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India's G20 Presidency

G20 EMPOWER

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“The G20 has a critical role to play in finding the right balance between growth and efficiency on one hand and resilience on the other.”

- [Shri Narendra Modi](#)

The G20 Alliance for the **Empowerment and Progression of Women's Economic Representation (EMPOWER)** is an alliance of G20 business leaders and governments that aims to accelerate women's leadership and empowerment in the private sector.¹ The G20 EMPOWER 2023, under India's Presidency, has prioritised the shift from women's development to women-led development. The Summit is aimed at providing an opportunity to develop the roadmap and policies and mobilise common strengths toward promoting equality and women-led development. Its three focus areas under India's G20 Presidency are:

- **Women's Entrepreneurship:** A win-win for Equity and Economy
- **Women's Partnership:** promoting women's leadership at all levels
- **Women's Education:** key to women's empowerment and equal workforce participation



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Women's Entrepreneurship
 A win-win for equity and economy

Women's Leadership
 Creating a partnership for promoting leadership at grassroots levels

Women's Education
 A game-changing pathway for women empowerment

Key Priorities under India's G20 Presidency

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G20 EMPOWER INCEPTION MEETING

Agra, Uttar Pradesh |February 11-12, 2023



Agra hosted the G20 EMPOWER Inception Meeting at the Taj Convention Hotel from February 11-12, 2023. The two-day meeting was themed around - **Empowering Women to Lead Across Sectors: Role of Digital Skilling and Future Skills.**



Inaugural Session²

Welcome Address by Shri Indevar Pandey, Secretary of the Ministry of Women & Child Development

Shri Indevar Pandey, in his welcome address, stated that India has the potential to demonstrate the leadership of the Global South by showcasing women's leadership and innovation. He also highlighted several women-centric initiatives taken by India.

Keynote Address by Smt. Smriti Irani, Minister of Women & Child Development

In her keynote address, Smt. Smriti Irani emphasised the scale of India's Self-Help Group story and highlighted the importance of women's leadership at grassroots levels and efforts to ensure the



²<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1898568>

availability of banking & financial services to every woman.

Special Address by Shri Amitabh Kant, G20 Sherpa

In his special address, Shri Amitabh Kant indicated that for India to increase its growth rate, it would be essential to raise women's per capita income and put them into leadership positions. Shri Kant also highlighted the various initiatives taken by India which have been driving women's empowerment.



DAY 1 – February 11, 2023

Yoga Session

Day 1 of the event began with an early **Yoga session** facilitated by the Ministry of AYUSH with the goal of spreading the benefits of yoga for enhancing physical and emotional well-being.

Power Breakfast

This was followed by a session with women leaders in unconventional roles highlighting their inspirational stories of overcoming the challenges they have faced. The delegates were addressed by Ms. Chhavi Rajawat, India's first MBA Sarpanch from Rajasthan, followed by Ms. Chiquita Gulati, a food entrepreneur. The session provided a flavour of the grit of some of India's most enterprising women leaders through first-hand experience sharing.

Plenary Session: Women-led Development: Redefining Women's Leadership through Digital Skilling

The panel consisting of Ms. Anita Bhatia, Assistant Secretary-General of the United Nations and Deputy Executive Director of UN Women, and Ms. Vaishali Sinha, Co-Founder and Chairperson Sustainability, ReNew Power; Chair of ReNew Foundation discussed the digital disruption as a big enabler, opening multiple avenues of development for women.

1st Panel Discussion: Role of Digitalization and Future Skills in Empowering Women

The panel discussion was with panelists from ISRO, World Bank, and G20 Empower Member delegates from Japan and Bangladesh.

2nd Panel Discussion: Enhancing Women's Participation in Non-Traditional Workforce: Institutionalized Support for Introducing Gender Equitable Opportunities in STEM and AI



The second panel discussion was with panelists from Sea6 Energy, Microsoft, Wequity, APAAACI, and G20 Empower member delegates from France.

3rd Panel Discussion: Advancing Partnerships and Resourcing for Adoption of Best Practices of Women-Led Entrepreneurship

The day ended with the final panel discussion.

Projection-Mapping Show

The delegates were treated to a spectacular projection mapping show in the evening. It was on the Indian cultural legacy of honouring and valuing the women of the country at the ramparts of Agra Fort, followed by a mesmerising display of the dances of India.



Exhibition: Products and Services by Women at the Grassroot

The exhibition was held concurrently on both days with the Sessions. It showcased various products (including around 54 One District One Products (ODOPs) and Geographical Indications (GI) from across 7 states, services, and initiatives by women crafts persons and entrepreneurs.



DAY 2 – February 12, 2023

Yoga Session and Power Breakfast

Day two of the meeting continued the wellness morning routine with a Yoga session by the Ministry of AYUSH which was followed by a Power Breakfast with Shereen Bhan, Managing Editor, CNBC TV-18, Dr. Munjpara Mahendrabhai, MoS of Ministry of Women & Child Development and AYUSH, addressed the gathering and highlighted the Government of India's endeavour for gender equality by sharing information on key schemes for the empowerment of women and girls in India.

In his special address, **Mr Nag Naidu, Joint Secretary, G20, Ministry of External Affairs** remarked that reducing gender gaps in labour force participation could substantially boost global GDP and by reducing the gender gap, GDP could go up by approximately 30%.

Ratna Sahay, Special Advisor to the Managing Director, International Monetary Fund, Empower Delegate focussed on keeping women at the centre of policy making, digital skilling and entrepreneurship.

Tsukiko Tsukahara, Co-Chair G20 EMPOWER, Japan appreciated the idea of an outcome-oriented approach and highlighted the need of increased involvement by the private sector and ways to do it.

Rinawati Prihatiningsih, Co-Chair G20 EMPOWER, Indonesia focused on the G20 Empower pledge and discussed the contribution of women in SMEs as important as they represented 90% of businesses.

Marguerite Soeteman Reijnen, Chairman of the Executive Board, AON Holdings, G20 EMPOWER Delegate, Netherlands remarked that the world groups are crucial for financial inclusion.

Mr. Charles Ramsden, Head of International Gender Policy, Government Equalities Office, United Kingdom brought to the spotlight, the things that will make EMPOWER successful – shared priorities, shared experience and shared commitment to making progress.

Session: Art, Culture and a Better World

The session was moderated by a delegate from Avanee Foundation and was attended by Dr. Sandhya Purecha, Chair W20, and Chairperson, Sangeet Natak Akademi, and artists from various genres of art.

Closing Plenary Session: Establishing Actions across G20 EMPOWER Priorities and Identifying Key Outcomes

The G20 Empower Chair, Dr. Sangita Reddy, chaired the closing plenary session.

Concluding Remarks by Dr. Sangita Reddy, Chairperson, G20 EMPOWER

In her concluding remarks, Dr. Sangita Reddy reiterated the three pillars of G20 EMPOWER while highlighting four broad areas of working that will underlie each. These include the KPI Dashboard, Pledge, proposals for Working Groups, and the need to record outcomes to drive impact.

In her **concluding remarks**, Dr. Reddy said ‘The new definition of a billionaire is not someone who makes a billion, but someone who touches a billion lives’.

Excursion

The second and final day came to an end with an excursion to the Taj Mahal and a cultural evening, ‘Strings of the World’.



SECOND G20 EMPOWER MEETING

Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala| April 05 - 06, 2023

The theme of the G20 EMPOWER 2nd Meeting is **“Women’s Empowerment: A Win-Win for Equity and Economy”**. India’s G20 Presidency is inclusive, equitable, ambitious, decisive, and action-oriented pushing forward transformative changes toward women’s economic empowerment.

The second **G20 EMPOWER** meeting took place in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala on April 5-6, 2023. The meeting was a pivotal stepping stone towards creating a G20 partnership for actions for women-led development. It involved active participation from **18 participants from 8 G20 countries** (Mexico, Saudi Arabia, USA, Japan, South Africa, Turkey, Italy, and France), **9 participants from 6 Invitee Countries** (Bangladesh, Oman, Spain, UEA, Netherlands, and Nigeria) and 9 participants from 6 International Organisations (UN Women, World Bank, IMF, UNICEF, World Trade Organisation and ILO).



The second G20 EMPOWER meeting followed the first meeting on February 11 – 12, 2023, where [five Working Groups](#) were set up to deliberate on Financial Inclusion and business Acceleration, Mentorship, STEM, Corporate Women Empowerment, and Digital Inclusion. With G20 EMPOWER being a partnership between the government and the private sector, the working groups developed recommendations for private sector commitments as well as suggested actions for governments. These recommendations comprise core actions that G20 EMPOWER envisaged to take to direct women-led development.

Dr. Munjpara Mahendrabhai, Minister of State (MoS) for the Ministry of Women & Child Development graced the occasion. Dr. Sangita Reddy, Chair of G20 EMPOWER 2023, Sh. Indevar Pandey, Secretary, Ministry of Women & Child Development, and other senior officers of the G20 Secretariat and Government of India and the Government of Kerala were present for the meeting

DAY 1: April 5, 2023

MoS, Ministry of Women and Child Development Dr. Munjpara shared his valuable insights.

The Minister said that we must work towards creating an ecosystem that nurtures women's entrepreneurship & leadership ensuring greater access to mentoring, capacity-building, and financing to help them scale up their businesses.

He added that it entails taking conscious steps towards engendering markets and financing by restructuring financial institutions and market systems in a gender-inclusive manner.



WCD Secretary, Shri Indevar Pandey shared his valuable insights.

Over the next two days, outcome-oriented sessions will range from discussions on achieving economic prosperity by empowering women, building a mentorship and capacity-building ecosystem for women entrepreneurs, making markets and finance accessible, scaling up innovations and global best practices in STEM; and enabling leadership at all levels including the grassroots.





Dr. Sangita Reddy, Chair of G20 EMPOWER 2023

Dr. Reddy speaking of G20 EMPOWER said it is empowering women through a KPI dashboard, best practices playbook, global advocate network, and digital inclusion & mentorship platform. She added that together, we can achieve gender parity and increase women's economic representation

Inauguration of Exhibition



MoS Dr Munjpara inaugurated the exhibition which showcased Kerala's rich culture and women's crucial role in preserving and contributing to it. It highlighted women's impact on the economy and traditional enterprises and was curated by the National Institute of Fashion Technology.

Mentorship platform

Under India's presidency, G20 EMPOWER has discussed a [Mentorship Platform](#) which has been proposed to promote women's leadership at all levels by enhancing and enabling access to mentorship and capacity-building through an e-platform. It would serve as a global mentoring and capacity-building portal that facilitates structured knowledge-exchange among women mentees and mentors of G20 nations.

It will also serve as an aggregator of existing subject-specific mentorship portals targeting areas such as STEM, business leadership, and entrepreneurship. Through the mentorship, networking, knowledge sharing, capacity building and best practices provided through



this platform, women entrepreneurs across small, medium and large enterprises as well as grassroots leaders would achieve accelerated success.



Digital Inclusion Platform

It has been developed as an education and up skilling portal that will enable women across various geographies to get gain digital, technical and financial knowledge that will be crucial for the jobs and entrepreneurship in future. It will be available in 120+international and Indian languages, and serve as an aggregator of global content and courses in the aforementioned areas. It will help guide, provide content, and match women with internships and jobs.



G20 EMPOWER Pledge

The G20 EMPOWER Pledge was also discussed. India has proposed certain additional provisions to the Pledge to further support advancement of women to leadership positions. Under India's presidency, the endeavour will continue to expand the network of G20 EMPOWER Advocates. Through these and several other commitments and initiatives, the G20 EMPOWER proposals will accelerate the creation of a world where women have the necessary skills, access to resources, supportive infrastructure and environment, and mentorship for a transformational shift towards women-led development.

DAY 2: April 6, 2023

Yoga Session

The second day of the Meeting in Kerala began with a refreshing **Yoga Session** for the delegates.

Besides, students from Shri Ramakrishna Medical College of Naturopathy and Yogic Sciences, Kulasekaram, Kanyakumari



demonstrated advanced Yogic poses for the delegates.

Panel Discussion

Meeting witnessed engaging dialogues & exchange of ideas on themes ranging from “Market Access and Financing” to “Enabling Leadership across all levels including Corporate Leadership and Leadership at the Grassroots”.

Closing Plenary Session

Union Minister of State for the Ministry of Women and Child Development Dr. Munjpara Mahendrabhai addressed the plenary session of the second G-20 EMPOWER meeting. He said that women empowerment is essential for economic growth and that a sustainable financial model and online marketing system will be set up to encourage women-led business ventures.

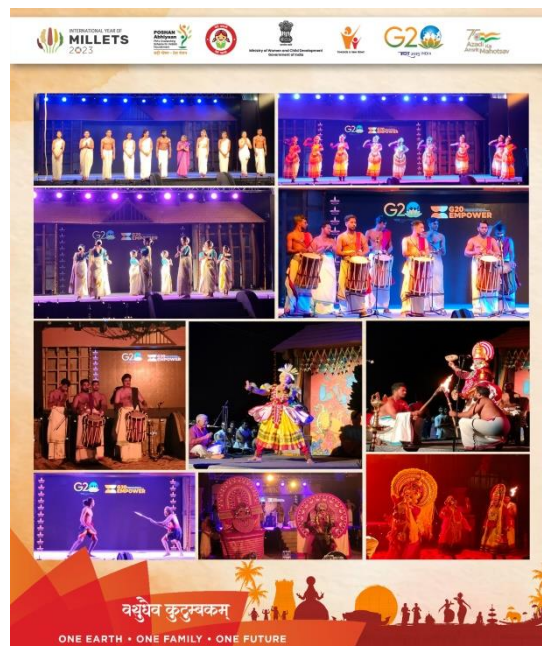


The Secretary of the Ministry of Women and Child Development, Mr. Indivar Pandey said that women's education, employment and high leadership positions are essential for the empowerment of nations. Issues such as economic prosperity through women empowerment, women entrepreneurship, leadership development and women's participation in non-traditional sectors were also discussed in the session.

Vocal for Local

Delegates experienced traditional aromatic & authentic coffee display during the exhibition at G20Empower, Thiruvananthapuram. The crucial role of women in coffee farming as they do major tasks, **including harvesting & processing.**

With the aim of developing standard education, research, healthcare, and management Ministry of Ayush displayed the richness of traditional **Indian systems of medicine for a healthier life at Exhibition.**



Cultural Programme

1. Delegates were treated to an evening of enchantment with dazzling performances, vibrant costumes, and delectable cuisine. A [celebration of the traditional cultural heritage](#) of Kerala was exhibited.
2. An enchanting **Cultural Evening** showcased the rich cultural heritage of Kerala.

G20 EMPOWER SUMMIT

Gandhinagar, Gujarat | August 01 - 02, 2023

The **G20 EMPOWER Summit took place in Gandhinagar**, Gujarat on August 1, 2023. This summit followed on from the Inception Meeting held in Agra, Uttar Pradesh from February 11 - 12, 2023 and the 2nd meeting in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala on April 5 - 6, 2023. During India's G20 Presidency, women-led development has emerged as a crucial focus area based on a life-course approach marking a shift from women's empowerment alone.

The Summit had a participation of over 300 participants (263 domestic participants and 70 international delegates). The international

delegates were from

13 G20 and 4 guest countries and 8 International Organisations. These included Argentina, Australia, Brazil, France, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Republic of Korea, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, UK, USA, Bangladesh, The Netherlands, Spain, UAE, WTO, ISA, UN Women, UN, UNICEF, ILO, World Bank and ADB.



The Inaugural session of the EMPOWER Summit was addressed by Union Minister for Women & Child Development and Minority Affairs, Smt Smriti Zubin Irani. She expressed the hope that [TechEquity](#), a **Digital Inclusion platform** developed and launched at the Summit under India's G20 Presidency would be of value

and use for women around the world. The platform has been designed to enable women from

across the world to educate and upskill themselves on digital literacy, financial literacy and technical areas through training programs and resources provided on the platform. With courses being submitted by G20 Members and Guest Countries, it is envisaged that these courses will be available in 120 international and Indian languages. The platform envisages an outreach of 1 million users, internationally.

While congratulating the G20 EMPOWER team for its various successes, the Minister for Women & Child Development and Minority Affairs, Smt Smriti Zubin Irani observed that India's presidency has given a voice to women at the grassroots by successfully focusing on India's SHG revolution wherein 80 million women in 8 million Self Help Groups manage 34 billion dollars of monetary value.

Chief Minister of Gujarat, Shri Bhupendra Patel; Minister of State for Women & Child Development, Dr Munjpara Mahendrabhai; CEO NITI Aayog, Shri B.V.R. Subramanyam; Secretary, Women & Child Development, Shri Indevvar Pandey; Chair, G20 EMPOWER, Dr Sangita Reddy; Chief of Staff, Office of Executive Director, UN Women, Mr Mohammad Naciri; and President FICCI, Mr Subhrakant Panda also attended the summit.

The Summit marked the achievement of tangible outcomes alongside identification of commitments and recommendations encompassing all three themes of G20 EMPOWER under the Indian presidency –

1. Education: A Game-changing Pathway to Women's Empowerment

2. Women's Entrepreneurship: A Win-Win for Equity and Economy

3. Creating a Partnership for Promoting Women's Leadership at all Levels including Grassroots.



An essential enabler for all three has been Digital Inclusion. Over this year, G20 EMPOWER scaled up several ongoing initiatives, while also developing concrete new outputs.

Chief of Staff, Office of Executive Director, UN Women, Mr Mohammad Naciri lauded India for undertaking a women-

led development approach. He highlighted that this shift in semantics from development for women to women-led development creates a seismic shift in power which turns women from beneficiaries to contributors.

G20 EMPOWER serves as a platform to learn from insights and best practices across industries and businesses and strengthen knowledge sharing across the public and private sectors. Towards this end, the G20 EMPOWER [Best Practices Playbook](#) has been substantially scaled up under India's Presidency. With extensive outreach and surveys, 149 best practices from 19 G20 countries have been added to the Playbook. The Playbook has been digitised to make it easily accessible. With the Indian Presidency having focused on women entrepreneurs and community leaders at the local level as a key theme, a fourth new focus area was added to the Playbook **for encouraging the private sector to increase initiatives for women at local or grassroots level.**

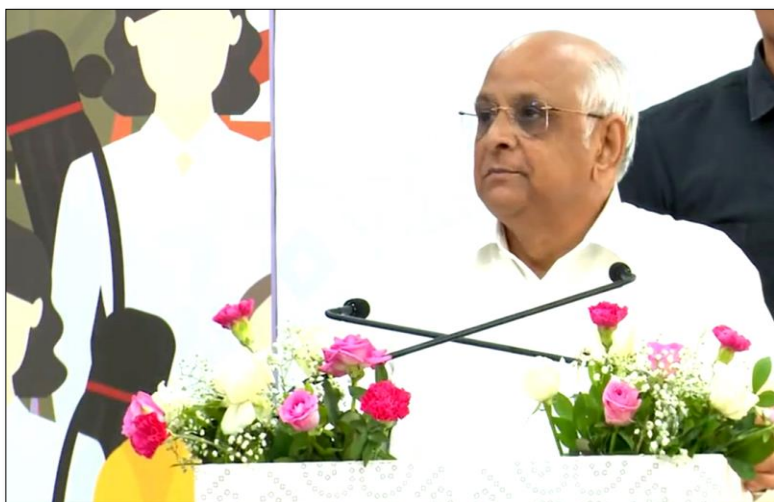


The Chair G20 EMPOWER, Dr Sangita Reddy remarked that the measures proposed by EMPOWER are about enabling women entrepreneurs to become strong pillars of the economy. EMPOWER is encouraging the private sector to step up, not only as financiers and procurers but also as mentors and enablers of

growth. A **mentorship platform** has been designed to bring together mentors and mentees as an outcome of the EMPOWER alliance.

As a first under India's Presidency, [73 Inspirational Stories](#) from 9 countries have been curated on the G20 EMPOWER Website to highlight success stories of women achievers from across G20 nations and invited countries to motivate the next generation of girls and women. India has emphasized Citizens' Engagement across its policy action. With the goal of making this a truly people's G20, 51 **Jan Bhagidari or citizen engagement events** were held under EMPOWER to disseminate the message of women's empowerment and underlying actions to over 100,000 people.

Chief Minister of Gujarat, Shri Bhupendra Patel highlighted various schemes and initiatives of the Government of Gujarat towards the empowerment of women. He highlighted the centrality of women's empowerment towards achieving inclusive and sustainable growth. He also emphasized on the need to bridge the gender digital divide and empowering women with the digital skills needed to succeed in the evolving job market being conditioned by new technologies.



Five sessions were held on the first day of the Meeting. The second day included excursions and sightseeing for the delegates to showcase India's rich cultural history and tradition.

Through the several commitments and initiatives, the G20 EMPOWER outcomes, commitments and recommendations will accelerate the creation of a world where women have the necessary skills, access to resources, supportive infrastructure and environment, and mentorship for a transformational shift towards women-led development.

Day 1: August 1, 2023

Session I: **Leading the Change: Women Redefining Leadership**

Session II: **Leveraging Digital Public Infrastructure to advance financial equality of women**

Session III: **Closing the Gap: Achieving TechEquity for Women**

Session IV: **Shepreneurs: Harnessing the power of Women-led Enterprises**

Session V: **Leadership Unplugged: Empowering Stories by Inspirational Leaders**

Day 2: August 2, 2023

Heritage Walk in the walled city of Ahmedabad - UNESCO World Heritage City

Visit to GIFT City and Dandi Kutir



G20 MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE

Gandhinagar, Gujarat| August 02 - 04, 2023

The G20 Ministerial Conference on Women Empowerment was held in Gandhinagar, Gujarat. The conference took place from August 2-4, 2023 and saw participation by Women and Gender Equality Ministers from across the G20 and Guest countries.

The Conference had a total participation of over 138 International delegates from 15 G20 Countries namely Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, European Union, Germany, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Republic of Korea, Saudi Arabia, Turkiye, United Kingdom, and USA and 5 Guest Countries namely Bangladesh, Mauritius, Netherlands, Singapore and UAE. There will be over 60 speakers at the Conference.

The Inaugural session of Conference was [virtually addressed](#) by the Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi. Addressing the gathering, the Prime Minister underlined the need to find urgent and sustainable solutions for issues like climate change and global warming.

Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi summarized India's vision of women-led development with his words: *“When women prosper, the world prospers. Their economic empowerment fuels growth, their access to education drives global progress, their leadership fosters inclusivity, and their voices inspire positive change.”*

The Prime Minister highlighted the pivotal roles played by women as the backbone of rural agricultural families and as small traders and shopkeepers. Underlining their close association with nature, the Prime Minister said that women



hold the key to innovative solutions to climate change. He recalled how women led the first prominent climate action in India in the 18th century when the Bishnoi community of Rajasthan led by Amrita Devi started the ‘Chipko Movement’ to prevent unregulated logging.

“Women in India have also been brand Ambassadors for ‘Mission LiFE- Lifestyle for Environment’”, the Prime Minister said as he highlighted their traditional wisdom to reduce, reuse, recycle, and re-purpose. Under various initiatives, the Prime Minister added, women are actively getting trained in making solar panels and lights. He mentioned the ‘Solar Mamas’ initiative that has been successful in collaborating with partner countries in the Global South. *“Women entrepreneurs are significant contributors to the global economy”,* the Prime Minister said as he emphasized the role of women entrepreneurs in India”

Concluding the address, the Prime Minister lauded the focus of the Ministerial Conference on women's entrepreneurship, leadership and education and expressed delight at the launch of the ‘Tech-Equity Platform’ to enhance digital and financial literacy for women. He also mentioned that under India's G20 Presidency, a **new Working Group on ‘Women**

Empowerment’ is being established. He expressed confidence that untiring efforts in Gandhinagar will give immense hope and confidence to women around the world.

At the outset of the Ministerial Conference, the Minister for Women & Child Development and Minority Affairs, India, Smt Smriti Zubin Irani, reminded the participants of the core focus areas of India’s G20 Presidency.



An essential enabler for all three priorities has been Digital Inclusion. The Minister stated that India had achieved several tangible takeaways and had several differentiators – leadership of women at local or grassroots levels, a Jan Bhagidari or Citizen’s engagement, and emphasis on women and climate change resilience.

During the Ministerial Conference, the Minister of Women's Empowerment and Child Protection, Indonesia, Ms. I Gusti Ayu Bintang Darmawati highlighted the importance of the education and ensuring girls and women are equitably represented in technology-related education. She stated that education is the key for a future where women leaders are the norm and not the exception. The Vice Minister of Women, Government of the Federative Republic of Brazil, Ms. Maria Helena Guarezi emphasized the need to take action to ensure reduction in the gender pay gap.



In bilateral meetings held as part of the Ministerial Conference, G20 countries expressed appreciation for the [Poshan Tracker](#), a unique ICT platform developed as a governance tool for monitoring nutrition services and early childhood care service delivery for close to 100 million registered beneficiaries including pregnant women, lactating mothers, children under 6 years of age and adolescent girls across 1.4 million Anganwadi Centres. In line with India’s G20 motto of One Earth One Family One Future, India expressed readiness to



assist G20 countries to develop localised applications of the Poshan Tracker in the area of nutrition and early childhood care to develop a healthy tomorrow.

A few achievements by the G20 Empower are mentioned as follows:

- ❖ Under India's Presidency, 149 model initiatives from 19 G20 countries have been added to the Best Practices Playbook for G20 EMPOWER, substantially scaling up the insights and best practices from across industries and businesses available to the public and private sectors. The Playbook has been digitised to make it easily accessible. Previously, the Best Practices Playbook had 3 focus areas; India added a new chapter in the EMPOWER playbook to support women at the grassroots.
- ❖ For the first time, the KPI Dashboard for G20 EMPOWER would look at the role of women in Small and Medium Enterprises.
- ❖ India's Presidency has added substantially to G20 EMPOWER advocates (comprising CEOs, association heads and other leaders) promoting women's advancement. These have increased from 380 to 544, with 100 of the new additions coming from India. The G20 EMPOWER advocacy pledge has also been updated to strengthen commitments to gender equality.
- ❖ 73 inspirational stories from 9 G20 countries highlighted women surmounting barriers have been placed on the G20 EMPOWER website.
- ❖ Over 300,000 citizens were engaged through Janbhagidari events or Citizen Engagement to showcase Women-Led Development through Women community leaders, artisans, Self Help Groups, SMEs, corporates, and business entities from various states participated in these events to make this is a truly people's G20.
- ❖ The W20 engagement group added emphasis on the role of women in climate change resilience with a first responders' framework having been developed towards this. This aligns with India's Mission LiFE or Lifestyle for Environment.

As part of the Ministerial Conference, an exhibition organized by Ministry of Women and Child Development in partnership with the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), was inaugurated by Minister for Women & Child Development and Minority Affairs, India, Smt Smriti Zubin Irani with Hon'ble Chief Minister of Gujarat as the Chief Guest, Shri Bhupendrabhai Patel. The exhibition titled '**India@75: Contribution of Women**' focused on women in craft; women in health; women in trade and economy; women in STEM, science and technology; women in nutrition and food; women in education and skill; women in sports; women in defence services; and a showcase of Padma awardees. Innovative anamorphic content was used to highlight women's achievements in these areas.



At the Ministerial Conference, along with the previous G20 EMPOWER and W20 meetings held under India's Presidency, cultural performances, excursions and cuisine were carefully curated to showcase the rich cultural heritage, traditions & history of India. Exhibitions were organised to showcase women-led development. Women community leaders, artisans, Self Help Groups and entrepreneurs from various states exhibited their products with great enthusiasm.



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[Discussions focused on G20's role in accelerating SDGs, LiFE, and Capacity Building for D4D, Green Transitions, Women-led Development & enhancing international relations. Delegates witnessed the heritage & culinary variety of Kerala. G20India](#)

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G20 MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE ON WOMEN EMPOWERMENT: Chair's Statement

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