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“India's G-20 presidency has become a symbol of inclusion, both within the country and beyond, representing the spirit of 'Sabka Saath'. It has become a 'People's G-20'. Millions of Indians have engaged with it.”

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi

The globally awaited 18th G20 Leaders' Summit was held at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi from September 9 -10, 2023 under India's maiden G20 Presidency. The Summit witnessed the participation of its 20 member states, nine invitee nations, and 14 international organizations. As a nation committed to democracy and multilateralism, India's presidency was a significant milestone as it sought to find practical global solutions for the benefit of all and embody the idea of "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam," or "the world is one family."

Over 1 lakh delegates have attended around 200 meetings in 60 cities of India in the past one year under India's G20 Presidency. The G20 Leaders' Summit is a culmination of all these meetings where the reports of all the Working Groups under the Sherpa Track and the Finance Track as well as the Engagement Groups have been submitted to adopt the final G20 New Delhi Declaration.



In the two day summit, following sessions were held:

Inaugural session:

In his address during the inaugural session of the G20 Summit, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi evoked a timeless message from India's rich history, emphasizing the enduring significance of ensuring the welfare and happiness of all humanity. He underscored the 21st century's potential to chart a new course for the global community, emphasizing the need for a human-centric approach to meeting.

Drawing attention to the post-COVID-19 era, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi acknowledged the pervasive crisis of trust that has gripped the world, with conflicts exacerbating this trust deficit. In his capacity as the President of the G-20, he extended a compelling invitation to the global community to unite in the noble endeavour of transforming the prevailing Global Trust Deficit into a renewed sense of global trust and confidence.

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi also championed the mantra of '*Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, and Sabka Prayas*' as a guiding beacon for the world. He underscored the urgency of finding comprehensive solutions to a spectrum of global challenges, including economic instability, the North-South divide, East-West disparities, and issues related to food, fuel, fertilizer management, terrorism, cyber security, as well as ensuring the security of health, energy, and water resources.



Notably, India put forth a proposal for the African Union to attain permanent membership status within the G-20, a proposal that garnered unanimous support from all participating nations. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi concluded his address by highlighting India's G-20 presidency as a symbol of inclusivity, both nationally and internationally, signifying the essence of '*Sabka Saath*.' It has truly become a '**People's G-20**,' with active engagement from millions of Indians, he said.



Session 1: One Earth

During the first session “One Earth” of the G20 Summit, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi underscored India's commitment to global harmony, rooted in the profound principle of '*Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam*'—the belief that the world is one family. This foundational ethos inspired India's '**Lifestyle for Environment Mission**,' reflecting the country's profound sense of responsibility towards the planet.

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi proudly announced that, with India's leadership and worldwide support, 2023 has been designated as the '**International Year of Millets**,' aligning with climate security principles. He emphasized India's forwardlooking vision with the '**Green Grids Initiative - One Sun, One World, One Grid**,' launched during COP-26, showcasing India's pivotal role in the burgeoning global solar revolution.



The Prime Minister underscored the critical importance of India's '**National Green Hydrogen Mission**' and its endeavours to foster a Global Hydrogen Ecosystem during its G-20 presidency. Addressing the pressing issue of climate change, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi recognized the imperative for an inclusive energy transition, requiring substantial investments in the trillions. Developed nations' commitment to providing 100 billion dollars for climate finance marked a significant milestone, reinforcing their pivotal role in this endeavour. The G20's adoption of the 'Green Development Pact' reaffirmed the collective commitment to sustainable and green growth.



Prime Minister also gave a few suggestions on the G-20 platform:

He stressed the urgent need for global cooperation in the realm of fuel blending. India's proposal involves increasing ethanol blending in petrol up to 20 percent, or alternatively, exploring alternative blending solutions that ensure a stable energy supply while concurrently addressing climate security concerns. Illustrating India's commitment to sustainability, the **Prime Minister launched the Global Biofuel Alliance** and extended an open invitation to all nations to participate in this transformative endeavour. In a bid to foster positive environmental impact, **Prime Minister Modi proposed the inception of a 'Green Credit Initiative' among G-20 countries.** This visionary initiative aims to incentivize environmentally responsible practices and investments.

Furthermore, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi highlighted the invaluable data gleaned from India's Moon Mission, Chandrayaan, which holds the potential to benefit humanity at large. In a bid to foster global cooperation in environmental monitoring, **India has proposed the launch of the 'G20 Satellite Mission for Environment and Climate Observation.'** This initiative will enable the sharing of vital climate and weather data with all nations, particularly those in the Global South, thus promoting international collaboration and knowledge exchange. The Prime Minister extended a warm invitation to all G-20 nations to join hands in this crucial mission for the betterment of the planet.



Session 2: One Family

In the second session themed "One Family" at the G20 Summit, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi made a momentous announcement by revealing the adoption of the [New Delhi Leaders' Declaration](#). This declaration stands as a remarkable achievement for India's G-20 presidency, especially amidst escalating tensions and divergent viewpoints concerning the Ukraine conflict. Prime Minister Modi called upon all the leaders present to not only embrace this declaration but also to declare their commitment to its principles. He extended his heartfelt congratulations and gratitude to all the leaders and Sherpas who diligently contributed to the formulation and realization of this significant document.



During his address, the Prime Minister delved into the importance of collective efforts in empowering individuals and fostering a more inclusive and sustainable planet. He underscored the transformative power of technology, citing examples of how it has positively impacted the lives of citizens across the globe. The need to prioritize youth development and skill enhancement as integral components of progress was emphasized.

Furthermore, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi highlighted the critical role that trust and transparency play in enhancing global supply chains—a key element in the ever-evolving global landscape. India's unwavering commitment to holistic health and wellness was reaffirmed, reflecting its dedication to addressing essential aspects of well-being. Additionally, the G20's potential in advancing the empowerment of women, furthering gender equality, and creating a more equitable world was stressed.



Session 3: One Future

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi set the tone for the third session, "One Future," at the G20 Summit by envisioning a world where the Global Village transforms into a Global Family, where not only the interests of nations are interconnected, but also their hearts. He emphasized a Human-Centric Vision, highlighting India's commitment to humanity by sharing data from the Chandrayaan Mission for the greater good. The Prime Minister lauded India's use of technology for inclusive development, enabling digital payments even in remote villages. Under India's chairmanship, a robust framework for Digital Public Infrastructure and the acceptance of the "**G20 Principles on Harnessing Data for Development**" have been accomplished. He also announced the launch of the "**Data for Development Capacity Building Initiative**" for the Global South and the establishment of the Startup 20 engagement group.



The Prime Minister acknowledged the rapid evolution of new-generation technologies, particularly Artificial Intelligence (AI), mentioning the 2019 adoption of "**Principles on AI**"¹ by the G20 and proposing the creation of a framework for Responsible Human-Centric AI governance, welcoming input from India. He stressed the importance of ensuring that AI benefits all countries in socio-economic development, the global workforce, and research and development.



¹ [G20 AI Principles](#)

Addressing global challenges, the Prime Minister highlighted cyber security and cryptocurrency as areas requiring attention, emphasizing the need for global standards to regulate cryptocurrencies. He also underscored the importance of global cooperation in cyber security to combat emerging threats, especially in the context of funding for terrorism through the cyber world.



The Prime Minister called for an alignment of global systems with present realities, citing the evolution of the United Nations since its founding. He pointed out that numerous regional forums have emerged in recent years, serving effectively, and urged an openminded exploration of their roles. The historic initiative to make the African Union a permanent member of the G-20 was mentioned, signalling a commitment to enhancing multilateral cooperation.

In conclusion, Prime Minister Modi urged participants to translate their resolutions, including those related to the Green Development Pact, Action Plan on SDGs, High-level Principles on Anti-corruption, Digital Public Infrastructure, and MDB Reforms, into concrete actions, underlining the importance of collective efforts for a better and more sustainable future.

Closing Ceremony of G20 Summit

In the closing ceremony of the G-20 Summit, the Prime Minister expressed unwavering faith in the Troika spirit, underlining the importance of mutual cooperation and solidarity among the G-20 nations. He conveyed support to Brazil, recognizing the significant role it will play under its leadership in advancing shared objectives. With warm greetings extended to Brazil's President, Mr. Lula da Silva, the Prime Minister symbolically handed over the gavel of the G-20 Presidency to Brazil, signifying the transition of leadership.



Addressing the ongoing responsibilities of India's G-20 Presidency, the Prime Minister noted that there are still two and a half months remaining in India's tenure. He acknowledged the wealth of suggestions and proposals put forth during the summit and stressed India's commitment to accelerating their progress. To facilitate this, he proposed the convening of another virtual session of the G-20

Summit at the end of November 2023, where a comprehensive review of the summit's outcomes would take place.

In his closing remarks, the Prime Minister concluded the G-20 Summit by expressing his hope for a harmonious roadmap encompassing the ideals of One Earth, One Family, and One Future. He invoked the Sanskrit phrase, "*Swasti Astu Vishwasya*," conveying a message of hope and peace for the entire world.



Various side event exhibitions were also held during the two-day summit:

Digital India Experience Zone

[Digital India Experience Zone](#) offered visitors a unique opportunity to experience the power of technology being implemented by India first hand. The Zone provided key insights into the crucial initiatives of Digital India. Initiatives which were showcased include Aadhaar, DigiLocker, UPI, eSanjeevani, DIKSHA, Bhashini, ONDC, and Ask GITA. It also includes MyGov, CoWIN, UMANG, Jan Dhan, e NAM, GSTN, FastTag, and other such initiatives of the government.

RBI's Innovation Pavilion

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) displayed cutting-edge financial technologies at the G20 Summit, showcasing their potential to revolutionize the financial landscape. It includes products demonstrating unique facets of India's innovation in the financial sector. These include Central Bank Digital Currency; a Public Tech Platform for Frictionless Credit using technology to provide loans in a digitized paperless manner; and Unique Payment System products such as UPI One World, Rupay on the GO, and Cross Border bill payment through Bharat Bill Payments.



Payment System Experience Center

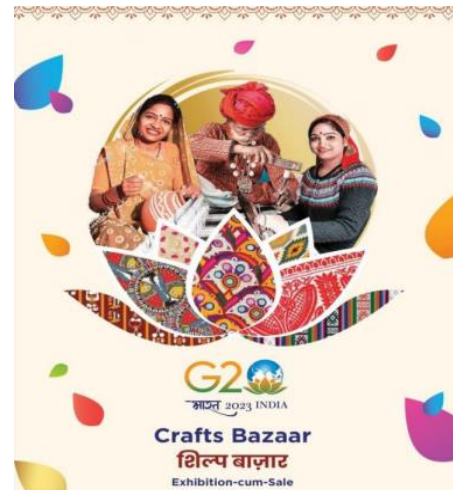
UPI One World is UPI designed for inbound foreign travellers who do not have bank accounts in India. Foreign nationals can open a Prepaid Payment Instrument linked to UPI to experience hassle-free and secure payments during their stay in India. Delegates will be onboarded on UPI One World. Their wallets will be pre-funded with Rs 2000, which they can utilize as they desire.



Crafts Bazaar

A ‘[Crafts Bazaar](#)’ was also set up at Bharat Mandapam that showcased handicraft products from different parts of India with a special focus on “One District One Product” and “GI-tagged” items. It offered delegates the unique opportunity to purchase locally sourced products.

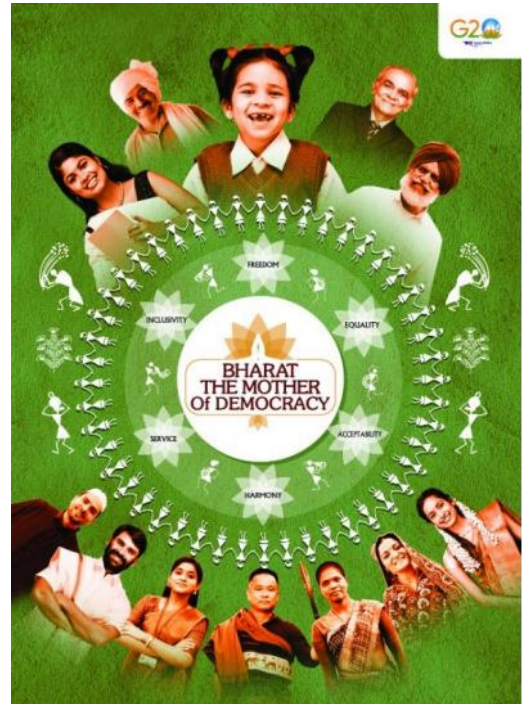
Around 30 States and UTs as well as Central agencies like Khadi Village and Industries Commission, TRIFED, etc. participated in the Crafts Bazaar. To showcase the skills and exquisite workmanship of artisans, special live demonstrations by master craftsmen were also showcased.



Bharat | The Mother of Democracy

'Bharat: The Mother of Democracy', a curated experience showcased the democratic traditions of our country. With the philosophy of "Sarve Bhavantu Sukhinah," meaning "let every living being be happy," we pray for the welfare of all. Ours is the country that flourished with the planned and organized cities of the Sindhu-Saraswati civilization in about 5000 BCE.

Democracy is an age-old concept in India. While other civilizations were in their nascent stage, India had already developed a mature system of democracy. As per the Indian ethos, democracy comprises the values of freedom, acceptability, equality, and inclusivity in society and allows its common citizens to lead a quality and dignified life. The history of democracy in India can be revisited through the 26 interactive panels on one side of the pathways where visitors can read content and listen to audio in 16 different languages.



Other Major Highlights

A replica sculpture of the girl from the Sindhu Saraswati Civilisation rotating on an elevated podium was placed in the center of the exhibition. She stands confident, self-assured, and looking at the world eye-to-eye, Independent and Liberated. On her body, she wears jewellery much like the adornments worn daily by women in Western India. The actual height of the object is 10.5 cm but the replica was created at 5 ft. height and 120 kg weight in bronze.

An AI Anchor welcomes the delegates and the Head of States narrating the long history and tradition of the Indian Democratic system.

The history of the “Mother of Democracy” is summed up and retold in 26 interactive screens. The textual content, along with its audio is presented in 16 global languages.

The huge screen at the back of the reception showcases the visual story of Bharat, the mother of democracy. Today, India is known as the largest democracy of the world, where citizens celebrate the voting day as the festival of democracy.



Showcasing Musical Traditions



Bharat – Vadya – Darshanam (Musical Journey of India)

"Bharat-Vadya-Darshanam" (Musical Journey of India) was a unique musical performance presented by the Gandharva Atodyam ensemble during a dinner hosted by the Hon'ble President of India in honour of G20 leaders. This musical journey was organized by the Sangeet Natak Akademi, the National Academy of Performing Arts, and showcased India's rich and diverse musical heritage.



It featured various musical styles, including Hindustani music, Carnatic music, folk music, and contemporary music, representing different regions of India. The ensemble included 78 instrumentalists from across the country, playing a wide range of traditional and classical instruments. Notably, it incorporated 34 Hindustani musical instruments, 18 Carnatic musical instruments, and 26 folk musical instruments, with participation from artists of diverse backgrounds, including children, women, differentlyabled individuals, young men, and professionals. This initiative celebrated India's cultural depth and artistic diversity, offering a captivating auditory experience that transcends regional boundaries.



Exhibition: 'Roots and Routes'

The exhibition titled 'Roots and Routes' delved into India's civilizational heritage, exploring its interconnectedness and ethos. It showcased India's cultural marvels through artifacts, literature, numismatics, epigraphy, and paintings, creating a rich and diverse narrative. This exhibition aligned with G20 priorities and the universal values of '*Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam*' by highlighting themes such as nature and environment, democratic spirit, gender equality, and education. It also connected with shared global traditions among G20 countries. 'Roots'



represent India's indigenous cultural elements like Shringar, Sangeet, and Prakriti, while 'Routes' explore the dissemination of these elements through various mediums, including language, philosophy, religion, literature, sculpture, and paintings. The exhibition brought together priceless artifacts from institutions across India, including the Indian Museum, Government Museums, the National Museum, and more, presenting a remarkable assemblage of Indian heritage, including sculptures, art pieces, bronzes, manuscripts, and paintings. This exhibition aimed to foster a dialogue between 'Roots and Routes,' presenting diverse voices, thoughts, and relatable stories.

G20 Leaders' Spouses Visit to National Gallery of Modern Art (NGMA)

G20 Leaders' spouses witness the grandeur of Modern Indian Art. The visiting G20 Leaders' Spouses explored the prestigious National Gallery of Modern Art (NGMA) & Jaipur House. On display was a specially curated art exhibition that showcased contemporary Indian art in its various forms.



Leaders of G20 nations paid homage to Mahatma Gandhi at Rajghat

During a visit to the iconic Rajghat, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, along with leaders from G20 member nations, paid tribute to Mahatma Gandhi. He emphasized that Gandhi's enduring principles of peace, service, compassion, and non-violence serve as a guiding light for their collective aspiration towards a harmonious, inclusive, and prosperous global future. World leaders gathered at Rajghat to honour Gandhi's legacy, demonstrating their respect for his values and vision.



Spouses of participating G20 Head of States were invited for a special agriculture exhibition

The first ladies and spouses of G20 member countries experienced the Agricultural prowess of India first-hand, in a one-of-a kind exhibition organized on 9th September 2023. The event featured a range of captivating components, such as a millet-focused live cooking session led by celebrity chefs Kunal Kapur, Anahita Dhondy and Ajay Chopra, as well as the display of cutting-edge agricultural technology from prominent Indian startups, interaction with Indian women agri-champions, 'Agri-Street' etc.

The spouses made their way to the exhibition area, prior to that they had a brief pitstop at the 'Rangoli Area', which featured two massive 'Millet Rangolis'. The beautiful artworks were prepared using millet grains and local Indian motifs. The **first rangoli captured the "Harmony of Harvest" theme**, unveiling India's deep-rooted agricultural traditions. The **second rangoli piece echoed India's cultural philosophy - "The World is One Family"**, emphasizing global unity.



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