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G20 4th Digital Economy Working Group Meeting

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“We, in G20, have a unique opportunity to lay the foundations for an inclusive, prosperous, and secure global digital future. We can advance Financial Inclusion and Productivity through Digital Public Infrastructure.”

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi

The 4th meeting of the G20 Digital Economy Working Group (DEWG) was held in Bengaluru, Karnataka from August 16 - 18, 2023. Over 100 foreign delegates from G20 members, 9 invited countries and 5 International Organizations namely OECD, ITU, UNDP, World Bank and UNESCO attended the meeting.

Before this meeting, three Digital Economy Working Group Meetings had been held. In the 1st Meeting of the Digital Economy Working Group in Lucknow from February 13th-15th, 2023 the delegates furthered their commitment to the priority areas of the working group. The delegates shed light on the significance of the working group in driving global growth.



During the 2nd Digital Economy Working Group Meeting held in Hyderabad from April 17-19, 2023, delegates participated in thematic sessions related to digital connectivity. The 3rd Digital Economy Working Group held in Pune, Maharashtra from June 12 -14, 2023 saw deliberations focussed on the security for a safe, resilient, and trusted digital economy.

In the fourth and final meeting of the DEWG, it started off with a welcome address by Shri Sushil Pal, Co-chair of G20 DEWG, and Joint Secretary, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY). In the opening remarks, Mr. Alkesh Kumar Sharma, Chair, G20 DEWG and Secretary, MeitY emphasized on inclusive, decisive, ambitious, and action-

oriented priority areas. Thereafter, the detailed deliberations on the draft “G20 Digital Economy Ministerial Declaration” were held regarding the priority areas such as '**Digital Public Infrastructure**' and '**Security in the Digital Economy**'. The declaration was taken up for consideration and acceptance in the **Digital Economy Ministerial Meeting (DEMM)** that was scheduled on August 19, 2023.



G20-Digital Innovation Alliance Summit

Union Minister of State for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship and Electronics and IT, Shri Rajeev Chandrasekhar inaugurated the G20-Digital Innovation Alliance Summit which was held in Bengaluru from August 17th-18th, 2023.

The two-day summit was held on the sidelines of the 4th meeting of DEWG under G20, which was attended by global experts and digital leaders including representatives from other G20 countries. The Summit had focused discussions on '**Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI)**', '**Security in the Digital Economy**', '**Digital Skilling**', etc.



The Minister also inaugurated an innovation exhibition that was put up by corporates and startups, on the sidelines of the Summit.

As part of India's G20 Presidency, **G20 Digital Innovation Alliance (G20-DIA)** initiative was launched under **MeitY Startup Hub**. It recognizes and accelerates the growth of startups from all G20 countries and nine invited guest countries in six sectors – **Ed-tech, Health-tech, Agri-tech, Fin-tech, Secured Digital Infrastructure, and Circular Economy** that are using digital technologies to solve humanity's most pressing needs.

A total of 174 startups from 29 countries were part of the program. These startups pitched to a jury of global leaders at the G20-DIA Summit.

The Summit culminated on August 18, 2023, with an awards ceremony in which 30 startups were honoured in various categories. The meeting concluded with delegates immersed in mesmerising dance and musical performances, celebrating India's rich cultural diversity.

A Cultural Rendezvous!

On the final day of the meeting, the delegates immersed themselves in the mesmerising dance and musical performances celebrating India's rich cultural diversity in Bengaluru – the city of traditions of technology!



References:

[MoS Rajeev Chandrasekhar to inaugurate G20-Digital Innovation Alliance \(DIA\) Summit in Bengaluru tomorrow](#)

[1st Meeting of Digital Economy Working Group](#)

[2nd Digital Economy Working Group Meeting](#)

[3rd Digital Economy Working Group](#)

[The fourth and final meeting of G20 DEWG started in Bengaluru today](#)

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[As we approach the Digital Economy Ministers' Meeting in #Bengaluru, let's take a look at this Working Group's journey!](#)

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