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### G20 Series #26

## **India's G20 Presidency**

## 1st Anti-Corruption Working Group Meeting (Gurugram - March 01-03, 2023)

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March 20, 2023

"India's G20 Presidency has tried to give a voice to the Global South. No group can claim global leadership without listening to those most affected by its decisions."

Prime Minister Narendra Modi

The 1st meeting of the G20 Anti-Corruption Working Group (ACWG) was held from March 01-03, 2023, in Gurugram, Haryana. It was inaugurated on March 01, 2023, by

Dr. Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State (I/C). Ministry of S&T and Ministry of Earth Sciences; MoS in the Minister's Prime office. Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions, Department of Atomic Energy and Department of Space.

The G20 delegates joined hands against the menace of corruption. The 1st ACWG meeting in the glittering Technopolis of Gurugram focused on five broad themes to deepen G20 commitment towards countering corruption.



# Day 1: March 01, 2023

On day one of the 1<sup>st</sup> ACWG meeting, Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh welcomed G20 delegates and underlined the significance of the forum in strengthening global anticorruption efforts and addressing the wider implications of corruption. The agenda for the day was as follows:



The 1<sup>st</sup> ACWG side event discussed the role of information and communication technology (ICT) as a tool for eradicating corruption, showcasing India's unique digital governance initiatives.

Discussions on Day 1 centred on Asset Recovery mechanisms and information sharing.



# Day 2: March 02, 2023

Aiming to counter the menace of corruption, G20 delegates discussed the issues of mutual legal assistance, effectiveness of public bodies and law enforcement cooperation.



# Day 3: March 03, 2023

The deliberations of the 1st Anti-Corruption Working Group Meeting will continue to strengthen G20 India's commitments towards countering corruption globally. The agenda for day 3 was:



Delegates deliberated on 'Good Practices on Enhancing the Role of Auditing in Preventing and Combating Corruption'.



The G20 event further hosted a 'Discussion on the Role of the Ministerial Meet in Lending the Necessary Political Thrust to Combat Corruption', followed by exploring 'Partnership with Engagement Groups' as a way to strengthen mechanisms to tackle the global issue.



# **Delegates experienced India's Rich Culture**

The delegates also experienced India's culture through specially curated Yoga Sessions, visit to historic sites, cultural events and local cuisine.

Amidst the serene beauty of nature, the G20 India delegates visited the wellknown **Sultanpur National Park** at the conclusion of 1<sup>st</sup> ACWG meeting in Gurugram. Delegates were accorded a warm cultural welcome and they also tried their hands at some traditional activities.



#### **References:**

- The first meeting of the G20 Anti-corruption Working Group concludes in Gurugram, Haryana
- <u>First Anti-Corruption Working Group Meeting (ACWG) of G20 to be held at Gurugram, Haryana</u> <u>from 1st to 3rd March, 2023</u>

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