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“Enriching local technology and material with the new technology is the need of the hour. When we link the examples of local resilience with future technology, only then we will be able to do better in the direction of disaster resilience.”

- [Prime Minister Narendra Modi](#)

The 2nd G-20 Disaster Risk Reduction Working Group (DRRWG) took place in Mumbai from May 23 - 25, 2023. This gathering brought together government delegates, DRR specialists, UN agency officials, representatives of community-based organizations, multilateral development banks and financial groups, and research organizations. The Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI), an important stakeholder, was also present in the deliberations. By identifying opportunities and examining creative financing mechanisms, the meeting aims to mitigate the impact of disasters on vulnerable communities.

This meeting was strategically planned to immediately follow the Mid-Term Review (MTR) of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030, organized by the President of the General Assembly at the United Nations Headquarters in New York from May 18-19, 2023. It will also build upon the cross-cutting theme emerging from the 1st DRRWG “Financing for DRR”, held in Gandhinagar, Gujarat from March 31 – April 1, 2023.

With G-20 nations grappling with a growing number of disasters and climate change-related risks, amounting to an estimated Annual Average Loss of \$218 billion or 9% of average annual investment in infrastructure, the 2nd DRRWG meeting assumes great significance.

Preceding the two-day meeting, a day-long side event on Financing for Disaster Risk Reduction took place. The National Disaster Management Authority has collaborated with organizations such as UNDRR, UNDP, UNICEF, Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure, OECD, and Insu Resilience, during this meeting.

Day 1: May 23, 2023

The G-20 Disaster Risk Reduction Working Group (DRRWG) delegates visited the heritage building of Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) headquarters on Day 1. They did a study tour of BMC’s Disaster Management Department. The members of the delegation appreciated the Municipal Corporation’s preparedness to handle various disasters as well as

the prevention and mitigation measures of BMC. The delegation also appreciated the magnificent and spectacular architecture of the 128 years old BMC headquarters.

The Commissioner and Administrator of Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation Dr. Iqbal Singh Chahal along with other senior officials of the Municipal Corporation were present on this occasion.



Various measures taken by the Municipal Corporation for prevention, mitigation, and preparedness for various emergency situations, the performance of the Emergency Operations Centre during various natural and man-made disasters in Mumbai so far, the equipment of the Emergency Management Department, the efforts made to increase public participation, etc. was presented and explained to the G-20 delegates.

Apart from this, discussions on the sidelines of the 2nd DRRWG Meet highlighted key pathways toward financing disaster risk reduction. Delegates deliberated on the issues of enhancing financial structure that can support Disaster Preparedness.

Further, discussions aimed at Financing Disaster Response, Recovery & Reconstruction. It explored ways to achieve it through Insurance & Social Related Mechanisms in order to enhance support for low-income populations & vulnerable sectors.



Day 2: May 24, 2023

On the second day, the meeting of the Disaster Risk Reduction Working Group (DRRWG) was inaugurated. The opening ceremony was graced by Dr. Bharati Pravin Pawar, Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare, and Shri Kamal Kishore, Chair of the Working Group and Member Secretary of the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA). Notably,

Ms. Mami Mizutori, the Special Secretary to the Secretary-General for the United Nations for Disaster Risk Reduction, was among the delegates attending the DRRWG meeting.

Speaking at the inaugural programme, Dr. Pawar urged that financing disaster risk reduction is an investment in our future. It is an investment in the safety, health, and well-being of our communities, the sustainability of our economies, and the preservation of our environment. She said that governments, international organizations, and the private sector need to collaborate and explore new ways to mobilize funding.



The second day began with delegates discussing the **‘Roadmap for Disaster Risk Management.’**

It was followed by the first technical session on **‘Financing Early Warning & Early Action’** aimed at leveraging risk assessment and preparedness to build disaster resilience. The focus of the second technical session of the day revolved around understanding various elements of

financing disaster-resilient infrastructure. During the technical sessions, the G20 countries discussed a roadmap for DRRWG for the next three years. The Indian Presidency believes in instilling ownership among the Troika Countries and South Africa to carry this initiative forward. The goal is that disaster risk reduction will be mainstreamed in the policy space and that financing instruments and mechanisms for DRR will help shift the paradigm from disaster response to anticipatory action and risk reduction

On the sidelines, a Round Table with Private Sectors focused on Financing Disaster Risk Reduction, and unlocking private-sector financing to build disaster-resilient infrastructure. The discussion aimed to understand the challenges faced by the private sector in finding the DRR space lucrative.



Day 3: May 25, 2023

On the last day, the third technical session of the 2nd DRRWG Meet delved into discussions that highlighted the significance of adopting a ‘build back better’ approach. It culminated with the technical and functional level officials coming to an understanding of the importance of Disaster Resilient Infrastructure and Financing for Disaster Risk Reduction as the central theme of any discussion on Disaster Risk Reduction.

The delegates deliberated that an institutional framework that supports investments in infrastructure projects, avoids fragmentation, and promotes the execution of such infrastructure projects is desirable and should be encouraged in the national legal framework of G20 countries. Additionally, the role of social protection systems in mitigating the impact of disasters on the most vulnerable population groups was a key topic of discussion.

An exchange of good practices and case studies from the G20 countries was also discussed. The DRRWG Chair (India) and Member-Secretary of National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) Shri Kamal Kishore offered support through the collation of such data and co-development of compendium in areas of Early Warning and Early Action, Resilient Infrastructure, and Financing for the Disaster Risk Reduction.

The meeting concluded with a side event on **Eco-Based Approaches for Disaster Risk Reduction** by NDMA, which was organized in collaboration with knowledge partners like United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR), UN Major Group on Children and Young People, UNEP, and others.



Delegates exploring the “City of Dreams”

1. The DRRWG delegates visited the iconic Gateway of India and watched a light and sound show.
2. On the margins of the G20 Meeting in Mumbai a photo exhibition was also inaugurated on "**Safer Mumbai, Future Ready Mumbai - A photographic portrayal**". The photo exhibition was inaugurated by the Minister of State for Health & Family Welfare, Dr. Bharati Pravin Pawar.



References:

[Disaster Risk Financing to take centre stage at Second G-20 DRRWG Meeting from May 23-25, 2023](#)

[G-20 2nd Disaster Risk Reduction Working Group delegates visit Emergency Operations Centre in Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation Headquarters](#)

[Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare inaugurates the G20 2nd Disaster Risk Reduction Working Group Meeting in Mumbai](#)

[The Second Disaster Risk Reduction Working Group \(DRRWG\) meeting of the G-20 concludes in Mumbai today](#)

Twitter Links:

[The focus of the 2nd technical session of the day revolved around understanding various elements of financing disaster-resilient infrastructure.](#)

[The 3rd technical session of the 2nd #DRRWG Meet in #Mumbai delved into discussions that highlighted the significance of adopting a 'build back better' approach.](#)

[An event on the sidelines of the Meet focused on enhancing cooperation to accelerate 'Ecosystem Based Approaches & Role of Community.'](#)

Video Links:

[MEDIA BRIEFING On 2nd Disaster Risk Reduction Working Group Meeting, Mumbai](#)

[2nd Disaster Risk Reduction Working Group Meeting Day 3 - Press Conference with Shri Kamal Kishore](#)

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