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3rd Education Working Group Meeting

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"Skill and Education are the two principal tools during India's Amrit Kaal and it is the youth who are leading the nation's Amrit Yatra with the vision of a developed India."

-Prime Minister Narendra Modi

The 3rd Education Working Group Meeting (EdWG) under India's G20 Presidency was held in Bhubaneswar from April 26 - 28, 2023. Shri K. Sanjay Murthy, Secretary, Higher Education; Shri Sanjay Kumar, Secretary, School Education and Literacy; and Shri Atul Kumar Tiwari, Secretary, Skill, Development and Entrepreneurship; and senior officials of the Ministries attended the meeting. Over 60 delegates from 27 countries including G20 members, invitee members and International Organisations including United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF), United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and Organisation for Economic Cooperation & Development (OECD) were present.

Day 1: April 26, 2023

On the first day of the 3rd EdWG meeting, Dr. Subhas Sarkar, Minister of State for Education, was the Guest of Honour. He delivered a special address on the importance of education in moulding the nation's future. He emphasised the value of skill education and informed about the many skilling initiatives offered by the Government of India. He emphasised the need for platforms such as the G20 in exchanging expertise, experiences, and best practices that will be useful in collaborative reforms in the education sector.



Shri Sarkar said that guided by the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, the Indian Government is rethinking the ways deployed to develop, assess, and recognize skills, primarily through the integration of Academic and Vocational Education.

The 3rd Education Working Group meeting under G20 kicked off with a seminar on ‘Building Capacities for Lifelong Learning” in the context of Future of Work’ at CSIR-IMMT. The meeting is a continuation of the previous two working group meetings held in Chennai and Amritsar earlier, aimed at discussing and implementing innovative ideas and policies to globally transform the education sector.

Dr. Nirmaljeet Singh Kalsi, Chairperson of the National Council for Vocational Education and Training (NCVET), also spoke at the seminar.



The seminar included three panel discussions, with panellist participation from Brazil, Spain, UAE, Singapore, Russia, South Africa, Mauritius, OECD, UNICEF, Australia, and the United Kingdom. The panel discussion themes were:

1. Panel Discussion 1: Building an agile response to the needs of labour markets and institutional capacity building in the context future of work: enabling high quality technical and vocational education. Shri Atul Kumar Tiwari, Secretary, Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, chaired the panel discussion.
2. Panel Discussion 2: Creating pathways between higher and vocational education. Shri Sabysachi Das, Chief Executive Officer of Larsen & Toubro EduTech, chaired the discussion.
3. Panel Discussion 3: Equipping children with a range of future skills to set them on the course of lifelong learning. It was chaired by Shri Sanjay Kumar, Secretary, Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Education.

Delegates also attended the [G20 Future of Work Exhibition](#) where they saw cutting-edge technology and innovative ideas that are changing the way we work and learn. The exhibition features active representation from industry, academia, government agencies, multilateral agencies, startups, and other organisations, as well as an Experience Zone on the Future of Work and huge technology exhibits. Through exhibits from Meta, Hexagon, Infosys, MEITY, UNICEF, Indian Knowledge Systems Division, IIT Bhubaneswar, IIM Sambalpur, TRIFED, and many more stalls, the event highlighted the latest ideas in future of work, healthcare, mobility, agriculture, and other futuristic subjects. The proposed exhibition provided a one-of-a-kind venue for policymakers and educators with relevant and integrated methods for lifelong learning as a result of evolving technologies and Market trends.

Day 2: April 27, 2023

On the second day, the delegates gathered to share their views on the development of the education sector across different countries. MoS, Dr. Subhas Sarkar underlined the need for transforming global learning ecosystems in a rapidly evolving world.

Leading up to the meeting, a series of precursor events which included seminars, panel discussions and workshops on the theme of life-long learning and future of work were organised. The seminar saw participation from academia, industry, the government and Singapore High Commission. The discussions were on the topics 'Deep Tech with a focus on advanced technology in future of work', 'Transforming Logistics – focus on coastal areas economies' and 'Skill Architecture & Governance Models – Learnings from Singapore Model'.



To involve the youth, a chain of month-long 'Jan Bhagidari' events were organised starting from 'Utakal Dibasa' or 'Odisha Day' on April 1, 2023. These events are also an attempt to create awareness around the ongoing 3rd EdWG meeting in Bhubaneswar. Under the initiative, various competitions and activities involving the youth such as awareness rallies, marathons, essay writing, rangoli making, yoga sessions, quiz, debates, elocution, Mock G20 and many more were organised across the 30 districts of the state. The campaign witnessed around 1 lakh plus participation from 35 institutions across Odisha.

Delegates and global educators concluded the second day with discussions revolving around preparing the outcome document leveraging education to make the world more equitable, inclusive, & sustainable.



Day 3: April 28, 2023

The concluding day of the Meeting started with delegates carrying forward with the discussions on outcome document. They emphasised the role learning plays as a key driver of development and enabler for empowerment.



G20 India's 3rd Education Working Group meeting concluded with a commitment to ensure the betterment of learner's with respect to skilling, upskilling and reskilling.

Delegates witnessing the “City of Temples”

1. Delegates were taken to Konark Sun Temple, followed by cultural performances in Puri. They were given patachitra paintings as a memorable token for their visit to Bhubaneswar.



2. The three-day meeting also included a cultural extravaganza, featuring traditional Odishi performances. The delegates got a chance to experience the rich cultural heritage of Odisha and learn more about the state's history and traditions.

References:

[Ministry of Education to Host the 3rd EdWG Meeting in Bhubaneswar, Odisha](#)

[3rd Education Working Group Meeting under G20 kicks off in Bhubaneswar](#)

[3rd EdWG Meeting commences in Bhubaneswar](#)

[G20 India's 3rd Education Working Group meeting concludes today in Bhubaneswar with a commitment to ensure the betterment of learners with respect to skilling, upskilling and reskilling](#)

Twitter Links:

[Gearing up to initiate deliberations focusing on further enhancing the education sector globally, Bhubaneswar is all set to host the 3rd EdWG Meeting](#)

[Agenda for Day 1](#)

[Agenda for Day 2](#)

[Agenda for Day 3](#)

[Here's a look at what the delegates experienced in Bhubaneswar](#)

Video link:

[MEDIA BRIEFING On 3rd Education Working Group Meeting, Bhubaneswar](#)

[BUILDING CAPACITIES FOR LIFELONG LEARNING IN THE CONTEXT OF FUTURE OF WORK](#)

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