

'India's G20 agenda to be inclusive, decisive'

RIGHT APPROACH. Global challenges such as climate change, terrorism and pandemics can be solved only by acting together: PM

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India's G20 priorities will be shaped in consultation with not just its G20 partners, but also "our fellow-travellers" in the global South, whose voice often goes unheard, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said.

"For promoting harmony within the human family, we will seek to depoliticise the global supply of food, fertilisers and medical products, so that geopolitical tensions do not lead to humanitarian crises... those whose needs are the greatest must always be our first concern," Modi said in a blog on Thursday, the first day of India assuming rotatory presidency of the G20 for a year.

India's G20 presidency



Prime Minister Narendra Modi

would be an opportunity for the country to promote the developing countries' agenda, as for the first time the G20 Troika are all developing nations.

At the G20, the member holding the rotatory presidency every year, works together with its predecessor and successor, together known as Troika, to ensure the continuity of the agenda.

"India's G20 agenda will be inclusive, ambitious, action-oriented, and decisive....For healing our planet, we will encourage sustainable and environment-friendly lifestyles, based on India's tradition of trusteeship towards nature," the PM wrote.

KEY CHALLENGES

The greatest challenges facing the world — climate change, terrorism, and pandemics — can be solved not by fighting each other, but only by acting together, Modi said.

The G20 comprises 20 of the world's largest economies, which represent around 85 per cent of the global GDP, over 75 per cent of international trade, and about two-thirds of the world population.