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# **TODAY'S ANALYSIS**

## **(10 September 2023)**

### **TOPICS TO BE COVERED**

- **INTERNATIONAL SOLAR ALLIANCE (ISA)**
- **HUMAN CENTRIC GLOBALISATION**



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## INTERNATIONAL SOLAR ALLIANCE

- ISA is an alliance of **sunshine countries**, which come **either completely or partly between the Tropic of Cancer and the Tropic of Capricorn.**
- The primary objective is to collectively work for **efficient exploitation of solar energy to reduce dependence on fossil based fuels.**
- This initiative was proposed by our Prime Minister of India first during his speech at **Wembley Stadium, London in 2015.**
- This initiative was launched at the India Africa Summit and a meeting was held among them before the conclave of **2015 United Nations Climate Change Conference in Paris in November 2015.**
- ISA is a major implementation center for the **One Sun One World One Grid (OSOWOG)**, **OSOWOG** seeks to transfer solar energy generated in one place to supply the electricity needs of others.

The Headquarters **is in India with its Interim Secretariat at Gurugram.**

- **The Aassembly is the apex decision-making body of ISA**, in which each Member Country is represented. This body makes decisions concerning the **India** holds the office of the **President of the ISA Assembly.**

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## ABOUT ISA

- It is an international organisation with **116 member and signatory countries. (94 have ratified it) (<https://isolaralliance.org/membership/countries>)**
- It **works with governments to improve energy access and security** worldwide and **promote solar power** as a sustainable way to transition to a carbon-neutral future.
- ISA's mission is to **unlock US\$ 1 trillion of investments in solar by 2030** while reducing the cost of the technology and its financing.
- With the signing and ratification of the ISA Framework Agreement by 15 countries in 2017, **ISA became the first international intergovernmental organization to be headquartered in India.**

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# HUMAN CENTRIC GLOBALISATION

**Human-Centric Globalisation:** Taking G20 to the Last Mile, Leaving None Behind - Narendra Modi.

**'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam'** – these two words capture a **deep philosophy**. It means **'the world is one family'**. This is an all-embracing outlook that encourages us to **progress as one universal family**, transcending borders, languages, and ideologies.

During India's **G20 Presidency**, this has translated into a call for **human-centric progress**.

As **One Earth**, we are coming together to **nurture our planet**. As **One Family**, we **support each other in the pursuit of growth**. And we **move together towards a shared future - One Future** - which is an undeniable truth in these interconnected times.

## POST PANDEMIC WORLD ORDER

The post-pandemic world order is very different from the world before it. There are **three important changes**, among others.

**First**, there is a growing realisation that a shift away **from a GDP-centric view of the world to a human-centric view** is needed.

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**Second**, the world is recognizing the importance of resilience and reliability in global supply chains.

**Third**, there is a collective call for boosting multilateralism through the reform of global institutions.

Our G20 Presidency has played the role of a catalyst in these shifts.

## ON GLOBAL SOUTH

The Voice of Global South Summit, which witnessed participation from 125 countries, was one of the foremost initiatives under our Presidency.

It was an important exercise to gather inputs and ideas from the Global South.

Further, our Presidency has not only seen the largest-ever participation from African countries but has also pushed for the inclusion of the African Union as a permanent member of the G20.

## ON SDGs

An interconnected world means our challenges across domains are interlinked. This is the midway year of the 2030 Agenda and many are noting with great concern that the progress on SDGs is off-track.

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The **G20 2023 Action Plan on Accelerating Progress on SDGs** will spearhead the future direction of the G20 towards implementing SDGs.

## ON CLIMATE CHANGE

In India, **living in harmony with nature** has been a norm since ancient times and we have been contributing our share towards climate action even in modern times.

Many countries of the **Global South** are at **various stages of development** and **climate action must be a complementary pursuit**. Ambitions for climate action must be matched with actions on **climate finance and transfer of technology**.

We believe there is a need to **move away from a purely restrictive attitude of what should not be done**, to a **more constructive attitude** focusing on **what can be done to fight climate change**.

A global ecosystem for **clean and green hydrogen** will emerge from our presidency, along with a **Green Hydrogen Innovation Centre**.

In **2015**, we launched the **International Solar Alliance**. Now, through the **Global Biofuels Alliance**, we will support the world to enable energy transitions **in tune** with the benefits of a **circular economy**.

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**Democratising climate** action is the best way to impart momentum to the movement. Just as individuals make daily decisions based on their long-term health, they can make lifestyle decisions based on the impact on the planet's long-term health. Just like **Yoga became a global mass** movement for wellness, we have also nudged the world with **Lifestyles for Sustainable Environment (LiFE)**.

Due to the impact of climate change, ensuring food and nutritional security will be crucial. **Millets, or Shree Anna**, can help with this while also boosting **climate-smart agriculture**. In the **International Year of Millets**, we have taken millets to global palates.

## ON TECHNOLOGY

**Technology is transformative** but it also **needs** to be made **inclusive**. In the **past**, the benefits of technological advancements have **not benefited all sections of society equally**. **India**, over the last few years, has shown how technology can be leveraged to **narrow inequalities**, rather than widen them.

For instance, the **billions across the world** that **remain unbanked**, or lack digital identities, **can be financially included** through **Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI)**. The solutions we have built using our DPI have now been **recognised globally**. Now, through the G20, we will help developing countries **adapt, build, and scale DPI** to unlock the power of **inclusive growth**.

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## ON INDIAN ECONOMY

That India is the **fastest-growing large economy** is no accident. Our **simple, scalable and sustainable solutions** have **empowered the vulnerable and the marginalised** to lead our development story.

From **space to sports, economy to entrepreneurship**, Indian women have taken the lead in various sectors.

They have **shifted the narrative** from the **development of women to women-led development**. Our G20 Presidency is working on **bridging the gender digital divide, reducing labour force participation gaps** and enabling a larger role for women in leadership and decision-making.

## ON INDIA'S G20 PRESIDENCY

For India, the G20 Presidency is **not merely a high-level diplomatic endeavour**. As the **Mother of Democracy** and a **model of diversity**, we opened the doors of this experience to the world.

Today, **accomplishing things at scale** is a quality that is associated with India. The G20 Presidency is no exception. It has become a **people-driven movement**. **Over 200 meetings**

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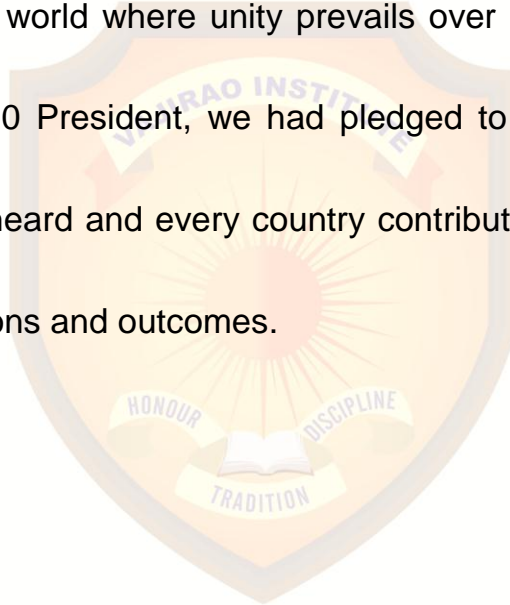
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**will have been organised in 60 Indian cities** across the length and breadth of our nation, hosting nearly **100,000 delegates** from **125 countries** by the end of our term. **No Presidency has ever encompassed such a vast and diverse geographical expanse.**

Our G20 Presidency strives to **bridge divides, dismantle barriers, and sow seeds of collaboration** that nourish a world where unity prevails over discord, where shared destiny eclipses isolation. As the G20 President, we had pledged to make the global table larger, ensuring that every voice is heard and every country contributes. I am positive that we have matched our pledge with actions and outcomes.



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