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1st Sherpa Meet

100 MEETINGS

41 CITIES

12,300+ DELEGATES

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MIDWAY MILESTONE

Guided by the principle of 'One Earth, One Family, One Future' and in line with our ethos of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam', India's G20 Presidency has worked to further global good and create a better planet.

Narendra Modi
Prime Minister of India

100 Meetings
41 Cities
28 States & UTs
12,300+ Delegates
110 Nationalities
3 Ministerial Meetings
36 Workstreams
150+ Cultural Events
7000 Artists

Varanasi
Venue of 100th Meeting

G20 Meeting of Agricultural Chief Scientists

APRIL 17-19, 2023 | VARANASI

100th Meeting under India's G20 Presidency

Under the theme of 'Sustainable Agriculture and Food System for Healthy People and Planet', the Meeting of Agricultural Chief Scientists (MACS) of G20 nations was held in Varanasi. Addressing the global food security concerns aggravated by the COVID-19 pandemic and climate change, the participants recognised the need for strengthening efforts towards sustainable agriculture and food systems by leveraging science, technology and innovations.

The meeting adopted a Chair Summary cum Outcome Document focussing on major areas of cooperation in agricultural research and development for food security and nutrition, digital agriculture, resilient agri food systems and public private partnership in agricultural R&D.

In a major achievement, MACS 2023 garnered unanimous support for the launch of Millets And OtHer Ancient Grains International ReSearcH Initiative (MAHARISHI). This initiative will supplement the efforts undertaken under the International Year of Millets 2023 (IYoM 2023) program initiated by the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA).

MAHARISHI
Initiative

To facilitate collaboration for research on climate-resilient and nutritious grains including Millets and other underutilised grains

To organize capacity-building activities, international workshops and conferences

To have a Secretariat at Indian Institute of Millets Research (IIMR), Hyderabad

A guided tour of Archaeological Museum in Sarnath

"The emerging digital technologies should be utilised to usher in ease of farming across the G20 countries and the world"

General (Retd.) V K Singh
Union Minister of State for Road Transport & Highways and Civil Aviation

SESSIONS

Food Security & Nutrition: Role of Science, Technology and Innovations

Millets And OtHer Ancient Grains International ReSearcH Initiative (MAHARISHI)

Resilient Agri-Food Systems (One Health)

Resilient Agri-Food Systems (Climate Resilience)

Digital Agriculture and Sustainable Agri Value Chain

Public Private Partnership in Agriculture R&D

Delegates visit the Trade Facilitation Centre in Varanasi

Digital Economy Working Group
2nd Meeting

APRIL 17-19, 2023 | HYDERABAD

Amitabh Kant
India's G20 Sherpa

Technological advancements have revolutionised the lives of Indians. From facilitating education through online learning platforms and finding employment through job portals, to accessing healthcare via telemedicine and e-pharmacies, and making digital payments, a robust digital economy has enhanced every facet of an individual's quality of life. Built on an interoperable, open-source standards and API, Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) has also created new opportunities for entrepreneurship and innovation, making India a hub for digital innovation in the region.

The 2nd Digital Economy Working Group Meeting in Hyderabad, Telangana, in mid-April, highlighted the three priorities - Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI), Cyber Security, and Digital Skilling, with the aim to achieve practical, actionable outcomes for the betterment of the world, in particular, the Global South. India's DPI story has shown that it is possible to undertake and successfully implement a financial inclusion model at scale. Aadhaar, the world's largest biometric ID system, enabled 50x more direct transfer of benefits between 2014 and 2022, while India's Unified Payments Interface (UPI) processed 8.3 billion secure, quick, and low-cost transactions in March 2023 alone. Building technology-embedded platforms must be in consonance with driving development for remote, underserved, and vulnerable communities, which is why the G20 Presidency is prioritizing DPI as a key agenda item. The development of a common framework for DPI, including digital identity systems, digital payment systems, and consent-based data sharing systems, will enable low and middle-income countries to design, build, scale, and regulate inclusive, interoperable, and secure DPI.

Similarly, having a common framework for cybersecurity and a shared approach to capacity building among G20 member countries will be crucial in reducing the risk of cyber-attacks. Further, developing a toolkit that defines a common cyber education framework for school and university

"As the theme of G20 is Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam, we will be more than happy to collaborate and cooperate with the world to facilitate socio-economic inclusion of every citizen of the world"

Devusinh Chauhan
Union Minister of State for Communications
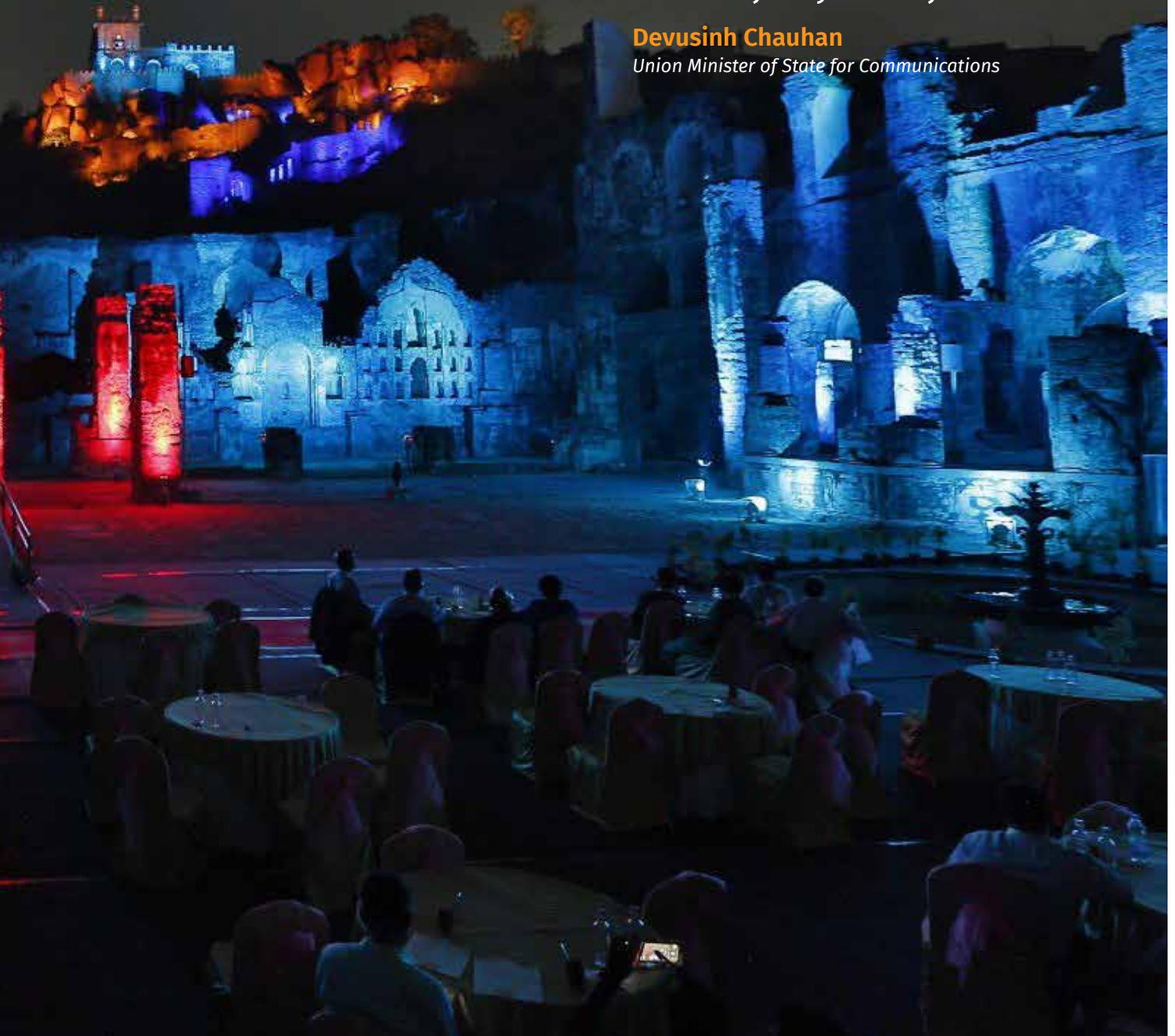
Delegates at IIT-Hyderabad

A visit to T-Hub, world's largest innovation hub

"Digital technologies have been a major driving force of socio-economic transformation across G20 member states"

A Narayanaswamy
Union Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment

curriculums across G20 countries will also help in building a culture of cybersecurity awareness. Prioritizing cybersecurity and adopting best practices will be crucial in ensuring the safety of digital infrastructure and the growth of global economies.

Lastly, digital up-skilling and re-skilling are essential to ensure that the workforce is equipped with the necessary expertise to succeed in a digital economy. According to the World Economic Forum, around 50% of employees globally will need reskilling by 2025 due to the adoption of digital technologies. This workforce must be mobile, versatile, and capable of quickly adapting to changing technological landscapes. To this end, outlining a common reference framework for the mutual recognition of digital skills across borders will be paramount.

As the G20 members continue to work towards creating a digital economy that benefits all, the DEWG deliberations provide a platform for sharing best practices, discussing critical areas, and collaborating towards achieving the G20's digital economy objectives. I look forward to the next in-person meeting, scheduled to take place in June 2023 at Pune, Maharashtra. ■

Tourism Working Group
2nd Meeting

APRIL 01-03, 2023 | DARJEELING

Harsh Vardhan Shringla

G20 Chief Coordinator

In the over 100 meetings held so far under India's G20 Presidency, a dedicated endeavor has been made to present the diversity represented in our country to the delegates who visit India for G20 meetings. A few days before India officially assumed G20 Presidency, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi had stated that "the people coming to the G20, even if they come now as delegates, are tourists of the future." This insight has resonated strongly with the people of India, evident from their enthusiasm, as they see these meetings as an opportunity to acquaint delegates with our rich cultural heritage and diversity and tourism potential.

Last month, the second meeting of the Tourism Working Group brought the delegates to the tranquil Himalayas of Darjeeling, my hometown, where I was delighted to welcome them.

The Tourism Working Group, under India's G20 Presidency, has identified five key priority areas: Green Tourism, Digitalisation, Skills, Tourism MSMEs and Destination Management. The meeting, held in three separate locations of Darjeeling District (Kurseong, Siliguri and Darjeeling town), provided an opportunity for G20 delegates to witness the coexistence of people with nature and in a sustainable manner.

During the two working sessions, G20 delegates deliberated and focussed

"The niche product of Adventure Tourism will benefit India's tribal communities, disadvantaged communities, women and youth by providing jobs & entrepreneurial opportunities"

G Kishan Reddy
Union Minister For Culture, Tourism and Development Of North Eastern Region

on a potential roadmap to link the tourism sector with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and leverage tourism development for achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The inaugural session of the meeting began with an address by Union Minister for Tourism Shri G. Kishan Reddy in which he shared the vision of the Draft National Tourism Policy by the Ministry of Tourism to provide a holistic framework for sustainable and responsible growth of the tourism sector in the country and strengthening tourism to highlight India's commitment to achieving Sustainable Development Goals 2030.

The Prime Minister has stressed on tourism, along with trade and technology, as the 3Ts for accelerating development in India. In line with this, having been blessed with a diversity of landscapes, climatic conditions, flora and fauna, cultures, and languages, India is capable of providing a host of unique experiences, ranging from lively and vibrant Goa to the peaceful and bio-diverse North East. As the tourism sector faces its own challenges, such as greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, water consumption, waste management, loss of biological diversity, among others, India's G20 Presidency has rightly prioritized

"I love being in this train. I think it's probably the only World Heritage Site that you can actually sit on and move with, so it's very exciting to be here, I am very happy"

Federico Salas
Ambassador of Mexico

green tourism to incorporate sustainability into tourism activities.

Significantly, the Tourism Working Group under India's G20 Presidency has also given due consideration to developing and diversifying tourism products or 'niche tourism', which attract travelers from specific markets both as geographic entities and interest groups. The focus of the first meeting of the Tourism Working Group in Gujarat's Rann of Kutch in February was on 'Rural Tourism' and 'Archaeological Tourism', where delegates discussed ways to empower local communities with sustainable livelihoods.
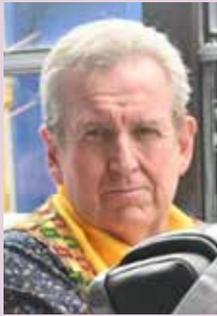
Ahead of the 2nd meeting of the Tourism Working Group in

"The overall aim is to see that the tourism sector contributes towards improving the quality of life of people in general"

John Barla
Union Minister of State for Minority Affairs

"It's great to be here this time, seeing the magnificent sights from Himalayan railway"

Barry O'Farrell
High Commissioner of Australia

Darjeeling, a Side Event on the theme 'Adventure Tourism as a vehicle for achieving Sustainable Development Goals' deliberated upon the prospects for developing adventure tourism. It was quite relevant to have these discussions in this region as the rolling mountain slopes and lush green forests of Darjeeling make it ideal for mountain and adventure sports, including trekking. Our guests during this meeting also got a chance to enjoy rafting at Darjeeling's Triveni, a picturesque confluence of the Teesta & Rangit Rivers.

Given that the tourism sector has a significant impact on trade, job creation, investment, infrastructure development and social inclusion and acts as a force multiplier on employment, it becomes necessary to realise its untapped potential. More importantly, it has also to be kept in mind that the development of the tourism sector to boost our economies has to be undertaken in a sustainable manner. This calls for emphasis on Green Tourism to encourage practices that are more energy efficient and climate-friendly, consume less water, minimize waste, conserve biodiversity, cultural heritage and traditional values. Consequently, this can generate local incomes and integrate local communities with a view to improve livelihoods and reduce poverty. To develop any region, it is important to include the key stakeholders. Hence, tourism stakeholders & organisers from the Darjeeling region were also got an opportunity to participate in this mega event.

G20 delegates also visited the Makaibari Tea Estate,

"We need to learn from India how to maintain the history and heritage, and also the happiness of the people along the way, it's seriously humbling experience for me"

Ina Hagniningtyas Krisnamurthi
Ambassador of Indonesia

Cultural Programme in Siliguri

Cultural Programme, Darjeeling Mall

Excursion to Triveni

Flagging off the Himalayan Drive Car Rally

Moonlight Tea Plucking

Tea Tasting

UNESCO World Heritage Darjeeling Himalayan Railway

Visit to Raj Bhawan

Visit to Yiga Choling Monastery, Ghum

"Today my dream of 45 years has come true, my best friend had told me 45 years ago, Hiroshi you've got to ride on this, and this is such a wonderful experience, no wonder it's a UNESCO World Cultural Heritage "

Hiroshi Suzuki
Ambassador of Japan

the world's first tea factory established in 1859. To celebrate the fine quality of products of the state of West Bengal, the delegates were handed over souvenirs from the ODOP list of items like Wooden Owl set from Burdwan District, Dokra GI Hook fish from Bankura District, Banglashree Silk Pocket Square from Malda District and Chitpore Attar from Kalimpong District. The delegates spent a special evening amidst the misty

"Simply amazing, you know I am not too far from this place but it's the first time that I am here in Darjeeling, and it's the first time I am travelling in a train which is a UNESCO heritage. I am enjoying every bit of it"

Md. Mustafizur Rahman
High Commissioner of Bangladesh

hills by joining local tea workers for a moonlight tea plucking experience involving participative folk dance and music. Finally, they enjoyed a ride on the world famous Darjeeling Himalayan Railway (Toy Train), a UNESCO World Heritage site, from Ghum station – the highest railway station in the country to Darjeeling via Batasia Loop and War memorial,

A high point for G20 delegates was the lunch hosted at the historic and beautiful Raj Bhawan, Darjeeling by the Hon'ble Governor of West Bengal Dr CV Ananda Bose. This was followed by a lively and colourful presentation of the dances of the different ethnic communities of Darjeeling at the famous Darjeeling Mall. Delegates got an opportunity to walk down the Mall road to view and buy local art and crafts and engage the people of Darjeeling. A unique attraction was the model steam engine of the Darjeeling Himalayan Railway handcrafted locally and gifted to the Ambassadors of Japan and Bangladesh for their office collections! All in all, a most memorable visit to the Queen of the Hills for top tourism representatives of the world. ∎

DEVELOPMENT WORKING GROUP
2nd Meeting
APRIL 06-09, 2023 | KUMARAKOM

AGENDA

Accelerating Progress on
Sustainable Development Goals

Lifestyle for Environment (LiFE)

Digital Principles and Capacity Building for
Data for Development

Green Transitions that are globally just

Women-led development and enhancing
international coordination and partnerships

Development Working Group

Custodian of the development agenda of G20

OUTCOME

Consensus on the urgency for multilateral efforts

Consensus on the key role for the G20 in addressing contemporary developmental challenges

Shared understanding on the need for promoting bold & targeted actions in a balanced manner

Broad agreement on the need for collective efforts in contributing to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and acceleration of SDGs
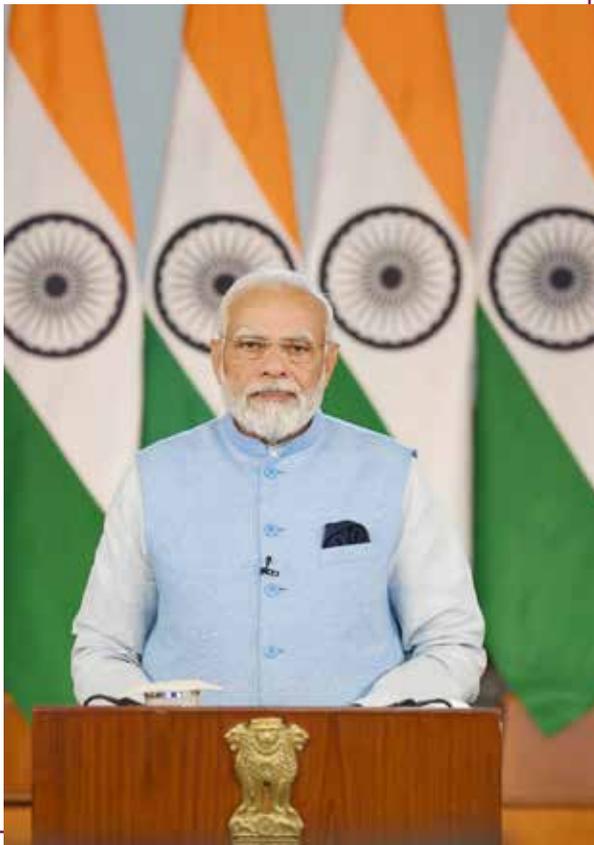
LiFE
India's G20 Priority

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"Mission LiFE is about democratising the battle against climate change"

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"Individuals making the right decisions for our planet are key in the battle for our planet. This is the core of Mission LiFE"

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"Climate change cannot be fought from conference tables alone. It has to be fought from the dinner tables in every home"

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India's Mission LiFE

- Making local bodies environment-friendly
- Saving water
- Saving energy
- Reducing waste & e-waste
- Adopting healthy lifestyles
- Adoption of natural farming
- Promotion of Millets

These efforts will...

- Save over 22 billion units of energy
- Save 9 trillion litres of water
- Reduce waste by 375 million tonnes
- Recycle almost 1 million tonnes of e-waste
- Generate 170 million dollars of additional cost savings by 2030
- Will help reduce the wastage of 15 billion tonnes of food

"When people become conscious that simple acts in their daily lives are powerful, there will be a very positive impact on the environment"

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"The focus of this climate finance is usually on conventional aspects. Adequate financing methods need to be worked out for behavioural initiatives too"

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's remarks at World Bank's programme 'Making it Personal: How Behavioral Change Can Tackle Climate Change'

2nd Meeting of Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors

APRIL 12-13, 2023 | WASHINGTON, DC

| Global Economy and International Financial Architecture | → | Sustainable Finance, Financial Sector, and Financial Inclusion | → | International Taxation |

Sessions

"G20 members appreciated India's Presidency's focus on the important agenda around reforming & strengthening Multilateral Development Banks to address global challenges of the 21st century, including economic development & climate finance"

Nirmala Sitharaman
Union Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs

"India's banking system is resilient, stable, and healthy. Our focus of supervision is on early identification of any build-up of vulnerabilities, not waiting for the crisis to build-up but to identify early signals and then nudge the banks to take necessary action to mitigate any build up of vulnerability in their finances"

Shaktikanta Das
Governor, Reserve Bank of India

High level events on
Digital Public Infrastructure in Washington, DC

Ajay Seth

*Secretary, DEA,
Ministry of Finance*

Chanchal C Sarkar

*Economic Adviser, DEA,
Ministry of Finance*

The month of April, 2023 has witnessed 2nd Meeting of G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors in Washington, DC as well as a series of events which took place mainly under India's G20 Presidency on Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) where India's achievement in the field of DPI has been discussed and showcased extensively. During the Spring meetings of the World Bank Group (WBG) and International Monetary Fund (IMF) held in Washington, DC from April 10, 2023 through April 14, 2023 several high-level events were organised on India's achievements on DPI.

IMF in collaboration with DEA, Ministry of Finance also organized a High Level Seminar on "Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI): Stacking up the Benefits" on April 14, 2023 on the sidelines of the IMF-World Bank Spring Meetings. Hon'ble Finance Minister Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman; United Nations Secretary-General's Special Advocate for Inclusive Finance for Development Queen Maxima of Netherlands; Managing Director of IMF Ms. Kristalina Georgieva; Co-chair and Founder of Bill &

Melinda Gates Foundation Ms. Melinda French Gates; Co-Founder of Infosys and Co-chair of India's G20 Task Force on DPI Mr. Nandan Nilekani; and CEO of Paypal Mr. Dan Shulman were the speakers in the event.

The focus of the High level Seminar was on the lessons from mainly India and also from other countries on the transformational power of DPI and ways to maximize the potential of DPI. Hon'ble FM mentioned that DPI enables improving governance, brings ease of doing business, facilitates ease of living for people as well as has the greatest potential in reaching the last mile even under difficult times. The Seminar, based on IMF's paper titled "Stacking up the Benefits: Lessons from India's Digital Journey", was a huge success and witnessed participation from over four hundred delegates of IMF-World Bank Spring meetings.

A separate event was also organized by the IMF on April 10, 2023 on "India's Digital Transformation: A talk with Nandan Nilekani" where Mr. Nandan Nilekani, Co-chair of India's G20 Task force on DPI made a presentation about India's success story in DPI. In her opening remarks at the event, Ms. Kristalina Georgieva, MD, IMF also appreciated India's strength in DPI and its usefulness for advancing financial inclusion rapidly.

On 13th April, 2023, another High Level Event with the presence of Ministers from Rwanda, Kenya and Maldives on "Scaling Up Digital Investment and Innovation to Address Global Challenges"was organized by the

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World Bank to amplify the importance of inclusive approaches to advance connectivity, uses of DPI, digital literacy and other enablers for resilience. During the event, major success stories of India in Digital Payments and Digital Identity were shared by the speakers.

Meanwhile, the 2nd G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors Meeting was also held on April 12-13, 2023 in Washington, DC on the sidelines of the WB-IMF Spring Meetings. A range of G20 issues including taking forward the work of the G20 priorities for the year including financial inclusion were discussed. Inter-alia, the progress made so far on the presidency deliverable of policy recommendations for advancing financial inclusion and productivity gains by leveraging DPI under the G20-Global Partnership for Financial Inclusion (GPFI) working group was also reviewed.

As such, the series of events on the sidelines of Spring Meetings, 2023 had created considerable buzz about India's achievement in the DPI. ∎

EMPLOYMENT WORKING GROUP
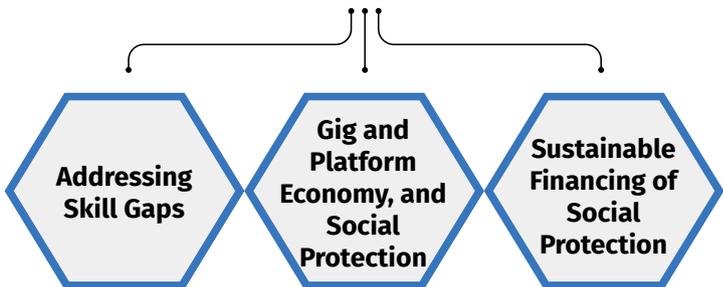
2nd Meeting

APRIL 03–06, 2023 | GUWAHATI

"G20 nations must carry these discussions with utmost care and responsibility, globally, public policy needs to be designed in a way so that it reaches the vulnerable, the most disadvantaged and the poor first"

Rameswar Teli
Union Minister of State for Labour and Employment, Petroleum and Natural Gas

PRIORITY AREAS

Addressing Skill Gaps

Gig and Platform Economy, and Social Protection

Sustainable Financing of Social Protection

Meeting concluded on a positive note with G20 members moving towards consensus

Union Minister of State for Labour and Employment Rameswar Teli and Minister for Environment & Forests, Government of Assam Chandra Mohan Patowary unveiled a compilation of essays by students on addressing labour issues as a part of Jan Bhagidari in G20

Cultural Programme at the banks of Brahmaputra

Health Working Group
2nd Meeting

APRIL 17-19, 2023 | GOA

Discussions emphasized India's commitment to "healthcare for all" through vibrant global and local collaborations

"It is essential for us to collectively break the cycle of panic and neglect and not let the phenomenon of pandemic fatigue diminish our ongoing efforts on pandemic preparedness, prevention and response"

Dr Mansukh Mandaviya
Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare

PRIORITIES

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

"Strengthening animal health and implementing a One Health approach can help prevent and control zoonotic diseases, which have significant impact on animal welfare, economic productivity, and human health"

Parshottam Rupala
Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying

Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare Dr Mansukh Mandaviya visited Janaushadhi Kendra at Panjim, Goa along with G20 Delegates and explained to them the model of Pradhan Mantri Bharatiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP)

"By promoting health and wellness tourism we can collectively contribute towards a more holistic and sustainable approach towards global health"

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

"G20 countries have consistently worked towards promoting coordinated efforts among its members to ensure the achievement of good and equitable health for all"

Dr Bharati Pravin Pawar
*Union Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare*

ONE EARTH · ONE HEALTH

ndia's theme for its G20 Presidency "One Earth · One Family · One Future" signifies the intrinsic connectedness between all living beings and celebrates oneness in the fight against humanity's greatest challenges. The theme also speaks about the importance of One Health, a concept that recognises that this kinship trickles down to the health of humans, animals, and the environment. Each one plays a role in balancing, sustaining, and disrupting the other. The approach first took shape in 2004 under the Manhattan Principles,[1] which recommended an integrated and coordinated effort at the human, animal and environment interface to prevent, detect, and respond to zoonotic diseases. The recommendations have since been updated with the 2019 Berlin Principles[2] to reflect contemporary challenges, including climate change and antimicrobial resistance.

With countries still recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic, the adoption of this approach is imperative to safeguard the future of our world. The pandemic has also pushed the world to recognize the threat of zoonotic diseases and how easily they can spread across borders and impact global health, economy, and security. For India, One Health features as a priority action item, as evidenced by PM Narendra Modi's words: "Guided by the approach of 'One Earth, One Health', humanity will certainly overcome this pandemic".[3]

To streamline the country's move in this direction, India's apex biomedical research organization, the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), has taken some decisive strides.

■ **National Institute of One Health (NIOH):** The

National Institute of One Health (NIOH) is being built in Nagpur with the aim of coordinating and integrating research and development activities in One Health, bringing together diverse stakeholders from human, animal, and environmental sectors for better disease control and improved pandemic preparedness. The Institute will have participation from various relevant stakeholders in addition to the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), such as National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC), Department of Biotechnology (DBT), Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying (DAHD), Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR), and the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC). The Institute will have BSL-4, BSL-3, and animal facilities and office space for collaborative working, shared by all partner Departments/ Organizations. The Institute will coordinate R&D with other stakeholders such as non-governmental bodies, private sector, international agencies, and academic
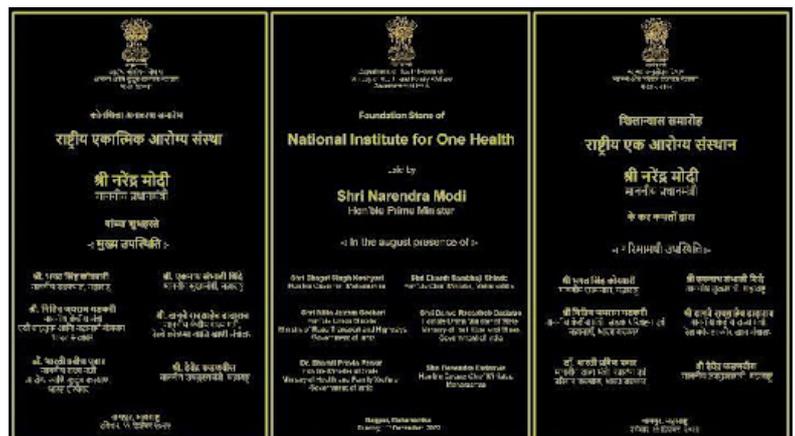
[1]The 2004 Manhattan Principles on One World, One Health: https://oneworldonehealth.wcs.org/About-Us/Mission/The-Manhattan-Principles.aspx

[2]The 2019 Berlin Principles On One Health: https://oneworldonehealth.wcs.org/About-Us/Mission/The-2019-Berlin-Principles-on-One-Health.aspx

[3]PM Modi's remarks at the Global CoWIN Conclave: https://www.narendramodi.in/text-of-prime-minister-narendra-modi-s-address-at-cowin-global-conclave-2021-556036

units working in One Health in a participatory fashion. The Institute will develop and coordinate activities for epidemic/pandemic preparedness and work to strengthen surveillance systems across sectors. It will also facilitate epidemiological studies, disease modelling, and policies for emerging one health disease.

■ **One Health Symposium:** In April 2021, ICMR organized an international symposium titled 'One Health in India: Research informing biosafety, preparedness and response' to drive greater momentum towards the adoption of One Health. Dr Harsh Vardhan, former Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare chaired the event and applauded ICMR's effort of bringing together wide-ranging, multi-sectoral stakeholders for discussion and collaboration on new and emerging zoonotic diseases.[4] In the symposium, the former Health Minister also announced the constitution of a high-level steering committee for Eco Health Initiatives in India to be supported by the National Institute of One Health.

■ **Special Issue of IJMR:** On the occasion of ICMR's One

Health Symposium, Dr Harsh Vardhan launched a special issue of the Indian Journal of Medical Research (IJMR) on One Health[5] containing original articles, viewpoints, perspectives and reviews from eminent experts in the field. The issue covers perspectives related to One Health, including tribal health and culture, biothreats, challenges of

unknown health threats, animal disease surveillance and food safety, among others.

■ **Online Certificate Course:** ICMR's Regional Medical Centre (RMRC), Bhubaneswar has designed an online course named 'Online Certificate Course on 'One Health'' in collaboration with Government of India's integrated platform and portal for online courses (the NPTEL-SWAYAM). The course gives a brief history of evolution of the One Health approach, its application, relevance, and success. It covers topics such as Emerging Infectious Diseases and Antimicrobial Resistance, One Health Application in Management of Zoonotic Diseases, Applied Epidemiology & Public Health in One Health Research, and Health Policy. The 12-week course designed for the students, early career researchers, clinicians and policy makers aims to develop a trained human resource for effective management of emerging and re-emerging infectious diseases of public health importance. It will also introduce the concept of One Health at the community level, enhance recognition of the environment as a common space for humans and animals, and emphasize the need for a multi-sectoral approach in addressing diseases that are zoonotic in nature.[6]

■ **Other initiatives:** ICMR-DHR, in collaboration with the Ministry of Health and NCDC, has prioritized a list of one health diseases for the proposed One Health Mission as part of PM - Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM) activities. ICMR-DHR is working on laboratory algorithms to detect important zoonotic pathogens and other pathogens causing one health disease for early disease detection. The

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[4]*Dr Harsh Vardhan chairs ICMR's One Health Symposium: https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1711215*

[5]*IJMR March 2021 - Volume 153 - Issue 3 https://journals.lww.com/ijmr/toc/2021/03000*

[6]*Online Course on One Health: https://onlinecourses.nptel.ac.in/noc23_ge07/preview*

organisation is also planning to conduct syndromic surveillance with a focus on domains where there is more human-animal and environmental interaction to detect pathogens that can affect humans from animals/birds and the environment.

Additionally, scientists across ICMR's institutes continually adopt a One Health lens in their research and interventions. In the past, this has played a significant role in containing viral outbreaks of Zika, Nipah and Canine Distemper. ICMR is also working to set up surveillance at animal-human interface, including in bird sanctuaries, zoos and slaughterhouses. For this purpose, extensive work has been undertaken to revise the laboratory algorithms for various syndromes.[7] These algorithms have been modified to include bacterial, viral, fungal and parasitic organisms, as well as pathogens reported to have a zoonotic origin. ICMR and its institutes are also working at the state level to strengthen surveillance against zoonotic infections. ICMR has, thus, demonstrated its intent to advance interdisciplinary research and is pioneering the development of new diagnostic tools, treatments, and vaccines for zoonotic diseases.

Drawing from these experiences, G20 countries can play a definitive role in promoting One Health within their territories. As major players and decision shapers in global health, the G20 must come together to jointly implement the One Health approach. This will entail addressing the root causes of zoonotic diseases, such as habitat destruction, deforestation, and wildlife trafficking.

One Health presents an opportunity to improve global health security, protect public health, and promote sustainable development. The time to act is now, and G20 countries led by India have a vital role in shaping our collective future. ∎

'Health for All' Walkathon on World Health Day

[7]*Syndromes include Acute fever, Acute Diarrhoea, Acute Respiratory Illness, Acute Encephalitis, Acute hepatitis, Acute Myocarditis and Acute Conjunctivitis*

Education Working Group

3rd Meeting

APRIL 26–29, 2023 | **BHUBANESWAR**

The 3rd meeting of the Education Working Group held in Bhubaneswar, Odisha furthered the commitment towards ensuring the betterment of learners with respect to skilling, upskilling and reskilling. There were comprehensive discussions among G20 members and invitee countries on the outcome documents to be prepared for the Education Ministers' Meeting in June.

Various side events on critical issues were held during the meeting, beginning with a Seminar on 'Building Capacities for Lifelong Learning in the context of Future of Work', an identified priority of the Education Working Group under India's G20 Presidency. There were panel discussions on themes such as building an agile response to the needs of labor markets and institutional capacity

"In the next quarter century, 25% of the global working population will come from India. Unless we skill, re-skill and up-skill our young demography and prepare them for future of work, we cannot fulfil global responsibilities"

Dharmendra Pradhan
Union Minister of Education, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship

"I hope that our sharing of expertise, experiences and best practices will help us to make collaborative efforts to invest in human capacities, institutions and ecosystems to ensure an inclusive and enabling future of work"

Dr Subhas Sarkar
Union Minister of State for Education

Mock G20 at Siksha 'O' Anusandhan, Bhubaneswar

Medical staff at All India Institute of Medical Sciences creates G20 logo

Delegates visit Konark temple, a UNESCO World Heritage Site

"Youth is an important beneficiary in all the conversations around Future of Work & Skilling"

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

building in the context of future of work: enabling high quality technical and vocational education; creating pathways between higher and vocational education; and equipping children with a range of future skills to set them on the course of lifelong learning. The G20 Future of Work Exhibition showcased cutting-edge technology and innovative ideas in the future of work, healthcare, mobility, agriculture, and other futuristic subjects. In line with the vision to make India's G20 Presidency a truly People's Presidency, 1,235 Jan Bhagidari Events were organised which saw participation of more than 1 lakh citizens. ■

Environment, Climate & Sustainability Working Group

PRIORITIES

Nameeta Prasad

Joint Secretary
Ministry of Environment,
Forests and Climate Change

G20 can transform lives across the globe by leveraging and complimenting the strengths of the member countries while arriving at solutions to address the diverse needs of the countries.

Taking forward this spirit, the 2nd Environment and Climate Sustainability Working Group Meeting (ECSWG) under India's G20 Presidency witnessed participation of 19 countries + EU participants from G20 countries, 9 invitee countries, and 12 international organisations.

The three-day meeting held in Gandhinagar, Gujarat from March 27-29, 2023 carried forward deliberations on the identified priority areas of Arresting Land Degradation,

Accelerating Ecosystem Restoration and Enriching Biodiversity; Pursuing Sustainable and Climate-Resilient Water Resource Management; Promoting a Sustainable and Climate-Resilient Blue Economy and Encouraging Resource Efficiency and Circular Economy. The G20 delegates displayed a sense of urgency towards battling the steep environment and climate challenges that the world is facing. Taking forward the discussions on the deliverables and the expected outcomes, the 3rd ECSWG meeting aims at focusing on negotiations which would ultimately be adopted in the concluding meeting.

The 2nd ECSWG, jointly led by the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEFCC) and Ministry of Jal Shakti (MoJS), focused on the holistic management of water resources, with a compendium of best practices for water resources management being prepared by the Ministry of Jal Shakti.

While sharing high appreciation for India's programmes on the subject, the delegates echoed the pressing need

for global action and scaling up of such initiatives to address the depleting level of groundwater at an alarming rate across the globe by leveraging the role of technology, cooperation and joint research and an integrated approach to water resource conservation and sustainable development, among others. The key points of discussion were included in the communiqué which will provide impetus to the agenda of the forthcoming meeting.

Ms. Darshana Vikram Jardosh, Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Railways and Textiles, Government of India, graced the occasion on the third and final day of the meeting in Gandhinagar with a special address to the delegates. She appreciated how the theme of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' has been adopted by India's G20 Presidency, which builds on the fact that the 'world is one family.' She acknowledged the comprehensive approach of the G20 countries to address climate change.

The opening remarks by Dr. M. Ravichandran, Secretary, Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES) set the ball rolling for the technical sessions on Blue Economy.

The technical sessions on Biodiversity, Land Degradation and Ecosystem Restoration spread over Day 2 and Day 3 built on the key inputs collated from deliberations during the 1st ECSWG Meeting, the focus group discussions and the written inputs shared by the member countries. Shri Bivash Ranjan, Co-Chair, G20 ECSWG and lead for Biodiversity, Land

degradation and Ecosystem restoration, MoEFCC, opened the thematic sessions with engaging discussions amongst the delegates on the two priority landscapes identified under India's Presidency – the Gandhinagar Information Platform (GIP) and the proposed Gandhinagar Implementation Roadmap (GIR). The positive inputs received and alignment by the member countries at the land priority coupled with the inputs from the 3rd ECSWG will help in adoption of these documents at the Ministerial meeting to be held in July 2023.

Accelerating the implementation of the Kunming Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework across G20 countries was the highlight of the session. The broad consensus received on the priority and outcomes proposed in issue note was a step towards the next level of Virtual group discussion to be taken up before the next meeting.

The 3rd ECSWG meeting which is scheduled to take place in Mumbai from May 21–23, 2023 will host the Ocean 20 Dialogue to discuss the important topics like science, technology, policy, finance and community participation and their role in creating a sustainable climate resilient Blue Economy. On the sidelines of the Ocean 20 Dialogue a coordinated beach cleaning event has been planned for the G20 delegates on May 21, 2023 to emphasize on the importance of action on marine litter and community participation. The outcomes of the Dialogue will flow into the High Level Principles being created under the Blue Economy priority. ∎

G20 भारत 2023 INDIA

Energy Transitions Working Group

2nd Meeting

APRIL 02-04, 2023 | GANDHINAGAR

COLLABORATION | COOPERATION | COMMITMENT

For Clean Energy Transition

"India's G20 Presidency aims to collectively address the immediate and pressing challenges of global warming, climate change and energy security"

Dr Munjapara Mahendrabhai
Union Minister of State for AYUSH and Women and Child Development

Member countries reaffirmed their commitment to energy transition through addressing technology gaps, and there was broad consensus amongst members to align with other global organisations such as Clean Energy Ministerial (CEM), Mission Innovation (MI) and RD20 to achieve tangible outcomes. Protecting intellectual property rights in the context of technology transfer was emphasized. It was also agreed to continue with a focus on deployment of clean mature technologies such as Solar PV and Offshore Wind.

Priority Areas

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Energy transition through addressing technology gaps	Low-cost financing for energy transition	Energy security and diversified supply chains
Energy efficiency, industrial low carbon transitions, and responsible consumption	Fuels for the future	Universal access to clean energy and just, affordable, and inclusive energy transition pathways

EXCURSION

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GIFT City

MODHERA VILLAGE

India's first fully solar-powered village. It embodies an innovative concept of grid connected solar system integrated with Battery Energy Storage System (BESS)
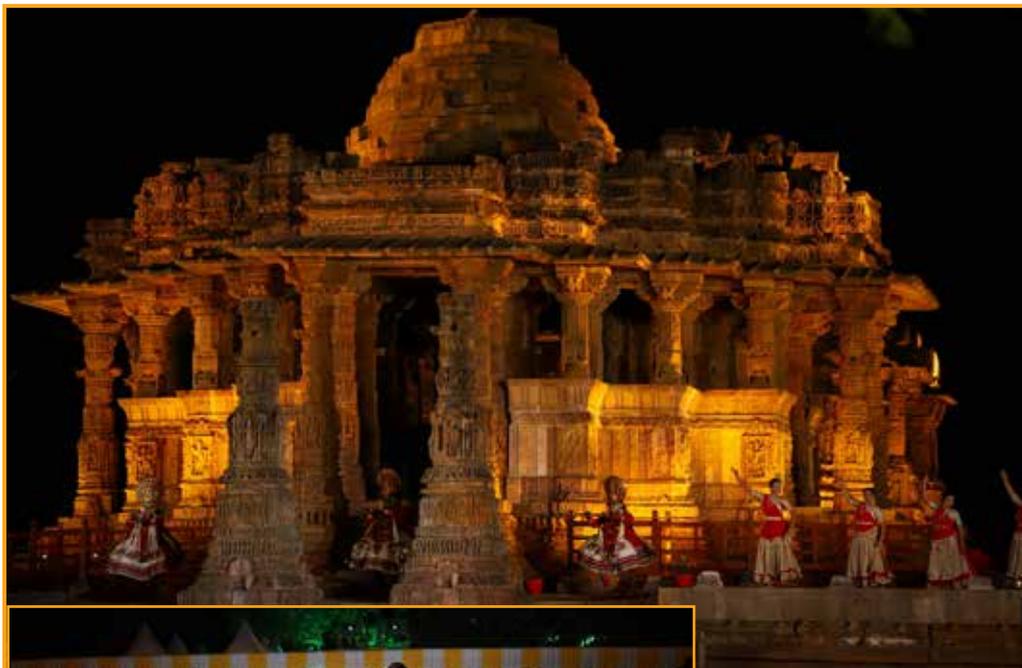
Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel at the cultural programme organised at the Sun Temple of Modhera

— Side Events —

Green Hydrogen – Advancing Net Zero Pathways

Diversified Renewable Energy Supply Chains for Advancing Energy Transitions

Accelerating Cooling as a key enabler towards energy transition

G20 EMPOWER

2nd Meeting

APRIL 04-06, 2023 | THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Unlocking Full Potential of Women in Global Economy

Dr Sangita Reddy

Chair, G20 EMPOWER

EMPOWER, a G20 Alliance for the Empowerment and Progression of Women's Economic Representation, aims to accelerate women's leadership and empowerment in the private sector by leveraging its unique alliance among business leaders and governments. With the backing of business leaders and governments from each G20 member country, the alliance is ensuring that women become central to the discourse on economic and social progress.

Women make up half of the world's population and workforce, yet they continue to face significant barriers to participating fully in the global economy. Existing inequities mean that women continue to be under-represented in decision-making roles across the public and private sector.

Today, equity is not just a moral issue, but a strategic imperative. Empowering women economically leads to increased productivity, higher profits, and stronger economic growth. If women play an identical role in labour markets to that of men, as much as $28 trillion, or an additional 26% could be added to global annual GDP by 2025.

Overcoming barriers through EMPOWER

EMPOWER has identified three priority areas: women's entrepreneurship — a win-win for equity and economy; creating a global partnership to promote women's leadership, including at the grassroots; and education, including access to technology and digital skills. Through this, EMPOWER wants to move the needle from women development to women-led development.

Education

A UNICEF report highlighted that 90% of jobs worldwide have a digital component. However, in developing nations, there is still a 32.9% gap in internet access

between men and women.

To bridge the gender digital divide, EMPOWER is launching a Digital Inclusion Platform, envisioned to be an education and upskilling portal that will enable women across various geographies to gain basic digital, technical and financial knowledge that will be crucial for the jobs of the future.

Entrepreneurship

Even today, women tend to be less involved in entrepreneurship, and women-led enterprises are less likely to scale compared to businesses owned by men. EMPOWER is focusing on recommendations that can enhance financial inclusion and access capital for women, and bring more women in STEM roles.

A study by Cornell University found that mentoring programs dramatically improved promotion and

"Empowering women is a win-win for equity and the economy. Let's work towards a better and more inclusive world"

Dr Munjapara Mahendrabhai
Minister of State for Women & Child Development and AYUSH

retention rates for women. With this in mind, we are launching a Mentorship Platform that will serve as a global mentoring and capacity-building portal while aggregating best practices among women mentees and mentors.

Leadership

When it comes to leadership, men still dominate positions of power. Women leaders are leaving their companies at the highest rate ever and the gap between women and men in senior roles quitting their jobs is the largest it's ever been. EMPOWER is addressing the gender leadership gap through five key areas: building a pipeline of women in the workforce, fostering an equitable and inclusive workplace, advancing women into leadership positions, promoting cross-border collaboration and knowledge-sharing, and supporting women-led enterprises at the grassroots level.

EMPOWER is contributing to women-led development by reshaping the narrative around women in the workforce, contributing to knowledge sharing through best practices in the EMPOWER Playbook, offering actionable private sector commitment and recommendations for the government through the Communiqué, and ensuring commitment to improvement by tracking data in our KPI Dashboard. In addition, with its network of EMPOWER Advocates, private sector leaders in positions to drive change, EMPOWER is focusing on converting recommendations into action.

The Global Gender Gap 2022 report estimates that it will take 151 years to attain gender parity in economic participation at the current rate of progress. Addressing this, the 2nd G20 EMPOWER meeting in Kerala emphasized the urgency of addressing the global gender gap. The time for change is now and EMPOWER is committed to making it happen through urgent, bold and transformative action. ■

Space Economy Leaders Meeting
Precursor Event

APRIL 17–18, 2023 | **SHILLONG**

Theme	Towards a New Space ERA (Economy, Responsibility, Alliance)

The theme for this year's SELM - "Towards a New Space ERA (Economy, Responsibility, Alliance)", is in line with India's G20 theme of 'One Earth, One Family, One Future' and the demand for an alliance of responsible space faring nations for an enhanced contribution of space economy in the global economy. New Space has democratised the space sector, ranging from the publicly funded space programs executed by the national space agencies to the private funded and executed space activities. The New Space activities which started with the launch and operation

"Space Technology has played a credible role in the socio-economic development of nations, impacting diverse sectors. The access to information through space tech has guided decision makers to improve governance, make reforms & take steps to achieve Sustainable Development Goals"

Conrad K Sangma
Chief Minister, Government of Meghalaya

" *India is one of the very few countries who have built end-to-end capability in space. Over these years, space technology has penetrated to all walks of life*"

Dr Jitendra Singh
Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology, Atomic Energy & Space

of nano and small satellites have now expanded to building and operating launchers, space tourism, satellite clusters, diverse space based applications and resource mining from celestial bodies.

As reflected in the theme, the SELM acknowledges the contribution of New Space to the growth of space 'Economy' while ensuring the long term sustainability of outer space and aims to embed the 'Responsibility' factor in the related efforts. Finally, as the activities in New Space are becoming technologically and financially intensive, there is a vital need for 'Alliance' across the countries to collaborate in order to create avenues for the New Space actors.

In the three technical sessions held during the two day event, G20 countries presented their perspectives on the Space Economy, the present state of the space economy in the respective countries, efforts by the respective governments to promote the space economy including the New Space, and the challenges faced by them.

The precursor event successfully enhanced the awareness of the contribution of space to the global economy and created momentum for the SELM at Bengaluru. The event will help the further proliferation of space technology applications and enhance the engagements by space industries and start-ups. ∎

"*Space Economy is flourishing very fast, and the New Space segment has played a major role in its growth*"

Pankaj Chaudhary
Union Minister Of State For Finance

"*The upcoming era must move beyond treating space an enabler to treating space itself as an asset in economic enterprise*"

Amitabh Kant
India's G20 Sherpa

Women-Led Development

Leveraging Women's Untapped Potential to Accelerate Inclusive and Sustainable Future

Dr Sandhya Purecha

Chair W20

Ms Dharitri Patnaik

Chief Coordinator, W20

Women 20 (W20) was established in 2015 during Turkey's G20 Presidency as the official G20 engagement group with the primary objective of promoting gender equity through women empowerment, advocating for their rights, and amplifying their voice in the society. The idea behind its creation was that domestic initiatives alone were insufficient to achieve significant progress towards gender equality, necessitating an international approach. In addition, the group aims to ensure that the G20 Leaders' Declaration incorporates measures and commitments that support gender equality and economic empowerment of women.

W20 India is strongly committed to its vision of creating a world where every woman can live with dignity and equality, and is dedicated to its mission of eliminating barriers to women-led development while creating a supportive environment for women to thrive and transform their own lives and the lives of others.

To achieve this mission, W20 India has prioritised five key areas under the overarching aim of Women Led Development - Women Entrepreneurship, Grassroots Women Leadership, Bridging the Gender Digital Divide, Charting pathways through Education and Skill Development, and Women & Girls Eco-Changemakers for Climate Resilience.

The Women 20 Engagement Group, under India's Presidency, organized the 2nd Women 20 (W20) International Meeting in Jaipur, Rajasthan from April 13-14, 2023. The theme of the meeting was in line with the vision of the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi, 'Women-Led Development: Leveraging Women's Untapped Potential to Accelerate Inclusive and Sustainable Future'.

The International Meet began with a *Jan Bhagidari* (People's Participation) event supported by Jaipur

"India is empowering women through access to resources, finance and digital literacy. We opened over 257 million Jan Dhan bank accounts for women, increasing their access to financial services and promoting digital payments"

Arjun Ram Meghwal
Union Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs and Culture

National University, Jaipur Physiotherapist network and Ministry of Women & Child Development, Government of Rajasthan. Over 300 women from Jaipur attended the event and had a fruitful interaction with the W20 International Delegates.

The two day W20 meeting saw enriching deliberations on women's economic empowerment, bridging the gender digital divide and transformation, and setting goals and targets for a sustainable future. The meeting saw the participation of 120 international and Indian delegates, who shared their insights, expertise, and experiences. The second day of the International Meeting comprised of an informative plenary on grassroots leadership and entrepreneurship, followed by task force meetings for all 5 task forces of W20 and the communiqué drafting session. India's G20 Sherpa Shri Amitabh Kant encouraged W20 Delegates to come up with innovative and radical policy recommendations that can be incorporated in the Leaders' Declaration.
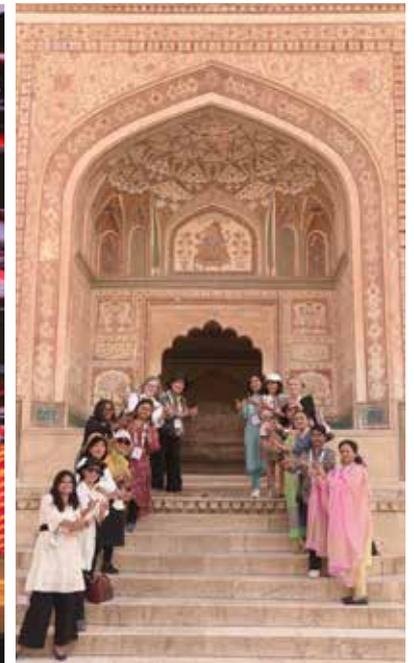
"W20 India should make radical, out-of-the-box recommendations for generational shift. It is a chance to redesign the future with women at the centre"
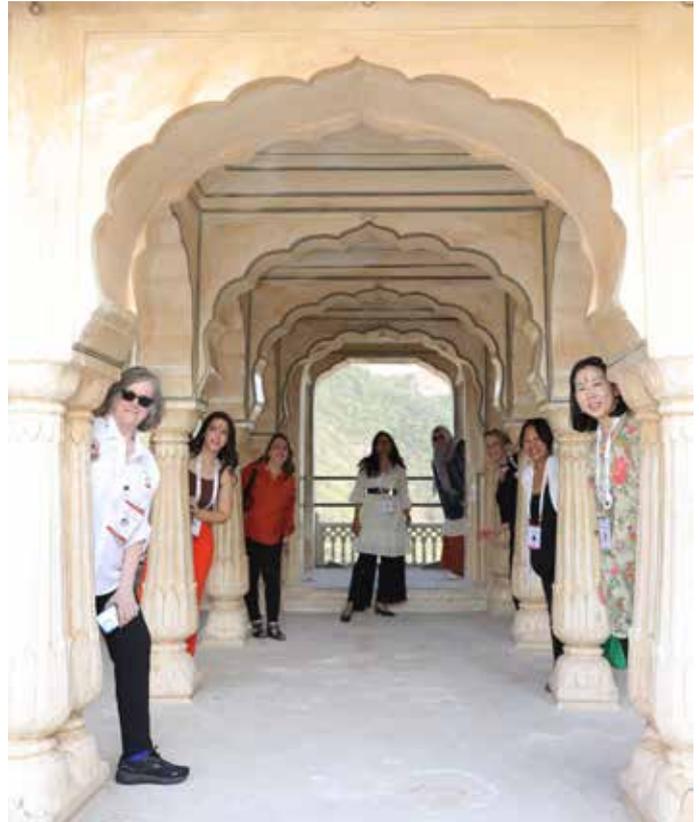
Amitabh Kant
G20 Sherpa, India

"India is witnessing a rapid transition from women's development to women-led development. The country is moving with the vision of Hon'ble Prime Minister of a New India where women are equal partners in the sustainable development of the country"

Darshana Jardosh
Union Minister of State for Railways & Textiles

Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal, Minister of State for Culture & Parliamentary Affairs and Smt Darshana Jardosh, Minister of State for Railways & Textiles also participated in the meeting and interacted with the Delegates.

Under the Bridging the Digital Divide Task Force, a 'Call to Action' - W20 Initiative was launched named MISSION DIGITAL WOMEN - financial & digital literacy and skilling programme aiming to reach 1 million women in 3 years.

This is being implemented by i-3access and HBT and was launched by Mr Amitabh Kant, India's G20 Sherpa, Mr Indevar Pandey, Secretary, Ministry of Women & Child Development, Mrs Shreya Guha, Principal Secretary Cooperation - Government of Rajasthan, Dr. Sandhya Purecha, Chair W20, Dr Shamika Ravi, Member, PM'S EAC, Ms Bansuri Swaraj, Supreme Court Advocate and W20 India Delegate, and Ms Dharitri Patnaik, Chief Coordinator, W20. ■

Y20 PRE SUMMIT

APRIL 26-28, 2023 | LEH

"By adopting a sustainable and eco-friendly approach to development, Ladakh is setting an example for the world in the field of carbon neutral initiative"

Brig (Dr) B D Mishra
Lieutenant Governor, Ladakh

"Today's youth is blessed with an unprecedented opportunity to learn any skill, build any capacity, read any book, travel to any country, and research on any topic"

Anurag Thakur
Union Minister for I&B and Youth Affairs & Sports

Youth20 Engagement Group Pre Summit was held in Leh, Ladakh to consult the youth on ideas for a better tomorrow and draft an agenda for action

Technical Sessions on Y20 themes

Shared Future: Youth in Democracy and Governance

Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction: Making Sustainability a Way of Life

Future of Work: Industry 4.0, Innovation & 21st Century Skills

Peace building and Reconciliation: Ushering in an era of No War

Health, Wellbeing & Sports: Agenda for Youth

"Ladakh has embraced modernity, and is a hub of innovation and sustainability with a growing focus on eco-tourism and clean energy through carbon neutrality"

Jamyang Tsering Namgyal
Member of Parliament in Lok Sabha, Ladakh
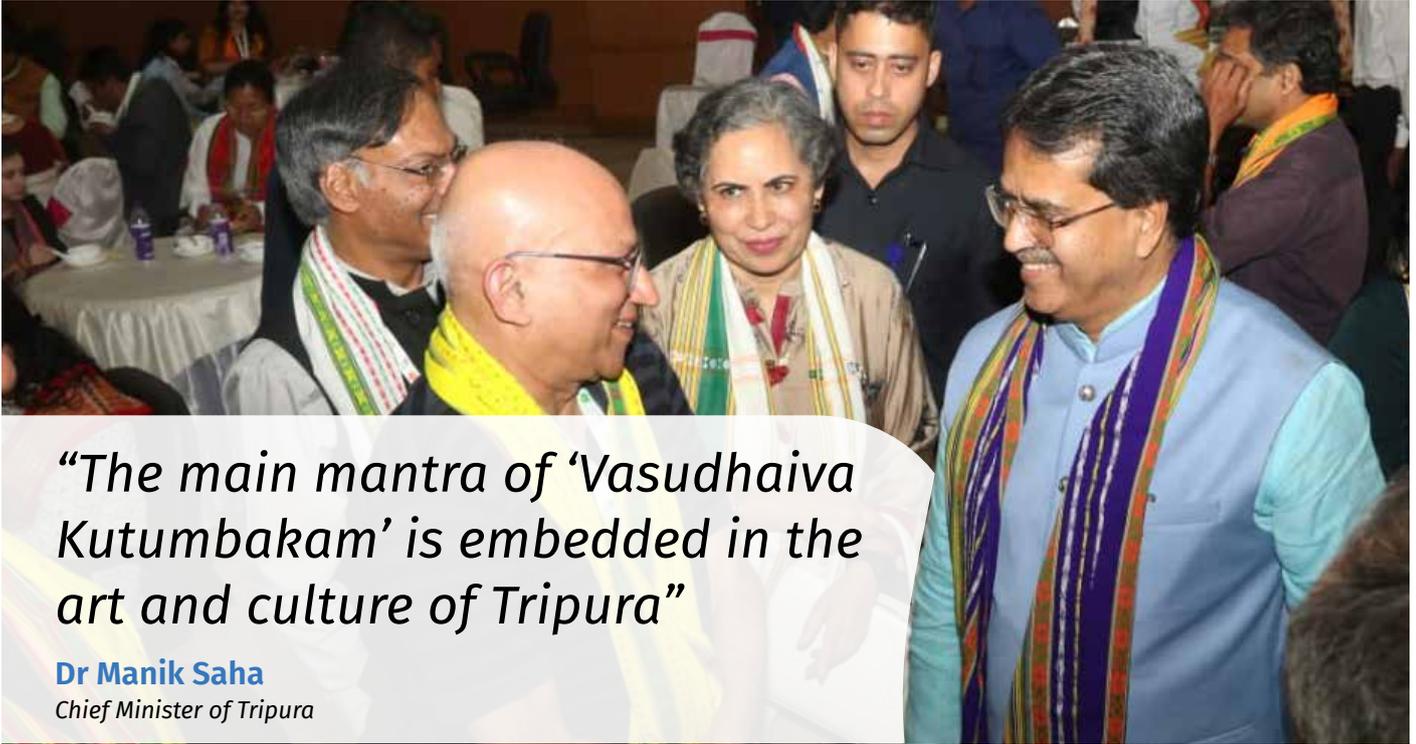
Science20 Conference

APRIL 03–04, 2023 | AGARTALA

The Science20 Conference on 'Clean Energy for Greener Future' held in Agartala, Tripura brought together experts in clean energy technologies and energy policy together to discuss the collaborative future forward for a clean world for all. Under the overarching theme of Science20 - *Disruptive Science for Innovative and Sustainable Development*, the meeting focused on technological aspects of hydrogen energy, energy from oceans, and new generation energy storage. ■

Clean energy is a disruptive science that will lead the way in transitioning to a more sustainable future

"The main mantra of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' is embedded in the art and culture of Tripura"

Dr Manik Saha
Chief Minister of Tripura

Way Forward for a Just Transition to Clean Energy

Increased investment in clean energy technology, research & development

Improved access to capital for businesses investing in clean energy production

Awareness regarding benefits of transitioning away from traditional forms of energy generation

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B20 Conference

APRIL 04-06, 2023 | KOHIMA

The B20 Conference in Kohima, Nagaland, planned as part of the B20 India Initiatives in the Northeastern states, focused on 'Opportunities for Multilateral Business Partnerships in Agriculture and Food Processing'. The first three conferences were held in Imphal, Aizawl, and Gangtok. The objective of these conferences has been to highlight the untapped potential of the Northeast by exploring partnerships among business communities to facilitate economic growth. ■

"Nagaland is fully geared up to put in place all the requisite systems and the enabling policy frameworks for ensuring a robust exchange of investment and business opportunities, and facilitating rapid and sustained industrial development in the state"

Neiphiu Rio
Chief Minister of Nagaland

"Northeast is India's gateway to Southeast Asia. Our youth play a critical role in the hospitality and care-giving sector across India"

Dr Rajkumar Ranjan Singh
Union Minister of State for External Affairs

RIIG Conference

APRIL 19-20, 2023 | DHARAMSHALA

The G20 Research Innovation and Initiative Gathering (RIIG) Conference on 'Eco-Innovation for Energy Transitions' focussed on smart energy transformation, storage, and management; mission-driven research in sustainable energy transitions; policy frameworks for research and innovation in carbon-neutral energy sources and green hydrogen.

The next RIIG meeting will be held in Diu on scientific challenges and opportunities for a sustainable blue economy. The RIIG Meetings will conclude with the RIIG Summit and Research Ministers meeting in Mumbai on July 05, 2023, and a joint declaration will be adopted by G20 members. ■

![G20 India 2023 logo]

COMING UP

May 2023

Development Working Group

3rd Meeting

May 09-11, 2023

Nestled between the Western Ghats and the Arabian Sea, the State of Goa will be hosting the 3rd G20 Development Working Group (DWG) Meeting. DWG was created in 2010 as a forum to discuss and promote action on a broad range of issues directly affecting developing countries, especially low-income countries. The 2nd DWG meeting focused on G20's role in accelerating progress on the SDGs, Lifestyle for Environment (LiFE), Digital Principles and Capacity Building for data for development, green transitions that are globally just, women-led development, and enhancing international coordination and partnerships. These discussions of the DWG meetings would also feed into the deliberations of the G20 Development Ministerial Meeting which will be held in June 2023.

01

Goa

02

Bhubaneswar

Culture Working Group

2nd Meeting

May 15-17, 2023

The G20 Culture Working Group's second meeting will take place in the capital and the largest city of Odisha, Bhubaneswar. The first Culture Working Group (CWG) Meeting was held in Khajuraho, Madhya Pradesh in February. Under India's G20 Presidency, the 4 priority areas of CWG include conservation and restoration of cultural property; using living heritage for a sustainable future; promoting cultural and creative industries and the creative economy; leveraging digital technologies for the preservation and promotion of culture. In total CWG will have 4 meetings.

03

Mumbai

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04

Mumbai

Environment and Climate Sustainability Working Group

3rd Meeting

May 21-23, 2023

The G20 delegates of Environment and Climate Sustainability Working Group (ECSWG) have already met in Bengaluru and Gandhinagar. Now the delegates will be meeting in India's financial capital, Mumbai for the third meeting of the ECSWG. This group focuses on building a sustainable future for all. During the previous meetings of ECSWG, deliberations on the Promotion of a Blue Economy along with Coastal Sustainability, Restoration of Degraded Lands and Ecosystems, Enhancement of Biodiversity, and Strengthening of Circular Economy were held.

05 Srinagar

Tourism Working Group

3rd Meeting
May 22-24, 2023

Lying in the serene valley of Kashmir, on the banks of the Jhelum River, known for its famous houseboats, pristine beauty, and natural waterfronts, Srinagar will be hosting the 3rd Tourism Working Group Meeting. The key priorities from the previous meeting of the Tourism Working Group, namely, focusing on a potential roadmap linking Tourism-sector with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and leveraging tourism development for achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) will be taken forth during the 3rd Tourism Group Meeting.

06 Mumbai

Disaster Risk Reduction Working Group

2nd Meeting
May 23-25, 2023

The month of May will be quite busy for the capital City of Maharashtra, Mumbai as it will also welcome the G20 delegates for the 2nd meeting of the Disaster Risk Reduction Working Group. The Disaster Risk Reduction Working Group focuses on achieving targets set by the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction. The G20 DRR Working Group's ongoing efforts are vital to ensure that communities around the globe are better prepared for and protected against the risks of disasters. This will also be the main focus during the upcoming 2nd Disaster Risk Reduction Working Group meeting.

07 Rishikesh

Anti-Corruption Working Group

2nd Meeting
May 25-27, 2023

Situated in the Himalayan foothills beside the Ganges River in the State of Uttarakhand, Rishikesh will host the 2nd Anti–Corruption Working Group Meeting. The primary goal of this group is to prepare. During the first meeting of (ACWG) considerable progress has been made in discussing the High-Level Principles on Improving Information sharing for fighting Corruption and related economic crimes, Strengthening Asset Recovery Mechanisms, Strengthening Law Enforcement Cooperation for Action against Corruption and Promoting Integrity and effectiveness of Public Bodies responsible for Preventing and Combating Corruption.

08 Bengaluru

Trade & Investment Working Group

2nd Meeting
May 23-25, 2023

The thriving "Silicon Valley of India" and the capital city of Karnataka, Bengaluru, will host the delegates for the 2nd meeting of the Trade & Investment Working Group. The meeting will further the progress towards building a shared understanding of the challenges being faced in accelerating global trade and investment. Additionally, the discussions will also explore how existing opportunities can be harnessed to formulate human-centric concrete outcomes and deliverables.

Media Coverage

Gandhinagar all decked up to host G-20 meet on disaster risk reduction

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA
@ Ahmedabad

THE first G-20 Disaster Risk Reduction Working Group (DRR WG) meeting under India's G20 Presidency is scheduled to take place in Gandhinagar from March 30 to April 1 this year.

The summit will feature more than 80 delegates from G-20 member nations, invitee nations and numerous international and regional organisations. The three developing and rising economies that make up the G-20 Troika — Indonesia, India, and Brazil—meet to discuss how to accelerate efforts to meet the goals outlined in the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction. The Sendai Framework's mid-term review, multilateral cooperation at all levels, and future global disaster risk reduction policies and initiatives will all be taken into account by the G-20 DRR WG.

India's National Disaster Management Authority, MHA, chaired by Kamal Kishore, Member Secretary, will lead the discussion during the DRR WG. Along with the main working group meeting, two side events are envisaged on 'Early Warning-Early Action' and 'Disaster Risk Reduction and its Impact on Global Infrastructure Resilience: Insights for the G20' respectively. Delegates will be hosted for 'Ratri Bhojan Samvad', which will be hosted by Gujarat CM.

Three DRR WG Meet make up the DRR Track

G-20 delegates from 17 countries were given traditional welcome on their arrival in Pant Nagar airport in Uttarakhand on Tuesday| EXPRESS

G-20 India Presidency, where talks will be placed on the following five priorities, including Global Coverage of Early Warning Systems, Strengthened National and Global Disaster Response System, and Increased Application of ecosystems-based approaches to DRR. Increased Commitment Towards Making Infrastrucure Systems - Disas...

G20 delegates all set to get a taste of tea garden life

'THERE HAS BEEN IMMENSE COOPERATION FROM STATE GOVT, GTA'

G-20: 'Focus on revival of tourism to pre-Covid status'

AMITAVA BANERJEE

DARJEELING: The G-20 Tourism Working Group will also focus on tourism revival to the pre pandemic status. Many countries are still struggling to revive tourism. India has fared well with 79 per cent recovery already achieved. "By the end of financial year 2023-24, Indian tourism industry is expected to recover to the pre-pandemic levels," stated Arvind Singh, Secretary, Tourism, Government...

Harsh Vardhan Shringla, Chief Coordinator, the G-20, Indian Presidency stated that the G-20 presidency is a golden opportunity for India. It will enable us to set our narrative in the global agenda as well as promote the immense potential of the country in the tourism and allied avenues

In Varanasi, India hosts 100th meet under its G20 presidency

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, APRIL 17

India celebrated a key milestone in its G20 presidency today, as it hosted 100th meeting which commenced in Varanasi.

Besides the meeting of G20 agricultural chief scientists in Varanasi, the day also saw meetings on health (Goa), digital economy (Hyderabad) and space economy (Shillong).

India's year-long G20 presidency commenced on December 1, 2022. In-person participation during India's G20 presidency is among the largest ever, say officials.

More than 12,300 delegates from over 110 nationalities have attended G20 meetings so far. This includes participation from G20 members, nine invitee countries and 14 international organisations.

As on date, 100 G20 meetings have been held in 41 cities, covering 28 states and Union Territories. India will host foreign delegates for more than 200 G20 meetings in around 60 cities across India, the widest geographical spread in any G20 presidency.

All 13 Sherpa Track Working Groups, eight Finance Track Work streams, 11 Engagement Groups and four initiatives have conducted substantial interactions.

To date, three ministerial meetings have been convened. The first Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors Meeting (FMCBG) was held in Bengaluru in February, the G20 Foreign Ministers' meeting was held in New Delhi and the second FMCBG meeting was in Washington DC this month.

PROMOTE CROP DIVERSIFICATION

G20 countries must promote crop diversification, efficient use of inputs such as fertilisers and post-harvest management. VK Singh, UNION MINISTER OF STATE

G20 meet discusses employment, inclusive growth, labour issues

ESS TRUST OF INDIA
Guwahati, April 3

THE SECOND MEETING of the Employment Working Group (EWG) of the G20 grouping began in Assam on Monday, to deliberate on a wide range of issues like labour, employment and social for an inclusive growth.

Addressing a press conference here, Union Labour and Employment Secretary Arti Ahuja said the three-day meet will discuss various issues under three broad areas.

"Under the first area, we will liberate on global skill gaps, in a second area is gig, platform economy and social protection. The last section will be sustainable financing for social protection," she added.

The EWG has a mandate of addressing priority labour, employment and social issues.

"They will also explore the feasibility of constructing a global skills taxonomy and developing harmonisation pathways in key sectors," he added.

The second theme will argue to extend social protection coverage to the gig and platform workers, Thakur said.

"It will also discuss the option to adopt and strengthen measures to bring platform and gig workers within social protection systems, including facilitating registration and data sharing mechanism," the joint secretary said.

Adequate levels of social spending during budget preparation will be stressed in the last area of discussion, Thakur said.

"Developing systems that help boost employment, investing in policies that support workers to remain in or return to work—these points will be taken into consideration in...

G20 delegates during a visit to take a ride on Darjeeling Himalayan Railway Toy Train in Darjeeling on Monday.

Historic opportunity to reform World Bank: FM

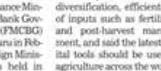**Prashant Jha**

WASHINGTON: With discussions around the evolution of multilateral development banks (MDBs) intensifying, Union finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Wednesday said that the calls to reinvigorate the World Bank present a "historic opportunity" to make the institution "fit for purpose" to achieve sustainable development goals as well as address national and global developmental challenges.

Sitharaman made the comments during a roundtable conference on "MDB evolution: Building Shareholder Consensus", hosted by United States treasury secretary Janet Yellen during the spring meetings of the International Monetary Fund and the Bank in Washington DC.

According to the ministry of finance, the discussions...

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