, UAE, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Kyrgyzstan, China, Peru, and India participated in this webinar. This webinar also attracted CSO participants from 18 states and union territories of India, including Tamil Nadu, Jharkhand, Kerala, Uttar Pradesh, Delhi, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Jharkhand, Andhra Pradesh, Assam, West Bengal, Goa, Odisha, Chandigarh, Jammu and Kashmir, Punjab, Bihar, and Rajasthan.

Mr. Apoorv Kulkarni, head of research at OMI Foundation, who specializes in mobility innovation, governance, and the public good, emphasized the importance of accessibility in technology for people with disabilities to enable their full participation in the economy. Apoorv Kulkarni is a national award winner for individual excellence as the Sarvshresth Divyangjan, and this award were presented by the Hon’ble President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu in 2022. He advocated the need for technological development that enables affordable and straightforward solutions. He provided policy recommendations to C20 TST WG to enhance accessibility, fund technical solutions, and increase affordability for people with disabilities. He highlighted the fact that this is an area that needed appropriate and effective policies and cooperation.



Mr. Raafi Seiff, Founder and Director of Policy+, a youth-driven and multidisciplinary think tank based in Jakarta, Indonesia, emphasized how technology can catalyze change through civic engagement. Mr. Seiff reiterated the importance of aligning regulation with needed actions for fundamental social transformation and impact, citing his experience as a member of the Indonesian COVID-19 Task Force.

Mr. Osama Manzar, founder & director of Digital Empowerment Foundation (DEF), highlighted the problem of lack of internet connectivity in rural areas and advocated for the use of technology to make it more affordable and accessible for these communities. DEF is a global CSO that has done impactful work in eradicating information poverty from India and the global south using digital tools. DEF was one of the CSOs showcased for their work in the G20 Compendium of case studies from the previous G20 summit at Bali, Indonesia, in 2022.

Dr. Shelley Marshall, Director of RMIT University Business and Human Rights Center, Melbourne, Australia, brought attention to the problem of gender-based accessibility and emphasized the importance of incorporating gender differences in design and usage. risks from a civil society perspective.

Mr. Anand Desai, Program Manager-Education from IT for Change, Bangalore, India, and Dr. Suresh Ramakrishnan, Deputy Dean of Research at the University of Technology, Malaysia, discussed the potentially transformative impact of integrating technology in education. The social impact of technology was also seen as not only affordability but a family-cultural one. One example highlighted was the importance of building the technical skills of both the children and their parents to enable the parents to understand and monitor their children’s use of technological devices.

The webinar concluded with valuable insights from Dr. Krishnashree Achuthan, Dean, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham and coordinator of C20 TST WG, and Ms. Alison Richards, International advisor of the C20 TST WG. They highlighted the thematic areas of C20 TST WG and its upcoming events. They emphasized the need for the WG to explore various technology dimensions such as AI, data privacy, misinformation, and emergent risks from a civil society perspective.





C20 PRIORITIES IN NATIONAL AND GLOBAL EVENTS

C20 Working Group on Technology, Security, and Transparency Invited to deliver the inaugural address at the two-day Global Tech Summit 2023

A delegation from the Technology, Security & Transparency working group (TST WG) of the Civil 20 was invited for the inaugural address at India's largest Global Tech Summit 2023, which took place in Visakhapatnam on February 16 and 17, 2023. The summit focused on exploring emerging technologies and solutions to counter challenges in various sectors. This was the first of its kind in India, with a major focus on the application of Technology to Health, Tech, Finance, Pharma, Science, and other Industrial Sectors.

The summit was attended by participants from Asia, Europe, North America, South America, and Africa. The event attracted 400 tech leaders and 1000 delegations from 25 countries; among the highlights was the signing of an MoU between the National Development and Reforms Commission (NRDC) and the European Business and Technology Center (EBTC). Additionally, approximately 100 startups showcased their innovative ideas at the summit.

Event co-convenor Srinubabu Gedela, CEO of Pulsus Group, welcomed a rich panel of dignitaries, tech stalwarts, business entrepreneurs, prominent researchers, and academicians, including Andhra Pradesh state ministers: Sri. Gudivara Amarnath (Industries); Smt. Vidadala Rajini (Health); Shri Botsa Satyanarayana (Education), as well as Ada Dyndo (European Business and Technology Centre) and Commodore Amit Rastogi (National Research Development Corporation), and Pragya Chaturvedi (British High Commission), the summit was one of many in the Global Tech Summit series, a G20-sponsored initiative scheduled to take place throughout 2023 in G20 nations such as Riyadh, Seoul, Tokyo, Rome, Paris, New York, Melbourne, Beijing, London, and India.

The G20 group highlighted the crucial role that technology and transparency will play in achieving their goals. During the summit, Dr. Nava Subramaniam, the Coordinator for the Civil 20 Working Group on Technology, Security, and Transparency at Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, delivered the inaugural address.

While much of the discussion focused on the opportunities offered by technology and risks associated with emerging technologies such as AI, Dr. Nava reminded the importance of technological development to be inclusive, value-based, and sustainable. She warned of the dangers of a rapidly evolving technological ecosystem that may not benefit all alike and that there are specific dangers to vulnerable communities who are not able to access technology. She emphasized the importance of civil society's voice being part of technological development, where the aim is to leave no one behind! She further highlighted that with India's presidency of the G20 this year, now more than ever, the opportunities to work with the global community in forging policies based on exemplary cases from all over the world are high.

Also, she served as the panel chair for the "Embracing Technology and Empowering Society" session at the Digital Bharat panel discussion organized by the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry. During this session, participants discussed the Government of India's ambitious plans to establish a digitally empowered society and knowledge economy. This initiative promotes digital literacy, develops digital infrastructure, expands digital services, and adopts emerging technologies such as artificial intelligence, blockchain, and the Internet of Things. In her final remarks, she explained the important role played by the TST WG of the C20 in identifying and advancing policies on technology development that will foster greater security and affordability of emerging technologies. The C20, one of the engagement arms of the G20, is headed by Sri Mata Amritanandamayi Devi, the Chancellor of Amrita University, who advises that – Technology needs to be used with discernment!



Technology can improve engagement with civil society organizations and make the process more inclusive, allowing for a more diverse range of perspectives. Dr. Krishnashree Achuthan, Coordinator for C20 Technology, Security & Transparency, praised the State of Andhra Pradesh for showcasing C20 priorities. The C20 Group is committed to transparency through digital tools and platforms that provide regular updates and progress, making it a more inclusive platform for civil society engagement with the G20.

C20 Working Group Presents at Cyber Crime Against Women Summit '23



The Cyber Crime Against Women Summit '23 was an event organized by C20 TST WG hosted by Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham on 28th February 2023, in association with the Government of Tamil Nadu and the Tamil Nadu State Commission for Women, an initiative by the National Cyber Security Research Council supported by the Indo-Russian IT association. The summit brought together experts from various fields, including law enforcement, cybersecurity, corporate, and women's rights, to discuss the challenges and solutions related to cybercrime against women. The summit covered a wide range of topics, including the types of cybercrime that women are most vulnerable to, the impact of cybercrime on women's lives, and the legal and regulatory frameworks that can be used to combat cybercrime against women. Participants also shared best practices and case studies related to preventing and investigating cybercrime against women.

The event was graced by Mr. T Mano Thangaraj, the Hon'ble Minister for Information Technology and Digital Services of the Government of Tamil Nadu, and Ms. A.S Kumari, Chairperson of the Tamil Nadu State Women Commission. Other notable guests included Ms. C. Maheshwari, IPS; Dr. E. Khalieraaj, the Director of NCSRC in New Delhi; Mr. Anirudh Balaji, President IRITA Executive Director, and Ms. Suhasini Manirathnam, an Indian actress, director, producer, and writer in the Tamil film industry.

Mr. Ashok Kumar Mohan, a member of the C20 TST WG, addressed about various tools used for Digital Detox and other cyber attack prevention. The summit also highlighted that governments and law enforcement agencies should work to create stricter laws and regulations to prevent cybercrime against women. Awareness campaigns, educational programs, and strict offender penalties can help create a safer online environment for women. The fight against cybercrime is ongoing and requires a collaborative effort from all stakeholders to protect women and their online activities.

Several of the distinguished speakers evinced interest in collaboration and partnership with various C20 initiatives and programs in terms of joint initiatives, knowledge-sharing, and partnerships in research or policy development.



C20 ENGAGEMENT WITH G20 OFFICIAL ENGAGEMENT GROUPS

Dr. Krishnashree Achuthan, Coordinator for C20 Technology, Security & Transparency (TST) Working Group (WG), discussed collaborative initiatives and partnership events with Thinktank20 Chair, Amb. Sujan R. Chinoy, Director General, Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses (MP-IDSA) at Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham Amritapuri campus on 30th March 2023.



Dr. Krishnashree Achuthan, Coordinator for C20 Technology, Security & Transparency (TST) Working Group (WG), discussed collaborative initiatives and partnership events with Mr. Anmol Sovit, Chair, Youth20 at Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham Amritapuri campus on 26th March 2023. Other WG members, Mr. Sumeet Bahl and Mrs. Rekha Bahl were also present.



C20 India 2023 Working Group on Technology, Security, and Transparency, led by its coordinator Dr. Krishnashree Achuthan attended the inception meeting of Startup20 at Hyderabad on 28 and 29 January, 2023. She discussed possible synergies between both forums with the Startup20 Chair, Dr. Chintan Vaishnav, Mission Director of Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), NITI Aayog.



Dr. Prashant R. Nair, C20 TST WG member, briefed Mr. Amitabh Kant, G20 sherpa, on various C20 priorities and initiatives during the 1st Digital Economy Working Group (DEWG) meeting at Lucknow on 14th February 2023.

EXHIBITIONS

Civil20 (C20) Technology, Security & Transparency (TST) Working Group coordinated by Dr. Krishnashree Achuthan, Dean, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, organized an Exhibition for Technology Enablement at Coimbatore on 11th March 2023. The focal theme of the exhibition was 'Technology for Societal Empowerment'. 30 innovations with a societal & humanitarian focus from various startups and student teams were showcased at the exhibition. Mr. K.K. Pillai, Authority Member, Agricultural & Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) under the Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India, inaugurated the exhibition, and Dr. Sasangan Ramanathan, Dean-Engineering, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham distributed prizes & awards to the top 10 innovations of the exhibition, which spanned innovations in smart healthcare, smart agriculture, energy, assistive technologies,

safety & security. These innovations will be mentored for technology enablement and pre-incubation support by the DST-Amrita Technology Enabling Center (TEC) of Amrita University.

SMPS Battery chargers for electric vehicle charging, which are capable of charging batteries faster and more efficiently than traditional chargers with transformers.

ATHENA. This healthcare assist provides remote monitoring daily, supervision of vital parameters using machine learning algorithms for employees in industries to reduce health concerns and to ensure that productivity remains at satisfactory levels.

Development of Impinging Jet Solar Air Dryer for Powder Coating Applications in Small-Scale Industries. The designed system produced hot air at a temperature of 96°C with a 100 kg/hr flow rate. The system efficiency also increased by 21% compared with conventional solar air heaters.

Neural Amp is a non-invasive bio amp to capture the bio signals like (EEG, EMG & ECG) from the human body using electrode patches.

Smart Shoes for the Blind uses IoT & sensors to help the visually impaired communicate with the environment at an affordable cost.

Leak detection in concealed pipelines using sensors. This is a system that detects cracks or leaks in pipelines, provides a 3D output of the pipeline with XYZ coordinates, and marks the leak area of the pipeline without demolishing the outer area.



The top 10 societal innovations identified were:

IoT Based Smart Agribot, which is available on an app that allows farmers to perform various tasks such as plowing, seeding, water sprinkling, and testing the PH of the soil



Bio-inspired robotic predatory bird to scare crop-eating birds is a 3D printed carbon fiber reinforced robotic bird called an ornithopter.



Neural Amp



Prototype Biomass Gasifier



Advanced IoT Kit



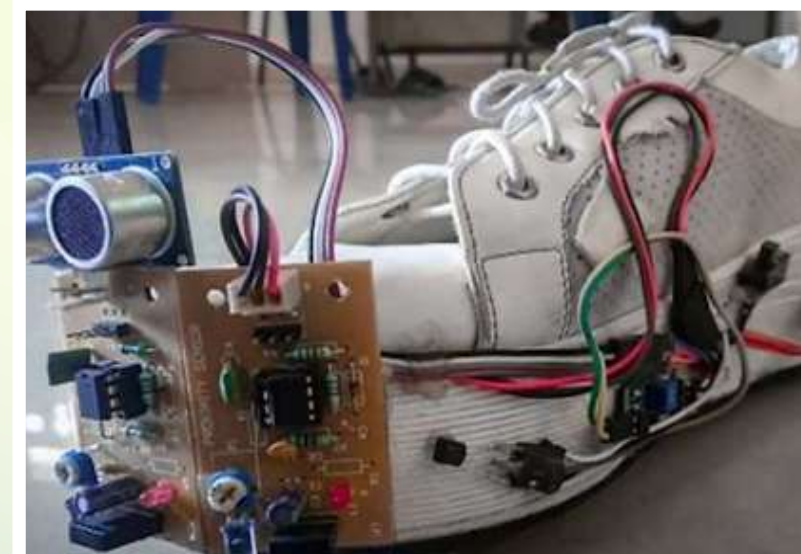
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TECHFAIR & PROJECT EXHIBITION

Anokha 2023 Techfair

Civil20 (C20) Technology, Security & Transparency (TST) Working Group coordinated by Dr. Krishnashree Achuthan, Dean, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, organized a Techfair & Project Exhibition as part of the Anokha 2023, an annual national techfest of the Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Coimbatore campus held at the campus from 27 to 29 April, 2023. This innovation showcase featured over 50 projects aligned to Civil20 (C20) priorities – technology, security & transparency, sustainable & resilient communities, integrated holistic health, and education & digital transformation. Featured projects included Amrita Praanavaayu – a low-cost Pressure Swing Adsorption based oxygen concentrator; Cyber Clinic based on Cyber Readiness Interactive Simulation; AI handwash monitoring systems for industry & hospital projects; Augmented Reality (AR)-based smart light bulb control application;

C20 EXHIBITION

Compendium released by Government of Tamil Nadu Cabinet Minister at Umagine Catalyst'23

On 15th March 2023, a compendium of the top 10 innovations of the C20 Exhibition for Technology Enablement was released by the Hon'ble Minister of Information Technology and Digital Services of the Government of Tamil Nadu, Mr. Mano Thangaraj during the Umagine Catalyst 2023 roadshow event at Coimbatore. Dr. Prashant R. Nair represented the C20 TST WG at the event. The focal theme of the C20 exhibition held on 11th March 2023 was 'Technology for Societal Empowerment.' Umagine Catalyst roadshow, is an innovation expo for Tech Startups, organized as part of a series of events to promote Umagine Chennai 2023, one of the largest annual technology, entrepreneurship, and skill summits in Asia, organized by Electronics Corporation of Tamil Nadu Limited (ELCOT).



Anokha 2023 Techfair

Effective utilization of PPE biomedical waste in construction; bulletproof composite for armor suite & fire resistant composite for the tent for Indian soldiers, IR thermometer; pulse oximeter; glucometer; Production of biofertilizers from food waste; sturdy furniture from Lantana Camera weed;

light emitting concrete, and various types of robots such as humanoid, vacuum, barista, agriculture and AI gesture controlled. These projects were drawn from various departments and centers across the university campuses of AMRITA.



The techfair was inaugurated by Dr. Sasangan Ramanathan, Dean, Faculty of Engineering, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham in the presence of Prof. C. Parameswaran, Principal Director, Corporate & Industry Relations (CIR) & Air Commodore Satish Menon, Campus Director of Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham and Anokha techfest conveners, Mr. M. Sreevalsan and

Dr. Prashant R. Nair, C20 TST working group member. These innovations will be mentored for technology enablement and pre-incubation support by the DST-Amrita Technology Enabling Center (TEC) of Amrita University.

C20 SAMAJSHALA

C20 Samajshala Meeting on Technology & Research for Societal Good

A Samajshala meeting was conducted on 22nd February 2023 for the sensitization of research towards C20 priorities, including key points by the Technology, Security, and Transparency (TST) working group. Senior researchers from several Central Universities, such as Kerala University, Central University of Pondicherry, Central University of Tamilnadu, and so on, took part. The deliberations focused on devising strategies for building partnerships to address the C20 research initiatives, as well as organizing side events for the same. The meeting was jointly coordinated by the Amrita School of Business, Coimbatore, and the TST working group. It was held as part of a five-day DST-sponsored training program on Research for Societal Good Through Social Responsibility.



C20 Samajshala Meeting on Cyber Awareness for Youth

A Samajshala meeting on Cyber Awareness for Youth was conducted on 12th March 2023 at Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham Coimbatore campus. 60+ youth from the youth organization AYUDH were sensitized on the cyber safety issues, which is one of the priorities of C20 TST WG. Ms. Neena R.



Mohan provided an overview of cyber crimes and how to stay safe. The participants provided their inputs and suggestions on spreading the word and organizing awareness sessions in various communities as part of the C20 initiatives.



WORLDWIDE & INDIA CSO PARTICIPATION



UDHAHARANS



DIGITAL LITERACY PROGRAM COUNTRY: INDIA

India Future Foundation and Meta, in partnership with Law Enforcement Agencies in various states, launched the Digital Literacy program to create a safe online environment for over 35,000 children. The project raised awareness among students about cybercrime, educated stakeholders on digital literacy, and provide resources to build a global community of responsible digital citizens.



DIGITAL DEMOCRACY PROGRAM COUNTRY: PERU

The Digital Democracy Program is 10 years old. During this time, it has developed multiple lines of work, activities, and projects for South and Central America. They have identified about 1000 good digital projects in Peru and Latin America that show how technology for the betterment of society. The observatories encourage replication and scaling up of such projects in other countries to reach more benefactors.



SAGA DETOX DE DATOS LATINE COUNTRY: LATIN AMERICA – MEXICO, HONDURAS, PARAGUAY AND VENEZUELA

Detox de Datos Latine was a social media campaign designed in collaboration with digital rights activists, young people, and educators to raise awareness about digital privacy, security, and well-being among young people in Latin America. The campaign included characters and stories about challenges young people are confronted with in their digital lives and recommendations on how to address these.



NO MINOR FUTURES COUNTRY: GLOBAL

No Minor Futures is an educational campaign about the hopes and fears of youth around artificial intelligence. To raise awareness and take action on these issues, the project engaged a group of adolescents with adult artists, technologists, academics, and activists through a series of online workshops on topics like AI and childhood, social media, privacy, governments, and digital storytelling were discussed.



HUMAN TRAFFICKING COUNTRY: NEPAL

Human trafficking is a modern-day form of slavery that violates human rights and is a serious violation of international law. Victims of human trafficking may be forced to work in various industries and may also be forced to engage in commercial sex acts. The program aims to shelter the vulnerable by providing resources and education. They have convicted 1804 traffickers and have rescued 3661 victims



SEGUR@S EN LÍNEA COUNTRY: PANAMA AND CENTRAL AMERICA AND DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Segur@s en línea is a project with a gender perspective that sheds visibility around digital gender violence through the collection of data. In this way contributes to the search for a solution to the problem. It's not your fault. You don't deserve it. You're not alone.



ESCONESI COUNTRIES: ARGENTINA AND GUATEMALA.

EsConESI is a promising opportunity to expand access to sexual and reproductive health services, shift gender norms, and disrupt power imbalances. It mobilizes youth voices through social media all offers a chance to accelerate strategies to ensure youth participation in the design of comprehensive sexuality education content.



AMRITA TECHNOLOGY ENABLING CENTER (TEC) COUNTRY: INDIA

Amrita Technology Enabling Centre (TEC) provides innovative, affordable, and cost-effective solutions to the challenges faced by MSME clusters in Kerala and Tamil Nadu, such as plywood, rice mill, cashew, agricultural implements, foundries, and coir, as well as other sectors, such as medical devices, healthcare, and machinery.



SHAKTICON CYBER SECURITY CONFERENCE, TRAINING & CAPTURE THE FLAG (CTF) FOR WOMEN COUNTRY: INDIA

ShaktiCon is a completely free global conference from Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham focused on inspiring, training, and upskilling women in cybersecurity. Born out of an understanding that cultural circumstances do not always encourage women to flourish in male-dominated fields, ShaktiCon is committed to creating a suitable environment to showcase the range of women's talents in cybersecurity.

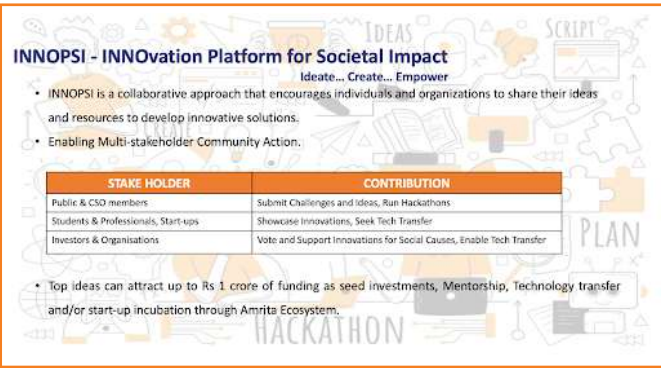
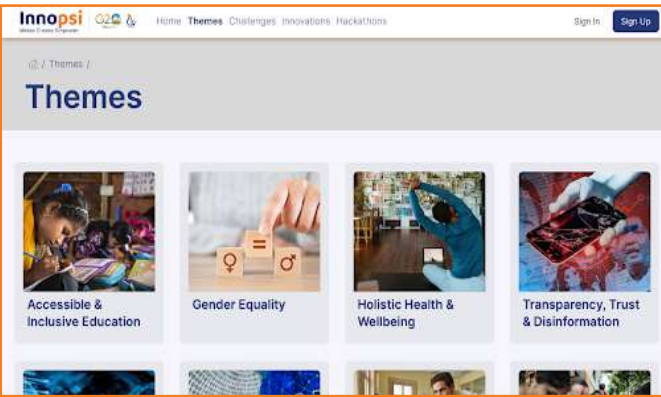


VIRTUAL LABS COUNTRY: INDIA

A significant number of colleges in India are in rural settings. Some of them do not have the facilities or resources to set up advanced laboratories and instrumentation facilities. Virtual Labs project is an initiative of the Ministry of Education, Government of India, to address this problem as a paradigm shift in ICT-based education. Under the Virtual Labs project, over 100 Virtual Labs consisting of approximately 700+ web-enabled experiments were designed for remote operation and viewing

MAJOR INITIATIVES

INNOPSI



INNOvation Platform for Societal Impact (INNOPSI) is a initiative from the C20 official engagement group and its 14 constituent working groups. This is envisaged as a global collaborative platform to encourage grassroots innovation with the active participation of all stakeholders, Civil Society Organizations (CSO), NGOs & public; universities, students, researchers & think-tabs, and startups, investors & organizations.

INNOPSI will facilitate a collaborative & multi-stakeholder ecosystem that encourages various entities to not only share their ideas but collaborate and pool in their resources to develop innovative solutions for addressing the compelling needs of the society. The motto is to facilitate innovation and make it available and affordable so as to make a social impact.

INNOPSI will complement the efforts of regional social innovation platforms run by the United Nations and G20 governments and no doubt accelerate the attainment of UN SDGs for nations with the active involvement of all stakeholders especially the civil society. The platform will host hackathons and innovation challenges open for participation from various stakeholders. The ideas and innovations will be supported for technology enablement, mentorship, and/or startup incubation. Top ideas can attract up to Rs 1 crore of funding from Amrita Technology Business Incubator (TBI).

TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR CSO

Workshop / Training will be provided to Civil Society Organisation (CSOs) on various topics to improve their awareness and skills.

DATE	EVENT
May 2023	Financial Safety & Cybersecurity
June 2023	Cyber Security Awareness and Skills
July 2023	Best Practices in Artificial Intelligence and Emerging Technologies
August 2023	Social Entrepreneurship
September 2023	Assistive Technology
October 2023	Technology for Social Impact

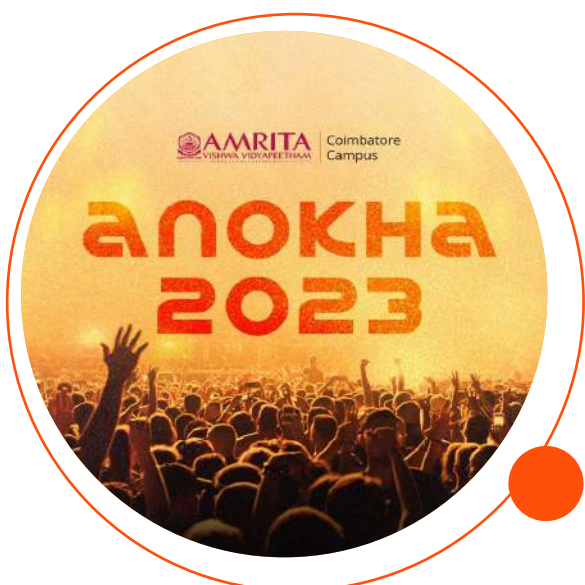


TREE PLANTING

Our goal is to use science and technology for social good, with a focus on data sciences, AI, and advanced applications. We have established research zones within the Institute and a social sciences wing that researches alternative teaching methods to empower and transform communities. By planting trees and tagging communities, we foster a culture of sustainability and stewardship, with significant environmental benefits.

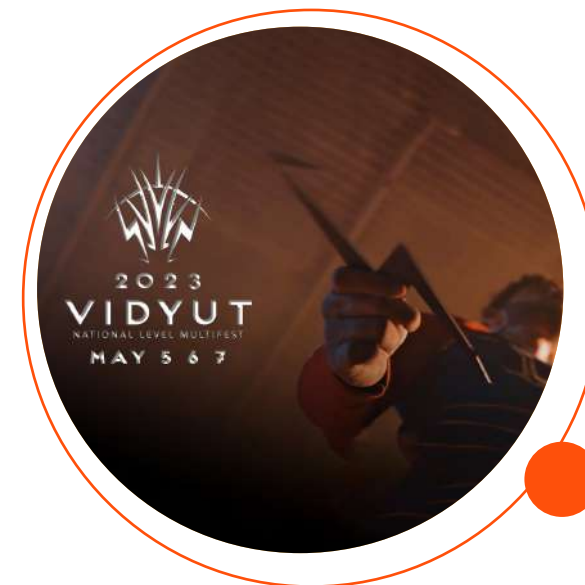
The emergence of blockchain technology has opened up new opportunities for tracking and verifying environmental protection activities. Furthermore, NFT platforms can play a key role in supporting tree-planting initiatives and fostering collaboration among a diverse range of individuals and organizations. With the help of these platforms, it's easier than ever before for anyone to participate in environmental protection activities and access the resources needed to make a meaningful impact.

To leverage the power of NFTs to create a unique opportunity for donors or supporters to own and support individual trees or sections of a forest. By creating NFTs that represent each tree or section, individuals can purchase and own a tangible asset that represents their contribution to reforestation efforts. The proceeds from the sale of these NFTs can then be directed towards planting and maintaining trees in specific areas, thereby helping to address environmental concerns and combat deforestation.



ANOKHA 2023

Anokha 2023 techfest is proud to be recognized as a supporting event of the prestigious Civil20 (C20), official engagement group of G20. The fest orchestrates a plethora of workshops, innovation showcases and a techfair aligning to the various working groups of C20, which are hosted by Amrita University under the guidance of a world-renowned humanitarian leader, Sri Mata Amritanandamayi Devi (AMMA), the Chancellor of the university.



VIDYUT 2023

VIDYUT 2023 envisions in striding towards new and greater horizons to expand its wings as we employ the principles of C20 into our goals. Cultivating the ideas of the Indian C20 motto – “You are the Light,” VIDYUT brings fire to ideas of hope, self-motivation and selfless service to achieve transparency, independence, collaboration, human rights, gender equality and women empowerment.

The multi-fest that envisages to showcase the talents of peers all over the nation will prove to be more inclusive and participatory, giving equitable social justice to whomsoever being distinguished as otherwise. As a campus community, Amrita thrives to bring out leadership and zeal for selfless service among the youth. society.

Aligning our goals with the collective goals of C20 India, VIDYUT follows India's philosophical tradition to realise the greatness and limits of individualism and collective response. Selflessness conjugates these two in order to strengthen the foundation of Indian civil



TACTICS CYBER AWARENESS TRAINING PROGRAM

Our program aims to increase awareness and understanding of common cyber threats and attack techniques among civil society members. We provide best practices for securing personal and professional data, including password management, network security, and privacy protection. Additionally, we educate civil society members on safe and responsible use of social media and email, and provide strategies for identifying and responding to phishing attacks and other forms of cyber threats.

Our ultimate goal is to enhance the cybersecurity posture of the civil society and mitigate the risks associated with cyber threats. By participating in our program, civil society members can take proactive steps to safeguard their personal and professional data, prevent cyber attacks, and respond to security incidents.



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TECHNOLOGY ALLIANCE OF GLOBAL CIVIL SOCIETY FOR INTERNET GOVERNANCE & SECURITY

ACTIVITIES

The Internet is the most important critical infrastructure today. Ensuring the security, safety, scalability, and stability of the Internet is of prime importance to all stakeholders. CSO representation is not adequate in bodies such as ICANN, UN IGF, ISoC, etc. There is also an inadequate mechanism to monitor and measure the health of the Internet on an ongoing basis, sharing the results with the stakeholder communities in the country. This alliance will be a launching pad for evolving multistakeholder policy-making process for security and internet governance as also associated pressing issues such as digital access, internet shutdowns, safe harbor, net neutrality, data privacy, data governance, cyberstalking, online harassment, cyber security, fake news, multilingual internet, and digital rights.

- 1 Open, dynamic, inclusive, Not-for-Profit, voluntary, civil society-centric transnational platform with an online portal.
- 2 CSO can submit their policy recommendations, which will escalate to the general public, existing internet governance mechanisms, the G20 secretariat in India, and subsequently to the secretariat in Brazil, the host of the next G20 summit.
- 3 CSO can share their best practices & success stories to feature on the portal.
- 4 The alliance will organize monthly meetings, workshops, training programs, seminars & deliberations on various issues of concern not limited to digital access, internet shutdowns, safe harbor, net neutrality, data privacy, data governance, cyberstalking, online harassment, cyber security, fake news, and digital rights.
- 5 The alliance can commission studies & white papers around Internet-related concerns in G20 countries and publicize its findings.

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Speaker at C20 Conference warns of technology's negative impact

"Technology, a good servant, but a dangerous master", says Dean of Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham



Nagpur: "Technology is the bridge between the real world and digital world. Its negative impact must be examined before adopting it. It is a good servant, but a dangerous master," said Dr

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Global Tech Summit 2023 kicks off in Visakhapatnam, deliberates upon emerging challenges technology sector



Visakhapatnam, Feb 16 (UNI) The two-day Global Tech summit 2023, kicked off in Visakhapatnam on Thursday to discuss the emerging technologies and solutions to counter emerging challenges in various sectors in future. The aim of the two-day Tech summit is also to bring the brightest minds from the tech industry to discuss the latest trends and advancements in the technology sector.

Speaking at the first day of the event, Gudivada Amarnath, Minister for, Information and communication of Andhra Pradesh said that the government is working round the clock to make the "City of Destiny" the second most hub of technology in the country after Bangalore.

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three-day Civil20 Inception Conference being hosted by Nagpur, one of the official engagement groups of G20, will in on Monday at Hotel Radisson Blu. Mata Amritanandamayai, well-known spiritual leader, who is C20 India Chair, will agurate the international event at 3 pm. Nobel Laureate Kailash Satyarthi; Devendra Fadnavis, Deputy Chief Minister of Maharashtra and Chairman of Rambhau Mhalgi Prabodhini; Ahmad Maftuchan, Sherpa, C20 Indonesia 2022; Alessandra i, Troika Member, C20 2023 and Gestos Brazil; Dr Vinay Sahastrabudhe, Vice-Chairman of Rambhau Mhalgi bodhini and Patron, Civil20 Secretariat; Ambassador Vijay Nambiar, Sherpa C20 2023; Nivedita Bhide, Vice-President, Kananda Kendra, Kanyakumari will share the dais. The Civil20 meet, one of the components of G20, will be discussing i of civil society organisations in steering the society towards achieving sustainable development goals is being held in , on March 20 and March 21. Apart from the inaugural function, the meet will witness plenary sessions on both days.



ita Amritanandamayai Devi, Chair, Civil20 India, being received by Vijayalakshmi Bidari, Divisional missioner, Dr Vipin Harkar, District Collector, Saumya Sharma, CEO of ZP, and others.



C20 team member Dr Parineta Foke and others with Mata Amritanandamayai Devi, Swami Amritanandagaranda, and Dr Swadesh Singh.



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