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**Round Table Discussion on India's G20 presidency by CPRG**

The Center of Policy Research and Governance (CPRG) on 10th September 2022 organized a round table discussion concerning India's G20 Presidency at its office at Firozeshah Road, Mandi House, New Delhi. The meeting was held in a hybrid mode where dignitaries from various organizations who were previously a part of one or the other global delegation attended the meeting virtually and physically. The Center of Policy Research and Governance is an independent research think tank involved in analyzing and formulating policies in its areas of focus: Education, Economics, Regional Development, Training and Governance, Social, Security and International Relations, and Science and Technology.

The G20 plays a critical role in ensuring future global economic growth and prosperity. This year is significant for India because it has been given the G20 presidency. This brings together all five permanent members of the United Nations Security Council, all G7 members, and all BRICS countries under one roof. India, as the next G20 president, will be able to highlight and strengthen international support and collaboration in diverse socioeconomic sectors. To identify agendas and areas in need of emphasis, think tanks will play a pivotal role in aiding the government by delivering relevant information and insight on the leaders' policies.

The CPRG Roundtable meeting aimed to discuss ways to improve India's representation on international platforms and youth diplomacy through Y20 - a forum for developing cooperation by providing a platform for the youth to discuss relevant issues such as digital transformation, youth employment, inclusivity, and so on. The delegates discussed the themes focusing on Education, Digital Governance, and Inclusivity under Civil Society-20, Youth 20, Science 20, Women 20, and Think Tank 20. The two agendas that the meeting focused on were the conception of a youth diplomacy forum and a roadmap for Youth 20 (Y20) India 2023. Participants in the discussion pitched ideas for the 'first Agenda', that could help identify innovative projects to engage the youth and talk about what needs to be done before the summit through Y20. It was agreed that there should be a detailed analysis of past Y20 summits, in collaboration with experienced seniors who have previously attended G20 or other multilateral summits. There can also be involvement of countries outside the G20 members, to gain fresh insight into policies and areas in need of attention.

Participants also agreed on the importance of organizing such meets at multiple levels to include the perspectives of students and other stakeholders in order to steer future youth-centric initiatives in the right direction. The Director of CPRG, Dr. Ramanand brought into view the importance of the creation of a Youth Diplomacy Forum that can help future delegations draw from past experiences and invest in future capacity building, with the aim of global outreach. For the second agenda, which is the roadmap for Youth 20, innovative ideas arise out of the meeting to increase engagement through possible G20 internships and projects with colleges and universities in fests and events. School students were also considered valued stakeholders to partake in such initiatives.

Dr. Ramanand concluded the meeting by noting that the Youth Diplomacy Forum should be established as a platform to accommodate diverse opinions and futuristic ideas. Future discussions or meetings of this type can strive for greater inclusivity beyond the G20.

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