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India's G20 Presidency

First Education Working Group Meeting
(Chennai, Tamil Nadu – January 31-February 2, 2023)

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“Data for development will be an integral part of the theme of India’s G20 chairmanship. 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 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.¹

First Education Working Group (EdWG) Meeting

The G20 Education Working Group held its deliberations in Chennai, Tamil Nadu from January 31 - February 2, 2023.² The meeting focussed on developing a collaborative approach for new generation of skills & lifelong learning ecosystem in the context of Future of Work.³



¹ <https://www.g20.org/en/workstreams/sherpa-track/>

² [1st EdWG Meeting \(g20.org\)](#)

³ [G20 India on Twitter: / Twitter](#)

DAY 1

IIT Madras hosted a seminar on ‘**Role of Digital Technology in Education**’. The seminar was chaired by K. Sanjay Murthy, Secretary, Department of Higher Education, Government of India. Delegates from 19 countries participated in the day-long event.⁴

The daylong seminar had three sessions including:

- **Inaugural Session:** Use of digital technologies by G20 members to provide accessible, inclusive, and equitable education
- **Session 1:** Providing accessible and equitable education for K-12 learners
- **Session 2:** Enabling high quality higher education learning opportunities at scale
- **Session 3:** Emerging technologies to provide skill education and training



Delegates were also made part of other activities such as an audio walkthrough to showcase the history, vision and mission of IIT Madras and visit to the 3 Centres of Excellence- the Heritage Center, the Center for Innovation and the Brain Center.

DAY 2

The Plenary session of the first G20 Education Working Group meeting was held on February 01, 2023, with Secretary Higher Education K. Sanjay Murthy, India Chair, setting the tone for the deliberations. The Working Group Meeting was inaugurated by Dr. L. Murugan, Union Minister of State for Information & Broadcasting and Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying.

80 delegates from 30 countries and international organisations deliberated on areas of inclusive,



⁴ [1st EdWG Meeting \(g20.org\)](https://www.g20.org/)

equitable, relevant and quality education and lifelong learning opportunities for all.⁵

Two sessions were held:

Session 1: Ensuring Foundational Literacy and Numeracy especially in the context of blended learning

Session 2: Making Tech-enabled Learning more Inclusive, Qualitative and Collaborative at every level

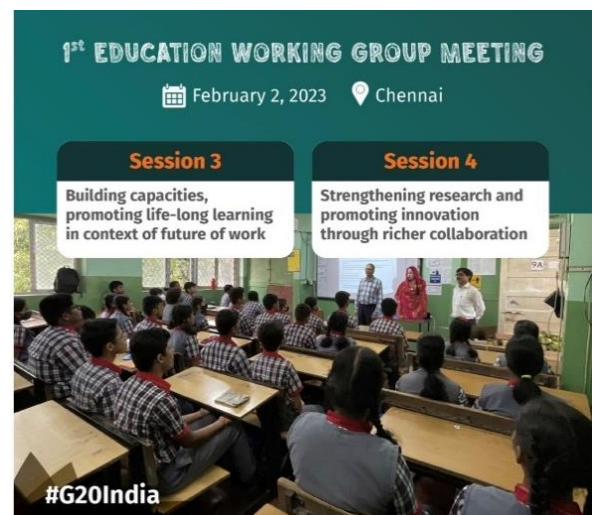


Day 3

Discussion on following topics were held:

Session 3: Building Capacities, promoting life-long learning in context of Future of Work

Session 4: Strengthening Research and Promoting Innovation through Richer Collaboration



During the two-day meet detailed discussions were held on themes which will help the global community find long term sustainable solution to the similar educational challenges being faced by member countries placed in different geographies.⁶



⁵ [1st EdWG Meeting \(g20.org\)](https://www.g20.org/)

⁶ [1st EDWG Meeting Concludes in Chennai \(g20.org\)](https://www.g20.org/)

Exhibition

Participating member countries of the G20 displayed their Ed-tech and digital initiatives at the exhibition hosted by G20 India at IIT Madras, Research Park.



Excursions

Delegates attending the event were taken to Mahabalipuram Group of Monuments, a UNESCO World Heritage to showcase the rich architectural heritage, reflected in the high-quality craftsmanship achieved as early as the 6th century CE.

On the sidelines of the G20 events, cultural events and dinners were also organised showcasing the vibrant cultural elements and bustling culinary scene of Tamil Nadu.⁷



⁷ [1st EdWG Meeting \(g20.org\)](https://www.g20.org/)

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