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2nd Employment Working Group Meeting

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“When the wheels of development are in motion, employment opportunities are created in every sector”

- [Prime Minister Narendra Modi](#)

The 2nd Employment Working Group (EWG) Meeting under India's G20 Presidency took place in the city of Guwahati, Assam from April 03 to 05, 2023. The three-day event saw a gathering of over 74 delegates from over 19 G20 member countries, seven guest countries and five International Organisations.

The EWG has a mandate of addressing on priority labour, employment and social issues for strong, sustainable, balanced, and job-rich growth for all. The Ministry of Labour and Employment (MoLE), Government of India is the nodal ministry for the Employment Working Group under the Indian presidency of G20.

The G20 EWG's second meeting is a crucial step towards building consensus on the outcomes of the three key priority areas for EWG 2023 under the Indian Presidency, which are:

1. Addressing Global Skill Gaps
2. Gig and Platform Economy, and Social Protection
3. Sustainable Financing of Social Protection

Day 1: April 3, 2023

Addressing the inaugural session of the 2nd Employment Working Group (EWG) meeting in Guwahati, Union Minister of State for Labour and Employment and Petroleum and Natural Gas, Shri Rameshwar Teli called upon the G20 countries to move deliberations for EWG's three priority areas further and translate them into clear strategies.

He said deliberations will be taken forward by the respective ministries in their countries post the formulation of the ministerial communique. He added that public policy needs to be designed to reach the vulnerable, the most disadvantaged and the poor first, so that they can be brought into the mainstream within reasonable timeframes.



Minister of Environment & Forest, Act East Policy Affairs, and Welfare of Minorities, Assam Government Shri Chandra Mohan Patowary also addressed the gathering. A compilation of essays by students addressing labour issues as a part of Jan Bhagidari in G20 was also unveiled at the event.

The first day of the meeting comprised sessions focused on knowledge sharing on different priority areas by the Sustainable Finance Working Group, Digital Economy Working Group, Education Working Group, G20 Entrepreneurship Research Centre and the L20, and B20 Chairs.

The Employment Working Group is collaborating with the above-mentioned Working Groups as they have intersecting priority areas with the EWG.



A session on the update on activities and accomplishments of the Entrepreneurship Research Centre(ERC) on G20 economies also took place. The ERC aims to be an institution with academic and policy influence and entrepreneurial and employment results.

Between crucial deliberations and elaborate discussions, the G20 delegates got to revitalise themselves with a quick session of yoga exercises.



Day 2: April 4, 2023

On the second day of the Employment Working Group (EWG) Meeting, Secretary, Labour & Employment Ms. Arti Ahuja, the G20 EWG Chair steered the discussions on Draft Ministerial Declaration covering the three priority areas taken up by the EWG.

The second session focused on aspects of the Gig and Platform economy. Delegates also exchanged insightful dialogue on strengthening social protection in the sector.

The Yoga Stretch break introduced in between the sessions was invigorating and appreciated by the delegates.





Day 3: April 5, 2023

On the third day of the 2nd EWG meeting, the sessions addressed issues on crucial skill gaps and sustainable social protection financing.

The meeting initiated detailed deliberations on sustainable financing of social protection in the employment sector. After this, the delegates deliberated on & addressed the skill gaps affecting the global workforce. The discussion was based on the Outcome Document drafted at the inception meeting.



Ms Arti Ahuja, Secretary, Labour & Employment and G20 EWG Chair steered the discussions ensuring consensus is developed on the key elements of the Ministerial

Declaration and Outcome Documents covering the three priority areas of the EWG under the Indian Presidency.



Delegates getting a glimpse of the Rich Cultural Heritage of Assam

1. On the first day, a cultural programme was organised in the evening along with dinner at the banks of Brahmaputra at the Mahabahu Brahmaputra River Heritage Centre which included Assamese Dances (Bihu), flute music renditions and folk songs which were very well received by the international audience.
2. The second day included a pleasant musical evening with a live band. The delegates enthusiastically joined in by singing along to the foot-tapping music.
3. The G20 delegates visited the stalls showcasing dishes made of millet and the cultural heritage of Assam.



Various Jan Bhagidari activities like cycle rallies, cleanliness drives, mock G20s at schools, tree plantations, seminars and lectures were organised by the Assam state government to involve citizens from all walks of life, including students, youth, women, private sector, academia and civil society.

References:

[Second Meeting of G20 Employment Working Group begins in Guwahati, Assam \(3rd-5th April\)](#)

[Shri Rameshwar Teli calls upon G20 countries to move deliberations for EWG's three priority areas Addressing Global Skill Gaps, Gig and Platform Economy , Sustainable Financing of Social Security further and translate them into clear strategies](#)

[Discussions take place on Draft Ministerial Declaration on three priority areas on the second Day of EWG Meeting from 3rd-5th April, 2023 at Guwahati, Assam](#)

[Second EWG Meeting concludes on a positive note with G20 members moving towards consensus on the three priority areas of Ministerial Declaration and Outcome Documents](#)

Twitter Links:

[Guwahati is all set to host delegates at the 2nd Employment Working Group Meeting!](#)

[The 2nd EWG meeting concluded in Guwahati through elaborate sessions, delegates initiated dialogue on enhancing strength, balance, sustainability & job-rich growth, across the globe.](#)

Video Link:

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