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India commences its G20 Presidency



In a historic moment, India formally assumed the G20 Presidency, from Indonesia on 1st December 2022. The G20, or Group of Twenty, is an intergovernmental forum of the world's 20 major developed and developing economies, making it the premier forum for international economic cooperation. On the occasion, Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi penned an article outlining India's vision for the G20 Presidency.

A key element of India's G20 Presidency will be taking the G20 closer to the public and making it truly a 'People's G20'. To realize this, Citizen engagement and large scale public participation through various Jan Bhagidari activities are planned throughout the year. To mark the first day of India's Presidency, numerous activities were planned. Earlier in the day, a special University Connect event was

organized, which virtually brought together students from 75 universities across the country. External Affairs Minister, Dr. S. Jaishankar and Principal Secretary to Prime Minister, Shri P.K. Mishra were among the distinguished speakers at the event. The University Connect event aimed at engaging the youth in G20 activities. School students were also involved through special G20 sessions in various schools. Taking people participation further, The Hornbill Festival in Kohima today featured a special focus on G20. One hundred monuments, including some UNESCO world heritage sites, are being specially illuminated today, and citizens have been invited to join a selfie campaign on MyGov around these illuminated monuments. Sand artist Shri Sudarshan Pattnaik created sand art of India's G20 logo on Puri beach in Odisha.

Drawing inspiration from its G20 Presidency theme of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' - 'One Earth One Family One Future', India will host over 200 meetings in over 50 cities across 32 different workstreams, and would have the opportunity to offer G20 delegates and guests a glimpse of India's rich cultural heritage and provide them with a unique Indian experience.


Read More : <https://www.g20.org/en/media-resources/press-releases/december-2022/presidency-g20/>



**Spirit of
VASUDHAIVA KUTUMBAKAM
goes global**

During G20 Presidency, India,
the **Mother of Democracy**,
will work for

-  **Global Good**
-  **World Welfare**


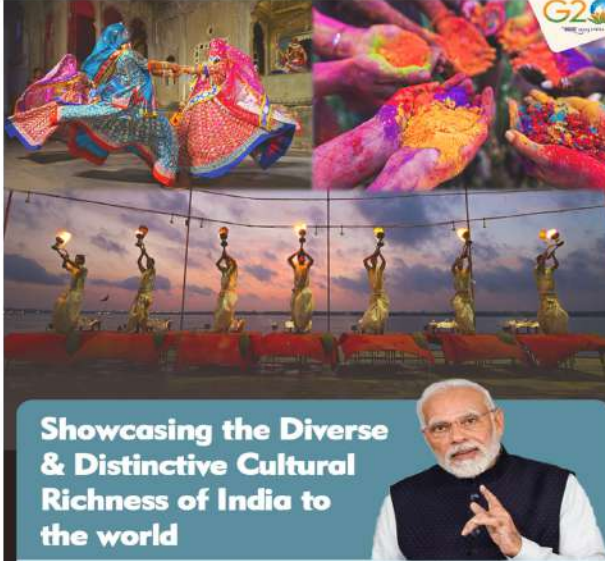


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As the mother of
democracy,
India's national
consensus is forged
not by diktat, but
**by blending
millions of free
voices into one
harmonious
melody.**


PM NARENDRA MODI

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ONE EARTH • ONE FAMILY • ONE FUTURE

**Showcasing the Diverse
& Distinctive Cultural
Richness of India to
the world**

**Over 200
G20 meetings** | **Across 50+
different cities**



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India's G20 presidency will be
inclusive, ambitious, decisive
& action-oriented

- PM Narendra Modi




THE AIM:
**Global economic growth
& prosperity**



Hon'ble Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi participates in historic programme marking 'Veer Bal Diwas'



Hon'ble Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi participated in a historic programme marking 'Veer Bal Diwas' at Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium in Delhi on 26th December 2022. During the programme, Hon'ble Prime Minister attended a 'Shabad Kirtan' performed by about three hundred Baal Kirtanis. The Prime Minister also flagged off a march-past by about three thousand children in Delhi on this momentous occasion. (Photo Courtesy : myGov Portal, India)

The Prime Minister said that Veer Bal Diwas will remind us Age does not matter when it comes to extreme valour and sacrifice. Veer Bal Diwas will remind us of the immense contribution of ten Sikh gurus and the sacrifice of the Sikh tradition for protecting the honour of the nation. "Veer Bal Diwas will tell us what is India and what is its identity and every year, Veer Bal Diwas will inspire us to recognize our past and make our future. This will also remind everyone

about the strength of our young generation", the Prime Minister Added. The Prime Minister paid grateful tributes to the Veer Sahibzades, Gurus and Mata Gurjari. "I consider it to be the good fortune of our government that we got the opportunity to declare 26th December as Veer Bal Diwas", Prime Minister said.

Read more : <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1886675>

It makes every Indian proud to see the bust of Mahatma Gandhi at the UN HQ: Hon'ble Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi



Hon'ble Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi said that it makes every Indian proud to see the bust of Mahatma Gandhi at the United Nations HeadQuarter.

In response to a tweet by Secretary-General of the United Nations, António Guterres, the Prime Minister said; "It makes every Indian proud to see the bust of Mahatma Gandhi at the @UN HQ. May the Gandhian thoughts and ideals make our planet more prosperous and further sustainable development."



GOOD GOVERNANCE FOR A GREENER INDIA



COP 21 targets
achieved 9 years ahead of schedule



India has pledged to achieve **net-zero emissions by 2070**



International Solar Alliance
& Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure



2,257% growth
in solar energy installed capacity since 2014



World's largest solar park
commissioned in Bhadla, Rajasthan



288% increase
in expenditure for River Ganga's rejuvenation



32% increase
in number of wildlife Protected Areas



64% increase
Asiatic Lion count from 2010 to 2020



33% increase
in Tiger population from 2014 to 2018



GOOD GOVERNANCE FOR EASE OF DOING BUSINESS



Ease of doing Business
ranking improved massively



Halved number of days to start a business
since 2014 from 35 to 18 days



\$83 billion
highest-ever FDI in 2021-22



National Single Window System
One-stop solution for fast tracking investments



22% concessional Corporate tax
for domestic companies



Among the lowest Corporate tax
in the world



31,000+ compliances
written off



Faceless Assessment
of Income Tax



India among top 5 economies
for ease of starting new business: Study



GOOD GOVERNANCE FOR A TECH-POWERED INDIA



40% of global digital payments
in 2021



\$1+ trillion
worth digital transactions in FY 22



6.08 lakh km
Optical Fibre Cable under BharatNet



231% increase
increase in internet connections between 2014-21



Record 104 satellites
launched in a single PSLV flight



Mangalyaan
First Nation to enter the Mars orbit in the first attempt



PLI Schemes
to boost domestic electronic manufacturing



29 crore+
ABHA issued under Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission



134 crore
Aadhaar number issued

High Commission's News

High Commissioner interacts with ITEC Alumni



High Commissioner Mr. Ashok Kumar held an interactive session with a group of ITEC alumni on 8th December 2022. The alumni shared their rich experiences, learnings and noticeable impact of ITEC programme on their career & capacity building of Zambia

High Commission organizes digital exhibition to celebrate Veer Baal Diwas



As part of commemoration of Veer Baal Divas, High Commission organized a digital exhibition showcasing the courage & sacrifice of Baba Fateh Singh & Baba Zorawar Singh at Consular area of Chancery on 26 December 2022.



High Commissioner Mr. Ashok Kumar met Hon'ble Mr. Reuben Mtolo Phiri, Minister of Agriculture, Republic of Zambia (13 Dec. 2022)



High Commissioner Mr. Ashok Kumar met Mr. Lackson Kasonka, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Health, Republic of Zambia (9 Dec. 2022)



High Commissioner Mr. Ashok Kumar and officials of the High Commission planting trees during Plantation Drive organized at the High Commission on 13 December 2022.



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भारत 2023

**Pariksha Pe
Charcha 2023**

Participate & Get an Opportunity to Interact with
Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi

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भारत 2023 INDIA

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ONE EARTH • ONE FAMILY • ONE FUTURE

UPCOMING BUSINESS EVENTS

PLASTINDIA 2023

PLASTINDIA 2023 will be organized by IMC Chamber of Commerce and Industry from February 01-05, 2023 at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi. For more information please visit the website <https://www.plastindia.org/>

AAHAR- The International Food & Hospitality Fair, 14-18 March 2023

AAHAR -The International Food & Hospitality Fair will be organized by IMC Chamber of Commerce and Industry from 14-18 March 2023 at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi. The fair will focus on Food, Beverages, Hotel& Restaurant Equipment, Supplies etc. For more information please visit the website <https://indiatrdefair.com/aahardelhi/>

8th Smart Cities India 2023 (#SCI 2023), Convergence India Expo (#CI 2023)

8th Smart Cities India 2023 (#SCI 2023), Convergence India Expo (#CI 2023), India's largest Infrastructure and Technology Expo, will be organized by ITPO in association with M/s Exhibitions India Group from 27-29 March 2023 at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi. For more information please visit the website <https://www.smartcitiesindia.com/>

25th Intentional Engineering and Technology Fair

25th Intentional Engineering and Technology Fair will be held from 16-18 February 2023 at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi. For more information please visit the website <https://www.ietfindia.in/IETF.html>

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