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3rd G20 Health Working Group Meeting (Hyderabad, Telangana– June 4 - June 6, 2023)

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“We have put forward a vision before the world - One Earth One Health. This involves holistic healthcare for all creatures -humans, animals or plants.”

[- Prime Minister Narendra Modi](#)

The 3rd Health Working Group meeting under India's G20 Presidency was held in Hyderabad from June 4 - 6, 2023.

Day 1: June 4, 2023

The 3rd Health Working Group meeting under India's G20 Presidency was inaugurated by Dr Bharati Praveen Pawar, Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare, in the presence of Shri G Kishan Reddy, Union Minister of Tourism, Culture, and DoNER; Prof SP Singh Baghel, Union Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare and Dr. V K Paul, Member (Health), NITI Aayog. Participants included members of G20 countries, guest countries, and invited International Organizations.

The inaugural session focused on discussions on the health priorities of the G20 India Health Track. Highlighting the need for continuous strengthening of healthcare systems Dr Bharati Pravin Pawar stated “The threat of pandemics is far from over. The need is to integrate and strengthen One Health-based surveillance systems.” Adding further, she noted the alignment of



G7 and G20 priorities, including the launch of the Medical Countermeasure (MCM) Delivery Partnership during Japan's G7 Presidency which aligns with G20's proposal of an end-to-end MCM ecosystem. She urged the G20 fraternity to facilitate ongoing efforts, stating that pandemics may not wait for the finalization of the Pandemic Treaty and hence, the time to act is now. Dr. Bharati Pravin Pawar also informed the delegates of India's proposal for a Global

initiative on Digital Health, a WHO-managed network that intends to converge ongoing initiatives in the use of technology in the global health arena for the purpose of bridging the digital divide.

The following sessions were held on the first day of the meeting:

Session 1: Health Emergencies Prevention, Preparedness, and Response

Lt Gen Madhuri Kanitkar (Retd.), Vice Chancellor, Maharashtra University of Health Sciences elaborated that anti-microbial resistance (AMR) features as a key priority in India, hence absolutely remedial measures such as optimizing microbial agents in health



and animal, strengthening the knowledge of evidence-based surveillance and improving the awareness and understanding of AMR have been part of the action plans in India. She emphasized that the pandemic led to the development of digital assets, and data-sharing platforms with all stakeholders, strong surveillance systems and equitable distribution of resources, fostering engagement with key development partners, and financial backing are all integral components for future preparedness.

The session underlined the need to promote the One Health approach and create a framework for Antimicrobial Resistance stewardship.

Session 2: Strengthening Cooperation in Pharmaceutical Sector with Focus on Access and Availability to Safe, Effective, Quality, and Affordable Medical Countermeasures

Discussions in this session revolved around vaccines, therapeutics, and diagnostics (VTD) and building research and development manufacturing networks, facilitating upstream and downstream delivery of (VTDs) across the globe. The delegates highlighted the need to build consensus for a Global Medical Countermeasures Coordination Platform through the ‘Network of Networks’ approach & lessons from vectors like ACT-A.



The first day hosted bilateral meetings as well amongst the G20 fraternity.

Day 2: June 5, 2023

A side event on “**Strengthening Global Collaboration Network on Research and Development in Medical Countermeasures (Diagnostics, Vaccines, and Therapeutics) with a focus on Future Health Emergencies**” was held on the second day of the 3rd HWG meeting and it was addressed by Shri Bhagwant Khuba, Union Minister of State for Chemicals and Fertilizers.



The purpose of the event was to reinforce the second priority of India's G20 Presidency, which is **to strengthen cooperation in the pharmaceutical sector with a focus on access and availability of quality, effective, safe, and affordable medical countermeasures (MCM)**. Given the importance of focusing equally on each component of the Vaccine, Therapeutics, and Diagnostics (VTD) Value Chains, India's G20 Presidency has been discussing how to coordinate the various aspects of the upstream and downstream facets of the MCM ecosystem.

Further, a session was also held on **Enhancing digital literacy for Universal Health Coverage**. Delegates emphasised on establishing a Global Initiative on Digital Health by democratising, leveraging, customising & converging digital health technologies.



On the sidelines of the 3rd HWG meeting, an [exhibition was organised](#) displaying India's prowess in Health R&D, initiatives, public & private innovations & more.



Day 3: June 6, 2023



The third day of the 3rd HWG meeting witnessed a panel discussion on “Envisaging a Global R&D Network for Research in VTDs to enhance PPR”. Dr. Christopher Elias, President (Global Development), Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation stated the need to unlock the power of innovation and R&D for a healthier present and future

In the concluding session, Smt S Aparna, Secretary, Dept. of Pharmaceuticals, while delivering the closing remarks, said that it is through initiatives like the Global R&D Network that we can collectively build a future where no one is left behind, and access to life-saving medical countermeasures becomes a universal reality on the concluding day of the meeting. She was joined by Shri Vaidya Rajesh Kotecha, Secretary, Ministry of AYUSH; and Dr Rajiv Bahl, Secretary, Dept of Health Research and DG, ICMR.



Exhibition by Ministry of AYUSH

In a side event at the 3rd HWG Meeting, the Ministry of AYUSH showcased research-based AYUSH drugs/formulations like AYUSH-64, AYUSH-82, UNIM004 + UNIM 005, Kabasura Kudineer and Homoeopathic formulation Nanocurcumin, developed by Research Councils under the aegis of Ministry of AYUSH. The public sector undertaking, Indian Medicines Pharmaceutical Corporation Limited (IMPCL), under the Ministry of AYUSH, also exhibited AYUSH formulation, manufactured by them.

During this event, the “G20 Primer on Traditional Medicine” prepared by the Ministry of AYUSH and the Forum on Indian Traditional Medicine (FITM) was unveiled by Shri G. Kishan Reddy, Union Minister of Tourism, Culture, and DoNER; Prof. S. P. Singh Baghel, Minister of State, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare; and Dr. Bharati Pravin Pawar, Minister of State, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.



Other Major Highlights

1. A guided tour of the Golconda Fort - an enamouring blend of strength & grandeur was organised for the G20 delegates. They witnessed the mighty structure that bears testimony to the rich heritage of Hyderabad.



2. G20 India [delegates visited National Animal Resource Facility for Biomedical Research, Indian Council of Medical Research & Bharat Biotech](#) at Genome Valley. They explored India's path-breaking approaches in vaccine R&D & more. The G20 delegates were also provided tours of the institutions, visiting the facilities housed in the institutions, and engaged with the authorities, sharing their perspectives and queries.

References:

[Ministry of Ayush is participating in the side event exhibition of 3rd Health Working Group at Hyderabad, Telangana](#)

[Union Health Ministry gears up for 3rd G20 Health Working Group Meeting commencing from 4th June 2023 at Hyderabad](#)

[Union Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare, Dr Bharati Pravin Pawar addresses inaugural session of 3rd G20 Health Working Group Meeting at Hyderabad, Telangana](#)

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[Union Minister of State for Chemicals and Fertilizers, Shri Bhagwant Khuba delivers Inaugural Address on “Strengthening Global Collaboration Network on Research and Development in MCMs” at Side Event of the 3rd G20 India HWG Meeting](#)

[India's digital goods are for the world. India's digital infrastructure and capabilities are enablers of global economic growth and human development: Dr. V. K. Paul, Member, NITI Aayog](#)

[Three days 3rd G20 Health Working Group Meeting draws to a close](#)

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