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Under its Presidency, India turned the world's most powerful economic group (G-20), which was limited to economics and business activities, into a human centric institution and the New Delhi summit became a milestone

# In the dawn of Amrit Kaal India's entry into new Parliament

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> This building is new; everything is new here; all the arrangements are new; even all your colleagues have been presented with a new look. Everything is new, but there is also a symbol of a huge heritage connecting yesterday and today; it is not new, it is old. And it has been a witness to the first ray of freedom that is present among us today. It connects our rich history, and today, when we are entering a new House, when this new house of parliamentary democracy is being opened, we are witnessing the first ray of freedom, which is also going to inspire the coming generations.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi while addressing the Lok Sabha on the auspicious occasion of Ganesh Chaturthi in the new Parliament building on September 19, 2023.

-Narendra Modi, Prime Minister



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# FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK...

# JAI HIND! VANDE MATARAM
# BHARAT MATA KI JAI..

Greetings,

Dear readers of New India Samachar, this issue highlights the determination and strength of New India. The 18th G-20 summit, hosted by India on 9-10 September in the country's capital New Delhi, has not only been unique and unprecedented but has also become an unmatched example of the diplomatic success of the new India. India took over the presidency of G-20, the world's most powerful economic group, on December 1, 2022, which will remain with it till November 30, 2023.

But India's presidency of just one year has reoriented this world group. This group, which only covers economic matters, is no longer going to be only focused on economic activities because with India as its chairperson, it has made it human-centric. In true sense, G-20 has become a people-centric global group under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

The way India organized the G-20 meetings in different parts of the country and introduced the representatives of the various countries to cultural diversity and colour, has captivated the world. India has indeed created history with unanimous adoption of New Delhi Declaration and admission of the African Union into this grouping. India's grandeur and human-centric development approach at the G-20 New Delhi Summit has set an example of a very powerful diplomacy. The journey so far till G-20 summit under the chairmanship of India has become our cover story this time. This event has made the people of the country proud and the world is not tired of appreciating India's leadership.

Read about former President Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam, who was awarded Bharat Ratna, in the personality section, Swachh Bharat Mission under the flagship scheme, India-ASEAN conference and awards to teachers on Teachers' Day. The first echo of India's official language Hindi on the platform of the United Nations is featured on the back cover of this issue and the opening up of new innings for a developed India with the entry to the new Parliament House has been specially included.

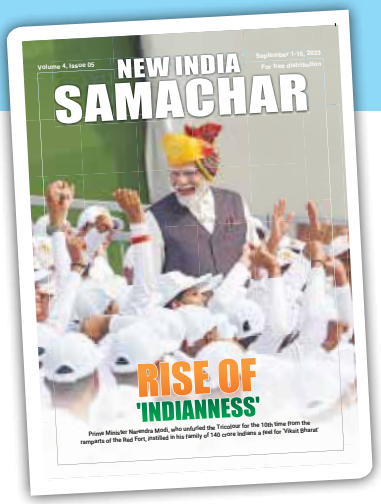
New India talks about thinking from 'I' to 'We' i.e. from self to the whole, from self to everyone's welfare. It believes in connecting every class, every country, every society, every region of the world. Therefore, India made 'One Earth, One Family, One Future' the theme of G-20 with the motive of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam and demonstrated it in reality.

**Keep sending us your suggestions.**



**(Manish Desai)**

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# MAIL BOX

### Magazine is playing an important role in nation building

New India Samachar issue dated 1-15 August 2023 was received. The magazine is very outstanding, this issue is related to Amrit Mahotsav. Incisive information about the developments taking place in the country is available through this magazine. This magazine is playing an important role in building India. Kudos to the entire editorial team: Thanks.

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### Genuine information is available about development related works

I am a regular reader of New India Samachar magazine. This magazine gives genuine information about the developmental and progressive work happening in India.

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### I read New India News regularly

There is a lot of good information in New India Samachar magazine. I have been a regular reader for a long time. The content published in the magazine is very useful for social media.

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### The cover story was attractive, the editorial was good

Got to read the issue of New India Samachar from 1st to 15th September. Congratulations for the attractive cover story. I liked the editorial of this issue a lot. Also in this issue, detailed information was available about the programs run by the Central Government. Thanks to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for the efforts being made for electricity and road infrastructure in the village.

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### Very useful for job aspirants

Received the August 16-31 issue of the magazine. This issue is very useful for students and job aspirants. In this issue, proper information is given about various schemes launched by the Central Government for the development and welfare of the people in the country. Got to read the story of Param Vir Chakra winner AB Tarapore who showed unwavering patriotism. His patriotism is exemplary for today's generation. Bharat Mandapam, built according to the needs of the future, is unique and amazing.

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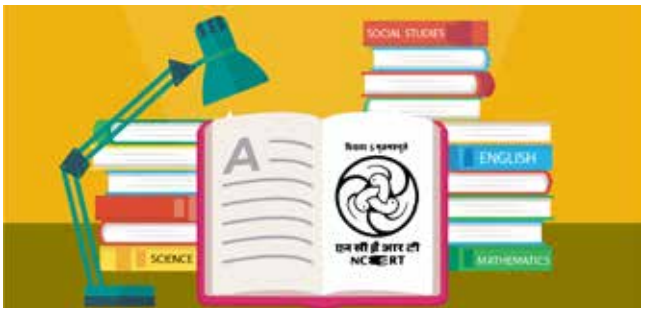



# UPI: Rs 15.76 lakh crore transferred in 1 month

India is moving fast towards becoming a digital economy. Today people are making cashless digital payments from cities to villages. UPI has the highest share in digital transactions, with usage increasing year on year. Compared to last year, the number of digital transactions this year has increased by 61 percent and the digital transaction amount has increased by 47 percent. A total of 10.58 billion digital transactions took place in August-2023 and a total of Rs 15.76 lakh crore worth transactions were done through UPI. National Payments Corporation of India gave this information in a post. In response to this post, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has praised UPI transactions surpassing 10 billion. Prime Minister Modi said, 'This is an extraordinary achievement. This is a proof of the acceptance of progress by the people of India and respect for them. This trend is expected to continue in the coming times also.'

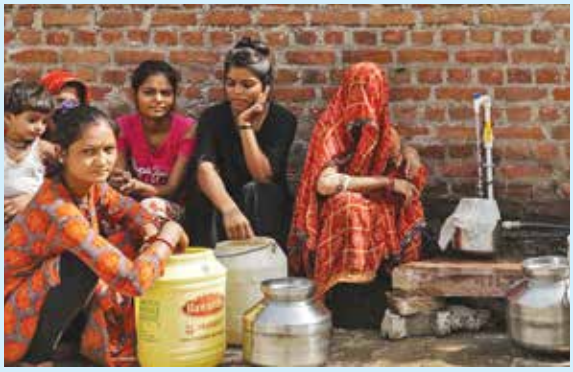
# NCERT made Deemed-to-be University

It has been decided to declare National Council of Educational Research and Training as Deemed-to-be University. This was announced by Union Education and Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Minister Dharmendra Pradhan at the 63rd Foundation Day celebration of the Council. NCERT on becoming a research university will offer opportunities for global collaborations and contributions to the global educational landscape. At the function, the Union Education Minister said that the play-based teaching-learning material for children in the age group of 3 to 8 years developed by NCERT will come out as a tool for change, which will benefit 10 crore children of the country. The Union Minister has suggested setting up Augmented Reality, Virtual Reality and Artificial Intelligence labs in all the 7 regional centers of NCERT. The children of the country should be prepared for Industrial Revolution 4.0. The Union Education Minister also suggested developing small booklets on various topics which would contain factual information on topics like India's COVID-19 management, Chandrayaan-3.




## 'Ayushman Bhava Abhiyan' to provide comprehensive coverage in health sector

Seva Pakhwada is being organised under Ayushman Bhava Abhiyan to bring health services to the last mile. The event will begin on September 17, Prime Minister Narendra Modi's birthday, and end on October 2, Mahatma Gandhi's birth anniversary. President Droupadi Murmu launched the 'Ayushman Bhava Abhiyan' from Gandhinagar's Raj Bhavan. This campaign will be successful in achieving the country's goal of universal health coverage. Initiatives have been taken under Ayushman Aapke Dwar 3.0 to provide Ayushman Cards to all beneficiaries, to organise Ayushman Sabhas, and to provide treatment through experts at the Community Health Centre. The Prime Minister agreed with Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare, who wrote that the Ayushman Bhava Abhiyan "is focused on providing comprehensive coverage and awareness about PM-JAY in villages and urban wards, creating Health Account IDs, and providing various health services." The PM also shared the health minister's post.



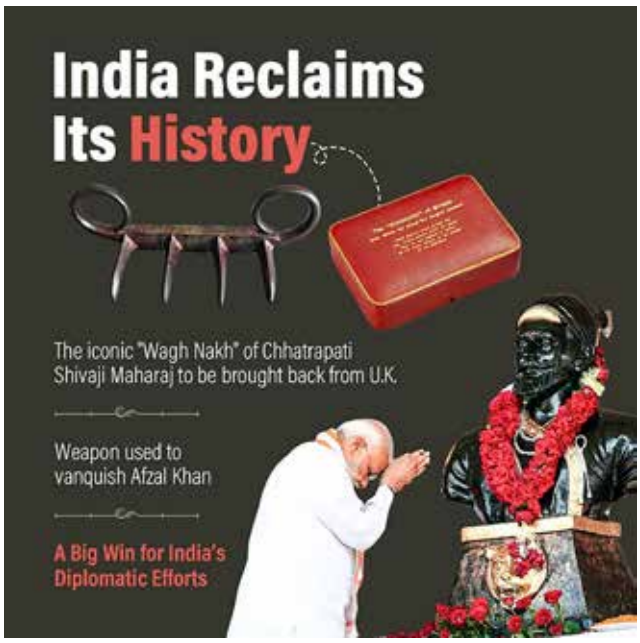
# Tap water connections in rural areas quadrupled in four years

The current central government, under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, is moving forward strongly on the resolution it had taken to provide clean tap water to every household. The result of this is that under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM), the number of tap water connections in rural areas has increased from 3 crore to 13 crore in the last four years, i.e. more than four times. From January 1, 2023, an average of 87,500 tap water connections are being installed in the country every day. So far, 100 percent coverage has been reached in the country in Goa, Telangana, Haryana, Gujarat, Punjab and Himachal Pradesh apart from the Union Territories of Puducherry, Daman and Diu, Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Andaman Nicobar Islands. 100 percent coverage has been reported by 145 districts and 1,86,818 villages in the country. Jal Jeevan Mission was announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi from the ramparts of the Red Fort on 15 August 2019, the 73rd Independence Day. Before the announcement, arrangements have been made to provide tap water to 3.23 crore (16.82%) houses in the country by August 15, 2019, and to 13 crore (67.64%) houses by September 5, 2023. Due to the efforts of the Central and State Governments, tap water supply has been ensured in 9.15 lakh (88.73%) schools and 9.52 lakh (84.69%) Anganwadi centers in the country.

# Divyangs to be empowered and made self-reliant through PM DAKSH portal



Bringing the divyang into the mainstream of the economy and including them prominently in the country's workforce has always been the priority of the Central Government. In this context, the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPWD) has started a transformational journey in India. Recently, DEPWD launched five initiatives that collectively reflect DEPWD's commitment to promoting inclusivity, advancing disability rights, and using technology to improve people's lives. One of the five initiatives of DEPWD is PM DAKSH Portal which is a comprehensive digital platform for persons with disabilities seeking training and employment opportunities. This portal has been designed to empower persons with disabilities in their field, develop skills and explore employment opportunities. The target is to create 25 thousand more employment opportunities in the near future through this portal.





# India's missile man...

## A Scientist who took challenges

**BORN: 15 OCTOBER 1931 | DIED: 27 JULY 2015**

**Former President of the country, Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam, known as Missile Man, dedicated his life to making India strong, prosperous and capable. As a scientist and President of India, the country can never forget his indelible contributions to national development. Kalam dreamed of a strong and modern India in the 21st century and devoted his entire life to fulfill it. His life journey is a source of inspiration for every Indian...**

Dr. Kalam was born on 15 October 1931 in a poor family in Rameshwaram, Tamil Nadu. Despite poverty and difficulties, he completed his studies and later became a scientist. The life of Bharat Ratna Dr. Kalam was a wonderful combination of excellence, simplicity and sensitivity. He took great care of transparency in public life. When he became the President of the country, once 52 members of his family stayed in Rashtrapati Bhavan for 9 days. The people staying in Rashtrapati Bhavan are state guests but Dr. Kalam had submitted a bill of Rs 9.52 lakh for their 9-day stay. This gesture is a shining example of transparency in his public life. This is why the people of India still remember him with great respect as the people's President.

Dr. Kalam, who worked on many important

*"Dream is not that which you see while sleeping, it is something that does not let you sleep". The full name of Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam who said this was Abul Pakir Jainul Abedin Abdul Kalam. Even today, when Dr. Kalam's name comes up, a smile appears on the faces of children and students across the country. This smile is of the dreams, hope, enthusiasm and passion shown by Dr. Kalam for the bright future of the country. The future of the country is reflected in this smile.*

projects to give new direction to institutions like DRDO and ISRO and made them successful, is also known as 'Missile Man of India'. Under his leadership, indigenous missiles and satellites were made in India. The successful launch of the Agni missile developed under the leadership of Dr. Kalam demonstrated India's missile power to the entire world. To fulfill the dreams of Dr. Kalam, the government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has opened doors for youth and new startups in the space sector. This is the reason why today India is seen leading the world in space. Dr. Kalam was also deeply connected with nature and spirituality, that why he named missiles as Prithvi, Agni, Akash, Nag and Trishul developed under his leadership.

In the book titled 'India 2020: A Vision for the New Millennium', Dr. Kalam has outlined the roadmap for India's future and development. In this book, three main ideas were put before the youth of the country. First- To develop India by recognizing its potential as a nation and highlighting it. Second- To develop a technology based economy. Third – To advance development by adopting a balanced growth model and creating a balance between village and city, agriculture and industry. Today, under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, India is moving forward in the direction of becoming a developed nation by realizing these three ideas.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, while remembering Kalam on his birth anniversary in 2022, had said, "I had the privilege of closely interacting with Dr. Kalam for many years. I have closely observed his talent, humility and passion for India's progress." In his condolence message on the death of Dr. Kalam on 27 July 2015, PM Modi had said that many things came to mind from my meetings with Dr. Kalam. He always surprised with his intelligence. Learned many things from him. Dr. Kalam loved to be with people. People and youth also respected him.

On 27 July 2017, Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Memorial in Rameshwaram. He also unveiled the statue of Dr. Kalam and paid floral tributes at Kalam Sthal. This memorial of Dr. Kalam especially reflects his life and times. Dr. Kalam was also awarded the Bharat Ratna, India's highest civilian award. While most people look for better opportunities in life, Dr. Kalam was always looking for new challenges. He often read Geeta and Quran. He also served as an advisor to the Defense Minister of India for some time and was also the Principal Scientific Advisor to the Government of India between 1999 and 2001.

Dr. Kalam had great respect for the army officers and brave soldiers. He wrote more than 30 books in his career, of which Wings of Fire, Ignited Mind and India 2020: A Vision for the New Millennium are the most popular. He successfully discharged many responsibilities in his life. Dr. Kalam loved students. He spent his entire life teaching and even in his last days he was teaching students in Meghalaya. This is a symbol of his commitment. In the history of India, every child of the country will always remember Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam as a visionary, scientist, simple living person and a great patriot. ●

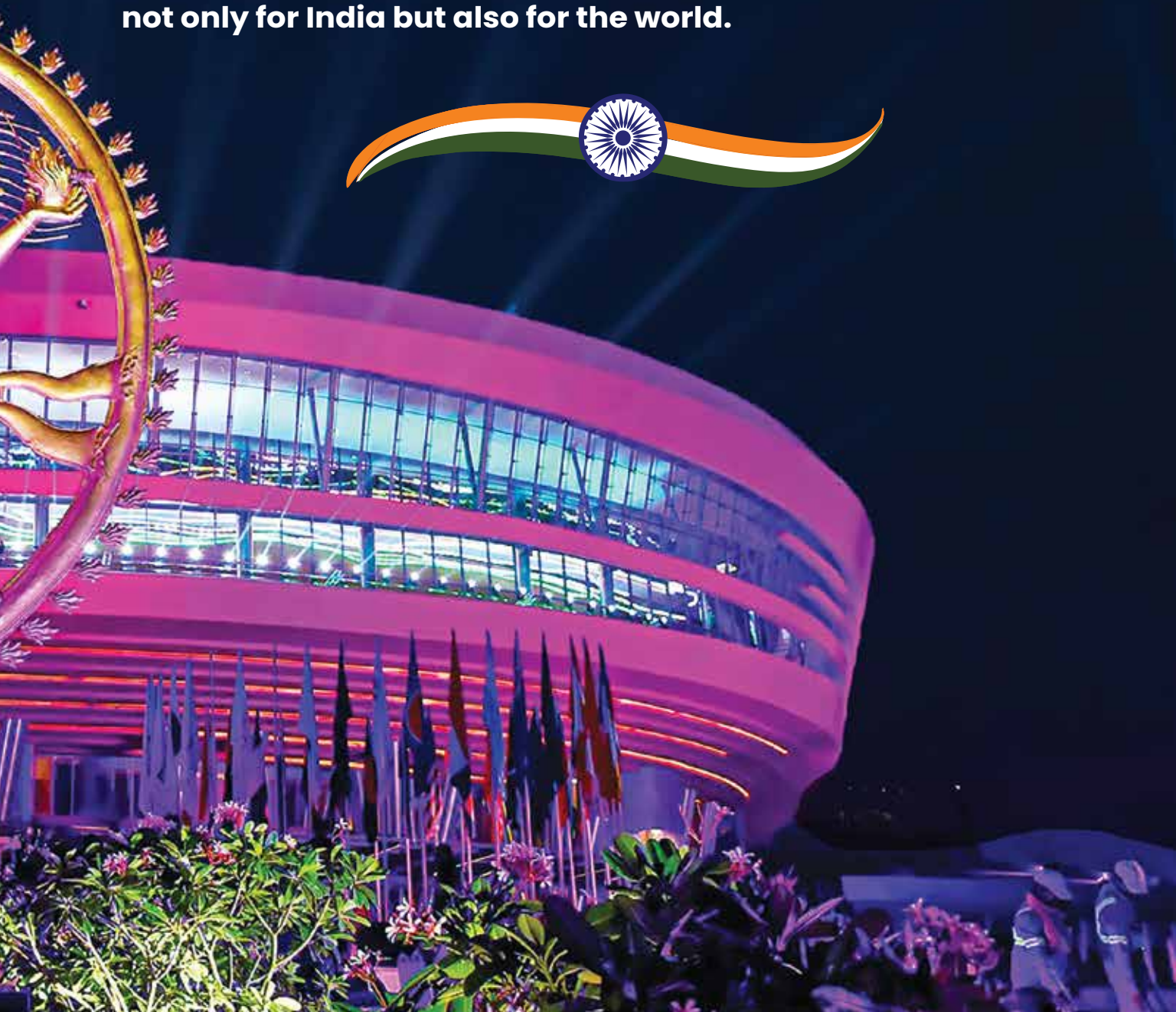
G20

One Earth, One Family, One Future

# World witnessed India's potential



**The 18th G20 Summit, held in New Delhi on September 9-10 under India's presidency, proved to be one of the unique and successful in history. The G-20, considered the world's economic forum, has now evolved into a truly people-centric G-20 with India’s presidency, and the summit's New Delhi Declaration a watershed moment. Under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership, India's vision of Vishwa Mangal (world well-being) has created an extraordinary global diplomatic legacy, which is a win not only for India but also for the world.**







***The G-20 Summit, which has come to represent the strength and fresh perspective that India brings to the globe while it holds the presidency, is not only singular and unparalleled but also a shining example of India's exceptional diplomatic achievements.***

***The G-20, which was traditionally thought to be merely the world's economic forum or limited to global business, has taken on a bigger form under India's chairmanship, breaking with convention. With its Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam worldview, India has given this dominant group of the globe a new dimension that was previously limited to economic problems. Under India's leadership, this organization has moved beyond economic challenges and has become human-centric, bathed in the hues of cultural richness and variety. By including the African Union in this group, India has produced such a history and a milestone that experts from around the world are saying that life and color that G-20 has gained under India's leadership will be difficult to repeat, let alone surpass. Indeed by holding this major gathering and forging consensus on human-centered issues, India has emerged as a strong voice for the Global South.***

India's G20 Presidency began on December 1, 2022, and the historic New Delhi Summit on September 9–10, 2023, became the biggest event of the Amrit Kaal. The world is also amazed by the potential of the country. The G-20 is a grouping of countries whose economic strength represents 85 percent of the world's GDP. The G-20 is a grouping of 19 countries and the European Union, to which India has added a big chapter. It accounts for about 85 percent of global GDP, 75 percent of global trade, and about two-thirds of the world's population. Now, by adding the African Union, India has given a new dimension to this global institution. The summit chaired by India has become unique not only for its grandeur but also for its human-centric policy initiatives. The world witnessed a demonstration of India's unparalleled strength in every detail, from security arrangements to the selection of gifts and food, including receiving the presidents of the world's powerful nations and their teams.

In fact, the two words "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam"—from Indian culture—contain a profound philosophical notion. It means "the entire world is one family." It is such a comprehensive approach that supports advancement as a universal family. During India's G-20 chairmanship, this theme manifested itself as a demand for human-centric progress.

In the aftermath of COVID, India placed significant emphasis on three areas. The first step is to shift away from a GDP-centric approach to human-centered development. Second, acknowledgement of the




significance of robust and dependable in global supply networks. Third, a collective call to advance multilateralism through global institution reform. Under India's presidency, the G-20 has served as a catalyst for these developments. With this in mind, India also hosted the 'Voice of the Global South Summit'. The event drew 125 countries in total. This is one of the most significant efforts undertaken under India's presidency. It was a significant endeavour to gather perspectives and experiences from countries in the Global South.

Moreover, it not only saw the largest-ever participation of African countries but also emphasized the inclusion of the African Union as a permanent member of the G-20. Emphasis was laid on adopting a democratic approach to dealing with climate change. Just as yoga has become a global mass movement, similarly, 'Lifestyle For the Environment' (LiFE) was also encouraged. India's becoming the fastest-growing major economy. From space to sports, the economy to entrepreneurship, Indian women are leading the way in various fields. Today, India is pursuing women-led development. Under the G-20 Presidency, India has worked on bridging the gender digital divide, reducing the labor force participation gap, and enabling a greater role for women in decision-making. For India, the G-20 chairmanship is not just a high-level diplomatic endeavor. As the Mother of Democracy and a Model of Diversity, she has opened the doors of this experience to the world. Today, when it comes to doing any work on a large scale, India's name easily comes to mind. The presidency of the G-20 is also no exception to this. It has become a mass movement in India.

**People-centric, i.e., People's G-20**

India's G-20 presidency has helped show the world the potential of the country's common citizens. It is certain from this presidency that India's potential and India's possibilities proved to cross new heights of confidence. In one year of the G-20 event, India has presented the diversity of the country to the world. It highlighted the importance of women-led development and how it is essential to taking the country forward. India has put forward the issue of women-led development in the G-20, and the G-20 countries have accepted it. At the G-20 summit, the world has been told about one world, one family, and one future, and India is moving forward with this thinking. Prime Minister Narendra Modi had given the message at the very beginning of his presidency that this event is not an event of any government but an event of us Indians. Therefore, the G-20 also emerged as a big opportunity to showcase our tradition of 'Atithi Devo Bhava'. The events related to the G-20 were not limited to Delhi or a few cities only; more than 220 events were held in more than 60 cities in 28 states and 8 union territories. More than 1 lakh foreign delegates participated in it. The central government's objective behind organizing such events across the country was to showcase the diversity of India by organizing programs in every corner of the country because every state has its own characteristics, its own heritage, its own culture, its own beauty, and its own aura.

**A new India is showing the way to the world, which is strong, capable, and imbued with the spirit of self-reliance. New India showed a new direction with the spirit of 'Vishwa Mangal' during the chairmanship of the G-20.**

A key element of India's G20 presidency was to make it people-centric. Several programs were organized for this. On the very first day, a unique University Connect event was organized, which brought together students from 75 universities across the country. The aim of the University Connect program was to engage youth in G20 activities. School students were also involved through special G20 sessions in various schools. Similarly, with the aim to encourage people's participation, special attention was given to G-20 in the Hornbill Festival in Kohima. One hundred monuments, including some UNESCO World Heritage Sites, were specially illuminated. Also, citizens were invited to join a selfie campaign posing around these illuminated monuments. Sand artist Sudarsan Pattnaik created sand art of India's G20 logo at Puri beach in Odisha. India's presidency of the G-20 will work towards promoting this universal spirit of unity in the world. Therefore, India gave the theme of 'One Earth, One Family, One Future' with Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam.

**The Group of Twenty (G20) consists of 19 countries (Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Republic of Korea, Mexico, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Turkey, United Kingdom and United States) and the European Union. Now African Union has also become a member of it.**

### New Delhi Summit, a milestone

The G-20 summit in India is considered to be the most successful in the history of the organization. The Delhi Declaration of the G-20 Summit has become the most ambitious document adopted by all the member countries with 100 percent consensus. With 112 outcome and presidency documents, India has done twice as much work as the previous presidency.

Many experts worldwide have described PM Modi as the leader of the Global South after the success of the Delhi Summit. The director of the G-20 Research Group has praised PM Modi as a leader of the Global South. John Kirton said that PM Modi has emerged as the leader of this summit. Tristen Naylor, assistant professor of international politics and history at Cambridge University, described the summit as a remarkable achievement by PM Modi. He considers the most important outcome of this summit to be the inclusion of the African Union in the G-20. The Russian Foreign Minister also praised India and called it a victory for the Global South. Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov termed it a milestone and said that India prevented Western countries from making the Ukraine conflict a center point on their agenda. The European Union also praised PM Modi's strong leadership, which made consensus possible for the G-20 leaders.

### India as the guide of world humanity

Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his unwavering commitment, the G-20 summit is making the entire country proud. This conference has been called an important milestone in the diplomatic chapter of India. From the point of view of diplomacy, this is a transformative moment for India and the world has also readily accepted it. Through this conference, India worked to bring the entire world on one platform on many important global topics like economics, geopolitics, and technology. This model, emphasizing stability, inclusivity, and shared prosperity, resonated deeply with G-20 participants, establishing India's position as a leader in the collective well-being of humanity. India has also been at the forefront in advocating for Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) and Mission LiFE, which will guide global policymakers while formulating their policies. One of the initial efforts

of India's G-20 presidency was to organize the Global South Summit. India is playing a leading role in the Global Bio-Fuels Alliance. The launch of the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor is a historic moment for the entire world. This will lay the foundation for global prosperity. It will create an environment in which all countries will contribute to their mutual potential to bring about corrective changes in the lives of common people. By giving concrete shape to the vision of this corridor, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has taken a people-centric global initiative.

**G-20 member states account for approximately 85% of global GDP, more than 75% of global trade, and nearly two-thirds of the world's population. It was further expanded with the addition of the African Union**

### Symbol of the world's faith in India

For India, the G-20 summit was not just a diplomatic conference. India saw this as a new responsibility for itself. Saw it as the world's trust in itself. In the last few years, the image of India has not only changed, but its respect in the world has also increased. Today, the world is showing unprecedented curiosity to know and understand India. In such a situation, under India's chairmanship of G-20, the world has seen India's thinking, capabilities, culture, and social power. India created a consensus among the world divided into camps, which is being seen as an excellent diplomatic success of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak said the group had agreed on a very strong message. German Chancellor Olaf Scholz called it a success of Indian diplomacy. He said that many people did not think this would be possible at first.

During its presidency, India also emphasized changes in global institutions as per the present times. Giving the example of the United Nations Security Council, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that when the United Nations was established, there were 51 founding members, but now its number has increased to 200, yet there are the same number of permanent members in the Security Council. India emphasized that since then, every sector, be it transport, communication, health, or education, has been transformed. In such a situation, new realities should also be reflected in new global institutions. India gave a message that it is a law of nature that a person and an institution that does not change itself with time loses its relevance. Therefore, we have to 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.

This will probably be the first time that after this summit, a virtual session of the G-20 will also be held at the end of November when the tenure of India's presidency ends. Its purpose is to review the topics decided at the summit. With a wish for one earth, one family, and a happy future roadmap, Prime Minister Narendra Modi gave the message - Swasti Astu Vishwasya! That means there should be hope and peace in the entire world. The success of the G-20 summit has filled every Indian and the world with a sense of pride for India. Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, India, moving towards unhindered progress, cooperation, and global welfare, has spread hope and positivity for the present and future generations of the country and the world. It is certain from the organization of the G-20 event that India's potential is going to surpass new heights of confidence and these new heights of confidence are carrying new potential.

**Today the people of the country are feeling proud of this global achievement of India...**

**Let us know how India's presidency of the G-20 has become the pride of the world showing a path of protection, goodwill, and hope...**




# India showed the way forward

The G-20 summit held in New Delhi has been important and memorable in many ways, not only for India but for the entire world. India's presidency under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visionary thinking and his friendship and rapport with member state heads helped in making decisions in which it would normally be very difficult to form a consensus. Some such major initiatives include making the African Union a part of the G-20, the Biofuel Alliance, and the India-Middle East-Europe Corridor....

## African Union becomes permanent member of G-20

In the New Delhi summit, Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced to expand the scope of G-20 and make African Union a permanent member. After this announcement, its scope has become wider and more effective. With the African Union becoming a permanent member of the G-20, now it constitutes a group of major economies around the world. Keeping in mind the spirit of everyone's participation, India proposed to make the African Union a part of the G-20. In the last few years, India has advocated many initiatives for the Global South. PM Modi had written a letter to the leaders of G-20 countries urging them to provide full membership to the AU during the New Delhi summit. The G-20 was established in 1999 as a response to various global economic crises. G-20 member states collectively account for about 85 percent of the world's GDP, more than 75 percent of global trade, and nearly two-thirds of the global population.

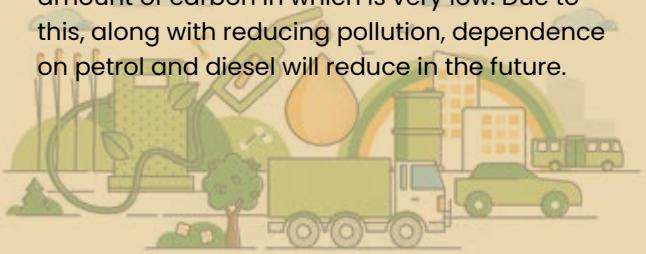



### Global Biofuel Alliance

To reduce the world's dependence on petrol and diesel, Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the Global Biofuels Alliance in the presence of heads of state of several countries during the G-20 conference. PM Modi said that all countries should work together in the field of fuel blending because this is the need of the time. The objective of this alliance is to promote the use of strong biofuel and make its business easier.

### What is biofuel?

Fuel made from plants, husks, grains, algae, and food waste is called biofuel. Biofuels are extracted from many types of biomass, the amount of carbon in which is very low. Due to this, along with reducing pollution, dependence on petrol and diesel will reduce in the future.



### Mission Lifestyle

G-20 member nations appreciated Prime Minister Modi's initiative to tackle climate change. Japanese Prime Minister Kishida praised PM Modi for the concept of 'Mission LiFE'. India's vision of 'One Earth, One Family, One Future' is a beacon that radiates hope for humanity. It has a sense of inclusivity, equality, and prosperity for humanity. Mission Life aims to ensure change in individual behavior towards the environment. The G-20 aims to triple global renewable energy capacity by 2023 and accelerate efforts to phase out coal-based electricity generation in line with national circumstances.

### Women-led development

To take the country forward, it is necessary that development takes place under the leadership of women. India has put forward the issue of women-led development in the G-20. The G-20 member countries are accepting it and recognizing its importance. It was agreed to form a working group on women's empowerment.

### Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI)

For the first time, in the G-20 under the presidency of India, a consensus was reached on digital public infrastructure as to what should be its definition, framework, and principles. The G20 countries have reached an important level of consensus on how to effectively shape the DPI.

### Important steps taken for encouraging startup ecosystem

India launched Startup20, a startup collaborative group in the G-20, for the first time, which will be carried forward in the next presidency.




## India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor

India, along with the US and several other major countries, announced the creation of an ambitious 'India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor' during the G-20 summit. Apart from India, leaders of America, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, France, Germany, Italy, and European Union were present during the announcement. This corridor will connect India with the Middle East and Europe. PM Modi stressed respect for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of all countries while promoting connectivity initiatives. India's connectivity is not limited to regional boundaries but can also play an important role in strengthening mutual trust. Many G-20 heads of state including PM Modi described this initiative as historic and said that this step can be a game changer for global trade.

## Business will grow with confidence

After the construction of the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor, the trade route from Southeast Asia to the Gulf, West Asia, and Europe will move forward with confidence and strength. India will not only get economic but also strategic benefits from this corridor and will also create huge opportunities in the logistics and transportation sector. It will be developed as a green corridor which will also fulfill our green objectives. This corridor will also secure the supply chain and create employment opportunities.



### MAHARISHI Initiative

It is proposed to undertake research on a global level to know and understand the benefits of millets and other ancient grains and to launch awareness programs to educate people abou t its benefits. The Japanese PM also appreciated the India-led research on millets and acknowledged its importance.

### Disaster risk reduction

During India's presidency of the G-20, a working group was formed to work on disaster risk reduction. This group will work on sharing research and experiences with each other in this area.

### Traditional medicine

For the first time, an international program on traditional medicine was organized at the G-20 meeting under the Presidency of India.



# Proof of India's diplomatic prowess
# Consensus on summit announcements

**The G-20 summit of the world's most powerful countries is widely considered as the most successful, with record results thus far. The historic declaration of the New Delhi Summit, led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, with the mantra of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam, i.e., One Earth, One Family, One Future, stunned the entire world by revitalising the G-20. The inclusion of the African Union sent a message to the rest of the world that the G-20 has evolved into a support organisation for developing and backward countries. Global leaders praised PM Modi's efforts, saying it demonstrates India's diplomatic efficiency.**

It is the result of India's positive diplomatic efforts that the Joint Declaration was issued and a consensus was reached among all the member countries. The original document of the Declaration adopted unanimously in New Delhi can be read at https://static.pib.gov.in/WriteReadData/specificdocs/documents/2023/sep/doc202399250001.pdf

## Highlights of the G20 Leaders' Declaration

**Strong, sustainable, balanced and inclusive growth**

**Global Economic Situation:** Cascading crises have posed challenges to long-term growth. Economic growth has been uneven. It is still important to maintain monetary and fiscal coherence. The importance of private enterprises in bringing about economic transformation was acknowledged.

**Startup20 Collaborative Group:** Start-ups and MSMEs are natural growth engines of economic growth. Promoting innovation and creating jobs is the key to bringing about socio-economic change. Decision to constitute and continue the Startup20 Partnership Group under the chairmanship of India.

**Unlocking trade for growth:** We will support policies that enable trade and investment so that they can be engines of growth and prosperity for all people. Reiterate the need to pursue WTO

reform. Committed to holding discussions to ensure a streamlined dispute resolution system for all members by the year 2024. Welcoming the 'Jaipur Call to Action' promoting integration of MSMEs into international trade

**Preparing for the Future of Work:** Committed to closing the skills gap, promoting decent work, and ensuring inclusive social protection policies for all. Welcome to the G20 policy priorities to measure and close the skills gap.

**Advancing financial inclusion:** The Regulatory Toolkit for Enhanced Financial Inclusion, Voluntary, and Non-Binding Policy Recommendation of the G20 supports the 2023 G20 Financial Inclusion Action Plan.

**Fighting corruption:** Endorsement of the three G-20 High Level Principles on Zero Tolerance to Corruption. Strengthen international cooperation and information sharing mechanisms related to law enforcement to combat corruption, strengthen asset recovery mechanisms, and promoting Integrity and effectiveness of public bodies and authorities responsible for preventing and combating corruption.

## Accelerating progress on Sustainable Development Goals

- **At the midway point to 2030, the global progress on the SDGs is off-track, with only 12 percent of the targets on track. During this Decade of Action, we will leverage the G20's convening power and its collective resolve to fully and effectively implement the SDGs goals.**

**Recommitting to achieving SDGs:** We will ensure that no one is left behind. We commend the efforts of the Indian Presidency to accelerate the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

**Eliminating hunger and malnutrition:** We commit to enhance global food security and nutrition for all in line with the G20 Deccan High-Level Principles on Food Security and Nutrition 2023. Decision to encourage efforts to strengthen research collaboration on nutrious grains.

**Strengthening global health and implementing One Health approach:** Implementing the One Health approach with the World Health Organisation at the centre, enhancing pandemic preparedness, and strengthening the existing infection disease surveillance system. Will call for strong international counter-narcotics cooperation, free of unnecessary restrictions.

**Global health cooperation:** Strengthen the global health architecture towards pandemic prevention, anti-epidemic preparedness, and response through joint finance and health workforce. The task force decided to report its progress to the ministers of finance and health in 2024.

**Delivering Quality Education:** Commitment to inclusive, equitable, high-quality education and skills training for all. Emphasise the importance of enabling lifelong learning focused on skilling, reskilling, and upgrading skills, especially for vulnerable groups.

**Culture as a Transformative Driver of SDGs:** Will push forward the inclusion of culture in future discussions as part of a potential 2030 development agenda, to fully recognize the underlying values of culture in achieving the SDGs. Commitment to strengthen the fight against trafficking in cultural properties at national, regional or international level.

## Multilateral institutions for the 21st century

**Reinvigorating multilateralism:** We recall the Declaration on the Commemoration of the 75th anniversary of the United Nations, which reaffirmed that our challenges are inter-connected and can only be addressed through reinvigorated multilateralism, reforms and international cooperation. In this context, a more inclusive and reinvigorated multilateralism and reform aimed at implementing the 2030 agenda is essential.

**Reforming international financial institutions:** Managing global debt vulnerabilities: We re-emphasise the importance of addressing debt vulnerabilities in low and middleincome countries in an effective, comprehensive and systematic manner. Call for promoting communication and a common understanding among stakeholders on the debt crisis in Zambia, Ghana, and Sri Lanka.

## Green development pact for a sustainable future

- **Recognising that the prosperity and well-being of present and future generations depends on our current development and other policy choices and actions, we resolve to pursue environmentally sustainable and inclusive economic growth and development in an integrated, holistic and balanced manner.**

**Macroeconomic risks stemming from climate change and transition pathways:** We will consider further action as appropriate and relevant to fiscal and monetary policies, taking into account the G20's macroeconomic risks posed by climate change and transitional pathways.

**Lifestyle for Sustainable Development (LiFE):** Commitment to collective action based on the G20 high-level principle for the sustainable development of the world



- Designing a circular economy world
- Implementation of clean, sustainable, equitable, affordable and inclusive energy transition
- Climate and sustainable finance
- Conserving, sustainably using and restoring ecosystems
- Harnessing and preserving the Ocean-based economy
- Ending plastic pollution
- Financing cities of tomorrow
- Reducing disaster risk and building resilient infrastructure




# Gender equality and empowering all women and girls

**The G20 reaffirms that gender equality is of fundamental importance and that investing in the empowerment of all women and girls has a multiplier effect on implementing the 2030 Agenda.**

- Promoting economic and social empowerment.
- Bridging the gender digital divide.
- Driving gender inclusive climate action
- Securing women's food security, nutrition, and well-being
- This will reduce the gap between men and women.
- Promote equal, effective and meaningful participation of women as decision makers.

## Technological Transformation and Digital Public Infrastructure

- **Technology can enable rapid transformations for bridging the existing digital divides and accelerate progress for inclusive and sustainable development. Both the public and private sectors have leveraged digital public infrastructure (DPI). It can be built on secure and resilient infrastructure, open standards and specifications. This opensource software can enable delivery of services at societal-scale.**

**Building Digital Public Infrastructure:** We recognize that safe, secure, trusted, accountable and inclusive digital public infrastructure, respectful of human rights, personal data,

privacy and intellectual property rights can foster resilience, and enable service delivery and innovation. Welcome India's plan to build and maintain a Global Digital Public Infrastructure Repository (GDPIR).

**Building safety, security, resilience and trust in the digital economy:** An enabling, inclusive, open, fair, non-discriminatory and secure digital economy is increasingly becoming important for all countries. We will share our vision for building legal infrastructure that will be built with the intention of a safe and resilient economy. Welcome to the G20 Kit on Cyber Education and Awareness for Children and Youth.

**Crypto-assets: Policy and Regulation:** We endorse the Financial Stability Board's (FSB's) high-level recommendations for the regulation, supervision and oversight of crypto-assets activities and markets. The Union Finance Minister and the Central Bank Governor will discuss this topic in October 2023 and present a roadmap.

**Central Bank Digital Currency**

**Fostering digital ecosystems :** We resolve to deploy all available digital tools and technologies and ensure that every citizen on planet is included in this digital ecosystem. Farmers should use digital technology and we will promote inclusive use with agritech and startups. Welcome the establishment of the Global Initiative on Digital Health to build a comprehensive digital health ecosystem. Will adopt digital infrastructure for cultural heritage and cultural development.

**Harnessing Artificial Intelligence responsibly:** Will leverage AI for the public good by solving challenges in a human-centric manner. To unlock the full potential of AI, equitably share its benefits and mitigate risks, we will work together to promote international cooperation and further discussions on international governance for AI.

**Accelerating the implementation of Agenda 2030:** The declaration said we call on developed countries to fully meet their respective ODA commitments. Will accelerate the full and effective implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

**For peace and prosperity:** Recalling the




discussions held in Bali regarding the Ukraine war, the State stances and resolutions adopted at the UN Security Council and the UN General Assembly were recalled. It said all countries should take steps in accordance with the UN Charter. All countries should refrain from the threat or use of force to acquire any territory, regardless of the territorial integrity and political independence of any country. Threatening or using nuclear weapons is unacceptable.

**Countering terrorism and money laundering:** We condemn terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, including those on the basis of xenophobia, racism and other forms of intolerance, or in the name of religion or belief. It constitutes one of the most serious threats to international peace and security.

- Will continue to integrate the perspectives of developing countries into the G-20 agenda.
- We will meet again in Brazil in 2024 and in South Africa in 2025. We will meet again in America in 2026, at the beginning of the next phase.

# The country's connectivity and infrastructure capacity improved

**Strong connectivity and infrastructure are among the key pillars of human civilization's development. This is why India has not only given this subject top priority in its development journey, but is also investing on an unprecedented scale in social, digital, and financial infrastructure, in addition to physical infrastructure. As a result, the G-20 meetings were held in every state and UT demonstrating India's collective capabilities. The G-20 has also played an important role in strengthening infrastructure bases. Connectivity, infrastructure, and beautification increased rapidly wherever meetings were held. In the run-up to the summit, the tunnel road near Pragati Maidan in Delhi, the world's largest exhibition-conference hall, Bharat Mandapam, a statue of Shiva Nataraj, a statue of the Father of the Nation, and fountains with massive conches were all built.**

### Demonstrated infrastructure capacity for a global event

During India's presidency of the G-20, which accounts for 75% of international trade, 220 meetings, including the summit in Delhi, were completed in 60 cities across the country. By successfully hosting these meetings, India has boosted the world's confidence in the country's infrastructure for hosting such global events. Previously, major global events were restricted to the capital, Delhi. With more G-20 venues, the infrastructure and aesthetics of those cities have also improved.

## A 12-foot-tall statue of the Father of the Nation in a sitting posture




President Droupadi Murmu also unveiled a 12-feet-tall statue of the Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi and Gandhi Vatika at Gandhi Darshan in New Delhi in the first week of September. Gandhi Vatika, with the statue sitting in meditation posture and idols in various postures, was built with the G-20 guests in mind.

World leaders come to pay their respects and learn about Gandhi's philosophy and ideas. The gate to Gandhi Darshan on Ring Road has been opened for the first time. In the Vatika, selfie points have been created.

## Bharat Mandapam: Reflection of Indian tradition and culture

Calling upon the nation to move forward on the principle of 'Think Big, Dream Big, and Do Big', Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated the International Exhibition and Convention Centre, one of the world's top exhibition and convention centres, to the nation about a month and a half before the G-20 Summit. Recently, the G-20 summit has been organised here. The centre is spread over 123 acres on a campus equipped with state-of-the-art facilities, including conference rooms, exhibition halls, and an amphitheater. This new complex, developed at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi, as a national project at a cost of Rs 2700 crore, will help showcase and promote India as a global business destination in the future. Its multi-purpose hall and plenary hall have a combined capacity of 7,000 people, which is larger than the capacity of the Sydney Opera House in Australia. The design is inspired by Indian tradition, with the shape of the building being taken from a conch shell.

## With infrastructural touch up, Delhi looks lovely

The G-20 summit was held in the national capital, but around 220 meetings were held in 60 cities across the country. To enhance the beauty of the infrastructure in Delhi, the outer areas of Rajghat as well as major intersections have been beautified. Bright lights and fountains have added to its beauty. Along with this cultural heritage, artwork has been engraved on the walls of New Delhi. Wherever meetings were held in the rest of the country, in those cities, one district and one product were promoted, and many infrastructures were developed.

## Guinness World Record for the largest display of Lambani items

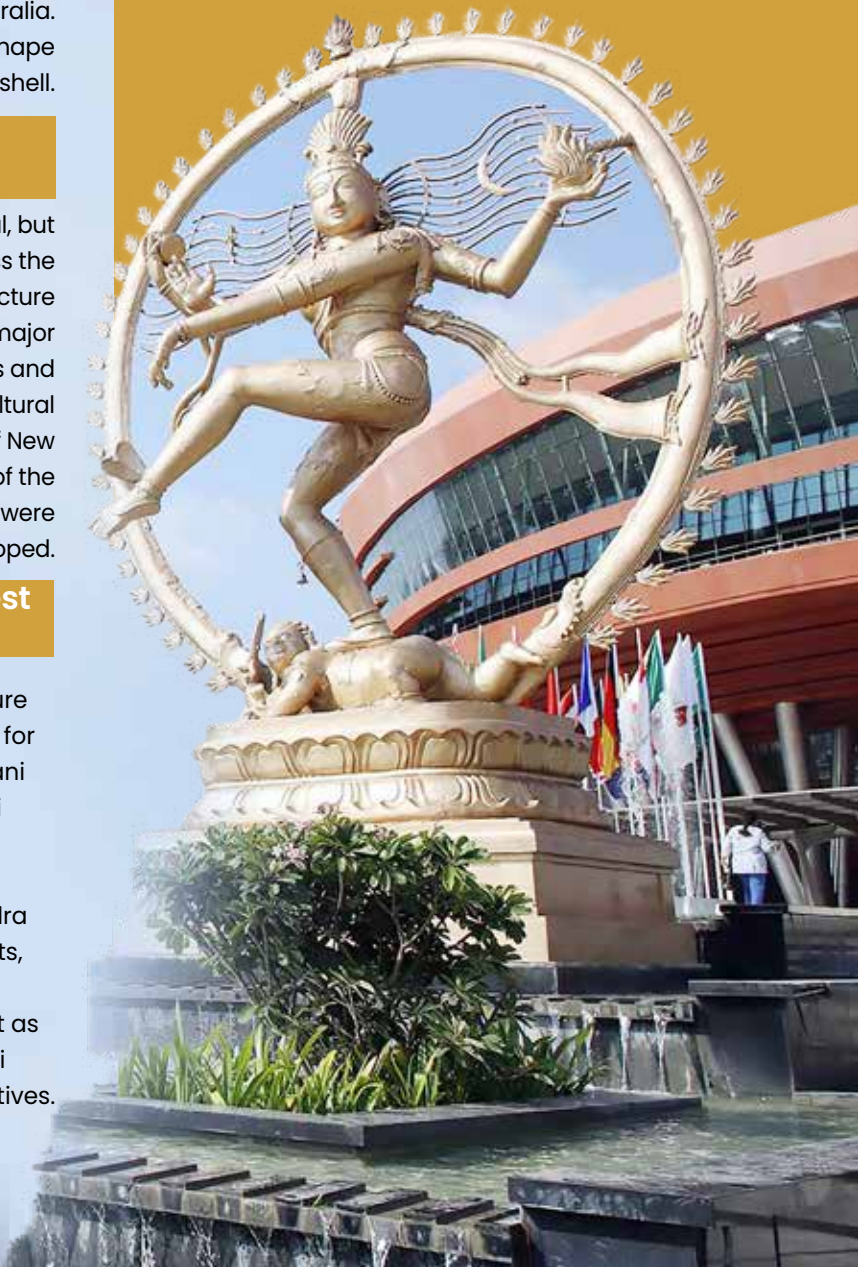
The display of Lambani items during the G20 Culture Working Group meet set a Guinness World Record for the 'Largest Display of Lambani Items'. A total of 1755 Lambini items were displayed during the unique exhibition held on July 10. Prime Minister Narendra Modi praised Lambani's efforts, saying they will popularise Lambani culture art and craft as well as encourage Nari Shakti participation in cultural initiatives.




# Establishment of Shiva-Nataraja:

### The tallest Ashtadhatu statue

The tallest Shiva-Nataraja Ashtadhatu idol has been installed in Bharat Mandapam. The famous sculptor Radhakrishnan Sthapathi of Swami Malai, Tamil Nadu, and his team completed this 27-foot-high, 18-tonne statue in a record 7 months. Since the Chola Empire period, 34 generations of Radhakrishnans have been creating sculptures. The Nataraja statue, an important symbol of cosmic energy, creativity, and power, was the focal point of the G-20 summit. According to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the grand Nataraja statue exemplifies the vibrancy of India's rich history and culture. It will be a testament to India's ancient artistry and traditions.





# Foreign guests immersed in Indian culture

**Indian culture is famous throughout the world for its diversity and religious rituals. Unity in diversity, rich cultural heritage, and tradition give India a distinct identity in the world. During the G-20 conference, the manner in which the Indian government made the foreign guests aware of India's tradition and literary culture was truly amazing. This is the reason why the foreign guests were not only immersed in Indian culture but were also excited to know and understand the culture here.**

When foreign guests were invited for dinner to India during the G-20, the scene was as if the entire world had been painted in the colours of India. Along with modernity, the costumes of foreign guests not only made Indianness global, but also at the same time, India's cultural heritage, whether it was the replica of Nalanda University or Madhubani paintings, was adding to its glory. Furthermore, the foreign visitors were eager to learn about the history of art, music, dance, and religious texts.

## British PM prayed to God bowing his head on ground

British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak and his wife Akshata Murthy prayed at Delhi's Akshardham Temple. By bowing his head on the ground in Akshardham temple, the British Prime Minister received God's blessings. At the temple, Rishi Sunak and his wife also performed aarti and jalabhishek. Everyone was captivated by his faith and belief in Indian culture. They also took photos with the saints at Akshardham Temple. Rishi Sunak was seen in the temple not as the head of any country, but as a devotee of God, for reasons of faith and belief in God.



## Hosting a dinner

Banquets have an important place in Indian culture. This is why, during the G-20 conference, the President of India, Droupadi Murmu, hosted a dinner for the foreign guests. The foreign guests were served dishes from every region of India at this banquet. The President and Prime Minister greeted every foreign visitor warmly.

## World draped in Indian attire

If NRIs are seen wearing Indian clothing, it should not come as a surprise, but if westerners—their heads of state or their spouses—do the same, why should not India be proud of its history and culture. Some foreign guests wore sarees while others wore salwar suits to the dinner. Yuke, the wife of Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida, and Iriana, the wife of Indonesian President Joko Widodo, both wore sarees to the dinner at Bharat Mandapam. Ritu Banga, the wife of World Bank President Ajay Banga, was seen wearing a saree, and Kristalina Georgieva, the MD of the International Monetary Fund (IMF), was seen wearing a suit-salwar.



Such photographs of foreign visitors are unique in their own right and have made every Indian proud.



## Crafts and handicrafts made headlines across the world

At the G-20 Summit held at Pragati Maidan in Delhi, the exhibition of crafts and handicrafts along with the Bharat Mandapam attracted world delegates. Women's representatives described the craftsmanship as amazing. WHO representative Nicole Mains said that the culture here is reflected in the Indian artefacts. UK representative Freddy said that the handicraft products and historical objects here are not only good to look at but also provide a sense of relaxation. Jodwa Lali, who was part of the South African delegation, said that the craftsmanship and beauty of handmade items from India are a perfect showcase.

# Gifts related to Indian handicrafts and crafts given to spouses of heads of state



Prime Minister Narendra Modi presented the wife of the Spanish Prime Minister with a Banarasi silk stole. Banarasi silk stoles are commonly worn by women at weddings and other special occasions. Artists from Kerala carved the box in which she received her gift.



Prime Minister Modi presented an ikat stole in a teak box to the wife of Mauritius' Prime Minister. It is made of silk and cotton and was created by Odisha artists, while the box in which it was given was created by Gujarat artists.



Banarasi stoles were given to the wives of British Prime Minister and Argentina President. Such stoles are commonly worn by women at weddings. Karnataka artists created the box in which this gift was packed.



Kanjeevaram's stole was given to the wife of Japan's Prime Minister. Kanjeevaram stole is a magnificent example of Indian weaving art; it is unrivalled in the field of craft. Kerala artists created the box in which this gift was delivered.

The wives of the President of Brazil and Prime Minister of Australia received Kashmiri Pashmina stoles. It's very light and cosy.




The wife of the Indonesian President was given an Assam stole.This is an excellent example of Southeast Indian tradition. Karnataka artists created the box in which the gift was packed.



# Special gift box to make foreign guests get a feel of Indianness



**Spectacular box**

Amazing workmanship of Wood and 'Dhatu' craft. Handmade from Sheesham wood (Indian Rosewood). Strong, durable and stunning colour

**Gifts rich in fragrance**

The exquisite 'Kashmiri Saffron' is a very popular and expensive spice in the world. Unparalleled in its fragrance, vibrant color and quality.





**Jigrana Perfume**

The fragrance of this perfume is captivating. This is an excellent perfume of Kannauj. It symbolizes the ancient perfumery art of India that evokes memories of royal courts and centuries-old markets.



**Khadi scarves**

Khadi scarves showcasing self-reliance and indigenous ingenuity were presented to the world leaders. Khadi is not a cloth, but it is a resolution. This is the message of India's self-reliance and sustainable development.

**Introduction to India's unique coffee**

The world's first terroir-mapped coffee grown in organic plantations in Araku Valley, Andhra Pradesh.




**Pekoe Darjeeling and Nilgiri Tea**

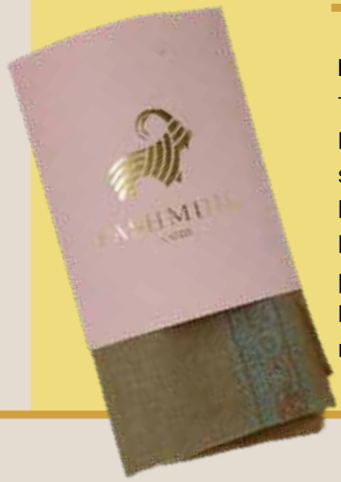
Tea in India is not just a drink, it is part of life. The misty hills of Darjeeling and the blue mountains of the Nilgiris have been famous for interesting tea stories for centuries.





**The magic of the sweetness of Sundarban honey**

World leaders introduced to the sweetness of Sundarban honey. It is a mixture of juice of various mangrove flowers like Khalisa, Bani and Garan



**Kashmiri Pashmina Shawl**

The evergreen Kashmiri Pashmina shawl is a symbol of India's rich heritage. It has a rich history as an integral part of giving respect. In Kashmir 'Pashma' means raw unspun wool.




BILATERAL RELATIONS

# Emphasis on strengthening relations in bilateral talks with heads of state

Heads of state and Chiefs of international organizations from across the world arrived in New Delhi on the occasion of the G-20 summit held in India. On the occasion of the G-20 summit, apart from attending the main conference, Prime Minister Narendra Modi also held bilateral talks with these heads of states and chiefs of various organizations. In the meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi, while these heads of states praised India for successfully organizing the G-20, they also laid emphasis on strengthening bilateral relations between the two countries.

### Agreement to maintain continued momentum in bilateral cooperation between India and USA

Prime Minister Narendra Modi met United States President Joseph R Biden who was on his maiden visit to India as President. It was agreed to maintain sustained momentum in India-US bilateral cooperation including defence, trade, investment, education, health, research, innovation, culture and people-to-people ties. President Biden heartily congratulated Prime Minister Modi and the people of India on the historic landing of Chandrayaan-3 near the South Pole of the Moon.




### Fruitful discussion on diversifying bilateral cooperation between Bangladesh and India

Prime Minister Narendra Modi met Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at his official residence on September 8. PM Modi had fruitful talks with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina about diversifying India-Bangladesh bilateral cooperation. The two leaders agreed to strengthen ties in a number of areas including connectivity, culture as well as interpersonal relations between the two countries.

### Reiterated commitment to advance the cause of Global South

Prime Minister Narendra Modi met Mauritius Prime Minister Pravind Kumar Jugnauth. The two leaders discussed cooperation in infrastructure, fintech, culture and other areas. Also, India's commitment to advance the cause of the Global South was reiterated. Mauritius is an integral part of India's vision 'SAGAR'. This is a special year for India-Mauritius relations as the two countries complete 75 years of diplomatic relations.

### Satisfaction on progress of bilateral cooperation between India-UK as per Roadmap 2030

Prime Minister Narendra Modi held a bilateral meeting with British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak on the sidelines of the G20 summit. This was Prime Minister Rishi Sunak's maiden visit to India after becoming Prime Minister in October 2022. The Prime Ministers of the two countries expressed satisfaction at the progress in various areas of bilateral cooperation in line with the India-UK Comprehensive Strategic Partnership as well as the Roadmap 2030. These especially include economy, defense and security, technology, green technology, climate change, health and dynamic operations areas.

### Reiterated commitment to deepen global partnership

Prime Minister Narendra Modi held a bilateral meeting with Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida on the occasion of the G-20 summit. The two leaders reiterated their commitment to further deepen the India-Japan Special Strategic and Global Partnership.



### Italy praised for joining India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor

On the occasion of the G-20 summit, Prime Minister Narendra Modi held a bilateral meeting with Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni. Prime Minister Modi appreciated Italy's support for India's G-20 presidency as well as its joining the Global Biofuel Alliance and the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor. The two leaders expressed satisfaction on the completion of 75 years of establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries.

### Six decades of progress on India-France space cooperation recalled

Prime Minister Narendra Modi held a bilateral meeting with President of the French Emmanuel Macron on the sidelines of the G-20 Leaders' Summit in New Delhi. President Macron congratulated Prime Minister Modi on the success of India's mission Chandrayaan 3. The two leaders recalled six decades of India-France space cooperation and reiterated their commitment to strengthen defence cooperation through partnership in design, development, testing and manufacture of advanced defence technologies and platforms.

### India takes strict stance on anti-India activities in Canada

Prime Minister Narendra Modi met Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau on the sidelines of the G-20 summit. PM Modi expressed strong concerns about the ongoing anti-India activities of extremist elements in Canada. He said the nexus of such forces with organized crime, drug syndicates and human trafficking should also be a matter of concern for Canada. To deal with such threats, it is necessary for both the countries to cooperate with each other.

### Resolve for closer cooperation with India during the tenure of G-20 in Brazil

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva met on the sidelines of the G-20 summit. President Lula congratulated Prime Minister Modi and India for the historic achievement of landing Chandrayaan-3 in the south polar region of the Moon as well as the successful launch of India's first solar mission Aditya-L1. President Lula congratulated PM Modi for his successful chairmanship of the G-20 and expressed his resolve for close cooperation with India during Brazil's tenure at the G-20 starting in December 2023.

### Discussion on ways to strengthen bilateral partnership

Prime Minister Narendra Modi held a bilateral meeting with Netherlands Prime Minister Mark Rutte during the G-20 summit. Prime Minister Rutte congratulated PM Modi for India's G-20 chairmanship and the success of the summit. He congratulated India on the

success of Chandrayaan 3 Mission and wished all the best for Aditya Mission. The two leaders discussed ways to strengthen their bilateral partnership, including cooperation in trade and investment, defense and security, clean energy and green hydrogen, semiconductors, cyber and digital technologies.

### Discussion on bilateral cooperation including coarse grains and capacity building

Prime Minister Narendra Modi met the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Bola Ahmed Tinubu on 10 September 2023. The two leaders had fruitful talks on various areas of comprehensive bilateral cooperation including trade and investment, defence, agriculture, coarse grains, financial technology and capacity building.

### Review of progress made in strategic partnership with Korea

Prime Minister Narendra Modi met President of the Republic of Korea Yoon Suk Yeol on the sidelines of the G-20 summit. The two leaders reviewed the progress made in various areas of the bilateral special strategic partnership, including trade and investment, defense production, semiconductor and EV battery technology.

### Received appreciation on making the African Union a permanent member of G-20

Prime Minister Modi met Azali Assoumani, President of the Union of Comoros, on the sidelines of the G-20 Summit. President Azali Assoumani thanked Prime Minister Modi for his initiative and efforts in making the African Union a permanent member of the G-20. He also congratulated India for its successful G-20 presidency.

### Meeting with the President of the European Council and the President of the European Commission

Prime Minister Narendra Modi met President of the European Council Charles Michel and




President of the European Commission Ursula von der Leyen. Both European leaders congratulated the Prime Minister on the success of India's G-20 Chairmanship. During the meeting, various aspects of India-EU Strategic Partnership including the next India-EU Summit, ongoing Free Trade Agreement negotiations, climate change and LiFE, digital technologies and Trade and Technology Council (TTC) were discussed.

### India praised for quick relief under Operation Dost

Prime Minister Narendra Modi held a bilateral meeting with the President of the Republic of Turkiye Recep Tayyip Erdogan. In this bilateral meeting, possibilities of bilateral cooperation in areas like trade and investment, defense and security, civil aviation and shipping were discussed. He also thanked India for the prompt relief under Operation Dost after the earthquake in Turkiye in February 2023.




SUCCESSFUL ORGANISATION OF G-20

# Praise from global leaders and foreign media

The G-20 summit held in New Delhi under the chairmanship of India is being seen as the nation's spectacular success in the field of global politics and diplomacy. Not only did world leaders and international organizations heads from across the world praise this successful event, but the foreign media also showered accolades on India's hospitality and the successful G-20 event. G-20 global leaders have lauded Prime Minister Narendra Modi for his decisive leadership in raising the voice of the Global South.



The African Union is a critical partner. Modi is bringing us together, keeping us together, and reminding us that we have the capacity to tackle challenges together.

**Joe Biden**
US President



When you walk around in 'Bharat Mandapam' and see the displays, we can see what PM Modi, the digital initiative and technology can do --delivering service to people in remote corners of our nations

**Rishi Sunak**
British Prime Minister



Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi for leading the G-20 and termed the agreement on the New Delhi Declaration as a meaningful achievement.



Time for strengthening G20 cooperation based on "the foundation created by the Indian presidency of G-20

**Sergey Lavrov**

Russian Foreign Minister



Hope that the summit will be a blessing for "the only world we have.

**Recep Tayyip Erdogan**

Turkiye's President



Thank you Prime Minister Modi and the Indian people for your competence in organizing this event.

**Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva**

Brazilian President

Thanks, India for playing role in getting the Africal Union admitted in the G20

**Cyril Ramaphosa**

South African President





People will remember us for what we accomplished" and Prime Minister Modi, that "you have gathered us here to discuss 'One Future' is very important.

**Justin Trudeau**
Canadian Prime Minister



"I compliment India and its leadership as well as all G20 leaders for making sure that such an outstanding declaration was achieved."

**Ajay Banga**
World Bank Chief

After the successful conclusion of the G20 Summit 2023 in New Delhi, the international media have showered their praise on India. Several media houses in their articles emphasized that India's big moment has arrived as it strikes the right chord making it the undisputed leader in the world.

The G-20 has consolidated the rise of India's prime minister to world leader status Bloomberg said in its article 'And The Winner of This Year's G-20 is…'

"What the G20 presidency for India has underlined is the country's growing role in multilateral diplomacy and emerging as a voice which must be heard."

"I think this was an unadulterated win, both for India and for Modi personally," said Financial Times in its article titled 'India shines at G20 summit'.

"It was a foreign policy triumph for Modi as he pushes to increase India's influence on the world stage," Associated Press wrote in an article.

Apart from this, other world media organizations also mentioned India's growing influence and the success of the G-20 conference in their reports. In this, American news organizations NBC, Washington Post, and CNN also mentioned the success of G-20 under the chairmanship of India. China's official newspaper Global Times also gave a positive response to this summit in its article. At the same time, Dawn, a newspaper published in Pakistan, also published news related to the G-20 organized under the chairmanship of India.

STRATEGY FOR SUCCESSFUL ORGANIZATION OF GLOBAL EVENT

# Global message given from choice of G-20 meeting venues

**Soon after assuming the G-20 presidency, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had said that India's presidency will be inclusive, ambitious, decisive and action-oriented. India moved forward with this strategy and thinking. Be it the G-20 Sherpa meeting or different groups and related ministerial level meetings, such a plan was made so that the world could see and understand India's soft power, engineering prowess and ability to successfully organize big global events. Be it Arunachal Pradesh or Srinagar, by organizing meetings in 60 cities of the country, India made G-20 the People's G-20...**





### Message given from meetings in Jammu-Kashmir and Arunachal

India has prepared the series of G-20 meetings in such a way that other countries including member and invited member states can be made aware of its capabilities and resolve. By eliminating the atmosphere of fear caused by terrorist incidents, a conducive environment has been created for organizing events of global scale in Jammu and Kashmir.

The meeting held between 22-24 May at Sher-e-Kashmir International Convention Center in Srinagar was attended by a large number of delegates. India projected a peak tourist arrival of 1.88 crore in 2022 as a sign of ground change in Jammu and Kashmir. The G-20 representatives who reached here enjoyed shikara and sailing without any fear. Earlier, the first meeting of the Tourism Working Group was held in Rann of Kutch from 7-9 February and the second meeting was held in Darjeeling, Siliguri between 1-4 April.

### The 100th G-20 meeting held in Varanasi became a symbol of celebration.

The meeting of leading agricultural scientists of G-20 held from 17 to 19 April in Varanasi turned into symbol of celebration of the 100th meeting held under the chairmanship of India. On the same day, the second meeting of the Health Working Group in Goa, the second meeting of the Digital Economy Working Group in Hyderabad and the meeting of Space Economy Leaders in Shillong were also held. In the meeting of leading agricultural scientists, there was unanimous agreement to launch MAHARISHI, the initiative proposed by India for research in the field of food grains.

G-20 Development Ministers' meeting was also held in Varanasi between 11-13 June where global representatives experienced the connection of faith and cultural heritage of Ganga Aarti. The meeting of G-20 culture ministers was held here on 26 August. The ministers also witnessed the grandeur of Indian culture, faith in Ganga and other ancient heritages here.





**Today, when it comes to doing any work on a large scale, India's name easily comes to mind. The presidency of G-20 is also no exception to this. Also, the declaration being the most ambitious, contained 112 outcomes — 73 outcomes and 39 annexed documents — which is more than two and a half times as compared to the previous presidency.**

### Sherpas gathered for the first time in the city of lakes Udaipur

The 4-day first meeting of G-20 Sherpas was held in Udaipur from December 4-7, 2022. Technological change, green growth and lifestyle for the environment (LiFE), accelerated, inclusive and resilient growth, multilateralism and 3Fs i.e. Food, Fuel and Fertilizer, women-led development, tourism and culture were discussed. Sherpas and delegates were welcomed with turbans. In view of the International Year of Millets 2023, variety of millets was included in the food menu here for the first time.



### Meeting of Sherpas and Culture Working Group in Hampi

The third meeting of G-20 Sherpas was held between 13-16 July in Hampi, Karnataka. Hampi, located on the banks of the Tungabhadra River, was the last capital of the Vijayanagara Empire and is home to magnificent Dravidian style temples which the G-20 delegates visited. Delegates were also taken to see the majestic stone chariot built by the 16th century king Krishnadeva Raya at the Vijaya Vitthal Temple in Hampi. Before this, between July 9-12, representatives of the Culture Working Group also gathered in Hampi.

### Met in Kevadiya of Gujarat and Jaipur of Rajasthan

The third meeting of the Trade and Investment Working Group was held in Kevadiya, Gujarat. The fourth meeting of the group and the meeting of Trade and Investment Ministers was held in Jaipur, Rajasthan. During this, ministers and representatives were introduced to the potential and heritage of both the cities.

### First meeting of Finance Track held in Bengaluru

The first meeting of finance and central bank representatives of the finance track took place from 13-16 December in Bengaluru, South India. Here the first discussion took place on the challenges in the Finance Track on economic issues related to the world as well as how money will be arranged for the agenda set in the Sherpa Track.

### Anti-corruption working group and ministers' meeting

The first meeting of the Anti-Corruption Working Group was held in Gurugram, Haryana, on March 1-4, the second meeting was held in Rishikesh, Uttarakhand, on May 25-27, while the third meeting of the Anti-Corruption Working Group and the meeting of Anti-Corruption Ministers was held in Kolkata between August 9 and 12. Here the delegates watched local dance and took a plunge in the faith of Maa Durga.

- First meeting of Culture Working Group from 23-25 February in Khajuraho.
- The first meeting of the Sustainable Finance Working Group was held in Assam-Guwahati between 2-3 February.
- A meeting of foreign ministers was held on 1-2 March in New Delhi.
- The second meeting of the Health Working Group was held in Goa from 17-19 April.
- The second meeting of the Digital Economy Working Group was held between 17-19 April in Hyderabad.
- The second meeting of the Disaster Risk Reduction Working Group was held between 23-25 May in Mumbai.
- The second meeting of the Culture Working Group was held in Bhubaneswar, Odisha between 14-17 May.
- A meeting of Labor and Employment Ministers was held in Indore on 21 July.
- A meeting of the Ministerial Group on Women Empowerment was held in Gandhinagar, Gujarat between August 2 and August 4.

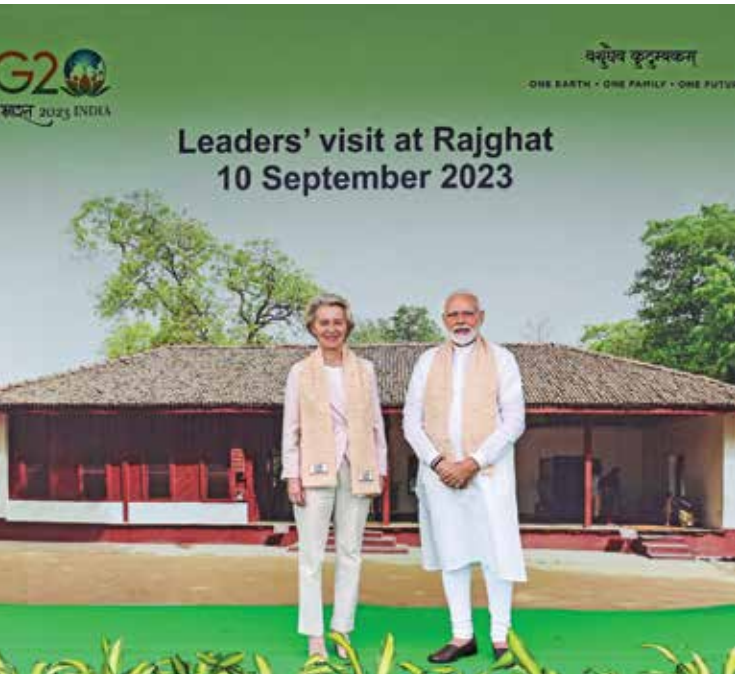
**Meetings held in foreign countries also**

The second meeting of the International Financial Architecture Working Group took place in Paris on 30–31 March. While the second meeting of Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors was held in Washington DC on 12-13 April.

# WORLD LEADERS PAY TRIBUTE

*Mahatma Gandhi's timeless and guiding messages for a peaceful and sustainable world still resonates today. This is the reason why the heads of state who came to India to attend the G-20 conference visited Gandhi's cremation ground Raj Ghat and took inspiration from his life values.*

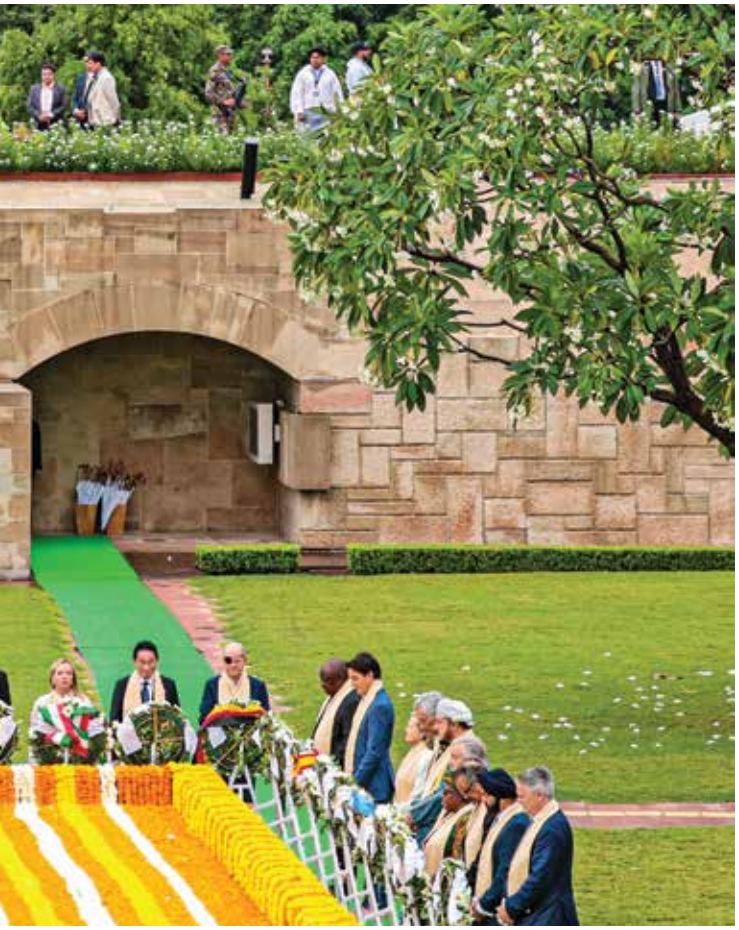







# TO THE FATHER OF THE NATION

*Prime Minister Narendra Modi led the G-20 leaders in paying tribute to Mahatma Gandhi. These visuals not only made Indians proud but also proved once again that the ideals of Mahatma Gandhi, the saint of Sabarmati, guide our collective vision of a global future.*





















9 YEARS OF SWACHH BHARAT MISSION

स्वच्छ भारत
एक कदम स्वच्छता की ओर

# SYMBOL OF DIGNIFIED LIFE FOR THE POOR

**Cleanliness is no longer just a word but has become a lifestyle. These words reminds of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's resolve to make India clean in his address from the ramparts of the Red Fort. At that time no one had even imagined that a Prime Minister would even use the word sanitation-toilet from such a platform. But this was the beginning of a new public resolution in the country, which has progressed in the form of a mass movement. In 2019, on the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, the dream of Swachh Bharat was fulfilled. But this journey did not stop here, rather it catapulted into a new journey with innovative approach. New initiatives like power generation from waste management, water management and startups are writing a new story of self-reliance in cleanliness, while Swachh Bharat Mission, which has become a symbol of dignified life for the poor, has become the harbinger of building a new India, which has also solved many health related problems. Let us know the progress of this mission in figures...**

## Swachh Bharat Mission

**On October 2, 2014, on the 145th birth anniversary of Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi, Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the Swachh Bharat Mission.**

- Ensured dignity, security and empowerment of women.
- 12 crore toilets constructed, realizing the dream of free from open defecation.
- Separate toilets for boys and girls in almost all schools.

## Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban)

**Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban) 2.0 has been launched on October 1, 2021 for a period of five years with a vision of achieving Garbage Free Status for all cities through 100% source segregation, door to door collection and scientific management of all fractions of waste.**

Rs. **1,41,600** Crore is the estimated implementation cost of SBM-U 2.0

**62.81**

Lakh household toilets and 6.36 Lakh community toilets have been constructed

In **90,000**

Wards there are 100% door-to-door waste collection facility



## Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin)

**Swachh Bharat Mission – (Gramin) 2.0 was launched on April 1, 2020 for a period of next 5 years to sustain the ODF status in rural areas. This includes directly making all villages clean by ensuring solid and liquid waste management. More than 4,31,350 villages have declared themselves as ODF Plus i.e. more than 71% of the villages are ODF Plus.**

Rs **1,40,881** crore is the estimated cost of SBM-Gramin 2.0 implementation



In **2,25,066**

villages arrangements for solid waste management done

**777**

Gobardhan plants completed across the country

In **3,64,464**

villages provision of liquid waste management made

**2,207**

Plastic waste management units established

## Startups step in to provide sanitation solutions

**The central government sought startup solutions for plastic waste management, mechanized solutions for sewer and septic tank cleaning, scientific processing of solid and liquid waste and transparency.**



**244**

Entries were received, out of which 30 startups were selected by a 20-member jury in the first phase.

**30** startups were shortlisted, top 10 winners were identified. Each of these startups will receive support of Rs 25 lakh under seed funding from French Tech, a French government initiative.

- The Government of India will provide financial assistance of Rs 20 lakh to the remaining 20 startups.

# "Bindeshwar ji's guidance was very useful in taking Swachh Bharat Mission to this height."

**-Narendra Modi, Prime Minister**

A few hours after Prime Minister Narendra Modi's address on the occasion of the 77th Independence Day celebrations, he was anguished to receive information that Padma Bhushan awardee Dr. Bindeshwar Pathak, passed away at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Delhi. As soon as he formed the government in 2014, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had first declared cleanliness as his mission and in the course of Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, he also got inspiration from the son of the soil of Bihar, Dr. Bindeshwar Pathak. Dr. Bindeshwar Pathak joined the Bhangi Mukti Movement in Bihar and launched a campaign which created a distinct identity in the country and abroad. With the establishment of Sulabh International, the entire country is remembering him for freeing people from open defecation by building Sulabh Sanitation Complexes across the country. This year, on the birth anniversary of Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi, the nation is celebrating the 9th anniversary of Swachh Bharat Mission. Under this backdrop, Prime Minister Narendra Modi remembered Dr. Bindeshwar Pathak, as son of Vaishali where democracy originated and a great source of inspiration for Swachh Bharat Mission, after his demise.




I have been watching his passion ever since I was in Gujarat. Amidst the celebrations of Independence Day on 15th August, it was very difficult for me to absorb the news that Bindeshwar Pathak ji is no more. The demise of Bindeshwar ji, the founder of Sulabh International, who had an easy-going, simple and humble personality, is an irreparable loss. I have been seeing the passion he had for cleanliness ever since I was in Gujarat. When I came to Delhi, our communication with him on various subjects increased further. I remember, when I discussed the topic of cleanliness from the Red Fort in 2014, how excited Bindeshwar ji became.

He was associated with the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan from day one. His efforts gave great strength to this campaign. We often hear One Life, One Mission, but what it means is visible in the essence of Bindeshwar ji's life. He dedicated his entire life to cleanliness and related issues. Even at the age of 80, he was equally energetic in achieving his goals. In a way he was eternally young. Remained firm on the path on which we had walked decades ago. Nowadays, if someone

makes a film on a topic like toilet, then discussion starts about it. People start wondering whether this is also a topic? We can imagine how difficult it must have been for Bindeshwar ji to work on a subject like toilet at that time.

He had to go through many struggles, people even ridiculed him, but his commitment to social service was so great that he devoted his life to this noble cause. A major contribution of Bindeshwar ji was that he provided an institutional solution to Gandhi ji's ideas of cleanliness. I think this is a very good subject of study for management students. No matter how big the idea is, if it is not implemented properly then that idea becomes irrelevant and meaningless. Bindeshwar ji turn the idea of cleanliness into an institution in a very innovative way. Through Sulabh International, he gave such an economic model to the society, which no one could even imagine. Today, as a result of his hard work, many types of models of Sulabh toilets were made and this organization expanded to every corner of the country.

Our today's young generation should also learn the dignity of labour from the life of Bindeshwar Pathak ji. Neither any work nor any person was small for him. His efforts to provide a dignified life to our brothers and sisters engaged in sanitation work have been praised all over the world. I remember, when I washed the feet of the cleaning brothers and sisters, Bindeshwar ji became so emotional that he discussed that incident with me for a long time. I am satisfied that Swachh Bharat Abhiyan has today become a symbol of dignified life for the poor. Many such reports have also come which have proved that due to Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, common people are getting freedom from diseases caused by dirt and the path to a healthy life is opening up. The World Health Organization has also said that due to the Swachh Bharat Mission, deaths of three lakh people have been prevented in the country.

Not only this, UNICEF has even said that due to Swachh Bharat Mission, the poor are saving up to Rs 50 thousand every year. If there was no Swachh Bharat Mission, the poor would have had to spend the same amount of money in the treatment of diseases caused by dirt. Bindeshwar ji's guidance was very useful in taking Swachh Bharat Mission



to this height. The scope of Bindeshwar ji's social work went beyond cleanliness. He also did many works related to women empowerment in Vrindavan, Kashi, Uttarakhand and other areas. Bindeshwar ji launched big campaigns especially to help those destitute women who had no one to support. I remember another incident related to the dedication of Bindeshwar ji.

Bindeshwar ji was also in the committee that decided the name for Gandhi Peace Prize. Once the meeting of this committee was fixed, Bindeshwar ji was on a foreign trip at that time. As soon as he came to know about this meeting, he said that I should come back immediately. Then I had requested him to send his suggestions from abroad. After much insistence he agreed to my request. This shows how conscious Bindeshwar ji was towards his duties. Today, when Bindeshwar Pathak ji is not physically among us, we have to reiterate the pledge of cleanliness as a tribute to him. To achieve the goal of a developed India, it is very important that India should be clean and healthy. For this, we will have to continuously carry forward the efforts of Bindeshwar ji. This journey from clean India to healthy India, healthy India to harmonious India, harmonious India to strong India, strong India to prosperous India will be the most vibrant journey of Amrit Kaal. Yes, I will miss Bindeshwar ji a lot during this journey. Once again a humble tribute to him. ●




GIFTS OF DEVELOPMENT TO MADHYA PRADESH AND CHHATTISGARH

# Development initiatives to help economically disadvantaged families

**The new India of today is changing at a breakneck pace. During this Amrit Kaal of independence, every citizen has pledged to help India develop. To achieve this goal, India must become self-reliant and reduce its reliance on imports. The central government is continiously working in this direction. As a part of this , Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone and inaugurated numerous development projects in Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh on September 14. All of these projects will provide employment to the youth in these two states in the comig days, fulfilling the dreams of poor and middle-class families.**

The current central government is committed to the overall development of both Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh. As part of it, Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation and inaugurated a slew of major projects that will usher in a new era of happiness and prosperity for the local people. Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation for several development projects in Bina, Madhya Pradesh, which will provide new impetus to development. These projects will revitalise the region's industrial development. These projects will cost the central government more than 50,000 crore rupees. For any country or state to develop, the government must be run transparently, and corruption must be eliminated. When connectivity in Madhya Pradesh improved, a favourable environment for industries and businesses was created. Today, large investors want to come to Madhya Pradesh and establish new factories. That is why Prime Minister Narendra Modi believes Madhya Pradesh will achieve new heights in industrial development in the coming years.

The Central Government not only created

## PM Modi lays the foundation stone for BPCL's petrochemical complex

- The Bina refinery complex of Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) will be developed at a cost of about Rs 49,000 crore.
- This cutting-edge refinery will produce approximately 1,200 metric tonnes of ethylene and propylene per year, which are critical components in industries such as textiles, packaging, and pharmaceuticals.
- This refinery will reduce the country's reliance on imports and significantly contribute to the Prime Minister's vision of "Aatmanirbhar Bharat."
- The project will create jobs while also promoting the development of downstream industries in the petroleum sector.
- It will also spur development in Bundelkhand and its surrounding areas.

## Laid foundation stone for 10 new industrial projects

**PM Modi laid the foundation stone of ten projects, which include the 'Power and Renewable Energy Manufacturing Zone' in Narmadapuram district, two IT parks in Indore, a mega industrial park in Ratlam, and six new industrial areas across Madhya Pradesh.**

**460 crore**

rupees to be spent on developing a 'Power and Renewable Energy Manufacturing Zone' in Narmadapuram. This will be an important step towards economic development and employment generation.

**550 crore**

Rupees to be spent on building 'IT Park 3 and 4, in Indore to give a boost to the IT and ITES sectors. It will also create new employment opportunities for the youth.

**460 crore**

Rupees worth mega industrial park will be built in Ratlam. It will be connected to Delhi-Mumbai Expressway

**310 crore**

rupees to be spent to develop six new industrial areas to bring about balanced regional development and promote employment opportunities..

# Projects will give impetus to the development of Chhattisgarh

**Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated to the country several important railway projects worth Rs 6,350 crore in Chhattisgarh. These projects will give impetus to the development of the state as well as the nation.**

- Promotion of coal transportation: Inauguration of Chhattisgarh East Railway Project Phase 1
- Improving connectivity and tourism: the third rail line between Champa and Jamga
- Strengthening India's Energy Security: The MGR (Merry-Go-Round) system connecting Talaipalli Coal Mine to the NTPC Lara Super Power Thermal Power Station

## Foundation stone of the 'Critical Care Block' and distribution of sickle cell counselling cards

- During the programme, Prime Minister Modi also laid the foundation stone of a 50-bed 'Critical Care Block' in nine districts of Chhattisgarh.
- Distributed one lakh sickle cell counselling cards with the aim of addressing the health problems caused by sickle cell disease, especially among the tribal population.

schemes in the interest of the poor, but also ensured that the full benefits reached to the beneficiaries. People's lives in Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh have also improved significantly. The poor, Dalits, backward people, and tribals have benefited the most from the Central Government's efforts. India's model of high priority for the underprivileged, support for all, and development for all is paving the way for the rest of the world today. Prime Minister Modi said during the launch of the railway development project and other initiatives in Raigarh, Chhattisgarh, that the entire world is watching and appreciating the Indian model of welfare of poor combined with the rapid pace of modern development. ●





**Launch of the PM Vishwakarma Yojana**

# Honouring skills in New India

**The Central Government has prioritised assisting people engaged in traditional crafts. In this spirit, Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government launched the PM Vishwakarma Yojana on September 17, which has emerged as a new ray of hope for millions of families who have traditionally relied on hand skills and tools. On the same day, Prime Minister Modi dedicated the first phase of the India International Convention and Expo Centre 'Yashobhoomi' in Dwarka, New Delhi to the nation.**

In our scriptures, it is said, 'यो विश्वं जगतं करोत्येसे स विश्वकर्मा' which means the one who creates the entire world or is involved in construction work related to it is called 'Vishwakarma.' For thousands of years, those companions who have been the foundation of India's prosperity have been our Vishwakarmas. Just as our spine plays a crucial role in our body, similarly, these Vishwakarma companions have a very significant role to play in our societal lives. Our Vishwakarma companions are associated with such work and skills, without which everyday life is unimaginable. On the occasion of the launch of the PM Vishwakarma Yojana, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that the 'PM Vishwakarma Yojana' is being launched with the blessings of Lord Vishwakarma. The PM Vishwakarma Yojana is coming as a new ray of hope for lakhs of families with hand skills and traditional work.

Prime Minister Modi also launched the PM Vishwakarma logo, tagline, and portal on the occasion. He also released customised stamp sheets, tool kits, e-booklets, and videos on the occasion. The Prime Minister distributed Vishwakarma certificates to 18 beneficiaries. 'PM Vishwakarma 'will be fully funded by the central government with an outlay of Rs 13,000 crore. Also, loan assistance and training will be given to Vishwakarmas for skill upgrades.



# Help for Artisans and craftsmen

**PM Vishwakarma Yojana will provide assistance to artisans and craftsmen from rural and urban areas across the country. 18 traditional crafts have been included under this scheme.**

- Carpenter
- Boat maker
- Armourer
- Blacksmith
- Hammer and tool kit maker
- Locksmith
- Goldsmith
- Potter, Sculptor, Stone breaker
- Cobbler
- Mason
- Basket, mat, broom maker, or coir weaver
- Doll and toy maker (traditional)
- Barber
- Garland maker
- Washerman
- Tailor
- Fishing net maker

## Metro train extension from Dwarka Sector 21 to 'Yashobhoomi Dwarka Sector 25' station

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Airport Metro Express Line extension from Dwarka Sector 21 to the 'Yashobhoomi Dwarka Sector 25' station in Yashobhoomi Dwarka Sector 25 on September 17. The new metro station will have three subways. The speed of metro trains on the Delhi Metro Airport Express Line has been increased from 90 to 120 km/hr, reducing travel time. During his visit, Prime Minister Modi took the metro from Dhaula Kuan metro station to Yashobhoomi Dwarka Sector 25 metro station, where he interacted with people from various sections.



# Grand India's "Yashobhoomi"

## Yasobhoomi dedicated to the nation

Today's new India is also preparing itself for conference tourism. Both Bharat Mandapam and Yashobhoomi are confluences of Indian culture and state-of-the-art facilities. Dedicating the first phase of the India International Convention and Expo Centre 'Yashobhoomi' to the nation, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that Bharat Mandapam, or Yashobhoomi, will become a symbol of India's hospitality, India's excellence, and India's grandeur. Bharat Mandapam and Yashobhoomi are such centres, which are now going to make Delhi the biggest hub of conference tourism. Lakhs of youth are likely to get employment at Yashobhoomi Centre alone. Yashobhoomi will become a place in the future where people from all over the world are going to queue up for international conferences, meetings, and exhibitions.

Approx. **5,400** crore rupees project developed on an area of over 8.9 lakh square metres, 'Yashobhoomi' will be one of the largest MICE (meetings, incentives, conferences, and exhibitions) facilities in the world.

- 'Yashobhoomi 'has a grand convention centre, several exhibition halls, and other facilities.
- The Convention Centre is equipped with the largest LED media façade in the country.

**11,000** plus delegate seating capacity,the convention centre has 15 conference rooms, a grand ballroom, and 13 meeting rooms.

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**-Narendra Modi, Prime Minister**




Union Cabinet Decisions

# BESS scheme approved, additional funds for industrial development scheme

**The Central Government is dedicated to energising the nation for a prosperous future. It has been working in this direction continuously. In this regard, the Union Cabinet has approved the Battery Energy Storage System (BESS), which is a significant step towards promoting clean and green energy solutions. On the other hand, the Cabinet has approved additional funds for Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand under the Central Sector Industrial Development Scheme 2017. Additional funds will aid in credit expansion and industrial unit expansion.**

**DECISION:** The viability gap-funding scheme for the installation of battery energy storage systems (BESS) was approved. It will cost around Rs. 3,760 crore.

**IMPACT:** Under the approved plan, 4,000 MWh of BESS projects will be developed by 2030–31. This step is one of the environment friendly measures taken by the government. The move is expected to reduce the cost of battery storage systems and increase their practicality.

- Minimum of 85% of the capacity of the BESS project will be made available to the distribution companies (discoms) to ensure the benefits of the scheme reach consumers.
- This will not only enhance the integration of renewable energy into the electricity grid but also reduce losses from the optimal use of the transmission network. This will reduce the need for costly infrastructure upgrades.

**DECISION:** Additional funds sanctioned for Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand under the Central Industrial Development Scheme 2017

**IMPACT:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi has often described Himachal Pradesh as his second home. His words were reflected once again with the Cabinet's approval of additional funds in the Central Sector Industrial Development Scheme 2017 for Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand.

- An additional financial outlay of Rs. 1164.53 crore was approved. This decision will give impetus to industrial development and employment opportunities in both the hill states. Additional funds were required to meet the committed liabilities under the scheme until 2028–29.
- It is estimated that 774 registered units will generate direct employment opportunities for about 48,607 people.

**The Union Cabinet, in its meeting held on September 13, passed a resolution appreciating the success of the G20 Summit held in New Delhi on September 9–10, 2023.**

**DECISION:** Cabinet approves e-Courts Mission Mode Project Phase-III. A budgetary provision of Rs 7,210 crore has been made for this.

**IMPACT:** It will be easier for judges and registries to make smart data-based decisions. Integrated tech platform for paperless interface between courts, litigants, and other stakeholders. Justice will now be more accessible, affordable, reliable, and transparent. ●



# A new dimension in India-Saudi Arabia strategic relations

**Bilateral relations between India and Saudi Arabia have grown stronger over the last decade and are now entering a new phase. Following the conclusion of the G-20 summit, Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman Al Saud stayed in India for a one-day state visit. Several agreements were signed between the two nations during the meeting between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the Crown Prince...**

Following the G-20 summit in New Delhi, Prime Minister Narendra Modi held bilateral talks with Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman Al Saud. Both leaders reviewed various aspects of bilateral relations and discussed ways to advance the prospects of a strategic partnership during their meeting. Prime Minister Narendra Modi stated in his opening statement at the first meeting of the India-Saudi Arabia Strategic Partnership Council, "I am pleased that many meetings of both committees have been held under this Council, as a result of which our mutual cooperation is continuously increasing in every field. New and modern dimensions are being added to our relationships to meet the needs of changing times."

During Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Riyadh in October 2019, the India-Saudi Arabia Strategic Partnership Council was formed, which has two committees. The first is the Political-Security-Social and Cultural Cooperation Committee, and the second is the Economy and Investment Committee. The meeting between the

## 200 billion dollar trade expected

**"Union Minister of Commerce and Industry, Food and Public Distribution, and Textiles, Piyush Goyal, in a conversation with Saudi Arabia's Minister of Investment, Khalid A. Al Falih, said that two countries are the two" "fastest-growing economies" "in the world today."**

- Saudi Arabia has been ranked 62nd and India 63rd in the World Bank's Ease of Doing Business rankings. However, this ranking was discontinued in 2020.
- Trade between India and Saudi Arabia currently stands at about $52 billion, which can be increased to $200 billion.
- The terms and conditions for doing business in India have been simplified. A single Windows system has been set up.
- India has exempted taxes and made it seamless to transfer funds in and out of GIFT City.
- The Saudi Arabian government is setting up 'Neom City' at a cost of $0.5 trillion. The concept of 100% clean energy throughout the city has been created in such a way that it will be user-friendly.

## Decision to set up offices in both countries

**The India-Saudi Arabia Investment Forum 2023 was organised by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India, and the Ministry of Investment of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in New Delhi on September 11, 2021. More than 500 companies from India and Saudi Arabia participated in the forum. This was the first formal investment seminar between India and Saudi Arabia. The Ministerial Session of the India-Saudi Investment Forum 2023 was co-chaired by Union Minister Piyush Goyal and Saudi Arabia's Minister of Investment Khalid A. Al Falih.**

- In the meeting, it was decided to set up offices in both countries.
- Launch of India-Saudi Arabia Startup, Innovation Bridge
- As many as 45 agreements were signed to boost bilateral investment between the two countries.
- These agreements are expected to further deepen the economic engagement between the two countries, which is also likely to boost investment.

two leaders followed a ministerial meeting of the two committees held in Riyadh in September 2022. Prime Minister Modi said, “I had a very fruitful interaction with His Royal Highness Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman Al Saud of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. We reviewed our trade relations. Prime Minister Modi expressed confidence that trade relations between the two countries will further strengthen in the years to come."

There is immense scope for cooperation between the two countries in grid connectivity, renewable energy, food security, semiconductors, and the supply chain. India is eager to strengthen ties with Saudi Arabia in a variety of areas. Prime Minister Narendra Modi also attended Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman Al Saud's felicitation ceremony at Rashtrapati Bhavan.Many important issues were on the agenda, including trade, health care, and security.The first meeting of the Strategic Partnership Council leaders was held between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman Al Saud. The meeting's agenda covered a wide range of bilateral cooperation issues, including energy security, trade and investment, defence and security, health care, food security, culture, and community welfare. ●

**For India, Saudi Arabia is one of our most important strategic partners. As the world's two largest and fastest-growing economies, our mutual cooperation is vital for peace and stability in the entire region. The friendship between India and Saudi Arabia is vital for regional and global stability, prosperity, and human welfare.**

**- Narendra Modi, Prime Minister**




# ASEAN-India strategic partnership reaches new heights

**The Government of India's policy is to move forward by bringing everyone with it, whether making decisions within the country or at the international level. On September 7, 2023, Prime Minister Narendra Modi presented 12-point proposals to strengthen India-ASEAN cooperation at the 20th ASEAN-India Summit in Jakarta. It has been decided to collaborate in order to make the India-ASEAN organisation stronger and more effective in dealing with global challenges such as terrorism, climate change, food and medicine supply, and energy security.**

The 20th ASEAN-India Summit and the 18th East Asia Summit were held in Jakarta, Indonesia. Prime Minister Narendra Modi held wide-ranging discussions with other members of the grouping on further strengthening the strategic partnership and charting its future course. Prime Minister Modi presented a 12-point proposal to strengthen India-ASEAN cooperation, covering issues such as connectivity, digital transformation, trade and economic partnership, addressing contemporary challenges, people-to-people contact, and deepening strategic partnership. The proposal is as follows:

- Establishment of multi-modal connectivity and an economic corridor connecting Southeast Asia, India, West Asia, and Europe
- Offers to share India's digital public infrastructure with ASEAN partners.
- Announcing the ASEAN-India Fund for a Digital Future, focusing on cooperation in digital transformation and financial connectivity.
- Announcement of the reestablishment of the Economic and Research Institute of ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA) to act as a knowledge partner to enhance cooperation.
- A call to collectively raise issues facing developing countries (the Global South) in multilateral fora.
- Invitation to ASEAN countries to join the Global Centre for Traditional Medicine being established by WHO in India.
- A call to work together on mission LiFE.
- Offering to share India's experience in providing affordable and quality medicines through Jan Aushadhi Kendras.
- Calling for a collective fight against terrorism, terror financing, and cyber-disinformation.
- Invitation to ASEAN countries to join the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure.
- Call for cooperation in disaster management
- Call for enhanced cooperation on maritime safety, security, and awareness in the domain working area.

## ASEAN is the focal point of the Quad vision

The East Asia Summit is an important forum. India fully supports the 'ASEAN Outlook on the Indo-Pacific'. There is harmony in the vision of India and ASEAN for the Indo-Pacific; hence, the 'East Asia Summit' is an important medium to implement the 'Indo-Pacific Ocean Initiative'. ASEAN is central to the vision of the Quad. The current global scenario is surrounded by difficult situations and uncertainties; hence, it is necessary to completely follow international laws. Everyone's commitment and joint efforts are also necessary to strengthen the sovereignty and territorial integrity of all countries. Prime Minister Modi said that today is not the era of war; dialogue and diplomacy are the only ways to find a solution. Everyone has an interest in peace, security, and prosperity in the Indo-Pacific. India believes that the Code of Conduct for the South China Sea should be effective and should take into account the interests of countries that are not involved in it.

## Call for a collaborative approach on terrorism and climate change

At the 18th East Asia Summit, Prime Minister Modi reiterated the importance of the summit and offered to help strengthen it. The forum called for a collaborative approach to tackle global challenges including terrorism, climate change, and resilient supply chains for essential commodities including food and medicines, and energy security. PM Modi highlighted the steps taken by India in the field of climate change. ●





# TEACHERS AND PARENTS SHOULD NURTURE SPECIAL ABILITIES IN CHILDREN

**Education plays an important role in everyone's life. Teachers play an important role in educating children. On Teachers' Day, September 5, President Droupadi Murmu honoured teachers who shaped the minds of the country's youth and shaped the country's destiny. Through their dedication and hard work, these award-winning teachers have not only improved the quality of school education, but have also enriched the lives of their students.**

When the passion is to bring about change, continuous efforts have to be made. This is the passion of Aarti Kanungo, a school teacher in Delhi's Laxmi Nagar. Aarti says, "I adopted many teaching innovations to impart simple, accessible education to students. She actively participated in initiatives such as PM e-Vidya and Mission Buniyaad. That is why she was awarded the National Award in 2023. Like Aarti, Seema Agnihotri, a teacher at CM Rise Government Vinoba HS School in Ratlam, Madhya Pradesh, was also awarded the National Teacher Award. She did a lot of work to encourage everyone's interest in education. She organised story-reading contests, news writing competitions, drama and dance competitions, etc. The government appreciated her dedication to education. She says that when we understand the family situations of our students, we are able to teach them better. The award was also given to Sarika Gharu, a teacher from Hoshangabad district of Madhya Pradesh who turned her classroom into a school of fun to encourage the enrollment of tribal children. The students at the school also received many awards for their hard work.



## PM interacted with the winners of the National Teachers' Awards 2023

Prime Minister Narendra Modi interacted with the winners of the National Teacher Awards 2023 at 7 Lok Kalyan Marg on the eve of Teachers' Day, in which 75 awardees participated. Prime Minister Modi, while interacting with teachers, said that one should never let the inner student die in life. If the student within you is alive, you will never get confused or disappointed in life. Life will not be burdensome. He talked about taking pride in local heritage and history and urged teachers to inspire students to learn about the history and culture of their region. The Prime Minister also talked about the recent success of Chandrayaan-3. He also spoke about the importance of raising curiosity among students about science and technology and preparing them for the future.

Presenting the National Teachers Awards to the teachers who consider discipline the ladder of success, President Droupadi Murmu said that it is the duty of the teachers as well as the parents to recognise the special abilities of each child and help develop those abilities with sensitivity. She said that every parent wants their child to be treated with special attention and love. Parents entrust their children to teachers with great confidence. The President said that teachers shape the future of a nation. She said that quality education is considered the fundamental right of every child, and the role of teachers is most important in achieving these goals.

**3-H Formula for Balanced Development**

Many educators discuss the 3-H formula for children's balanced development, in which the first H represents the heart, the second H represents the head, and the third H represents the hand. The heart is associated with sensitivity, human values, character strength, and morality. The head or brain is associated with mental development, reasoning ability, and reading, whereas the hand is associated with physical abilities and a respect for manual labour. Only by emphasising such a holistic approach will children's overall development be possible. ●



## National Teachers' Award recognises teachers for their outstanding contributions

The National Teachers' Award seeks to recognise teachers who have made outstanding contributions to improving educational quality and enriching students' lives through their commitment and dedication. Each award includes a certificate, a cash prize of Rs 50,000, and a silver medal.

- The Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Education, presents the National Award to the best teachers in the country selected through a rigorous, transparent selection process. For this, a function is organised every year on Teachers' Day.
- Since this year, the scope of the National Teacher Award has been expanded to include teachers from the Department of Higher Education and the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship.
- This year, 50 school teachers, 13 higher education teachers, and 12 teachers from the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship were honoured.
- Nominations were accepted online to encourage maximum participation in order to recognise innovative teaching, research, community outreach, and work.
- For the selection of teachers, the Education Minister formed three separate independent national juries comprised of eminent persons.







# STRENGTHENING INFRASTRUCTURE IN BORDER AREAS

**Timely completion of infrastructure projects in the border and remote areas of the country has now become the habit of the new India. Border Roads Organization (BRO) through its infrastructure projects is not only securing the borders but also playing an important role in the socio-economic development of remote areas. On September 12, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh dedicated to the nation 90 BRO infrastructure projects costing more than Rs 2,900 crore in 11 states and union territories….**

Taking the unprecedented task of developing infrastructure in border areas and boosting road-to-sky connectivity, BRO inaugurated 90 infrastructure related projects from Jammu which will prove to be a milestone. These include Nechiphu Tunnel in Arunachal Pradesh; two airfields in West Bengal; two helipads; 22 roads and 63 bridges. With the inauguration of 90 projects worth Rs 2,900 crore, a record 295 infrastructure projects of BRO with a total cost of about Rs 8,000 crore have been dedicated to the nation since 2021. In 2022, 103 projects costing about Rs 2,900 crore were inaugurated while in 2021, 102 projects costing more than Rs 2,200 crore were dedicated to the nation. Prime Minister Narendra Modi appreciated the projects constructed by BRO. PM Modi said that these are important projects which will help in enhancing the infrastructure in the border areas.

Of these projects, 36 are in Arunachal Pradesh, 26 in Ladakh, 11 in Jammu and Kashmir, 5 in Mizoram, three in Himachal Pradesh, two each in Sikkim, Uttarakhand and West Bengal and one project each in Nagaland, Rajasthan and Andaman and Nicobar Islands. The BRO has completed the construction of these strategically-important projects in record time; most of them in a single working season using state-of-the-art technology. ●



**Narendra Modi**
@narendramodi

Happy to have welcomed @POTUS @JoeBiden to 7, Lok Kalyan Marg. Our meeting was very productive. We were able to discuss numerous topics which will further economic and people-to-people linkages between India and USA. The friendship between our nations will continue to play a great role in furthering global good.



**Rajnath Singh**
@rajnathsingh

Under India's G20 Presidency, the African Union has been given permanent membership in the Group, fostering inclusivity and deepening cooperation with Africa. The admission of the African Union into the G20 is a significant achievement for PM Modi's 'Global South' initiative. 5/6



**Amit Shah**
@AmitShah

The latest Morning Consult survey shows that PM @narendramodi Ji's popularity remains unrivalled among global leaders.
This is not only a testament to the success of the Modi doctrine in foreign policy but also a global recognition of Modi Ji's undeterred achievements in lifting millions out of poverty, selfless efforts to improve their living standards and people's unyielding trust in him.



**Nitin Gadkari**
@nitin_gadkari

Embarking on a new era! 🌍
The launch of the Global Biofuels Alliance during the G20 Summit under the leadership of PM Shri @narendramodi Ji symbolizes a pivotal step in our journey toward sustainability and a cleaner, greener energy future. Let's power the world with innovation and eco-conscious choices!



**Hardeep Singh P...**
@HardeepSPuri

PM श्री @narendramodi जी सर्व-समाज को लेकर आगे बढ़ते हैं।
#PMVishwakarma योजना देश के ग्रामीण और शहरी क्षेत्रों के कारीगरों और शिल्पकारों को नई मजबूती प्रदान करेगी।
देश के विश्वकर्माओं को सुनिए, इस योजना के लिए सभी आदरणीय प्रधानमंत्री जी का आभार जताते नहीं थक रहे।



**Jyotiraditya M. S...**
@JM_Scindia

'सबका साथ, सबका विकास' के मूल मन्त्र का जीवंत स्वरुप है प्रधानमंत्री विश्वकर्मा योजना।
हमारे मेहनतकश मजदूर, शिल्पकार भाई-बहन अपने जीवन का प्रति क्षण राष्ट्र निर्माण को समर्पित करने के बावजूद, आज तक उदासीनता का शिकार रहे हैं, लेकिन अब नहीं।

# G20 declaration sent positive signal on tackling global challenges: China

**TEAM EFFORT.** Says it played a constructive role and calls for sticking to original aspiration of solidarity

Press Trust of India
Beijing

China finally broke its silence on the New Delhi G20 summit saying that the declaration adopted by the member nations has sent a "positive signal" that the influential grouping is "working together" to tackle global challenges and promote world economic recovery.

India on Saturday pulled off a big diplomatic win after the G20 summit held under its presidency adopted a consensus declaration overcoming major differences on the Russia-Ukraine war, as Prime Minister Narendra Modi called for ending the "global trust deficit".

In strident comment on the outcome of the two-day summit, which concluded Sunday, the Chinese Foreign Ministry spoke highly of its outcome.

"The summit adopted a leaders' declaration, which reflects China's proposition and stance that the G20 would act in concrete ways through partnership, sending a positive signal of the G20 working together to tackle global challenges and promote world economic recovery and global development," Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Mao Ning said.

**'CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE'**

Asked for her comment on the summit outcome, Mao said, "In the process of preparing for this New Delhi summit, China played a constructive role and always supported the summit in attaching importance to the concerns of developing countries and reaching fruitful outcomes in support of common development."

Chinese Premier Li Qiang attended the summit, deputising for President Xi Jinping.

Mao said China has always attached importance to and actively supported the work of the G20 and believes that it's important for the grouping to stand in solidarity and cooperate to address various risks and challenges in the world economy and development.

"During his attendance at the G20 Summit in New Delhi, Premier Li Qiang elaborated on China's views and propositions on G20 cooperation, calling on all parties to stick to the original aspiration of solidarity and cooperation, live up to the responsibility for peace and development as required by our times, and be partners in promoting the world economic recovery, open cooperation and global sustainable development," she said.

The G20 member countries represent around 85 per cent of the global GDP, over 75 per cent of the global trade, and about two-thirds of the world population.

# PM gifts slice of Indian heritage to G20 leaders

Tribune News Service

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Kashmiri saffron and gastronomy in Kannauj attar and honey from the Sundarbans, Prime Minister Narendra Modi gifted slices of Indian heritage to G20 leaders.

The presents featured a gift hamper, comprising Kashmiri saffron and jaggery/gur, Araku coffee from Andhra Pradesh, special honey from the Sundarbans, Darjeeling and Nilgiri tea, and Zighrana attar packed into Dhokhani treasure chests.

The curated compilation of hand-crafted artisanal and products was meant to reflect Bharat's rich cultural traditions, government sources said.

The hamper's hallmark was the Dhokhadharwood Handook with Brass Attachments crafted using Indian Rosewood. The chest contained saffron from Kashmir, the most exotic and expensive spice in the world, Pehar Darjeeling and Nilgiri tea emblems of Gangaa, Brahmaputra and Meghna rivers in the flow of Bengal, a home to wild colonies of honeybees in the Sundarbans, and Araku coffee from the Araku Valley in the Eastern Ghats.



**HAMPER FOR LEADERS**

Gift hamper included Kashmiri saffron and jaggery/gur, Araku coffee, honey from the Sundarbans, Darjeeling and Nilgiri teas, and Zighrana attar packed into Dhokhani treasure chests.

**STOLE FOR SPOUSES**

| COUNTRY | GIFT |
|---|---|
| Argentina | Tamarind dry cloth |
| Aus, Brazil | Pashmina stole |
| Indonesia | Assam silk |
| Japan | Kanjeevaram silk |
| UK | Banarasi stole |
| Mauritius | Tikkal shawl |

21ST CENTURY IS THE CENTURY OF ASIA: PRIME MINISTER AT ASEAN

# PM Bats for Open and Free Indo-Pac at East Asia Meet

'Code of Conduct should be effective for South China Sea, be UNCLOS compliant and interests of those not part of the discussions should be kept in mind'

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New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi emphasised while addressing the East Asia Summit on Thursday that "the need of the hour is an Indo-Pacific where international law, including UNCLOS (United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea), applies equally to all countries, where there is freedom of navigation and overflight, and where there is unimpeded lawful commerce for the benefit of all".

He also addressed the India-Asean Summit on Jakarta, where he unveiled a 12-point plan across sectors ranging from connectivity to digital public infrastructure (DPI) and cooperation. "India believes that the Code of Conduct should be effective for the South China Sea, be UNCLOS-compliant and, in this, the interests of those countries which are not part of the discussions should also be kept in mind," the PM said.

At the East Asia Summit, the PM pitched for everyone's steadfast support and joined efforts to strengthen the sovereignty and territorial integrity of all countries against the backdrop of China's increasing military assertiveness in the South China Sea. He said all countries in the region have an interest in peace, security and prosperity in the Indo-Pacific.

His comments came days after a number of Asean member countries such as Malaysia, Vietnam and the Philippines voiced sharply to China's territorial claim over the South China Sea in its amended map of the "standard map of China".

On August 28, China released the 2023 edition of the "standard map of China", showing Taiwan, the South China Sea, Arunachal Pradesh and Aksai Chin as Chinese territories. India dismissed the "map" and lodged a strong protest with China over it.

The 12-point plan unveiled by the PM at India-Asean summit proposes establishing multi-modal connectivity and an economic corridor that links India, Southeast Asia, West Asia and Europe.

Modi is scheduled to visit Jakarta to attend the India-Asean Summit and East Asia Summit held under Indonesian presidency ahead of the G20 summit. India also offered to share its DPI expertise with Asean partners and announced an 'Asean-India fund for digital future'.

The PM also announced the continued support to the Economic Research Institute for Asean and East Asia and called for collectively addressing issues of the global south and multilateral forums and offered to share the country's expertise in providing affordable and quality medicines through the Jan Aushadhi Kendras.

Modi also called for a collective fight against terrorism, terrorism financing and cyber disinformation, cooperation in disaster management and bolstering collaboration in maritime security and connectivity and domain awareness.

Other measures included in the plan are traditional medicine, India's Mission LiFE, Library for Bio-research and the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure. "The 21st century is the century of Asia. This is our century. This requires the creation of a rules-based post Covid world order, and everyone's effort for human welfare," Modi said on the occasion. "We all have a common interest in amplifying the voices of the global south."

Asean-India cooperation is making steady progress in every field, "even in an environment of global uncertainties", the Vishwaguru delivered the Asean states are connected by history and geography, shared values, peace, prosperity and a shared belief in a multipolar world, he said. "Asean is the central pillar of India's Act East policy. India fully supports Asean centrality and Asean's outlook on the Indo-Pacific. AIKA Nehdoo prominent place in India's Indo-Pacific initiative. Last year, we celebrated the India-Asean Friendship Year and elevated our relationship to a 'comprehensive strategic partnership,'" he said.

During the summit, PM Modi announced India's decision to open an embassy in Dili, the capital of Timor-Leste. The Prime Minister of Timor-Leste attended the summit as an observer.




Indonesian President Joko Widodo greets Prime Minister Narendra Modi on his arrival in Jakarta on Thursday to attend the Asean summit

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> Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

**PM announces** renewal of support to the Economic Research Institute for Asean and East Asia

**PM Modi also called for a** collective fight against terrorism, terror financing and cyber disinformation

**PM announces India's decision** to open an embassy in Dili, the capital of Timor-Leste

# It's special as son-in-law of India: Rishi Sunak

Press Trust of India
London

Rishi Sunak said on Friday that his visit to New Delhi for the G20 Leaders' Summit is "obviously special" as he joked about being referred to as the "son-in-law of India" as the first British Prime Minister of Indian heritage and married to an Indian in Akshata Murty.

Speaking to reporters in a huddle on his flight to New Delhi, the 43-year-old British Indian leader said he was excited to be back in India, "a country that is very near and dear to me".

"I'm heading to the G20 Summit with a clear focus. Stabilising the global economy. Building international relationships. Supporting the most vulnerable," tweeted Sunak as he embarked on the three-day tour.

"It's obviously special. I saw somewhere that I was referred to as India's son-in-law, which I hope was meant affectionately," he told reporters travelling with him.

His Downing Street spokesperson said the UK will use "every opportunity" to show its support for Ukraine and further foster global support as well.

"India has a vital role to play as the world's largest democracy in calling out Russia's assault on human rights and indeed democracy itself. We will use meetings with Modi or elsewhere to encourage them to use that influence to bring an end to Putin's brutal invasion," Sunak's spokesperson said.

# At G20, Biden looks to fill hole left by Putin & Xi, shore up India ties

Asim Rogers & Peter Baker

New Delhi: President Joe Biden arrived in New Delhi on Friday for a global summit where he will present the United States as an economic and strategic counterweight to China and Russia, taking advantage of the absence of leaders from those two countries, who are skipping the gathering.

Biden, swaggy with months as president of up to $200 billion in new development funds for African states, food security, public health and other infrastructure needs in less developed countries through revamped international financing institutions like the World Bank, leveraged by a relatively small investment by the US.

The initiative represents a US-led response to China's $1tn-and Road project providing loans to poorer countries to build ports, rail lines and telecommunications networks, a venture that has expanded Beijing's influence in parts of the world where it rarely played much of a role before. Biden's plan would match only a fraction of the Chinese investments in recent years but offers an alternative to Beijing's presence on an engagement and often onerous terms.

The president will have an important opportunity at the G20 meeting Sunday to the decisions by President Xi Jinping of China and President Vladimir Putin of Russia to not attend. Biden will have room to present a case to a large group of important world leaders that they should align with the US on matters that include condemning Russia's war in Ukraine and curbing China's increasing assertiveness in the Indo-Pacific.

The president plans to use the trip to shore up his relationship with the G20 host, Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who is using the economic-focused meeting to showcase the promise and potential of a bigger role Indian economy. Biden, who hosted Modi for a state dinner in Washington in June, met with the PM shortly after his arrival in New Delhi on Friday.

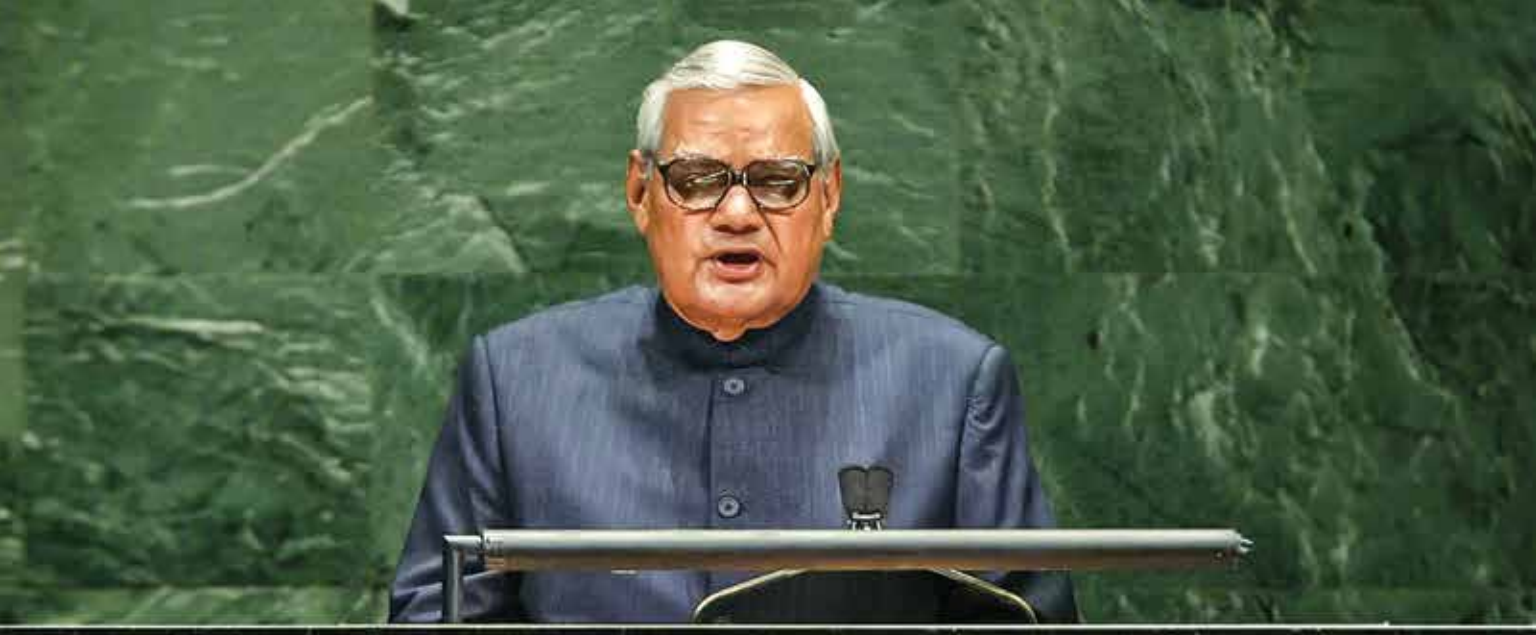
What Modi has demonstrated, and what the US is keenly into, is a leader who is willing to make bets on the future of the country," Nicole Peltier, the chief executive of the Asia Group and deputy assistant secretary of state for East Asia and the Pacific under President Barack Obama, said. "The diplomatic as well as political stability that Modi enjoys allows this relationship to be more fruitful, and Biden has leaned into that."

It remains to be seen how much of a partner Modi is willing to be in Biden's broader efforts to counter China's rising aggression in the Indo-Pacific. India, which remained non-aligned during the Cold War, has likewise refused to join the American-led coalition aiding Ukraine in its war against invading Russian forces.

Biden is also expected to hold separate meetings with several other leaders while he is in New Delhi. The White House has not identified which leaders he will meet with, but many are watching to see if Biden sits down with Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman of Saudi Arabia. Biden's advisers are trying to broker a diplomatic opening between Saudi Arabia and Israel that could transform the Middle East.



UNCLE JOE: Biden greets US envoy Eric Garcetti's daughter at IGI



# WHEN HINDI WAS FIRST HEARD IN THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY

*The feeling of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam,' which considers the entire world to be one family, is part of the Hindi language's thinking. In keeping with this, on October 4, 1977, the eloquent former foreign minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee addressed the UN General Assembly for the first time in Hindi, the official language of India. With this historic speech, he left a lasting impression. In his honour, representatives from all countries stood up and applauded him. From 1977 to 2003, he addressed the United Nations General Assembly seven times as Foreign Minister and Prime Minister. Following in the footsteps of Atal Bihari Vajpayee, Prime Minister Narendra Modi addresses the United Nations General Assembly in Hindi only.*

- Today, under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, a favourable environment has been created for Hindi not only in the country but also in foreign countries. He also regularly communicates with the NRI community in Hindi.
- When Sushma Swaraj was the External Affairs Minister, she started a Hindi news bulletin at the United Nations. Played an important role in opening a Hindi Twitter account.
- On June 10, 2022, the United Nations General Assembly approved the proposal to release all business and important information in Hindi in addition to the six official languages.
- In many countries, Hindi is taught in about 175 universities. More than 80 crore people around the world speak Hindi.
- It is not only the language of about 45% of the population of India but has also become a language spoken all over the world.


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