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Under India's G20 Presidency, IIT Mandi to host G20 and S20 (Science20) Meet from 21st to 30th June 2023

- **The mega event will facilitate collaboration among experts and policymakers from the G20 countries to address inclusive and sustainable development**
- **Several dignitaries/ delegates from around the globe are expected to attend the event**

Mandi, 17th June 2023: Indian Institute of Technology Mandi is hosting G20-S20 meeting from 21st to 30th June 2023. The purpose of this meet is to bring together various key stakeholders and experts together to engage on various themes such to generate actionable insights that can drive progress towards achieving inclusive and sustainable development. Several dignitaries/ delegates from around the globe are expected to attend this mega event.

The event will provide a platform for sharing innovative ideas and best practices, as well as addressing pressing challenges related to the themes of the event.

Sharing his thoughts on G20-S20 Meet'2023 being hosted by IIT Mandi, Prof Laxmidhar Behera, Director, IIT Mandi said, *"IIT Mandi is committed to the development of skilled manpower in areas such as sustainable development, climate-controlled agriculture, AI & Robotics, drone technology, cloud computing, cyber-physical systems, manufacturing, and automation. We believe these efforts will foster national missions such as Make-in-India initiatives and will fulfil the dream of our Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi to make India a Skill Capital of the world."*

Some of the Key Speakers of the G20-S20 include:

- Sh. Shiv Pratap Shukla, Governor, Himachal Pradesh
- Shri Sukhvinder Singh, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Himachal Pradesh
- Shri Mukesh Agnihotri, Deputy Chief Minister, Himachal Pradesh
- Sh. Harshwardhan Chauhan, Hon'ble Minister of Industries, Himachal Pradesh
- Prof. Ashutosh Sharma, Co-Chair S20 and former DST secretary
- Padma Shri Satish Kumar, Chairman, ARB
- Padma Shri Hema Malini
- Prof K K Pant Director IIT Roorkee
- Prof Manoj S Gaur, IIT Jammu
- Dr. Sat Bir Singh Khalsa, Harvard Medical School, USA
- Prof. Baldev Setia, Director, PEC Chandigarh

- Padma Shri Dr Mrs Janak Palta McGillian, Founder & Director, Centre for Sustainable Development
- Dr. Kingshuk Banerjee, Director, Hitachi India
- Dr. Vikas Kumar, Chairman, AR & DB

The event will start with International Yoga Day on 21st June where institute researchers will demonstrate various technology-enabled yoga and meditation practices for holistic health, including posture-correcting Yoga mats, AR-VR-enabled immersive meditation, and many such innovative products.

Themes of the G20-S20 Summit include –

- **Day 1 (21st June): International Yoga Day**:
  Celebrating the physical and mental benefits through yoga
- **Day 2 (23rd June): Holistic Health**:
  Exploring holistic approaches to health and well-being
- **Day 3 (25th June): Skill India**:
  Addressing the importance of skill development for inclusive growth
- **Day 4 (27th June): Technology for Defence**:
  Discussing advancements in technology for defence and national security
- **Day 5 (29th June): Technology for Society**:
  Highlighting the role of technology in fostering societal development
- **Day 6 (30th June): Renewable Energy**:
  Focusing on sustainable energy solutions and their impact on development

The event will feature insightful keynote addresses, interactive panel discussions, hands-on workshops, and networking sessions related to each theme. The diverse and influential group of delegates attending the event will provide a unique opportunity for collaboration and knowledge exchange.

The detailed program with information regarding the chief guests and keynote speakers is available at https://iitmandi.ac.in/g20s20/ with the registration link: https://forms.gle/feSiccjDVkicSRwZ9. The registration is free of cost and the participants will receive the G20||S20 participation certification from IIT Mandi.

Overall, the G20-S20 plays an important role in promoting inclusive and sustainable development, and it has the potential to drive positive change on a global scale.

About India as G20 President-nation

G20 Summit is held annually under a rotating presidency, which currently rests with India for 2023. As the President-nation, India will host the 18th G20 Heads of State and Government Summit in December 2023 in New Delhi. The summit will bring an end to a series of meetings over the course of the year. Apart from hosting the summit and setting the theme, India plans on showcasing its philosophies of

Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam (one earth, one family, one future), and LiFE (Lifestyle for Environment) through the theme and the logo of the event.

About IIT Mandi
IIT Mandi has nine Academic Schools and five major Research Centers. The Schools are the School of Biosciences and Bioengineering (SBBE), School of Chemical Sciences (SCS), School of Mathematical and Statistical Sciences (SMSS), School of Physical Sciences (SPS), School of Mechanical and Materials Engineering (SMME), School of Civil and Environmental Engineering (SCENE), School of Computing and Electrical Engineering (SCEE), School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SHSS), and School of Management (SOM). The Centers are Advanced Materials Research Centre (AMRC), Centre for Design and Fabrication of Electrical Devices (C4DFED), BioX Centre, Indian Knowledge System and Mental Health Applications Centre (IKSMHA Centre) and Centre for Artificial Intelligence and Robotics.

The Institute offers B.Tech. programs in seven different streams, one M.A. program, ten M.Tech. programs, nine Ph.D. programs, and one iPh.D. program. The unique, project-oriented B.Tech. curriculum is centered around its 4-year long Design and Innovation stream. Since the inception of the Institute, IIT Mandi faculty have been involved in over 275 Research and Development (R&D) projects worth more than Rs. 120 crores.

IIT Mandi established the IIT Mandi iHub and HCI Foundation (iHub; a section-8 company) on its campus at Kamand with significant funding of INR 110 crores from the Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India. The iHub is planned to fuel research and technology development, skill development, startup and innovation, and collaborations in the HCI and allied AI/ML areas in India. IIT Mandi is the only second-generation IIT to be featured at rank 7 in the Atal Ranking of Institutions on Innovation Achievements of the Innovation Cell, Ministry of Education, Govt. of India.

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