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SUPREME Initiative

Recently, **the Ministry of Science and Technology launched the Support for Up-gradation Preventive Repair and Maintenance of Equipment (SUPREME)** initiative.

It is a **first-of-its-kind programme** by the government, that **extends financial support** for repair, upgradation, maintenance, retrofitting, or acquiring additional attachments to increase **the functional capabilities of existing Analytical Instrumentation Facilities (AIFs)**. Such facilities at institutions **recognised by the University Grants Commission (UGC) are eligible to apply for grants under SUPREME.**

AIFs **are to provide facilities of sophisticated analytical instruments to scientists and other users from academic institutes**, R&D laboratories and industries to enable them to carry out measurements for R&D work.

Makkalai Thedi Mayor

Chennai's Mayor has announced that she will begin a new initiative called **'Makkalai Thedi Mayor'**. The scheme is designed to **address civic issues across the 15 zones in Chennai** in a more **streamlined and efficient manner, with the mayor visiting each zone every 15 days to receive petitions from residents.** The first meeting will take place in Royapuram, and residents of all the wards in the area are encouraged to submit their concerns, such as issues relating to roads, stormwater drains, streetlights, toilets, birth and death certificates, property tax, professional tax, garbage clearance, removal of encroachments, parks, and playgrounds.

The Inaugural Session Y20 Pre-Summit

The inaugural session of the Y20 Pre-Summit was held in Leh and was inaugurated by the Lieutenant Governor of **Leh-Ladakh**. The session discussed various topics such as health and wellbeing, climate change and disaster risk reduction, and youth in democracy and governance. The theme of the session was **'Youth-led Resilient Recovery'** and the event had **participants from G20 countries**. The session emphasized the **role of youth in bringing about sustainable development** and in tackling global issues such as **climate change**. The event also showcased the rich culture, traditions, and scenic beauty of Ladakh. Handicrafts and handlooms by SHGs comprised of Ladakhi women highlighted **pashmina wool, wood carving, and apricots** as a part of the **horticulture heritage of Ladakh**.

Y20 is the official youth engagement **group for the G20**, which **brings together young leaders worldwide to discuss and recommend policy solutions to global challenges**. India is hosting the Y20 summit for the first time, with a focus on **global youth leadership** and partnership. In the lead-up to the final summit, there will be **pre-summits and discussions at universities across the country**.

Read more: [India to host G20 Summit in 2023](#)

