India’s energy demands will be highest in the present decade which presents an opportunity for the investors and stakeholders of the energy sector. New opportunities for investment and collaboration are being created by the expanding energy sector of India.

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi

The 3rd Energy Transitions Working Group Meeting (ETWG) under India’s G20 Presidency was held in Mumbai from May 15 - 17, 2023. The three-day meeting witnessed the participation of over 100 delegates from G20 member countries, special invitee countries and International Organisations such as the International Energy Agency (IEA), and United Nations Environment Program (UNEP).

Day 1: May 15, 2023

The Special Address on the opening day of the 3rd ETWG Meeting was given by Minister of State for Railways, Coal and Mines, Shri Raosaheb Patil Danve, who stressed the need to give preference to the development and adoption of sustainable energy sources and policies that promote conservation and reduce carbon emissions. He said, “G20 nations hold a unique responsibility to lead the way towards a sustainable future.” India's leadership is important in this transition, Minister added.
The 3rd ETWG Meeting was chaired by Shri Alok Kumar, Secretary of the Ministry of Power, Government of India and ETWG Chair, Shri Bhupinder Singh Bhalla, Secretary of the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, and Shri Vivek Bharadwaj, Secretary of the Ministry of Mines, were also part of the meeting and deliberations.

The key highlight of the 3rd ETWG meeting was the detailed discussions on the draft Ministerial Communique.

On the side-lines, the Meeting was complemented by three side events. The side events witnessed the participation of various stakeholders – policymakers, multilateral organisations, financial institutions, business organizations and subject experts. On the first day, the side events included:

1. **Workshop with Multilateral Development Banks (MDBs) with the aim of mobilizing low-cost international finance** – The discussions focused on ensuring providing access to finance to countries that would enable the scale-up and implementation of critical and emerging technologies such as battery storage, green hydrogen, offshore wind, Bioenergy, and Carbon Capture Utilisation.

2. **Seminar on Just Transition Roadmap** – The Seminar deliberated upon challenges faced in Just Transition in the coal sector, primarily in coal-dependent economies. The discussions covered lessons learnt from various countries in different aspects, namely, Institutional Governance, Repurposing land and infrastructural assets, enabling sharing of knowledge of successful initiatives taken worldwide and also for facilitating technological and financial assistance through collaborations.

3. **Seminar on Biofuels** – The Seminar focused on ways to accelerate the development and deployment of biofuels, including new technologies through strengthening the alliance on collaboration and advancements in biofuel including creating a Global Biofuel Alliance.

**Day 2: May 16, 2023**

On the second day, key discussions were lined up on the side-lines to further enrich dialogue and provide focused insights on various aspects of the energy transition.
1. Seminar on Off-shore Wind - The event titled “Harnessing Offshore Wind for accelerating energy transition: The Way Forward” provided a platform to aggregate knowledge and best practices for boosting progress on offshore wind in India and globally.

2. Sharing global policies and best practices to decarbonize ‘Hard to Abate sectors’ - The objective of this side event was to understand the challenging aspects of industry transition. It examined various issues such as policy alignment and formulation, technology collaboration, finance mobilization, capacity and skills development, and related aspects of industrial decarbonisation.

3. Seminar on SMRs (Small Module Reactors) for Clean Energy Transition - This Seminar brought together various stakeholders - industry, policymakers, public sector enterprises, private sector companies, regulatory bodies, and international agencies to deliberate upon the key issues with respect to SMRs development and deployment.

4. Synergizing the Energy Transition Pathways of G20 ETWG and B20, India Industry perspective - This was aimed to exchange high-level commitments through the G20 and business actions from forums like the B20. The session elaborated on this key priority from an industry perspective. This event was organised in partnership with the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), as the designated Secretariat for B20 India.

Day 3: May 17, 2023

On the third day of the 3rd ETWG meeting, a side event was organised on Accelerating Energy Efficiency and promoting an energy-efficient life. The event brought together Mission Efficiency partners, leading energy efficiency stakeholders, and country representatives to increase focus and provide momentum for ambitious actions on energy efficiency, including through G20 processes, and showcased
India’s leadership in promoting energy-efficient behaviours and lifestyles through the LiFE Campaign (Lifestyle for the Environment).

Delegates also discussed and made progress on the draft Ministerial Communiqué and high-level deliverables. The discussions and progress on the same will be taken forward in the 4th Energy Transitions Working Group Meeting, scheduled to take place in Goa from July 19-20, 2023.

**Immersing in India’s Rich Cultural Heritage**

Delegates at the 3rd ETWG Meeting experienced a one-of-a-kind experience of India’s rich history & cultural heritage at the Gateway of India.

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