

# **Consultive Meeting on**

Making Tech-Enabled Learning More Inclusive, Qualitative and Collaborative at Every Level

13<sup>th</sup> February, 2023

(14:00hrs. - 17:00 hrs.)

Venue: Room No.113, NIEPA, New Delhi



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# **Concept Note**

# Consultive Meet in Connection with the Meetings of the G20 Education Working Group on the Theme: Making Tech-Enabled Learning More Inclusive, Qualitative and Collaborative at Every Level

#### About G-20 and 18th G-20 Summit in New Delhi in 2023

The Group of Twenty (G20) is the premier forum for international economic cooperation. It plays an important role in shaping and strengthening global architecture and governance on all major international economic issues. India holds the Presidency of the G20 from 1 December 2022 to 30 November 2023.

The Group of Twenty (G20) comprises 19 countries (Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Republic of Korea, Mexico, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Türkiye, United Kingdom and United States) and the European Union. The G20 members represent around 85% of the global GDP, over 75% of the global trade, and about two-thirds of the world population.

The G20 Summit is held annually, under the leadership of a rotating Presidency. **The 18th G20 Heads of State and Government Summit will take place on 9th-10th September 2023 in New Delhi.** In addition to 19 member countries, 9 guest countries and several international organizations are invited to attend the summit

#### **Education as a theme in G-20 Summits**

The G20 was created in 1999 to address the world's financial challenges. Initially, it concentrated on reforms to regulate the financial markets and the international monetary system, as well as the macroeconomic cooperation between the G20 countries. However, over some time, the G20 agenda has been expanded and now includes a wide range of topics. Due to the thematic breadth of the G20, there are a large number of different working groups and their meetings.

Education as a priority in the G20 agenda was included during the Argentine Presidency in 2018. Education Track is viewed by G20 chiefly from the point of view that collaboration in the field of education, research, and training is deemed significant for the economy and society of developing and developed world alike, G20 member countries included.

The first meeting of the G20 Ministers of Education (EMM), was held in Mendoza, Argentine Republic on 5 September 2018. The 1st Education Working Group (EdWG) meeting took place in Buenos Aires, Argentina, from 11 - 13 April 2018. The meeting of the G20 Ministers of Education (EMMs) and EdWG Meetings have subsequently been hosted by Saudi Arabia in 2020 and Italy in 2021. No Ministerial Meeting on education was held in 2019 during Japan's Presidency. This year's G-20 Education Ministers' meeting will be held on 28 June 2023 in New Delhi.

# G-20 Summits and Technology for Education

Technology for education has emerged as a priority subtheme under the theme of education in the last three G-20 summits, i.e., 2020, 2021, and 2022. G20 Education Ministers Meeting in Riyadh on September 5, 2020, recognized the value of distance and blended teaching and learning and underscored the importance of enhancing access to high-quality education, professional development for educators, digital infrastructure and content, cybersecurity awareness, appropriate teaching methodologies and active learning. The G20 Education Ministers meeting in Catania, Italy on June 22, 2021, recognized the importance of current societal and technological innovations and the potential transformative impact that digital technologies, Artificial Intelligence and Big Data can have on education. G20 Education Ministers' Meeting held in Bali, Indonesia, on 1 September 2022, emphasized "the need to harness the potential of digital technologies in addressing the issues of educational access, quality and equity, and in providing learning experiences that are more interactive, personalised and engaging" (p.3). These statements and observations emerging from the previous three G20 Education Ministers' meetings highlight that digital technology-mediated education is emerging as a new normal.

In consonance, this year's G20 Education Ministers' meetings on 28 June 2023 in Pune, India will discuss making tech-enabled learning more inclusive, qualitative, and collaborative at every level. This meet will further pave the way for India to showcase its achievements in tech-enabled learning and also help other developing nations build education systems that are inclusive, open and resilient. Similarly, there may be some technology-enabled learning best practices in other G-20 countries, that India can learn from, and make the best use of for the betterment of their school and higher education system. This G-20 Education ministers meeting is an opportunity to highlight and discuss all prominent and successful digital initiatives in education from India and other countries for learning from each other. Ultimately, the hope is that this meeting will pave the way and offer innovative solutions for making tech-enabled learning more inclusive, qualitative, and collaborative at every level of education at the global level.

#### **Objectives of the Consultative Meet**

• This consultative meeting focuses on analyzing ongoing digital initiatives and suggesting innovative practices for tech-enabled learning and suggesting more inclusive, qualitative, and collaborative at every level of education in G-20 countries.

#### **Discussion Points**

- Strategies and measures to make tech-enabled learning more inclusive, including possible joint initiatives to overcome the problem of the digital divide.
- Leveraging open technology ecosystems and open learning resources for quality content and learning experiences.

- Strategies for optimizing and mobilizing non-digital resources to address the current digital access divide.
- Setting standards for e-learning content, technology, and pedagogy for online/digital teaching-learning so that interoperability of digital learning content can be done.

# **Expected Outcomes**

- Proposing strategies/ initiatives to overcome the digital divide and make tech-enabled learning more inclusive.
- Sharing of best practices and experiences on technology-based learning and new educational models that emerged in response to Covid 19
- Suggesting strategies to improve access to open educational resources.
- Making strategies to exhibit India's achievements in the field of tech-enabled learning.

# Methodology

• The invited participants will be divided into four groups and be provided an issue each for discussion. The groups will be provided two hours for discussion and preparing a summary. Afterward, each group will be provided 15 minutes for presenting the summary and subsequent discussions by other groups.

# **Program Venue, Date, and Time**

• The meeting will take place at NIEPA, Room No. 113, on 13.02.2023 from 2.00 pm to 5:00 pm.

### **Meet Organizing Committee**

•	Prof. Kumar Suresh	Convenor
•	Prof. K Srinivas	Member
•	Prof. Pradeep Kumar Misra	Member
•	Dr. Amit Gautam	Member
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