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Report on G20 Empower Summit Experience

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I am profoundly honored and immensely grateful for the remarkable opportunity bestowed upon me to represent our esteemed university at the G20 Empower Summit in Gandhinagar, India. The experience, from August 2nd to August 4th, 2023, has left an indelible mark on my understanding of women's empowerment, leadership, and global collaboration. This report seeks to encapsulate the transformative journey, learnings, and insights gained during this extraordinary event.

The G20 Empower Summit unfolded against the backdrop of its theme, 'Women-led Inclusive Development as Cusp of Inter-Generational Transformation.' This thematic focus resonated deeply with each session, keynote address, and interaction, and served as a guiding light throughout the three-day summit.

Broadening Horizons:

The summit was a convergence of diverse minds, each bringing their unique perspectives, expertise, and experiences to the table. The interactions with international delegates from various participating countries, alongside luminaries such as Ministerial dignitaries, scientists, mathematicians, corporate leaders, and journalists, broadened my horizons immeasurably. Engaging with such a diverse cohort of individuals, each contributing to the discourse on women's empowerment, was awe-inspiring.

Key Takeaways:

Education and STEM: The discussions around education and STEM were particularly enlightening. The resounding consensus struck me on the transformative power of education in unleashing the potential of women. The narratives shared by renowned mathematician Dr. Sujatha Ramdorai and others emphasized the critical role of education, especially in fields traditionally dominated by men. It reinforced the idea that education not only empowers but also paves the way for innovative contributions and societal progress.

Digital Skilling and Entrepreneurship: The discourse on digital skilling underscored the importance of digital literacy in today's technologically driven world. The empowerment that arises from equipping women with digital and entrepreneurial skills cannot be overstated. The success stories shared by women entrepreneurs, including the inspiring journey of Ms. Avantika Dalmia, highlighted the transformative impact of entrepreneurship in



creating a more inclusive and equitable society.

Climate Resilience and Women's Health: The link between climate resilience and women's health was a revelation. Discussions on the gendered impacts of climate change and the vital need for gender-responsive policies shed light on the intersection of environmental sustainability and gender equality. This insight into the unique challenges faced by women in the context of climate change deepened my understanding of the urgency of inclusive climate action.

Cultural Transformation and Economic Empowerment: The session on culture and its influence on women's economic empowerment was thought-provoking. Recognizing culture as a catalyst for change in promoting gender-



responsive economic policies underscored the intricate interplay between cultural transformation and gender equality. The dynamic perspectives shared by Dr. Tomio Mizokami and others illustrated the role of cultural shifts in driving a more inclusive economic landscape.



It is with profound gratitude that I acknowledge the pivotal role played by my faculties and the Gujarat Technology University in granting me this invaluable opportunity. The wisdom gained from engaging with global leaders, learning from distinguished personalities, and participating in thought-provoking discussions has been nothing short of transformative. This experience has ignited a passion within me for contributing to women's empowerment and societal progress, and I am committed to channeling this newfound fervor into meaningful action.

Reflecting upon my journey, I am acutely aware of the responsibility accompanying such an enriching experience. By sharing my insights, learnings, and the wealth of knowledge acquired during the G20 Empower Summit, I aspire to inspire my fellow students. This report, alongside my future endeavors, seeks to galvanize others to recognize their potential as change-makers and actively contribute to a more equitable and empowered world.

Conclusion:

The G20 Empower Summit was a transformative odyssey that has redefined my perspective on women's empowerment, leadership, and global collaboration. Engaging with international delegates, leaders, and luminaries, and participating in enlightening discussions has been an honor beyond measure. This summit has ignited a passion for contributing to positive change, and I am unwavering in my commitment to channeling this passion into meaningful action. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to my faculties and the Gujarat Technology University for making this life-altering experience possible. As I continue my journey, I am determined to uphold the ideals of women's empowerment and contribute to a brighter, more inclusive future.

Thank you.....

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