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India and the United Nations have jointly launched the 'India-UN Capacity Building Initiative' to enhance the capabilities of Global South countries.



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Prime Minister Narendra Modi speaking at the G20 Summit held recently in New Delhi. (Photo: PTI)



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India and the United Nations have jointly launched an initiative aimed at building the capacity of countries in the Global South. The goal is to share India's development experiences, best practices, and expertise through capacity-building and training programs.

The 'India-UN Capacity Building Initiative' extends the success of India's G20 Presidency, which prioritised the inclusion of [voices from the Global South in the G20 agenda](#), a release from the United Nations stated.

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This initiative builds upon the extensive cooperation in development and capacity building that India already has bilaterally with the partner countries, the UN release noted.

Under this capacity-building endeavour, the UN-India team and the Gates Foundation will collaborate, utilising India's technical and economic cooperation platform to share India's development experiences and best practices worldwide.

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The initiative will also put into action the development goals established during India's G20 Presidency, including the G20 Action Plan for advancing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and enhancing technology and digital infrastructure.

The UN release also emphasises that this initiative represents a significant step in accelerating progress toward the SDGs through South-South Cooperation, demonstrating India's commitment to strengthening its development partnership with the Global South.

The capacity-building initiative was officially announced during an event titled 'India-UN for the Global South: Delivering for Development' in New York, attended by External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar. At the event, a Joint Declaration of Intent was exchanged between the UN Resident Coordinator in India and the Gates Foundation.

The Global South broadly comprises countries in the regions of Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean, Asia (excluding Israel, Japan, and South Korea), and Oceania (excluding Australia and New Zealand), which are generally characterised by relatively low levels of economic and industrial development.

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