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India's G20 Presidency

Taking G20 to the Last Mile

Leaving None Behind

'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' – these two words capture a deep philosophy. It means 'the world is one family'. This is an all-embracing outlook that encourages us to progress as one universal family, transcending borders, languages, and ideologies. During India's G20 Presidency, this has translated into a call for human-centric progress. **As One Earth, we are coming together to nurture our planet. As One Family, we support each other in the pursuit of growth. And we move together towards a shared future - One Future** - which is an undeniable truth in these interconnected times.

The post-pandemic world order is very different from the world before it. There are three important changes, among others.

First, there is a growing realisation that **a shift away from a GDP-centric view of the world to a human-centric view** is needed.

Second, the world is recognizing the importance of resilience and reliability in global supply chains.

Third, there is **a collective call for boosting multilateralism** through the reform of global institutions.

Our G20 Presidency has played the role of a catalyst in these shifts.

In December 2022, when we took over the Presidency from Indonesia, I had written that a mindset shift must be catalysed by the G20. This was especially needed in the context of mainstreaming the marginalized aspirations of developing countries, the Global South and Africa.

The Voice of Global South Summit, which witnessed participation from 125 countries, was one of the foremost initiatives under **our Presidency. It was an important exercise to gather inputs and ideas from the Global South. Further, our Presidency has not only seen the largest-ever participation from African countries but has also pushed for the inclusion of the African Union as a permanent member of the G20.**



Human-Centric
Globalisation



November 15, 2022 : President of Indonesia Joko Widodo handing over the gavel to the Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi as the next holder of the G20 Presidency

An interconnected world means our challenges across domains are interlinked. This is the midway year of the 2030 Agenda and many are noting with great concern that the progress on SDGs is off-track. The G20 2023 Action Plan to Accelerate Progress on SDGs will spearhead the future direction of the G20 towards implementing SDGs.

In India, living in harmony with nature has been a norm since ancient times and we have been contributing our share towards climate action even in modern times.

Many countries of the Global South are at various stages of development and climate action must be a complementary pursuit. **Ambitions for climate action must be matched with actions on climate finance and transfer of technology.**

We believe there is a need to move away from a purely restrictive attitude of what should not be done, to a more constructive attitude focusing on what can be done to fight climate change.

The Chennai High-Level Principles (HLPs) for a Sustainable and Resilient Blue Economy focus on keeping our oceans healthy.



September 10, 2023 : Prime Minister Narendra Modi handed over the gavel to the President of Brazil H.E. Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva as the next holder of the G20 Presidency

A global ecosystem for clean and green hydrogen will emerge from our presidency, along with a Green Hydrogen Innovation Centre.

In 2015, we launched the International Solar Alliance. Now, through the Global Biofuels Alliance, we will support the world to enable energy transitions in tune with the benefits of a circular economy.

Democratising climate action is the best way to impart momentum to the movement. **Just as individuals make daily decisions based on their long-term health,** they can make lifestyle decisions based on the impact on the planet's long-term health. Just like Yoga became

a global mass movement for wellness, we have also nudged the world with Lifestyles for Sustainable Development.

Due to the impact of climate change, ensuring food and nutritional security will be crucial. Millets, or Shree Anna, can help with this while also boosting climate-smart agriculture. **In the International Year of Millets, we have taken millets to global palates.** The Deccan HLPs on Food Security and Nutrition is also helpful in this direction.

Technology is transformative but it also needs to be made inclusive. In the past, the benefits of technological advancements have not

benefited all sections of society equally. India, over the last few years, has shown how technology can be leveraged to narrow inequalities, rather than widen them.

For instance, the billions across the world that remain unbanked, or lack digital identities, can be financially included through digital public infrastructure (DPI). The solutions we have built using our DPI have now been recognised globally. **Now, through the G20, we will help developing countries adapt, build, and scale DPI to unlock the power of inclusive growth.**

That India is the fastest-growing large economy is no accident. Our simple, scalable and sustainable solutions have empowered the vulnerable and the marginalised to lead our development story. From space to sports, economy to entrepreneurship, Indian women have taken the lead in various sectors. They have shifted the narrative from the development of women to women-led development. **Our G20 Presidency is working on bridging the gender digital divide, reducing labour force participation gaps and enabling a larger role for women in leadership and decision-making.**



1st Sherpa Meeting, Udaipur



December 1, 2022: Sand art by artist Sudarshan Pattnaik at Puri Beach

For India, the G20 Presidency is not merely a high-level diplomatic endeavour. As the Mother of Democracy and a model of diversity, we opened the doors of this experience to the world.



3rd Tourism Working Group Meeting, Srinagar



1st FMCBG and 2nd FCBD Meeting, Bengaluru

Today, accomplishing things at scale is a quality that is associated with India. The G20 Presidency is no exception. It has become a people-driven movement. **Over 200 meetings will have been organised in 60 Indian cities across the length and breadth of our nation, hosting nearly 30,000 delegates and 100,000 participants from 125 countries by the end of our term.** No Presidency has ever encompassed such a vast and diverse geographical expanse.

It is one thing to hear about India's demography, democracy, diversity and development from someone else. It is totally different to experience them first-hand. I am sure our G20 delegates would vouch for this.

Our G20 Presidency strives to bridge divides, dismantle barriers, and sow seeds of collaboration that nourish a world where unity prevails over discord, where shared destiny eclipses isolation. As the G20 President, we had pledged to make the global table larger, ensuring that every voice is heard and every country contributes. I am positive that we have matched our pledge with actions and outcomes.

Op-Ed by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on India's G20 Presidency

India's G20 Presidency



September 2023: G20 Summit, New Delhi

200+ Meetings in 60 Cities

1,00,000 Participants from 125 countries

Bharat Mandapam



Venue for the G20 Summit

Strengthening the G20 Family

**Your Highnesses,
Excellencies,
Namaskar!**

Before starting the formal proceedings, on behalf of all of us, I would like to express my heartfelt condolences to the people affected by the earthquake that occurred in Morocco a moment ago. We pray that all the injured people get well soon. The entire world community is with Morocco in this difficult time, and we are ready to provide them all possible assistance.

**Your Highnesses,
Excellencies,**

As the President of the G20, India extends a warm welcome to all of you.

At the place where we are gathered today, just a few kilometers away from here, stands a pillar that is nearly two and a half thousand years old. Inscribed on this pillar in the Prakrit language are the words:

हेवम लोकसा हितमुखे ति,
अथ इयम नातिसु हेवम'

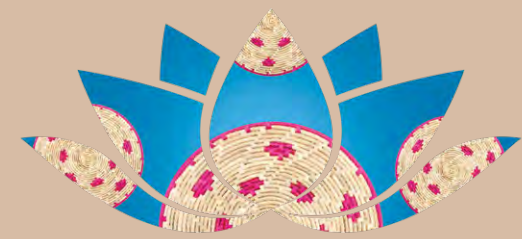
Meaning:

'The welfare and happiness of humanity should always be ensured.'

Two and a half thousand years ago, the land of India gave this message to the entire world.

Let us begin this G20 Summit by remembering this message.

The 21st century is a time that has the potential to give a new direction to the entire world. It's a time when years old challenges demand new solutions from us. Therefore, we must move forward by fulfilling all our responsibilities with a Human Centric approach.



Opening Remarks by
Prime Minister
Shri Narendra Modi



African Union becomes permanent member of the G20



Inaugural session of the G20 Summit 2023

Friends,

After Covid-19, a huge crisis of lack of trust has come in the world. Conflict has deepened this trust deficit.

Just as we can overcome COVID, we can also overcome this crisis of mutual trust.

Today, as the President of the G20, India invites the entire world to come together and, first and foremost, transform this Global Trust Deficit into global trust and confidence.

This is a time for all of us to walk together, and **the mantra of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, and Sabka Prayas' can become a guiding light for all of us.**

Whether its a turbulent global economy, or the North-South divide, or the distance between East and West, management of Food, Fuel, and Fertilizer, or dealing with Terrorism and Cybersecurity, or ensuring Health, Energy, and Water Security, we must move towards concrete solutions for these challenges, not just for the present but also for future generations.

Friends,

India's G20 presidency has become a symbol of inclusion, both within the country and beyond, representing the spirit of 'Sabka Saath'.

It has become a 'People's G20'. Millions of Indians have engaged with it.

Over 200 meetings have been held in more than 60 cities across the country.

It was in the spirit of 'Sabka Saath' that India proposed permanent membership for the African Union in the G20. I believe that we all agree on this proposal.

With your consent, before we proceed with further proceedings, I invite the Chairperson of the African Union to take their place as a permanent member of the G20.



PM Narendra Modi delivering the opening remarks on Day 1 of the G20 Summit 2023

Human Centric Development

Need of the hour

Friends,

India is a land of diversity of faith, spirituality, and traditions. Many major religions of the world were born here, and every religion of the world has found respect here.

As the 'Mother of Democracy,' our belief in dialogue and democratic principles has been unwavering since time immemorial. Our global conduct is rooted in the fundamental principle of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam,' which means 'world is one family.'

This very notion of considering the world as one family, also connects every Indian with the sense of responsibility of 'One Earth'. **It is with this spirit of 'One Earth' that India has initiated the 'Lifestyle for Environment Mission.'** With India's initiative and your support, the entire world is celebrating the 'International Year of Millets' this year, in alignment with the principles of Climate Security. In line with this spirit, India launched the 'Green Grids Initiative – One Sun, One World, One Grid', at COP-26.

Today, India stands among the countries where a large-scale solar revolution is underway. Millions of Indian farmers have embraced natural farming. This is a big campaign to protect human health as well as the health of the soil and the Earth. We have also launched the 'National Green Hydrogen Mission' in India to boost green hydrogen production. **During India's G20 presidency, we have also taken significant steps toward creating a Global Hydrogen Ecosystem.**

Friends,

Keeping in mind the challenge of climate change, energy transition is a significant need of the 21st century world. Trillions of dollars are required for an inclusive energy transition. Naturally, developed countries play a very crucial role in this.

Along with India, all the countries of the Global South are pleased that developed countries have taken a positive initiative this year, in 2023. Developed countries have expressed their willingness to fulfill their commitment of 100 billion dollars for climate finance for the first time.

By adopting the 'Green Development Pact,' G20 has also reaffirmed its commitments to sustainable and green growth.



PM Narendra Modi addressing Session 1 on One Earth



Remarks by
Prime Minister
Shri Narendra Modi
during Session 1 on
One Earth

Friends,

With the spirit of collective effort, today, India has some suggestions on this G20 platform.

Today, the need of the hour is that all countries should work together in the field of fuel blending. Our proposal is to take an initiative at a global level to take ethanol blending in petrol up to 20 percent.

Or alternatively, we could work on developing another blending mix for the greater global good, one that ensures a stable energy supply while also contributing to climate security.

In this context, today, we are launching the Global Biofuel Alliance. India invites all of you to join this initiative.

Friends,

Keeping the environment in mind, discussions on Carbon Credit have been ongoing for decades. Carbon Credit emphasizes what should not be done; it has a negative perspective.

As a result, what positive steps should be taken, often do not receive adequate attention. There is a lack of encouragement for positive initiatives.

Green Credit shows us the way forward. To promote this positive thinking, I propose that G20 countries start working on a 'Green Credit Initiative.'

Friends,

You are all familiar with the success of India's Moon Mission,

Chandrayaan. The data obtained from it will be beneficial for all of humanity. With the same spirit, India is proposing the launch of the 'G20 Satellite Mission for Environment and Climate Observation.'

The climate and weather data obtained from this will be shared with all the countries, especially the countries of the Global South. India invites all G20 countries to join this initiative.

Friends,

Once again, a very warm welcome and congratulations to all of you.

Now, I am eager to hear your thoughts.



One Earth: Session 1 of the G20 Summit 2023



PM Narendra Modi addressing Session 2 on One Family

Empowering fellow humans for a better planet

Friends,

We have just received a good news. **Due to the hard work of our teams and the support of all of you, the New Delhi G20 Leaders' Summit Declaration has been agreed on.**

I propose that we also adopt this Leaders' declaration. I declare to adopt this declaration.

On this occasion, I would like to congratulate our Ministers, Sherpa and all the officials who have put in immense effort to make this worthwhile, and therefore, they all deserve to be congratulated.

Your Highness,

Excellencies,

In our ancient Vedas, which were composed thousands of years ago, it is said – “एको अहम् बहुस्याम्!” This means, “*I am one; let me become many.*”

We need to move from “I” to “We” for creation, innovation, and viable solutions.

“I” to “We”,

that means thinking of the whole from the self,

the well-being of “us” instead of just “me,”

We have to emphasize on this.

We must connect every class, every country, every society, and every region of the world.

And this is the essence of the One Family concept.

Just like every family has its own support system, we need to build a global support system together.

We should develop the mindset that someone else's happiness should make us happy, and someone else's sorrow should make us equally sad.



Remarks by
Prime Minister
Shri Narendra Modi
during Session 2 on
One Family

When we think as One Family, we also keep in mind how to empower each member.

It is in this spirit that India wants to share its every experience with its huge global family.

In India, we have adopted technology as a bridge to make development inclusive and sustainable.

India has developed a new model of inclusion, transparency, and targeted interventions with the JAM Trinity of bank accounts, Aadhar identity and mobile phones.

The World Bank has also acknowledged that the JAM Trinity has achieved a financial inclusion rate in just 6 years which would have taken 47 years to achieve.

Using this model, India has transferred 360 billion dollars directly to the bank accounts of those in need over the past decade.

This has prevented leakage of approximately 33 billion dollars, which is nearly 1.25% of the GDP.

Certainly, this model can be very beneficial for the global family, especially for the Global South.

Friends,

India's youth, our young talent, is also for the global good, in the form of One Family.

In the times to come, having a large skilled young talent pool is crucial to sustain global growth.

Therefore, we should move towards "Global Skill Mapping."

This is also a priority for the Global South.

Friends,

While talking about One Family, we must also keep in mind the challenges that lie ahead for our Global Family.

We have seen that when a huge global challenge came in the form of Covid, the global supply chains built over decades were completely exposed.

Under the concept of One Family, today we must build a global supply chain that promotes trust and transparency.

This is our collective responsibility.

We cannot view countries and humanity solely as markets.

We need a sensitive and long-term approach.

We must pay special attention to the capacity building of the developing countries.

Therefore, India's proposal for a mapping framework will help strengthen the existing supply chain.

To make the global supply chain inclusive, we must also acknowledge the active role of small businesses.

It is essential that they have access to markets and information, and that trade costs are reduced for them.

Friends,

Continuing with the One Family mantra, we must also address the debt crisis faced by developing countries with sensitivity.

We need to establish a system that allows countries in crisis to overcome it and ensures that such crises never happen again.

I'm pleased that there is an **agreement under the "Action Plan to Accelerate Sustainable Development Goals" to increase financing for this purpose.**

I express my gratitude to all of you for this.

Friends,

The One Family approach is equally essential for a "Holistic health and Wellness" system.

The WHO Global Centre for Traditional Medicine being established in India will strengthen the promotion of wellness worldwide.

I hope that we will soon make efforts to establish a global repository for traditional medicine.



One Family: Session 2 of the G20 Summit 2023

Friends,

In every society around the world, mothers are the driving force of the family.

Today, in India, we see women's leadership in every sector.

Approximately 45% of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) graduates in India are women.

Today, many critical missions in India's space program are being handled by our female scientists.

Today, **around 90 million women in Indian villages are taking forward small businesses by joining the Self Help Groups campaign.**

I believe that **women-led development will be a significant driver of change in the 21st century.**

Friends,

In this One Family session, I would like to present **three suggestions** to you.

First, we can urge the top sports leagues in the world to invest



Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Brazil's President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva and Indonesia's President Joko Widodo during the symbolic tree plantation ceremony at the G20 Summit 2023 at the Bharat Mandapam.

5% of their earnings into sports infrastructure for women in countries of the Global South.

This could serve as a new model of public-private partnership at the global level.

Second, similar to how all countries issue different categories of visas, we can **establish a "G20 Talent Visa" as a special category.**

This type of visa could be highly beneficial for our top science and technology talent to explore global opportunities. Their talent and efforts can contribute significantly to our economies.

Third, we can consider the **establishment of Global Bio-banks under the supervision of the WHO.**

These bio-banks could focus specifically on diseases like heart diseases, sickle cell anemia, endocrine disorders and breast cancer.

Setting up such Global Bio-banks in India would bring us great satisfaction.

Friends,

Now, I would like to hear from all of you.



Making the vision of Global Family A Reality

*Your Highnesses,
Excellencies,*

Yesterday, we had extensive discussions in the One Earth and One Family sessions. I am satisfied that today the G20 has become a platform for optimistic efforts regarding the vision of One Earth, One Family, One Future.

We are currently discussing a future where we transcend the concept of Global Village and witness the Global Family becoming a reality. It's a future where not only the interests of countries are intertwined, but also where hearts are interconnected.

Friends,

I have continuously drawn your attention to Human Centric Vision instead of GDP Centric Approach. Today many countries like India have so much that we are sharing with the whole world.

India has talked about sharing the data of Chandrayaan Mission with everyone in the interest of humanity. This is also a proof of our commitment towards Human Centric Growth.

India has harnessed technology to foster inclusive development and facilitate last-mile delivery. Even in our most remote villages, the small-scale traders are using digital payments.

I am happy that **under India's chairmanship a strong framework for Digital Public Infrastructure has been agreed upon.** Similarly, "G20 Principles on Harnessing Data for Development" have also been accepted.

It has also been decided to **launch "Data for Development Capacity Building Initiative" for the development of Global South.** Formation of **Startup20 engagement group during the Presidency of India** is also a big step.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi handed over the gavel to the President of Brazil H.E. Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva as the next holder of the G20 Presidency



Remarks by
Prime Minister
Shri Narendra Modi
during Session 3 on
One Future

Friends,

Today, we are witnessing an unprecedented scale and speed in new-generation technologies. Artificial Intelligence is such example in front of us. In 2019, we adopted the "Principles on AI". Today, we need to take one step further.

I propose that we **establish a framework for Responsible Human-Centric AI governance**. India will also give its suggestions in this regard. It will be our endeavor that all countries get the benefits of AI in areas like Socio-Economic Development, Global Workforce and R&D.

Friends,

Today, our world is also facing some other burning problems, which are affecting both the present and future of all our countries. We are familiar with the challenges of cyber security and crypto-currency. **The field of crypto-currency, has emerged as a new topic for everyone i.e social order, monetary and financial stability. Therefore, we have to develop global standards to regulate crypto-currencies.** We have the Basel standards on bank regulation in front of us as a model.

It is imperative that we take concrete steps in this direction as soon as possible. Likewise, **global cooperation and a framework for cybersecurity are essential.** Terrorism is exploiting new channels and new funding methods from the cyber world, making it a critical issue for the security and prosperity of every nation.

Only when we take care of the security of every country and the sensitivity of every country, the feeling of One Future will be strengthened.

Friends,

To take the world towards a better future, it is necessary that global systems are in accordance with the realities of the present. Today the "United Nations Security Council" is also an example of this. When the



PM Narendra Modi interacting with the Heads of States during Session 3 of the G20 Summit

UN was established, the world at that time was completely different from today. At that time there were 51 founding members in the UN. Today the number of countries included in the UN is around 200.

Despite this, the permanent members in UNSC are still the same. From then till today the world has changed a lot in every respect. Be it transport, communication, health, education, every sector has been transformed. These new realities should be reflected in our new global structure.

It is a law of nature that individuals and organizations that fail to adapt to changing times inevitably lose their relevance. We must think with an open mind as to what is the reason that many regional forums have come into existence in the past years, and they are also proving to be effective.

Friends,

Today, it is necessary for every global organization to reform to increase its relevance. With this in mind, yesterday we have taken the historic initiative of making the African Union a permanent member of the G20. Similarly, we will also have to expand the mandate of Multilateral Development Banks. Our decisions in this direction should be immediate and also effective.

Friends,

In a world marked by rapid change, we require not only transformation but also sustainability and stability. **Come! Let us pledge that we will take our resolutions of Green Development Pact, Action Plan on SDGs, High level Principles on Anti-corruption, Digital Public Infrastructure, and MDB Reforms to fruition.**

Your Highnesses,

Excellencies,

Now I would like to hear your thoughts.



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G20 New Delhi Leaders' Declaration



September 09, 2023: Adoption of the New Delhi Leaders' Declaration

G20 Summit, New Delhi



- Participation of **20 member states, nine invitee nations, and 14 international organizations**
- **African Union included** as a permanent member of the G20
- Landmark initiatives
 - 1) Global Biofuels Alliance launched
 - 2) Partnership for Global Infrastructure and Investment (PGII) & India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC)



Key Outcomes

- Green Development Pact
- Action Plan on Sustainable Development Goals
- High-Level Principles on Anti-Corruption
- Support for Digital Public Infrastructure
- Reform of Multilateral Development Banks

G20 New Delhi Leader's Declaration

- A symbol of unparalleled global consensus with all **83 paras achieving 100% consensus** across all countries
- Most ambitious presidency in G20's history ever with **112 outcomes** and Presidency documents
- **Focus on**
 - Strong, Sustainable, Balanced, and Inclusive Growth
 - Accelerating Progress on Sustainable Development Goals
 - Green Development Pact for a Sustainable Future
 - Multilateral Institutions for the 21st Century
 - Reinvigorating Multilateralism
 - Women-led Development
- Endorses **High-Level Principles** on lifestyle for sustainable development, voluntary principles on hydrogen, the Chennai principles for a sustainable and resilient blue economy, and the Deccan principles on food security and nutrition, among others
- Transformative and inclusive role of technology highlighted with a focus on **Digital Public Infrastructure**
- A document of the **Global South**



“History has been created with the adoption of the New Delhi Leaders’ Declaration. United in consensus and spirit, we pledge to work collaboratively for a better, more prosperous, and harmonious future. My gratitude to all fellow G20 members for their support and cooperation.”

Narendra Modi
Prime Minister of India



Unique Initiatives during India's G20 Presidency

Voice of Global South Summit 2023

Participation of more than 120 developing countries - the largest-ever virtual gathering of the Global South.

Startup20

First-of-its-kind Engagement Group under G20.
Voice of the global startup ecosystem.

Disaster Risk Reduction

A new Working Group to encourage research & knowledge sharing on disaster risk reduction.

Millets And otHer Ancient Grains International Research Initiative (MAHARISHI)

A global research and awareness initiative for millets and other ancient grains.

G20 Conference on Cyber Security

An initiative for coordinated action to make the digital world safer for all.

Chief Scientific Advisers' Roundtable

An effective platform to discuss and achieve solutions for issues related to scientific research, technology development and deployment.

LiFE Principles at G20

Enabling policy environment for integrating climate and development goals through responsible consumption.



New Focus Areas in G20

Women-led Development

One of the key priorities under India's G20 Presidency .

Counter-narcotics

For the first time, G20 foreign ministers discussed the topic of counter-narcotics and called for inclusive and strong international cooperation.

Crypto Assets

The global push for clearer policies on crypto assets has gained momentum under India's G20 Presidency.

Traditional Medicine

First WHO Traditional Medicine Global Summit for Traditional Medicine in Gandhinagar, Gujarat.

"It is with this spirit of 'One Earth' that India has initiated the 'Lifestyle for Environment Mission.' With India's initiative and your support, the entire world is celebrating the 'International Year of Millets' this year, in alignment with the principles of Climate Security. In line with this spirit, India launched the 'Green Grids Initiative - One Sun, One World, One Grid' , at COP-26. "

"I believe that women-led development will be a significant driver of change in the 21st century."

"Mission LiFE, as a global mass movement, will nudge individual and collective action to protect and preserve the environment."

Narendra Modi

Prime Minister of India



Accolades from across the world



X@ **Emmanuel Macron**
President of France

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The world is one family.
Le monde est une seule famille.



X@ **Rishi Sunak**
Prime Minister of
the United Kingdom

Stronger together. Stronger united.
Thank you Narendra Modi for a historic G20 and the Indian people for such a warm welcome.
From global food security to international partnerships, it's been a busy but successful summit.



X@ **Joseph R. Biden Jr.**
President of the United States

One Earth. One Family. One Future.
That's the focus of this G20 Summit: building resilient infrastructure, making quality infrastructure investments, and creating a better future that represents greater opportunity, dignity, and prosperity for everyone.



X@ **Giorgia Meloni**
Prime Minister of Italy

I thank the Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi for his stewardship of this Presidency #G20, which has put forward an ambitious agenda on global challenges. We have worked together to ensure the success of this Summit and we will continue to coordinate in bilateral relations and also in view of the Italian Presidency of the G7.
#G20India



X@ **Olaf Scholz**
Chancellor of Germany

We need the G20 more than ever. At the New Delhi Summit, I am committed to making real progress on key challenges such as the climate and hunger crises and cooperation with the Global South.
Thank you for your warm welcome, Narendra Modi!



X@ **Yoon Suk Yeol**
President of
the Republic of Korea

Had an excellent meeting with Narendra Modi. Deeply appreciate your leadership as the host of the G20 Summit.



X@ **Kristalina Georgieva**
Managing Director of
International Monetary Fund

Congratulations to India on a successful G20 presidency. Its theme of "One Earth, One Family, One Future" resonated with global leaders, who reached an important consensus on ways to address the global challenges confronting us.



X@ **Pravind Kumar Jugnauth**
Prime Minister of Mauritius

Delighted to have taken part in the unanimous adoption of the New Delhi declaration. Congratulations to Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji and all heads of State and Government who made the choice of accelerated, green and sustainable progress.



X@ **Ursula von der Leyen**
President of
the European Commission

Thank you for your skillful leadership of the G20, @narandramodi.
A strong partnership with India is paramount for Europe. Glad to see our Trade & Tech Council in action. And to have launched with you an historic project, the India – Middle East – Europe Economic Corridor.



X@ **Azali Assoumani**
Chairperson of the
African Union and President of
the Union of Comoros

The G20 has just ratified, through the voice of the Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi, the admission of the African Union into its fold. On behalf of the African continent, I sincerely thank all the member countries of the G20 for this historic admission.



X@ **Bill Gates**
Co-chair of the Bill &
Melinda Gates Foundation

The G20 reached a groundbreaking consensus on the role of digital public infrastructure as a critical accelerator of the Sustainable Development Goals. I'm optimistic about the potential of DPI to support a safer, healthier, and more just world. Kudos to PM Narendra Modi.



X@ **Anthony Albanese**
Prime Minister of Australia

A successful G20 meeting hosted by Narendra Modi in New Delhi today followed by a good bilateral discussion about concluding the Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement between Australia and India.



Ajay Banga
President of the World Bank

The remarkable G20 New Delhi Declaration, which I congratulate Prime Minister Modi and all G20 Members on, puts the World Bank at the centre of our search for solutions.



X@ **Gita Gopinath**
Deputy Managing Director at
International Monetary Fund

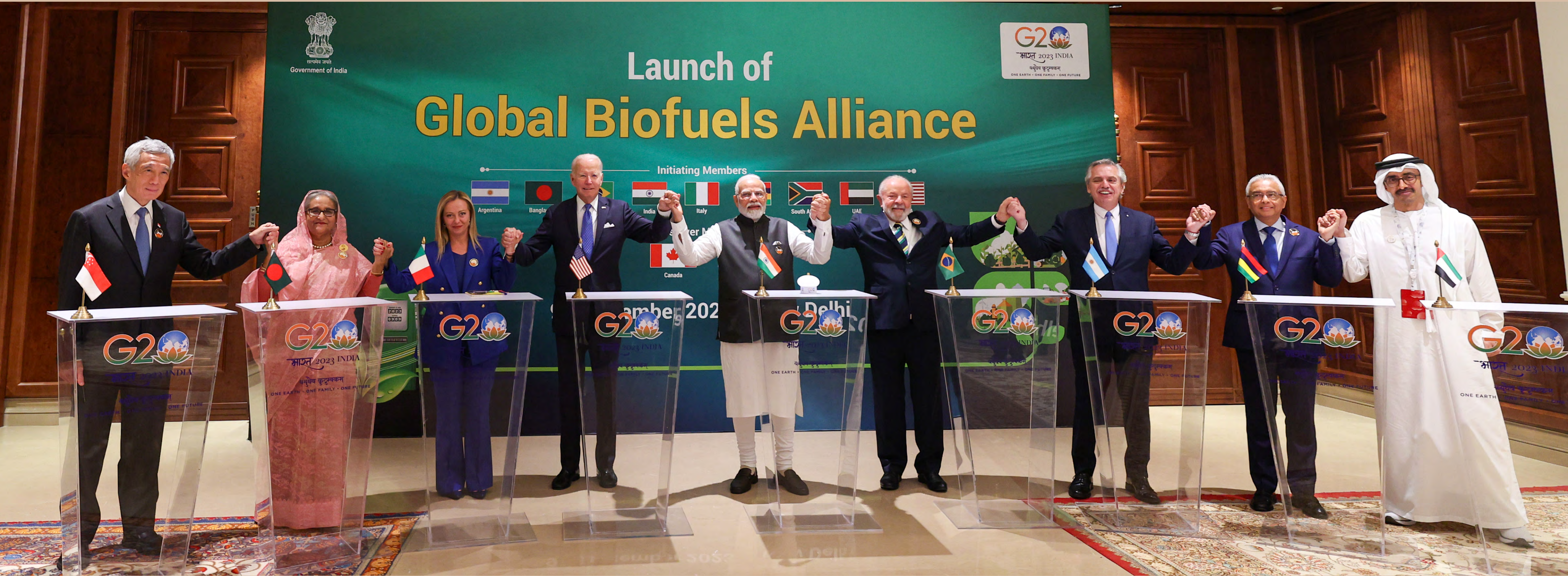
Congratulations Prime Minister Narendra Modi on presiding over such a successful G20. India's message of 'One Earth, One Family, One Future' resonated strongly with all delegates.



X@ **Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus**
Director-General, World Health Organization

We welcome the G20 Leaders' comprehensive commitment to health in the New Delhi Declaration, including to strengthen WHO. We will continue to work closely with G20 countries towards a healthier, safer, fairer future for all.

Launch of the Global Biofuels Alliance at the G20 Summit



Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi along with the leaders of Singapore, Bangladesh, Italy, USA, Brazil, Argentina, Mauritius and UAE, launched the Global Biofuels Alliance on 9 September, 2023

India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor

MOU on IMEC was signed by India, USA, Saudi Arabia, UAE, European Union, Italy, France and Germany



A special event on Partnership for Global Infrastructure and Investment (PGII) and India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC), on 9 September 2023 on the sidelines of the G20 Summit in New Delhi

International Media Centre at Bharat Mandapam



G20 family paying homage to Mahatma Gandhi - the beacon of peace, service, compassion and non-violence



The greater the realization of truth and World leaders signing the Peace Wall at Raj Ghat



- Mahatma Gandhi



PM Narendra

Leaders participating in G20 Summit, 2023

Dinner hosted by President Droupadi Murmu at Bharat Mandapam



President Droupadi Murmu and Prime Minister Narendra Modi welcome Director-General of the International Labour Organization Gilbert F Houngbo for gala dinner



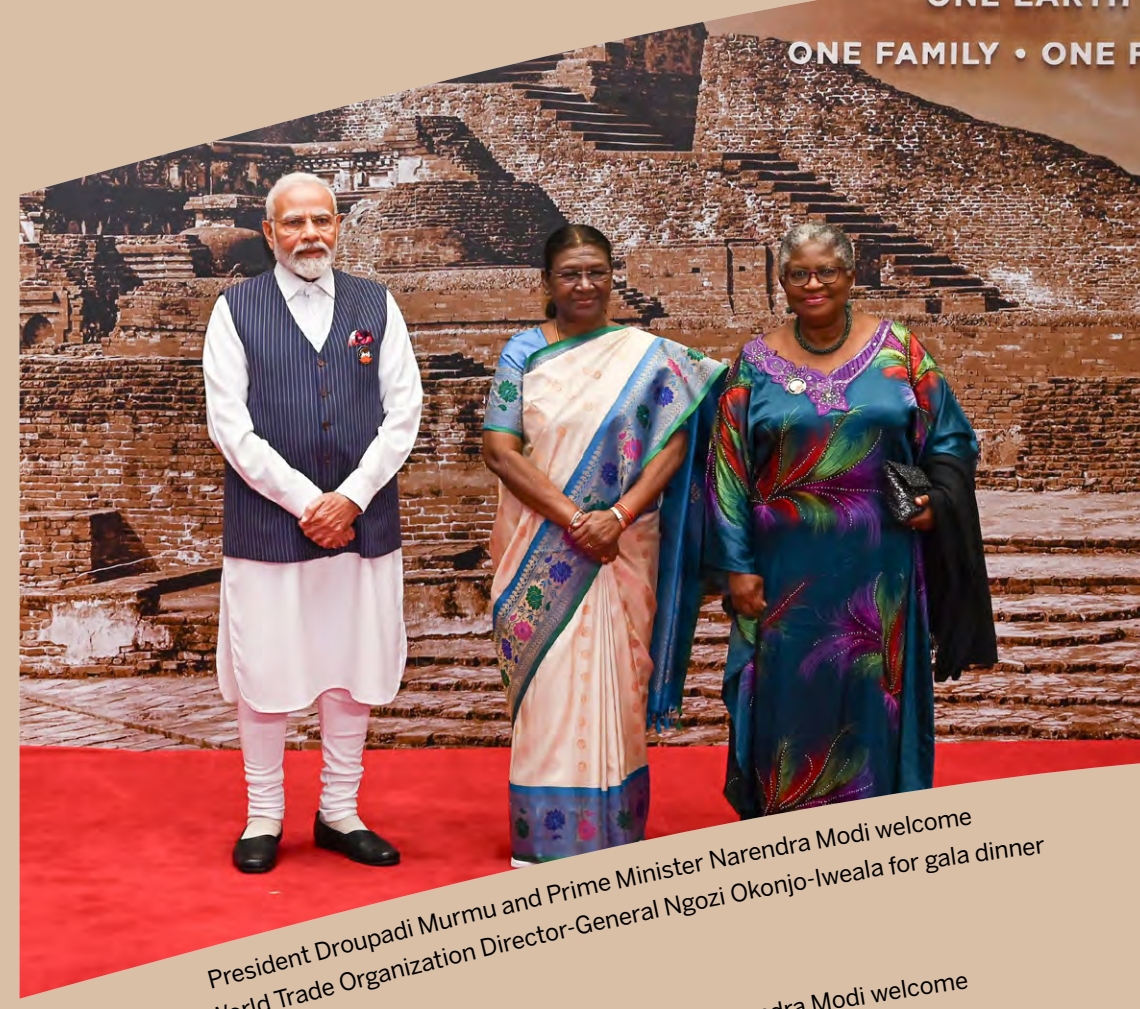
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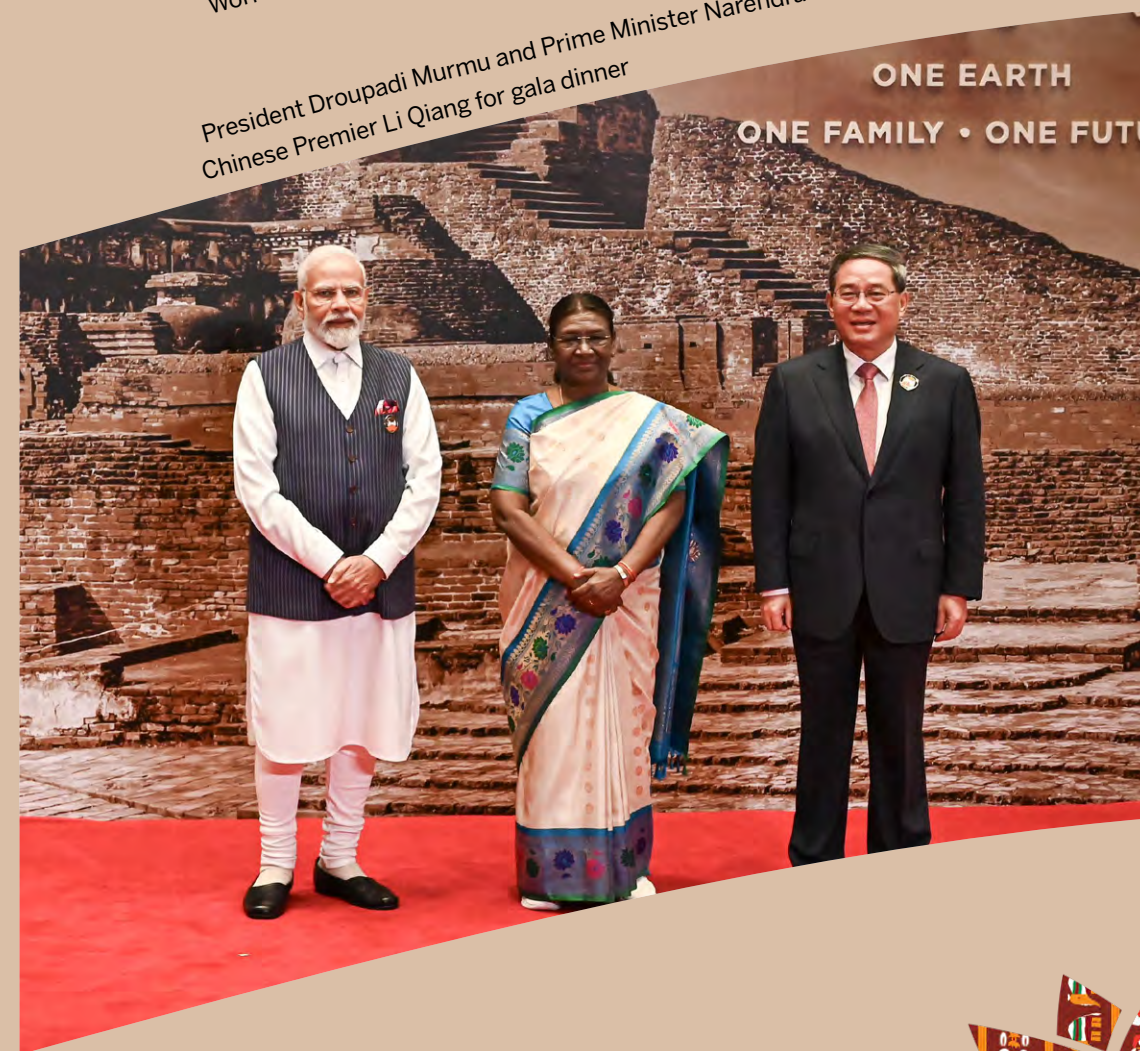
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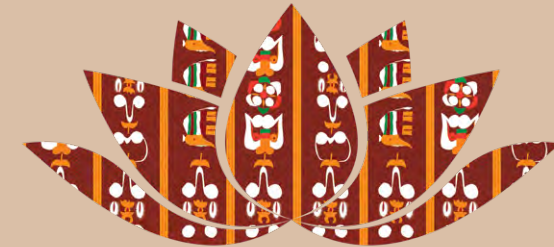
President Droupadi Murmu and Prime Minister Narendra Modi welcome Egyptian President Abdel Fattah Saeed Hussein Khalil El-Sisi for gala dinner



President Droupadi Murmu and Prime Minister Narendra Modi welcome Chinese Premier Li Qiang for gala dinner



ONE FAMILY





President Droupadi Murmu and Prime Minister Narendra Modi welcome President of the French Republic Emmanuel Macron for gala dinner



President Droupadi Murmu and Prime Minister Narendra Modi welcome President of Indonesia Joko Widodo for gala dinner



President Droupadi Murmu and Prime Minister Narendra Modi welcome President of Nigeria Bola Ahmed Tinubu for gala dinner



President Droupadi Murmu and Prime Minister Narendra Modi welcome President of the Republic of Korea Yoon Suk Yeol and his wife Kim Keon Hee for gala dinner



President Droupadi Murmu and Prime Minister Narendra Modi welcome Asian Development Bank President Masatsugu Asakawa for gala dinner



President Droupadi Murmu and Prime Minister Narendra Modi welcome European Union Commission President Ursula von der Leyen and her husband Heiko von der Leyen for gala dinner



President Droupadi Murmu and Prime Minister Narendra Modi welcome President of the European Council Charles Michel and his wife for gala dinner

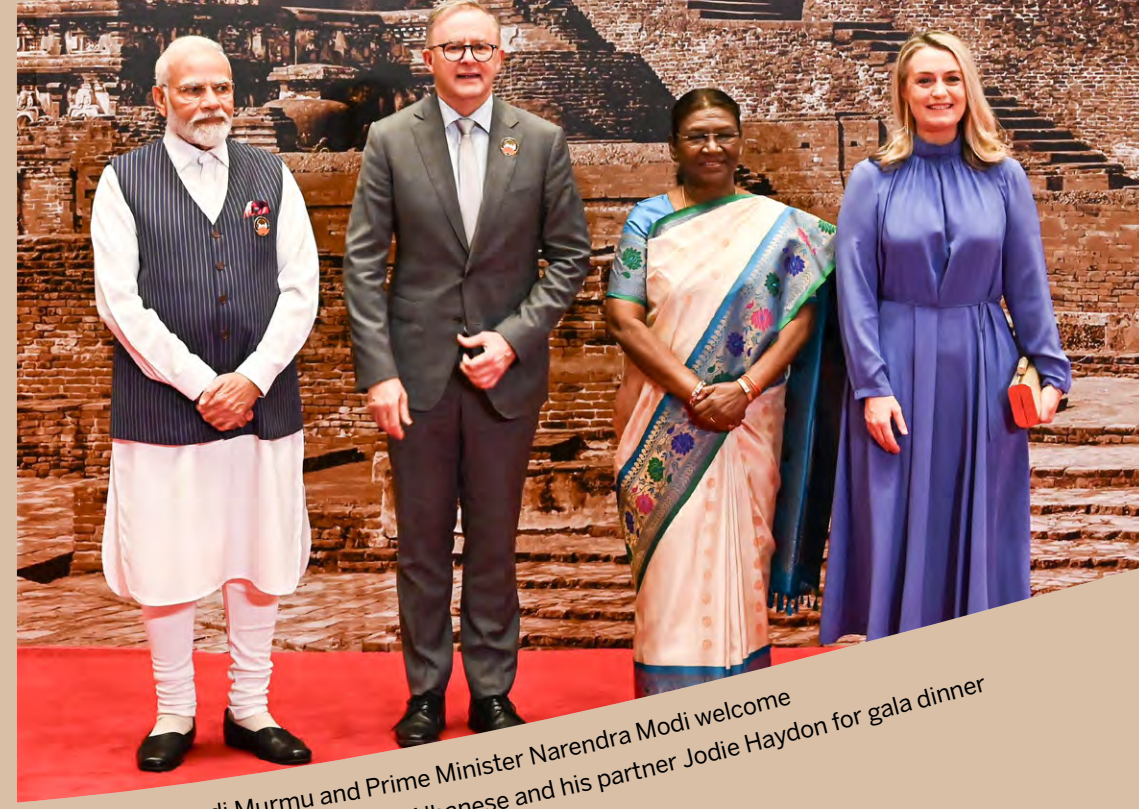


President Droupadi Murmu and Prime Minister Narendra Modi welcome President of the United States of America Joseph R. Biden Jr. for gala dinner





President Droupadi Murmu and Prime Minister Narendra Modi welcome Prime Minister of Bangladesh Sheikh Hasina and her sister Sheikh Rehana for gala dinner



President Droupadi Murmu and Prime Minister Narendra Modi welcome Prime Minister of Australia Anthony Albanese and his partner Jodie Haydon for gala dinner



President Droupadi Murmu and Prime Minister Narendra Modi welcome Prime Minister of Japan Fumio Kishida and First Lady of Japan Yuko Kishida for gala dinner



President Droupadi Murmu and Prime Minister Narendra Modi welcome Prime Minister of Mauritius Pravind Kumar Jugnauth and his wife Kobita Jugnauth for gala dinner



President Droupadi Murmu and Prime Minister Narendra Modi welcome Prime Minister of Italy Giorgia Meloni for gala dinner



President Droupadi Murmu and Prime Minister Narendra Modi welcome Prime Minister of the United Kingdom Rishi Sunak and his wife Akshata Murty for gala dinner



President Droupadi Murmu and Prime Minister Narendra Modi welcome UN Secretary-General António Guterres for gala dinner



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President Droupadi Murmu and Prime Minister Narendra Modi welcome Minister of Foreign Affairs of UAE Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan for gala dinner



President Droupadi Murmu and Prime Minister Narendra Modi welcome African Union Chairperson and President of Comoros Azali Assoumani along with First Lady of Comoros Ambari Azali



President Droupadi Murmu and Prime Minister Narendra Modi welcome Financial Stability Board Chair Klaas Knot for gala dinner

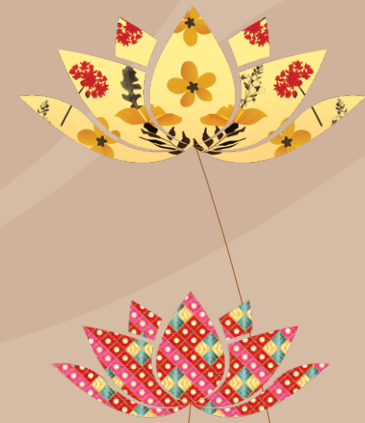


President Droupadi Murmu and Prime Minister Narendra Modi welcome Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany Olaf Scholz for gala dinner

India showcased its diverse musical heritage to the world with artists playing rare instruments from all across the country



Spouses' Programme



Visit to
National
Gallery of
Modern Art,
New Delhi



Visit to IARI
Pusa Campus,
New Delhi



Jan Bhagidari



Logo Formation



Millet Food Stall



Logo Formation



Saree Walkathon



G20 Exhibition



Cyclothon



Painting Competition



Beach Clean up Drive



Exhibition



Quiz Competition



G20 Pavilion, Book Fair



G20 Marathon



Beach Clean Up Drive



G20 Street Art



Model G20



Rangoli Making



Model G20



Painting Competition



Cycle Rally



Tree Plantation



G20 Quiz Competition



Youth Fair



Hygiene Clean Up Drive



Motor Bike Rally



Bharat Parv



Beach Clean Up Drive



Cycling Event



University Connect



Marathon



International Kite Festival

A G20 of Jan Bhagidari



G20 University Connect



India's G20 presidency has proven itself to be unique in different ways. It has focused on the priorities and key concerns of developing nations, amplified the voice of the Global South and raised ambition in areas like climate action and finance, energy transitions, SDG implementation and technological transformation.

What has further added to making this an extraordinary presidency is the extensive participation of people, or Jan Bhagidari from across the nation in various G20 related events and activities. The presidency has not been limited to the highest echelons of the government. Through active participation from different states and UTs, India's G20 has truly been a People's G20.



S Jaishankar
Minister of External Affairs

"India's G20 presidency has become a symbol of inclusion, both within the country and beyond, representing the spirit of 'Sabka Saath'. It has become a 'People's G20'. Millions of Indians have engaged with it."

Narendra Modi
Prime Minister of India



G20 University Connect

With approximately 220 meetings spanning 60 cities, nearly 30,000 delegates in G20 meetings, over 100,000 participants in their side events as well as involvement of citizens from all corners of the nation, G20 engaged with the people in myriad ways.

Various line ministries diligently spurred active participation. The education ministry orchestrated Jan Bhagidari events, witnessing enthusiastic involvement from diverse stakeholders including students, teachers and parents.

Organised at levels ranging from state and district to block, panchayat and school, these events cultivated awareness about G20, the National Education Policy, and Foundational Learning and Numeracy – priorities central to India's presidency.

These events collectively drew over 23.3 crore participants, encompassing 15.7 crore students, 25.5 lakh teachers and 51.1 lakh community members.



Tree Plantation

Yet, the essence of Jan Bhagidari extends beyond participation numbers. An array of engaging activities – ranging from the enlightening G20 University Connect lecture series to interactive Model G20 meetings, Special G20 sessions in educational institutions, G20 Pavilions at prominent festivals, quiz contests, selfie competitions and the captivating #G20India stories – played a pivotal role in nurturing widespread and enthusiastic engagement.

Moreover, India's G20 presidency has highlighted the nation's distinct model of cooperative federalism. The states and UTs have competed with each other to welcome G20 delegates, generate local and regional enthusiasm, and showcase their respective traditions and achievements.

Furthermore, the presidency has effectively unveiled India's captivating natural landscapes and architectural splendour, igniting a robust resurgence in post-Covid tourism.



Hot Air Balloon



Walkathon

Indeed, the economic benefits of the G20 programme across the country are still unfolding. By celebrating G20 across the nation, we have sought to create a pan-national experience that is to the benefit of both India and the world. It can be seriously asserted that overall, it has both made India world-ready and the world more India-ready.

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The various working groups and engagement groups have also been a powerful platform to generate societal interest and commitment on global issues. In cases such as science, they have contributed to a collaborative thinking about the key challenges we confront. Similarly, on labour they have facilitated exchanges of experience to mutual benefit.

The Youth 20 was particularly impactful and a strong validation of the Jan Bhagidari approach.



Model G20

More than 125,000 delegates in 1,563 meetings were able to infuse a remarkable energy into the presidency. Civil 20 touched 45 lakh people worldwide. Social media emerged as a pivotal tool in the G20 process, galvanising citizens and public engagement, resulting in over 14 trillion social media impressions.

Two world records were created in the course of public participation. One was the involvement of 1.25 lakh students from 800 schools in the G20 quiz in Varanasi.

At the same time, 450 Lambani artisans showcased their skills and craftsmanship by creating an amazing collection of around 1,800 unique patches.

India's presidency has witnessed broad-based debates and discussions around themes that are crucial for our collective prospects. Prominent among them were those that involve a buy-in by the society, a goal viable only when the messaging seeps through the global community. A good example is LiFE (Lifestyle for Environment), which encourages eco-friendly changes in our daily habits.



Cyclothon



Hornbill Festival



G20 School Connect



Plantation Drive

Similarly, the highlighting of digital delivery encourages us all to develop digital comfort in our regular transactions. The focus on women-led development, on its part, highlights the key role that they play in societal progress. The emphasis on Sustainable Development Goals will help accelerate attaining them, with larger awareness of their centrality to global prosperity.

Speaking in the Mann ki Baat programme, PM Modi termed India's G20 presidency as a 'people's presidency'.

This was both a description and a motivation, highlighting how the harnessing of ideas and energies across our country has helped to create a truly memorable G20. ■

Youth 20 India

A Catalyst for Youth-Led Change in India's G20 Engagement



Youth20 Pre-Summit Meeting, Leh

The G20, consisting of major economies, addresses critical global issues and the most pressing challenges that we are facing in our interconnected world.

Besides celebrating our 75th year of Independence – **Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav**, we also had the privilege of having the presidency of the G20 nations for the whole year. India, known for its rich history, arts and culture, assumed the responsibility of hosting this prestigious event.

As the host nation, India had a critical role in shaping the discussions and fostering collaboration among the member countries. This not only came with great opportunities but also with significant responsibilities, as the decisions taken at this summit will impact lives of billions of people around the globe.



Anurag Singh Thakur
Union Minister of Information & Broadcasting and Youth Affairs & Sports

"The 21st century is a time that has the potential to give a new direction to the entire world. It's a time when years old challenges demand new solutions from us. Therefore, we must move forward by fulfilling all our responsibilities with a Human Centric approach."



Narendra Modi
Prime Minister of India



Youth20 Summit, Varanasi



Youth20 Summit, Varanasi

Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi emphasized on the Human-Centric G20 Presidency of India based on the spirit of "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam". The outcomes of G20 include climate action, including climate finance and technology transfer, sustainable energy, sustainable lifestyle, food security including the use of millets, inclusive technology, financial inclusion through digital public infrastructure, and women's empowerment fostering collaboration on a global scale in which the youth have the most vital role to play.

Under the framework of the G20 presidency, the Department of Youth Affairs was entrusted with the responsibility of organizing the Youth20 Summit 2023. Youth20 (Y20) is one of the official engagement groups of the G20.

The Y20 Engagement Group organized discussions pan-India to consult the youth of the nation on ideas for a better tomorrow and draft an agenda for action. It was successful in providing a platform for youth to express their perspectives and ideas on G20 priorities.

Five themes were identified for Y20 2023 around which the deliberations took place across the year in various outreach events. The five themes are:

1. **Future of Work:** Industry 4.0, Innovation & 21st Century Skills
2. **Peace Building and Reconciliation:** Ushering in an Era of No War
3. **Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction:** Making Sustainability a Way of Life
4. **Shared Future:** Youth in Democracy and Governance
5. **Health Wellbeing & Sports:** Agenda for Youth

The Y20 journey commenced with a Curtain Raiser in New Delhi where the themes, logo, and website of the Summit were unveiled. Subsequently, the Inception Meeting in Guwahati, Assam, and the pre-summit held in Leh, Ladakh, played pivotal roles in shaping the discourse on youth priorities. Key Outcomes of the Y20 Engagement Group are:



Visit to Pangong Lake



Youth20 Inception Meeting, Guwahati



Youth20 Inception meeting, Guwahati

Building Consensus

The Y20 Summit culminated in a significant achievement – the consensus on the Y20 Communiqué. This document was honed to articulate the collective vision of the youth through multiple rounds of discussion, negotiation, refinement, and feedback.

Draft Communiqué Developed in a Bottom-Up Approach

The Y20 engagement group launched multiple discussions, consultations, brainstorming sessions and other Jan Bhagidari (public involvement) events across the country. The inputs gleaned from these events, which spanned schools, colleges, and universities, enriched the draft communiqué with valuable insights and policy recommendations.

Extended Consultations with International Delegates

A collaborative environment was cultivated for international delegates to engage in open dialogue and constructive discussions. Online discussions and a pre-summit meeting in Leh-Ladakh further refined the communiqué, embracing diverse perspectives.

Pan-India Outreach for Stakeholder Consultations

Y20 India conducted a total of 1497 outreach events across the country before the final summit at Varanasi. A staggering 64,000 discussions were organized across the country, involving over 26 lakh youth. Notably, 2600 foreign delegates actively participated in these consultations while 14,000 young professionals engaged in brainstorming sessions across various sectors in collaboration with Confederation of Indian Industry, Young Indians (CII Yi) and Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS).

Building Confidence in Youth as Active Agents of Change

Y20 platforms played a pivotal role in providing global perspectives to youth, nurturing balanced opinions on policy matters, and encouraging constructive thinking about local issues.

Strengthening of Youth Networks

These consultations facilitated interactions across diverse backgrounds fostering existing networks and engendering new connections.

Pivotal Role in Shaping Youth Empowerment Agenda

By building consensus on the Youth20 communiqué, the Engagement Group significantly influenced the policy agenda for youth empowerment and sustainable development.



Youth20 Delegates at Brahmaputra Sandbar Island



Youth20 Consultation Meeting, Srinagar



Youth20 Inception meeting, Guwahati



Youth20 Summit, Varanasi

To summarise, Y20 served as a vital bridge between young people and the G20 and it proved to be an event of Yuva Jan Bhagidari and stands as a testament to the power of youth engagement in shaping global dialogues and policies.

It is indeed a proud moment for our nation led by our visionary Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi that we got the honor of hosting the G20 summit this year. ■

Startup20

Established under India's G20 Presidency

INCLUSIVE
AMBITIOUS
DECISIVE
ACTION-ORIENTED



Piyush Goyal

Union Minister of Commerce & Industry,
Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution
and Textiles; Leader of the House, Rajya Sabha



When India assumed the Presidency of the G20 on December 1, 2022, the Honorable Prime Minister Narendra Modi famously announced that India's Presidency of the G20 will be "inclusive, ambitious, decisive, and action-oriented". Looking back, we can safely say that Startup20, the only new engagement group launched during India's Presidency, has delivered on all four dimensions. Under India's leadership the group has gone from zero to one. It has produced a first ever Policy Communiqué for the G20 leaders comprising a compelling set of recommendations for weaving the national startup ecosystems into a global one. The cherry on the icing is, the Brazil Presidency has decided to carry the group forward next year.

Startup20 represents a vast canvas. The startup ecosystems across G20 nations add up to over 850,000 startups; 1600 unicorns; 20,000 incubators; and 41,000 investors such as Angel Investors, Venture Capitalists, and Private Equities. There are startups in all sectors of the economy. Every G20 nation today is supporting startups. The Startup20 Engagement Group set out to harness this energy through an inclusive, ambitious, decisive, and action-oriented agenda.

"Building on our success and recognising the importance of start-ups globally, India, during its G20 leadership, made a significant move by establishing the Startup20 Engagement Group. This is the first of its kind initiative under the G20."

Narendra Modi
Prime Minister of India



Startup20 Inception meeting, Hyderabad

INCLUSIVE

Startup20 developed the Policy Communiqué through an intensely participatory process. Over four physical meetings in Hyderabad, Gangtok, Goa, and Gurugram, more than 500 international delegates from 25 countries and 1000 stakeholders from India participated. More strikingly, the Draft Policy Communiqué that group produced was opened up for public consultation. This move spurred something unexpected: across India and other nations over 40 startup meetings sprang up to discuss the document, resulting in over 800 comments from 15 nations. They represented views of startups, investors, ecosystem builders, policymakers, and more. It would not be an exaggeration to say that it was this process where no one was excluded that made the final step of building consensus painless.



Traditional welcome for delegates at Hyderabad

Startup20 built itself up through deeply democratic processes. The very scaffolding comprising five task forces — foundation, alliances, finance, inclusion, and sustainability — emerged through intensive brainstorming among over twenty five nations at the inception meeting in Hyderabad. Furthermore, the chairs and co-chairs of these task forces were elected by the groups. The result was, there was a deep sense of ownership to the task at hand.

DECISIVE

The overarching goal of Startup20 is to provide startups from G20 nations an equitable voice in the global economic discourse. As the work progressed, the group recognized the sincere efforts of every G20 nation to support startups, and has proposed decisive measures to weave the national startup ecosystems into a global one.



Delegates at Golconda Fort, Hyderabad



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In its inception year, the group has called upon G20 leaders to raise their joint annual investment in the global startup ecosystem to US\$ 1 trillion by 2030. To harmonize the global startup ecosystem, while retaining the autonomy of the national ecosystems and helping startups achieve full potential, the group has recommended (a) adopting a Global Startup Definition Framework and governance, and due diligence standards (b) creating channels to access global financing, market, and talent (c) emphasizing inclusive practices to support diverse and under-represented groups and (d) building capacity to identify and scale startups that address our common challenges such as achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

To implement these measures, it has proposed building a networked institution of existing nodal agencies across G20 nations. To measure the success of these joint actions of G20 nations the group has suggested four measures: ability to scout promising startups internationally, fund them collaboratively, mentor them contextually, and scale them globally.

The clarity and magnitude of this commitment by G20 as well as invited nations speaks for itself. Reaching an annual investment of US\$ 1 trillion by 2030 amounts to an investment rate that is 2.5-3 times that of the average rate over the past years. The group has resolved that such a goal, while ambitious, is achievable with joint commitment.



Delegates at Rumtek Monastery, Sikkim

ACTION-ORIENTED

The work of Startup20 has already produced several actionable outcomes. For the first time the world came together to produce a consensus-based Startup Definition Framework. The framework is based on the existing definitions of startups across the G20 countries, the academic literature, and expert consultations. Such a framework is intended to help stakeholders understand what makes an entity a “startup” in different parts of the world and how to “value” it. Demystifying this question is at the heart of addressing the fundamental challenge of bringing startup valuation in line with the real value.

Recognizing that the true potential of startups will not be realized until startup ecosystems establish a culture of accountability,

transparency, and ethical behavior at all levels through self-governance, the group has produced a Startup Governance Framework. This framework is a comprehensive guide for startup founders to take practical measures to embrace corporate-like governance at early, mid, and mature stages. The framework aspires to ensure that governance need not be an afterthought no matter what is the stage of startup.

Leveraging the existing commitment of G20 nations towards meeting the sustainable development goals (SDGs), the group published a Framework for Identifying and Guiding SDG-focused Startups. This framework tackles the important challenge of identifying and fostering startups that are truly SDG-focused and proposes ways to scale them to global impact.



Startup20 Shikhar Summit, Gurugram

Acknowledging the importance of including the under-represented groups and communities on one hand, and the challenge of catering to the great diversity of who it is that is considered under-represented on the other, the group has produced a cataloging of Inclusive Practices Across G20 Nations when it comes to building innovation ecosystems.

Finally, to ensure that the above actions are taken consistently and effectively, the group has proposed an Architecture for a Global Networked Institution. This framework envisages a three-tier networked institution comprising a Global Network of Centers (GNC) that will weave together the existing regional nodes (RNs) via regional network centers (RNC) that acts as their nodal access point or point of contact.

What Startup20 has achieved over the past six months lays the foundation for the next decade of work in building the global startup ecosystem. This is the power of fully embracing the philosophy undergirding India’s G20 Presidency: One Earth, One Family, One Future. ■



Startup20 Sankalpana, Goa

Committed to Advancing Global Research and Innovation for a Better Tomorrow

Research Ministers' Meeting



Dr Jitendra Singh
Union Minister of State (Independent Charge)
Science & Technology

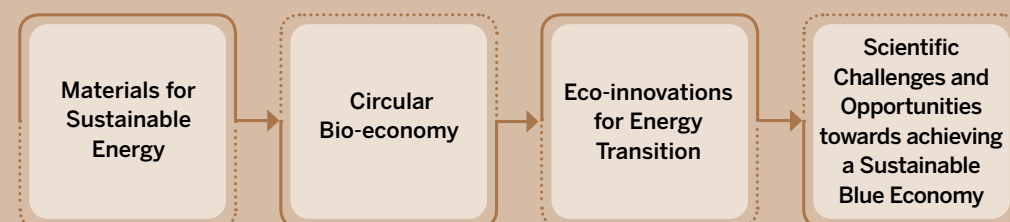


The G20, an intergovernmental forum comprising 19 countries and the European Union (EU) works to address major issues related to the global economy, such as international financial stability, climate change mitigation, and sustainable development. It consists of most of the world's largest economies, including both industrialized and developing nations.

India assumed the Presidency of G20 in 2023 starting from December 1, 2022 until November 30, 2023. During its G20 Presidency period, India strived to maintain the continuity of the inter-year agenda under the Research and Innovation Initiative Gathering (RIIG) and Research Ministers Meeting.

Working under the Presidency theme of "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam" or 'One Earth, One Family, One Future', India identified 'Research and Innovation for an Equitable Society' as the main theme of RIIG during its Presidency. RIIG Meetings were planned to provide platforms for stakeholders at all levels to share ideas and create new partnerships to elevate Research and Innovation as a tool to achieve socio-economic equity.

Priority Issues and themes for discussion



"We are currently discussing a future where we transcend the concept of Global Village and witness the Global Family becoming a reality. It's a future where not only the interests of countries are intertwined, but also where hearts are interconnected."



Narendra Modi
 Prime Minister of India

RIIG Conferences



Research Innovation Initiative Gathering (RIIG) inception meeting, Kolkata

Inception meeting, Kolkata,
 February 9-10, 2023

The Inception meeting of the Research and Innovation Initiative Gathering (RIIG), was held in Kolkata, to discuss research and innovation for an equitable society. A total of 36 foreign delegates representing twenty countries and international organisations, participated in the inception meeting. About 40 Indian delegates and special invitees from various scientific departments and organisations of Government of India participated in the meeting.

Conference on Materials for Sustainable Energy, Ranchi, March 16-17, 2023

The discussions focused on understanding the fundamentals of material development and bottlenecks to achieve efficient large-scale green energy generation and storage. Materials for Sustainable Energy Storage, Solar Energy Utilisation and Photovoltaic Technologies, Materials and Processes for Green Energy, Policies and Programmes for EV Implementation were some of the sub-themes discussed.

Major Outcomes

The panel discussion on the theme elaborated on the critical need for participating countries in the area of energy and recommended a future roadmap.



Conference on Materials for sustainable energy, Ranchi



Conference on Eco-innovations for energy transitions, Dharamshala

Conference on Eco-innovations for Energy Transitions, Dharamshala, April 19-20, 2023

The meeting focused on eco-innovations for energy transitions, and deliberated institutional frameworks for greater permeability of affordable innovation in 'Energy Research' to grassroots levels.

Major Outcomes

Mechanisms for joint research programs could be developed among academic institutions in member nations, with a focus on mobility in energy research.

Conference on Circular Bio-economy,
Dibrugarh/Itanagar,
March 24-25, 2023

The deliberations held on the bio-based circular carbon economy with emphasis on the utilisation of biogenic materials and/or bioprocesses by adopting nature-based interventions within the economic system catalyses circularity, making the ecosystem more resilient. The discussions provided an opportunity to deliberate and enhance commitments of actions and pledges from key stakeholders towards building a sustainable and circular bio-economy. The meeting focused on connecting thematic issues on agriculture, decarbonisation in industry, bio-energy and bio-resource management.



Conference on Circular Bio-economy, Dibrugarh/Itanagar

Major Outcomes

This conference marked an important milestone in preparing a roadmap for establishing a transition towards the circular bio-economy.



Conference on Circular Bio-economy, Dibrugarh/Itanagar



Conference on Scientific Challenges and Opportunities towards achieving a sustainable Blue Economy, Diu

Conference on Scientific Challenges and Opportunities towards achieving a Sustainable Blue Economy, Diu, May 18-19, 2023

The discussions were held for building appropriate frameworks and processes that recognise and accommodate various values of nature that underpin our social and economic wellbeing, through Blue Economy. Contemporary topics in Marine Biodiversity, Coastal and Marine Spatial Planning, New and renewable off-shore energy were discussed.

Major Outcomes

- Foster knowledge exchange between G20 members on Sustainable Blue Economy
- How can next-generation technologies support policy and governance to enhance ocean biodiversity conservation and improve coastal and marine spatial planning?



RIIG Ministerial Meeting, Mumbai

RIIG Summit/Ministerial meeting, Mumbai, July 5-6, 2023

The finalisation of the Chair's Summary and Outcome Document marked the culmination of the G20 research engagements that took place through a series of meetings in different parts of India during India's G20 Presidency in 2023. As the Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology I chaired the G20 Research Ministers' Meeting (RMM) on July 05, 2023. More than 100 foreign delegates including Research Ministers from 29 G20 members, invited guest countries and international organisations participated and re-affirmed the critical role of research and innovation for enabling inclusive and sustainable development and resolved to support all efforts for transforming research and innovation systems to respond to the changing world of the 21st century and address the challenges of tomorrow.



RIIG Ministerial Meeting, Mumbai

A Historic Leap



Yoga session during meeting, Indore



Bhupender Yadav

Union Minister for Environment, Forest & Climate Change; and Labour & Employment



Prime Minister Narendra Modi had at the very outset said that India's G20 agenda will be inclusive, ambitious, action-oriented, and decisive. The Labour and Employment Ministers' (LEM) meeting for the G20 Employment Working Group (EWG), which concluded in Indore on July 21, succeeded in furthering this agenda.

Under India's G20 Presidency, the Indore LEM meeting marked a significant milestone with the adoption of the Outcome Document and Chair Summary. The outcome documents reflect the collective resolve of the G20 countries to address the pressing labour challenges facing the world of work today.

"In the times to come, having a large skilled young talent pool is crucial to sustain global growth. Therefore, we should move towards "Global Skill Mapping. This is also a priority for the Global South."



Narendra Modi
Prime Minister of India



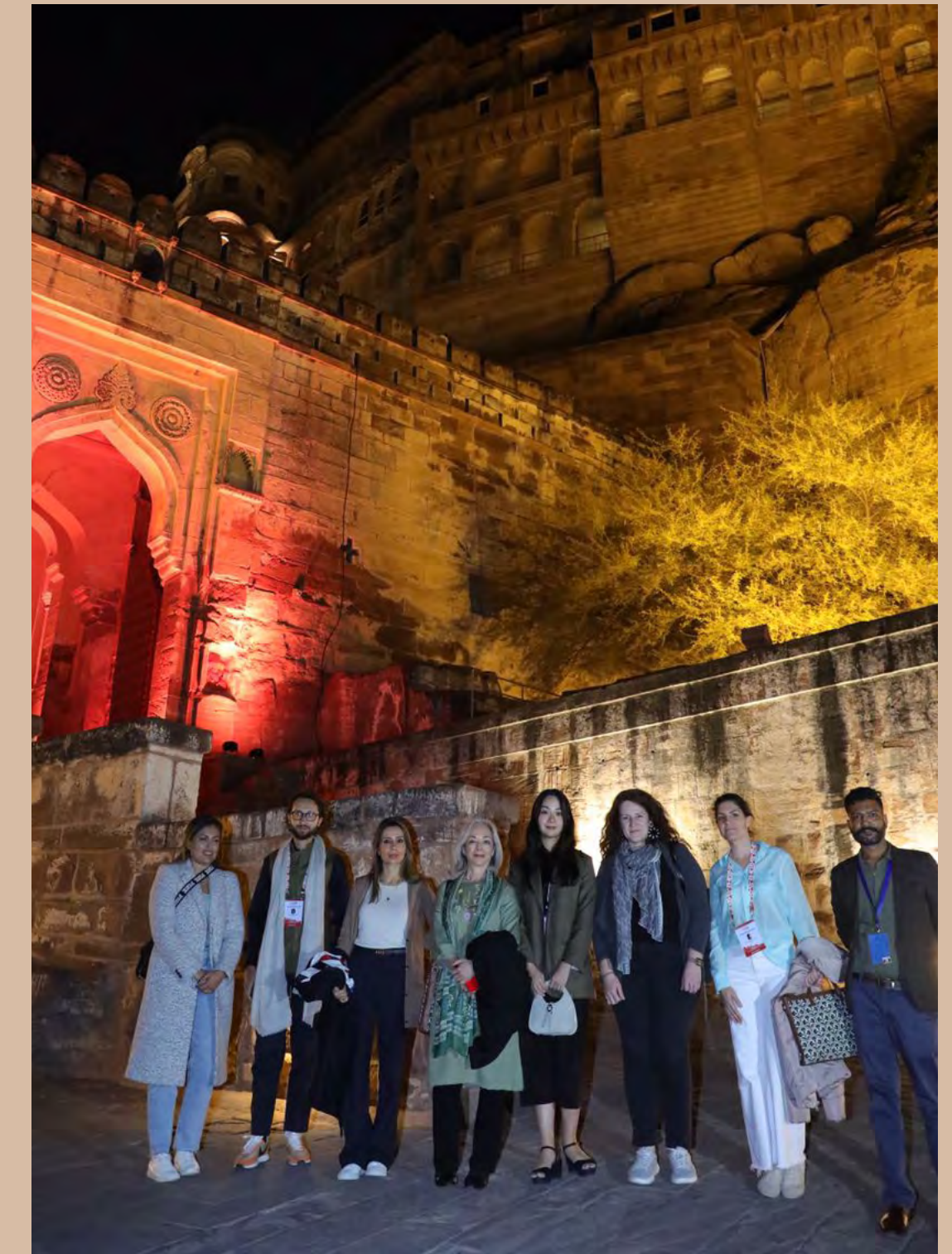
Delegates given a traditional welcome

The EWG's mandate is to address priority labour, employment and social issues to develop strong, sustainable, balanced, inclusive and job-rich growth. The group's work is crucial in shaping labour policies and practices across the G20 countries, impacting two-thirds of the global population.

Under the Indian Presidency, the EWG identified three priority areas:

- Addressing global skill gaps
- Gig and platform economy and social protection
- Sustainable financing of social protection

World over, these issues are emerging as challenges for national governments. Under the Indian Presidency, four EWG meetings in Jodhpur, Guwahati, Geneva, and Indore preceded the LEM meeting. These meetings were instrumental in shaping the discussions and outcomes of the LEM meeting.



Delegates at Mehrangarh Fort, Jodhpur



Delegates at Rajwada Palace, Indore

The LEM adoption of the Outcome Documents has been a landmark achievement. In a historic move, the G20 LEM made progress in fostering consensus on broader political issues. For the first time in India's Presidency, the G20 members in the LEM meeting agreed on the crucial paragraph, which speaks about respect for multilateralism and international law and the purposes and principles of the UN Charter. PM Modi's message which stated that 'today's era must not be of war' was also agreed to by consensus by all G20 members in para 16 of the Outcome Document. This is a significant acceptance of India's appeal for peace and it steered the G20 process towards a robust consensus.



Delegates at Mandu Fort, Madhya Pradesh



Delegates at the exhibition, Guwahati



Delegates at the exhibition, Guwahati

The outcome documents represent a roadmap to address challenges across the three EWG priority areas. Mega-trends, such as digitisation, demographic changes, and green transitions have aggravated global skill gaps, as echoed in the first G20 EWG priority area. The Outcome Document 'G20 Policy Priorities on Strategies to Address Skill Gaps Globally' includes commitments by the G20 nations on basic comparable indicators in respective national surveys for collection and analysis of skill gap data.

These datasets will be captured on the 'ILO & OECD's Skills for Jobs Database portal' whose services, as agreed, will be extended to all the G20 countries. Another outcome is an agreement to develop an international reference classification of occupations – a first globally. These outcomes will benefit the G20 population by facilitating cross-country comparability, benchmarking, optimal



3rd Employment Working Group, Geneva

skilling, re-skilling and up-skilling, and mutual recognition of skills and qualifications. PM Modi captured the importance of these outcomes well in his address at the G20 LEM Meeting, when he said, “Mobile workforce is going to be a reality in the future. Therefore, it is now a time to globalise the development and sharing of skills in the true sense.”

The gig and platform economy has spurred a new form of work where the workers participate outside the formal employer-employee relationship. This exponentially increasing workforce largely remains outside the ambit of social protection. The issue of social protection for these workers has therefore been selected as the second G20 EWG priority area under the Indian Presidency.

The ‘G20 Policy Priorities on Adequate and Sustainable Social Protection and Decent Work for Gig and Platform Workers’ includes a pledge to provide adequate social protection for all workers, irrespective of classification.

The EWG’s mandate is to address labour, employment and social issues to develop strong, sustainable, balanced, inclusive and job-rich growth.

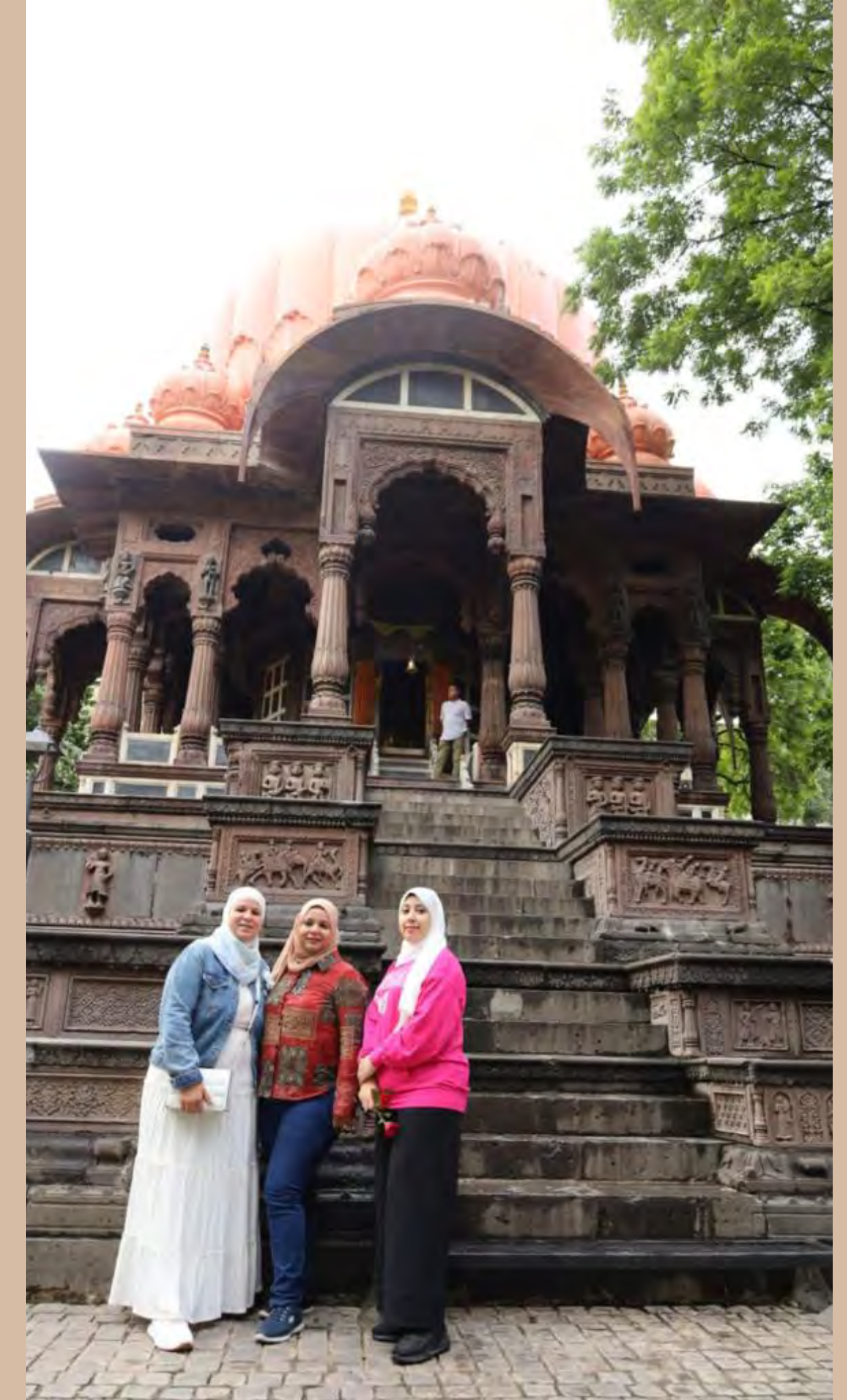


Traditional welcome at Indore



Delegates explore Chappan dukaan in Indore

The ‘G20 Policy Priorities on Adequate and Sustainable Social Protection and Decent Work for Gig and Platform Workers’ includes a pledge to provide adequate social protection for all workers, irrespective of classification. Other outcomes include shared responsibility of all parties for sustainable financing of social protection and social protection across borders for online platform workers through bilateral or multilateral agreements. These will help such workers tide over stresses across the life cycle. In India alone, 7.7 million gig and platform workers are set to benefit from this.



Delegates at Boliya Sarkar ki Chhatri



Labour and Employment Ministers' Meeting, Indore



Yoga session during meeting, Jodhpur



Traditional welcome at Jodhpur

The most recent version of the World Social Protection Report 2020-22 by ILO revealed that only 46.9% of the world's population receives the benefits of at least one social protection programme. The third EWG priority area under the Indian Presidency acknowledges the financing gap in ensuring social security coverage for the respective G20 country populations. The outcome document, 'G20 Policy Options for Sustainable Financing of Social Protection', includes a menu of policy options, including contributory and non-contributory mechanisms to ensure sustainable financing of adequate social protection for all. G20 countries may adopt these as per their respective national circumstances. This will enable people globally to avail gainful employment with adequate social protection for all, leading to resilient and inclusive economic development.



Cultural programme in Indore

The LEM meeting under the G20 Indian Presidency is a crucial milestone. As a testament to the spirit of international cooperation, the G20 countries converged on global labour-related issues and agreed on steps, collectively and at the national level, to address them. The outcomes of the LEM meeting are a step forward in the right direction, but efforts must continue to develop public policies to promote decent work and labour welfare for workers across the world. After all, we constitute 'One Earth, One Family, One Future' ■.

Positive Outcomes & Promising Achievements

Environment and Climate Sustainability Ministers' Meeting



Bhupender Yadav
Union Minister for Environment, Forest & Climate Change; and Labour & Employment



The Environment and Climate Sustainability Working Group (ECSWG) wrapped up its work with the Environment and Climate Ministers' meeting on July 28, signifying a successful conclusion to their gathering.

On December 01, 2022, India assumed the G20 Presidency, aiming to build upon previous accomplishments and establish a path of ambition to lay the groundwork for the succeeding Presidency. Amidst a challenging global landscape, the ECSWG took up the vital role of driving G20 cooperation in addressing complex and multi-dimensional climate and environmental challenges. Aligned with India's G20 vision as laid out by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, ECSWG set forth on a mission to foster an integrated, comprehensive, and consensus-driven approach to combat climate change effectively.

At the outset, the ECSWG issued a comprehensive issue note outlining its primary objective: to strive for the restoration of degraded landscapes, the preservation of marine and terrestrial biodiversity, and the reduction of intensity of resource consumption and environmental

"It is with this spirit of 'One Earth' that India has initiated the 'Lifestyle for Environment Mission.' With India's initiative and your support, the entire world is celebrating the 'International Year of Millets' this year, in alignment with the principles of Climate Security. In line with this spirit, India launched the 'Green Grids Initiative - One Sun, One World, One Grid' , at COP-26."

Narendra Modi
Prime Minister of India



Environment and Climate Sustainability Ministers Meeting, Chennai



Delegates at Bannerghatta Biological Park, Bengaluru

footprint. To achieve sustainable climate, environment, and biodiversity goals, the ECSWG identified three key priorities. First, arresting land degradation, accelerating ecosystem restoration, and enriching biodiversity. Second, promoting a sustainable and climate-resilient blue economy; and third, encouraging resource efficiency and circular economy. How climate change affects each of these subjects was dealt with. The thematic priorities embedded the consideration of principles of sustainable lifestyles, which also echoed the ethos of Mission LiFE, launched by PM Modi globally



Delegates at yoga session, Gandhinagar

in 2022. By adopting an inclusive, ambitious and action-oriented approach, the ECSWG sought to convey a united message from the G20 nations to the world, underscoring the significance of these priorities.



Delegates at Exhibition, Gandhinagar

The 1st G20 ECSWG meeting was held in Bengaluru from February 09-11, 2023, which saw active participation from delegates, demonstrating their support and dedication to collaboratively work towards the objectives of the three priority areas outlined by the Presidency. The 2nd G20 ECSWG meeting, which was held in Gandhinagar, involved extensive deliberations on various initiatives under the identified themes, along with a dedicated session focused on discussing the outline of the outcome document or the statement from the G20 Ministers to the world. The focus of this meeting was on Water Resource Management with a side event hosted, followed by thematic site visit to the Adalaj Vav, Sabarmati siphon, Sabarmati Riverfront and Narmada Main Canal, showcasing India's ancient water management practices and the nation's long-standing tradition of conserving water resources to the G20 delegates.



Delegates at Adalaj Stepwell, Gandhinagar



Delegates at Dandi Kutir, Gandhinagar

The 3rd G20 ECSWG meeting took place in Mumbai from May 21-23, 2023. It involved extensive discussions on the draft outcome document with deliberations tuned towards driving consensus amongst the G20 countries on various challenging topics. The theme of this meeting was based on the theme of Blue Economy. A Mega Beach clean-up was organised, raising awareness about community participation in safeguarding coasts and oceans. The event received overwhelming participation, and delegates pledged to protect beaches. Additionally, the Ocean 20 dialogue involved experts-led discussions on addressing ocean-related challenges.

In addition to the work conducted during in-person ECSWG meetings, our Presidency conducted over 45 virtual meetings, some lasting up to 7 hours or more, with G20 delegates, in order to gain maximum consensus before the final ECSWG meeting, given that the working group's mandate is vast and extensive. The aim was to deliberate meticulously, line-by-line, and find common ground among the 20 member nations on critical issues, while also considering perspectives provided by the invitee countries and international organisations.

The 4th G20 ECSWG meeting, along with the Environment and Climate Ministers' meeting, took place in Chennai from July 26 to 28. After seven months of dedicated efforts, intense negotiations, and round-the-clock deliberations at the 4th ECSWG meeting, India's Presidency achieved a significant milestone - the issue of Outcome Document and Chair Summary by the G20 Environment and Climate Ministers on July 28. This historic achievement saw unanimous agreement on 64 out of 68 paragraphs by all the G20 Environment and Climate Ministers. Moreover, they adopted the 'Chennai High-Level Principles on Sustainable and Resilient Blue/Ocean-based Economy', marking a remarkable step towards fostering a sustainable and resilient ocean-based economy.

This is a landmark outcome for a number of reasons. India's Presidency was successful in facilitating agreement among G20 countries on recognising the importance of limiting global temperature rise to 1.5 degrees, adaptation action and loss and damage, the upcoming global stocktake, economy wide emission reductions, and sustainable lifestyles to combat climate change. G20 ministers unanimously emphasised on the need for actions to address interconnected climate and environment challenges and reiterated G20's leadership role in tackling climate change and ambitious action across all pillars of the Paris Agreement. In the domain of Mitigation, conversations emerged around aligning 2030 NDCs (Nationally Determined Contributions) with the Paris Agreement, emphasizing Long-Term Low Emission Development Strategies (LT-LEDs), and engaging constructively in the Mitigation Work Programme. The G20 also stressed on the urgency to enhance cross-sectoral adaptation and building resilience to safeguard livelihoods and protect developmental achievements amid changing climate, especially in developing nations. Additionally, the significance of scaling finance for adaptation and the upcoming Global Goal for Adaptation was highlighted.



Cultural Programme at Gateway of India, Mumbai



Beach Clean up drive at Juhu Beach, Mumbai



3rd Environment and Climate Sustainability Working Group Meeting, Mumbai



Environment and Climate Sustainability Ministers Meeting, Chennai



Delegates at group of monuments, Mahabalipuram



Environment and Climate Sustainability Ministers Meeting, Chennai

Despite significant progress, certain areas proved challenging for the G20 to reach a consensus. Key issues, such as achieving net zero energy systems, tripling renewable energy capacity, phasing down unabated fossil fuels, and ensuring access to low-cost financing for developing countries among others remained subjects of diverse viewpoints. While some G20 members stressed on the urgency to achieve a global peaking of emissions by no later than 2025 and reducing emissions by 60% by 2035 compared to 2019 levels, the importance of developed countries reaching net zero status by 2040 was emphasized.

Our Presidency also created a wealth of knowledge in this working group with the development of 10 presidency documents. The leaders thanked India's Presidency for its efforts in developing the compendiums of best practices in water management, mining affected areas, and forest fire impacted areas, conducting technical study on 'Accelerating the transition to a sustainable and resilient blue economy', and technical documents on important topics like Knowledge Exchange on Circular Economy in Steel Sector, Extended

Producer Responsibility, Circular Bioeconomy. To strengthen the G20 Global Land Initiative, the Presidency also came up with 'Gandhinagar Implementation Roadmap' and 'Gandhinagar Implementation Framework' for voluntary adoption by G20 members.

The launch of an industry-led Resource Efficiency and Circular Economy Industry Coalition (RECEIC) marked a significant milestone under India's G20 Presidency. On the sidelines of the 4th ECSWG meeting, the industry coalition was launched in the presence of G20 Environment Ministers from 8 countries. Thanking the Indian Presidency for its efforts in launching RECEIC, G20 Ministers also invited the G20 Resource Efficiency dialogue to engage with RECEIC and leverage synergies in future.

The ECSWG and Ministerial Meeting concluded on a positive note, with all G20 Ministers showing unity in their commitment to tackle urgent global climate and environmental challenges. The successful outcomes achieved at ECSWG have laid a strong foundation for the upcoming COP and the next G20. ■

To Converge, Consolidate and Create a Healthier Tomorrow

In today's world amidst myriad health challenges due to frequently emerging and re-emerging infectious outbreaks, the major hurdle faced for an impactful health transformation is that the world is divided in its efforts. The common thread that ties all these efforts and initiatives is its underlying anthem of strengthening Global Health Architecture. However, in line with Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's message of India's G20 Presidency to be inclusive, ambitious, decisive, and action oriented, health systems working in silos and not communicating with one another was a critical area identified by India's G20 Presidency.

With the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, the siloed efforts tremendously increased and became more prominent thus unveiling the fragilities in Global Health Architecture. The spurring of the initiatives, funding, panels, reports, and committees including G20 High-Level Independent Panel Report (HLIP), the Independent Panel for Pandemic Preparedness and Response (IPPPR), 100 days mission, 10 proposals for a Safe World Report expedited during the pandemic only with the intention of saving human lives and containing the repercussions of the pandemic. However, in the absence of robust partnerships be it in disease surveillance, R&D and manufacturing of medical countermeasures, different parts of the world kept reinventing the wheel oblivious to the duplication of efforts made towards the same cause in another part of the world or globally. The pandemic didn't discriminate geographical boundaries and affected the developed and the developing world alike. During the pandemic, India, under the dynamic leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, again led from the front, in not just vaccinating

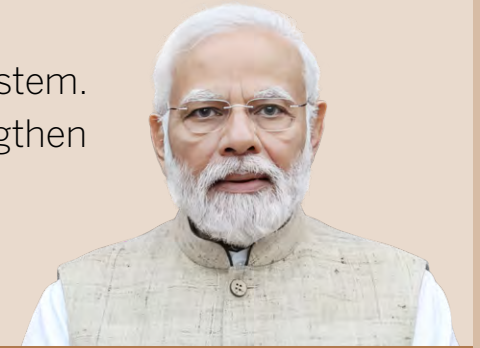


Mansukh Mandaviya
Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare;
Chemicals and Fertilizers



1st Health Working Group Meeting, Thiruvananthapuram

"The One Family approach is equally essential for a "Holistic health and Wellness" system. The WHO Global Centre for Traditional Medicine being established in India will strengthen the promotion of wellness worldwide."



Narendra Modi
Prime Minister of India



Delegates at Somatheeram Ayurveda Village, Kerala

our own population, but making available life-saving drugs and vaccines to nations across the world under the initiative of Vaccine Maitri.

Realising that the world has worked so much towards finding solutions to the different problems posed by the pandemic, since March 2020, India's G20 Presidency, in line with the theme of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam-the World is One Family, felt the need to take a step back, break silos, and integrate all the efforts made till the commencement of the Presidency in December 2022.

Besides, the felt need, resonating with the epiphany of the Universal Brotherhood and ancient philosophy of India, India's G20 Presidency theme of One Earth, One Family, One Future inspired the Health Working Group to arrive at the subtheme of 'To Converge, Consolidate and Create a Healthier Tomorrow' akin to 3Cs of India's G20 Health Working Group. This became the underlying motto and anthem of the Health Working Group Meeting penetrating into all the three identified priorities surrounding Health Emergencies Pandemic Prevention, Preparedness, and Response (HEPPR), Medical Countermeasures, and Digital Innovations & Solutions.



Delegates at Jan Aushadhi Kendra



Delegates participating in yoga session



Delegates at the Indian Council Medical Research van, Goa



Delegates at Bharat ayushman health and wellness centre, Goa



2nd Health Working Group Meeting, Goa

Towards this, for the very first time in the history of G20, India's Presidency liaised with Japan's G7 Presidency to promote convergence and the spirit of oneness in Global Health Architecture. Similarly, the same approach was followed when it came to discussions on Priority 2 for Global Medical Countermeasures Coordinating Mechanisms discussions in Johannesburg, INB, and WG-IHR Processes. India's Health Working Group had multiple series of discussions with relevant stakeholders to promote convergences in every facet of the identified priorities and advocated to create necessary linkages between existing mechanisms in order to break silos and unify efforts.

The subtheme of 3Cs came alive in Priority of Health Emergencies PPR when India collectively worked with WHO to initiate the discussions on the need for mapping relevant stakeholders working in the 5Cs of HEPPR i.e. (1) collaborative surveillance; (2) community protection; (3) safe and scalable care; (4) access to medical countermeasures; and (5) emergency coordination. Being aware that the biggest challenge these days is to get like-minded people to come together and discuss on how they can collectively bolster the impact of their goals by merging their efforts together, a mapping exercise to collapse commonalities and integrate divergences is the need of the hour.



Delegates at Golconda Fort, Hyderabad

The subtheme of 3Cs again held true in Priority 3 of Digital Health, when the need for converging the existing siloed efforts/initiatives in digital health was felt including moving from a product-based approach to an implementation-focused approach. In order to address this concern, India's G20 Presidency collectively with WHO launched the Global Initiative on Digital Health on 19th August 2023, which will act as the operational arm for WHO's Global Strategy on Digital Health 2020-2025.



Health Ministers' Meeting, Gandhinagar



Delegates at the WHO Traditional Medicine Global Summit, Gandhinagar



WHO Traditional Medicine Global Summit, Gandhinagar

Though India's G20 Presidency Health Track concluded with the Health Ministers' Meeting on 18th-19th August 2023 in Gandhinagar, Gujarat, we hope it doesn't end just there but the anthem of the Health Working Group 'To Converge, Consolidate, and Create a Healthier Tomorrow' reverberates in all arenas of Global Health Architecture starting with the UN High-level Meetings on Pandemic PPR, Universal Health Coverage and TB, thus continuing the legacy established by India's G20 Presidency for times to come. ■

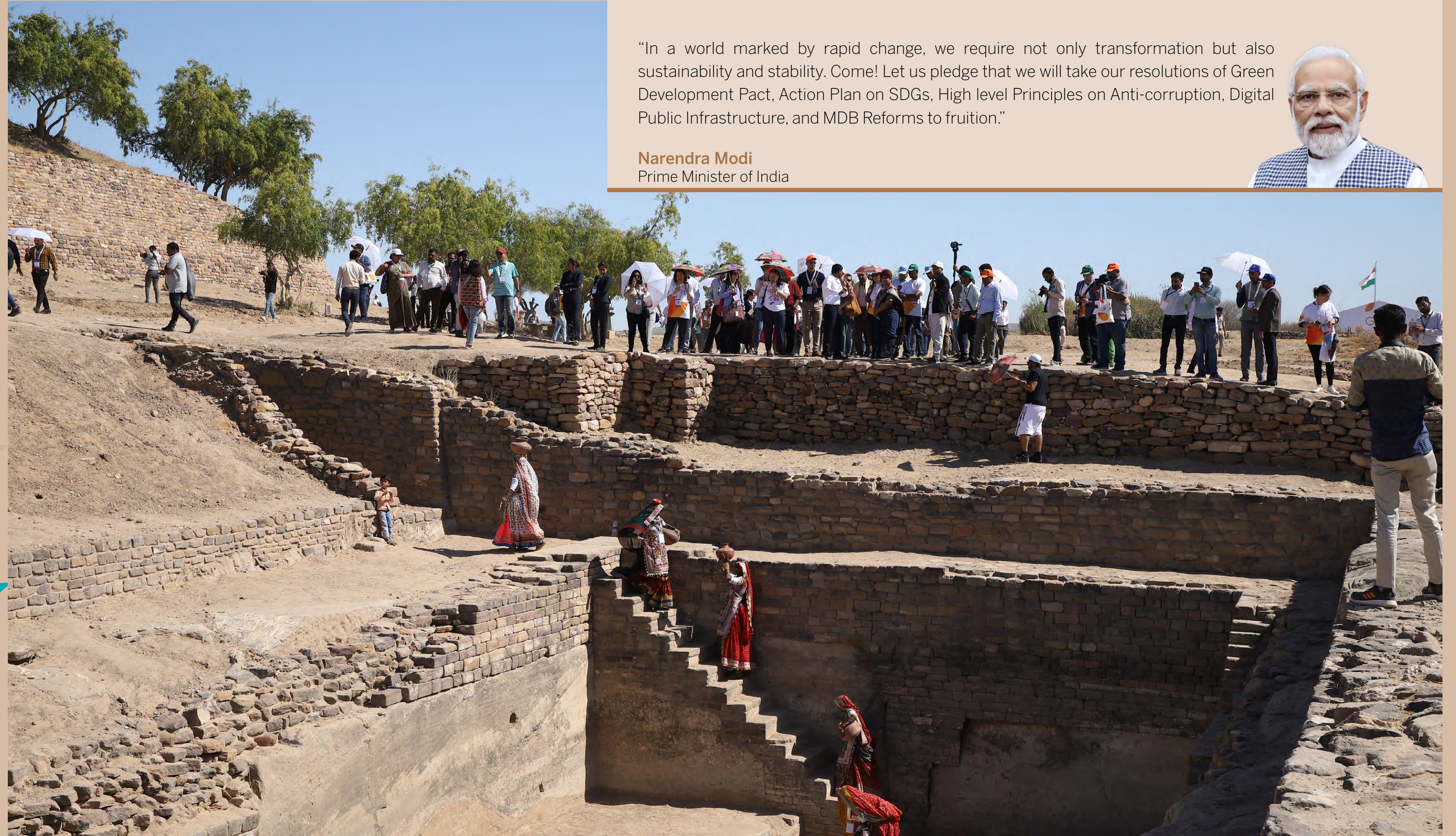
India's G20 Presidency

Incredible India goes global

September 9-10, 2023, India will host the G20 Leaders' Summit bringing together the G20 Heads of States and Governments in the national capital. This journey began when India assumed the G20 Presidency, for the first time, from Indonesia on December 01, 2022. By the end of her G20 Presidency, India would have hosted more than 200 G20 meetings across the country.



G Kishan Reddy
*Union Minister for Tourism, Culture and
Development of North Eastern Region*



"In a world marked by rapid change, we require not only transformation but also sustainability and stability. Come! Let us pledge that we will take our resolutions of Green Development Pact, Action Plan on SDGs, High level Principles on Anti-corruption, Digital Public Infrastructure, and MDB Reforms to fruition."



Narendra Modi
Prime Minister of India

Delegates at Dholavira, Gujarat

A nation deeply committed to democracy and multilateralism, India's G20 Presidency is a watershed moment in her history. The cultural ethos of India has been rooted in the principle of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam'. Therefore, it is not surprising that the theme of India's Presidency - 'One Earth, One Family, One Future' guides the way. India seeks to play an important role by finding pragmatic global solutions for the well-being of her citizens and therefore for all.



Delegates at Shri Mangesh Temple



Delegates at Rann of Kutch Utsav

Currently, the G20 comprises 12 workstreams, of which Tourism is one. Under India's G20 Presidency, four Tourism Working Group Meetings were organised by the Ministry of Tourism in the picturesque locations of Rann of Kutch (Gujarat) in the west, Siliguri (West Bengal) in the east, Srinagar (Jammu & Kashmir) in the north, followed by the Working Group and Tourism Ministers' Meeting in Goa. These venues not only showcased India's rich cultural and geographical diversity but also gave a glimpse into the varied facets of Indian tourism. The meetings also helped in raising awareness about the tourism potential of India, globally, through the international delegates.

The G20 Tourism Working Group identified the five interconnected priority areas of Green Tourism (Greening of tourism sector for a sustainable, responsible and resilient tourism sector); Digitalization (Harnessing the power of digitalization to promote competitiveness, inclusion and sustainability in tourism sector); Skills (Empowering youth with skills for jobs and entrepreneurship in tourism sector); Tourism MSMEs (Nurturing tourism MSMEs / Startups/ private sector to unleash innovation and dynamism in tourism sector); and Destination Management (Rethinking the strategic management of destinations towards a holistic approach that delivers on the Sustainable Development Goals). These priorities are key building blocks for accelerating the transition of the tourism sector and achieving the targets for 2030 SDGs. They provide a roadmap for sustainable tourism, not just for India, but for the whole world. These priority areas have converged with India's goals in tourism over the last decade. Hence, under India's Presidency we were able to lead from the front in the five priority areas.



Delegates witness the ethereal moonlight tea plucking in the oldest tea estate of Siliguri

The 'GOA Roadmap for Tourism' is aimed at providing national governments in the G20 countries and beyond as well as other tourism players with voluntary tools and recommendations to leverage the sector's capability to progress towards achieving the SDGs. The roadmap also highlights the need to sensitise the consumers on responsible consumption. The approach of the GOA Roadmap focuses on promoting tourist-led actions for Travel for LiFE in line with the Lifestyle for Environment (LiFE) movement launched by Honourable Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. This will sensitise the tourists and make them part of our efforts to take simple actions that can have significant impact on climate action and environment protection collectively.



Delegates visiting Darjeeling shops



Delegates at Darjeeling toy train, Darjeeling



Delegates at Raj Bhawan, Darjeeling



Delegates at Dal Lake, Srinagar

India has focused on making G20 participatory through discussions, deliberations, and debates. The discussions on varied niche tourism themes with international experts, national experts, industry leaders, industry associations, state governments and academia were one such vehicle to foster participation. The discussions covered important themes like Rural Tourism, Archaeological Tourism, Adventure Tourism, Film Tourism, Eco Tourism, Cruise Tourism and Global Tourism Plastics Initiative and Public Private dialogue. Apart from these, two key drafts of National Strategies on Film Tourism and Cruise Tourism were also unveiled that provide a roadmap for India in developing these important tourism segments. We also launched toolkits for Sustainable Tourism Criteria for India (STCI) during the thematic sessions. We involved global organisations and industry associations such as UNWTO, UNEP, ATTA, CLIA, CII and FICCI. To strengthen our cooperation with UNWTO the Ministry signed an MOU to enhance cooperation and collaboration on key programmatic areas related to the tourism industry. A series of bilateral meetings were held on the sidelines of the Tourism Working Group meetings between India and representatives from more than 10 countries



3rd Tourism Working Group Meeting, Srinagar



Delegates at Nishat bagh, Srinagar

and other international organisations including the ILO, WTTC and UNWTO. These successful bilateral meetings fostered global strategic partnerships for making advancement in the Indian tourism sector and positioning India as a hub for hosting global events while creating sustainable social and economic development opportunities through tourism.



Delegates at Pari mahal, Srinagar

As part of India's G20 Presidency, international meetings are being held in more than 55 destinations in India for which appropriate infrastructure was created and amenities provided. This has laid a strong foundation for Meetings, Incentives, Conferences and Exhibitions (MICE) tourism, and this will be promoted by the Ministry of Tourism in coming days. Yoga, an ancient practice of self-care, has been India's gift to the world. In celebration of the 'International Day of Yoga' on June 21, a special yoga session was organised during the Ministerial Meeting at Goa. This session highlighted the significance of incorporating wellness practices in the tourism sector and emphasised the importance of holistic well-being. The Working Group meetings also gave the delegates an immersive experience by visiting



Tourism Ministers' Meeting, Goa



Tourism Ministers' Meeting, Goa

nearby heritage monuments and art and craft bazaars. The 'Do it yourself' activities at the Craft Bazaar gave the delegates a hands-on experience of India's craftsmanship. Furthermore, the souvenirs presented to the delegates promoted local arts and crafts of the region. The delegates were also a part of celebrations of the International Year of Millets and relished the regional cuisine at gala dinners organised during the Working Group meetings.

Our Honourable Prime Minister has always stated that our efforts in the tourism sector should not only be centred on preserving our rich heritage but also in creating world-class infrastructure for tourism. His visionary leadership has ensured that the G20 events are not restricted to a few cities but have a pan-India flavour. As we conclude the tourism track meetings under India's G20 Presidency and move towards G20 Leaders' Summit, I see India's G20 Presidency as a boon for the country's tourism sector as it has given a fillip to the post-pandemic recovery. Incredible India has indeed gone global. ■



Delegates participating in DIY activities

Disaster Risk Reduction Working Group

Established under India's G20 Presidency

INVESTING IN DISASTER RESILIENCE FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE



Dr PK Mishra
Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister of India



Disaster risk reduction is a core development issue of our times. In 2015, when the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (SFDRR) was adopted by 187 nations, a conscious effort was made to ensure that the targets and indicators of the SFDRR are aligned with Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Since his days as Chief Minister of Gujarat, our Prime Minister has consistently articulated a vision that pursues disaster resilience as an integral part of development. His 10-point agenda, which he outlined after the adoption of the Sendai Framework, guides the country in the implementation of this framework.

Over the last decade, India and many countries across the world have made progress in reducing disaster losses, particularly mortality. For example, over the last two decades, India and Bangladesh have been able to reduce the loss of life from cyclones to less than 2%. This is a result of investments in forecasting and warning capabilities, warning dissemination systems, and community-level preparedness.

"When we think as One Family, we also keep in mind how to empower each member. It is in this spirit that India wants to share its every experience with its huge global family."

Narendra Modi
Prime Minister of India



Delegates at Shore Temple, Mahabalipuram



2nd Disaster Risk Reduction Working Group meeting, Mumbai

These successes notwithstanding, progress in disaster risk reduction has been uneven across the world. As highlighted by the recently concluded mid-term review of the Sendai Framework (2015-2030), progress against six of the seven targets – barring Target E on plans and strategies – is far from satisfactory. This has important implications for the achievement of at least half of the SDGs. Disaster risk reduction needs to be an integral part of the development strategy of a country if its ambitions for economic growth, prosperity, and sustainable human development are to be realised.

Recognizing the need for pursuing disaster risk reduction with a sense of urgency – not only for the benefit of G20 members but for the

entire world – a new G20 Working Group on Disaster Risk Reduction was established under the Sherpa track during the Indian presidency.

The Working Group met for the first time in Gandhinagar and agreed on five priorities: working towards global coverage of early warning systems for all hydro-meteorological disasters; investing in disaster and climate-resilient infrastructure; improving national financing frameworks for disaster risk reduction; improving systems and capabilities for post-disaster response and recovery including “build back better”; and application of ecosystem-based approaches to counter the risk of disasters.



Delegates visited BMC building, Mumbai



Delegates enjoying a hearty traditional meal, Chennai

While we are in the process of preparing for the third and final meeting of the Disaster Risk Reduction Working Group, I propose five issues that may be considered during future discussions:

First, we need to enlarge the discussion on financing. This includes exploring innovative financing tools such as reserve funds, dedicated lines of credit, and global resource mobilisation to supplement government budgets that may be constrained due to fiscal positions. Insurance and risk pooling solutions must be an integral part of this discussion. Countries that have a growing focus on capital expenditure require additional resources, capacities, and technologies to ensure that all new infrastructure assets are disaster and climate-resilient.

Second, with recent technological developments, we must recognise that there is an opportunity to sharply and quickly reduce losses from high-frequency, moderate, or low-impact disaster events such as heatwaves, lightning, local floods, and landslides. It is necessary to devise targeted approaches to reduce losses from such events, as they can yield results over the short to medium term.

Third, we need to promote convergence between disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation. Strengthening analytical and implementation capacities for disaster risk reduction can also support climate change adaptation efforts. For instance, integrating flood management structures into disaster risk reduction strategies aligns with adaptation initiatives. Evaluating adaptation measures based on their potential for disaster risk reduction is essential.

My fourth point reinforces one of the priorities identified by the Disaster Risk Reduction Working Group. Technologies that support early warning should be considered a global public good available to all populations, regardless of their economic strength. Implementing



Delegates visiting BMC's Control Room



3rd Disaster Risk Reduction Working Group meeting, Chennai



Delegates during excursion in Mahabalipuram

the UN Secretary General's initiative for early warning for all should serve as a guiding principle, and the G20 can lead by establishing an appropriate mechanism to achieve universal early warning.

Finally, adopting a multi-tiered and multi-sectoral approach to disaster risk reduction. Integrating efforts vertically from local to global levels and horizontally across sectors will significantly enhance our preparedness to manage unforeseen risks effectively.

At the Mumbai meeting, the G20 members also deliberated on a three-year roadmap for the Disaster Risk Reduction Working Group. This will ensure sustained engagement by the G20 on Disaster Risk Reduction Issues. ■

Empowering a World of Equals

India's G20 Leadership in Advancing Gender Equality



G20 Summit, Bharat Mandapam



Amitabh Kant
India's G20 Sherpa

From the very beginning, Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of inclusivity has been the guiding light of India's G20 Presidency. His unwavering belief in the transformative power of "Nari Shakti" (women's empowerment), where the untapped potential of women could be a driving force for positive change, not only in India but worldwide, laid the foundations for our G20 approach. As home to the largest population in the world, and a leading voice in the Global South, we knew that India's advocacy for gender equality would hold considerable weight in the region and beyond.

"In India, and in the Global South, women play pivotal roles as the backbone of rural agricultural families, and as small traders and shopkeepers. Given their close association with nature, women hold the key to innovative solutions to climate change."

Narendra Modi
Prime Minister of India



The statistics are telling: women continue to be significantly underrepresented in the workforce, with a 24.9 percentage point gap in labour force participation compared to men. Further, almost half of women worldwide lack access to the formal financial system, with a persistent 7% gender gap. In terms of education – universally agreed to as an enabler of empowerment – only 49% of G20 member countries have achieved gender parity in primary education, with even lower figures of 42% in lower secondary education and a mere 24% in upper secondary education. This reality propelled the urgency of our mission and reinforced our commitment to addressing gender disparities comprehensively.



2nd Sherpa Meeting, Kumarakom



2nd Sherpa Meeting, Kumarakom

Over a year of research, multi-stakeholder collaboration, and tough negotiations, India ensured that this issue was front and centre in the G20 New Delhi Leaders' Declaration (NDLD), which received unanimous consensus at the G20 India Leaders' Summit.

The declaration leaves no room for doubt – G20 nations are fully committed to closing gender gaps and ensuring women's meaningful participation in decision-making. This commitment stems from the Prime Minister's early call for "women-led development" during the Bali Summit in 2022, and continues to reflect in India's domestic policies. The recent passage of the Women's Reservation Bill in the Lok Sabha, for example, is a momentous stride towards gender parity, granting 33% of seats to women in both the lower house and state legislative assemblies. This historic development reflects the government's commitment to elevating women's voices in policy-making and empowering them across all spheres of society.



2nd Sherpa Meeting, Kumarakom



3rd Sherpa Meeting, Hampi



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This approach carried forward, reflecting in the G20 New Delhi Leaders' Declaration of 2023 which incorporated the Chair's Statement adopted during the G20 Ministerial Conference for Women Empowerment in Gandhinagar. The ground-breaking communique is testament to the power of collaboration and inclusivity, reaffirming the G20's dedication to policies rooted in real-world insights and the voices of those they impact most.

The NDLD recognises the urgency of tackling the root causes of gender inequality across sectors, demographics, and geographies. It commits to closing gender gaps in labour force participation, access to quality education (especially in STEM fields), pay, and ensuring equal access to decent jobs.

Taking a holistic view of gender equality, the NDLD addresses the following cross-cutting priorities:

- Labour Force and Decent Jobs: Reaffirming their commitment to the Brisbane Goal (2014), member countries aim to reduce the gender gap in labour force participation by 2025, calling for "more, better, and equally paid jobs for women."
- Care Economy: Emphasizes the redistribution of care responsibilities to support women's participation in education and employment and advocates for accessible and affordable care infrastructure.
- Digital Inclusion: Commits to halving the digital gender gap by 2030, focusing on accessibility, digital literacy, and safety for women and girls.



Yoga session during meetings



Joint Sherpa and Finance Deputies' Meeting, Gurugram



Coracle Ride in Hampi



1st Sherpa Meeting, Udaipur

- Climate Action: Encourages women's participation and leadership in climate strategies and promotes gender-responsive environmental solutions.
- Food Security and Nutrition: Promotes inclusive, sustainable, and resilient agriculture and food systems, along with gender-responsive nutrition and food interventions.
- Continued, Focused, Advocacy: The establishment of an official and dedicated Working Group to championing gender equality initiatives marks a significant leap forward, translating promises into concrete actions.



1st Sherpa Meeting, Udaipur



3rd Sherpa Meeting, Hampi



2nd Sherpa Meeting, Kumarakom



1st Sherpa Meeting, Udaipur

India's G20 presidency stands as a beacon of women-led development and leadership, not only for the nation but for the entire Global South. In this journey towards gender equality, we've laid the cornerstone for a more equitable world. It's a world where women's empowerment is not just a slogan, but a transformative force that shapes our shared destiny. The NDLD is a pledge to every woman, everywhere: your potential is boundless, and your empowerment is our collective responsibility. Together, we are forging a path to a brighter, more inclusive future for this One Earth, One Family, with One Future; because as PM Modi eloquently said at the G20 Ministerial Conference on Women Empowerment: "When women prosper, the world prospers." ■

A unique Presidency for One Earth, One Family, One Future



Bharat Mandapam



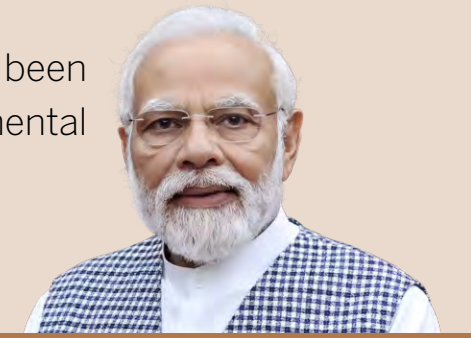
Harsh Vardhan Shringla
India's G20 Chief Coordinator



India's G20 Presidency has been characterised by many unique features, unseen in any diplomatic event anywhere in the world before. Among the most definitive of them was the sheer number and geographical footprint of the meetings that were organised in our country. It was indeed an ambitious feat to have successfully organised more than 200 meetings in over 56 locations, spread right from Kashmir in the north to Kumarakom in the south. This has revealed before the delegates the multitude of experiences, cultures,

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Narendra Modi
Prime Minister of India



crafts, traditions, art forms, landscapes of our incredible country and acquainted them with the feats achieved by us in technology, space, agriculture, research, education, digitalisation. Governments at every level along with citizens in every state and region put their best foot forward to showcase the uniqueness to the delegates. Whether it be the joyful experience of riding the Toy Train in Darjeeling, practicing Yoga along the white sands of Kutch, witnessing the divine Ganga Aarti in Varanasi, or dancing to the folk tunes with local artists, the delegates have gone back with a storehouse of memories.



G20 Empower Meeting, Thiruvananthapuram



2nd GPFI Meeting, Hyderabad



3rd Infrastructure Working Group Meeting, Rishikesh

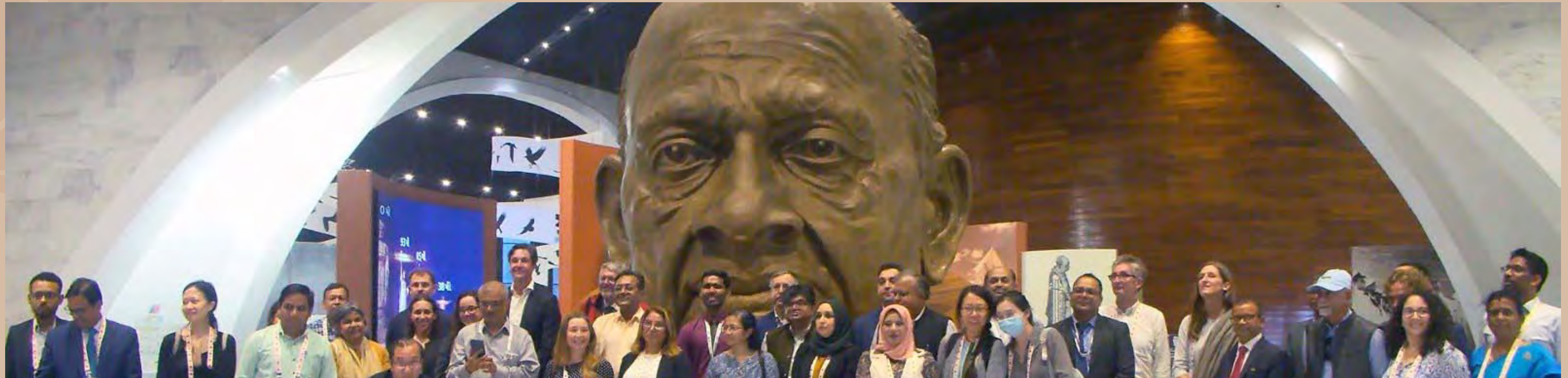
This takes one back to the beginning of our Presidency, when the Prime Minister had insightfully stated that "people coming to the G20, even if they come now as delegates, are tourists of the future". There were two aspects to this endeavor, the first being that India's diversity - of climate, culture, cuisine, geography, and people - which offers a multitude of unique experiences to the traveler combined with the spirit of 'Atithi Devo Bhava' could tap into the potential of Indian Tourism. Through the second aspect, and a more intangible one, Hon'ble Prime Minister had put forth a vision through which saw in the G20 Presidency an opportunity to bring out our diversity before the world and demonstrate that it is indeed possible to live in harmony while respecting diversity. This ethos is well reflected in our G20 logo - mother earth placed on a lotus, seven petals of the lotus representing seven continents, sending out the worthy message of shared knowledge and shared prosperity in an era rife with conflicts. Coming at a time when the world was hardly on its feet



3rd Infrastructure Working Group Meeting, Rishikesh

after a cataclysmic pandemic, India, as the mother of democracy and the largest one too, chose its civilization ethos of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' or 'One Earth, One Family, One Future' as the theme of its G20 Presidency. By extension, through this mantra, Prime Minister Narendra Modi enlightened us by asserting that our priorities will focus on healing our "One Earth", creating harmony within our "One Family" and giving hope for our "One Future."

The emphasis on oneness, also the essence of our theme, made the principle of 'inclusivity' the touchstone of our Presidency. After all, to talk about "One Family" would be futile when large sections of the global population remain excluded from rooms



3rd Trade and Investment Working Group Meeting, Kevadia

where decisions affecting their future are made. In his message at the Foreign Ministers' Meeting held under our Presidency, the Prime Minister had reiterated India's commitment to inclusivity by stating that "no group can claim global leadership without listening to those most affected by its decisions." He brought a categorical focus on the state developing countries faced with issues of unsustainable debt, food and energy insecurity hanging over them like a sword of Damocles. Therefore, it was imperative for India's G20 Presidency to give a voice to the Global South. This movement for inclusivity, beginning with hosting the largest-ever virtual gathering of the Global South with the participation of more than 120 developing countries culminated in the Prime Minister's call for a full G20 membership for the African Union. This much needed expansion has brought 55 states into the fold of the G20, making 1.4 billion Africans active participants in the decisions that affect them. After all, it is only our compassion for each other that unites us as "One Family." The need of the hour is to help our fellow travellers in the Global South make great strides on their developmental journey so that we cross the finishing line towards Sustainable Development Goals well in time to save our "One Future". The new G21 will indeed be much more emboldened in its collective efforts for achieving an equitable, sustainable, resilient, inclusive, and green growth, which alone can promise a prosperous future for our planet and its inhabitants.



Konark Sun Temple, Bhubaneswar



Cultural Programme at Modhera Village



Women20 Meeting, Jaipur



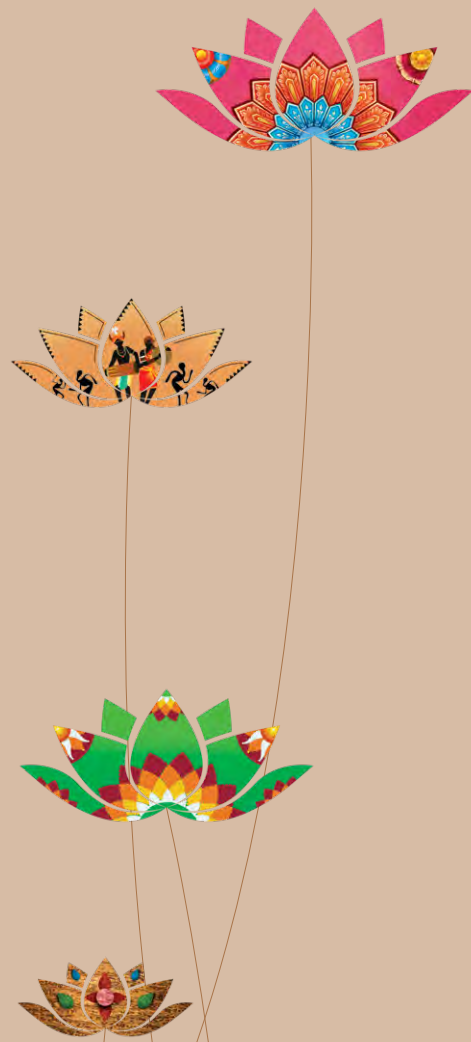
Nishat Bagh, Srinagar



Women20 Meeting, Jaipur

When we speak of resilient growth, one force that bedevils our efforts to achieve it are the natural disasters that set back the development gains in no time. Therefore, our Prime Minister has placed disaster risk reduction at an adequate position in his vision for development, which is evident in his ten-point agenda for disaster risk reduction that underscores the need for building local capacities as well as bringing about greater cohesion in international response to disasters. India has earned the reputation of being the first responder to help any nation shocked by such disasters. To facilitate wider networks for international cooperation for disaster risk reduction, India has initiated a new workstream during its G20 Presidency. The priorities chosen for this workstream include coverage of early warning systems to all, focus on disaster and climate-resilient infrastructure, improving financing frameworks for national disaster risk reduction, improving systems and capabilities for response to disasters and application of ecosystem-based approaches to disaster risk. This can go a long way in enabling the G20 nations to spearhead the implementation of the Sendai framework over the next seven years. ■

Showcasing 3Cs of India's Heritage



Culture
Craft
Cuisine



Culture



Showcasing India's multi hued heritage through an illumious and colorful musical treat at the historic Manek Chowk in Udaipur during the 1st Sherpa Meeting



Showcasing the Kathak dance form during the 1st FMCBG & 2nd FCBD meeting in Bengaluru



Ganga Aarti during Development Ministers' Meeting in Varanasi



Showcasing classical Indian dance forms (Odissi, Bharatanatyam, Mohiniyattam & Kathak) during the 3rd Culture Working Group Meeting in Hampi



Showcasing the eternal beauty of Kathak dance form during the Labour and Employment Ministers' meeting in Indore



A harmonious symphony of classical Indian dances at the 3rd Culture Working Group Meeting in Hampi



A musical symphony of instruments built with bamboo at the 1st Health Working Group Meeting in Thiruvananthapuram



A cultural odyssey for the guests at the 3rd Energy Transitions Meeting in Mumbai



A captivating Chhau dance performance at the Anti Corruption Ministers' Meeting In Kolkata



Magnificent performance of Chari dance at the Trade & Investors ministers' Meeting in Jaipur



Display of Marathi culture in a ballad form at the Education Ministers' meeting in Pune



An upbeat Bhangra performance at the 2nd Agriculture Working Group Meeting in Chandigarh



Expressive storytelling through a Bharatanatyam at the 1st Environment & Climate Sustainability Working Group meeting in Bengaluru



Delegates put their dancing shoes on at the 3rd Digital Economy Working Group Meeting in Pune



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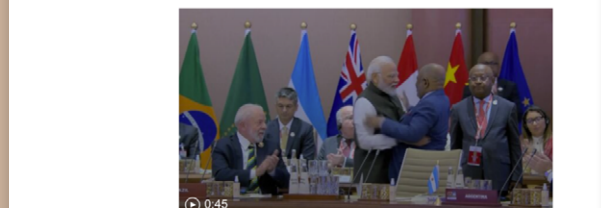
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G-20 Welcomes African Union as Member in Nod to Emerging World

By Sylvia Westall
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The Group of 20 nations agreed to grant the African Union permanent membership status in a move aimed at giving the continent a stronger voice on global issues such as climate change and emerging market debt.

Summit host Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi made the announcement in New Delhi on Saturday at the start of the two-day meeting of G-20 leaders, embracing Comoros President Assali Assoumani, holder of the AU presidency, and offering him a seat at the table.



WATCH: Modi invites the African Union to Par With EU

G-20 Agrees to Give African Union Membership on Par With EU

Bloomberg News first reported the planned move earlier this week. It will give the 55-member African Union the same status as the European Union at the Group of 20.

Charles Michel @CharlesMichel

Delighted the #AfricanUnion was granted full membership in the @G20org.

EU has been a steadfast supporter of this initiative and I am pleased to have championed it from the very beginning with @Macky_Sall.

Looking forward to a close cooperation in this fora as well.

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European Council President Charles Michel said he was "delighted" in a post on X, formerly known as Twitter and was looking forward to close cooperation at the G-20.

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Full membership for AU as permanent G20

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African Union made permanent member of G20 at Delhi summit



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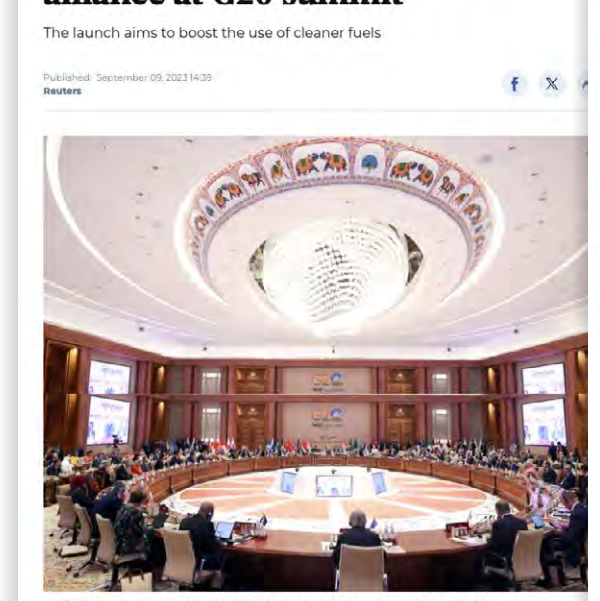
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BUSINESS

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PREMIUM TIMES

G20 Summit: African Union joins G-20

Mr. Modi said AU membership will strengthen the G20 and also strengthen the voice of the Global South. A position India has wanted since assuming the G20 presidency.



The African Union on Saturday joined the Group of Twenty (G-20) at the ongoing summit in New Delhi.

"Advancing a more inclusive G20 that reflects the aspirations of the Global South," PM Narendra Modi extended a heartfelt welcome to President Assoumani and the President of Comoros, Assali Assoumani. "Thanked to have the African Union as a permanent member. A milestone for the G20 family," the Chief of the Prime Minister of India said in a post on the social networking platform X.

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The push for a biofuels alliance mirrors the International Solar Alliance launched by New Delhi and Paris in 2015 to bring clean and affordable solar energy within the reach of all.

The International Energy Agency estimates in a July report that global sustainable biofuel production would need to triple by 2030 and the world's energy system on track towards net-zero emissions by 2050.

India, the world's third biggest oil importer and consumer, imports about 85% of its crude needs and is gradually building capacity to produce its own oil.

India is targeting to become carbon neutral by 2070 and is expanding use of biofuel in its transport sector. It has advanced the deadline by 5 years to 2025 for doubling sustainable ethanol blending to 20%.

The alliance will help by encouraging global biofuels trade, developing concrete plans on research-sharing and capacity-building of technical support for national biofuels programmes worldwide. AU Minister for Energy Singh said in a post.

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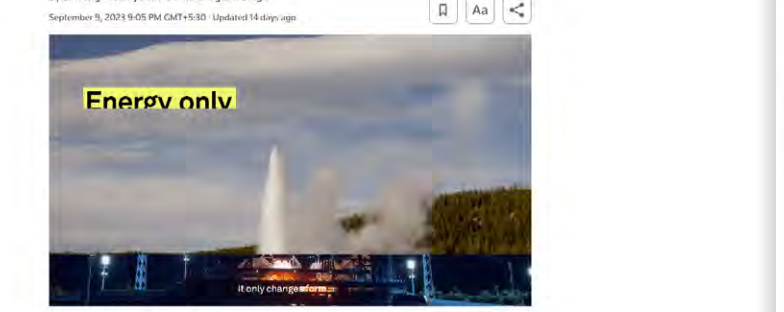
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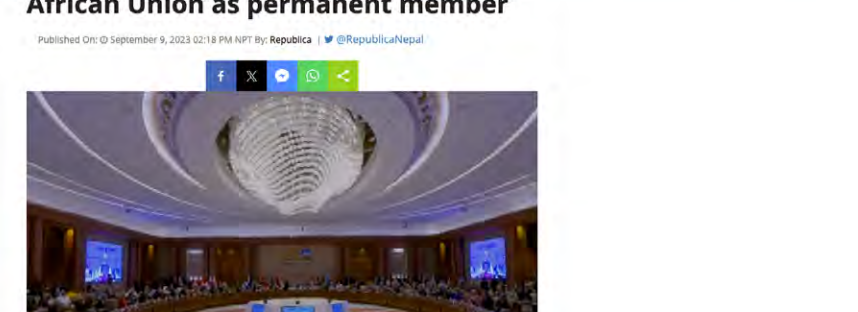
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"With everyone's approval, I request the AU head to take his seat as a permanent G20 member," Modi said in his address.

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar accosted President of the Union of Comoros and Chairperson of the African Union (AU), Azali Assoumani as he

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G20 Summit 2023: PM Modi Announces Launch of Global Biofuel Alliance

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Speaking at the G20 Summit session on 'One Earth, Prime Minister Narendra Modi also proposed to launch the G20 Alliance Mission for Environment and Climate Observation' and urged leaders to start working on 'Green Credit Initiative'.

"Today, the need of the hour is that all countries should work together in the field of fuel blending. Our proposal is to take an initiative at a global level to take ethanol blending in petrol up to 20 per cent," he

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The African Union is joining the G20, a powerful acknowledgement of a continent of 1 billion people

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INDEPENDENT

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The expansion means the G20 will need a new name, with observers working on the basis that it will be called the G21 going forwards, though this has not been confirmed.

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THE STRAITS TIMES

G-20 leaders open summit, admits African Union as permanent member

Permanent G20 membership signals the rise of a continent whose young population of 1.3 billion is set to double by 2050 and make up a quarter of the planet's people.

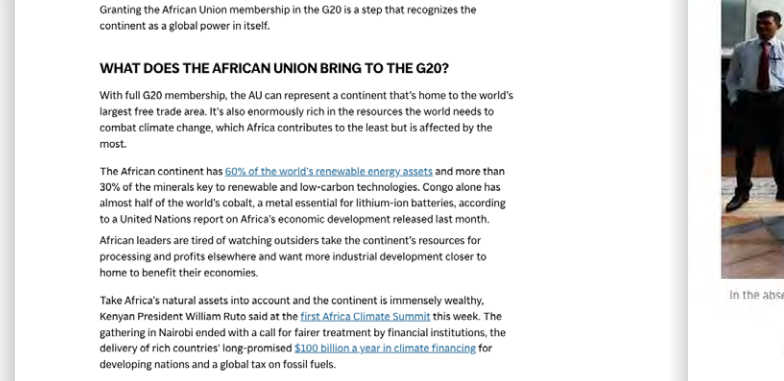
The AU's 55 member states, which include the disputed Western Sahara, have pressed for meaningful roles in the global bodies that long represented a now faded post-World War II order, including the United Nations Security Council. They also want reforms to a global financial system — including the World Bank and other entities — that forces African countries to pay more than others to borrow money, deepening their debt.

Africa is increasingly courting investment and political interest from a new generation of global powers beyond the U.S. and the continent's former European colonizers. China is Africa's largest trading partner and one of its largest lenders. Russia, its leading arms provider. Gulf nations have become some of the continent's biggest investors. Turkey's largest overseas military base and embassy are in Somalia. Israel and Iran are increasing their outreach in search of partners.

African leaders have impatiently challenged the framing of the continent as a passive victim of war, extremists, hunger and disaster; that's pressured to take one side or another among global powers. Some would prefer to be brokers, as shown by African peace efforts following Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

Granting the African Union membership in the G20 is a step that recognizes the continent as a global power in itself.

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