

YOUNG BITES TEAM IN G-20 Summit (BRAZIL)

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Young Bites editor-in-chief Vijay Gupta covering PM Narendra Modi visit to Brazil.

The Group of Twenty (G20) stands as the world's foremost platform for international economic cooperation, playing a pivotal role in shaping the global economic architecture and addressing major international economic challenges. Representing 75% of the global population and encompassing the world's leading economies, the G20's significance in fostering collaboration cannot be overstated. The G20 was established in 1999 in response to the Asian financial crisis as a platform for Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors to discuss global economic and

financial issues. Its importance grew significantly during the 2007 global economic and financial crisis, leading to its elevation to a summit-level forum for Heads of State and Government in 2009. Since then, the G20 has been designated as the "premier forum for international economic cooperation." Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, India has emerged as a prominent player in global economic discussions. PM Modi, who has participated in 11 G20 summits during his tenure, has played a critical role in enhancing India's posi-

Young Bites' Journey with G20

The Young Bites team has been at the forefront of covering G20 summits, witnessing the evolution of Bharat as an economic powerhouse. Having reported on four summits, Young Bites has observed the transformative impact of India's leadership in the forum. From its initiatives to promote sustainable development to its efforts in fostering global unity, Bharat has consistently demonstrated its commitment to the collective progress of the G20 nations. As the G20 summit unfolds in Brazil, it continues to serve as a critical platform for addressing global challenges such as climate change, hunger eradication, and economic inequality. With India's legacy of successful leadership, the expectations from Brazil's presidency are high. The forum remains a testament to the power of collaboration in addressing the world's most pressing issues.

tion as an economic powerhouse. India's presidency of the G20 from December 1, 2022, to November 30, 2023, was marked by significant achievements. The New Delhi summit in 2023 was particularly noteworthy, as it highlighted India's vision for global inclusivity by inviting African countries to join the G20. This historic move underlined India's commitment to strengthening South-South cooperation and addressing pressing global challenges such as food security and climate change. During the New Delhi sum-

mit, the symbolic handover of the G20 Presidency to Brazil marked a seamless transition of leadership. The success of the summit reflected India's ability to drive meaningful discussions and foster consensus on key global issues. Under PM Modi's leadership, Bharat has witnessed remarkable economic growth and influence. With the fourth-largest economy globally, Bharat's ascent has been central to the G20's discussions, showcasing its potential as a leader in shaping the future of global economic governance.

Interview with Natasha Pirezada: Insights on G20 Summit in Brazil

RIO DE JANEIRO: As the G-20 summit continues in Brazil, bringing together the world's economic powerhouses representing 75% of the global population, Young Bites spoke with Natasha Pirezada, an International Development Professional and Researcher with the G7/G20 Research Group, about the summit's outcomes and implications. Below are excerpts from the interview:

Q: You have covered the G20 Summit in India, the G7 Summit in Italy, and now the G20 in Brazil. What are your thoughts on this summit?
Natasha: This G20 summit is highly significant. Issues such as climate change, hunger eradication, and gender equality were key topics of discussion, and there was notable consensus among the participating nations. However, ongoing global conflicts, such as the Ukraine-Russia war and the Israel-Gaza war, continue to hinder progress, making advancements slow.



Young Bites editor-in-chief Vijay Gupta talking with Natasha Pirezada at Brazil.

Q: Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi has often emphasized that war is not a solution. Considering the current global conflicts, do you see any progress toward peace?
Natasha: Unfortunately, the path to peace remains slow and fraught with challenges. While the international community recognizes the need for peace, tangible outcomes to resolve conflicts have yet to materialize. The ongoing wars are a significant concern that requires sustained diplomatic efforts.

Q: With G20 countries representing 75% of the global population, what has been the impact of such groupings?
Natasha: The G20 provides a critical platform for addressing pressing global issues. When countries like India and China

take the lead in South-South cooperation, they can pave the way for transformative support to poorer nations. China is also actively taking interest. **Q: The 2023 Summit in New Delhi resulted in several landmark agreements. What progress has been made on those decisions?**
Natasha: Significant progress has been made on various fronts, especially in tackling global hunger and promoting development. Most of the agreed-upon agendas are moving forward, though challenges remain in ensuring their effective implementation, especially resolving conflicts and bringing peace. **Q: Do you believe such summits can play a meaningful role in curbing global warming?**
Natasha: Absolutely. A task force dedicated to addressing climate change was formed. Climate-related issues are being actively prioritized, and the progress so far has been promising. However, continued effort and collaboration are essential to achieving substantial results.

Innovation Cell of GCOE organises Science Exhibition

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Government College of Education Jammu on Tuesday organized a science exhibition amid participation of a large number of students from various classes of B.Ed and M.Ed participated in the exhibition. Principal Prof. (Dr.) Jyoti Parihar was the Chief Guest. Students presented models on solar power energy, pinhole camera, distillation of water, structure of chromosomes, wind turbines etc. The IIC convener Prof. Sunanda Rani along with the Principal went around inspecting different models designed by the students and assessed the descriptions given by them. Apart from models, the students also organised visual presentations to help everyone understand the concept of their working models.

Yogi Govt to host grand 'Mahakumbh Conclave' in New Delhi

■ SHAHZAD AKHTAR
LUCKNOW: The Yogi Adityanath-led Uttar Pradesh government has accelerated large scale preparations for the 2025 Mahakumbh, aiming to make it a global success. Recognized as the largest religious and cultural gathering worldwide, the Mahakumbh attracts millions of devotees, presenting a unique opportunity to highlight the state's cultural heritage and boost tourism. To build momentum, the government will host a grand Mahakumbh Conclave in New Delhi. This one-day event, organized by the Uttar Pradesh Tourism Department, will take place at a five-star hotel and will serve as a platform to showcase the cultural and spiritual essence of the Mahakumbh. Mahakumbh is the largest religious and cultural event in the world, in which crores of devotees from all over the world participate. The Uttar Pradesh government has specially planned a "Mahakumbh Conclave" for this event, which will



be a unique interactive session. Through this, visitors will be provided an unforgettable experience through Indian culture, religious traditions and modern technologies. The Mahakumbh Conclave will present an example of Uttar Pradesh's cultural richness and administrative efficiency. The purpose of this event is not only to promote religious tourism, but will also become a medium for branding the state at the global level. The program will exhibit 3D models of 14 gems obtained from Samudra Manthan and the cul-

tural evening will also feature folk music and dance of Uttar Pradesh, which will bring alive the spirituality of Mahakumbh.

Also, each guest will be given a souvenir as a symbol of UP's cultural heritage. The event will be attended by 700 VIP guests from all over the world. High tea and dinner will also be organized in honor of the guests. Highlights of the Mahakumbh Conclave. Interactive Sessions: The conclave will offer guests an immersive experience of Indian culture, religious traditions, and modern technology. Cultural Showcase: Attendees will enjoy folk music, dance, and a 3D representation of key spiritual and mythological elements, such as the Triveni Sangam, Akshayvat, and the 14 gems from the Samudra Manthan. Visual Spectacle: Large LED screens will animate stories of the Kumbh Mela, the lives of Naga Sadhus, and the ascetics of various Akharas.

Shri Bhagwat Katha concludes at Bhagwan Shri Parshuram Dham

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
HIRANAGAR: The Shri Bhagwat Katha at Bhagwan Shri Parshuram Dham, Gurah Mundian began with a grand Kalash Yatra on November 12 and concluded with great enthusiasm on November 18, 2024. The Bhagwat Katha was narrated by the renowned scholar and storyteller from Vrindavan, Pankaj Krishna Thakur Ji, who captivated the devotees with his sweet voice, providing a detailed explanation of the significance of Shri Bhagwat and spreading the divine teachings. Thousands of devotees from nearby villages of Hiranagar, Kathua, and Jammu attended the event to listen to the sacred discourse. The devotees were deeply moved by the sweet narration and were seen requesting



Thakur Ji to continue the Katha beyond the scheduled time. This Katha was organized by Surenra Kumar Sharma, along with his brothers Om Prakash Sharma, Madan Lal Toofan, Ashok, Bharat Bhushan, Shyam Prasad, and Ram Prasad, in memory of their parents. The event was supported by the Bhagwan Shri Parshuram Dham Managing Committee of Gurah Mundian. The MLA of Kathua, Dr. Bharat Bhushan, who is known for his strong religious beliefs, attended the Bhagwat Katha and took part in the sacred recitation. Also, Ved Prakash, President of the Jammu Kashmir Dogra Brahman Pratinidhi Sabha, and Virender Shastri from Ghagwal, who is a renowned Katha Vachak, also specially attended the event.

AM Tata Jammu Wins Big: Highest EV Retail Target Achievement Award and Highest Sales Ever



AM Tata Jammu Directors receiving award.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: AM Tata Jammu, a leading automobile dealership in Jammu and Kashmir, has etched its name in history by winning two prestigious awards from TATA Motors in October. The dealership has been honored with the Highest EV Retail Target

Achievement Award and the Highest Sales Ever award, reflecting their outstanding performance and unwavering commitment to excellence in the automotive industry. The awards were presented at the Regional Dealer Meet held in Goa, which saw the presence of top digni-

ties, including Sanjay Mahajan- Managing Director, Ankur Mahajan-Director, Tarun Malhotra-Director, Akshay Mahajan-Director, and Aryan Mahajan-Director. Jatinder Gupta, Chairman of the AM Group, expressed his delight over the recognition, saying, "We are thrilled and honored to receive these prestigious awards. This achievement is the result of our team's hard work, dedication, and commitment to excellence. We will continue to strive for success and set new benchmarks in the industry." AM Tata Jammu has proven its leadership in the electric vehicle (EV) sector, surpassing its targets and

setting new records in sales. With the Jammu and Kashmir government's recent announcement of 0% road tax on electric vehicles, the timing couldn't be better to make the shift to EVs. In addition to these remarkable achievements, AM Tata Jammu offers cutting-edge infrastructure to support electric vehicles, including Dedicated EV showrooms, Trained EV experts, Fast-charging stations, and Flexible financing options. TATA Motors has recognized AM Tata Jammu's exceptional efforts, and the dealership continues to shine as a leader in promoting sustainable mobility in the region.

Satish Sharma visits Sankat Mochan Panch Mukhi Hanuman Mandir Bhawan



Transport Minister, Satish Sharma visiting Sankat Mochan Panch Mukhi Shree Hanuman Mandir Bhawan, Jammu.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Jammu Yatri Bhawan Trust had the honour of hosting Satish Sharma, the Minister for Transport, Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Science & Technology, Information Technology, Youth Services & Sports, and ARI &

Training, Jammu & Kashmir (UT), at their Sankat Mochan Panch Mukhi Shree Hanuman Mandir Bhawan located at B.C. Road, Jammu. During his visit, the Minister performed Puja Archana and distributed Prashad among devotees of Lord Hanuman Ji.

The President of the Trust, Pawan Kumar Shastri, welcomed the Minister and briefed him on the day-to-day activities and programs being conducted at the Mandir Bhawan. He also brought attention to several pressing issues faced by the devotees, particularly the aggrieved families who visit Haridwar for the immersion of ashes (Asthiyan Visarjan) and other Karam Kand ceremonies, as per Hindu traditions. Shastri highlighted the difficulty these families face due to overcrowded train services, especially the Hemkunt Express from Katra to Rishikesh, which is often fully booked. To address this issue,

Pawan Kumar Shastri requested the Minister to provide a Government mini bus service (carrying 19-20 passengers) from B.C. Road Mandir to Haridwar at least thrice a week, especially for families in urgent need of visiting Haridwar for ceremonies. This service would ensure smoother travel for the devotees, while the Jammu Yatri Bhawan at Haridwar would provide them with accommodation and food. The Minister graciously agreed to this proposal, marking a significant step toward supporting the community. Gurdas Sharma, the General Secretary/Treasurer, thanked the Minister for his kind visit.

Dy CM inaugurates seminar on Prof Jagan Nath Azad's life, legacy

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: A two day international seminar titled "Jagan Nath Azad ki Iqbal Shanasi" commenced on Tuesday at the University of Jammu, highlighting the literary contributions of Professor Jagan Nath Azad, a stalwart of Urdu literature. The event, being organised by the Department of Urdu in collaboration with the Himalayan Trust, brought together luminaries from the world of Urdu literature. Deputy Chief Minister, Surinder Kumar Choudhary, inaugurated the session while Professor Umesh Rai, Vice-Chancellor of University of Jammu, presided over the event. The seminar focused on Azad's deep engagement with Iqbal's poetry and his efforts towards promotion of Urdu literature across



Dy CM, Surinder Kumar Choudhary speaking at a seminar in JU.

cultural and national boundaries. In his address, the Deputy CM lauded Professor Azad's legacy as a scholar who bridged divides through his profound works. He remarked, "Professor Azad's roots in Jammu and his literary career at this university has left an indelible mark on the global appreciation of Urdu literature." Choudhary emphasised

the role of poets in fostering communal harmony, citing Iqbal's verses "Sare jahan se achha, hindustan hamara" as emblematic of a secular ethos. He also referenced Guru Nanak's lines "Ek noor se sab jag upjeya" to underline the universality of Indian thought. Several distinguished individuals were honoured during the seminar: Dr Qudoos Javed, Dr TR Raina and

Prof Asadullah Wani received Lifetime Achievement Awards, while Prof Shohab Malik, Head of the Urdu Department, was presented with the Faqr-e-Urdu Award. Other notable awardees included Dr Taki Abdi, Khwaja Ikramuddin and JKAS officer Akhtar Qazi. The seminar also featured the release of several books on Urdu literature.

Modi Govt fully committed for development of J&K: Randhawa

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Continuing his commitment towards the holistic development of Jammu and Kashmir, Vikram Randhawa, MLA Bahu Constituency, inaugurated several developmental works worth Rs 1.22 crore on Tuesday. Randhawa marked the commencement of two key development projects: a project for various infrastructural works at Ward No. 53 valued at Rs 85.05 lakh, and the start of a lane development project at Marble Enclave, Manyal Lane, Trikuta Nagar, which amounts to Rs 37.60 lakh. Randhawa said, "Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Jammu and Kashmir is witnessing unprecedented growth. Our government's policies of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas' are not just



MLA Bahu, Vikram Randhawa inaugurating developmental work on Tuesday.

slogans but are being translated into action on the ground. The developmental projects we are starting today are part of the ongoing efforts to provide basic amenities and better infrastructure to the people of Bahu Constituency." Randhawa emphasized that the ongoing works are a testament to the Modi government's dedication to fulfilling the aspirations of

the people of J&K. "Our focus remains on enhancing living standards, improving road connectivity, and ensuring that every individual, regardless of their background, benefits from the government's welfare schemes," he added. Vikram Randhawa assured the residents of Bahu Constituency that more such developmental works are in pipeline and the same would be initiated soon, ensuring that the region progresses in line with the rest of the country. Later, the MLA also interacted with the residents of the area, listening to their concerns and suggestions. He assured them that their grievances would be addressed promptly and that the ongoing development projects would significantly improve their living conditions.