

**Embassy of India
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**Remarks by Ambassador Sibi George for G-20 event
at the Embassy of India, Japan
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Dear Friends,

India has assumed the G20 Presidency at a challenging time, when the world is looking at the G20 with hope. India's G20 Presidency will be inclusive, ambitious, action-oriented, and decisive, while remaining committed to our Presidency's theme - 'One Earth One Family One Future'. "This is not just a slogan. It takes into account recent changes in human circumstances, which we have collectively failed to appreciate. Today, we have the means to produce enough to meet the basic needs of all people in the world. Today, we do not need to fight for our survival — our era need not be one of war. Indeed, it must not be one!"

2. In an op-ed published on December 1, in Japan PM said and I quote, "India's G20 Presidency will work to promote the universal sense of one-ness. Hence our theme - 'One Earth, One Family, One Future' ", unquote. He further wrote: "Our priorities will focus on healing our 'One Earth', creating harmony within our 'One Family' and giving hope for our 'One Future'".

3. India will utilize the unique opportunity given by the G-20 Presidency to contribute to building consensus on and finding solutions to pressing global issues of the day. It will also be an opportunity for India to showcase its own developmental experiences, learnings and models as possible templates for others, particularly the developing world.

4. The greatest challenges we face today - climate change, economic slowdown, debt distress, uneven pandemic recovery, food and energy insecurity and geopolitical conflicts - can be addressed only by strong and collective action. We can rebuild trust and promote peace and harmony by choosing cooperation over competition, sharing our experiences and learnings with each other and leaving no one behind.

5. India's G20 Presidency has got off to an auspicious start this month, with the meetings of G20 Sherpas at Udaipur, and the Finance and Central Bank Deputies in Bengaluru. These meetings allowed the G20, as a group, to deliberate upon global challenges and priorities. Today, I had a meeting with Japan's G20 Sherpa. India's G20 Presidency also coincides with Japan's G7 Presidency.

6. Nearly 200 meetings are scheduled in the coming months, in over 30 different workstreams of the Sherpa Track, Finance Track and Engagement Groups, which will culminate in the G20 Summit in New Delhi in September 2023. We will hold a monthly meeting here in Japan on G20 to brief on funds on the progress in G20 meetings by Hon'ble PM Modi.

Thank you!
