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9th International Day of Yoga

— JUNE 21, 2023 —

THEME

Yoga for 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam'

Yoga enthusiasts from 135+ nationalities

A Guinness World Record for participation by maximum number of nationalities in a Yoga session



Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi led the International Day of Yoga celebrations at the iconic North Lawn of the UN Headquarters in New York City, where he had proposed celebrating the International Day of Yoga on 21st June about nine years ago.

*"What unites us, is
Yoga"*

*"The coming together of
more than 180 countries
on India's call is historic
and unprecedented"*

Narendra Modi
Prime Minister of India





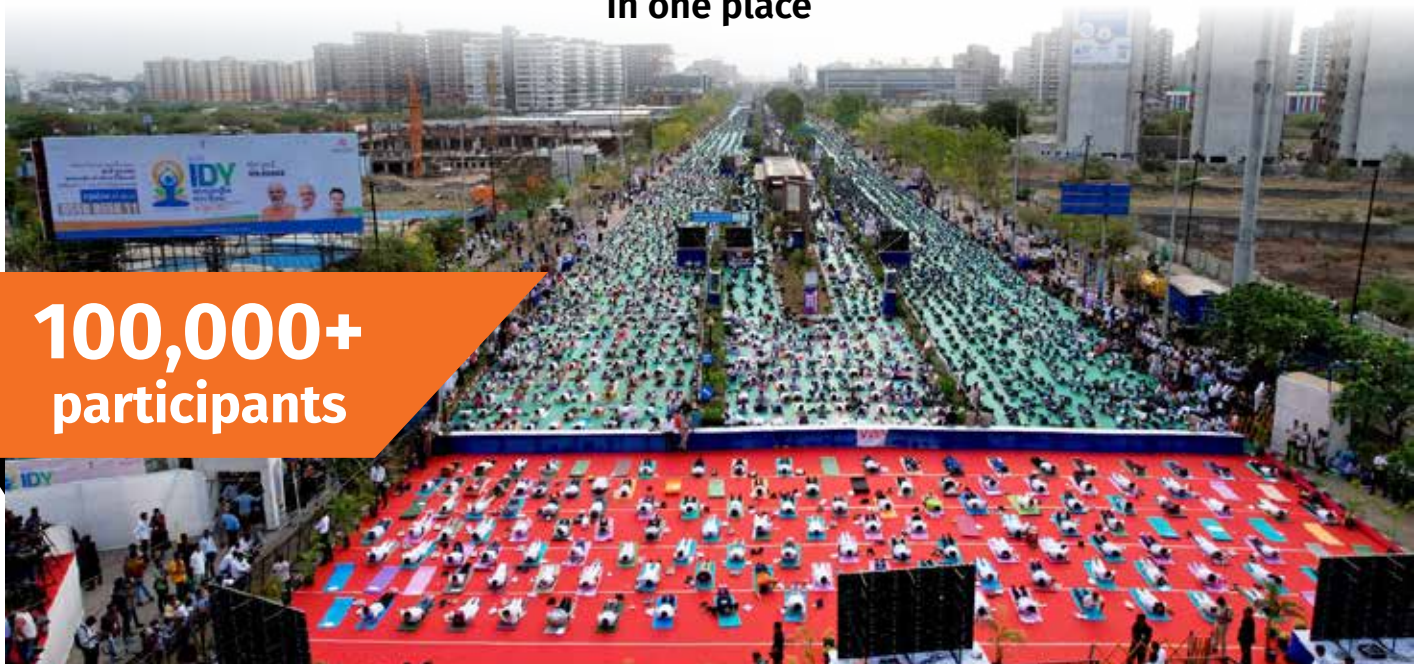
"On this International Day of Yoga, let us embrace the spirit of unity, and resolve to build a better, more harmonious world for people, planet and ourselves."

António Guterres

Secretary-General of the United Nations

A Yoga Milestone in Surat, Gujarat

Guinness World Record for the largest gathering of people for a yoga session in one place



100,000+
participants

Ocean Ring of Yoga

The Indian Navy took the message of peace and tranquility across India's extended neighbourhood by organising special yoga sessions to form the 'Ocean Ring of Yoga'. Nearly 3500 naval personnel onboard 19 Indian Navy ships travelled over 35,000 Km as ambassadors of Yoga in both national and international waters covering the peninsular India from Kutch (Gujarat) to Kolkata (West Bengal) as well as the wider Indian Ocean region.

19 Indian Navy ships

~3500 Personnel

35,000+ Km



India's G20 Presidency and Yoga



Harsh Vardhan Shringla

India's G20 Chief Coordinator

The world paused to take a deep breath on June 21 as we celebrated the 9th International Day of Yoga. Nine years after his clarion call for Yoga at the United Nations General Assembly, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi returned to New York and led the session commemorating the International Day of Yoga at the UN Headquarters.

With over 2,000 enthusiasts participating in the session led by Prime Minister Modi, a new Guinness World Record was also created on June 21 for the participation from most nationalities.

At this momentous occasion, Prime Minister Modi called upon the world to “use the power of Yoga to build bridges of friendship, a peaceful world, and a cleaner, greener and sustainable future”.

In 2014, when he addressed the 69th session of the United Nations General Assembly, Prime Minister Modi had urged the international community to adopt an International Yoga Day - the invaluable gift of India's ancient tradition. Within 75 days, the proposal was accepted with a resounding consensus.

Since then, millions have adopted Yoga - the symphony of body and mind as a part of their daily lives. As we wade through a cacophony of challenges in today's fast-paced world, Yoga allows us to reclaim a space for ourselves within us free from the stress and pressures of the world.

When the mind and body are unified through this poetry of movements, we rediscover the sense of oneness with ourselves, the world and nature.

This year, the theme for the International Day of Yoga was 'Yoga for Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam'. Vasudhaiva



Srinagar

Kutumbakam or 'One Earth, One Family, One Future' is the core of India's G20 Presidency as well. But this is not all. Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam is the essence of India's story.

The reality of the present and promise of the future cannot be viewed without reflection of the past. So, allow me to take you back to the day Prime Minister Modi extended the gift of Yoga to the world and show you how it is intrinsically linked to India's G20 Presidency today.

In 2014, Prime Minister Modi asked the world, "While we speak of an interdependent world, have we become more united as nations?"

He reminded the international community that our destinies are interlinked and if we were to continue with a "zero sum game" mindset, our collective future would be in danger.

This mission of uniting the world on issues of global importance with a human-centric approach has been the overarching aim of India's G20 Presidency, and the same spirit of unity is advanced through Yoga as well. As encapsulated in the words of Prime Minister Modi in New York this year, "Yoga is unifying - it is for everyone, for all ethnicities, for all faiths and for all cultures. Yoga is truly universal."

As part of the G20 meetings, delegates have had the opportunity to attend beneficial Yoga sessions, including sessions in Rishikesh, the 'Yoga capital of the world'. Yoga sessions were incorporated between meetings as



Rishikesh

well to demonstrate how it can be a viable solution to sedentary lifestyles.

From early mornings along the beautiful white sands of Rann of Kutch, to rejuvenating sessions in the lush alpine greenery of Srinagar, Yoga has been an integral part of G20 meetings across the country.

Yoga teaches us to live in peace and harmony with ourselves, others, and with nature. Thus, Prime Minister Modi's insistence on working towards "genuine peace, inclusive global development, and a sustainable world" was only fitting when he proposed International Yoga Day to the UN.



Rann of Kutch



Swaraj Dweep



Guwahati



Pune



Diu



Thiruvananthapuram

Each of these words are echoed in the key priorities of India's G20 Presidency, and this is not a coincidence. India's priorities, irrespective of time and international order, remain steadfast. We aspire for a world that is built on a beautiful balance of collective action and works towards global good; we aspire for a paradigm of human-centric globalization.

Yoga is one such path through which a profound connection with yourself and the world can be attained. But it is not merely asanas that can get you there. Yoga is a way of life that washes away the boundaries between the individual, nature and the world.

This holistic way of 'LiFE' is another key priority of India's G20 Presidency: Lifestyle for Environment. In India, respect for nature is an integral part of our spiritualism and we treat nature's bounties as sacred. By changing our lifestyles and creating a collective consciousness, we are better equipped to deal with global challenges like climate change.

Another global challenge that Yoga can help with is mental health. The World Health Organization last year said that the COVID-19 pandemic triggered a 25% increase in the prevalence of anxiety and depression worldwide. Yogic meditation is known to significantly help reduce stress, the bane of the modern world.

In his address to the joint session of the US Congress, Prime Minister Modi said India lives by the motto of 'The World is One Family', and a key aspect of this is 'One Earth, One Health' which is a vision for global action to bring quality healthcare to everyone. Today, as the world looks for solutions to stress and lifestyle diseases, India offers its ancient wisdom in the form of Yoga to fill the vacuum for a healthier 'One Future'. Yoga caters to the physical, spiritual and mental well-being of a person, which makes it a holistic solution to the multifaceted aspects of health.

In conclusion, I would like to quote US astrophysicist Neil deGrasse Tyson, "We are part of this universe, we are in this universe, but perhaps more important than both of those facts, is that the universe is in us". We are more than cities, countries and continents. We are 'One Family' with 'One Future' and we must protect it together. ■

Tourism Ministers' Meeting

JUNE 21-22, 2023 | GOA

"It is said that Terrorism divides, but Tourism unites. Indeed, Tourism has the potential to unite people from all walks of life, creating a harmonious society."

"In the last nine years, we have placed special emphasis on developing the entire ecosystem of tourism in the country. From transport infrastructure, to the hospitality sector, to skill development, and even in our visa systems, we have kept the tourism sector as a focal point of our reforms."

Narendra Modi
Prime Minister of India



OUTCOME

The Goa Roadmap for Tourism

as a vehicle for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. The roadmap incorporated Travel for LiFE, which aims to nudge visitors and tourism sector to adopt sustainable practices and contribute to the preservation of natural and cultural heritage

Outcome Document and Chair's Summary supporting the five tourism priority areas identified under India's G20 Presidency for the Tourism Working Group for the development of a resilient and sustainable tourism sector, namely Green Tourism; Digitalization; Skills; Tourism MSMEs and Destination Management



India's G20 Presidency

INCREDIBLE INDIA GOES GLOBAL



G Kishan Reddy

Union Minister for Tourism, Culture and Development of North Eastern Region

September 9-10, 2023, India will host the G20 Leaders' Summit bringing together the G20 Heads of States and Governments in the national capital. This journey began when India assumed the G20 Presidency, for the first time, from Indonesia on December 01, 2022. By the end of her G20 Presidency, India would have hosted more than 200 G20 meetings across the country.

A nation deeply committed to democracy and multilateralism, India's G20 Presidency is a watershed moment in her history. The cultural ethos of India has

been rooted in the principle of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam'. Therefore, it is not surprising that the theme of India's Presidency - 'One Earth, One Family, One Future' guides the way. India seeks to play an important role by finding pragmatic global solutions for the well-being of her citizens and therefore for all.

Currently, the G20 comprises 12 workstreams, of which Tourism is one. Under India's G20 Presidency, four Tourism Working Group Meetings were organised by the Ministry of Tourism in the picturesque locations of Rann of Kutch (Gujarat) in the west, Siliguri (West Bengal) in the east, Srinagar (Jammu & Kashmir) in the north, followed by the Working Group and Tourism Ministers' Meeting in Goa. These venues not only showcased India's rich cultural and geographical diversity but also gave a glimpse into the varied facets of Indian tourism. The meetings also helped in raising awareness about

130+ Delegates





Visit to the famous churches in old Goa



Shri Mangesh Temple

the tourism potential of India, globally, through the international delegates.

The G20 Tourism Working Group identified the five interconnected priority areas of Green Tourism (Greening of tourism sector for a sustainable, responsible and resilient tourism sector); Digitalization (Harnessing the power of digitalization to promote competitiveness, inclusion and sustainability in tourism sector); Skills (Empowering youth with skills for jobs and entrepreneurship in tourism sector); Tourism MSMEs (Nurturing tourism MSMEs / Startups/ private sector to unleash innovation



“The Covid-19 pandemic, amidst all the challenges, has highlighted the importance of developing resilient practices in tourism industry.”

Dr Pramod Sawant
Chief Minister of Goa

and dynamism in tourism sector); and Destination Management (Rethinking the strategic management of destinations towards a holistic approach that delivers on the Sustainable Development Goals). These priorities are key building blocks for accelerating the transition of the tourism sector and achieving the targets for 2030 SDGs. They provide a roadmap for sustainable tourism, not just for India, but for the whole world. These priority areas have converged with India's goals in tourism over the last decade. Hence, under India's Presidency we were able to lead from the front in the five priority areas.

The Ministry of Tourism worked with the United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) as the knowledge partner to steer the deliberations towards positioning the tourism sector at the centre of our efforts in achieving sustainable development goals. Further, the Ministry of Tourism is working with a whole-of-government approach and the five priorities areas will be shared with all levels of government so that they can dovetail them with their action plans on the ground and ensure realisation of these priorities.

The 'GOA Roadmap for Tourism' is aimed at providing national governments in the G20 countries and beyond as well as other tourism players with voluntary tools and recommendations to leverage the sector's capability to progress towards achieving the SDGs. The roadmap also highlights the need to sensitise the consumers on responsible consumption. The approach of the GOA Roadmap focuses on promoting tourist-led actions for Travel for LiFE in line with the Lifestyle for Environment (LiFE) movement launched by Honourable Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. This will sensitise the tourists and make them part of our efforts to take simple actions that can have significant impact on climate action and environment protection collectively.

India has focused on making G20 participatory through discussions, deliberations, and debates. The discussions on varied niche tourism themes with international experts, national experts, industry leaders, industry associations, state governments and academia were one such vehicle to foster participation. The discussions covered important themes like Rural Tourism, Archaeological Tourism, Adventure Tourism, Film Tourism, Eco Tourism, Cruise Tourism and Global Tourism Plastics Initiative and Public Private dialogue. Apart from these, two key drafts of National Strategies on Film Tourism and Cruise Tourism were also unveiled that provide a roadmap for India in developing these important tourism



"The Ministry of Tourism lays great emphasis on promoting sustainability through various projects and initiatives, thereby promoting sustainable tourism along the entire tourism value chain."

Ajay Bhatt
Union Minister of
State for Defence &
Tourism

segments. We also launched toolkits for Sustainable Tourism Criteria for India (STCI) during the thematic sessions. We involved global organisations and industry associations such as UNWTO, UNEP, ATTA, CLIA, CII and FICCI. To strengthen our cooperation with UNWTO the Ministry signed an MOU to enhance cooperation and collaboration on key programmatic areas related to the tourism industry. A series of bilateral meetings were held on the sidelines of the Tourism Working Group meetings between India and representatives from more than 10 countries and other international organisations including the ILO, WTTC and UNWTO. These successful bilateral meetings fostered global strategic partnerships for





making advancement in the Indian tourism sector and positioning India as a hub for hosting global events while creating sustainable social and economic development opportunities through tourism.

As part of India's G20 Presidency, international meetings are being held in more than 55 destinations in India for which appropriate infrastructure was created and amenities provided. This has laid a strong foundation for Meetings, Incentives, Conferences and Exhibitions (MICE) tourism, and this will be promoted by the Ministry of Tourism in coming days. Yoga, an ancient practice of self-care, has been India's gift to the world. In celebration of the 'International Day of Yoga' on June 21, a special yoga session was organised during the Ministerial Meeting at Goa. This session highlighted the significance of incorporating wellness practices in the tourism sector and emphasised the importance of holistic well-being. The Working Group meetings also gave the delegates an immersive experience by visiting nearby heritage monuments and art and craft bazaars. The 'Do it yourself' activities at the Craft Bazaar gave the delegates a hands-on experience of India's craftsmanship. Furthermore, the souvenirs presented to the delegates promoted local arts and crafts of the region. The delegates were also a part of celebrations of the International Year of Millets



"The Goa Roadmap shall be a key guiding tool for the creation of sustainable, inclusive, and resilient tourism sector."

Shripad Y Naik
Union Minister of State for Ports, Shipping & Waterways and Tourism

and relished the regional cuisine at gala dinners organised during the Working Group meetings.

Our Honourable Prime Minister has always stated that our efforts in the tourism sector should not only be centred on preserving our rich heritage but also in creating world-class infrastructure for tourism. His visionary leadership has ensured that the G20 events are not restricted to a few cities but have a pan-India flavour. As we conclude the tourism

track meetings under India's G20 Presidency and move towards G20 Leaders' Summit, I see India's G20 Presidency as a boon for the country's tourism sector as it has given a fillip to the post-pandemic recovery. Incredible India has indeed gone global. ■

Women20 Summit

JUNE 14-16, 2023 | MAHABALIPURAM

**TRANSFORM, THRIVE, TRANSCEND:
EMPOWERING WOMEN FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE**



Amitabh Kant

India's G20 Sherpa

In an era defined by progress, innovation, and boundless opportunities, the full participation and equal rights of women across all spheres of life are imperative. Women possess immense talent and potential that must be harnessed for the betterment of society. However, numerous barriers hinder their progress, making it essential to dismantle these obstacles and create a world where women can thrive and contribute to their fullest extent.

The Women20 (W20) Summit, which took place in Mahabalipuram, Tamil Nadu from June 14-16, 2023, encompassed the theme of "Women-Led Development - Transform, Thrive, and Transcend". The event showcased an exhibition, a Jan Bhagidari event, eight sessions, and a closed-door meeting, which foregrounded

this Engagement Group's commitment to ensure increased grassroots-level participation and enhanced stakeholdership of citizens in the W20 process.

Empowering women begins with ensuring equal access to education, healthcare, and economic opportunities. Through W20 convenings, the G20 Presidency has been able to bring together the brightest minds in civil society to synthesize holistic ideas into concrete policy measures to enhance gender equality and bridge the existing gender gap. This includes promoting equal access to safe and nutritious food through sustainable and resilient agriculture and inclusive food systems. Moreover, affordable energy access, quality education, capacity building, and skilling programs play a crucial role in empowering women and fostering their equal participation and leadership in decision-making processes at all levels.

Crucial to these aims is addressing the digital gender gap. By 2030, we must reduce this gap by 50% and tackle barriers related to accessibility, affordability, and adoption of digital technologies. Policymakers and stakeholders must collaborate to prevent biases in data and algorithms, ensuring that technology is inclusive and unbiased, benefiting women fully.

In tandem, we must develop an enabling ecosystem that supports women entrepreneurs. Introducing tax incentives, like a 15% credit for women-led technology start-ups, can play a significant role. Tailored incentives and subsidies will create a favourable environment for their growth, fostering economic development and gender equality simultaneously.

Protecting women's right to freedom from gender-based



violence is also a key component of gender equality. The G20 must promote fair distribution of care work and invest in affordable care infrastructure. By addressing the unequal burden of unpaid care, and formalizing the care economy, women can fully participate in leadership and decision-making roles, building a more equitable society.

Recognizing the link between climate change and gender, women must be at the forefront of climate justice efforts. Empowering women in climate change mitigation, adaptation, and disaster risk reduction is vital. It is encouraging to see these cross-cutting issues highlighted in detail by W20 members.

Further, collecting and analyzing disaggregated data is crucial for evidence-based policymaking. By understanding diverse needs and experiences, we can design targeted initiatives that address specific challenges and promote inclusivity, leaving no one behind.

The creation of an Annual G20 Reporting & Review Mechanism, which tracks commitments made to women and girls at the G20 level, is a step in the right direction. This mechanism, a result of W20 deliberations under India's G20 Presidency, will serve as

a means to hold member states accountable for their commitments and monitor progress. Additionally, the annual G20 Digital Gender Equality Report will demonstrate advancements made in bridging the digital gender gap.

Empowering women and achieving gender equality require concerted efforts from governments, organizations, and societies as a whole. By taking the key points discussed at the W20 Summit and translating them into concrete actions, the G20 can play a pivotal role in creating a more inclusive and equitable world. ■

"If we have an additional focus on care services, there is a potential to create 300 million extra jobs, and predominantly those jobs will belong to women. So, let us not reduce the opportunity that the care economy services segment will create for women."

Smriti Z Irani
Union Minister for
Women & Child
Development



SAI20 Summit

JUNE 12-14, 2023 | GOA



G20 SAIs unanimously adopted the SAI20 Communique 2023



“SAIs have to play a crucial role in the audit of Blue Economy and Responsible AI to ensure good governance, transparency, and accountability and to optimise their positive impact on humankind.”

Girish Chandra Murmu

Comptroller and Auditor General of India

“SAI20 Group under the aegis of G20 is expected to play a central role in strengthening governance and in delivery of a positive impact on the lives of citizens.”

P S Sreedharan Pillai

Governor of Goa



“SAI20 is a very positive step as it has led to the creation of a network between the SAIs and the governments to coordinate and articulate strategies and provide opportunity to the SAIs to deliver as partners in governance and help in creating greater transparency and accountability.”

Amitabh Kant

G20 Sherpa, India

OUTCOMES

The SAI20 Summit saw a participation of about 85 national and international delegates from the Supreme Audit Institutions (SAIs) of G20 members. In the SAI20 Communique, the Heads of SAIs recognised the role these institutions must play in ensuring efficiency, accountability and transparency in the effective maturing and widespread adoption of the Blue Economy and Artificial Intelligence respectively.

Blue Economy

SAI20 members recognized the need to:

- ◆ Promote co-operation and knowledge-sharing among SAIs, and other stakeholders to initiate a robust framework for audit of the Blue Economy, while considering different national circumstances and mandate.
- ◆ Formulate widely applicable and actionable audit products including international auditing guidelines and comprehensive toolkits for audit of the Blue Economy, enabling the assessment of effectiveness of policies and programs promoting Blue Economy.

Responsible Artificial Intelligence

SAI20 members reaffirmed the need to:

- ◆ Support monitoring by governments to enhance the Economy in terms of reduced cost, Efficiency in terms of productivity gains and Effectiveness in terms of achievement of intended objectives of AI-aided government programs.
- ◆ Support fairness in use of AI, in order to minimize all bias, viz., Gender, Race, Representation, etc. through optimal Regulatory, Inclusivity and Safety Standards, suited to the respective national environment. ■



Infrastructure Working Group

3rd Meeting

JUNE 26-28, 2023 | RISHIKESH



Ajay Seth

Secretary, DEA,
Ministry of
Finance



**Solomon
Arokiaraj**

Joint Secretary
(G20)

The third meeting of the G20 Infrastructure Working Group (IWG) was held from 26 to 28 June in Rishikesh, the Yoga Capital of the world. The meeting was attended by 63 delegates from G20 member countries, guest countries, and international organizations, with virtual participation from Canada, China, and Mexico. The city of Rishikesh offered a great cultural as well as spiritual experience to the visiting delegates. The delegates were welcomed to India with traditional ceremonies at the airport. They enjoyed a variety of Uttarakhandi cuisine and delicacies, which

gave them a taste of the region's rich culture and history.

The three-day meeting was led by the Joint Secretary, Infrastructure Policy & Planning (IPP) Division, Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, in collaboration with the co-chairs from Australia and Brazil. The delegates deliberated on various aspects related to financing infrastructure in cities, with a particular focus on the flagship priority of "Financing Cities of Tomorrow: Inclusive, Resilient, and Sustainable." The delegates also actively participated in all the priority areas including implementation of QII Indicators; Complementing InfraTracker 2.0; and the Future of Global Infrastructure Hub. The meeting also encompassed discussions on enabling inclusive cities and enhancing the capacities of urban administrations to effectively manage and deliver infrastructure projects. The delegates explored strategies to ensure that infrastructure development benefits all segments of society and discussed ways to empower urban administrations to tackle the challenges associated with infrastructure projects effectively.

On the sidelines, a High-Level Seminar on 'Creating Sustainable and Livable Cities' was conducted, providing valuable insights and complementing the main event. The seminar consisted of three panel discussions that focused on various key challenges, including climate change, infrastructure resiliency, rapid urbanization, and inclusiveness. The role of



A visit to Beatles Ashram



Delegates playing a friendly cricket match

technology, infratech, and digitization in addressing these challenges was also explored. During the seminar, the G20 delegates had the opportunity to listen to perspectives from experts and stakeholders on the aforementioned topics. One notable highlight of the seminar was a unique presentation on the upcoming city of Nusantara, one of the world's most ambitious new city developments, taking place in Indonesia.

The delegates were treated with a captivating evening of cultural splendor during the event's gala dinner on June 26, 2023. The program revolved around the themes of "Spirituality, Pilgrimage, and Heritage," and it showcased a variety of dance presentations and performances. The programme commenced with a warm welcome ceremony for the delegates and esteemed chief guests, Hon'ble Governor of Uttarakhand Lt. Gen. Gurmeet Singh and Hon'ble Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami. The event provided the delegates with a taste of the rich cultural heritage of Rishikesh and Uttarakhand. One of the highlights of the cultural evening was the captivating presentations that showcased the vibrant Garhwali, Kumaoni, and Jaunsari cultures. The performances encompassed traditional dances, music, and rituals that reflected the local customs and traditions of the region.

On the second day of the meeting, another side-event titled 'Roundtable on Making India an MRO Hub' was conducted,



focusing on India's unique capabilities in the Maintenance, Repair, and Operations (MRO) domain. The event was organized by the Indian Presidency in collaboration with the Ministry of Civil Aviation. Participants had the opportunity to share their experiences, insights, and expertise while highlighting the opportunities available in the aviation sector within India.

In addition to the productive meetings, the Presidency had arranged a special "Yoga Retreat" for the delegates, providing them with an opportunity to experience the benefits of yoga. The delegates excitedly participated in the yoga session, immersing themselves in the practice and embracing its tranquil and rejuvenating effects. Furthermore, a friendly cricket match was also organized at the PTC grounds, fostering a spirit of camaraderie and friendly competition among the delegates. Some of the delegates were enthused while watching the game for the first time in their lives.

After the conclusion of the IWG meeting, an excursion program was organized for the delegates, to explore and appreciate the cultural offerings of Uttarakhand. The delegates visited the Beatles Ashram and got the chance to explore its association with the famous band. Additionally, the delegates had the opportunity to witness Ganga Aarti, conducted at the Triveni Ghat, allowing them to immerse in the spiritual ambiance and cultural heritage of the region.

Overall, the delegates not only engaged in productive meetings but also had the chance to enjoy the diverse cultural experiences that Uttarakhand has to offer. The meeting was conducted successfully and the delegates praised the Indian Presidency for its organization and hospitality.

The fourth meeting of the IWG will be held on September 21-22, 2023 in Khajuraho after the G20 Summit in Delhi on September 9-10, 2023. ■



Delegates witness Ganga Aarti

Global Partnership Financial Inclusion

3rd Meeting

JUNE 24-26, 2023 | **BALI, INDONESIA**

Seminar on Digital Public Infrastructure for Advancing Financial Inclusion and Productivity Gains towards attaining Sustainable Development Goals



PLENARY SESSIONS

- Session 1 :** Digital Financial Inclusion
- Session 2 :** New G20 2023 Financial Inclusion Action Plan
- Session 3 :** Updated GPFI Terms of Reference
- Session 4 :** SME Finance
- Session 5 :** GPFI Relationship with Standard Setting Bodies (SSBs)

OUTCOMES

- Agreement on the new G20 2023 Financial Inclusion Action Plan**
- Finalisation of SME Digital Financial Services Regulatory Toolkit**
- Agreement on updated GPFI Terms of Reference 2023**

Employment Working Group

3rd Meeting

MAY 31-JUNE 02, 2023 | GENEVA

The 3rd meeting of the Employment Working Group under India's G20 Presidency successfully concluded at International Labour Organization (ILO) Headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland with a broad agreement by all members on the draft Ministerial Communique and Outcome documents related to the priority areas of the G20 EWG 2023.



OUTCOMES

Development of an international reference classification of occupations by skill and qualification requirements to facilitate cross-country comparability and mutual recognition of skills and qualifications.

Extension of coverage of ILO and OECD Skills for Jobs Database to G20 countries through comparable indicators to map skill gaps globally.

Commitments by the G20 countries to work towards providing adequate social protection for all including gig and platform workers.

Commitment towards ensuring sustainable financing of social protection.

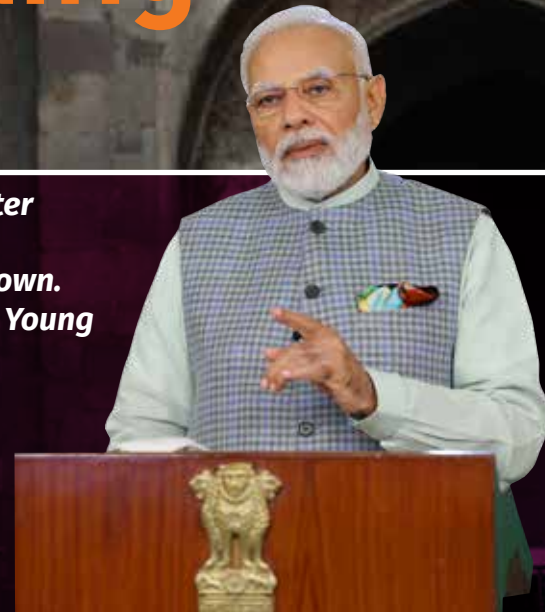
Education Ministers' Meeting

JUNE 22, 2023 | **PUNE**

"Our objective has to be to provide quality education with better governance. In this, we have to adapt and use new e-learning innovatively. In India, we have taken several initiatives of our own. One such programme is the 'Study Webs of Active-learning for Young Aspiring Minds', or स्वयं."

"To make our youth future ready, we need to continuously skill, re-skill and up-skill them. We need to align their competencies with evolving work profiles and practices."

Narendra Modi
Prime Minister of India





OUTCOMES

Education Working Group, unanimously agreed on “Outcome Document and Chair’s Summary”

All G20 members of the Education Working Group unanimously agreed on 4 outcomes, namely, ensuring foundational literacy and numeracy especially in context of Blended Learning, making Tech-enabled Learning more inclusive, Qualitative and Collaborative, building capacities, promoting life-long learning in the context of the Future of work and to strengthen research and promotion of innovation through richer collaboration in education and training.

G20 Ministers unanimously adopted the G20 Education Working Group Report

The G20 Education Working Group report provides a rich analysis of promising practices and policies. The report presents five key points to enable inclusive, qualitative, collaborative tech-enabled learning. This is the 5 Cs framework: Coordination and leadership, Content and curriculum, Connectivity and infrastructure, Capacity and culture, and Cost and sustainability — with the need for accurate, timely data across all keys.

G20 Education Working Group Compendium on Education Policies and Programmes in G20 Countries

The compendium presents best practices amongst G20 nations in the 4 priority areas identified under India’s G20 presidency. The results presented in the compendium illustrate promising practices by the countries that could guide other countries as they seek to transform their education systems. The programmes featured in the compendium also allow a better understanding of emerging teaching, learning approaches and trends, including the deepening integration of digital technology in teaching & learning experiences, building of bridges and coordination between education and the world of work.

India's G20 Presidency

SETS COURSE FOR AN INCLUSIVE, AMBITIOUS, DECISIVE AND ACTION-ORIENTED AGENDA FOR EDUCATION



K Sanjay Murthy

Secretary, Department of Higher Education

The Education Working Group under India's G20 Presidency has aimed to drive concrete collaborative action including future strategies & roadmaps for improving learning outcomes, and reinventing methods, contents, curricula, pedagogies & more, so that education can be made more relevant for the capacities and skills required for the 21st century. From prioritising foundational learning, emphasizing the need for lifelong learning to opening discussions on enhancing research collaboration among educational institutions in G20 countries – the working group has spanned the entire spectrum of education and training, bringing focus and building consensus on critical issues.

The Ministry of Education successfully organised four Education Working Group meetings (EdWG) in Chennai, Amritsar, Bhubaneswar and Pune addressing key priority areas for the future of education. Throughout these meetings, there has been a concerted effort to collectively enhance accessibility, inclusivity, and outcome delivery, with the aim of promoting sustainable development and economic growth. The collective engagement of G20 member countries, Invitee countries, and International Organizations (IOs) as they convened to address the critical issues of knowledge, skills, and socio-economic disparities was indeed very heartening and inspiring.

The EdWG prioritised tech-enabled learning, research & collaboration, lifelong learning and foundational literacy & numeracy. These priorities align with the priorities of the National Education Policy 2020 (NEP 2020). Many reforms have been brought in under NEP 2020 to improve the quality of education, promote multidisciplinary and



150 Delegates

14 Ministers

“Education must transcend geopolitical boundaries. We must collectively ensure that all the children and youth of the world benefit from holistic education and are equipped with 21st century skills.”

Dharmendra Pradhan

Union Minister of Education, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship



“India’s G20 Presidency is focused on realizing the full transformational potential of education by bridging gaps in education and skilling.”

Dr Rajkumar Ranjan Singh

Minister of State for External Affairs and Education

“Our Presidency is a watershed moment in history. We are focused on driving towards an inclusive international order that works together, despite ideological differences, for sustainable global good.”

Harsh Vardhan Shringla

G20 Chief Coordinator



make curricula and pedagogy more relevant to changing global requirements while incorporating the wealth of Indian languages and Knowledge Systems. Throughout the EdWG journey, we have showcased India’s transformative initiatives in education and addressed global challenges, drawing from best practices and insights. We acknowledged the path-breaking initiatives being implemented in G20 member countries, learnt from each other’s experiences, reinforcing our collaborative efforts and devising sustainable strategies to strengthen the education landscape for the betterment of all. I am confident that this exchange of ideas will enable positive collaboration across the G20 platform.

The EdWG meetings successfully accomplished three significant objectives. Firstly, they have brought to the fore India’s educational priorities and reform initiatives, while emphasizing our commitment to share the same



with countries working towards such reforms. Experiences gained from NIPUN Bharat and Jadui Pitara initiatives, digital initiatives like Vidya Samiksha Kendra, DIKSHA, SWAYAM and SAMARTH, our plans to invigorate our research and innovation ecosystem have been extensively shared with countries not only through our deliberations but also through the four thematic exhibitions and seminars organized on the sidelines of the main working group meetings. Secondly, they have facilitated global discussions and collaboration to address common challenges in our educational ecosystems.

Research collaboration was one such area where despite initial hesitation, the EdWG unanimously agreed to enhance collaboration among their educational institutions. Finally, the adoption of the Outcome Documents, which comprise the EdWG Report & EdWG Compendium, and Chair’s Summary. These documents

will provide a roadmap to accomplish the sustainable development goals, acknowledge the pivotal role of education on the global agenda, and urge collaborative efforts in the post-pandemic era.

A number of innovative initiatives were also discussed under the EdWG to enhance the outreach of G20 under India's Presidency, aiming to transform it into a true people's movement. These initiatives aimed to foster knowledge exchange, practical frameworks, collaboration among start-ups and innovators, institutional linkages, and shared funding opportunities. A series of pre-cursor events such as seminars, workshops and multimedia exhibitions were held prior to the working group meetings. Led by premier institutions like IIT Madras, IIT Ropar, Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE), National Skill Development Corporation and the Department of School Education and Literacy (DoSEL), these seminars included panel discussions with participation from sector experts and G20 delegates, and provided a platform for in depth deliberations. The thematic exhibitions showcased over 320 exhibits, attracting nearly 3 lakh visitors, showcasing the best of our achievements from the four priority areas.

In addition to the above, Jan Bhagidari campaigns were started in all schools, skill institutions and Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) leading up to the EdWG meetings to encourage public involvement in India's G20 Presidency. The Jan Bhagidari events held prior to the 3rd and 4th EdWG meetings were led by the MSDE & DoSEL, respectively. The campaign garnered impressive participation with nearly 6 crore citizens from schools, colleges, and the skill ecosystem actively engaging in various initiatives such as workshops, webinars, sports events, Mock G20s, Yoga sessions and cleanliness drives among many other activities. Notably, ongoing Jan Bhagidari initiatives in HEIs include the National Inter-college Crossword Expedition (NICE 23) implemented by AICTE & NITIE Mumbai with 74,045 participants and the 'Model G20' initiative, led by IIT Hyderabad.

Additionally, G20 delegates immersed themselves in the cultural treasures of Incredible India, visiting iconic sites such as Mahabalipuram, the Golden Temple, Gobindgarh Fort, Konark Sun



Temple, Shaniwar Wada, and the Aga Khan Palace during the EdWG meetings. They also joined in the celebration of International Yoga Day at Savitribai Phule Pune University, in the presence of the Honourable Education Minister.

The G20 Presidency is not just a diplomatic exercise, it is a leadership responsibility entrusted to us by the world. We acknowledge the challenges faced globally, including economic crisis, geopolitical tensions, and post-COVID difficulties. The G20 Education Ministers' Chair summary and Outcome Documents have provided a clear direction and outlined our priorities for enhanced cooperation in education. India remains committed to leveraging education as a means to empower its citizens, enabling them to become creators of opportunities and contributing to global advancement.

Through the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology led initiative on Digital Public Infrastructure, India has expressed commitment to share her digital learning initiatives with the rest of the world in the true spirit of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam - One Earth, One Family, One Future', symbolizing India's shared commitment towards a harmonious and interconnected future.

As we look forward to the education working group deliberations under the Brazil Presidency, let us strengthen our commitment to reimagining and rebuilding education and skilling ecosystem for an inclusive, sustainable, and prosperous future. ■





Delegates witness the vibrant procession of Ashadhi Wari

Digital Economy Working Group

3rd Meeting

JUNE 12-14, 2023 | PUNE

The closed-door meeting focussed on Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) and the concept of 'One Future Alliance & One Future Fund' for DPI, enabling principles for good DPI, and recognition of the need for financing opportunities for DPI in Low and Middle Income Countries. ■

India signed a memorandum of understanding with four countries, namely Armenia, Sierra Leone, Suriname, and Antigua and Barbuda on sharing India Stack, a set of successful digital solutions implemented at population scale



The Global DPI Summit

250+
Delegates

50
Countries

10
Panel
Discussions

60
Global
Experts on
DPI

2000+
Attended
Virtually



"Over 400 billion dollars have been transferred from the government to the citizens of India over the last five years without any leakage and without any intimidation, that is the power of DPI and that is the power that India has demonstrated."

Rajeev Chandrasekhar

Union Minister of State for Entrepreneurship, Skill Development, Electronics & Information Technology

Development Ministers' Meeting

JUNE 11-13, 2023 | VARANASI



Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of India

"I strongly believe that it is our collective responsibility not to let the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) fall behind. We must ensure that no one is left behind."

"In India, digitalization has brought about a revolutionary change. Technology is being used as a tool to empower people, make data accessible, and ensure inclusivity. India is willing to share its experience with partner countries. I hope that your discussions will result in tangible actions to promote data for discourse, data for development and data for delivery in developing countries."



Two unanimously approved outcomes

G20 2023 Action Plan on Accelerating Progress on the SDGs with focus on women-led development, human-centric economic growth and sustainable finance for development, and leveraging data for development

G20 High Level Principles on Lifestyles for Sustainable Development with focus on economic and social improvement through lifestyles for environment

Outcome Document and Chair's Summary

with the commitment to put sustainable development at the centre of the international cooperation agenda



G20 Development Ministers adopt ACTION PLAN ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT THROUGH GENDER EQUALITY AND EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN



Nagaraj Naidu Kakanur

Joint Secretary (G20)

At the recently concluded G20 Development Ministerial Meeting in Varanasi on June 12, 2023, the Development Ministers unanimously adopted the G20 Action Plan for Sustainable Development through Gender Equality and Empowerment of Women as part of the G20 2023 Action Plan on Accelerating Progress on the SDGs. Gender equality is a fundamental human right and empowering all women and girls to realize their full potential is not only key to implementing the 2030 Agenda and achieving its Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), but also for ensuring sustainable, inclusive and resilient development. Only by ensuring the rights

of women and girls across all the 17 SDGs will we get to justice and inclusion, economies that work for all, and sustaining our shared environment now and for future generations.

As the G20 President for the year 2022-23, India has chosen to change the narrative from development of women to women-led development. This involves a paradigm shift in the role of women from being mere passive recipients of the fruits of development to substantially and actively contributing to setting the development agenda and seen as positive agents of growth. It is also important to understand that instead of placing the onus of development on women, women-led development supports and enables women to don strong leadership roles and be equal, active and meaningful participants in the process of development through equal access to resources, opportunities, and decision-making power. The SDGs recognize the importance of women's participation in decision-making processes at all levels,



including in the development and implementation of policies and programmes.

Although there are more women than ever in the labour market as well as in public offices, there are still large inequalities with women systematically denied the same work rights as men. Sexual violence and exploitation, unequal division of unpaid care and domestic work, discriminatory property and inheritance laws, limited or lack of access to finance, technology and education and limited mobility, voice and representation besides cultural norms that pre-define what sectors are acceptable and what are not for women continue to persist. Climate change and disasters continue to have a disproportionate effect on women and children, as do conflict and migration.

Under the women-led development section of the G20 Action Plan on Accelerating Progress on SDGs, G20 Development Ministers agreed to an Action Plan that focuses on accelerating action across four key themes: (i) economic and social empowerment; (ii) bridging the digital divide; (iii) environmental and climate action; and (iv) women's food security and nutrition - for achieving women's full, equal, effective, and meaningful participation as active members of society, and decision makers for addressing global challenges effectively, decisively, and inclusively.

Economic and Social Empowerment

Women's economic empowerment directly boosts economic growth and reduces income inequality and helps women and girls to move from limited power, voice, and choice at home and in the economy to having the skills, resources, and opportunities needed to compete equitably in markets as well as the agency to control and benefit from the economic gains. Women's economic empowerment is beneficial not only for individual women but also for their children, households, and communities. There is evidence of strong positive linkages between women's economic empowerment and foundational health outcomes for women and their families, including beneficial effects on nutrition, family planning, maternal mortality, and child mortality. Access to personal income instills a sense of purpose and financial independence, boosting women's self-esteem. Furthermore, increasing the share of household income controlled by women may produce other benefits as well, including greater investment in children's education, delayed marriage, and reductions



Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh Yogi Adityanath at the gala dinner

in gender-based violence.

While women have been moving into paid work and increasingly into leadership positions, they still grapple with many issues such as unfair societal expectations, unfriendly employer policies, an unfavourable legal environment and the non-availability of care infrastructure. These issues call for coordinated and comprehensive action in areas such as skilling, upskilling and re-skilling over the life course, especially to keep pace with rapid technological and digital transformations affecting job opportunities, social and worker protection, health and wellbeing, and investment in care infrastructure. Further, a more enabling environment for entrepreneurs, along with sustainable financing options, is vital for empowering women and ensuring their prosperity.

Bridging the Digital Divide

In today's world, women and girls need to be digitally literate to fully participate in digital life, be safe online, and develop critical and analytical skills. However, in many parts of the world, the internet is often perceived as a risk to the traditional social order or seen as unsafe for women and girls. Added to this, digital products, solutions and content are often designed by and for male users. Women and girls are also at risk of online harassment from strangers such as cyberbullying, cyberstalking, exploitation and abuse. National governments and policymakers will need to ensure that any legal frameworks for online safeguarding, security and data privacy should apply a gender lens.

Digitalization can be an effective social leveller. However, accessibility, affordability, and meaningful connectivity are crucial for democratizing the digital revolution. Currently, notable gender gaps exist in

the case of both ownership of technology devices (smartphone) and access to affordable internet connectivity. The gender digital divide roughly coincides with economic development across different regions, with an increasing number of women left unconnected or under-connected in the least developed countries. There is the need for a systematic approach to measure, analyze and understand the situation by developing metrics that capture gender-disaggregated data to measure the gender digital divide. Consistent investments in mentoring and skilling programmes for upskilling and reskilling can spur women's employment and entrepreneurship opportunities.

The current situation demands urgent actions to encourage more women to pursue STEM education.



Lion Capital of Ashoka at Archaeological Museum Sarnath

Globally, less than 30% of female students pursue STEM subjects. Furthermore, the representation of women in S&T jobs is abysmally low with less than one-third working in science research and development and less than 18% engaged in the tech workforce. To give all girls the opportunities to learn, achieve and excel in STEM we need to reimagine education systems to ensure that gender-responsive learning happens in every classroom beginning from the primary school level. Furthermore, it is pertinent that women partake in policy-making pertaining to the future of work, cyber safety and use of emerging technologies such as AI.

Environmental and Climate Action

Climate crisis is not gender neutral. Women and girls experience the greatest impacts of climate change, which amplifies existing gender inequalities and poses unique threats to their livelihoods, health, and safety.

Across the world, women depend more on, yet have less access to, natural resources. In many regions, women bear a disproportionate responsibility for securing food, water, and fuel. And during periods of drought and erratic rainfall, women, as agricultural workers and primary procurers, work harder to secure income and resources for their families adding pressure on girls, who often have to leave school to help their mothers manage the increased burden.

When disasters strike, women are less likely to survive and more likely to be injured due to long standing gender inequalities that have created disparities in information, mobility, decision-making, and access to resources and training. In the aftermath, women and girls are less able to access health services, relief and assistance, further threatening their livelihoods, wellbeing and recovery, and creating a vicious cycle of vulnerability to future disasters. At the same time when it comes to building climate resilience in communities, involving women is crucial. Women are usually the first responders in community responses to natural disasters; leaders in disaster risk reduction; and contribute to post-recovery by addressing the early recovery needs of their families and strengthening community building. In fact, the UN reports that communities are more successful in resilience and capacity-building strategies when women are part of the planning process.

Empowering women in agriculture can also have a positive impact on climate adaptation. When provided with the same access to resources as men, women can increase their agricultural yields by 20 to 30 percent and can promote more sustainable farming and conservation practices. Furthermore, across the globe, indigenous women are recognised as custodians of traditional knowledge systems, holding fundamental roles in their preservation and intergenerational transmission. Indigenous women have also been at the forefront of environmental conservation and have invaluable knowledge and expertise that can help build resilience and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

What is needed now is for countries to be deliberate on how they seek to achieve gender parity in local, national and international climate policy and decision-making roles. The Gender Action Plan agreed by governments under the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) calls for women's full, equal, and meaningful participation in the international climate process and to



A visit to Sarnath, the site of Lord Buddha's first sermon



Archaeological Museum Sarnath

ensure a prominent role for women in decision-making and in climate action. The Paris Agreement stresses the involvement of women in climate action through gender-responsiveness in capacity building and adaption initiatives. The enhanced Lima Work Programme on gender and its gender action plan recognizes the differentiated impacts of climate change on women as well as the role of gender mainstreaming in increasing the effectiveness, fairness and sustainability of targets and goals under the Convention and Paris Agreement.

Women's Food Security and Nutrition

Women's nutrition is the cornerstone of individual and community development as it lays the foundation for her children's health, family, and community. However, for the millions of rural women around the world who play essential roles in food systems, the cost-of-living crisis is deepening gender inequalities and is putting women's livelihoods, health and wellbeing at risk and jeopardizing progress on the SDGs. Although women comprise 43% of the agricultural labour force, fewer than 15% of agricultural landholders are women. They also face more obstacles than men due to factors such as tenure, cultural practices, or legal barriers that result in unequal access to resources, credit, and support services. This is especially acute in regions where social protection is lacking and where rural women and girls face other forms of discrimination.

Undernutrition, micronutrient deficiencies and anaemia amplify gender inequalities by lowering learning potential, wages and life opportunities for adolescent girls and women, weakening their immunity to infections, and increasing their risk of life-threatening complications during pregnancy and childbirth. Children of malnourished women are more likely to be prone to issues such as cognitive impairment, stunting,

low immunity causing higher risk to infection and diseases. The irreversible damage thus caused then has educational, income and productivity consequences, with far-reaching impacts. It has been estimated that the economic loss from malnutrition is US\$ 3 trillion a year in terms of productivity loss, ranging from 3-16% of GDP in low-income settings. Addressing malnutrition in women will have a wide range of positive effects, such as improving maternal and child health, generating higher family income, and advancing socio-economic growth.

The current situation calls for action from countries for promoting climate-resilient agriculture such as crop diversification and water-efficient irrigation as well as investing in nutrition-sensitive agriculture, which prioritizes the production of nutrient-rich crops such as millets. In addition, governments need to ensure that girls and women are legally protected from child marriage, have equal rights to inheritance and asset ownership, and are able to benefit from maternity protection and family-friendly policies.

To make real progress towards gender equality, there must be convergence across sectors at all levels. Gender inequality is structural inequality — it is embedded across governance systems, public policies, social and economic life. A whole-of-society and a whole-of-government approach are necessary for achieving gender equality objectives because it is a complex and cross-cutting public governance issue. While the G20 members have agreed to mainstream women-led development across the four pillars, it is important to highlight that women are not a homogenous group. Our efforts have to pay attention to the differing realities of women (rural vs. urban, varied socioeconomic backgrounds, religion etc.) when arriving at effective means to further women-led development. ■



'As early as 2018, India initiated action on two levels to get rid of single-use plastic. On one hand, we imposed a ban on single-use plastic, and on the other hand, we made plastic waste processing mandatory. As a result, approximately

30 lakh

tons of plastic packaging in India are now being compulsorily recycled. This accounts for

75%

of the total annual plastic waste generated in India.'

Narendra Modi

Prime Minister of India

World Environment Day

JUNE 05, 2023

#BeatPlasticPollution

'Let's join hands to protect Mother Earth by promoting sustainable practices. It is only by working together that we can make a positive impact, ensuring a greener, cleaner future for future generations'



Bhupender Yadav

Union Minister for Environment, Forest & Climate Change and Labour & Employment



Jan Bhagidari on World Environment Day

JUNE 05, 2023 | RANCHI

On the occasion of World Environment Day a 'Natural Farming and Tree Plantation Drive' was organised in Bariatu in Ranchi, Jharkhand. The event was graced by the presence of Hon'ble Governor of Jharkhand CP Radhakrishnan. He mentioned that Jharkhand has set a target to plant 10 million saplings in the state next year.

In line with the spirit of Jan Bhagidari (People's Participation) under India's G20 Presidency, many children, young students, and members of civil society took an oath to safeguard the environment.

**Nurturing
Pro Planet
People**



Enabling Sustainable and Resilient Blue Economy

**Ashish Sinha***Joint Secretary, G20***Swayamprabha Das***Consultant, G20*

Blue Economy, characterized by sustainable and responsible use of ocean resources, has emerged as a critical pathway that combines - building a robust economy from the ocean, ensuring environmental conservation, and providing for social equity. Blue Economy and the conservation of our oceans are mutually inseparable. Healthy oceans are vital to sustain life, provide invaluable ecosystem services that contribute to human well-being and economic prosperity, and are an essential component of a sustainable global economy.

With the enhanced use, oceans and seabeds face issues of biodiversity loss, collapse of fisheries and unmanageable marine litter pollution (including plastics), ocean warming and acidification. Therefore, safeguarding the ocean's health through responsible policies and practices while harnessing its potential assumes greater significance. By adopting sustainable practices, protecting marine ecosystems, and addressing key challenges such as overfishing, habitat destruction, pollution, and climate change, we can promote economic growth while ensuring the long-term vitality of our oceans.

**Beach Clean Up in Juhu, Mumbai**

Through international collaboration and responsible governance, we can create a future where a thriving Blue Economy coexists harmoniously with a healthy and resilient marine environment.

The opportunities and challenges related to oceans have been acknowledged now and deservedly found a place in the 2030 SDG Agenda (SDG 14) and several other UN/Multilateral declarations and agreements, including in the important grouping like the G20. What is common though is the unequivocal emphasis on the importance of marine conservation, sustainable resource management, and combating plastic pollution, by prioritizing the protection of biodiversity, implementing responsible practices, and fostering international cooperation.

The Group of Twenty (G20) nations, all being coastal nations, account for around 45% of the world's coastline and 21% of the world's Exclusive Economic Zones. Because these countries are dependent on coastal and marine resources for their livelihoods and economic growth, it is of utmost importance that they play a pivotal role in shaping the future of the Blue Economy. Deliberations in the Environment and Climate Sustainability Working Group (ECSWG) have led to the G20 Marine Litter Action Plan (2017, Germany), Osaka Blue Ocean Vision (2019, Japan), the Mangrove Alliance and Ocean20 Dialogue (2022, Indonesia). Continuing the momentum, and in consonance with the Government of India's thrust on transforming Blue Economy as an engine of growth, the Indian Presidency has accorded high priority to the development of High-Level Principles (HLPs) for 'Sustainable, Resilient and Inclusive Blue Economy'. These principles recognize that economic growth, conservation of marine resources and welfare of the coastal communities are interwoven and promote equity: social, inter-generational and of gender.

Translating the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's vision on Blue Economy, during the last Budget session, the Government of India, adding to the ongoing schemes, launched a new scheme MISHTI (Mangrove Initiative for Shoreline Habitats & Tangible Incomes), along with Amrit Dharohar (conservation of wetlands), and PM Matsya Sampada Yojana (fisheries wealth). This aptly



May 2023: 3rd Meeting of ECSWG in Mumbai

demonstrates that Blue Economy requires an integrated approach that goes beyond economic considerations, and recognizes the importance of preserving marine ecosystems, promoting sustainable practices, and ensuring the well-being of coastal communities. In effect, harnessing the potential of the Blue Economy can create jobs, stimulate economic growth, and provide sustainable solutions to the global challenges.

Considering that the worldwide ocean economy is valued at around \$1.5 trillion per year, and is set to double by 2030 to \$3 trillion, the total value of ocean assets (natural capital) has been estimated at \$24 trillion.¹ Thus, managing ocean spaces in a manner that balances marine conservation with sustainable use of resources and builds resilience of the vulnerable communities requires capacity building and knowledge sharing, investments, exchange of technology and best practices, and is of immense value, especially in new and emerging sectors like offshore energy and biotechnology. According to the recent estimates, at least \$175 billion per year will be needed to achieve SDG 14 by 2030, especially given the impact of COVID-19 and other recent setbacks.²

The sustainable development of the Blue Economy is essential for achieving the SDGs by prioritizing the Blue Economy on the agenda. The G20 nations can foster cooperation, shape policies, and drive innovation, paving the way for a prosperous and ecologically balanced 'One Earth, One Family, One Future'. ■

¹<https://thecommonwealth.org/bluecharter/sustainable-blue-economy>

²Global 'Blue Deal' urgently needed to protect and invest in our ocean, UNCTAD, 8 May 2023, <https://unctad.org/news/global-blue-deal-urgently-needed-protect-and-invest-our-ocean>

Sustainable Finance Working Group

3rd Meeting

JUNE 19-21, 2023 | MAHABALIPURAM



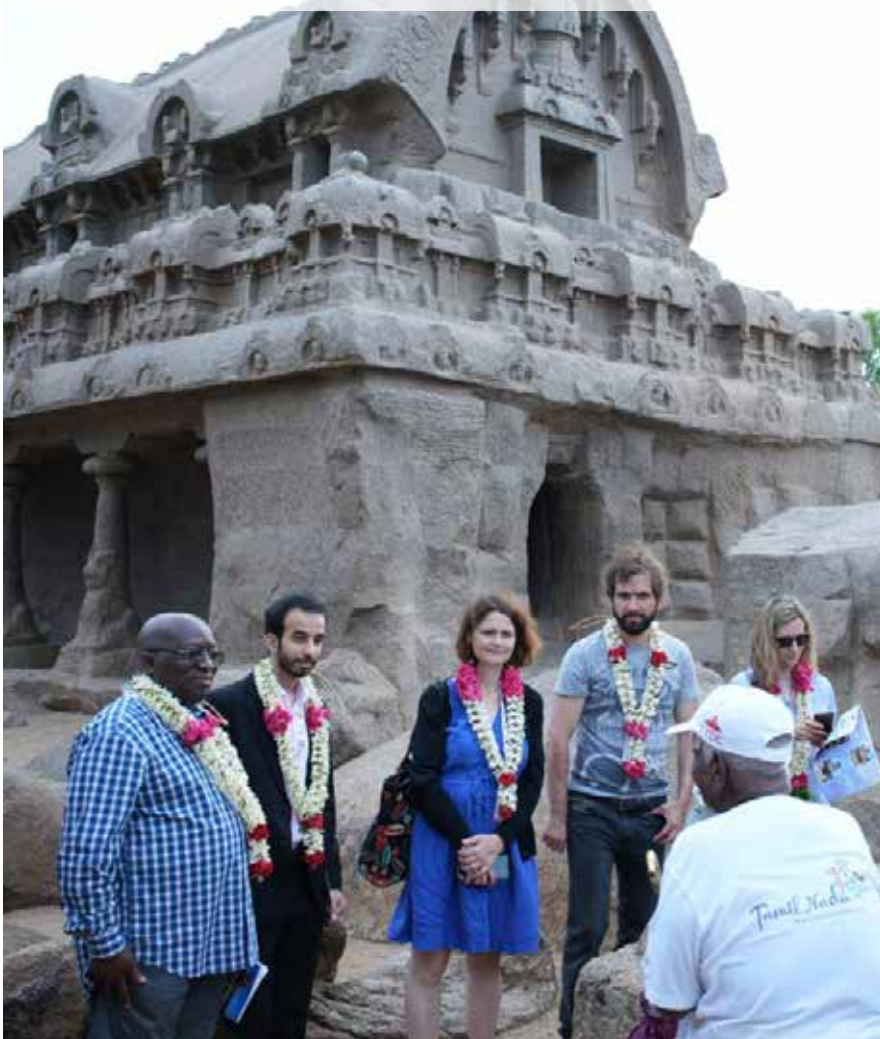
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The third G20 Sustainable Finance Working Group (SFWG) meeting was held in the historic city of Mahabalipuram, Tamil Nadu, from June 19-21, 2023.

The meeting was attended by over 100 delegates from G20 member countries, invitee countries and international organizations. SFWG aims to mobilize sustainable finance to help ensure global growth and stability and promote the transition towards greener, more resilient, and inclusive societies and economies. The first two meetings of the SFWG were held in Guwahati and Udaipur. During the 3rd meeting, members deliberated on the recommendations with respect to the following key deliverables:

- ◆ Mechanisms for mobilization of timely and adequate resources for climate finance
- ◆ Policy measures and financial instruments for catalyzing the rapid development and deployment of green and low-carbon technologies
- ◆ Scaling up the adoption of social impact investment instruments and improving nature-related data and reporting under the G20 Analytical framework for SDG-aligned finance
- ◆ Technical Assistance Action Plan for capacity building of the ecosystem for sustainable finance and financing toward sustainable development
- ◆ Overcoming data-related barriers to climate investments

The plenary sessions saw exhaustive discussions and negotiations for finalizing the deliverables document consisting of recommendations that

confirm the commitment of India's G20 Presidency towards just, inclusive, and sustainable development. With support from the Co-Chairs, USA and China, the Presidency achieved substantial progress in building a common understanding among G20 members on all the issues.

For mobilising timely and adequate climate finance, members have agreed that country-specific circumstances and challenges must be duly recognized for tailored policy actions. Several members underlined that the recommendations should reflect a greater focus on blended finance mechanisms. Conducive regulatory frameworks and efficient use of fiscal resources is necessary for creating an enabling policy environment for attracting climate investments. Additionally, DFIs and MDBs play a pivotal role that act as catalysts for scaling up necessary financial flows. Further, it was broadly concurred that greater international cooperation can help in balancing policy design and transition risks.

To promote sustainability-aligned finance and align finance with social SDGs, members have agreed to measures such as developing a pipeline of bankable projects, leveraging MDB finance to make social impact investment projects commercially viable, promote public-private partnerships in social impact initiatives, creating facilities or platforms to finance specific projects, especially for SMEs and harnessing the role of innovative technologies to develop and scale up the adoption of social impact instruments. Also, collaboration amongst various stakeholders through impact policy dialogues, convenings or conferences was also recommended for scaling up social impact investment instruments.

SFWG aims to improve data and reporting to facilitate timely incorporation of nature-related risks and



opportunities into core decision-making of businesses and financial actors. For this, members have collectively agreed to promote greater interoperability and accessibility of nature-related data and reporting, and transform nature & biodiversity data into decision-useful information. Moreover, there is need to build the technical capacity of stakeholders to allow for mainstreaming nature-related and sustainability-related aspects into decision-making and enhance the understanding of data and metrics to support climate investments. Further, it was concurred to improve collaboration between governments, IOs, and the private sector to improve availability and access to data and methods for supporting progress on climate commitments and transition plans.

To address the lack of capacity for policy design, implementation and accountability mechanisms, and development and assessment of financial products and bankable projects, the members have agreed on recommendations for developing a Technical Assistance Action Plan (TAAP). It recommends developing sustainable finance competency frameworks to help measure and align relevant governance processes with the gaps identified in employee skills, knowledge, and attributes



with national climate-and-sustainability-aligned plans. Moreover, capacity building can be strengthened by tapping into the potential of digital technologies, and expand its coverage to include EMDEs and MSMEs.

To overcome data-related barriers to climate investments and align private capital investments to the goals of Paris Agreement, it was collectively agreed that stocktake analysis of data and metrics being used by financial institutions is required to understand their approaches for transition finance and climate solutions. Further, public authorities should take measures to support businesses in making decision-useful climate-related disclosures.

The outcome of the 3rd SFWG Meeting will be considered for endorsement by the Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors in their 3rd meeting, which will be held in Gandhinagar from July 14-18, 2023.

Two workshops were organized on the sidelines of the main meeting. The workshop on policy measures and financial instruments for catalyzing the rapid development and deployment of green and low-carbon technologies was organized on June 19, 2023. The second workshop on Transition finance, data and metrics for climate-aligned investments and sustainability data issues was organized on 20th June 2023.

On June 21, 2023, International Day of Yoga was celebrated by the delegates and the presidency team with an early morning yoga session in the Shore Temple complex, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Department of



Siddha, Ministry of AYUSH conducted the yoga session and apprised the participants of the many benefits of practicing yoga.

Jan Bhagidari events were also organized in Chennai on the sidelines of the SFWG meeting to create awareness amongst the masses around India's G20 Presidency. These events included a domestic outreach event on "India's G20 Roadmap to achieve a Sustainable Future" in RBI Staff College and a roundtable on "Mobilising Climate Finance in India for Mitigation and Adaptation" in IIT Madras on June 17, 2023. These events saw enthusiastic participation from academia, industry professionals, policymakers and regulators and successfully informed the masses about the broader climate and sustainability agendas.

The quaint town of Mahabalipuram provided an immersive cultural journey for the delegates. From a warm traditional welcome upon arrival at the city to a guided tour of the world-renowned UNESCO World Heritage Sites and stone-carved temples, the delegates were captivated by the intricate beauty of the South Indian heritage and the diverse flavours of Tamil Nadu's cuisine. ■



Framework Working Group

3rd Meeting

JUNE 12-14, 2023 | KOCHI

The discussions during the 3rd Framework Working Group included sharing perspectives on draft 'Food and Energy Insecurity Report' and draft 'Climate Change and Transition Pathways Report'.



"This working group for the first time discussed challenges arising out of financial globalisation, how to handle it and to ensure that we get enough capital with the right time horizon while minimizing the negative consequences of short-term capital."

Dr V Anantha Nageswaran

Chief Economic Adviser to Government of India



A journey aboard the famous Water Metro in Kochi

As per the mandate received from G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors in February 2023, the group has been deliberating on the macroeconomic implications of food and energy insecurity, macroeconomic risks arising from climate change and transition policies, and other risks to the global economy such as inflation, financial globalisation, and financial stability. The meeting also included a panel discussion on “Financial Globalisation - Opportunities and Risks”. ■



International Financial Architecture Working Group

3rd Meeting

JUNE 06-07, 2023 | GOA

Jointly steered by Ministry of Finance & Reserve Bank of India

KEY OUTCOMES

Members recognised the need for Multilateral Development Banks to strengthen and evolve to address transboundary challenges.

Shared understanding on the urgency to address debt vulnerabilities and find pragmatic solutions to strengthen coordinated policy action to address the worsening debt situation.

100 Delegates

FRANCE
KOREA

Co-chairs of International Financial Architecture Working Group





A Side Event on the topic 'Towards Orderly Green Transition - Investment Requirements and Managing Risks to Capital Flows' was organised during the meeting. The seminar facilitated panel discussions on the current issues linked to risks associated with capital flows from climate transition policies.

Excursion to UNESCO heritage monuments of Old Goa



A reinvigorating Yoga session



Basilica of Bom Jesus



Museum of Christian Art



Fontainhas and Sao Tome wards of Panjim's Latin Quarters

Agriculture Ministers' Meeting

JUNE 15–17, 2023 | **HYDERABAD**

"Agriculture is at the heart of human civilization."

"Millets are not new, they have been cultivated for thousands of years but markets and marketing have influenced our choices so much that we forgot the value of our traditionally grown food crops. Let us embrace 'Shri Anna' Millets as food of our choice."

Narendra Modi
Prime Minister of India



CONCRETE DELIVERABLES

Outcome Document & Chair's Summary reiterating the commitment to food security and nutrition for all, through the development of inclusive, resilient, and sustainable agriculture and food systems.

Deccan High Level Principles on Food Security and Nutrition 2023 embodying the shared commitments to foster coordination and facilitate a united approach towards alleviating global hunger and malnutrition while promoting sustainable growth.

MAHARISHI (Millets & Other Ancient Grains International Research Initiative) stressing the importance of diverse, safe, and sustainably produced nutritious food to improve food security and nutrition.



Access to Adequate and Nutritious Food for All

G20 NATIONS' CALL FOR COLLABORATIVE ACTION



Dr Smita Sirohi

Joint Secretary
(G-20), Ministry
of Agriculture &
Farmers' Welfare



Parul Jain

Assistant
Director, Ministry
of Agriculture &
Farmers' Welfare

The 2023 Agriculture Ministers' Meeting (AMM) of the G20 countries in Hyderabad, India (June 16-17, 2023), witnessed a collective recognition of the pressing global challenges to food security. The AMM was a culmination of the efforts of more than 200 delegates of the Agriculture Working Group who came together over several months from India's cleanest city of Indore to City Beautiful - Chandigarh to the holy city of Varanasi and finally, to the City of Pearls - Hyderabad.

Projections indicate that with 7 years left for achieving the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) of Zero Hunger, the gravity of the situation will remain much the same in 2030 as was in 2015¹. This persistence of malnutrition, aggravated by the fast pace of climate change, geopolitical tensions, conflicts, and systemic shocks, has underscored the need for concerted action by the G20 nations. As major agricultural producers, consumers, and exporters, the G20 nations acknowledged their

unique role and collective responsibility in building sustainable, equitable, and resilient agriculture and food systems. In demonstrating their leadership, the

G20 Deccan High Level Principles on Food Security and Nutrition 2023

- PRINCIPLE 1:** Facilitate Humanitarian Assistance to Countries and Populations in Vulnerable Situations
- PRINCIPLE 2:** Enhance Availability and Access to Nutritious Food and Strengthen Food Safety Nets
- PRINCIPLE 3:** Strengthen Policies and Collaborative Actions for Climate Resilient and Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems
- PRINCIPLE 4:** Strengthen Resilience and Inclusivity in Agriculture and Food Value Chains
- PRINCIPLE 5:** Promote the One Health Approach
- PRINCIPLE 6:** Accelerate Innovation and the Use of Digital Technology
- PRINCIPLE 7:** Scale-Up Responsible Public and Private Investments in Agriculture



Minister of State for Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare, Sushri Shobha Karandlaje, launched three books on Millets

¹FAO. The State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World. 2022 <https://www.fao.org/3/cc0639en/cc0639en.pdf>

A display of Millet-based dishes from G20 countries



G20 Agriculture Ministers have championed the Deccan High-Level Principles to reinforce global efforts and enhance food security and nutrition worldwide and welcomed the launch of a new G20 international initiative for research on millets and other ancient grains.

To address crises and conflicts, the G20 countries pledged to increase multi-sectoral humanitarian aid and actively coordinate efforts to enhance the levels and efficiency of food

assistance. By providing assistance and support, the G20 nations aim to alleviate the immediate suffering and build resilience in communities affected by food security crises.

Recognizing that sustainable food production is imperative to achieve the SDGs, the importance of supporting developing countries in enhancing their capacity for sustainable food production, storage, marketing, and loss reduction was highlighted. Given that at least 667 million people live in extreme poverty² and experience food insecurity, emphasis was laid on the promotion of targeted food and cash-based safety net programs, sharing of best

Millets And OtHer Ancient Grains International ReSearch Initiative (MAHARISHI)

India has taken this topical G20 initiative to facilitate research collaboration on millets and other ancient grains, which are highly nutritious and climate-resilient crops. By building on the momentum of the efforts undertaken during the International Year of Millets 2023 and emphasizing research in areas including millet production, processing, marketing, and utilization, India aims to leverage the potential of millets for sustainable agriculture, food security, and rural development.

²World Bank. Poverty and Shared Prosperity 2022: Correcting Course. Washington, DC: World Bank.



“India is ready for the progress of farmers and the agriculture sector through the promotion of organic and natural farming and a sustainable agriculture system. Groups such as the G20 have great

utility, including building a common strategy to address agricultural challenges.”

Narendra Singh Tomar

Union Minister for Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare

practices and experiences in effective policy design and implementation.

The G20 nations emphasized the need to strengthen policies and accelerate cooperation for sustainable management and efficient use of natural resources and agricultural inputs. This commitment aims to promote sustainable agricultural production, increase productivity growth, and address the challenges posed by climate change and biodiversity loss. Collaborative efforts will focus on developing scalable and inclusive technologies, practices, and innovations that can mitigate the impact of climate change on food systems.

Acknowledging the contributions of the past G20 initiatives, eg. Agricultural Market Information System (AMIS), in enhancing agricultural market transparency and coordinated policy responses for food security and nutrition, the Ministers reaffirmed their commitment to supporting and strengthening these initiatives. The importance of strengthening a rules-based, open,

transparent, and sustainable multilateral trading system led by the World Trade Organization (WTO) was emphasized to enhance market predictability, boost business confidence, and facilitate agri-food trade for global food security.

To withstand short-run disruptions and shocks, the G20 countries will undertake efforts to enhance the resilience of value chains at local, regional, and global levels. This will be achieved through investments in infrastructure, reducing food losses and waste, implementing risk management policies, and improving stakeholder capacity along the value chains. The G20 recognized the importance of empowering underrepresented groups, including women, youth, smallholders, and small and medium enterprises, to ensure inclusivity and equitable participation in agriculture and food systems.

The G20 nations pledged to implement the “One Health” approach, which entails accelerating the global fight against antimicrobial resistance (AMR) and managing the risk of zoonotic diseases and other biological threats to agriculture and food security. By adopting a holistic

“As an agrarian country India creates a vibrant ecosystem of agricultural policies with the potential to represent global agriculture.”



Kailash Choudhary

Union Minister of State for Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare

Mainstreaming Millets



A visit to Millet fields



“India’s commitment to a gender-balanced and future-ready agricultural sector is steadfast, and approaches such as women-led cooperatives and self-help groups, promoting entrepreneurship, and enhancing digital literacy ensure a sustainable future for all stakeholders.”

Sushri Shobha Karandlaje

Union Minister of State for Agriculture & Farmers’ Welfare



Technical excursion to ICAR-IIMR, the Global Centre of Excellence on Millets (Shree Anna)

perspective, encompassing human, animal, and environmental health, the G20 countries aim to address the interconnected challenges faced by the agriculture sector.

Cognizant of the transformative potential of innovation and digital technology, the G20 nations committed to fostering scalable solutions that support the transition towards sustainable food systems. This involves ensuring affordable and inclusive access to digital infrastructure as well as promoting the development and safe application of digital tools tailored to the specific needs of the agriculture sector. Efforts will also be directed towards capacity building to facilitate the adoption and utilization of technologies by all farming communities, including smallholders.

The G20 countries encourage responsible investments from all sources in infrastructure, research, and innovations that support sustainable, climate-resilient, and productive agriculture. Diversification of food systems, dissemination of technology, rural revitalization, and improvement of value chain efficiency are key



areas for investment. Public-private partnerships will be promoted to leverage private investment, stimulate the engagement of youth in agriculture, and develop complementary businesses.

The AMM of this year marked a significant step forward in addressing global food insecurity and malnutrition with concrete outcomes that will reinforce and complement efforts across geographies and contribute to the realization of the 2030 Agenda. ■

Health Working Group

3rd Meeting

JUNE 04-06, 2023 | **HYDERABAD**

Sessions

**Health Emergencies
Prevention,
Preparedness and
Response**

**Strengthening
Cooperation in
Pharmaceutical Sector
with Focus on Access
and Availability to Safe,
Effective, Quality and
Affordable Medical
Countermeasures**

**Digital Health
Innovations and
Solutions to Aid
Universal Health
Coverage and
Improve Healthcare
Service Delivery**

**Discussions on Draft
Outcome Document**



"India's leadership in production and distribution of Covid-19 vaccines is a testament to our commitment to global health security."

Dr Mansukh Mandaviya
Union Minister for Health
and Family Welfare



"There cannot be a better platform than the G20 to support, harness, and facilitate the power of Universal Healthcare to build a healthy and motivated world."

G Kishan Reddy
Union Minister for Culture, Tourism and
Development of North Eastern Region



“The threat of pandemics is far from over. The need is to integrate and strengthen One Health-based surveillance systems.”



Dr Bharati Pravin Pawar

Union Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare



Visit to Bharat Biotech International



“Engaging with global health organizations and stakeholders for research and development collaboration

would facilitate coordinated resource allocation, ensuring that resources such as funding, medical supplies, personnel, and information are distributed effectively and efficiently.”

Bhagwanth Khuba

Union Minister of State for Chemicals & Fertilizers, and New and Renewable Energy



Exhibition showcasing healthcare innovations



National Animal Resource Facility for Biomedical Research (NARFBR)

L20 Summit

JUNE 21-23, 2023 | **PATNA**

The Summit was attended by trade union leaders and experts on labour from 29 countries, along with representatives from Indian trade unions and employer organisations. The Summit resolved a multilateral mechanism among G20 member states and other associated countries on the portability of social security benefits.

RECOMMENDATIONS BY TASK FORCES

Task Force on 'International Migration: Portability of Social Security Funds'

Data on the susceptibilities and needs of migrants should be collected and analysed to improve the efficiency of social protection systems across international borders.

Task Force on 'Changing World of Work: New Employment Opportunities in G20 Countries'

Trade Unions must prioritise the issues faced by workers engaged in new forms of work and labour sector policies must be designed to promote re-entry into employment.

Task Force on 'Women and Future of Work'

Need to increase the participation of women in the private sector and promote their leadership roles and to achieve this it is crucial to provide incentives & create a supportive environment.

Task Force on 'Universal Social Security'

The Summit identified three important issues related to the implementation of social security, viz., universalisation, financing and portability and unanimously expressed its commitment towards universalising social security.

Task Force on 'Skill Development: Roles and Responsibilities of Stakeholders'

A comprehensive global skills data management information system should be created.

"This is the land of knowledge, thousands of years ago people from every corner of the world used to come to acquire knowledge in the Nalanda University located here."



Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar
Governor of Bihar



"Governments, employers, trade unions, and international organizations must collaborate to ensure that social security systems are inclusive, adaptable, and accessible to all."

Bhupender Yadav

Union Minister for Environment, Forest & Climate Change and Labour & Employment



Startup20 Sankalpana

JUNE 03-04, 2023 | GOA

Around 250+ national and international delegates took part in Startup20 Sankalpana during which presentations were made by Task Forces on the Policy Communiqué and brainstorming sessions were conducted for delegates to discuss the implementation of the Communiqué. ■

The Engagement Group Meeting concluded with a milestone commitment – a concurrence to seek USD 1 trillion investment from G20 nations in the startup ecosystem by 2030.



Science20 Conference

JUNE 16-17, 2023 | BHOPAL

The Science20 Conference on 'Connecting Science to Society and Culture' discussed the impact of science on society and how society shapes the trajectory of science during two technical sessions. The sessions focused on: science and technology for education and skill, law and governance, heritage and culture; and artificial intelligence for society and culture. ■

— Panels on Frontier Technologies —

Creating an International Expert Panel on Emerging Disruptive Technologies and Sustainable Development

The Future of Inspirational Science



COMING UP | JULY 2023

Employment Working Group

4th Meeting | July 19-20, 2023

The city of Indore, Madhya Pradesh will host the fourth EWG meeting. The 3rd EWG meeting at the International Labour Organization headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland, concluded on a high note with a broad agreement by all members on the draft Ministerial Communique and Outcome documents related to the priority areas of the G20 EWG 2023.



Indore

Labour and Employment Ministers' Meeting

July 21, 2023

The Labour and Employment Ministers' Meeting will be taking place in the smart city of Madhya Pradesh, Indore. Under India's G20 Presidency, 3 key priorities have been identified namely, addressing Global Skill Gaps, Gig and Platform Economy and Social Protection, and Sustainable Financing of Social Security.

Energy Transitions Working Group

4th Meeting | July 19-20, 2023

The vibrant state of Goa is all set to welcome G20 delegates for the 4th meeting of the Energy Transitions Working Group in July. The 3rd meeting played a critical role as there was consensus on the proposals in the areas of energy transitions under India's G20 Presidency. Among these, the most notable consensus was on giving high priority to ensure universal access to modern and sustainable energy to all.



Goa

Energy Ministers' Meeting

July 22, 2023

Under India's G20 Presidency, this group focuses on various aspects of energy transition and building global cooperation towards sustainable and clean energy development. Following the deliberations during four meetings of the Working Group, the Energy Ministers' will meet in Goa to deliver outcomes towards ensuring universal access to modern and sustainable energy to all.

Environment and Climate Sustainability Working Group

4th Meeting | July 26-27, 2023

The 1st meeting of the Environment and Climate Sustainability Working Group was held in Bengaluru in February, for the 2nd second the G20 delegates traveled to Gandhinagar in March and the 3rd meeting was hosted in Mumbai. The third meeting in India's financial capital concluded with a commitment to facilitate tangible outcomes through a consensus driven approach.



Chennai

Environment and Climate Sustainability Ministers' Meeting

July 28, 2023

Chennai will be hosting the Environment and Climate Sustainability Ministers' meeting in July. The Environment and Climate Sustainability Group (ECSWG) under India's G20 Presidency aims to enhance cooperation among the G20 nations to develop state-of-the-art solutions for the sustainable management of oceans and marine biodiversity conservation.



Mumbai

Research Ministers' Meeting

July 05-06, 2023

Home to the iconic gateway of India, the Mumbai city will host the Research Ministers' Meeting in July. The initiation meeting of the Research and Innovation Initiative Gathering (RIIG), an important part of India's science engagements, was held in Kolkata followed by four thematic conferences will be held in Ranchi (led by CSIR), Dibrugarh (led by DBT), Dharamshala (led by SERB), and Diu (led by MoES). The RIIG Summit and G20 Research Ministers meeting is scheduled to take place in Mumbai in July 2023.

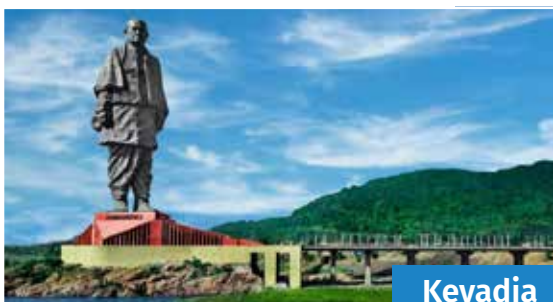


Hampi

Culture Working Group

3rd Meeting | July 09-12, 2023

The ancient village of Hampi in the south Indian state of Karnataka, which is also a UNESCO World Heritage site is all set to welcome G20 delegates for the 3rd meeting of the Culture Working Group. The CWG meetings aim to promote an inclusive and collaborative forum to deliberate on key issues concerning the cultural sector and its pivotal role in sustainable development.



Kevadia

Trade & Investment Working Group

3rd Meeting | July 10-12, 2023

The third meeting of the G20 Trade and Investment Working Group (TIWG) will be held in Gujarat's Kevadia. The second meeting in Bengaluru had concluded with a collaborative roadmap to make global trade inclusive and progressive. The delegates also discussed WTO Reforms, the 5th Priority Issue under India's G20 Presidency.



Hampi

3rd Sherpa Meeting

July 13-16, 2023

The 1st Sherpa meeting was held in Udaipur, Rajasthan with a focus on technological transformation, green development and LiFE, women-led development, accelerating the implementation of the SDGs, and facilitating inclusive and resilient growth. The 2nd meeting was held in Kumarakom, Kerala where the Sherpas took stock of the progress made in the various G20 Sherpa track working groups of Digital Economy, Health, Education, Tourism, Culture, Agriculture, Trade & Investment, Employment and Anti-Corruption.



Gandhinagar

FMCBG and FCBD

3rd Meeting | July 14-18, 2023

The 3rd Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors (FMCBG) and Finance and Central Bank Deputies (FCBD) meeting, is scheduled to take place from July 14-18, 2023 in Gandhinagar. The first G20 FMCBG meeting was held in Bengaluru in February, while the 2nd meeting was held in Washington D.C. The goal of the 2nd FMCBG meeting was to deliberate upon the progress made by the various work streams of the G20 Finance Track on the deliverables that were tasked to them by the Ministers and Governors in the February G20 FMCBG Chair's Summary.



Chennai

Disaster Risk Reduction Working Group

3rd Meeting | July 24-26, 2023

The DRRWG is an initiative taken by India under its G20 Presidency to encourage collective work by the G20, to undertake multidisciplinary research and exchange best practices on disaster risk reduction. This initiative is a part of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015 to 2030. The first DRRWG meeting was held in Gandhinagar in March-April whereas the second meeting took place in Mumbai and the third DRRWG meeting is set to take place in Chennai.

Media Coverage

The G20 can build a global bridge to a future of sustainable energy

India's G20 presidency has led to talks with the G7 forum to promote a climate agenda that could make a tangible difference



AMITABH KANT & RATHI BORDO, are respectively India's G20 Sherpa and member of the international Energy Agency

The G20 Sherpa, India and the International Energy Agency (IEA) recently held a meeting in New Delhi to discuss the future of energy. "Sustaining energy security, the transition to low-carbon energy, and the role of the G20 in promoting a sustainable energy future are the key themes of the meeting," said Kant.

The International Energy Agency (IEA) recently released a report titled "Energy Security and the Role of the G20". The report highlights the importance of the G20 in addressing global energy challenges. It also discusses the role of the G20 in promoting a sustainable energy future. The report is a key document for the G20 meeting in New Delhi.



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At G20 event, PM says development is a 'core issue' for the Global South

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G20 delegates explore Kochi Water Metro

KOCHI: The delegates attending the G20 Framework Working Group meeting travelled in India's first water metro service, Kochi Water Metro, from High Court Junction Terminal to the venue at the Bolghatty Island on Monday. The G20 meeting is being held in Kochi on June 13 and 14. More than 75 delegates from G20 member nations, invite countries, and various international and regional organisations are participating in the two-day-long meeting. V Anantha Nageswaran, Chief Economic Adviser of the Indian government, and Tom Hemminger, Deputy Director of UN-Habitat, will jointly chair the meeting. The G20 FWG focuses on addressing global macroeconomic issues that are currently relevant. In line with the mandate received from G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors in February 2023, the group has been engaged in discussions concerning the macroeconomic impacts of food and energy insecurity, the risks posed by climate change, and other threats to the global economy. ENS

Jaishankar, G20 officials visit Sarnath

Sarnath is one of the most revered Buddhist pilgrimage centres in the world

HANS NEWS SERVICE
VARANASI

EXTERNAL Affairs Minister S Jaishankar along with G20 delegates Tuesday visited the historical Buddhist site of Dhamek Stupa in Sarnath here, officials said.

The delegates from different countries have arrived here for the three-day G20 Development Ministers' convocation, which commenced on Sunday. Around 13 km from the ancient town of Varanasi, Sarnath is one of the most revered Buddhist pilgrimage centres in the world. The Dhamek Stupa marks the location where Lord Buddha is believed to have delivered his first sermon after attaining enlightenment. It was built in 500 CE to replace an earlier structure constructed by King Ashoka in 249 CE.

During their Sarnath visit, the G20 guests also visited other holy places in Sarnath, including Buddhist monasteries and the remains of



Union External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar with representatives from various countries participating in G20 meetings, visits the Sarnath in Varanasi on Tuesday

ancient monuments and relics of the Mauryan period, an official of the district administration said.

After their arrival at the Lal Bahadur Shastri Airport here on Sunday, the delegates were accorded a

grand welcome with drums and music where volunteers received them by applying 'tika' and showering flowers. India is hosting the convocation of development ministers of the G-20 member nations from June 11-13 in its capacity as the current chair of the grouping. It is expected to focus on disruptions in global supply chains, food and energy security challenges and impacts of climate change among other issues.

G-20 delegates explore historic heritage sites in Pune

STAFF REPORTER

Delegates of the G20 Education Working Group who gathered in Pune for a meeting concluded on a tour of the city's historic landmarks Tuesday. The group was warmly received at the Lal Bahadur Shastri Airport here on Sunday.

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The delegates of the G20 Education Working Group explore the historic sites in Pune

G20 Tourism Working Group meeting commences at Goa

Goa is one of the best-known global tourist destinations and is the perfect place for the Tourism Working Group meeting. The meeting is being held in Goa to discuss the role of tourism in the global economy. The meeting is being held in Goa to discuss the role of tourism in the global economy.

Third G20 infra meet focuses on 'creating liveable cities'

The third G20 infrastructure meeting is focusing on creating liveable cities. The meeting is being held in Goa to discuss the role of infrastructure in the global economy. The meeting is being held in Goa to discuss the role of infrastructure in the global economy.

'Self-governance, rather than regulation, key to a vibrant start-up ecosystem'

Self-governance, rather than regulation, is key to a vibrant start-up ecosystem. The article discusses the importance of self-governance in the start-up ecosystem. The article discusses the importance of self-governance in the start-up ecosystem.

Uttarakhand CM hosts dinner for G20 Infra Working Group delegates

Uttarakhand Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel Singh hosted a dinner for the G20 Infrastructure Working Group delegates. The dinner was held to discuss the role of infrastructure in the global economy. The dinner was held to discuss the role of infrastructure in the global economy.

G20 Delegates celebrate International Yoga Day in Mahabalipuram

G20 delegates celebrated International Yoga Day in Mahabalipuram. The event was held to promote yoga and its benefits. The event was held to promote yoga and its benefits.