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“Tradition and technology are our strength, and with this strength, we can prepare the best model related to disaster resilience not only for India but for the entire world.”

[- Prime Minister Narendra Modi](#)

The G20 Disaster Risk Reduction Working Group, under the Indian Presidency, held its third and final meeting in Chennai from July 24 - July 26, 2023. This marked the first time that a dedicated working group on Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) has been constituted, signifying India's commitment to addressing global challenges posed by disasters and climate emergencies.

This meeting brought together G20 Countries and their leadership, international organisations, and knowledge partners to engage in drafting the Communique encapsulating shared commitments and key recommendations regarding the working group's priority areas. These areas include

- The Global Coverage of Early Warning Systems
- Disaster and Climate Resilient Infrastructure
- Financing Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction
- Disaster Response System
- The Ecosystem-based Approach to DRR.

The event was graced by notable dignitaries, including G20 Sherpa Ambassador Shri Amitabh Kant, Dr. P.K Mishra, Principal Secretary to Prime Minister; and Ms. Mami Mizutori, Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General among others.

Before this, two other meetings of the Disaster Risk Reduction Working Group were held. [1st Disaster Risk Reduction Working Group Meeting](#) in Gandhinagar, Gujarat from March 30th - April 1st, 2023, and [2nd Disaster Risk Reduction Working Group](#) Mumbai, Maharashtra from May 23rd – 25th, 2023

Day 1: July 24, 2023

The first day of the meeting commenced with an inaugural session addressed by Principal Secretary to Prime Minister, Dr P. K. Mishra, the G20 India Sherpa Shri Amitabh Kant, and Head of UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR), Mami Mizutori.

The Principal Secretary emphasized that the impacts of climate change-related disasters are enormous and interconnected in nature and are already knocking on our doors. Noting the challenges faced by



the world and the impact of climate change affecting everyone across the planet, the Principal Secretary underlined the importance of the G20 Disaster Risk Reduction Working Group. He underlined that the time for incremental change has now passed and the stage is set for the transformation of local, national, and global systems for preventing the creation of new disaster risks and effectively managing the existing ones.



On the first day, the delegates engaged in detailed discussions focusing on the Draft Outcome Document for priorities like **'Global Coverage of Early Warning Systems'** and more.

On the sidelines of the 3rd DRRWG Meeting, the delegates discussed the intricacies of **'Capturing the Resilience Dividend towards Closing the Infrastructure Gap'** and **'Enhancing Disaster Resilient Infrastructure Governance'**.



Two Side Events were also organised on the first day on the themes of

- **Capturing the Resilience Dividend Towards Closing the Infrastructure Gap**
- **Enhancing Disaster Resilient Infrastructure Governance**



Day 2: June 25, 2023

On the second day, DRRWG delegates continued deliberations on the Draft Outcome Document focusing on priority areas of '**Disaster & Climate Resilient Infrastructure**' and '**Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction**'.

The delegates furthered deliberations on the Draft Outcome Document focusing on the priorities such as '**Disaster Response System**', '**Ecosystem-based Approach to DRR**', and the way forward.



Day 3: July 26, 2023

On the final day of the meeting, two side event were organised on the themes of

- **Building Capacities and Enhancing Cooperation on Disaster Response, Recovery and Rehabilitation**

- **Women-led and Community-based DRR: Investing in Participatory, Localised Pathways to Disaster Resilience.**

The third and final day of the meeting witnessed G20 members accepting the relevant action points under the five priority areas.



The consensus amongst countries reaffirmed their commitment towards the **Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030** (Sendai Framework), to prevent new and reduce the existing disaster risks. The members agreed on accelerating their efforts to enhance universal coverage of multi-hazard early warning systems and transforming them into early action. They will foster collaborations between different stakeholders to build capacities to support anticipatory action and promote pre-arranged financing so that early action saves lives and livelihoods.

Members also emphasized the need for investments in disaster and climate-resilient infrastructure, with a focus on **G20 Principles for Quality Infrastructure Investment**. They recognized the need to strengthen public-private partnerships, blended finance mechanisms, and governance systems for resilient and interconnected infrastructure projects. They have made voluntary contributions to a compendium of good practices on disaster-resilient infrastructure, in the spirit of collaboration and sharing of knowledge and expertise on infrastructure resilience among different stakeholders.

G20 stressed the urgent need to increase financing for DRR and for better integration of DRR into public and private sector investment decisions. The G20 members agreed on strengthening existing comprehensive national financing strategies for DRR that strengthen synergies between disaster risk financing and DRR financing in a risk-layered approach. They also agreed to develop and promote the use of assessment tools to analyze and quantify the economic impact of disasters.

Further, the countries aimed to strengthen national and global disaster preparedness, recovery, rehabilitation, and reconstruction systems and learn lessons from past disasters. On the last priority, the members accentuated the need for the effective application of nature-based solutions and ecosystem-based approaches for DRR.

Mesmerizing Experience of Indian Culture

Delegates witnessed the brilliance of the culture through captivating dance performances - From the graceful Bharatanatyam to vibrant folk performances, India's heritage came alive.



Delegates visited Mahabalipuram and learned more about the unique cuisine, rich history, and architectural marvels of Tamil Nadu.

References:

[Principal Secretary to Prime Minister addresses Third Meeting of G20 Disaster Risk Reduction Working Group](#)

[Text of address by Principal Secretary to Prime Minister during Third Meeting of G20 Disaster Risk Reduction Working Group](#)

[Third and Final G20 Disaster Risk Reduction Working Group \(DRRWG\) meeting concludes in Chennai](#)

[The Third and Final G20 Meeting of the Disaster Risk Reduction Working Group in Chennai](#)

Video Links:

[Press Conference On 3rd Disaster Risk Reduction Working Group Meeting In Chennai](#)

[SIDE EVENT ON CAPTURING THE RESILIENCE DIVIDEND TOWARDS CLOSING THE INFRASTRUCTURE GAP](#)

[SIDE EVENT ON ENHANCING DISASTER RESILIENT INFRASTRUCTURE GOVERNANCE](#)

[Side Event on Women-Led And Community-Based DRR Investing in Pathways to Disaster Resilience](#)

[Side Event-Building Capacity & Enhancing Cooperation on Disaster Response, Recovery & Rehabilitation](#)

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