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“Health and the environment are organically linked. Clean air, safe drinking water, sufficient nutrition, and secure shelter are major factors of health.”

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi

The G20 Health Ministers' Meeting under India's G20 Presidency was held from August 18 – 19, 2023 in Gandhinagar, Gujarat. Delegates from 19 G20 member countries, 10 invited states, and 22 International Organizations participated in the meeting.

The focus of the G20 Health Ministers' Meeting was on the three key priorities:



The G20 Health Ministers' Meeting provided a conclusion to the work of the Health Working Group which deliberated and discussed the three key priorities of the group in the four Meetings that were held:

- ❖ 1st Health Working Group Meeting in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala from January 18 - 20, 2023
- ❖ 2nd G20 Health Working Group Meeting Goa from April 17 - 19, 2023

- ❖ [3rd G20 Health Working Group Meeting](#) in Hyderabad, Telangana from June 4 - 6, 2023
- ❖ [4th G20 Health Working Group Meeting \(Health Deputies' Meeting\)](#) in Gandhinagar, Gujarat on August 17, 2023

Day 1: August 18, 2023

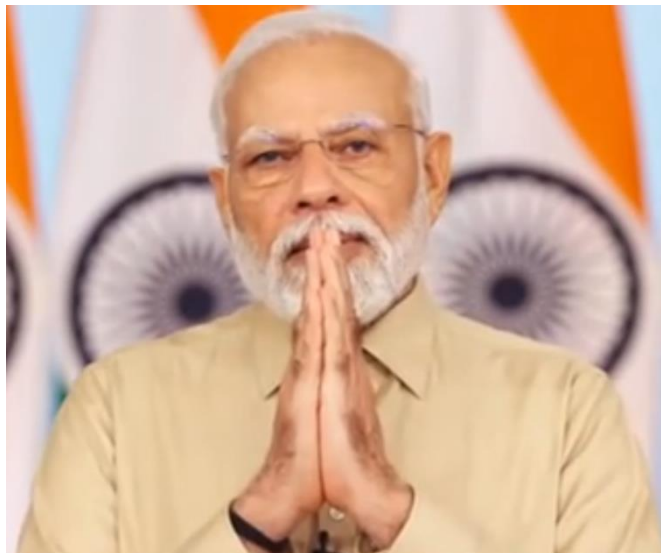
The first day of the G20 Health Ministers' Meeting started with the Inaugural Session which was attended by Union Minister Dr Mansukh Mandviya, MoS Dr Bharati Pravin Pawar, MoS SP Singh Baghel, and DG, WHO, Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus. The event also witnessed the participation of scientists, practitioners of traditional medicine, health workers, and members of civil society organizations from all over the world across the two days.



Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Mandaviya said, *“Under the overarching theme of India’s G20 Presidency of ‘One Earth, One Family & One Future’ and focus on reducing fragmentation and enhancing convergence, this meeting will be a torch bearer for effective health systems strengthening and will bring additional research, evidence, and*

innovation to help us meet health-related Sustainable Development Goals.”

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi also addressed the gathering during the inaugural session via [video message](#). Addressing the gathering, the Prime Minister said, *“We believe that holistic health and wellness can help enhance everyone's resilience. The establishment of the WHO Global Centre for Traditional Medicine in Jamnagar, Gujarat is an important step in this direction. And, the holding of the WHO Global Summit on Traditional Medicine along with the G20 Health Ministers meeting will intensify efforts to harness its potential. It should be our joint effort to build a global repository of traditional medicine.”*



Underlining that health and the environment are organically linked, the Prime Minister said clean air, safe drinking water, sufficient nutrition, and secure shelter are major factors of health.

Highlighting the importance of public participation as a key factor in the success of health initiatives, the Prime Minister said it was one of the main reasons for the success of our leprosy eradication campaign. He said our ambitious programme on TB elimination also encourages public participation. He said we have called upon the people of the country to become ‘Ni-kshay Mitra’, or ‘Friends for eradication of TB’ under which nearly 1 million patients have been adopted by citizens. *“Now, we are on our way to achieving TB elimination well ahead of the global target of 2030,”* the Prime Minister asserted.

Emphasizing the role of digital solutions and innovations in making healthcare accessible to all, the Prime Minister said they are a useful means to make our efforts equitable and inclusive as patients from far and wide can receive quality care through telemedicine. He praised [e-Sanjeevani](#), India's national platform, saying that it has facilitated 140 million tele-health consultations to date.

The Prime Minister concluded his speech with an ancient Indian wish for humanity in Sanskrit which translates to, 'May all be happy, may all be free from illness'.

Later, at panel discussions on '**WHO Traditional Medicine Global Summit**' and '**One Earth One Health Advantage Healthcare India 2023**', the Health Ministers and delegates discussed the contributions of indigenous knowledge and traditional medicine towards the well-being of societies & economies.



Day 2: August 19, 2023

The G20 Health Minister's Meeting concluded with the adoption of an [Outcome Document and the Chair's Summary](#), as well as the launch of the [Global Initiative of Digital Health](#) which aims to consolidate and amplify recent and past gains in global digital health for health systems while strengthening mutual accountability to enhance the impact of future investments in healthcare.

As the G20 Health Minister's Meeting drew to a close in Gandhinagar, Gujarat, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare said *"Let us continue working together, fostering collaborations, and leveraging the potential of digital health, research, and innovation to ensure equitable access to quality healthcare for all. We must continue to ensure multilateral cooperation and, nurture partnerships in the field of health. It is vital to share expertise, resources, and strategies, to address global health challenges effectively."*

The last day of the G20 Health Minister's Meeting also saw the 1st Joint Finance and Health Ministerial under the Indian Presidency.

The meeting also saw sessions on India's two G20 Health Priorities-

1. Strengthening Cooperation in Pharmaceutical Sector with a focus on Availability & Access to Safe, Effective, Quality, and Affordable Medical Countermeasures - Vaccine, Therapeutics & Diagnostics

2. Digital Health Innovation & Solutions to Aid Universal Health Coverage & Improve Healthcare Service Delivery.



During the second session, a World Bank Report titled [Digital-in-Health: Unlocking the Value for Everyone](#), was launched. It presents a new way of thinking from simple digitization of health data to fully integrating digital technology in health systems. It focuses on infusing digital technologies into health financing, service delivery, diagnostics, medical education, pandemic preparedness, climate and health efforts, nutrition, and ageing.

The G20 Health Minister's Meeting saw the unanimous adoption of the [Outcome Document](#), agreed to by all G20 delegations, except for paragraph 22*, which pertains to the Chair's Summary. The Outcome Document reaffirmed the commitment of G20 countries to continue strengthening the Global Health Architecture.



India Medtech Expo 2023

The Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare and Chemicals Dr Mansukh Mandaviya, and Fertilizers inaugurated India's first medical technology expo, 'India MedTech Expo 2023', in Gandhinagar, Gujarat on the sidelines of the G20 Health Ministers' Meeting.

Dr. Mandaviya said that *“MedTech Expo 2023 will be a unique, all-encompassing platform to showcase the strength and potential of the Indian Medical Devices ecosystem”*. He also underlined that India is the fastest-growing medical devices market amongst emerging markets and that *“our goal is to become self-reliant in the medical device sector and reduce our import dependency which also perfectly aligns with our vision of Aatmanirbhar Bharat, and “Make in India, Make for the World”*.



The dignitaries also unveiled a [MedTech Expo Compendium](#), a [Future Pavilion Compendium](#) and the [R&D Pavilion Compendium](#), and a coffee table book on India's Pharmaceutical Sector on the occasion as a testament to the boundless potential of R&D in the field of Med Tech in the future.



During the Health Ministers' meeting, Dr Mansukh Mandaviya accompanied the G-20 Ministers and delegates to the India Medtech Expo 2023. The delegates took a round of the Exhibition halls and visited various pavilions in the expo such as the Future Pavilion, Startups Pavilion, and R&D Pavilion. They also enquired about the medical

devices and technologies on display and interacted with the exhibitors.

[Multiple Thematic sessions](#) on MedTech were held on the occasion where participants from the Government, academia and industry deliberated on the future trends and challenges associated with the sector. Policymakers and Industry Experts advocated closer collaboration and partnerships between Industry and Academia in MedTech Sector. Industry speakers /Experts also shared their valuable thoughts and feedback during various sessions of the Medtech Expo 2023

Sustain, Accelerate and Innovate to end TB in the South-East Asia Region

Union Health Minister, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya delivered the [keynote address](#) at the Ministerial meeting – **Sustain, Accelerate and Innovate to End TB in the South-East Asia Region** co-chaired by Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director General, WHO at Gandhinagar.

The event witnessed a significant milestone in the signing of the **Gandhinagar Declaration**, the joint declaration by the Health Ministers and [WHO South-East Asia Regional Organisation](#) (SEARO). It expresses confidence that the WHO SEARO Region will be able to end TB by 2030 with unrelenting, concerted and synergistic actions in the right direction by all Member States with the support of partners, stakeholders and communities. The Gandhinagar Declaration commends the initiatives taken by Member States to enhance the community approach against tuberculosis such as nutritional support to patients by individuals and groups, family-centric care, and financial support to patients for nutrition- and treatment-related transportation, which accelerates progress towards better outcomes and also reduces stigma.



A glimpse into India's rich history & culture

1. G20 Health Ministers and delegates were inspired by the remarkable life of Mahatma Gandhi as they immersed themselves in the enlightening journey through the Dandi Kutir Museum. They also experienced the diverse heritage of India, brought to life through vibrant traditional dance performances.



2. The G20 Health Ministers and delegates participated in a revitalising yoga and meditation session in Gandhinagar.

References:

[G20 Health Minister's Meeting to Commence in Gandhinagar from 17 August](#)

[PM addresses G20 Health Ministers' Meeting](#)

[WHO's first-ever Global Summit on Traditional Medicine was inaugurated as part of the G20 Health Minister's Meeting in Gandhinagar, Gujarat](#)

[Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare, Dr Mansukh Mandaviya delivers the keynote address at the concluding session of the WHO Global Summit on Traditional Medicine in the presence of Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, Union Minister of AYUSH](#)

[Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare and Chemicals & Fertilizers Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya Inaugurates India MedTech Expo 2023](#)

[Dr Bharati Pravin Pawar, Union Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare addresses G20 Deputies' Meeting](#)

[G20 Health Minister's Meeting inaugurated in Gandhinagar, Gujarat](#)

[Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya launches 'Global Initiative on Digital Health – a WHO Managed Network' in the presence of Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director General, World Health Organization](#)

[Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare and Chemicals & Fertilizers, Dr Mansukh Mandaviya accompanies G20 Ministers and Delegates to visit India MedTech Expo 2023](#)

[PM addresses G20 Health Ministers' Meeting](#)

[Text of PM's Video message at G20 Health Ministers meeting](#)

[Union Health Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya delivers the keynote address at the Ministerial meeting – Sustain, Accelerate and Innovate to End TB in the South-East Asia Region](#)

[G20 Health Minister's Meeting concludes in Gandhinagar, Gujarat](#)

[Our vision is clear, our goals are ambitious, and our determination is unyielding: Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya](#)

[Outcome Document unanimously adopted at G20 Health Minister's Meeting in Gandhinagar](#)

Twitter Links:

[Delegates & Ministers will deliberate and pave the way towards creating a responsive and resilient global health architecture.](#)

[With the 4th Health Working Group Meeting & Health Ministers' Meeting commencing, here's an overview of the Working Group's journey that fosters creating sustainable & resilient societies.](#)

Video Links:

[PM Narendra Modi's speech at G20 Health Ministers Meeting in Gandhinagar](#)

[Press Conference On G20 Health Ministers' Meeting in Gandhinagar](#)

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