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G20 concludes; Modi hands over presidential gavel to Brazil's Prez

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NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday handed over the G20 presidential gavel to Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva and expressed faith that India's successor will further global unity and prosperity.

Modi handed over the ceremonial gavel to Lula at the concluding session of the G20 Leaders' Summit amid thunderous applause.

In his concluding remarks at the final session of the two-day G20 summit, the prime minister also proposed a virtual session of the G20 around the end of November to take stock of the suggestions and decisions made by the leaders of the major developed and developing countries here.

"With this (proposal), I declare the G20 summit as closed," Modi said.

Brazil officially will take over the mantle of the G20



presidency on December 1 and the next Summit is scheduled to be held at the popular seaside resort city of Rio de Janeiro in November 2024.

Lula also held a bilateral meeting with Modi Sunday

evening where the two leaders talked about ways to boost trade and cooperation in agriculture and technology. Lula congratulated Modi for India's successful G20 presidency and pledged to collaborate closely with New

PM pushes for UNSC expansion; world leaders laud India's presidency

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday made a renewed push for expansion of the UN Security Council and reforms in global institutions to reflect world's "new realities", as the G20 summit concluded here with world leaders lauding India's presidency for ensuring several tangible outcomes.

Modi, who noted that India's presidency of G20 would officially continue till November 30 and that over two-and-half months were left for its tenure as the head of the grouping, cited a Sanskrit shloka to pray for hope and peace in the entire world.

Official sources, meanwhile, said the text relating to Russia-Ukraine conflict in the New Delhi Leaders' Declaration is a "convergent consensus" rather than a "divisive consensus" and it could show a path to a resolution of the crisis, a day after a breakthrough on the contentious issue was achieved to help the G20 leaders come out with a 37-page Declaration marking a huge diplomatic win for India. India achieved '100 per cent' consensus on developmental

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Delhi during Brazil's tenure, commencing in December.

Both leaders welcomed the consecutive presidencies of developing countries in the G20 which elevates the Global South's influence in world governance, a joint

statement issued after the meeting said.

They noted with satisfaction the formation of a G20 troika comprising the three BSA countries - India, Brazil and South

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'Bangus Adventure Festival' inaugurated

Years of terrorism destroyed peace, tourism uniting all: LG

'Around 300 new destinations being developed to provide variety of gateway options for domestic, foreign tourists'



LG Manoj Sinha addressing a gathering during inauguration of 'Bangus Adventure Festival'.

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KUPWARA: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Sunday said that years of terrorism and its ecosystem had destroyed the peace and prosperity in Jammu and Kashmir while tourism is uniting one and all.

"Without peace, no development and tourism can happen. It is not only the job of security forces and police to

ensure peace but everyone including local residents and elected representatives have to play their part", the Lieutenant Governor said while inaugurating 'Bangus Adventure Festival' during his visit to the Bangus Valley.

Sinha welcomed the visiting tourists to Jammu and Kashmir, saying, "We live by the motto of 'Atithi Devo Bhava', which also resonates

in our culture. I hope you all will take memorable memories with you from your visit to this beautiful Bangus valley which has emerged as a premier offbeat destination".

"Several offbeat destinations of J&K like Bangus are the ideal escape for travelers seeking leisurely adventures and enchanting experiences. From adventure,

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India believes in taking everyone along: Bhagwat

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LUDHIANA: Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) chief Mohan Bhagwat on Sunday said many countries of the world are looking towards India for it believes in taking everyone along.

Bhagwat made the statement addressing a congregation organised by the Namdhari mission here held in memory of Satguru Partap Singh and Mata Bhupinder Kaur at Namdhari International headquarters Bhaini Sahib, about 30 kms from here in



this district on Sunday "India's job is to create balance in the world and it is playing its role very well. India is not a selfish country. It believes in taking everyone along with it," Bhagwat said.

The Hindu right wing leader said the forces dividing the society were not only damaging the country but also the world and they must be fought jointly.

Bhagwat said that India has to show a new path to the whole world, but also

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British PM Sunak, wife spend 45 minutes at Akshardham temple

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NEW DELHI: Britain's Prime Minister Rishi Sunak on Sunday visited the Akshardham temple here with his wife Akshata Murty and said it is not only a place of worship but also a landmark that portrays India's values.

The couple spent 45 minutes at the temple, offering prayers and learning about its architecture and history, according to the temple management.

They reached the temple dedicated to Swaminarayan, believed to be an incarnation of Lord Vishnu, around 6:45



Britain's Prime Minister Rishi Sunak and his wife Akshata Murty paying obeisance at Akshardham temple.

am and walked barefoot from the reception area to the

main temple complex -- a distance of about 150 metres.

Sunak, who was dressed in a crisp white shirt and navy blue trousers, and his wife, who paired a beige kurta with a bright pink dupatta and loose pants, were accorded a traditional welcome at the temple.

Walking around the temple, the British prime minister shared his thoughts with his hosts.

"My wife and I were delighted to visit Swaminarayan Akshardham for darshan and puja this morning. We were

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PM visits media centre at Bharat Mandapam

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NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday evening visited the International Media Centre at the Bharat Mandapam, the venue of the G20 Summit.

After holding a series of bilateral meetings with world leaders following the conclusion of the summit, Modi came to the media centre and greeted those present there.

He waved at journalists, both from India and abroad, as camerapersons vied to click him.

Amid cheers, Modi

walked in the cavernous hall on the ground floor of the International Media Centre (IMC) which was all decked up.

G20 logos were splashed across huge decorative panels put up in the hall on the theme 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' -- 'One Earth. One Family. One Future'.

Journalists from Italy to Singapore and Germany to Turkiye had gathered in Delhi for covering the summit, on the sidelines of which many bilateral meetings also took place.

Two drug peddlers booked in Kishtwar, Ramban

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JAMMU: Two suspected drug peddlers were detained under the NDPS Act in Kishtwar and Ramban districts, police said on Sunday. Senior Superintendent of Police (Kishtwar) Khalil Poswal said Mohd Iqbal Khanday of Keshwan village was apprehended under the stringent law and lodged in the district jail. Khanday was involved in multiple drug peddling cases and his bank accounts have already been frozen, the officer said. Mohd Shafi Sheikh, another notorious peddler, from the Kawbagh village was also taken into preventive detention under provisions of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act for repeated involvement in selling and distributing contraband in Ramban district.

Senior Superintendent of Police (Ramban) Mohita Sharma prepared the dossier on Sheikh. After receiving approval from the competent authority, the peddler was detained under the NDPS Act, a police spokesperson said.

CS inaugurates workshop on SSAP-Water at IIT-J

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JAMMU: In a significant stride toward securing sustainable future for water sector across Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Jammu and Jal Shakti Department (JSD) of Jammu & Kashmir on Sunday jointly organised Inception Workshop focusing on the State-Specific Action Plan for Water (SSAP-Water) here.

The workshop was inaugurated virtually by Chief Secretary, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta.

Additional Chief Secretary, JSD, Shaleen Kabra; Director IIT-Jammu, Dr.

Manoj Gaur; National Water Mission (NWM), Scientist 'F', Dr. Sanjay Kumar; Chief Engineer Jal Shakti and I&FC Department Jammu, eminent dignitaries, water experts, and other stakeholders were also present on the occasion.

The workshop was also graced by Chief Engineer & Chairman of the Krishna River Management Board, Shiv Nandan Kumar and Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene expert from Department of Civil Engineering, Manipal University, Jaipur, Prof. Anil Dutt Vyas.

The formulation of the SSAP-Water is being imple-

mented under Dr. Divyesh Varade, jointly with Dr. Nitin Joshi and Dr. Vinay Chembolu from the Department of Civil Engineering, IIT Jammu, where the inception workshop marked the first milestone achieved. This pivotal workshop witnessed the convergence of eminent dignitaries, water experts, and stakeholders, at the IIT Jammu's Jagti campus taking center stage in driving the discussions.

During the brainstorming session of workshop, stakeholders explored their respective roles and deliberated on maximizing the impact of

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Missing BSF jawan traced to home in Bihar, to face departmental inquiry

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MENDHAR/JAMMU: Two days after he was reported to be missing from his post near the Line of Control (LoC) in Poonch district, a Border Security Force (BSF) jawan was traced to his home in Bihar, officials said on Sunday.

The jawan was reported missing from the forward post in Bharani in Balakote sector early Friday, following which the BSF lodged a missing person report at the police station concerned, the officials said.

A police officer said the missing jawan was traced

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I.N.D.I.A bloc coordination committee to meet in Delhi on Sept 13

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The first meeting of the 14-member coordination committee of the opposition bloc I.N.D.I.A will be held in the national capital on September 13, leaders said on Sunday.

The meet, to be held at the residence of NCP supremo Sharad Pawar, will chalk out the coalition's strategies and future programmes, they said.

Over two dozen opposition parties have formed the Indian National Developmental Inclusive Alliance (I.N.D.I.A) to take on the BJP-led National

Democratic Alliance unitedly in the 2024 Lok Sabha polls.

Leaders of I.N.D.I.A parties, in their last meeting in Mumbai, constituted the 14-member coordination committee to chalk out further programme of the bloc.

The coordination committee would act as the top decision-making body of the opposition alliance.

On Sunday, Trinamool Congress general secretary Abhishek Banerjee, a member of the coordination committee, claimed that the Enforcement Directorate has served a summons on him to appear before it on

September 13, the day of the meeting, and took a swipe at Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

"FIRST meet of I.N.D.I.A's coordination committee is on 13th Sept in Delhi, where I'm a member. But, ED conveniently served me a notice just now to appear before them on the very same day! One can't help but marvel at the timidity and vacuousness of the 56-inch chest model," Banerjee posted on X.

Besides Pawar and Banerjee, the coordination committee has K C Venugopal of the Congress,

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G20 leaders pay homage to Mahatma Gandhi at Rajghat; sign on 'peace wall'



Prime Minister, Narendra Modi and G20 leaders paying tribute at the Samadhi of Mahatma Gandhi at Rajghat in New Delhi on Sunday.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: G20 leaders, including US President Joe Biden, UK Prime Minister Rishi Sunak and UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres, paid tributes to Mahatma Gandhi at his memorial Rajghat here on

Sunday.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi received the leaders at rain-drenched Rajghat.

He welcomed the dignitaries with an 'angvashram' or stole having in the background an image of Gandhi's Sabarmati Ashram in

Gujarat, which was his home from 1917 to 1930 and served as one of the main centres of India's freedom struggle.

Modi was seen explaining to the leaders the significance of the ashram.

The G20 leaders paid trib-

utes to Gandhi by laying wreaths together at his samadhi.

While some leaders, including Modi and Sunak, walked barefoot, others were seen wearing white footwear provided to the visitors at Rajghat.

Later, Modi said in a post on X that at the iconic Rajghat, the G20 family paid homage to Gandhi -- the beacon of peace, service, compassion and non-violence.

"As diverse nations converge, Gandhi ji's timeless ideals guide our collective

vision for a harmonious, inclusive and prosperous global future," he wrote.

Modi shared a video on X in which the leaders were seen signing on 'peace wall' at the Leaders' Lounge.

Us President Joe Biden said, "The partnership

between India and the United States is rooted in Mahatma Gandhi's principal of trusteeship trusteeship that is shared between our countries and for our shared planet. Thank you, Prime Minister for bringing us

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Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 31.0°C Min: 23.2°C

Humidity
Max: 93 Min: 78

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 32.9°C Min: 16.6°C

Humidity
Max: 69 Min: 39

Sunset : 18:40 Hours
Sunrise : 06:05 Hours