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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 2nd Health Working Group (HWG) meeting under G20 India Presidency was held from April 17th – 19th, 2023 in Goa. More than 180 delegates from 19 G20 member countries, 10 invited states, and 22 International Organizations participated in the meeting.

The [2nd HWG meeting had thematic discussions on the following three priorities](#) identified under the G20 Health Track:

Priority I: Health Emergencies Prevention, Preparedness, and Response (with Focus on One Health & AMR):

Priority II: Strengthening Cooperation in Pharmaceutical Sector with focus on Access and Availability to safe, effective, quality and Affordable Medical Countermeasures (Vaccines, Therapeutics and Diagnostics)

Priority III: Digital Health Innovations and Solutions to Aid Universal Health Coverage and Improve Healthcare Service Delivery"

Day 1: April 17, 2023

The first day of the meeting saw multiple brainstorming sessions on various aspects revolving around the three priorities of India's G20 Health track. Dr. Bharati Pravin Pawar, Union Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare, and Shri Shripad Naik, Union Minister of State for Tourism and Ports & Shipping and Waterways were present at the inaugural session, where they delivered the keynote address and special address.

Dr Bharati Pravin Pawar stated that "India's G20 priorities focus on reformed multilateralism that creates an accountable, inclusive, equitable and representative forum fit for addressing

the many challenges in the 21st century”. Highlighting India’s efforts in promoting health and wellness tourism, Shri Shripad Naik said that India remained one of the top destinations for medical tourism. They also inaugurated an exhibition showcasing India’s innovative interventions taken in recent years, and success stories in the digital healthcare arena.



Post inaugural session, three technical sessions with keynote addresses by public health experts and key stakeholders were held. T

Session 1: Health Emergencies Prevention, Preparedness and Response (HEPPR)

Discussions on embedding anti-microbial resistance in HEPPR Governance Systems and financing and ensuring coherence and complementarity of ongoing HEPPR efforts at various governance levels were held. Members also discussed comprehensive proposals for building collaborative surveillance systems in pandemic management, supported by advanced networks of laboratories and relevant infrastructure.



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

Discussions revolved around creating better collaborations at various levels. Be it public and private partnerships or international collaborations through a network-of-network coordination platform or platforms to ensure equitable access to medical countermeasures.

Session 3: Discussion on the Draft Outcome Document was done exclusively amongst G20 member states in an hour-long session. It was emphasized that any consensus must be built through measures that are evidence-based, inclusive, fair, equitable, transparent, and need-

based. Various specific interventions and solutions were discussed during this enriching session.

Day 2: April 18, 2023

Day 2 of the meeting started with the following agenda:

1. Digital Health Innovations and Solutions to Aid Universal Health Coverage and Improve Healthcare Service Delivery.
2. Zero Draft of G20 Health Ministers' Declaration
3. Citizen-Centric Health Delivery Ecosystems for Universal Health Coverage leveraging Digital Health and Innovations
4. Creation of Digital Health Ecosystem: Moving towards harmonized and efficient Health-Data Governance Frameworks.



The first side event on Day 2 of the meeting focused on developing a citizen-centred health delivery system for universal health coverage, utilising digital health solutions & innovations.



At the side event on 'Digital Health' panelists discussed ways to further enhance the digital health ecosystem. The deliberations also highlighted the need to create a harmonised and efficient health-data governance framework.



Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, delivered the keynote address at the concluding session on the 2nd day of the Meeting. “As G20 Health Working Group, we are heading in the right direction toward jointly creating a positive impact for future Global Health Architecture”, said the Minister as he expressed his appreciation towards all the delegates from G20 member states, invited countries, and International Organizations for aligning their priorities with India’s proposed health priorities.

Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya along with invitee countries’ delegates, International Organisations and development partners visited the Ayushman Bharat Health and Wellness Centre (AB-HWC) in Corlim, Goa. The field visit was undertaken as part of the ongoing 2nd G20 Health Working Group Meeting. During the visit, Dr. Mandaviya appreciated Goa’s capacities in the healthcare sector.



Day 3: April 19, 2023

The third day of the 2nd Health Working Group meeting under India's G20 Presidency witnessed engaging technical sessions on digital health innovations with a people-centric focus, technology-enabled continuum of care, and the issue of the digital divide among other issues and solutions.

Three Panel Discussions were held, with the first session focusing on **"Innovations in Healthcare - Health service delivery aided by Technology Interventions."** The session saw eminent health experts pushing for a lifecycle-care framework where open-source software can enable data innovations. Suggestions such as a central organization/coalition in the world to guide national governments, along with regional implementation hubs, a paradigm shift towards Artificial General Intelligence (AGI), and AGI-enabled Digital public goods were put forward.



The second session on **"Technology aiding Continuing of care - Harnessing the potential of real-world data/evidence for better patient outcomes"** explored various thought-provoking aspects of technological tools and how they can be used in better patient care delivery. It was discussed that highly interoperable systems are needed, and for national digital transformation, nations must focus on a person-centred digital journey. Suggestions such as cooperation among tech innovators, governments, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and health organizations, combined with strong political will and a coordinated and inclusive framework to guide investments, were discussed.



The third session on **"Digital Public Goods (DPGs) to Bridge the Digital Divide"** highlighted the critical element of democratizing digital public goods. The speakers concurred that investments in DPGs can reap multi-fold benefits, and in addition to DPGs, it

was suggested that expert knowledge facilitated by digital interventions must be democratized as well. Several other important suggestions, such as collective action to promote the Global Initiative on Digital Health (GIDH), strengthening organizational capacities across the globe, and developing lightweight standards for Public Health Centers for better and faster adoption at grassroots levels, were discussed in the session.



Showcasing Goa's Rich Culture and Hospitality

1. The first day of the meeting ended with a cultural program showcasing Goa's rich culture and hospitality which included a gala dinner at the Fort Aguada campus, Goa.
2. Goa's CM Dr. Pramod Sawant, Union Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandviya and delegates witnessed a recreation of the famous weekly Anjuna Flea Market which offers an array of apparel, footwear jewellery, souvenirs & more.



3. On the sidelines of the panel discussions, participants also visited the exhibition showcasing various digital technology solutions built locally and globally.

References:

[Key stakeholders convene ahead of the G20 second health working group to strengthen global collaboration in research and accelerate regional manufacturing for diagnostics](#)

[Day 1 of the 2nd HWG meeting witnesses brainstorming sessions on multiple aspects of India's G20 Health track priorities](#)

[Union Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare, Dr Bharati Pravin Pawar and Union Minister of State for Tourism and Ports & Shipping and Waterways, Shri Shripad Naik address the inaugural session of the 2nd G20 Health Working Group Meeting at Goa](#)

[Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya delivers Inaugural Address at the 2nd G20 India HWG side event](#)

[Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya undertakes a field visit to AB-HWC Corlim with G20 Delegates](#)

[Dr Mansukh Mandaviya delivers the keynote address at the concluding session of the 2nd G20 Health Working Group Meeting](#)

[Panel Discussions held as part of the 2nd G20 HWG meeting side event](#)

Twitter Links:

[A treasure trove of music, dance & art- Goa](#)

[Union Health Minister, Mansukh Mandviya and MoS \(HFW\) Dr. Bharati Pawar inaugurated an exhibition that presented the remarkable achievements of technological interventions in enhancing healthcare delivery.](#)

[Summary of G20 2nd HWG Meeting](#)

Video Link:

[Dr Mansukh Mandaviya HFM | Inaugural address of the side event of the 2nd G20 HWG meeting](#)

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