

G20 Series #71

India's G20 Presidency

3rd Digital Economy Working Group (DEWG) Meeting (Pune, Maharashtra– June 12 - 14, 2023)

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“In India, digitalization has brought about a revolutionary change. Technology is being used as a tool to empower people, make data accessible, and ensure inclusivity.”

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi

The 3rd meeting of the G20 Digital Economy Working Group (DEWG) was held in Pune from June 12 - 14, 2023. The closed-door meeting of the G20 DEWG meeting began on June 13, 2023 with the participation of 77 foreign delegates from G20 Members, 9 Guest Countries, 5 International Organizations, and two Regional Organisations

Day 1: June 12, 2023

The first day of the 3rd DEWG Meeting began with the inauguration of two-day “Global DPI Summit” and ‘Global DPI Exhibition’, by Shri Rajeev Chandrasekhar, Union Minister of State in MeitY and Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship

The Global DPI Summit (June 12 - 13, 2023)

The Summit was attended by over 250 delegates in-person, of which, there were 150 foreign delegates from 50 countries. More than 2000 people attended the summit virtually. India signed MoU with four countries namely Armenia, Sierra Leone, Suriname, and Antigua and Barbuda on sharing INDIA STACK, that is, successful digital solutions implemented at a population scale.

The summit provided the global platform to discuss sector agnostic (foundational) and sectoral DPIs which involved insightful and future-shaping discussions among overall 60 Global Experts on DPIs, who participated in 10 important sessions:



1. Overview of Digital Public Infrastructure
2. Digital Identities for empowering people
3. Digital Payments and Financial Inclusion
4. DPI for Judicial Systems and Regulations
5. Digital Document Exchange for efficient service delivery
6. Public Key Infrastructure (PKI) for DPI
7. Digital Education and Skilling
8. DPI for Digital Health and Climate Action
9. Digital Agriculture Ecosystem
10. Building the Global DPI Ecosystem

By providing the global platform on DPI to digital decision-makers from 50 countries and multiple International Organisations, India took the lead and further strengthened its role of acting as a strong bridge between Global North (G20 members) and Global South (Developing and LMIC countries).



The Global DPI Exhibition (June 12 - 14, 2023)

The Exhibition showcased **14 experience zones** showcasing successfully implemented DPIs related to Digital Identity, Fast Payment, DigiLocker, Soil Health Card, E-National Agriculture Market, Unified Mobile App for New-Age Governance, Open Network for Digital Commerce, seamless travel experience at airports, language translation, learning solution, telemedical consultation, and Digital India Journey. It was visited by the delegates attending the summit and the G20 DEWG meeting. The people from the city of Pune comprising professionals, youth, and senior citizens also visited the exhibition.

Day 2: June 13, 2023

On the second day of the meeting, extensive discussions happened on the actionable deliverables in priority areas namely 'Digital Public Infrastructure', and 'Digital Skilling'.

The discussions revolved around Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) and the concept of "One Future Alliance & One Future Fund" for DPI, enabling principles for good DPI, and recognizing the need for financing opportunities for DPI in Low and Middle-Income Countries (LMIC).



Thereafter, Digital skilling, upskilling and reskilling, Capacity building & awareness, building a mutual recognition framework for digital skills, and information sharing were discussed.

Day 3: June 14, 2023

On the last day of the meeting, discussions were held on the actionable deliverables on the priority area of 'Cybersecurity'. In this discussion, the security for a safe, resilient, and trusted digital economy and various aspects such as capacity building for children & youth, and countering potential security threats were deliberated.

The 'Stay Safe Online (SSO)' campaign and 'G20 Digital Innovation Alliance (DIA)' have been launched under Indian Presidency to engage with common people especially youths and entrepreneurs in G20 Member States. So far, under the 'Stay Safe Online' campaign, 2,19,000+ persons have participated in the national level Cyber Quizzes. Under DIA, 2460+ Startups have applied for the contest.

A Highlight of Culture & a Diverse History

1. The delegates got an opportunity to immerse themselves in the music and colours of Pune through Palkhi Darshan. Delegates witnessed the devotees walk in vibrant processions as part of the rich tradition - Ashadhi Wari.



2. Delegates got the opportunity to witness the vivid colours and lively tunes through elaborate performances showcasing Maharashtra's rich heritage.

References:

[Pre-event curtain raiser and press briefing done by G20 DEWG Chair, Shri Alkesh Kumar Sharma, Secretary, MeitY](#)

[Third meeting of 'G20 Digital Economy Working Group \(DEWG\)' concluded on 14 June 2023](#)

Twitter Link:

[Showcasing India's prowess towards an inclusive & sustainable Digital Public Infrastructure!](#)

Video Link:

[MEDIA BRIEFING on 3rd Digital Economy Working Group Meeting, Pune](#)

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