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G20 Series #9

India's G20 Presidency

First Health Working Group Meeting
(Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala – January 18-20, 2023)

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“India's G20 Presidency will work to promote this universal sense of one-ness. Hence our theme - 'One Earth, One Family, One Future'.”

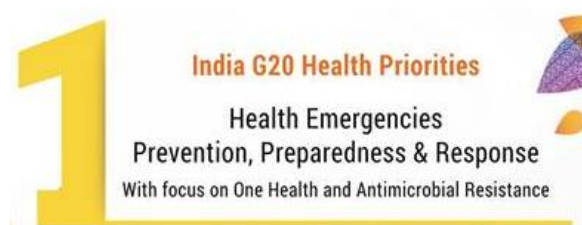
- [Prime Minister Narendra Modi](#)

The [Health Working Group](#) was established under the German Presidency in 2017 to enhance dialogue and inform the G20 Leaders on important global health issues. The group works towards creating sustainable well-being societies committed to achieving equitable health for the present and future generations.

The Health Track of the G20 India Presidency will comprise four Health Working Group (HWG) Meetings and one Health Ministerial Meeting (HMM). The meetings will be held in different locations across the country including Thiruvananthapuram (Kerala), Goa, Hyderabad (Telangana) and Gandhinagar (Gujarat).

India plans to host a side event along with each HWG meeting to enrich, supplement and support G20 discussions. These include side events on Medical Value Travel and Digital Health; a workshop on collaborative research on drugs, diagnostics and vaccines; and a co-branded event on Global Centre for Traditional Medicine.

India has identified, the following three priorities for the G20 Health Track:



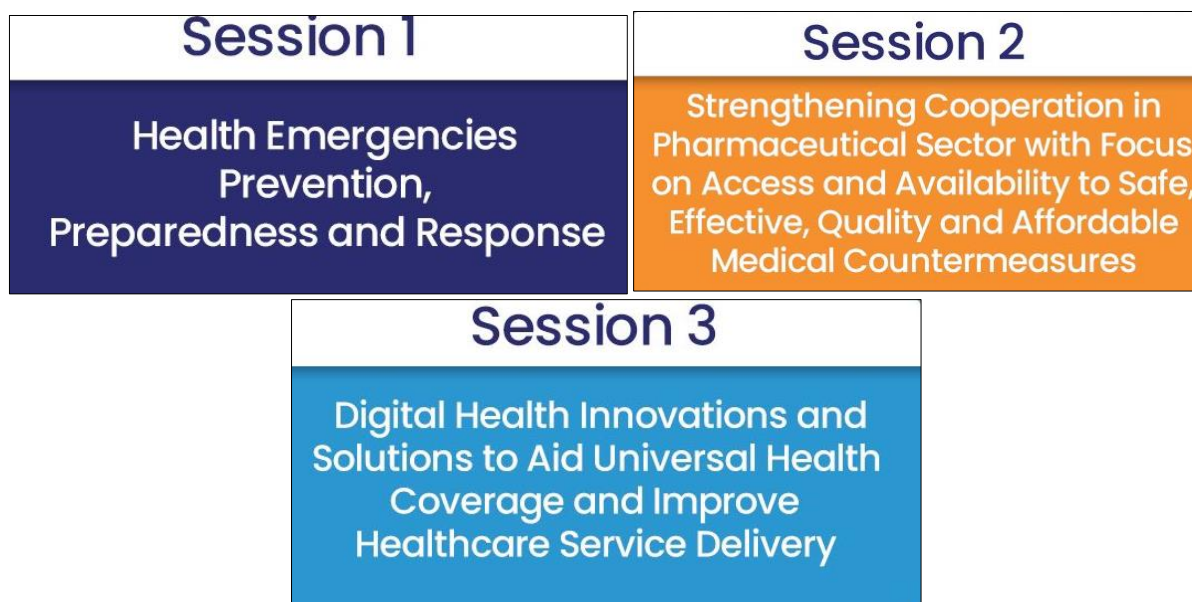
First Health Working Group (HWG) Meeting

The 1st Health Working Group meeting under G20 India Presidency was held from **January 18-20, 2023 in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.**

Dr Bharati Pravin Pawar, Union Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare and Shri S V Muraleedharan, Union Minister of State for External Affairs delivered the keynote addresses during the inaugural session. To read more, [Click Here](#).

The meeting saw multiple brainstorming sessions:

1. **Session 1: Health Emergencies Prevention, Preparedness and Response**
2. **Session 2: Strengthening Cooperation in Pharmaceutical Sector with Focus on Access and Availability to Safe, Effective, Quality and Affordable Medical Countermeasures**
3. **Session 3: Digital Health Innovations and Solutions to Aid Universal Health Coverage and Improve Healthcare and Service Delivery**



To read more about the sessions, [Click Here](#).

Side Event on Medical Value Travel (MVT)



Side event on Medical Value Travel at 1st Health Working Group meeting highlighted how Integrated Healthcare can achieve Universal Health Coverage through Value-Based Healthcare.

Key interventions and detailed deliberations convened by the panellists delved into promotive and preventative measures of traditional health services and its power in healing.

The delegates pointed out that integrated healthcare is the need of the hour and poised to become robust, high-value and high-growth segment of the healthcare sector. The panellists showed interest in collectively forging and harnessing knowledge and assets to take the momentum of medical travel tourism forward in this presidency.

For more information about Medical Value Travel, [Click Here](#).

Cultural Programmes and Traditional Performances

- The meeting saw various [cultural programmes](#) happening on the side-lines.
- Kathakali demonstration, Kalamezhuth, Sarappakkalam art, etc., were showcased along with calligraphy (Malayalam) during the event.
- A multimedia mega show with the theme - WORLD AS ONE FAMILY was held.



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What better way to start the day than morning Yoga!

#G20 delegates in Thiruvananthapuram perform yoga by the beautiful Kovalam beach.

Under #G20India, key focus is on promoting holistic health and amalgamation of traditional systems of medicine in healthcare service delivery.



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