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74TH REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATIONS
The 17th edition of Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Convention was held in India’s cleanest city Indore, also known as the commercial capital of Madhya Pradesh, which geographically represents the heart of India.

The President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu graced the occasion and said that the Indian Diaspora today has become an important and unique force in the global system. She also conferred Pravasi Bhartiya Samman Awards, the nation’s highest recognition of the Diaspora members for their contributions to India and in their home countries.

Inaugurated by Hon’ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, Pravasi Bharatiya Divas is the flagship event of the Government of India that provides an important platform to engage and connect with overseas Indians and enable the diaspora to interact with each other.

The theme this year was ‘Diaspora: Reliable partners for India’s progress in Amrit Kaal’. Prime Minister Narendra Modi stated that he calls every Pravasi Bhartiya a national ambassador of India as they echo the voice of a powerful and capable India when the world evaluates their contributions.

Addressing a gathering of over 3500 members of the Indian diaspora from over 70 different countries, the Prime Minister highlighted that the world is looking keenly at India and hosting the G20 Summit is an opportunity for the country to

**“India is engaging with the world with greater self-confidence and a wider goal of securing national interests. This can be seen in our strong relations with all major countries, and our leadership on various global platforms.”**

*Droupadi Murmu*  
*President of India*

**“G20 is not just a diplomatic event but it should be turned into a historic event of public participation where one can witness the spirit of ‘Atithi Devo Bhava’. All the overseas Indians are the brand ambassadors of India on foreign soil.”**

*Narendra Modi*  
*Prime Minister of India*
showcase our development potential and lead the way for a more sustainable future. He also added that it’s not just a diplomatic event but an event of Jan Bhagidari where foreign dignitaries can experience the spirit of ‘Atithi Devo Bhava’.

As the world gets curious to know about India’s speed, scale and future, the Prime Minister mentioned that whether it’s space technology or India’s cashless economy, the world is surprised to see our nation’s growth. Underlining the skill and work ethics of Indian youth, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that the country has the opportunity to become the ‘skill capital’ of the world. He urged the non-resident Indians to share the glory of India with the next generation of Pravasi Bharatiyas.

Special Guests of Honour H.E. Dr Mohamed Irfaan Ali, the President of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana, and H.E. Mr Chandrikapersad Santokhi, Hon’ble President of the Republic of Suriname, Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh, Shri Shivraj Singh Chauhan, Governor of Madhya Pradesh, Shri Mangubhai Patel, Union Minister of External Affairs, Dr S Jaishankar, Ministers of States, Smt Meenakshi Lekhi, Shri V Muraleedharan and Dr Rajkumar Ranjan Singh were those present on occasion among others.

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Nirmala Sitharaman
Minister of Finance & Corporate Affairs

Dr S Jaishankar Chouhan
Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh

Amitabh Kant
Sherpa, G20 India

Harsh Vardhan Shringla
Chief Coordinator G20 India

“...”
As highlighted by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, India’s G20 Presidency strives to be inclusive, ambitious, action-oriented, and decisive. India has long held the tradition of active public participation at the core of its policy formulations. Our development models hold inclusivity at the core, and our G20 ambitions are in line with a human-centric approach to development. The same is reflected in our theme ‘Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam: One Earth, One Family, One Future’.

India recognises that the solutions to the world’s most pressing concerns can only be solved by working together. Not just governments, but also civil society, businesses, and youth, amongst others, have a crucial role to play. The Prime Minister’s vision of making development a Jan Andolan through Jan Bhadigari will be furthered through active participation of engagement groups.

The G20 Engagement Groups play a crucial role in the G20 negotiations as the voice of the civil society. Civil society will have a significant voice in shaping India’s G20 agenda through eleven engagement groups, namely: Business20 (B20), Youth20 (Y20), Women20 (W20), Think20 (T20), Science20 (S20), Labour20 (L20), Parliament20 (P20), Urban20 (U20), Supreme Audit Institutions20 (SAI20), Civil20 (C20), and Startup 20, which has been proposed under India’s Presidency for the first time.
These engagement groups are essential in guiding the nation’s ‘whole of society’ approach, and provide opportunities for lateral, subject-area experts to shape global narratives. In line with this aim, engagement groups bring together the brightest minds in civil society to synthesize holistic ideas into concrete policy measures, add a diversity of perspective, and specialised knowledge, to the issues being discussed at the Working Group level.

Additionally, January 2023 witnessed the exciting inaugural ceremonies of various engagement groups, including T20 in New Delhi, B20 in Gandhinagar, S20 in Puducherry, and Startup20 in Hyderabad. Each event contributed significantly to outreach and awareness surrounding India’s G20 priorities.

Each engagement group saw active participation from a diverse cohort of policy specialists, government representatives, civil society members, industry stalwarts, students, and budding entrepreneurs, among others.

The G20 Presidency’s pan-India approach to hosting meetings and emphasis on the concept of ‘Jan Bhagidari’ (citizen’s engagement) further demonstrates that this Presidency aims to make the G20 truly by the people, and for the people.
“Through the theme of G20, India wishes to inspire the world to care for each other and to have greater degrees of dialogue and concern for the planet and the future of our children.”

Piyush Goyal
Minister of Commerce & Industry, Consumer Affairs & Food & Public Distribution and Textiles

“Focused consumption and investment have given a long term productivity boost to India, resulting in robust growth.”

Ashwini Vaishnaw
Minister for Railways, Communications, Electronics & Information Technology

“Our startups are innovating, investing and inventing new products and experiences. The success of our startup ecosystem symbolises the passion, progress and the priority of the government in encouraging and hand holding these startups.”

G. Kishan Reddy
Minister of Culture, Tourism and Development of North Eastern Region
“Think20, can be the platform to utilise the congregation’s expertise and their vantage position in think tanks to strike a serious dialogue on what needs to be done.”

Hardeep Singh Puri  
Minister for Housing & Urban Affairs
India’s G20 Presidency
Opportunity for the Global South

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When Prime Minister Narendra Modi took on the mantle of G20 Presidency on behalf of India during the Bali Summit, he chose four crucial words to outline India’s G20 agenda - ‘inclusive, ambitious, action-oriented and decisive’. Looking at the way in which the world stands fragmented today, the word ‘inclusive’ seems pivotal to achieve anything substantial at the global level. Nonetheless, the harsh truth is that most multilateral forums still struggle in providing inclusive leadership and much of the Global South remains excluded from the key discussions shaping the global agenda.

In the month of January this year, India organised the largest digital conference of Leaders and Ministers from the developing world. The ‘Voice of the Global South Summit’ saw the participation of 125 nations, and reflected India’s desire to actively engage the Global South. It also represented a vital opportunity to consult developing countries on their expectations from a G20 under India’s Presidency.

In his inaugural address at the two-day Summit, organised on the theme ‘Unity of Voice, Unity of Purpose’, Prime Minister Narendra Modi called for a global agenda of ‘Respond, Recognize, Respect and Reform’ to re-energise the world. This, he elaborated, meant responding to the priorities of the Global South, recognizing the principle of ‘Common but Differentiated Responsibilities’, respecting the sovereignty of all nations, and reforming international institutions to
As India begins its G20 Presidency this year, it is natural that our aim is to amplify the Voice of the Global South. For our G20 Presidency, we have chosen the theme of – ‘One Earth, One Family, One Future’. We believe the path to realizing ‘oneness’ is through human-centric development.

To re-energise the world, we should together call for a global agenda of Respond, Recognize, Respect and Reform.

In the 20th Century, the developed countries were the drivers of the global economy. Clearly, in the 21st Century, global growth will come from countries of the South. I think that if we work together, we can set the global agenda.

Most of the global challenges have not been created by the Global South. But they affect us more. We have seen this in the impacts of COVID pandemic, climate change, terrorism and even the Ukraine conflict.

India’s G20 priorities will be shaped in consultation with not just our G20 partners, but also our fellow citizens in the Global South. This is an opportunity for India to articulate an agenda and for the Global South to show the way.

Narendra Modi
Prime Minister of India

Dr S Jaishankar
Minister of External Affairs

make them more relevant.

At the Concluding Leaders’ Session of the Summit, the Prime Minister envisioned a globalisation for developing countries that did not create a debt or climate crisis or over-concentration of global supply chains, and called for ‘a human-centric globalisation’ that brings prosperity and well-being to humanity as a whole. Understanding the need of aligning our interests for collectively shaping the global agenda, the participants agreed on tangible points: the need for the health sector to emphasise on traditional medicine and digital health solutions; deployment of digital public goods to accelerate financial inclusion; leveraging technology for distance education and sharing best practices for vocational training; and, moving away from ‘use and throw consumption’.

The Summit concluded with the announcement of several key initiatives by our Prime Minister. Abiding by the ethos of ‘Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam’, under the newly announced ‘Aarogya Maitri’ project, India would provide essential medical supplies to any developing country affected by natural disasters or humanitarian crises; connect young foreign ministry officials through a ‘Global-South Young Diplomats Forum’; and institute ‘Global-South Scholarships’ for students from developing countries to pursue higher education in India.

Lastly, the Summit acknowledged the significance of South-South cooperation and the imperative of collectively shaping the global agenda to achieve the goals of inclusive and equitable development. It is in this spirit that the ‘Voice of the Global South Summit’ has been a mutually beneficial initiative in engaging with our fellow travellers of the Global South on our developmental experiences and their expectations of India’s G20 Presidency.
The 1st G20 Global Partnership for Financial Inclusion (GPFI) Meeting under the G20 India Presidency was held on 9-11 January, 2023 in Kolkata, India. Three events related to the theme of digital financial inclusion and Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) were organised successfully as part of the GPFI meetings. Day 1 began with a Symposium on ‘Unlocking the Potentials of DPI for Advancing Financial Inclusion and Productivity Gains’ and an exhibition on ‘Digital Innovations for Advancing Financial Inclusion’. Both the events were attended by G20 delegates.

Two highly fruitful panel discussions on the role of DPI and the significance of the digital financial ecosystem approach to leveraging DPI were organised as part of the symposium. Key eminent domestic and international experts including Dr. Saurabh Garg, CEO, Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI), H.E. Mr. Henri Verdier, Ambassador for Digital Affairs, Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs, France, H.E. Ms. Nele Leosk, Ambassador-at-Large for Digital Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Estonia, Dr. Pramod Varma, Chief Architect Aadhaar & India Stack, Mr. Dilip Asbe, MD & CEO, National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), and Mr. Sopnendu Mohanty, CFO, Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS), and Mr. Chetan Krishnaswamy, Vice President – Public Policy, Amazon India participated in the events.

The symposium highlighted on the efficiencies, economies of scales, inter-operabilities and other merits of DPI and contributed to deepen the understanding of how DPI can be
leveraged to enhance financial inclusion and inclusive growth. The importance of governance and institutional structures in achieving equity, choice for consumers and promoting fair competition within the DPI based financial ecosystem was also emphasised. Detailed discussions were also held on the significance of an ecosystem approach for leveraging DPs for financial inclusion, with broad convergence on the positive roles they play. Speakers also underscored the role of markets in leading the innovations landscape in the digital financial ecosystem based on DPs and discussed ways to nurture market based innovation ecosystems to achieve desired outcomes for financial inclusion. Almost all the speakers spoke extensively about how India stack has helped in achieving higher level of financial inclusion in India.

An Exhibition on ‘Digital Innovations for Advancing Financial Inclusion’ was also organized on the 9th and 10th of January in collaboration with the Reserve Bank of India, supported by NABARD. The exhibition featured 12 stalls depicting India’s digital prowess on the theme of DPI for financial inclusion and was inaugurated by Dr. Saurabh Garg, CEO, UIDAI. The exhibition saw an impressive display of India’s achievements and efforts in advancing digital financial inclusion and showcased financial system infrastructure, emerging technologies, digital identification process flows for individuals, and digital innovations in financial inclusion. All the G20 delegates visited the exhibition and were given interactive experience about India’s digital innovations which have contributed to advancing financial inclusion in the country. Ms. Mamata Banerjee, Chief Minister of West Bengal and Ms. Shashi Panja, Minister of Industry, Commerce & Enterprise, Government of West Bengal also visited the Exhibition. The Exhibition was opened for school students who participated in the financial literacy programme held on the 10th January 2023.

The GPFI Plenary, held on the 10th and 11th of January at
the J W Marriott Hotel in Kolkata, focused on discussing and agreeing on priorities and a work program for the GPFI for 2023. The priorities for the year included leveraging digital public infrastructure for financial inclusion and productivity gains, completing the ongoing Financial Inclusion Action Plan 2020, preparing and adopting a new Financial Inclusion Action Plan 2023, and updating the GPFI Terms of Reference. Mr. Arjun Munda, Minister for Tribal Affairs, Government of India made the welcome address at the plenary. Members broadly supported the work program and priorities including the overarching priority of leveraging digital public infrastructure for financial inclusion and productivity gains.

As part of the citizen connect initiative under G20 Presidency, a domestic outreach event was also organized on the 10th of January, featuring a seminar on “Financial Literacy for Augmenting Digital Financial Inclusion” in collaboration with the Reserve Bank of India, supported by NABARD. Around 1800 Students from 21 schools in and around Kolkata participated in the event. The seminar was inaugurated by Mr. Arjun Munda, Minister for Tribal Affairs, Government of India. The Minister also addressed the students. Students were given presentations on the role and significance of G20 and were also given interactive talks on financial literacy.

With support and cooperation from the Government of West Bengal, dinner with light cultural programme was organised for the G20 delegates on a cruise on the River Ganges in the evening of the 9th January 2023. Gala dinner along with intense cultural events depicting cultural richness and variety of West Bengal were also organised on the evening of 10th January. In addition to that, “Taste of Street Foods” event at Victoria Memorial Hall in Kolkata with a light and sound show, portraying Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose’s life was also organised for the delegates on the evening of 11th January 2023.

The first GPFI meeting thus concluded successfully with enduring memories of highly enriched learnings from the symposium, a remarkable display of digital innovations to G20 delegates in the field of financial inclusion, fruitful discussions in the plenary and an informative financial literacy event.

“Financial Inclusion has been a bedrock of our development strategy, and delivering financial services to the last mile, the poorest of the poor has been one of the key priorities of the Indian Government right from the outset.”

Arjun Munda
Minister for Tribal Affairs
With 1.4 billion population, India has become the most populous country in the world. It has world’s 17.5% population but less than 4% of world’s freshwater resources. In India, out of 766 districts, 256 districts are water-stressed. In the country, per capita freshwater availability in 1951 was estimated to be 5,177 cubic meter which came down to 1,508 cubic meter in 2014 and is projected to be 1,465 cubic meter in 2024. If effective action is not taken to reverse this trend, by the year 2050, per capita freshwater availability is expected to drop to 1,235 cubic meters with huge regional variations. If per capita water availability is below 1,100 cubic meters, the area is characterized as water-stressed.

India is changing and changing fast. In 2019, it became a 3 trillion-dollar economy. However, COVID-19 pandemic impacted this growth trajectory. Despite this, India overcame the challenges and became the fastest growing big economy in the world. As a result, India became the world’s 5th largest and is on way to become 3rd largest economy by 2030. It aspires to become the 2nd largest economy by 2047, when it will be celebrating 100 years of its independence.

**Gujarat: From water scarcity to water security**

To ensure that this developmental journey is not interrupted, ensuring adequate water availability in every part of the country to meet the demands of every sector throughout the year, is of paramount importance. A drought-prone state like Gujarat which has about 70% area under arid and semi-arid zones has shown the way forward.

In mid–1980’s and late 1990’s, Gujarat experienced worst droughts of the century. Every third year used to be a drought year causing massive loss to agriculture. Drinking water used to be supplied by thousands of road tankers and even by railway rakes. In 1999-2000, Gujarat economy grew by mere 1.02%, which went down further to minus 4.89% in 2000-
2001. During 1997-2002, GSDP growth of Gujarat was only 2.8%. The paucity of water not only destroyed crops but also posed serious threat to public health and livestock.

In this backdrop, on October 7, 2001, Narendra Modi took over the responsibility of Chief Minister of Gujarat. The goal was clear – bring back the state to its feet again. He identified three problems – water scarcity, shrinking economy, and rehabilitation & reconstruction of earthquake-affected areas of the state, as his immediate priority. Paucity of water was the limiting factor in Gujarat’s quest of faster socio-economic development and high economic growth.

As a first step, completion of over-delayed Sardar Sarovar dam was accorded highest priority. With realization that rainwater has to be collected and stored wherever possible, rainwater harvesting and/or artificial recharge of underground aquifers were taken up in a big way. A state-wide drinking water grid was built to provide clean water free from contaminants to every part of the state. It was noticed that every year only about 24% capacity of water reservoirs in drought-prone North Gujarat, Saurashtra and Kutch used to get filled during the monsoon. For optimal utilization of existing water storage infrastructure, ‘Saurashtra Narmada Avtaran Irrigation’ (SAUNI) Yojana was planned and implemented. As a result, every year during monsoon, surplus water from Narmada was transferred and stored in about 115 reservoirs located in these regions. Gujarat was one of those states where ground water table was going down by 3 to 8 meters annually. These steps ensured that by 2008, depletion of ground water table was reversed and it started rising throughout the state.

In his 13 years at the helm, Narendra Modi ensured water security and put the state on the path of inclusive socio-economic development and high economic growth. As a result, in the last two decades Gujarat has clocked double digit growth bringing prosperity and improved quality of life to its people.

Water security at the national level

Following the success of an integrated water management approach in Gujarat, Prime Minister Narendra Modi created a single unified Ministry of Jal Shakti to handle all matters related to water. To collect rain water, improved sanitation is the key and therefore, Prime Minister launched Swachh Bharat Mission in 2014 to make India open-defecation free.

Namami Gange, another major initiative started in 2015, is a programme to revive and revitalize holy river Ganga, the cradle of Indian civilization. It has emerged as a model to restore other river systems. Now, 13 other major rivers have been taken up for making them perennial and pollution-free. To encourage people to focus on rainwater harvesting and artificial recharge of aquifers, in 2019, ‘Jal Shakti Abhiyan’ was launched as a mission-mode initiative especially in 256 water-stressed districts of the country, which has been universalized.

On 15th August, 2019, Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) to make provisions of tap water supply accessible to every rural household in the country by 2024. At the time of announcement, out of 193.69 million rural households, only 32.36 million (16.69%) households had tap water connections. In the last three years, despite COVID–19 pandemic, JJM has been implemented with speed and scale. As a result, by January, 2023, more than 110.73 million (57%) households have provision of clean tap water in their households. Similarly, provision of tap water in more than 87% schools and 82% anganwadi centres have been made along with tap water in toilets and handwashing facilities for children, thus ensuring better health and growth of children.

A recent study by Nobel Laureate Prof Kramer, University of Chicago showed that with only 50% coverage with provision of potable tap water supply, JJM is able save lives of at least 1.36 lakh children every year from water-borne diseases. In the last three years, water-borne diseases have reduced drastically.

India’s water security model for the world

It is well known that management and use of modern technology have been missing in the water sector in India. By combining management, technologies, and people’s participation, Gujarat has shown the way and now these missions, is the way forward to achieve water security to support high economic growth and bring in prosperity. Centred around people, technology, climate and sustainability, these initiatives have enabled affordable, scalable, and reliable models for the entire world, especially the global South, which are being shared by India during its G20 Presidency.
India’s G20 Presidency in 2023 is a mega event which is being held at an unprecedented scale, not only in India, but also in comparison to previous G20 Summits. During its year-long G20 Presidency, India will host over 200 meetings in more than 50 cities across its vast and varied landscape, including remote places. The rationale behind this undertaking is that besides furthering the substantive agenda of the G20, India aims to project its strengths and potential as a favourable destination for tourists and businesses. Additionally, it also provides us with a window to showcase our rich cultural, civilisational, and historical legacy.
In light of all of this, it becomes a mammoth task for the Government to coordinate and organise all G20 meetings without a glitch because the world is looking at us to deliver substantial outcomes. We have venues in more than 50 cities covering all States and Union Territories with diverse geographical features and terrains, so this puts enormous infrastructural and organisational challenges before us. A few important areas include: locating suitable venues; handling security aspects; infrastructural issues such as medical facilities, road connectivity, airport connectivity; and, putting the cultural and touristic value on display for our foreign guests. We must ensure smooth functioning of hospitality and security in addition to website management and providing technical support to G20 meetings. In many critical areas such as security, medical support, and local infrastructure, we require close involvement of states to provide resources and manpower for showcasing the culture and tourism potential of the states, as well as any other regional interests that foreign delegates might have.

As Prime Minister Narendra Modi has issued a clarion call to make Jan Bhagidari a strong element of India’s G20 Presidency, we are also connecting with different regions through festivals to fulfil his vision. The recent Hornbill festival in Nagaland was decorated with the G20 theme, and similarly, Sangai Festival in Manipur and the International Kite Festival in Gujarat were part of our cobranding exercise. We have been conducting training programmes for taxi drivers, police officers, and liaison officers, and have roped in students and interns from hospitality institutes in a bid to take G20 to the grassroots level. The G20 is a unique opportunity to create capacity, enhance the existing ones, and boost connectivity so that the world gets to know how impressively India has transformed whilst embracing its rich diversity and culture. We can achieve these objectives only through a whole-of-government approach, supplemented by close involvement of our citizenry, especially the youth.
India’s vision of a healthier world emanates from the philosophy of Vasudhaiva Kutumbhkam (the world is one family). In health terms, this principle encourages G20 members to collaborate to create universal solutions.

The first Health Working Group (HWG) meeting under India’s G20 Presidency was held from 18th-20th January 2023 in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala – God’s own Country. It was attended by 158 Delegates from 25 member countries (all G20 member states barring South Africa), Special Invitee Countries, and 28 International Organizations, making the 1st HWG one of the most widely attended events of the Sherpa track so far.

India’s health track aims to build consensus globally, focusing on converging on-going efforts, mapping health resources, and connecting them to most deserving areas, so health equity can be ensured globally, particularly for the Global South. With the 1st HWG meeting, India showcased its commitment and leadership for a collective solution to global health challenges, emerging as the Voice of the Global South.

As per the vision of the Hon’ble Prime Minister, India’s G20 Health priorities are inclusive, ambitious, decisive, and action oriented. India’s target during its Presidency is to have tangible outcomes and therefore the Health Working Group remains focused on deliverables and not just a Declaration or Diplomatic Dialogue among G20 member states. India’s priorities were met...
with resounding support from all Member Countries and International Organisations.

The inaugural session was chaired by Shri V Muraleedharan, Hon’ble MoS, Ministry of External Affairs and Dr. Bharati Pravin Pawar, Hon’ble MoS, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare following which each priority was introduced and discussed in detail across the following day and a half.

Under the 1st Priority discussions, it was commonly agreed that there is a need for convergence in efforts for Global Health Emergency Prevention, Preparedness, and Response with a focus on One Health and Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR). 2nd priority discussions outlined the need for R&D and Manufacturing Networks for Vaccines, Drugs and Diagnostics across the world to manage future pandemics, besides creation of a Global Medical Countermeasures Coordination Platform for equitable distribution across the world. The 3rd Priority discussions focussed on converging efforts in Digital Health for UHC through a G20 Global Initiative on Digital Health technology such that technology could be democratized and digital public health goods can be made easily accessible for all.

A Side Event on Medical Value Travel was organised to build consensus in G20 countries for promotion of holistic, value-based healthcare through Medical Tourism. Both events also had world-class exhibitions on the side-lines showcasing India’s health sector initiatives (25 stalls) and Indian prowess in Medical Value Travel (both modern and traditional medicine) (28 stalls) respectively.

Keeping with Indian ethos of Atithi Devo Bhava, the delegates were indulged with rich traditions and diverse experiences leaving them with unforgettable memories from their visit. As the delegates arrived at the airport, they were given a warm and traditional reception giving them a glimpse of the rich heritage and legacy of Kerala. Lounges were created at both International and Domestic arrival and departure terminals.

In all, four dinners - including a gala dinner - were hosted for the delegates even as they indulged evening full of
bonhomie and cheer. The gala dinner was also attended by Hon’ble Governor and Hon’ble CM of Kerala besides other dignitaries from the state. The menu across all dinners featured not only continental cuisines but Kerala-focused cuisine as well as Millet counters (in line with Hon’ble Prime Minister’s vision for International Year of the Millets) providing delegates with unique culinary experiences. A stunning myriad of breathtaking cultural programs were organized by the state and Indian Council for Cultural Relations. In all 13 multiple cultural performances were showcased including Kathakali, Mohiniyattam, Theyyam, Kalaripayattu, Bamboo music symphony etc.,

A yoga session at the Beach was organized for all the delegates which was widely appreciated. Delegates were also taken to Kerala Arts and Crafts Village to showcase multiple traditional handicrafts from Kerala. Delegates were taken to KIMS Health Hospital and Somatheeram Ayurveda Resort to showcase India’s prowess in both modern and traditional medicine. A visit to a Jan Aushadi Kendra was organized to showcase India’s approach to provide quality and affordable medicines to citizens.

To ensure widest possible coverage, a detailed communication strategy covering both traditional and digital media was implemented. Even before the event, 12 opinion articles on India’s health priorities by global experts had been published. In all, 250 media articles published on the Health Working Group Meeting. A detailed Pre-Event Press Briefing was organized in Thiruvananthapuram with 85 representatives from National and Regional Media in attendance. The 3-day event was documented and communicated extensively through social media including Twitter, Instagram, YouTube and Facebook. 47 positive testimonials of delegates were captured live during the meeting and shared on socials.

As the adage goes ‘Aarogyam Param Bhagyam, Swasthyam Sarwaarth Sadhanam’ or good health is the greatest fortune, therefore investing in healthcare is investing in future. The need of the hour is to focus on long-term measures to build stronger, more resilient health systems that can prevent and prepare for future health related challenges, while maintaining essential health services. Therefore, the meeting in Thiruvananthapuram set the stage for important conversations on the creation of a resilient and fit for purpose Global Health Architecture.

The next/second meeting of the Health Working Group will be held on 17-19 April 2023 in Goa with a side event on Digital Health.
The first meeting of the Infrastructure Working Group (IWG) was held in the beautiful city of Pune, Maharashtra, from 16-17 of January, 2023. The meeting was attended by 64 delegates from 18 member countries, 8 guest countries and 8 international organisations. The city of Pune offered a great cultural experience to the visiting delegates. From the traditional welcome at the airport to the rich Maharashtrian cuisine and delicacies, delegates experienced the grandeur of Indian hospitality in every way.

The IWG meeting in Pune set the stage for conversations relating to Financing Cities of Tomorrow, which are inclusive, resilient and sustainable — the flagship theme for this year’s IWG. While inaugurating the two-day meeting, Narayan Rane, Minister of MSME, Government of India, set the stage for the IWG priorities and underlined that the theme of the G20 Indian Presidency, ‘Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam’ or One Earth, One Family, One Future aligns with India’s traditional ethos of ‘shared prosperity’.

The delegates welcomed India’s proposed 2023 Infrastructure Agenda, and its relevance was well noted by everyone. The members appreciated the Presidency’s vision to build on the legacy work and achieve meaningful progress across the workstreams. The meeting also discussed other important themes, such as exploring ways to collate the data on Infrastructure spending and make the data useful for the private sector.

On the side-lines, the Pune meeting was also complemented by a High-Level Workshop on ‘Financing of Cities of Tomorrow’, wherein over 15 international experts discussed the issues related to the financing of the cities of tomorrow. Divided into three inter-related sessions, the Workshop
focused on the infrastructure and related technical and managerial capacity needed to build the Cities of Tomorrow. The Workshop discussed how the cities of tomorrow must tie together their key administrative functions – their planning, funding, and financing – to increase private sector participation. The Workshop also discussed how cities and higher governments could prepare themselves to increase private financing for Cities of Tomorrow.

The meeting also witnessed extensive public participation via various Jan Bhagidari events. Key events included G20 Cyclothon (participation by 1800 cyclists), Cleanliness Drive (at 150 places by 15 zonal offices), Model G20 sessions in six different institutions (5000 students participants), a National seminar on Urban Development (attended by over 300 participants, including Municipal Commissioners from many states), Lecture on G20 (attended by 250 students in person and 700 institutions virtually), Tree Plantation and Q&A sessions with the local FM channels.

During the afternoon of 16 January, a tree plantation programme was organised, wherein the delegates planted trees at the Savitribai Phule Pune University Campus. Before the High-Level Workshop, the delegates were presented with traditional pheta/turbans. Everyone participated in the traditional welcome with great enthusiasm.

As part of the ‘Ratri Bhoj Par Samvad’, the delegates were introduced to the rich cultural heritage of Maharashtra through a vibrant cultural performance. The artists performed a musical play representing the glory of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj which included elements of various Marathi dances such as Lavani, Karpallavi, Potraj, Mardani Khel etc. The

“In the last eight years, our country has successfully drawn the attention of various nations to its expanding infrastructure and other development.”

Narayan Rane
Minister of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
cultural programme was followed by a gala dinner, which offered Indian delicacies to the delegates to experience and relish. The cuisine was rich with local flavours and millet specialities.

During the IWG meeting, the delegates also had the opportunity to experience Pune’s rich history and culture. After the conclusion of the 1st IWG meeting on 17 January, the Presidency arranged two optional tours to explore the city of Pune. 17 delegates participated in the heritage walk, which took them around historical places like Shaniwar Wada, Lal Mahal and Dagdu Seth Ganpati Temple, culminating with a traditional breakfast. 15 delegates chose the Pune City Tour, wherein they were given a tour of the city and the Aga Khan Palace. Overall, the delegates had productive meetings and were also exposed to the rich cultural experiences that Pune had to offer.

The G20 IWG discussions in Pune paved the way for the upcoming year for discussing the Infrastructure agenda and curated a memorable and unique experience of India for the delegates.
The first meeting of the G20 Financial Architecture International Working Group (IFA) under the India’s Presidency was held during 30-31 January, 2023 in Chandigarh - the City Beautiful. The meeting saw the participation of nearly 100 delegates representing G20 Members, Guest Countries, and International Organizations. The meeting was inaugurated by the Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Shri Narendra Singh Tomar, and the Union Minister of Food Processing Industries, Shri Pashupati Kumar Paras. The IFA WG is co-chaired by France and South Korea. The meeting was jointly steered by them and India, represented by the Ministry of Finance and the Reserve Bank of India.

Prior to this meeting, a number of Jan Bhagidari events were held across Chandigarh to raise awareness about the G20 Presidency in 2023 and its theme “Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam” or “One Earth-One Family-One Future”. These events included a G20-themed Cyclothon, a
Republic Day Tableau, an intra-college Model United Nations conference, street plays, a quiz competition, an essay writing competition, a debate, a slogan writing competition, weekend cultural events, and radio jingles, among others. A G20 outreach seminar on ‘Central Bank Digital Currency: The India Story’ was also organised by RBI to create awareness about India’s Digital Rupee. A live demonstration of Digital Rupee transactions was also made to provide a glimpse of the real user experience. These Jan Bhagidari events saw enthusiastic participation of students, volunteers, artists, academicians, state government officials, commercial bank officials and representatives from national and local print as well as electronic media.

The G20 IFA WG has been actively guiding dialogue and action toward enhancing the stability and cohesion of the international financial architecture, while safeguarding the interests of the vulnerable. Building on the progress achieved so far, the G20 IFA WG under India’s G20 Presidency will facilitate concrete steps to ensure that the international financial architecture is well-equipped to address shared global challenges and continues to provide maximum support to vulnerable groups. Focus areas of the Working Group in 2023 will include strengthening international financial institutions to deal with transboundary challenges along with development financing, addressing global debt vulnerabilities, and strengthening financial resilience, among others. The agenda proposed for the IFA WG received strong support from members, guest countries, and international organisations during the meeting.

On the sidelines of this meeting, a G20 side event on ‘Central Bank Digital Currencies (CBDCs): Opportunities and Challenges’ was held on 30 January 2023. The event was aimed at sharing experiences of countries and developing a deeper understanding of the macroprudential implications of CBDCs. The delegates were also provided an opportunity to experience the vibrance of Chandigarh and a taste of the city’s cuisine and art. Governor of Punjab and Administrator of Chandigarh, Shri Banwarilal Purohit welcomed the delegates to a Gala dinner at the beautiful Sukhna Lake. A special G20-themed light and sound show was organized for the delegates. Dance and musical performances rooted in the multi-cultural setting of Chandigarh showcased India’s rich cultural diversity. Other events included guided tours to the Rock Garden, Virasat-e-Khalsa, and a polo match. On special request, a visit to the Capitol Complex designed by the French architect Le Corbusier was organised for the delegates.

"G20 has its own credibility and legitimacy, and this forum has proven to be useful in extending the benefits of discussions held in the past to vulnerable sections of society."

Narendra Singh Tomar
Minister of Agriculture & Farmers’ Welfare
delegates from France.

The discussion during the first IFA WG meeting will inform the G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors (FMCBG) Meeting scheduled to be held during 24-25 February 2023 in Bengaluru. The IFA WG will now initiate work on various deliverables envisaged under the G20 Finance Track for 2023. During the course of India’s Presidency, this group will meet again in March, June, and September to continue discussions on 2023 priorities and deliverables. The strong support for the group’s agenda marks a good beginning of the work to be undertaken by the IFA WG towards the achievement of envisaged outcomes in time for the G20 Leaders’ Summit in September 2023.

“It’s a matter of great happiness that India has assumed the Presidency of G20. It has filled the hearts of citizens with pride.”

Pashupati Kumar Paras
Minister of Food Processing Industries
### COMING UP

**February 2023**

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COLOURS OF G20 INDIA AT THE INTERNATIONAL KITE FESTIVAL 2023

While G20 meetings in various cities have given India the opportunity to showcase its treasure of cultural heritage, the festivals across the length & breadth of the country have not been left untouched by the G20 vibe. Year 2023 began with the International Kite Festival of Gujarat which saw over 125 kite enthusiasts participating from over 68 countries. This week-long festival was based on the G20 theme of ‘One Earth, One Family, One Future’. While inaugurating the festival, Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel said, ‘it is an opportunity to touch the sky and reach new heights. Kites are a symbol of progress, prosperity, and flight’.

MODEL G20 SUMMIT

A model G20 summit was organised for students of over 20 schools in Bengaluru, Karnataka on January 30, 2023. The Bengaluru South Member of Parliament Tejasvi Surya had organised the model G20 Summit to inspire young minds. Around 70 student delegates symbolically representing G20 member nations and guest countries discussed issues related to Green development, climate finance and lifestyle for environment.
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INNOVATIVE USE OF WASTE MATERIAL

The Regional Passport Office (RPO) in Hyderabad created a G20 logo using only waste material from office premises. An interesting idea inspired by Mission LiFE introduced by Hon’ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

G20 SNOW SCULPTURE

A spectacular snow sculpture of G20 logo by the local artists at Khree Sultan Cho Sports Stadium in Kargil, Ladakh. This was on the occasion of India’s 74th Republic Day.

SEMINAR ON G20

Starting early is starting smart. At the 1st GPFI meeting in Kolkata, an exhibition and seminar on financial literacy was organised to educate school students on banking, digital payments, insurance, investment, fraud protection as well as grievance redressal. The initiative witnessed participation of about 1800 school students from all over West Bengal.

G20 CYCLOTHON

In run-up to the 1st G20 Meeting of Infrastructure Working Group in Pune, a cyclothon was organised by Pune Municipal Corporation on 7th January where citizens participated in large numbers and paddled their way with energy and enthusiasm.
News from G20 Secretariat

SPECIAL CYBER SECURITY BRIEFING FOR G20 SECRETARIAT

On January 20, 2023, G20 Secretariat held an interactive workshop on Cyber Security and Accreditation in light of the G20 preparations for delegates of all participating ministries of Government of India at Sushma Swaraj Bhavan in New Delhi.

MIT STUDENTS INTERACT WITH INDIA’S G20 SHERPA

On January 12, 2023, India’s G20 Sherpa Amitabh Kant held an interaction with bright young students from Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) at Sushma Swaraj Bhavan in New Delhi. He discussed India’s G20 Presidency and how it can be leveraged to drive global consensus amidst the challenging times.

G20 PE CHARCHA

On January 20, 2023, India’s G20 Chief Coordinator Harsh Vardhan Shringla began a unique Jan Bhagidari initiative to interact with the citizens. He took to Twitter inviting G20 related questions from everyone interested in G20 India on the 20th of every month and answered many of the questions which kept pouring throughout the day.

INDIA’S G20 SHERPA MEETS UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT

On January 30, 2023, Csaba Korösi, President of the 77th session of the United Nations General Assembly met with G20 India Sherpa Amitabh Kant & team to discuss measures and solutions devised under India’s leadership of the group to support transformation.
Women-led Development: Key Focus

INDIA POST EMPOWERING WOMEN

Dr. Annu Paul Sharma
Assistant Director General in
Department of Posts, New Delhi

Padma, Sanskrit word meaning lotus, the logo of G20 under presidency of India is also seat of Goddess Lakshmi, the Goddess of Wealth and Prosperity in Indian Culture, and is a commonly used adjective for women in India, where women don’t just run and manage the household but also step out to earn and provide financial security to the family. Hence the theme of G20 ‘Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam’, symbolising the world as one family resonates the role of women in driving the economies around the world. The article deals with how Department of Posts under Government of India has been an enabler for Women, and their Wealth and Prosperity.

Indian subcontinent with its tendency to save the earnings for future has found the Department as a trustworthy partner and has stood testimony of time. Post Office in India has been providing financial services since the year 1882, and with passing of a century the same has been extended through its enviable network of more than 159,000 Post Offices. It is also the largest such network in the world, with 90 % of its branches situated in rural hinterland. Positioning of Department of Posts as financial inclusion facilitator with its easy accessibility, affordability, ease of using financial services through its multiple channels and trust on local staff for all monetary matters has led to creation of a preferred ecosystem for the countrymen. India Post’s unique model of Assisted Mode of Banking, where counter clerks assist customers in their financial and banking transactions is an important pull factor, further extended through its ground-based activities like financial literacy camps, awareness drives throughout the nation targeting one and all.

India Post holds over 72.3 million accounts of women and 28.9 million accounts of girl children. Additionally, 18.9 million savings certificates have been brought by the women. This adds up to more than 120 million such small savings accounts and certificates. Not only this, the Department, in keeping up with advances in financial technology has launched “India Post Payments Bank (IPPB)” in the year 2018, a 100% Government of India owned company, which has further added 27.6 million women operated accounts in the system. While this is a feat in itself, the Department is also a major contributor in social security initiatives launched by the Government to bridge the gap.

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- Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana, Exclusive financial scheme for Girl child
- Mega Camp in Jodhpur, Rajasthan
- Department of Posts has also been serving as an important limb in Government of India’s initiative to transfer all social security, subsidy, scholarships as well as incentives directly to the beneficiaries through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT). It ensures direct credit into the account of the beneficiary, eliminates leakage and improves efficiency. The facility is extended to Women Oriented/Targeted schemes like Prime Minister Matr Vandana Yojana (maternity benefit scheme), Janani Surakasha Yojana (promoting institutional delivery among poor pregnant women), Stipend for Disabled girls under IEDSS component of Samagra Shiksha and a lot more. Since its inception in year 2016 an amount of over ₹87 billion has been disbursed to women beneficiary through Post Office, whereas apart from these Women specific schemes overall DBT disbursed by the Department of Posts since 2016 stands at ₹361 billion of which women are an equal beneficiary (Exhibit 1)
gender gap. One such initiative is the “Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana” under the national campaign of “Beti Bachao Beti Padhao” which translates to ‘Save and Educate the Girl Child’. Launched in the year 2015, this a unique financial security scheme for girls under the age of 10. Here, a yearly investment made by the parent/guardian for a fixed period of time ensures that the money will be available at her disposal from the age of 18 years. Under this scheme, Department of Posts has opened more than 27 million such accounts and has a whopping share of 84% of such accounts in the entire country, showcasing the impact the Post Office has.

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India Post has a varied profile with mail, financial services, insurance as mainstay but is also a last mile agent in providing citizen centric services at doorstep which comes to aid women who are reluctant to approach institutions. These ad-ons include plethora of options like Aadhaar card enrolment and updation, passport application/renewal related service, and G2C/B2C services through Common Service Centres. Women centricity has always been there in scheme of things, major operations are being run of the women, by the women and for the women. In providing for these, the Department has a unique amalgamation of ‘Women for Women’ in day to day operations to target groups (women). IPPB has empowered postwomen (Women Dakiya) by augmenting their societal status as banking service providers across rural and urban India and has provided them technological and financial literacy. Government’s National Rural Livelihood Mission which reaches out to all poor households in the country and links them to sustainable opportunities, has onboarded IPPB to make self-help group members as banking correspondent - “Sakhis” for extending banking services to the community, especially women, while providing livelihood to women. In addition to this, the Department also has a unique component of Small Savings Agents, and more so specifically Mahila Pradhan Kshetriya Bachat Yojana Agents, where more than 200,000 Women agents promote small savings amongst customers by providing assistance in small savings investments, regular deposits and all related task through home visits.

Overall impact of a humble Post Office on women and society as a whole has been of magnanimous proportions. The long-standing Department of Posts is not only a part of history in terms of spreading pecuniary refuge, but also fulfils every requirement of citizen like a friend, further striving to continue serving the citizens with excellence in future. In the end, the Department of Posts welcomes G20 members to experience India Post’s unique connection with people of the country.

**Exhibit 1: Scheme based Cash transfers through Post Office**
Media Coverage

**G20 infra working group meeting kicks off today**

Focus on ‘Financing Cities of Tomorrow’

**‘INCLUSIVE, RESILIENT AND SUSTAINABLE’**

- Financing Cities of Tomorrow: Resilient and Sustainable
- Taking Part
  - 10 delegates
  - 5 countries

**FOCUS AREAS**

- Equity of funding: ensuring cities receive adequate financing
- Resilient urban infrastructure: building future-ready urban areas
- Energy-efficient urban infrastructure: minimizing waste and costs
- Funding for public transport
- Building affordable housing: ensuring everyone has access to a home

**IN THE NEWS**

A high-level workshop was convened in Mumbai on 15 February. Organized by the Technical and Administrative Support to the Summit Group (TASSG), the event was held at the Regional Office of the UN Environment Programme (UNEP). The workshop was attended by representatives from various countries and organizations involved in the G20 process. The discussions focused on the role of cities in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the importance of inclusive, resilient, and sustainable urban development.

"India takes G20 Presidency at critical time, will provide solutions," says Chief Coordinator Harsh Shringla

**India to host virtual summit of about 120 developing countries in January**

NEW DELHI, Jan 6 (Reuters) - India will host a virtual summit of about 120 developing countries next week, its foreign minister said on Friday, as the country looks to bolster international cooperation during its presidency of the Group of 20 (G20) biggest economies.
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**GUEST COUNTRIES**

**G20 India**

- Bangladesh
- Egypt
- Mauritius
- Netherlands
- Nigeria
- Oman
- Singapore
- Spain
- UAE

**Essence of G20 felt at India’s 74th Republic Day**

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