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“From faith and spirituality to tourism, from agriculture to education and skill development, Madhya Pradesh is a wonderful destination”

[Prime Minister Narendra Modi](#)

The 1st Agriculture Deputies Meeting (ADM) was held in Indore, Madhya Pradesh, from February 13-15, 2023. The meeting was held as part of the events of the **Agriculture Working Group (AWG)** in the context of India's G20 Presidency. Around 100 delegates from G20 member countries, guest countries, and International Organizations participated in the meeting.

The **G20** is an international, intergovernmental forum consisting of 19 countries and the European Union (EU). It aims to address major issues in the global economy, such as international financial stability, climate change mitigation, and sustainable development. The G20 constitutes of most of the world's largest economies, including both industrialized and developing nations.

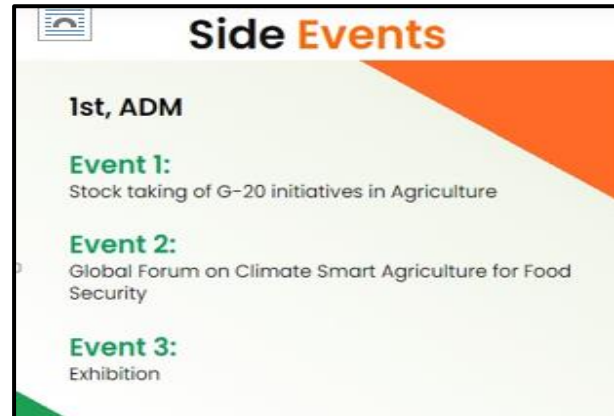


The **AWG** was established in the year 2011, at the sixth meeting of the G20 during the Cannes Summit in France. The AWG was formed to work in the area of agriculture and food security. It was accompanied by a special launch of the Agricultural Market Information System (AMIS) and the endorsement of an Action Plan on Food Price Volatility and Agriculture as concrete steps to address challenges related to food and agriculture.

The **G20 Agriculture Deputies Group** was formed during the French Presidency in 2011 to deal with volatility in global food prices. It is an important forum to enhance cooperation among the G20 members on agriculture-related issues. The working group facilitates information exchange and cooperation on a range of global issues such as food security,

nutrition, antimicrobial resistance, food waste and loss, sustainability, and resilient and inclusive food value chains¹.

In the context of India's G20 Presidency, and aligning with India's G20 Presidency theme of 'One Earth, One Family, One Future', the AWG aspires to enhance cooperation among G20 nations and aims to provide the member countries with an opportunity to coordinate at the policy level to work towards achieving global economic stability and sustainable growth².



The themes addressed during the Meeting were:

1. Food Security & Nutrition
2. Sustainable Agriculture with Climate Smart Agriculture
3. Inclusive Agricultural Value Chains and Food Systems
4. Digitalization for Agricultural Transformation

Day 1: February 13

The Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh, Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan inaugurated an exhibition on the first day of the three-day meeting. **Millets, their value-added food products**, and stalls from Animal Husbandry and Fisheries constituted major attractions of this exhibition³.



On the first day of the G-20 meeting, the delegates took a heritage walk through the city of Indore wherein they visited the historic Rajwada Palace and chhatris of the historical Holkar State of Indore. The heritage walk started from Boliya Sarkar Smarak Chhatri and reached Rajwada passing through Krishnapura Chhatri. The delegates enjoyed the local culture

¹ <https://www.g20.org/en/workstreams/sherpa-track/>

² <https://agricoop.gov.in/awg-g20/%23Resources>

³ <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1898485>

and cuisine. Later, the representatives interacted with the media too⁴.

The delegates also enjoyed a rich display of India's culture through mesmerizing cultural performances.⁵

Day 2: February 14

The second day of the meeting was dominated by discussions and deliberations on agriculture and allied issues. The session on this day was initiated by the Civil Aviation Minister, Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia, who spoke about the **3-S template** for development in the agriculture sector, that is, "**Smart, Serve all, and Sustainable**".



He also highlighted the importance of drones in India's agriculture growth story. Presentations were made on the Issue Note for AWG, covering the four key priority areas.

The Secretary of the Union Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (MoA&FW) delivered the keynote address. Later, the delegates visited the historical Mandu Fort.



The G20 delegates also visited the Onion, Wheat, and Chickpea fields of Patel Farm House

⁴ <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1898746>

⁵ <https://twitter.com/AgriGoI/status/1625171876023787524?s=20&t=g2rdzAKnwXFJydcx2CADJw>

along with a poly house that grows cucumbers on the second day⁶.

Day 3: February 15

The third and final day of the event started with technical, theme-wise sessions on the aforementioned four priority areas. The opening remarks were delivered by Smt. Shubha Thakur, Joint Secretary, Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare (DA&FW).

Dr. Abhilaksh Likhi, Additional Secretary, DA&FW presented the Global Framework on Food Security and Nutrition, followed by an introduction to the Millet International Initiative for Research and Awareness (MIIRA) by Smt. Shubha Thakur, Joint Secretary, DA&FW.

Sh. Franklin L. Khobung, Joint Secretary, DA&FW delivered the opening remarks for the technical session on Sustainable Agriculture with Climate Smart Approach, while the technical session on Inclusive Agricultural Value Chains and Food Systems was opened by Dr. Abhilaksh Likhi.

For a technical session on Digitalization for Agricultural Transformation, opening remarks were delivered by Dr. P.K. Meherda, Additional Secretary, DA&FW. The concluding remarks



were delivered by the session chair, Sh. Manoj Ahuja, Secretary, DA&FW emphasized the need to have greater convergence and collaboration among the G20 member countries on agricultural research and development aspects.⁷

There was a [Media Briefing](#) by the Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare after the 1st AWG Meeting, Indore.

In light of the significance of millets, as underlined during the meeting, special Millet-based and One District One Product (ODOP) related hampers were gifted to foreign delegates⁸.

Conclusion

⁶ <https://twitter.com/AgriGoI/status/1625493978299908107?s=20>

⁷ <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1899499>

⁸ <https://twitter.com/AgriGoI/status/1625873282741456896?s=20>

The 1st Agriculture Deputies Meeting has played a crucial role in strengthening India's G20 Presidency. Given the centrality of agriculture and agrarian activities in the country's socio-economic fabric, the meeting has highlighted the role that India can play in addressing issues related to agriculture, food security, climate change and sustainability. The meeting has further reiterated India's key theme of 'One Earth, One Family, One Future' in the context of its G20 Presidency. The meeting has also paved the way forward for coordination at the policy level to work towards achieving global economic stability and sustainable growth.

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