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# PREFACE

Covid 19 pandemic emerged as a new challenge to humankind across the world creating one of the severest crises in recent human history. While India under the dynamic and visionary leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has taken many relief measures, created healthcare facilities and took preventive steps to fight the pandemic initiating several steps to make India self-reliant through 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat' campaign, it has also shouldered the global responsibilities of supplying crucial medicines, medical help and other equipments to many countries in the world.

In the time of Covid-19 pandemic, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi participated in various multilateral platforms and voiced India's concerns and commitments on various issues. Addressing various multilateral platforms virtually, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi highlighted the valuable role of India in furthering the UN agenda in the world and specifically in the times of crisis. He said that the motto of 'Vasudhaiv Kutumbakam' is in line with India's ancient principles of world being a global family. While elaborating the massive efforts made by India through a large number of innovative programmes for socio-economic development of the people, he also underlined that India was aware of its responsibility towards planet Earth, and was taking huge steps in reducing carbon footprints. Similarly, India is always ready to take a lead in the times of any disaster or presently during Covid-19 pandemic in the region along with neighbouring countries. In the post-Covid world, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has given a call for 'reformed multilateralism' while emphasising, "Multilateralism needs to represent the reality of the contemporary world". We are publishing six speeches of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi delivered on multilateral forums for our esteemed readers.

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Prime Minister at NAM Contact Group, 4th May, 2020

## ‘IN THE POST-COVID WORLD, WE NEED A NEW TEMPLATE OF GLOBALIZATION’



*THE VIRTUAL SUMMIT OF NON ALIGNED MOVEMENT (NAM) CONTACT GROUP WAS HELD TO DISCUSS RESPONSE TO THE ONGOING COVID-19 PANDEMIC CRISIS. IT WAS HOSTED BY THE CURRENT CHAIRMAN OF NAM, PRESIDENT OF REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN H.E. ILHAM ALIYEV. FOLLOWING THE SUMMIT, LEADERS ADOPTED A DECLARATION UNDERLINING THE IMPORTANCE OF INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY IN THE FIGHT AGAINST COVID-19.*

*THE PRIME MINISTER, SHRI NARENDRA MODI, EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF A COORDINATED, INCLUSIVE AND EQUITABLE RESPONSE BY THE WORLD TO COVID-19. OUTLINING THE STEPS INDIA HAD TAKEN DOMESTICALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY, HE REAFFIRMED INDIA'S READINESS TO OFFER ASSISTANCE IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE MOVEMENT. UNDERSCORING THE LIMITATIONS OF THE EXISTING INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM, HE URGED FOR REFORMS IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS AS POST-COVID WORLD NEEDED A NEW TEMPLATE FOR GLOBALIZATION. IN AN APPEAL FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION TO ENSURE EQUITABLE, AFFORDABLE AND TIMELY ACCESS TO HEALTH PRODUCTS, HE STATED THAT THE NAM SHOULD CALL UPON THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY AND THE WHO TO FOCUS ON BUILDING HEALTH-CAPACITY IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.*



**Mr. Chairman,  
Excellencies,**

I thank His Excellency President Ilham Aliyev for organizing this virtual conference. To begin with I convey condolences to all those who have lost their loved ones due to Covid-19 across the world.

Today, humanity faces its most serious crisis in many decades. At this time, the Non Aligned Movement can help promote global solidarity. NAM has often been the world's moral voice. To retain this role, NAM must remain inclusive.

**Excellencies,**

India accounts for one-sixth of humanity. We are a developing country and a free society. During this crisis, we have shown how democracy, discipline and decisiveness can come together to create a genuine people's movement.

India's civilization sees the whole world as one family. As we care for our own citizens, we are also extending help to other countries. To counter COVID-19, we have promoted coordination in our immediate neighbourhood. And, we are organising online training to share India's medical expertise with many others. India is regarded as a pharmacy of the world, especially for affordable medicines. Despite our own needs, we have ensured medical supplies to over 123 partner countries, including 59 members of NAM.

We are active in global efforts to develop remedies and vaccines. India has the world's oldest plant-based traditional medicine system. We have freely shared simple Ayurvedic home-remedies, to help people boost their natural immunity.



## **Excellencies,**

Even as the world fights COVID-19, some people are busy spreading other deadly viruses. Such as terrorism. Such as fake news, and doctored videos to divide communities and countries. But today, I want to focus only on the positives. On what we as a Movement can do together to help the world fight this health crisis.

## **Excellencies,**

COVID-19 has shown us the limitations of the existing international system. In the post-COVID world, we need a new template of globalization, based on fairness, equality, and humanity. We need international institutions that are more representative of today's world. We need to promote human welfare, and not focus on economic growth alone. India has long championed such initiatives. Such as the International Day of Yoga, to improve physical and mental well-being of all humanity. Such as the International Solar Alliance, to help our planet heal from the disease of climate change. Such as the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure, to protect ourselves against climate and disaster risks.

Many countries organise military drills. But India has taken the initiative to organise disaster management drills in our region and beyond.

## **Excellencies,**

NAM should call upon the international community and the W.H.O. to focus on building health-capacity in developing countries. We should ensure equitable, affordable and timely access to health products and technologies for all.

We should develop a platform for all NAM countries, to pool our experiences, best practices, crisis-management protocols, research,



and resources.

### **Excellencies,**

In the founding spirit of our Movement, let us aim today to come together, not grow apart. Each of us can be safe from the pandemic only if we all are. Let us work as partners towards an inclusive and cooperative global response.

**Thank You.**

**Thank you Excellencies.**







PM's address at 75th UNGA, 26th September, 2020

## **‘A SELF-RELIANT INDIA WILL ALSO BE A FORCE MULTIPLIER FOR THE GLOBAL ECONOMY’**



*PRIME MINISTER SHRI NARENDRA MODI VIRTUALLY ADDRESSED THE 75th SESSION OF UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY (UNGA). THE THEME OF THE 75TH UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION WAS -*

*“THE FUTURE WE WANT, THE UNITED NATIONS WE NEED, REAFFIRMING OUR COLLECTIVE COMMITMENT TO MULTILATERALISM-CONFRONTING THE COVID-19 THROUGH EFFECTIVE MULTILATERAL ACTION.”*

*WHILE ACKNOWLEDGING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE UNITED NATIONS IN THE LAST 75 YEARS, PRIME MINISTER SHRI NARENDRA MODI HIGHLIGHTED THE NEED FOR THE URGENT UN REFORMS TO MITIGATE THE CHALLENGES FACED BY THE NEW WORLD. HE CALLED FOR A MORE EFFECTIVE RESPONSE FROM THE UNITED NATIONS IN FIGHTING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC. EMPHASISING ON INDIA'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE UNITED NATIONS HE MADE A STRONG PITCH FOR INDIA'S INCLUSION AS A PERMANENT MEMBER OF THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL. MENTIONING ABOUT INDIA'S VISION OF “SELF-RELIANT INDIA” HE REITERATED THAT A SELF-RELIANT INDIA WILL BE A FORCE MULTIPLIER FOR THE GLOBAL ECONOMY.*



## **Respected President of the General Assembly**

On behalf of over 1.3 billion people of India I would like to congratulate every member country on the 75th anniversary of the United Nations. India is proud of the fact that it is one of the founding members of the United Nations. On this historic occasion, I have come to this global platform to share the sentiments of 1.3 billion people of India.

## **Your Excellency,**

The world of 1945 was significantly different from today's world. The global situation, sources-resources, problems-solutions; all were quite different. And as a result the form and the composition of the institution, established with the aim of global welfare, were in accordance with the prevailing situation of those times. Today we are in a completely different era.

In 21st century, The requirements and challenges of our present as well as our future are vastly different from those of the past. Therefore, the international community today is faced with a very important question: Whether the character of the institution, constituted in the prevailing circumstances of 1945, is relevant even today?

If century changes and we don't, then strength to bring changes becomes weak. If we assess the last 75 years of the United Nations, we see several achievements. But at the same time, there are also several instances that point to a serious need for introspection for the United Nations. One could say that we have successfully avoided a third world war, but we cannot deny that there have been several wars and many civil wars. Several terrorist attacks shook the world and there have been bloodsheds. The people who lost their lives in these wars and attacks were human beings, like you and me. Thousands of children, who would have otherwise enriched this world, left us prematurely.



So many people lost their life savings and became homeless refugees. Were the efforts of the United Nations sufficient during those times or are these efforts adequate even today? The whole world is fighting the global pandemic of Corona for the last 8-9 months. Where is the United Nations in this joint fight against the pandemic? Where is its effective response?

## **Your Excellency,**

Reform in the responses, in the processes, in the character of the United Nations is the need of the hour. It is a fact that the faith and respect that the United Nations enjoys in India are unparalleled. But it is also true that the people of India have been waiting for a long time for the completion of the reforms of the United Nations. Today, people of India are concerned whether this reform-process will ever reach its logical conclusion. For how long will India be kept out of the decision-making structures of the United Nations? A country, which is the largest democracy of the world, a country with more than 18% of the world population, a country, which has hundreds of languages, hundreds of dialects, many sects, many ideologies, a country, which was a leading global economy for centuries and also one which has seen hundreds of years of foreign rule.

## **Your Excellency,**

When we were strong, we did not trouble the world; when we were weak, we did not become a burden on the world.

## **Your Excellency,**

How long would a country have to wait particularly when the changes happening in that country affect a large part of the world?



### **Your Excellency,**

The ideals on which the United Nations was founded are quite similar to that of India and not different from its own fundamental philosophy. The words ‘Vasudhaiv Kutumbakam’, the whole world is a family, have often reverberated in this hall of the United Nations. We treat the whole world as one family.

It is part of our culture, character and thinking. In the United Nations too, India has always given priority to the welfare of the whole world. India is the country, which sent its brave soldiers to about 50 peacekeeping missions. India is the country that has lost the maximum number of its brave soldiers in the course of establishing peace. Today every Indian, while seeing the contribution of India in the United Nations, aspires for India’s expanded role in the United Nations.

### **Respected Chairman,**

It was India that initiated the ‘International Day of Non-Violence’ on 2nd October and ‘International Day of Yoga’ on 21st June. Similarly, the ‘Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure’ and the ‘International Solar Alliance’ are realities today due to efforts of India. India has always thought about the interests of the whole humankind and not about its own vested interests. This philosophy has always been the driving force of India’s policies. One can see the glimpses of this philosophy in India’s ‘Neighbourhood First Policy’ to our ‘Act East Policy’, in the thought of Security and Growth for All in the Region, and in our approach towards the Indo Pacific region. India’s partnerships are also guided by this very principle. Any gesture of friendship by India towards one country is not against someone else. When India strengthens its development partnership, it is not with any malafide



intent of making the partner country dependent or hapless. We have never hesitated from sharing experiences of our development.

## **Your Excellency,**

Even during these very difficult times of a raging pandemic, the pharma industry of India has sent essential medicines to more than 150 countries. As the largest vaccine producing country of the world, I want to give one more assurance to the global community today. India's vaccine production and delivery capacity will be used to help all humanity in fighting this crisis. We are moving ahead with phase 3 clinical trials in India and in our neighbourhood. India will also help all the countries in enhancing their cold chain and storage capacities for the delivery of Vaccines.

## **Your Excellency,**

From January next year, India will also fulfil its responsibility as a non-permanent member of the Security Council. I express my gratitude to all our fellow countries who have bestowed this trust upon India. We will use the prestige and experience of the largest democracy for the benefit of the whole world. Our path goes from human welfare to the welfare of the World. India will always speak in support of peace, security and prosperity. India will not hesitate in raising its voice against the enemies of humanity, human race and human values – terrorism, smuggling of illegal weapons, drugs and money-laundering. India's cultural heritage, tradition, thousands of years of experience will always stand in good stead for the developing countries.

India's experiences, India's developmental journey with its ups and downs will strengthen the way towards world welfare.



## **Your Excellency**

In the past few years, following the mantra of Reform-Perform-Transform, India has made great efforts to bring about transformation in the lives of millions of its citizens.

These experiences are as useful for many countries of the world as they are for us. Connecting 400 million people to banking system in just 4-5 years was not an easy task. But India proved that it can be done. It was not easy to free 600 million people from Open Defecation in 4-5 years. But India achieved it. It was not easy to provide access to free health care services, within 2-3 years, to more than 500 million people. But India was able to do this. Today, India is one of the leaders in Digital Transactions. Today, India is ensuring empowerment and transparency by providing Digital Access to its millions of citizens. Today, India is implementing a huge campaign for tuberculosis-free India by 2025. Today, India is implementing a programme for providing piped drinking water to 150 million rural households. Recently, India has initiated a huge project for connecting its 6 Lakh villages with broadband optical fibre.

## **Your Excellency**

We are moving forward with the vision of “Self-reliant India” in the changed circumstances of the post Pandemic era. A Self-reliant India will also be a Force Multiplier for the Global Economy. Today, it is also being ensured that there is no discrimination in extending the benefits of all the schemes to every citizen of the country.

Large scale efforts are being made in India to promote Women Enterprise and Leadership. Indian women, today, are the biggest beneficiaries of the largest Micro Financing Scheme of the world. India is one of those countries where women are provided Paid Maternity



Leave of 26 weeks. The rights of Transgenders are also being secured through necessary Legal reforms.

## **Your Excellency,**

In its journey towards progress, India wants to learn from the world as well as share its own experiences with the world. I am confident that on the occasion of its 75th anniversary, the United Nations and its member countries will endeavour with a strong commitment to maintain the relevance of this great institution. Stability in the United Nations and empowerment of the United Nations are essential for the welfare of the world. On the occasion of the 75th anniversary of the United Nations, let us once again pledge to dedicate ourselves for the welfare of the world.

**Thank you!**





PM's remarks at SCO Summit 2020, 10th November, 2020

## **'INDIA'S PHARMA INDUSTRY HELPED MORE THAN 150 COUNTRIES WITH ESSENTIAL MEDICINES'**



**THE 20TH SUMMIT OF THE SHANGHAI COOPERATION ORGANISATION (SCO) COUNCIL OF HEADS OF STATE, WAS CHAIRED BY RUSSIAN PRESIDENT MR. VLADIMIR PUTIN.**

**REITERATING INDIA'S BELIEF IN PEACE, SECURITY AND PROSPERITY, THE PRIME MINISTER SHRINARENDRA MODI HIGHLIGHTED CHALLENGES POSED BY TERRORISM, ILLEGAL ARMS SMUGGLING, DRUGS AND MONEY LAUNDERING. HE CALLED OUT CHINESE INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS IN PAKISTAN OCCUPIED KASHMIR AND INDIA-CHINA STANDOFF AT LINE OF ACTUAL CONTROL AND URGED MEMBERS OF THE SCO TO RESPECT "TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY" AND "SOVEREIGNTY" OF EACH OTHER. HE REAFFIRMED THAT AS THE WORLD'S LARGEST VACCINE PRODUCING COUNTRY; INDIA WILL USE ITS VACCINE PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION CAPACITY TO HELP THE WHOLE HUMANITY IN FIGHTING THE CRISIS.**





## **Excellency,**

**President of Russia and President of our today's House,  
Excellencies, my fellow friends,**

First of all, I would like to congratulate President Putin for the efficient leadership of the SCO, and for hosting this summit despite the challenges and obstacles posed by the COVID-19 pandemic. I am happy that despite these painful circumstances, we can still pursue a broad and forward looking agenda of cooperation and integration under SCO.

## **Excellencies,**

This is an important year for India in SCO. We are going to convene a summit level meeting “SCO Council of Heads of Government” for the first time. A broad agenda has been drafted for this meeting, with special attention to economic cooperation. We have proposed the making of a Special Working Group on Innovation and Startups to share our rich experience in the startup ecosystem. We have also proposed a Working Group on Traditional Medicine, so that the knowledge of traditional and ancient medicine is spread across SCO countries and the headway in contemporary medicine can complement each other.

## **Excellencies,**

India firmly believes that with the combination of economic multilateralism and national capacity building, SCO countries can escape from the crisis of pandemic led economic losses. We are moving ahead with a vision of a “Self-reliant India” in the post-pandemic world. I believe that “Self-reliant India” will prove to be a Force Multiplier for



the global economy and will accelerate the economic progress of the SCO region.

### **Excellencies,**

India maintains close cultural and historical ties with the SCO nations. Our ancestors kept alive this shared historical and cultural heritage with their untiring and persistent contacts. Steps such as the International North South Transport Corridor, Chabahar Port, Ashgabat Agreements, reflect India's strong resolve towards connectivity. India believes that to further deepen Connectivity, it is necessary to carry forward with the core principles respecting each other's sovereignty, and Territorial Integrity.

### **Excellencies,**

The United Nations has completed its 75 years. But despite many achievements, the basic goal of the United Nations is still unaccomplished. The world struggling with the pandemic led economic and social suffering is expected to bring about radical changes in the UN systems.

It is said in our scriptures "Parivartanme Sthirmasti" - Change is the only permanency. Beginning 2021 India will participate in the UN Security Council as a non-permanent member. Our focus will be on bringing possible changes in global governance process.

A reformed multilateralism that will reflect today's global realities and discuss topics such as expectations of all stakeholders, contemporary challenges and human welfare. We expect full support from SCO member nations in this endeavor.

### **Excellencies,**

'Survey Bhavantu Sukhinah, Survey Santu Niramaya'- Let's all stay



happy and disease free. This peace hymn is a symbol of believe for the entire human welfare of India. In this painful time of unprecedented pandemic, India's pharma industry helped more than 150 countries with essential medicines. As the world's largest vaccine producing country, India will use its vaccine production and distribution capacity to help the entire humanity in fighting this crisis.

## **Excellencies,**

India firmly believes in peace, security and prosperity. And we have always voiced opposition to terrorism, illegal arms smuggling, drugs and money laundering. India has remained firm in its commitment to work in compliance with SCO principles laid down in the SCO Charter.

However, it is unfortunate that repeated attempts are being made to unnecessarily bring bilateral issues in the SCO agenda, which is in violation of the SCO Charter and Shanghai Spirit. Such efforts are discordant to the spirit of consensus and cooperation that defines SCO.

## **Excellencies,**

I give my outright support to celebrate the 20th anniversary of SCO in the year 2021 as "SCO Culture Year". The National Museum of India is in the process of organizing the first SCO exhibition on our shared Buddhist heritage this year. The Literature Academy of India has completed the translation of ten Indian literary works in Russian and Chinese languages. And I am confident that next year India will be hosting the SCO Food Festival in an pandemic-free environment. I am happy that the officials and diplomats from all SCO nations participated in a recent Yoga program organized jointly with the SCO Secretariat in Beijing.



### **Excellencies,**

I once again congratulate President Putin for his proficient and successful leadership. And thank him for organizing this summit. I would like to congratulate and wish Tajik President Emomali Rahmon for assuming the chairmanship of SCO next year.

And I also assure India's full cooperation for the successful chairmanship of Tajikistan.

**Thanks a lot!**





PM's remarks at 17th India-ASEAN Virtual Summit, 12th November, 2020

## **'ASEAN GROUP IS THE NODAL CENTER OF OUR ACT EAST POLICY'**



**PRIME MINISTER SHRI NARENDRA MODI CO-CHAIRLED THE 17th ASEAN-INDIA SUMMIT ALONG WITH HIS VIETNAMESE COUNTERPART NGUYEN XUAN PHUC.**

**A \$1 MILLION CONTRIBUTION TO THE ASEAN COVID-19 RECOVERY FUND WAS ANNOUNCED BY THE PRIME MINISTER. FOR HOLISTIC AND HEALTHY LIVING, HE HIGHLIGHTED ON THE SIGNIFICANCE OF COOPERATION AND REGULAR EXCHANGES IN THE FIELD OF TRADITIONAL MEDICINES. HE ALSO MENTIONED ABOUT INDIA'S PRIORITY OF ENHANCING ALL KINDS OF CONNECTIVITY, INCLUDING IN SOCIAL, DIGITAL AND FINANCIAL SPHERES, WITH THE 10-NATION ASEAN GROUPING. THE IMPORTANCE OF STRENGTHENING CONVERGENCE BETWEEN INDIA'S INDO-PACIFIC OCEANS INITIATIVE (IPOI) AND THE ASEAN OUTLOOK ON INDO-PACIFIC, TO ENSURE A FREE, OPEN, INCLUSIVE AND RULES-BASED REGION ALONG WITH NEW OPPORTUNITIES OF ENHANCING TRADE WAS ALSO UNDERSCORED.**



**Namaste,  
Excellency, Prime Minister Nguyen Xuan Phuc,  
Excellencies,**

Like every year, we could not take our traditional Family Photo by holding each other's hand! But still I am happy that we all are meeting via virtual medium.

First of all, I have all praise for Vietnam, the current Chair of ASEAN, and Thailand, India's current country coordinator in ASEAN. Despite the COVID led painful problems, you have fulfilled your responsibilities well.

**Excellencies,**

India and ASEAN's Strategic Partnership is based on our shared rich historical, geographical and cultural heritage. The ASEAN Group is the nodal center of our Act East Policy since the very beginning.

There is ample closeness between India's "Indo Pacific Oceans Initiative" and ASEAN's "Outlook on Indo Pacific". We firmly believe that a "Cohesive and Responsive ASEAN" is essential for "Security and Growth for All in the Region".

Speeding up all types of connectivity initiatives between India and ASEAN - physical, economic, social, digital, financial, maritime - is the top priority for us. We have come very close in all these areas in the last few years. I believe that today's interaction, even if it is happening via virtual medium, will be advantageous in further reducing our differences.

I once again thank all of you for today's interaction.





PM's Address at 12th BRICS Virtual Summit, 17th November, 2020

## **'INDIA WILL WORK TOWARD BOOSTING BRICS COLLABORATION IN DIGITAL HEALTH AND TRADITIONAL MEDICINE'**



*THE 12th BRICS SUMMIT WAS HELD VIRTUALLY AND WAS HOSTED BY RUSSIA. THE THEME OF THIS YEAR'S BRICS SUMMIT WAS 'GLOBAL STABILITY, SHARED SECURITY, AND INNOVATIVE GROWTH'.*

*PRIME MINISTER, SHRI NARENDRA MODI, UNDERLINED THE COMPREHENSIVE REFORM PROCESS THAT HAS TAKEN PLACE UNDER THE 'ATMANIRBHAR BHARAT' CAMPAIGN WHICH IS BASED ON A BELIEF THAT A SELF-RELIANT INDIA IN A POST-COVID-19 WORLD CAN BE A FORCE MULTIPLIER TO THE GLOBAL ECONOMY. WHILE NOTING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE CAMPAIGN, THE PRIME MINISTER GAVE EXAMPLE OF CAPABILITY OF INDIAN PHARMA INDUSTRY DUE TO WHICH INDIA WAS ABLE TO DELIVER ESSENTIAL MEDICINES TO MORE THAN 150 COUNTRIES GLOBALLY. HE REASSURED THAT INDIA'S VACCINE PRODUCTION AND DELIVERY CAPACITY WILL WORK IN THE INTEREST OF HUMANITY.*

*ACKNOWLEDGING RUSSIA'S SUPPORT TO THE BRICS COUNTER-TERRORISM STRATEGY PRIME MINISTER REMARKED THAT TERRORISM STILL POSES AS A THREAT TO GLOBAL COMMUNITY AND THERE IS NEED TO CONFRONT THE COUNTRIES WHICH SUPPORT AND SPONSOR TERRORISM MUST BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE AND THE PROBLEM MUST BE ADDRESSED IN A UNIFIED MANNER.*



**Your Excellency President Putin,  
Your Excellency President Xi,  
Your Excellency President Ramaphosa,  
Your Excellency President Bolsonaro,**

First of all, I congratulate President Putin for the successful handling of BRICS. Because of your guidance and initiative, BRICS has been able to maintain its momentum even in times of a global pandemic. Before I begin my remarks, I extend my warm wishes to President Ramaphosa on his birthday.

**Excellencies,**

The theme of this year's summit - 'BRICS Partnership for Global Stability, Shared Security and Innovative Growth' is not only relevant, but also far-sighted. Significant geo-strategic changes are taking place all over the world, which will continue to impact the stability, security and growth, and BRICS will play an important role in all these three areas.

**Excellencies,**

This year, on the 75th anniversary of the Second World War, we pay tribute to the all the valiant soldiers whom we lost. More than 2.5 million brave Indian soldiers were active in this war on many fronts like Europe, Africa, and South East Asia. This year we are commemorating 75 years of the United Nations. India has been a strong supporter of multilateralism as UN's founding member. The Indian culture treats the whole world as one family, so it was natural for us to support an institution like UN. Our commitment to the values





of the UN has remained undeterred - India has lost the most soldiers in UN peacekeeping operations. But today the multilateral system is facing a crisis. Both credibility and effectiveness of global governance institutions are being questioned. The main reason for this is that these did not change with time. These are still rooted in the thinking and reality of a world which was seen 75 years ago. India believes that reforms are a must in the UN Security Council. We expect support from our BRICS partners in this matter. Apart from the UN, many other international institutions are also not functioning according to current realities. Institutions like WTO, IMF, WHO must also reform.

## **Excellencies,**

Terrorism is the biggest menace the world is facing today. We must ensure that the countries that support and help terrorists are also held to account, and this problem must be dealt in a united manner. We are happy that the BRICS Counter-Terrorism Strategy has been finalized under the presidency of Russia.

This is a notable achievement. And India will pursue this task further during its presidency.

## **Excellencies,**

BRICS economies will play a prime role in the post-COVID global recovery. We have more than 42 % of the world's population, and our countries are among the driving engines of the global economy. There is ample scope for scaling up mutual trade between BRICS countries. Our mutual institutions and systems - such as BRICS Inter-Bank Cooperation Mechanism, New Development Bank, Contingent Reserve Arrangement and Customs Cooperation - can also make our contribution effective in global recovery. In India, we have started a



comprehensive reform process under the 'Self-reliant India' campaign. The campaign is rooted in the theme that a self-reliant and resilient India can be a Force Multiplier for the post-COVID economy. And can contribute strongly to global value chains. We proved this during COVID, when we were able to deliver essential medicines to more than 150 countries due to the capability of the Indian pharma industry. As I have said earlier, our vaccine production and logistics capacities are going to benefit all of mankind. India and South Africa have proposed an exemption from the Intellectual Property agreements relating to the COVID-19 vaccine, treatment and investigation. We hope that other BRICS countries will support too. During its BRICS presidency, India will work toward boosting BRICS collaboration in digital health and traditional medicine. In this difficult year, many initiatives were taken to enhance people-to-people contact under the Russian presidency. Such as the BRICS Film Festival, and meetings of young scientists and young diplomats. I warmly congratulate President Putin for this.

### **Excellencies,**

In 2021 BRICS will complete 15 years. Our 'sherpas' can make a report to evaluate the various decisions taken by us in the past years. During our presidency in 2021, we will try enhancing intra-BRICS cooperation by strengthening all the three pillars. We will endeavour to enhance intra-BRICS solidarity and develop a solid institutional framework for this purpose. I once again congratulate President Putin for all his efforts and conclude my remarks.

**Thank you!**





PM's Address at G-20 Summit, 22nd November 2020

## **'INDIA IS NOT ONLY MEETING OUR PARIS AGREEMENT TARGETS, BUT ALSO EXCEEDING THEM'**



**PRIME MINISTER, SHRI NARENDRA MODI, PARTICIPATED IN THE 15th G20 SUMMIT CONVENED BY SAUDI ARABIA, IN VIRTUAL FORMAT IN VIEW OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC. THE SUMMIT UNDER SAUDI PRESIDENCY CENTRED ON THE THEME**

**"REALIZING OPPORTUNITIES OF 21ST CENTURY FOR ALL"**

**WHICH HAS ASSUMED GREATER IMPORTANCE IN THE WAKE OF THE ONGOING COVID-19 PANDEMIC.**

**THE PRIME MINISTER TERMED THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC AS AN "IMPORTANT TURNING POINT" IN THE HISTORY OF HUMANKIND AND THE "BIGGEST CHALLENGE" SINCE WORLD WAR II AND CALLED FOR A NEW GLOBAL INDEX BASED ON TRANSPARENCY IN GOVERNANCE AND THE CREATION OF A VAST TALENT POOL. HE ALSO HIGHLIGHTED THE NEED FOR A DECISIVE ACTION BY G20 NOT ONLY TO AID ECONOMIC RECOVERY BUT TO FOCUS ON PRESERVING EARTH AS TRUSTEES OF HUMANITY'S FUTURE. HE EMPHASISED ON THE IMPORTANCE OF ON MULTI-SKILLING AND RE-SKILLING TO ENHANCE THE DIGNITY OF CITIZENS AND TO MAKE CITIZENS MORE RESILIENT TO FACE CRISES.**



**ADDRESSING THE G20 SIDE EVENT ON “SAFEGUARDING THE PLANET”, PM SHRI MODI SAID INDIA IS NOT ONLY MEETING ITS PARIS AGREEMENT TARGETS, BUT ALSO EXCEEDING THEM. HE SAID INDIA HAS ADOPTED LOW-CARBON & CLIMATE-RESILIENT DEVELOPMENT PRACTICES, ‘INSPIRED BY OUR TRADITIONAL ETHOS OF LIVING IN HARMONY WITH ENVIRONMENT’. HE APPEALED THE FORUM TO FOCUS ON ENSURING HUMAN DIGNITY OF EVERY WORKER FOR HUMANITY TO PROSPER.**

### **Your Majesty, Excellencies,**

Today, we are focused on saving our citizens and economies from the effects of the global pandemic. Equally important is to keep our focus on fighting climate change. Climate change must be fought not in silos but in an integrated, comprehensive and holistic way. Inspired by our traditional ethos of living in harmony with the environment, and the commitment of my Government, India has adopted low-carbon and climate-resilient development practices.

I am glad to share that India is not only meeting our Paris Agreement targets, but also exceeding them. India has taken concrete action in many areas. We have made LED lights popular. This saves 38 million tons of Carbon Dioxide emissions per year. Smoke free kitchens have been provided to over 80 million households through our Ujjwala Scheme. This is among the largest clean energy drives globally.

There are efforts to eliminate single-use plastics; Our forest cover is Expanding ; The lion and tiger population is increasing; We aim to restore 26 million hectares of degraded land by 2030; And, we are encouraging a circular economy. India is making next-generation infrastructure such as metro networks, water-ways and more. In



addition to convenience and efficiency, they will also contribute to a cleaner environment. We will meet our goal of 175 Giga Watts of renewable energy well before the target of 2022. Now, we are taking a big step ahead by seeking to achieve 450 Giga Watts by 2030.

## **Your Majesty, Excellencies,**

The International Solar Alliance is among the fastest growing International Organisations, with 88 signatories. With plans to mobilise billions of dollars train thousands of stake-holders, and promote research and development in renewable energy, the ISA will contribute to reducing carbon foot-print. One more example is the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure.

18 countries - including 9 from among the G20 - and 4 international organisations have already joined the Coalition. CDRI has started work on increasing resilience of critical infrastructure. Infra damage during natural disasters is a subject that has not got the attention it deserves. The poorer nations are specially impacted by this. Therefore, this Coalition is important.

## **Your Majesty, Excellencies,**

This is the best time for further increasing research and innovation in new and sustainable technologies. We should do so with a spirit of cooperation and collaboration. The entire world can progress faster if there is greater support of technology and finance to the developing world.



### **Your Majesty, Excellencies,**

For humanity to prosper, every single individual must prosper. Rather than seeing labour as a factor of production alone, the focus must be on the human dignity of every worker. Such an approach would be the best guarantee for safeguarding our planet.

**Thank you.**



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**We need international institutions that are more representative of today's world. We need to promote human welfare, and not focus on economic growth alone. India has long championed such initiatives.**

**— Shri Narendra Modi**

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**We are moving forward with the vision of “Self-reliant India” in the changed circumstances of the post Pandemic era. A Self-reliant India will also be a Force Multiplier for the Global Economy.**

**— Shri Narendra Modi**

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