

# Global Initiative on Digital health

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**Context:-** During the current G-20 conference in Gandhinagar, Gujarat, India and the World Health Organization (WHO) are set to launch the Global Initiative on Digital Health.

## Key points:-

- The first-of-its-kind worldwide initiative at

1) data convergence

2) interface of the health platform

3) Global investment in the digital health sector.

- A key temporary medical countermeasure (MCM) is being implemented as part of the Summit.
- The program aligns with the objective of universal health coverage and aims to improve healthcare services globally using digital technologies.

## Briefly discuss about the Global Initiative on Digital Health:-

- Together with the World Health Organization (WHO), India launched it.
- A digital platform that will be a part of the program will have a library of current digital health platforms as well as an investment tracker, an ask tracker, and an ask tracker

to identify who needs what kinds of products and services.

- The WHO and India jointly proposed the GIDH, a network-based effort with four major pillars aimed at identifying national needs.
- As a WHO Managed Network (“Network of Networks”), GIDH will focus on four fundamental pillars to address issues including duplication of effort and “products-focused” digital health transformation.

## **Four Fundamental Pillar:-**

### **1. Country Needs Tracker**

Permitting digital health investments to be guided by national priorities.

### **1. Country Resource Portal**

Recognizing traditional and unique resource opportunities, encouraging openness, and decreasing the risk of duplication in order to enable a standards-based prospective and retrospective study of digital health funding shortages.

### **1. Transformation Toolbox**

Encouraging for quality-assured tools and resources that increase the country ‘s ability and authority to govern the national digital health revolution.

### **1. Convening and Knowledge Exchange**

Supporting improved collaboration and knowledge exchange across global, regional, and national networks in digital health.

## **Importance of GIDH:-**

- Digital health technologies and solutions would contribute to universal health coverage and improve healthcare service delivery
- The global data sharing platform will share analysis and aim to improve data interoperability. This ensures that citizens retain ownership of their data.
- The conference is also attempting to gain support for the establishment of a Climate and Health Initiative in India in conjunction with the Asian Development Bank, as well as the launch of a patient and healthcare workforce mobility portal.
- Digital health offers the ability to reduce disease and healthcare costs while also assisting people in monitoring and managing chronic disorders.
- By greatly boosting access to health data and providing people greater influence over their health, digital tools provide healthcare practitioners with a comprehensive view of patient health.

## **Conclusion:-**

As a result, efficiency has increased and medical results have improved.