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Global South most affected by food, fuel, fertilizer crises, G20 must address concerns, says PM Modi.

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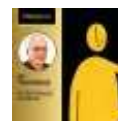
Prime Minister Narendra Modi with US President Joe Biden during the G20 Summit in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Monday. (PTI)

Addressing the opening session of the G20 Summit in Rio de Janeiro on Monday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi praised Brazil's agenda focused on sustainable development goals, noting that this approach highlighted the concerns of the Global South and took forward the people-centric decisions of the New Delhi G20 Summit. He further underscored that the Indian G20 presidency's call for "One Earth, One Family, One Future" continued to resonate at the Rio conversations. During the Summit (November 18 and 19), the Prime Minister will put forward India's position on various issues of global importance and build on the outcomes from the G20 New Delhi Leaders' Declaration and Voice of the Global South Summits which were hosted by India in the past two years.

Speaking about India's initiatives to deal with hunger and poverty, Modi noted that India had pulled 250 million people out of poverty in the last 10 years and was distributing free foodgrains to 800 million people in the country. On India's success in tackling food security, the PM emphasised that its approach based on 'Back to Basics and March to Future' was yielding results. He further elaborated on measures taken by India to foster women-led development.

The PM also highlighted the steps taken by India to strengthen food security in Africa and elsewhere. In this regard, he welcomed the Brazilian initiative to

Global South was severely impacted by food, fuel and fertilizer crises created by ongoing conflicts, and therefore, their concerns ought to be given primacy. “The people-centric decisions taken at the G20 Summit in New Delhi have been taken forward during Brazil’s Presidency,” he said, adding, “It is a matter of great satisfaction that we prioritised sustainable development goals.”

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Talking about India’s success stories in this regard, he said, “Over the last 10 years we have lifted 250 million people out of poverty. Over 800 million people are being given foodgrains free of cost. Around 550 million people are benefiting from the world’s biggest health insurance scheme.”

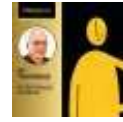
India is not only ensuring food security but also focusing on nutrition, he said, adding that the country is contributing to global food security. “We have provided humanitarian assistance to Malawi, Zambia and Zimbabwe recently,” he said.

Modi also met outgoing United States President Joe Biden at the 19th G20 Summit. “With @POTUS Joe Biden at the G20 Summit in Rio de Janeiro. Always a delight to

PM Modi also met UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres.

He also had an interaction with Singapore Prime Minister Lawrence Wong. “A wonderful interaction with Prime Minister Lawrence Wong of Singapore during the G20 Summit in Rio de Janeiro,” he posted on X.

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Earlier, PM Modi thanked Brazilian President Lula da Silva for the warm welcome upon his arrival at the venue. “Looking forward to the proceedings at the G20 Summit in Rio de Janeiro. Thankful to President Lula for the warm welcome,” he said in a post on X.

PM Modi also had a pull-aside meeting with Spanish President Pedro Sanchez. Canadian PM Justin Trudeau and Chinese President Xi Jinping are also attending the summit in Brazil.

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