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**Question: What is your opinion on the G20 Leaders' Summit 2023 and the declaration they have made? How might this shape a better future for the world in your view?**

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Ultimately, it was India's leitmotif of multilateralism, multipolarity, 'middle path' and abjuring alliances on global discord that won the G20 day at 'Bharat Mandapam'. What marked the zenith of India's G-20 presidency was the inclusion of the African Union as a permanent member.

The Indian presidency yielded major deliverables and outcomes, with larger ramifications for the emerging global order. The creation of a new Working Group on Empowerment of Women, Global Digital Public Infrastructure Repository for bridging technological divide, established Start-up 20 Engagement Group-recognising start-ups and MSMEs as engines of global growth, among others. Laudably, the Indian presidency worked on harmonising development with the environment, stating that "no country should have to choose between fighting poverty and fighting for our planet."

The Leaders' Declaration is highly ambitious and wide-ranging, when assessed on the yardstick of consensus, additionality and implementability. Whether it is the emphasis on equitable climate finance, reform of Multilateral Development Banks and international financial institutions, managing global debt vulnerabilities, pro-innovation approach towards Artificial Intelligence and crypto assets, food security and gender equality.

To conclude the Indian presidency strengthened the G-20 itself as an organisation, one of the only remaining organisations that include the western bloc, the Russia-China combine, and the "non-aligned" members. It ushered G-20 as a more representative, inclusive, and egalitarian model of global governance in comparison to the shibboleths of post-World War II order. The winds of global governance are increasingly blowing towards the 'South' of the *Brandt Line*, in tandem with '*Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam*' resonating globally.

**Other notable entries:**

- ♦ Md. Wahid Sarwar (Jharkhand)
- ♦ Hardil Noor Singh Sahni (New Delhi)