

BRICS Women Ministerial Meeting Begins in Kochi

India Highlights Women-led Development at BRICS

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The BRICS Women Ministerial Meeting commenced in Kochi today under India's BRICS Chairship 2026, bringing together Ministers and Heads of Delegation from BRICS Member Countries to strengthen cooperation, advance women's empowerment and reaffirm shared commitment to inclusive, resilient and sustainable development.



The meeting builds on the BRICS Women Working Group Meeting held on 6-7 July 2026, where senior officials deliberated on priority areas under the BRICS Women Track. The Ministerial Meeting provided strategic direction for enhancing cooperation among BRICS Member Countries and advancing women-led development.



Smt. Annpurna Devi, Union Minister for Women and Child Development, delivered the inaugural address and underscored that women's leadership is central to building resilient economies and societies, and called for deeper collaboration among BRICS Member Countries under India's Chairship theme, **"Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability."**

The significant outcome of the Meeting was adoption of Joint Statement of 4th BRICS Women Ministerial Meeting, strengthening long-term collaboration across the BRICS Women Track.

The following two deliverables initiated under India's Chairship were welcomed by BRICS member countries.

- i. BRICS Women Digital Repository of Best Practices, a shared knowledge platform documenting best practices and experiences from BRICS Countries; and

ii. BRICS Women Digital Capacity Building Guidelines, a roadmap for expanding institutional partnerships, digital learning and capacity-building across the BRICS community.

Together, these initiatives seek to move BRICS cooperation beyond dialogue by creating practical mechanisms for policy learning, institutional collaboration and the scaling of successful interventions for women's empowerment.

The Ministerial programme also included a guided walkthrough of an exhibition showcasing India's best practices in women-led development across sectors, including financial and digital inclusion, skilling, entrepreneurship, leadership and representation discussions on women's entrepreneurship.

The second day of BRICS Women Ministerial Meeting will be taking place tomorrow at Kochi.

Hon'ble Union Minister Smt. @Annapurna4BJP delivered the Welcome Remarks at the BRICS Women Ministerial Meeting in Kochi — anchoring the BRICS Women Track in India's Chairship priorities of Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation & Sustainability #BRICSIndia2026@BricsIndia2026 pic.twitter.com/E1BiPaRcXE
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