

# Urban-20 (U20)

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**In news**– Chief Minister of Gujarat has recently unveiled the logo, website and social media handles of Urban-20 or U20 in Gandhinagar as part of G20 programmes.

## **About Urban-20-**

- U20 is an important **city diplomacy initiative**, which reinforces the role of cities in taking the sustainable agenda forward
- **Under the G20 presidency of India, Ahmedabad, a UNESCO World Heritage city, has been selected to host the U20 cycle.**
- U20 is a unique concept, which focuses on urban development. This cycle will become a platform for leaders from across the world for discussions and collective action.
- **Along with C40 (Climate 40) and United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG), City Sherpas' inception meeting will be held on February 9-10, 2023.**
- Thematic discussions and side events on urban development issues also will be held, culminating with U20 Mayors' Summit in July 2023.
- **Ahmedabad became a member of the C40 on June 30, 2022,** and has been a member of other global alliances like Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy and International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI).
- Urban-20 (U20), one of the Engagement Groups of G20, provides a platform for cities from G20 countries to facilitate discussions on important urban development issues, including climate change, social inclusion, sustainable mobility, affordable housing and financing of urban infrastructure and propose collective

solutions.