



Women 20 Summit 2023

Why in News?

Recently, as a part of [India's G20 Presidency](#), the **Women 20 (W20) Summit** with the theme '**Women-Led Development- Transform, Thrive and Transcend**' held in Mahabalipuram, Tamil Nadu.

- The summit aimed to celebrate the **power of women empowerment** and address key issues related to economic empowerment, trade and investment, and care economy.

What are the Key Highlights of the W20 Summit?

- Discussions **on breaking the invisible barriers and biases that prevent women** from reaching higher positions and leadership roles in various fields were held.
- Government initiatives such as [Self Help Groups\(SHGs\)](#), [PM Mudra Scheme](#) and [GeM portal](#) which **allow women access to market** and finance are highlighted.
- **Gender disparities** in economic participation are highlighted as women often face inequalities in accessing economic opportunities, including financial resources, markets, and trade networks.
- Participants have discussed systemic barriers, such as **lack of access to credit, limited property rights, and discriminatory practices**, which hinder women's economic empowerment.
- Celebration of strength, resilience, and progress in women's empowerment was witnessed .

What is W20?

- **About:**
 - W20 is an official engagement group under the **G20**.
 - It was established in 2015 with the aim of **focusing on gender equity and women's empowerment**.
 - First W20 Summit was held during **Turkey's G20 Presidency in 2015**.
 - The group seeks to mainstream **gender considerations into G20 discussions** and translate them into policies and commitments.
 - It influences the G20 agenda and promotes gender-sensitive approaches to various global challenges.
- **Priorities:**
 - Women's Entrepreneurship
 - Grassroot Women Leadership
 - Bridging the Gender Digital Divide
 - Education & Skill Development
 - Climate Change
- **Composition:**
 - W20 comprises a **transnational network of delegates**.
 - Delegates represent non-government women's organizations, civil society, female entrepreneurs, businesses, and think tanks.
 - The network spans across G20 member states.
- **W20 India Presidency:**
 - W20 India assumed the presidency from W20 Indonesia on December 12, 2022.

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