

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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**RAJYA SABHA STARRED
QUESTION NO. 128
ANSWERED ON 14.12.2023**

IMPACT OF INDIA'S G20 PRESIDENCY

***128. SHRI G.V.L. NARASIMHA RAO:**

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) the major tangible and intangible benefits or outcomes of India's G20 Presidency;
- (b) whether G20 Presidency helped in enhancing India's global image as a leading power, the details thereof;
- (c) the unique features of India's G20 Presidency vis-a-vis other countries which held G20 Presidency in the past;
- (d) whether Government plans to carry forward these initiatives and ideas to help further country's interests; and
- (e) the manner in which different sections of the society like youth, businesses, political class, State Governments, etc., had been involved in various G20 related activities and the experience gained with such efforts?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
(DR. SUBRAHMANYAM JAISHANKAR)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (e) in respect of Rajya Sabha Starred Question No. 128 for reply on 14.12.2023 regarding “Impact of India’s G20 Presidency” asked by Shri G.V.L. Narasimha Rao.

(a) to (e): India’s G20 Presidency, that successfully culminated in the historic New Delhi G20 Leaders’ Summit on 9-10 September 2023, laid out clear, action-oriented guidance for inclusive growth and sustainable development of the global economy in the years ahead. Given that G20 comprises of the world’s leading economies, accounting for around 85% of the global GDP, 75% of world trade and 2/3rd of world population, the New Delhi G20 Summit was an unprecedented gathering of world leaders in New Delhi, elevating India’s standing in the world.

With over 200 G20 meetings held in 60 Indian cities, covering all 28 States and 8 Union Territories, across 40 different mechanisms including Sherpa Track, Finance Track and Engagement Groups, the size, scale and scope of India’s G20 Presidency was unprecedented. The 11 Engagement Groups provided platforms for dialogue among the private sector, academia, civil society, youth and women, as well as between institutions including the Parliaments, audit authorities and urban administrations.

The New Delhi G20 Leaders’ Declaration (NDLD), adopted unanimously by all G20 members on 9 September 2023, was the substantive centerpiece of the G20 Leaders’ Summit. It set out the way forward on a wide range of prevailing global challenges, including in the following areas:

- Strong, sustainable, balanced and inclusive growth;
- Accelerating progress on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs);
- Green development pact for a sustainable future;
- Multilateral Institutions for the 21st century;
- Technological Transformation and Digital Public Infrastructure;
- International Taxation;
- Gender Equality and Empowering All Women and Girls;
- Financial Sector Issues;
- Countering Terrorism and Money Laundering; and
- Creating a More Inclusive World.

By bringing consensus in 83 paragraphs of the NDLD, India’s G20 Presidency brought multilateralism back to the centre stage and demonstrated its ability to bring developing and developed countries together on pressing issues confronting the world. The consensus arrived at in New Delhi on development, climate and environment, energy transitions, health, agriculture, digital economy, trade and investment, disaster risk reduction, employment, education, tourism and anti-corruption, as well as on building multilateral institutions for the 21st century and global financial architecture, will leave a lasting impact. During its G20 Presidency, India also amplified the priorities and voice of the Global South in the G20. At the New Delhi G20 Summit, the African Union was inducted into the G20 as a permanent Member.

During the course of various G20 meetings under India’s Presidency, in the run-up to the New Delhi G20 Leaders’ Summit, substantive deliberations had revolved around our priorities, firmly rooted in India’s own national developmental priorities, such as inclusive

and resilient growth; progress on SDGs, green development and Lifestyle for Environment (LiFE); technological transformation and public digital infrastructure; reforming multilateral institutions; women led development; and international peace and harmony. These deliberations culminated in the New Delhi G20 Leaders' Declaration, that reflected uniquely Indian perspectives of universal, equitable and inclusive solutions to contemporary global challenges. Some of its highlights are:

- Endorsed the theme of our G20 Presidency “Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam” or “One Earth, One Family, One Future”;
- Addressed the Ukraine issue in a consensual manner;
- Championed the voice of Global South;
- Inducted African Union as a permanent member of the G20;
- Committed to the G20 2023 Action Plan to Accelerate Progress on SDGs;
- Endorsed the LiFE concept on pro-planet behavior;
- Called to scale up development and climate finance from billions to trillions;
- Agreed to set a New Collective Quantified Goal (NCQG) of Climate Finance in 2024, from a floor of USD 100 billion a year;
- Called for better, bigger, more effective and more representative Multilateral Development Banks;
- Endorsed Digital Public Infrastructure to deliver affordable services at scale;
- Agreed to triple renewable energy capacity globally by 2030;
- Agreed to development of zero and low-emission hydrogen internationally;
- Endorsed women-led development;
- Adopted global food security principles;
- Endorsed a Millet Research Initiative;
- Endorsed a Global Initiative on Digital Health;
- Condemned terrorism in all its forms and stressed denial of safe haven;
- Emphasized responsible AI with pro-innovation regulation/governance; and
- Endorsed well-managed, regular and skills-based migration pathways.

Some of the new initiatives taken during India's G20 Presidency were as follows:

- Disaster Risk Reduction Working Group;
- Startup20 Engagement Group;
- Chief Scientific Advisors Roundtable;
- G20 Conference on Crime and Security in the Age of NFTs, AI and Metaverse;
- Session on traditional medicine at the G20 Health Ministerial Meeting;
- Agreement on establishing a Working Group on Empowerment of Women;
- Agreement to strengthen cooperation in counter-narcotics; and
- Millet-research Initiative.

It is Government of India's constant endeavour to promote and further build upon the outcomes and achievements of the New Delhi G20 Summit. A virtual G20 Leaders' Summit, chaired by Prime Minister, was held on 22 November 2023, to review NDLD outcomes and accelerate progress on them. The themes and achievements of India's G20 Presidency will continue to remain an integral part of India's policy priorities, nationally as well as at the international stage. These would include, inter-alia, a human-centric approach to development, food and health security, reform of global governance structures, climate and environmental action, transparent management of debt, women-led development, skilled mobility, and promotion of SMEs – under our overall vision of One Earth, One Family, One

Future. India will continue to stay closely engaged in the G20 in future, extending full support to Brazil in 2024, and taking forward the work done during the India's G20 Presidency with successive Presidencies.

During our G20 Presidency, 11 Engagement Groups (Business 20, Civil 20, Labour 20, Parliament 20, Science 20, Supreme Audit Institutions 20, Start Up 20, Think 20, Urban 20, Women 20 and Youth 20) held their meetings, which provided platforms for dialogue among the private sector, academia, civil society, youth and women of G20 countries, as well as between institutions including the Parliaments, audit authorities and urban administrations. These Engagement Groups also held deliberations on global issues of interest to them, and adopted an agreed Communiqué or Outcome Document at the end of their meetings.

'Jan Bhagidari' activities were held throughout the Presidency year, with active public participation in a whole-of-nation approach, making India's G20 Presidency a "People's G20". Crores of people participated in these Jan Bhagidari activities, which included G20 University Connect lecture series, Model G20 meetings, Special G20 sessions in Schools/Universities, G20 Pavilions in major festivals, Quiz contests, Selfie competitions, #G20India stories, workshops, marathons, awareness rallies, cleanliness drives, Yuva Samvaad and other events on various G20 topics. Unique experiences showcasing India's diversity, inclusive traditions and cultural richness were also an integral part of the visiting delegates' programme.
