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VISION, MISSION & PRIORITIES OF W20

Vision of W20 India
To create a world of equality and equity where every woman lives with dignity.

Mission of W20 India
Remove all barriers to women-led development and ensure an enabling environment and ecosystem for women to thrive, transcend and transform their lives as well as others.

Priorities of W20 India

- Women's Entrepreneurship
- Grassroot Women Leadership
- Bridging the Gender Digital Divide
- Education & Skill Development
- Climate Change
TIMELINE OF W20 EVENTS

13 NOVEMBER 2022
Dr. Sandhya Purecha meets W20 Indonesia Chair Mrs Hardiani Uli Silalahi.

25 NOVEMBER 2022
Launch of W20 India’s Logo and Plan.

28 NOVEMBER 2022
Virtual Meeting with W20 India Delegates to share W20 India’s draft plan.

1 DECEMBER 2022
Launch of the W20 Website.

Twitter and Instagram handles were created.
Formulation of Task Force and draft TOR. The Task Force TOR of W20 India was formulated and shared with all India Delegates.

12 DECEMBER 2022

FORMAL HANDOVER
Handing over of Presidency. The W20 Indonesia’s chair Ibu Uli gave the gavel to Dr. Sandhya Purecha, Chair of W20 India.

13 DECEMBER 2022

Linkedin and facebook accounts were handed over to W20 India from W20 Indonesia.
W20 MEETINGS AND OUTREACH PROGRAMS

Meetings held in December 2022
Meetings held in January 2023

- Jammu (JAMMU AND KASHMIR)
- Bhopal (MADHYA PRADESH)
- Thiruvanathapuram (KERALA)
- Kollam (KERALA)
- Auragabad (MAHARASHTRA)
- Mumbai (MAHARASHTRA)
- Bhubaneswar (ODISHA)
- Kolkata (WEST BENGAL)
- Bhopal (MADHYA PRADESH)
- Tamil Nadu

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OUTREACH PROGRAMS BY W20

A. Public Outreach with urban and rural women

5th December 2022
An outreach program was organized by Bharateeya Vichara Kendram, Trivandrum, Kerala on ‘Financial Literacy and Women Empowerment’. The event was attended by W20’s India Chair Dr. Sandhya Purecha alongside Joint Commissioner CGST Dr. S. L. Sreeparvathy.

28th December 2022
Dr. Sandhya Purecha, Chairperson of W20 India met with SEWA leaders and members in Ahmedabad, Gujarat to discuss how SEWA can contribute to the goals of G20 and W20. She met with Renana Jhabvala of SEWA Bharat, Jayshreeben, MD of SEWA Bank, Miraiben, Social Security SEWA Cooperative Federation, and Namrataben of SEWA Academy.

22nd December 2022
Uday Social Development Society organized the W20 event in Jatkhedi Bagmugaliya slums of Bhopal with 275 women & adolescent girls working as informal and domestic workers. Dr. Sandhya Purecha, Chair W20 India attended the meeting and discussed various issues faced by women in their everyday life in regards to access to various schemes of the government.

29th December 2022
Meeting organized by Amul Cooperation with women in Porda village, Anand, Gujarat for awareness on G20 & W20 and understanding the issues of women in cooperatives, especially in dairy farming. Dr. Sandhya Purecha, Chair of W20 and Dharitri Patnaik, Chief Coordinator of W20 Secretariat attended the outreach program.
8th January 2023
A W20 Public Outreach program focusing on women empowerment was organized by Kunwarani Ritu Singh in collaboration with the Ashok Kapur Foundation and FICCI FLO JKL in Jammu at Hari Niwas Palace. Presided by Dr. Sandhya Purecha, W20 Chair who applauded the support to self-help groups in making rural women financially independent, and encouraged women-led business and entrepreneurship. She highlighted how such support would expedite women’s economic empowerment and leadership.

7th January 2023
Dr. Sandhya Purecha visited and gave away certificates to the 60 girl trainees of digital learning. This was organized by Kunwarani Ritu Singh in collaboration with the Ashok Kapur Foundation and FICCI FLO.

10th January 2023
W20 and 3rd FLO Odisha Women Achievers Award Ceremony at Bhubaneswar also recognised and awarded women in 11 categories. Dr. Sandhya Purecha, Chair W20 India was the Chief Guest.

11th January 2023
The Humara Bachpan Trust, a non-profit organization initiated the W20 Odisha engagement by arranging a curtain raise summit at Khandagiribari Grounds in Bhubaneswar. The women were felicitated in the W20 priority areas: Gender Digital Divide, Entrepreneurship, Grassroot Leadership, Education and Skill Development, and Environment and Climate Change. More than 1000+ adolescent girls and women participated in this outreach program.

11th January 2023
W20’s outreach program, “स्त्री, समाज, स्वाभामिक” was organized with the women weavers in Balarampuram, Trivandrum District, Kerala. 25 women weavers attended the program and discussed multitude of issues.

11th January 2023
W20’s outreach program, “women@20”, was organized with the women weavers in Balarampuram, Trivandrum District, Kerala.
B. Engagement with the Youth

6th December 2022
Dr. Sandhya Purecha visited a local school in Trivandrum to understand the issues faced by girls in the education system and employment sectors.

20th December 2022
W20 Volunteers Suhani Dhanki & Mrunalini Shah held an interactive session on G20 & W20 with 100 students of Public High School and Jr College, Aram Society Rd, Vakola Mkt-Santacruz, Mumbai.

24th December 2022
Maharishi College of Natural Law, Odisha, organized a Pan-India webinar on G20 & W20, attended by academicians, students, and journalists from multiple states. The chief speaker was Smt. Dharitri Patnaik, Chief Coordinator, W20 Secretariat.

“Our nation is filled with the tremendous energy of the youth. Whatever future we desire of, we must keep the youth at the centre. If we do this, we can surge ahead at an unmatchable pace!”

~ PM Narendra Modi
C. Consultation with Policy Makers

6th December 2022
With the wheels of W20 rolling with great zeal, Dr. Sandhya Purecha, Chair of W20 along with Dr. Lakshmi Vijayan VT met the Governor of Kerala Shri Arif Mohammad Khan to share ideas and seek his support.

9th December 2022
Dr. Sandhya Purecha, the W20 India Chair met with the Governor of Tamil Nadu, Shri Ravindra Narayan Ravi.

21st December 2022
W20 Chair, Dr. Sandhya Purecha met and briefed the Honorable Governor of Madhya Pradesh Shri Mangubhai Patel of W20 India’s plans and sought his support.

7th January 2023
The Chair of W20, Dr. Sandhya Purecha called on H.E. Manoj Sinha, Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir at Raj Bhavan. Dr. Purecha shared the efforts and vision of W20 as an engagement group of G20. It was a fruitful meeting where the Lt. Governor extended the Union Territory’s support to W20 for gender equity and women empowerment.

10th January 2023
Meeting of W20 India Chair and Chief Coordinator with the Chief Secretary of Government of Odisha to brief him about the role of W20.

11th January 2023
Dr. Sandhya Purecha, W20 India Chair and Chief Coordinator W20, Dharitri Patnaik made a courtesy call to the Honorable Governor of Odisha, Professor Ganeshi Lal to inform about the W20.
9th December 2022

Discussions on W20 ‘Gender Equality’ and Civil 20 joint collaborations on women’s issues were held at Amritapuri Ashram.

Dr. Sandhya Purecha sought blessings from Mata Amritanandamayi (Amma), Chair of Civil 20, and discussed various women’s issues for the upliftment of womanhood.

29th December 2022

W20 Chair Dr. Sandhya Purecha & Chief Coordinator W20 Secretariat Smt. Dharitri Patnaik met R S Sodhi, former Managing Director and corporate team to discuss Amul’s role as an institutional partner of W20. And also met with National Dairy Development Board in Anand, Gujarat to discuss about pan-India collaboration.

31st December 2022

31st December 2022

2nd January 2023

A virtual meet with The Geostrata

7th January 2023

W20 India signed an MOU with Sri Sri University for Knowledge Partnership in the presence of Rajita Bagga, Dr. P.K. Sahoo & others.

11th January 2023

W20 Chair Dr. Sandhya Purecha signed an MoU with Arpita Pattnaik from Humara Bachpan Trust
W20 PARTNERSHIPS

Institutional Partner

Amul
The Taste of India

Network Partner

AJANTA ELLORA INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

Civil Society Partner

HUMARA BACHPAN
Trust, Odisha

Knowledge Partners

THE GEOSTRATA
SRI SRI UNIVERSITY
AMRITA UNIVERSITY KOCHI KERALA
SNDT WOMEN'S UNIVERSITY MUMBAI
MIT UNIVERSITY PUNE
The paper highlights the impact of climate change on adolescent girls and women, best practices and call to action with girls and women as active change agents and not passive victims or recipients of climate action plans.
W20 INDIA TEAM

CHAIR OF W20 INDIA:
Dr. Sandhya Purecha,
Chairperson Sangeet Natak Academi

DELEGATES:

Dr. Jyoti Kiran Shukla - Former Chairperson,
5th Rajasthan Finance Commission

Prof. Shamika Ravi - Economist & Former
Member, Economic Advisory Council to the
Prime Minister of India

Ms. Bharati Ghosh, IPS (Retd.)

Ms. Raveena Tandon, Actor

Ms. Bansuri Swaraj -
Advocate, Supreme Court of India

Secretariat: Ms. Dharitri Patnaik, Entrepreneur,
Philanthropist, Chief Coordinator of W20 India

Institutional Partner: Gujarat Cooperative Milk
Marketing Federation (Amul)
It gives me immense pleasure to be the Chair of W20 India and present before you our first month’s work.

We had a formal handover from W20 Indonesia on the 12th of December 2022. I have been travelling throughout India and have covered seven states for last one month, meeting Governors, Women’s Organisations, entrepreneurs, adolescent girls and many more discussing about W20 and taking forward our Honourable Prime Minister’s vision of an inclusive and ambitious G20 with women-led development as one of its key priorities.

I request all of you to go through our first monthly newsletter and be involved in the efforts of W20 India.

Dr. Sandhya Purecha
W20 Chair India
Tribute to India, the land of mothers extraordinaire!

She gave a Father to Modern India and together they conceptualised the vision of Atma Nirvar Bharat, the land 'where the mind is without fear and the head is held high,' where self-sufficiency is the key but self-realisation, sacrifice and selfless service to the nation and the globe are the goals.

India's Presidency of G-20 is unique as it strives to achieve such goals of global good and universal one-ness through 'Jan-bhagidari' as PM Modi has transferred the ownership of G-20 to the nation and the people.

And in pursuance of such goals, the W20 of G -20 rises up to carry with itself every woman of India, every mother, every sister and every daughter and none of the 48% of 130 crore women will be left behind.

PM Modi’s spectacular leadership in G 20 will make every ordinary woman of India - extraordinary in terms of brilliance, in terms of education, in terms of empowerment, in terms of alertness and in terms of confidence and every single woman of India will emerge out of her ordinariness and contribute in an extraordinary manner for Atma Nirvar Bharat and for that Avijaan India would make the ordinary women the leading force in the development trajectory.

Thank you India for Kunti, Yashoda and many.. and Heeraben Modi, all mothers extraordinaire.!!

Mrs. Bharati Ghosh,
Ex IPS, BJP Leader & W20 India Delegate
“From Women Development to Women Led Development”

Men and Women are born equal is a reality. We are grateful to the pioneers in our earlier generation, who struggled against social biases and made their mark in various fields and professions. Be it law or medical or engineering or even defence forces, women are ready to march shoulder to shoulder with their male counterparts. The time is ripe for women to focus on how they can actively participate and lead global development.

It is imperative that women must focus on skill development for which digital literacy is the key. We live in a generation where the entire knowledge accumulated by the human race is in the palm of our hands. Internet-enabled smartphones to equip us to learn any skill of our choice. Families as well as education institutions must take steps to teach the younger generation how to harness this vast pool of knowledge and information.

Another area of focus should be financial literacy. Earning your own money is important, but the same is insufficient without the knowledge of managing it on your own. Investing, budgeting, savings, taxes and contributing are the skills that every woman must be educated about. Real independence comes from financial management and economic development.

It is heartwarming to see the shift in our rhetoric which has been articulated by our Hon’ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji - From “Women Development” to “Women Led Development”. We stand tall on the shoulders of the trailblazers who came before us. Now the responsibility befalls on us to move forward with skill, knowledge, strength and merit.

Ms. Bansuri Swaraj,
W20 India Delegate &
Supreme Court Advocate
Happy New Year!

W20 Secretariat is glad to bring out its first newsletter. W20 2023 has ambitious plans of leaving no woman behind and involving everyone in its consultative processes.

Under Dr. Sandhya Purecha’s able leadership as Chair of W20 and supported by a team of eminent women as India Delegates- Dr. Jyoti Kiran Shukla, Mrs. Bharati Ghosh, Prof. Shamika Ravi, Mrs. Raveena Tandon and Ms. Bansuri Swaraj, we hope to make W20 a huge success.

The secretariat is supported by a young and dynamic team of volunteers from the Geostrata, a Youth Think Tank. My special acknowledgement to Vanshica, Pranav, Mihir, Dipika, Ritika, Mokshya and all those who have helped in collating, drafting and designing of this newsletter.

Please partner with us and let’s make this a people’s G20 and W20!

Dharitri Patnaik
Entrepreneur, Philanthropist & W20 Chief Coordinator India
MEDIA COVERAGE

G20 and Women Empowerment

On 10th Oct, 2023

Image Graphics by Team Ovewrite

First constituted in 1999 and alternatively known as the Group of Twenty, the G20 works as an intergovernmental forum comprising developed and emerging economies of the globe that meet annually to discuss diverse matters. India, being a member of the G20, is poised to host an annual summit in 2023 with a focus on gender equity and women's economic empowerment.

Dr Sandhya Purecha Chair W20 India meets LG

Uday Social Development Society organized W20 event in Jalkehed Bagmugaliya slums of Bhopal with 275 women & adolescent girls working as informal and domestic workers.

@SandhyaPurecha, Chair @W20India attended the meeting and encouraged participation of women and girls in W20.

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G20 Summit: Chair of W20 India calls on J-K LG

Jindals, Jan 14 2021 Chair of W20 India Sandhya Purecha called on J-K Lieutenant Governor Venkateshwar Rao on Thursday and forwarded the resolutions of the summit to him.

newsOne:

What are engagement groups?

G20: Women 20 to focus on gender and women's economic empowerment

G20 Women 20 (W20) is an international civil society network that represents the views of women and girls in the G20 group of nations. W20 India is a network that aims to promote gender equality and women's economic empowerment through policy advocacy and action.

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INDEPENDENT EXPRESS

W20 outreach prog for women grassroots leaders held in Capital

She also acknowledged the efforts of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik for all the pro women schemes and policies for ensuring women's development.

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Anticipate, Reform, and Elevate: Looking Toward W20 India 2023

@W20IndiaTwitter

W20 India will host the G20 Women's Summit in 2023, focusing on gender equality and women's economic empowerment. The event aims to bring together women leaders from around the world to discuss and advocate for policies that uplift women and girls globally.

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NewsOne:

W20: शामिल जम्मू की 200 महिलाओं के साथ एक सर्दियनिक आर्थिक कार्यक्रम आयोजित किया जिसमें शामिल सहयोगि मूल्य, जनशक्ति और सामूहिक समाजत्व शामिल हैं।

Latest Tweet by PBNS Hindi

The latest Tweet by PBNS Hindi states, "W20 will be taking part in J&K's 200 women's conference. The event focuses on economic development, community participation, and social inclusion."

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Media Coverage Links

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- Rising Kashmir
  W20 India vision: LG assures support to Dr Sandhya Purecha
- Business Insider
  G20 Summit: Chair of Women-20 India Purecha calls on J-K LG
- Press Trust of India
  G20 Summit: Chair of W20 India calls on J-K LG
- The Week
  G20 Summit Chair of W20 India calls on J-K LG - The Week

MAHARASHTRA
- The Print
  Maha: Aurangabad getting facelift ahead of G20-related event
- Deccan Herald
  Ajanta caves to have QR codes to provide info of paintings to visitors, says ASI official | Deccan Herald

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- Latestly
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  Sanskar is as important as education: Mission Shakti CEO
- Dinalipi
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W20- call to action for an Equal and Equitable Society Emphasizing on Women Led Development

The ‘Dancing Girl’, as she was callously named, remains one of the most prolific archaeological finds of our heritage. And yet, as we look at her today, we envision her as someone different.

Defiant. Radiant. And All-withstanding. From the Rani Of Jhansi to Lakshmi Sahgal, India’s history traces a rich legacy of women leaders- and we are poised to compound history in the 21st century. Standing on the cusp of change, India under its G20 presidency via W20 seeks to reimagine women as the architects of the world’s future and development, rather than mere beneficiaries of the same.

The entire global order stands to benefit from women-led development. GDP, nutrition, health and education are all seen to record significantly better indicators when women are empowered. In addition to this, women-led development also leads to greater equitability and greater leaps in overcoming poverty.

India has made great strides in women-led development. Indian schemes such as the Jan Dhan Yojana, the MUDRA Yojana and the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana, and the PM Matru Vandana Yojana are already reaching millions of women across India.

Overcoming challenges in areas of education, skill, health and nutrition remains essential to “Nari Shakti” or women empowerment. Additionally, it is also important to prioritise financial literacy, standardisation of skills, localisation of industry and income generation.

Under India’s W20 presidency, we seek women at the forefront of development in the 21st century. This should span, but not be limited to governance, business, technology and education. Restructuring the social fabric is essential to ensure a development that is holistic, sustainable, inclusive and efficient.

By Mokshya Wadhwa, W20 Secretariat and The Geostrata
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