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Best practices during India's G20 presidency

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government could provide details on the key initiatives in education which have been showcased as best practices during India's G20 presidency;
- (b) the details of expenditure on such initiatives in Karnataka thereof;
- (c) whether the Ministry has compiled learnings/ best practices and shared the same with States; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
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(a): The Education Working Group under India's G20 Presidency has identified four Priority Areas, i.e., Ensuring Foundational Literacy and Numeracy especially in context of Blended Learning; Making Tech-enabled Learning more Inclusive, Qualitative and Collaborative at every level; Building Capacities, Promoting Life-Long Learning in the context of the Future of work and Strengthening research and promoting innovation through richer collaboration in education and training. The Education Working Group showcased the best initiatives of member and invited countries in these four areas in their discussions and adopted a Report and Compendium of Best Practices on Education Policies and Programmes in G20 countries. Several innovative initiatives were also taken to widely publicize the outreach of G20 under India's Presidency, through a series of precursor events such as seminars, workshops and multimedia exhibitions held prior to the working group meetings. These seminars included panel discussions with participation from sector experts and G20 delegates and provided a platform for in-depth deliberations. The thematic exhibitions showcased over 320 exhibits, attracting nearly 3 lakh visitors, showcasing the best of our achievements from the four priority areas. Also, several 'Jan Bhagidari' programs were held across the country, in which citizens from all walks of life, including students, youth, women, the private sector, academia, and

civil society engaged. The Ministry of Education organised various activities under 'Jan Bhagidari' including games, rallies, G20 awareness events, summer camps, cyclothons, marathons, Model G20s, webinars, Yoga sessions, cleanliness drives, etc. The campaign garnered impressive participation with 5.24 crore citizens from schools, colleges, and the skill ecosystem actively engaging in various initiatives. Some of the initiatives showcased by India included National Education Policy 2020, PM e-VIDYA (Prime Minister's E-Learning Initiative), SWAYAM, DIKSHA, National Initiative for Proficiency in Reading with Understanding and Numeracy (NIPUN Bharat) and SAMARTH.

(b) to (d): A report on the status of the four priority areas in G20 member and invited countries and a Compendium of some of the initiatives from each country were prepared and are available on the G20 website i.e. www.g20.org. This report and compendium were widely publicized by the Ministry of Education and shared with stakeholders across the country. The hard copies of these two books were also distributed at various events including the Akhil Bhartiya Shiksha Samagam held on 29th-30th July 2023, which was attended by educational institutions from various states of the country.