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“Data for development will be an integral part of the theme of India’s G20 chairmanship. The inclusive digital architecture will bring about socio-economic transformation. In the next 10 years, we will bring digital transformation in every person’s life.”

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi

The [Education Working Group \(EdWG\)](#) was established in 2018 during Argentina’s G20 Presidency. EdWG focuses on strengthening learning outcomes and equitable access through technological tools, digitalization, universal quality education, financing, partnerships for education, and international cooperation. EdWG also collaborates with Employment and other Working Groups to address cross-cutting issues like skill development and school-to-work transition.

2nd Education Working Group (EdWG) Meeting

The G20 2nd Education Working Group held its deliberations in Amritsar from March [15-17, 2023](#). The meeting focused on the role of Edutech, innovative teaching methods & other crucial factors that can help formulate better practices and policies in education globally.¹



¹ <https://twitter.com/g20org/status/1635843876257959936?s=20>

The two-day meeting deliberated on the four identified priority areas:

- ❖ Ensuring Foundational Literacy and Numeracy especially in context of blended learning
- ❖ Making Tech-enabled learning more inclusive, qualitative and collaborative at every level
- ❖ Building Capacities, promoting Life-long Learning in the context of Future of Work
- ❖ Strengthening Research, promoting Innovation through richer collaboration and partnerships

Day 1: March 15, 2023

On the first day of the [EdWG Meeting](#), several sessions were held to shed light on the identification of relevant policies and best practices for research & innovations.

Session 1: Exploring new frontiers by strengthening research prowess

This session focused on Research in Emerging & Disruptive Technologies, Industry – 4.0, and SDGs.



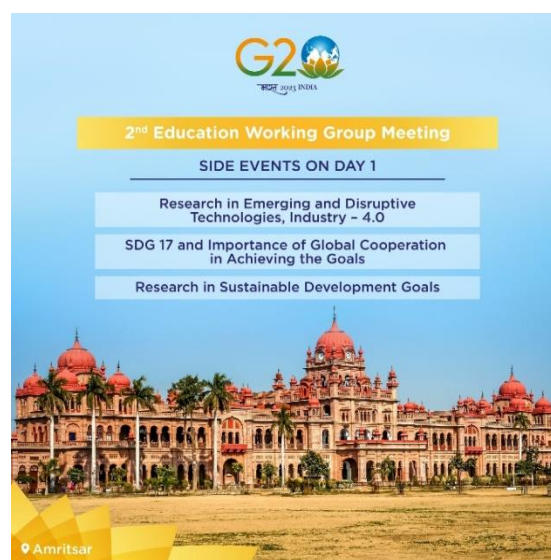
Session 2: Scaling up research & Edu-Tech led solutions in an inclusive & sustainable way

In this session, the discussions were centered on Research in Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) with richer collaborations.

Furthermore, [three Side Events](#) were also organized on the first day of the EdWG meeting which is mentioned below:

1. Research in Emerging and Disruptive Technologies, Industry - 4.0
2. SDG 17 and the Importance of Global Cooperation in Achieving the Goals
3. Research in Sustainable Development Goals.

A Panel Discussion was also organised which



focused on harnessing the power of research in emerging and disruptive technologies. The panel deliberated on innovative teaching methods that can help formulate [better practices and policies in education](#) globally.



Exhibition

[With over 90 stalls](#), an exhibition on the sidelines of the 2nd EdWG in Amritsar featured startups, organisations, intricate crafts, and more.



Day 2: March 16, 2023

On the second day of the [EdWG Meeting](#), several sessions were held, where delegates explored effective strategies to strengthen the foundation of collaborative efforts in the education sector between the G20 member countries & organizations.



Session 1: Emphasizing research and innovation-led development

In this session, the discussions were focused on [bolstering international cooperation](#) in research and innovation and exploring innovative ways to revolutionize the global education system.

Session 2: Strengthening capacities & life-long learning culture

In this session, the discussions happened around the ongoing expansion of knowledge & skill sets with continuous learning; [enabling capacity development](#) in line with changing demands of workplaces.



Session 3: A multi-faceted learning ensures a strong foundation for life

In this session delegates explored strategies for augmenting student learning outcomes through universal Foundational Literacy and Numeracy in the foundational stage.

Day 3: March 17, 2023

Day three of the 2nd EdWG meeting commenced with discussions focused on [providing valuable insights into creating a tech-enabled learning environment](#) that promotes equal opportunities, maintains quality standards, and encourages global collaboration across all levels of education.

Discussed agendas on day three of the 2nd EdWG meeting were:

- 1. Making Tech-enabled Learning more Inclusive, Qualitative, and Collaborative at every level.**
- 2. Discussion on the G20 Education Working Group Report**



Session 1: A tech-driven change toward empowering students globally

This session highlighted the role of [emerging technology in education](#) and explored innovative ways to unlock opportunities and further diversify the learning landscape.



Exhibition

A multimedia exhibition was organized on the sidelines featuring participation from industry, academia, and start-up initiatives. This exhibition was open to local institutions, students, academicians, and researchers.²



Cultural Highlights

The delegates were entertained with traditional performances including [Bhangra](#), [Jhoomar](#), [Shehnai](#), [Qawwali](#), [Folk Orchestra](#), and interesting mime acts, which showed Punjab's rich culture.



² <https://twitter.com/PIBChandigarh/status/1635982466212151298?s=20>

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