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G20 Countries can undertake Skill Mapping at the Global Level: PM Modi

G20 countries can undertake skill mapping at the global level, find gaps that need to be plugged and also play a key role in promoting research and innovation, Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi said during a virtual address at the G20 Education Ministers' meeting in Pune, in June, 2023. PM Modi emphasised on the need to strike the right balance between opportunities offered by technology and the challenges posed by it.

As India pursues an inclusive G20 Presidency, digitisation could accelerate adoption and implementation of a globally inclusive agenda, which onboards concerns of the most vulnerable sections. Digital technology serves as an equaliser and promotes inclusivity. It is a force multiplier in increasing access to education.

"Today artificial intelligence offers great potential in the field of learning, skilling and education, with opportunities, technology also poses challenges. We have to strike the right balance. G20 can play an important role in this," PM Modi said.

Four priority areas were identified during the meeting - ensuring foundational literacy and numeracy, especially in the context of blended learning, making tech-enabled learning more inclusive, qualitative, and collaborative; building capacities and promoting lifelong learning in the context of the future of work; and strengthening research and fostering innovation through enhanced collaboration and partnerships.

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<p>The Goa roadmap endorsed at G20 Tourism Working Group Meeting and Ministerial Meeting held in Goa G20, Government of India Press Release June 27, 2023</p>	<p>The Goa Roadmap was endorsed at G20 Tourism Working Group Meeting and Ministerial Meeting which was held in Goa from 19th- 22nd June. Briefing media persons about the outcomes of the Working Group and Ministerial meeting of tourism in New Delhi, Secretary Tourism Smt V. Vidyavathi, said that the Meeting concluded successfully with G20 countries and all other stakeholders making a firm commitment to the goal of Sustainable Tourism.</p>
<p>Building an equitable ‘data for development’ space for the G20 <i>Debosmita Sarkar and Anirban Sarma</i> Observer Research Foundation June 28, 2023</p>	<p>Data has emerged as a powerful tool for driving sustainable development and achieving the 2030 Agenda. Recent years have seen a marked increase in advocacy and action around data-driven approaches for advancing the Sustainable Development Goals, and in November 2022, Prime Minister Modi announced that the principle of Data for Development (D4D) would be central to India’s G20 presidency. The data landscape within the G20 presents a complex picture, with significant variations in the quality and availability of and access to data.</p>

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<p>India urges G20 leaders to raise global annual investment in startup ecosystem to US\$1 trillion by 2030 <i>CNBC TV18</i> June 27, 2023</p>	<p>Startup20 India’s Chair Dr. Chintan Vaishnav has urged G20 leaders to raise annual investment in the global start-up ecosystem to US\$1 trillion by 2030. This comes days before the Startup20 Engagement Group under India’s G20 Presidency is slated to hold its summit meeting in Gurugram on 3rd and 4th July.</p>
<p>UNESCO presents outcome documents at G20 Education Ministers meeting in India UNESCO June 26, 2023</p>	<p>The G20 Education Working group gathered from 19 to 22 June for their fourth and final meeting in Pune, India. Education Ministers from G20 and invited countries unanimously endorsed a report and compendium of programmes and policies. UNESCO worked in close collaboration with the G20 Indian Presidency to draft and produce these documents and welcomes their adoption.</p>
<p>India’s Global South Strategy and Japan’s Response <i>Tamari Kazutoshi</i> Nippon.com June 23, 2023</p>	<p>India made its presence felt at the Group of Seven summit in Hiroshima (May 19–21), where it participated as a guest at the invitation of host country Japan. New Delhi, which is chairing the Group of 20 this year, has been advocating for the Global South, and with Tokyo’s support, that perspective was incorporated in the agenda of the G7 summit.</p>
<p>G20 countries agree upon role of education as critical enabler of human dignity, empowerment globally, says Pradhan <i>The Hindu</i> June 22, 2023</p>	<p>The G20 countries have unanimous views on five major areas including capacity building of teachers, role of education as critical enabler of human dignity and empowerment globally (Paywall) and recognising important role of green transition and digital transformation, Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan said on June 22.</p>
<p>India’s G20 Presidency: An Opportunity to Steer the World Toward Inclusive and Sustainable Growth <i>Asian Development Bank</i> June 19, 2023</p>	<p>India’s G20 Presidency this year presents an exceptional opportunity for the country to spearhead a collective approach to tackle multiple, complex, and interconnected challenges, while placing, front and center, the aspirations and needs of the developing world.</p>
<p>Modi writes to G20 leaders on full membership for African Union at New Delhi summit <i>The Economic Times</i> June 18, 2023</p>	<p>Prime Minister Narendra Modi has taken an initiative in enhancing Africa’s voice on the international stage and in shaping the future of our shared world. He has written to G20 counterparts to propose that the African Union (Paywall) be given full membership at the upcoming Delhi Summit of G20, as requested by them. India will host G20 summit on September 9-10.</p>
<p>Saudi Arabia calls for cooperation to strengthen food systems at G20 agricultural meeting <i>Arab News</i> June 17, 2023</p>	<p>Saudi Arabia participated in the G20 Agriculture Ministers’ Meeting on June 17, 2023, which took place in Hyderabad in India. The Saudi delegation was headed by Minister of Environment, Water and Agriculture, Abdulrahman bin Abdulmohsen Al-Fadley, Saudi Press Agency reported.</p>
<p>G20 meet on digital economy: India signs MoU with 4 countries on sharing ‘INDIA STACK’ <i>Umanath Singh</i> <i>News on Air</i> June 15, 2023</p>	<p>The third meeting of the G20 Digital Economy Working Group (DEWG) concluded on 14 June 2023 with the priority areas being Digital Public Infrastructure, Digital Skilling and Cybersecurity in Digital Economy, which were deliberated in detail by the delegates. India signed MoU with four countries on sharing INDIA STACK during the meeting.</p>

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<p>Most G20 nations see banking system sound as bloc talks financial stability Reuters June 14, 2023</p>	<p>Most G20 member nations are of the view that banking systems (Paywall) and regulations in their countries are steady, India’s chief economic advisor said on June 14, 2023. “Most country members who spoke expressed the view or the hope that their individual country regulations and banking systems were sound, and they do not anticipate any trouble,” V. Anantha Nageswaran said after the bloc discussed financial stability risks.</p>
<p>India’s approach to G20 presidency is extension of its domestic focus on progress and development <i>Harsh Vardhan Shringla</i> The Indian Express June 10, 2023</p>	<p>Indian democracy derives its strength from the spirit and ethos of the country’s citizens and people-centric development is its defining feature. India’s inclusive approach to the G20 presidency is, therefore, an extension of its domestic approach to development and progress, which focuses on engaging all sections of society. Providing every citizen with the basic necessities of life is the highest priority for the government and it has consistently ensured that there is enough social security support for all citizens.</p>
<p>Salvaging the Planet’s Future Need Innovative Solutions for Finance <i>Pradeep S Mehta</i> Modern Ghana June 03, 2023</p>	<p>Rising carbon emissions and biodiversity losses, which have resulted in huge imbalances, pose one of the gravest threats to the existence of mankind. The vagaries of human-induced environmental threats spare none, with every section being battered by its ill effects. Vulnerability of socially and economically weaker sections is compounded by their position, but it does not mean that the more privileged are likely to get away.</p>

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