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## **India's G20 Presidency**

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Digital Economy Working Group Meeting (Hyderabad- April 17 - 19, 2023)**

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*“India has two key strengths - trust and scale. We cannot take technology to all corners without trust and scale. The entire world is talking about India’s efforts in this direction”*

-Prime Minister Narendra Modi

Making progress on the ‘G20 Digital Economy Working Group (DEWG)’, the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) organised the second in-person meeting of DEWG in Hyderabad from April 17-19, 2023. The three-day meeting was attended by 81 foreign delegates from G20 Members, 8 Guest Countries, 5 International organizations, and one Regional Organisation.

#### **Day 1: April 17, 2023**

On the first day, three thematic sessions were organised as a part of side events. The sessions saw a discussion among the panel from international and national experts and an intense Q&A with the participants.

The topics included were:

**High-Speed Mobile Broadband and its Impacts-** Panelists deliberated on 'High-Speed Mobile Broadband & its Impacts on Lives, Society & Industry'. They also highlighted the ways technology is rapidly transforming our lifestyle & workspace.





**Digital Inclusion - Connecting the Unconnected**- The panelists discussed the strategies to bridge the digital divide for achieving inclusive development, meaningful connectivity, and affordable devices.



**Sustainable Green Digital Infrastructure: Challenges and Opportunities**- The delegates focused on telecom infrastructure, the significance of the circular economy in green telecom & e-waste management practices.



## Day 2: April 18, 2023

On the second day, the proceedings were initiated by Shri Alkesh Kumar Sharma, Secretary, MeitY, and thereafter, Shri Sushil Pal, Joint Secretary; MeitY chaired and anchored the discussions with delegates of G20, guest countries and International Organisations.

A multi-stakeholder workshop on “**Mutual Recognition Framework on Digital Skills**” was also organised. The best practices and latest initiatives on the subject matter were presented by the respective experts from the Government, Industry, and Academia.

The workshop explored ways in which digital skills can be recognised across borders & develop a framework to promote global digital skill recognition. The insightful deliberations held during the workshop were appreciated by the participating delegates.



Thereafter, in-depth discussion on the priority area titled ‘**Digital Skilling**’ was held. The participating delegates discussed the critical role of Digital Skilling in shaping Digital Transformation and creating the Future Ready Workforce. Inclusive development was re-emphasized during the discussion.

## Day 3: April 19, 2023

On the third and last day of the meeting, detailed discussions on the priority areas were held on the following topics:

1. **Digital Infrastructure**      **Public**
2. **Cyber Security**      **in**  
**Digital Economy**



To bring coherence among the various Working Groups and Parallel Tracks of G20, the respective leads from GPFII and the Health WG also presented their progress and linkage with DEWG. DPI Initiatives especially related to Financial Inclusion & Universal Digital Healthcare and their impacts in India were highlighted.

The meeting concluded with the Drafting of the Declaration and discussions on the way forward.

### Other Major Highlights

Delegates visited IIT-Hyderabad and experienced India's path-breaking projects and cutting-edge research in the field of digital & telecom technologies such as 5G Products, 5G base stations, 6G system prototypes, Autonomous Navigation testbed, and AI-powered RNA- electronic test kit.



Delegates witnessed the creative hub which provides access to superior technology, customers, corporates, & investors.

On the last day, [delegates visited the iconic Golconda Fort](#) which is popular for its mounted cannons, drawbridges, and grand halls.



**References:**

[MeitY to organise the second meeting of 'G20 Digital Economy Working Group' in Hyderabad from April 17-19, 2023](#)

[Second meeting of 'G20 Digital Economy Working Group \(DEWG\)' concluded on April 19, 2023](#)

**Twitter Links:**

[Agenda for Day 1](#), [Agenda for Day 2](#), [Agenda for Day 3](#)

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