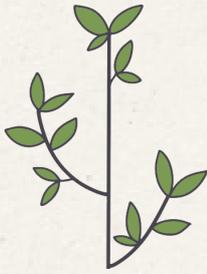
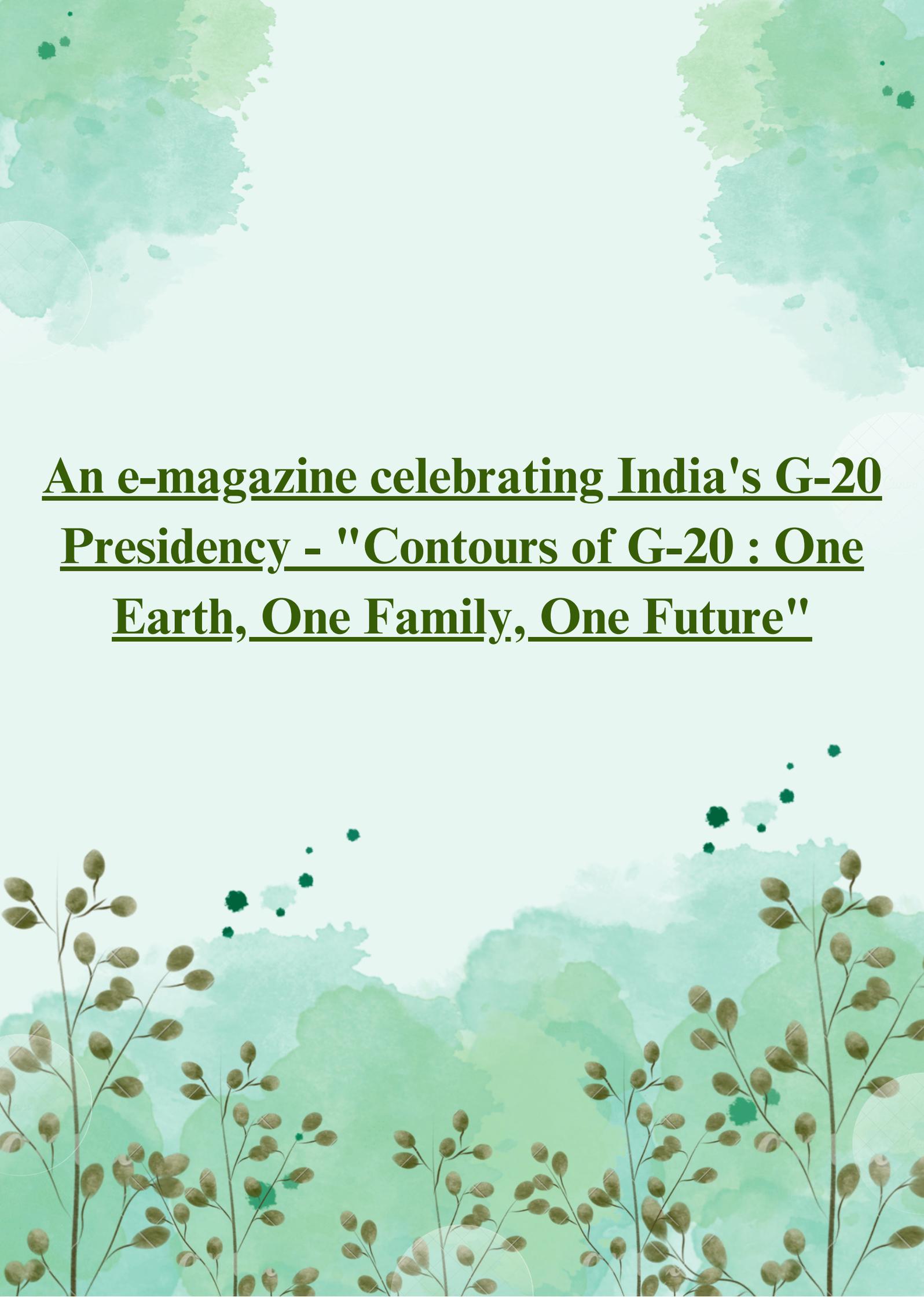


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Presidency - "Contours of G-20 : One
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From the Principal's Desk



Dear Students,

It gives me immense pleasure to extend good wishes to "Maitreyi: The Forum of Students of Political Science" on the publication of its inaugural e-Magazine, Volume I (2023-24). This milestone represents your unwavering commitment to intellectual exploration and the pursuit of excellence.

I commend your forum in making an effort to explore the foundations laid by our great political thinkers and freedom fighters, and their dream of a united and progressive India. The e-magazine with its maiden theme on G20 well serve as a platform for you to pour your creativity, suggest remedies for pressing issues, and express your vision of an India that transcends judgment and remorse.

Your pursuit in creating awareness toward G20 and its major issues is a stepping stone to a sustainable development. As you hand over the torch to future members, may Maitreyi continue to cultivate curiosity and political awareness among all its students.

Best wishes,

Prof. Alka Singh,

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From the Faculty's Desk



Maitreyi - Forum of Students of Political Science is doing commendable work since it's inception. The launch of the first Volume of Forum's e-Magazine - Maitreyi Manthan is , indeed, a proud moment for the Department of Political Science.

The e- Magazine speaks of the vision and hard work of the members of Maitreyi. It is completely a students' initiative, from selecting the theme & inviting write-ups to editing & designing, everything is done by students under the supervision of the faculty members . The aim of the e-Magazine is to provide the young minds a platform to reflect, argue, question and write on the issues of contemporary relevance.

The theme of the first Volume - India's G-20 Presidency - " Contours of G-20: One Earth, One Family, One Future"- is rightly chosen. It invited the students to reflect on the significance of India's G-20 Presidency and it's implications for strengthening India's inclusive perspective at the global platform. How India can spread its eternal message of Vasudhaiv Kutumbakam' and contribute in attainment of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and making of a peaceful world through its G-20 Presidency.

The e-Magazine has also encouraged the students to contemplate and write on their experience of witnessing the historic moment of organisation of six G-20 Meetings at Varanasi.





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I congratulate all students who have contributed their write-ups for the first Volume of Maitreyi Manthan. The vibrant editorial team deserves appreciation for working meticulously to make this e-Magazine possible. I am grateful to the Principal, Vasanta College for Women for her encouragement and support. I am also thankful to the faculty members of the Department of Political Science for constantly motivating and guiding students in completing this mammoth task.

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From the Faculty's Desk

I am happy to extend my warmest congratulations to Maitreyi, Forum of Students of Political Science, on the release of very first newsletter, centred around the G20 summit theme.

The decision to focus on the G20 summit theme demonstrates a keen understanding of the importance of international cooperation and collaboration. The G20 summit serves as a platform where world leaders gather to address significant global issues, foster economic growth, and promote sustainable development. By delving into this significant event, Maitreyi have chosen a subject that holds immense relevance for our global community.

The newsletter can serve as a powerful tool for building bridges, fostering dialogue, and promoting understanding among students from various backgrounds. The dedication, knowledge, and commitment to making a difference through this newsletter is truly commendable. At last, I congratulate you all again wholeheartedly on this new venture and no doubt that the future newsletters will continue to inspire, educate, and engage the students.

Wishing the team Maitreyi every success in your endeavours, and may your passion for such academic journey continue to shine brightly.

Best Wishes,

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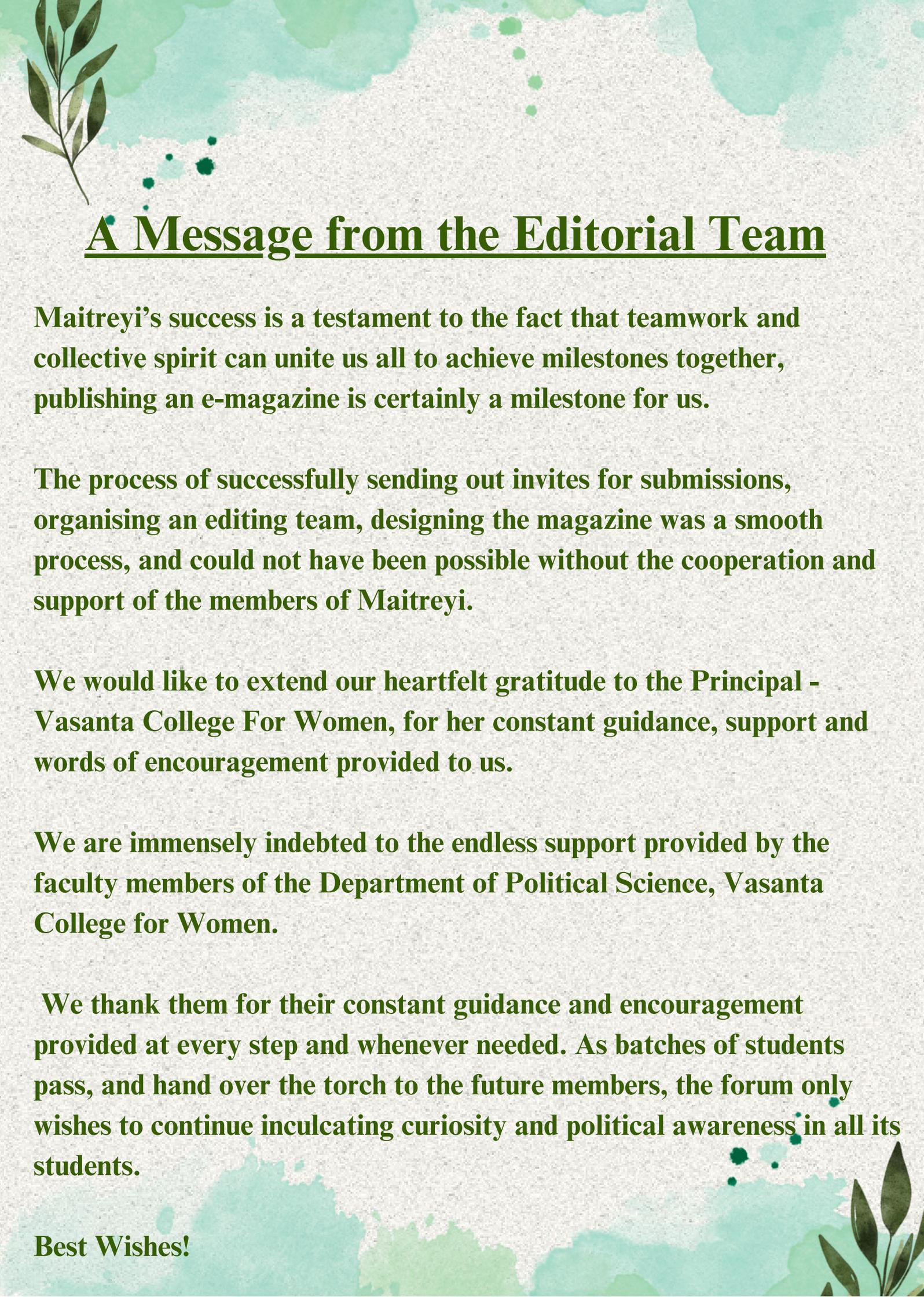
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I am delighted to know the first issue of Maitreyi Manthan, the e-Magazine of Maitreyi: Forum of Students of Political Science is ready, reflecting the creative endeavour of our students. Vasanta College for Women holds a prime significance in Varanasi symbolizing Annie Besant's vision for women's education. In today's global scenario, students need to hone their communicative skills developing imagination and creativity.

The Maitreyi Manthan magazine provides such an avenue. Young mind's experiences, their aesthetic taste, and their creative pursuits as expressed in the columns of Maitreyi Manthan deserve our abundant appreciation. I send my greetings and best wishes to the Student Coordinator and her team with a hope that they will continue this fine tradition of writing.

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A Message from the Editorial Team

Maitreyi's success is a testament to the fact that teamwork and collective spirit can unite us all to achieve milestones together, publishing an e-magazine is certainly a milestone for us.

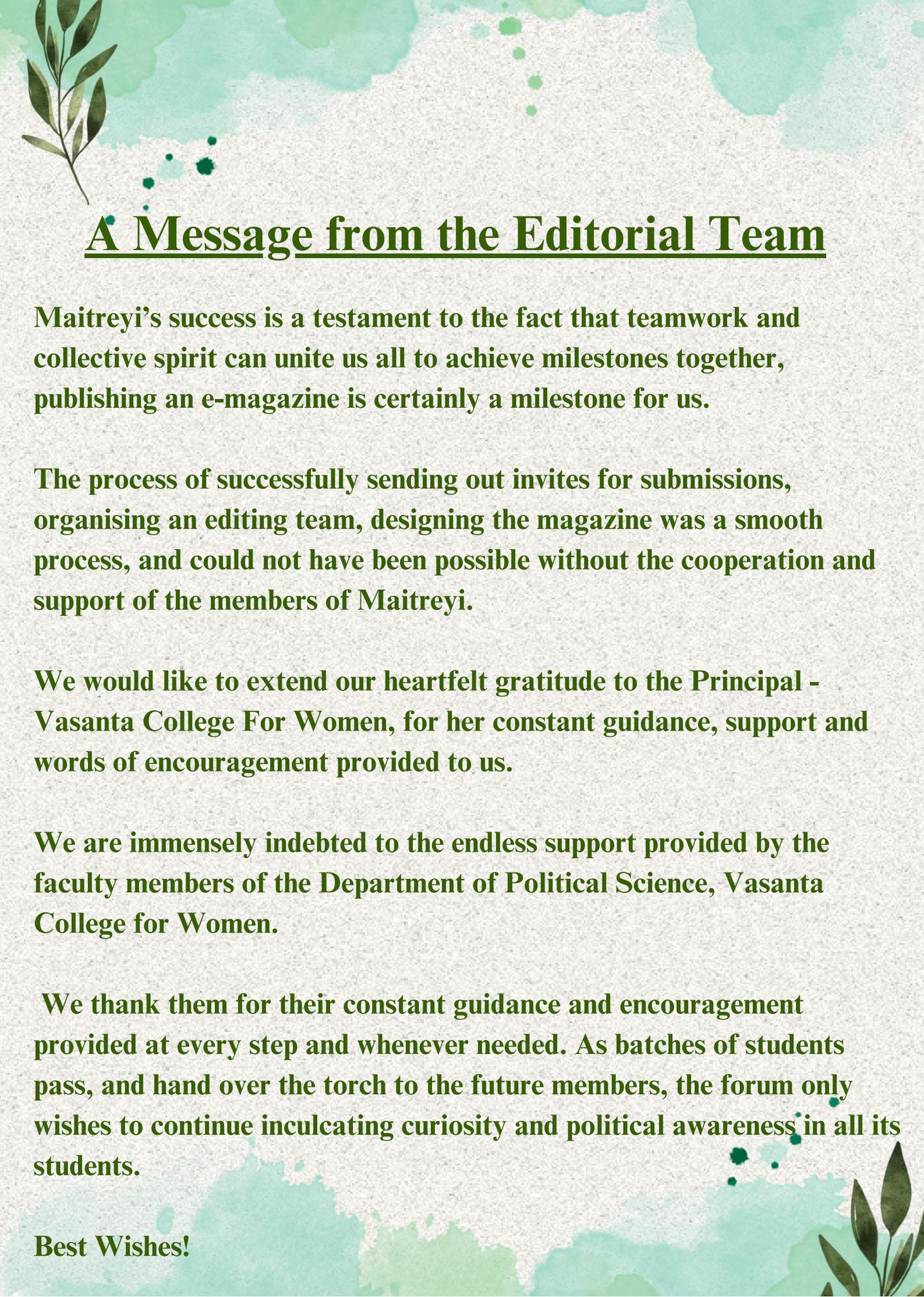
The process of successfully sending out invites for submissions, organising an editing team, designing the magazine was a smooth process, and could not have been possible without the cooperation and support of the members of Maitreyi.

We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Principal - Vasanta College For Women, for her constant guidance, support and words of encouragement provided to us.

We are immensely indebted to the endless support provided by the faculty members of the Department of Political Science, Vasanta College for Women.

We thank them for their constant guidance and encouragement provided at every step and whenever needed. As batches of students pass, and hand over the torch to the future members, the forum only wishes to continue inculcating curiosity and political awareness in all its students.

Best Wishes!



Contours of G-20: One Earth, One Family, One Future

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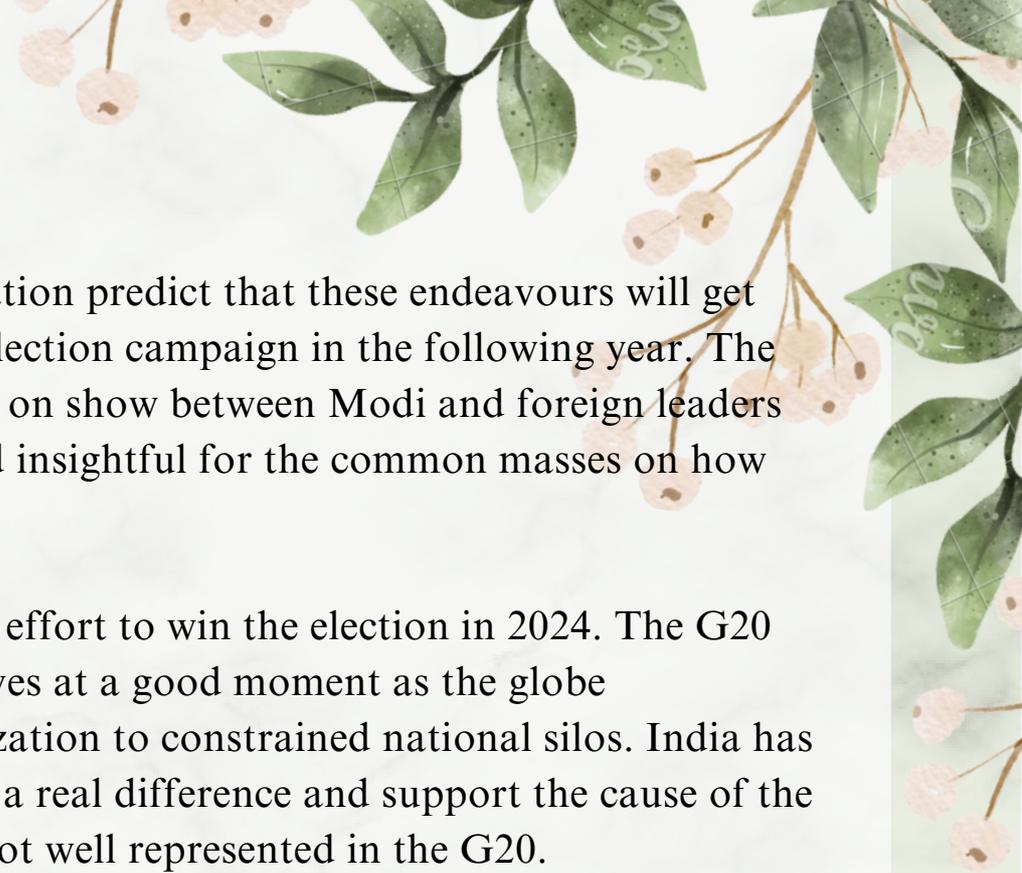


India & G-20

Never before has the G-20 been commemorated the way it is in India. At airports, railway stations and street junctions throughout Indian cities and villages, cutouts of the Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the G-20 are on display. The Indian government has gone all out to promote it has had a significant international event since taking over the group's rotating chairmanship from Indonesia in December 2022.

What makes the G-20 so unique is that India is going all out to build a name for itself? After all, there isn't much drum-beating at summits conducted in other countries every year. India is indeed holding the presidency for the first time, and Narendra Modi will host some of the most significant world leaders, including US President Joe Biden, UK Prime Minister Rishi Sunak, Chinese President Xi Jinping, Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese, French President Emmanuel Macron, Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida and German Chancellor Olaf Scholz etc.

A sizable portion of the middle class believes that under PM Modi, the moment has now come for India to take on a far more significant role on the international scene, as has long been the belief of the Indian elites. However, not everyone agrees with this.



Critics of the administration predict that these endeavours will get highlighted during the election campaign in the following year. The camaraderie that will be on show between Modi and foreign leaders would be impressive and insightful for the common masses on how such forums operate.

It will support the BJP's effort to win the election in 2024. The G20 presidency of India arrives at a good moment as the globe transitions from globalization to constrained national silos. India has an opportunity to make a real difference and support the cause of the global South, which is not well represented in the G20.

The G20 India presidency and its unifying theme provide a perfect platform for narratives and actions that are much required when world leaders are in constructive talks. It gives India a chance to highlight her positive efforts on priorities. It might represent the beginning of a necessary dialogue and movement, especially among countries in the South. It is a chance to promote our country as a democratic role model during this G20 year.



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India's G20 Presidency and the Priority Areas

The Group of Twenty (G20) is the premier intergovernmental forum for international economic cooperation. The forum plays an important role in shaping and strengthening global architecture and governance on all major international economic issues. The G20 members represent around 85% of the global GDP, over 75% of the global trade, and about two-thirds of the world population. India holds the Presidency of the G20 from 1st December 2022 to 30th November 2023.

The theme of India's G20 Presidency is - "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam" or "One Earth . One Family . One Future"

India has assumed the Presidency of the G20, which is a key global forum of major economies of the world for discussing and addressing critical challenges being faced by the international community. This is a historic opportunity for India to showcase its vibrant culture and rich heritage, along with its achievements and capabilities

In order to further the multi-year agenda of the G20 Employment Working Group, the following priority areas have been identified for its consideration:

- 1 - Addressing Global Skill Gaps
- 2- Gig and Platform Economy and Social Protection
- 3- Sustainable Financing of Social Security

G20 Presidency

INDIA'S G20 PRIORITIES?

1-Green Development, Climate Finance & Lifestyle for Environment (LiFE)

2-Accelerated, Inclusive & Resilient Growth

3-Accelerating progress on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

4-Technological Transformation & Digital Public Infrastructure

5-Multilateral Institutions for the 21st century

6-Women-led development

India kick-started its presidency term agenda with a series of cultural initiatives that included various Jan Bhagidari activities, a special University Connect event with 75 educational institutions from across the country, the lighting up of 100 ASI monuments with the G20 logo and colours, and showcasing G20 at the Hombill festival in Nagaland. Sand artist Shri Sudarshan Pattnaik also created sand art of India's G20 logo on Puri beach in Odisha.

Various other events, youth activities, cultural performances, and site excursions showcasing the sights and traditions of respective city-venues, are also planned throughout the year-long calendar.

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वसुधैव कुटुम्बकम्

The entire world is our family' ~ theme of India's G20 Presidency
~affirms the value of all life possible

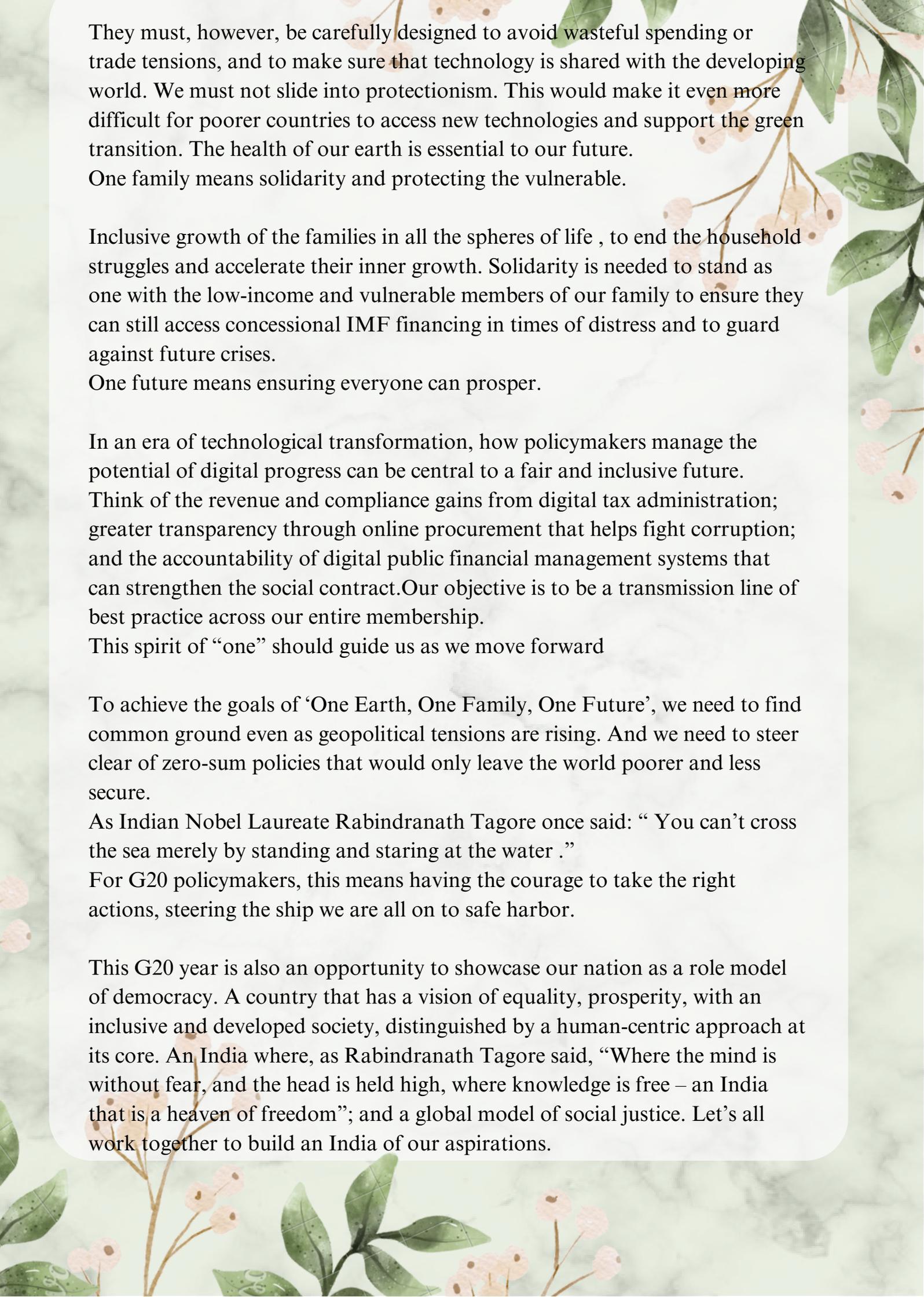
One Earth ,One Family, One Future can be achieved by joining together to shape a new paradigm - of human-centric globalisation.

Taking all the factors into consideration let us have a look on the theme that what it actually means.One earth means protecting Our planet, Our home.

We are witness to the increasingly severe and pervasive effects of climate change — an existential threat to humanity that we can only fight as a collective. We must band together as one family in defense of our one earth. Our collective goal of delivering on the Paris Agreement and boosting resilience will require policies that can help redirect trillions of dollars towards green projects.

The first wave of pilot countries accessing the Resilience and Sustainability Trust demonstrate how we are helping vulnerable countries set up the right policies and create an environment conducive to climate-friendly investments. Alongside this, we are coordinating with others—including multilateral development banks and the private sector—who have a key role to play in reducing investment risks.

To be sure, there are signs of progress, as major economies realign their fiscal frameworks to accelerate the green transition. But policies should stay focused on that transition—rather than providing a competitive advantage to domestic firms. “Green subsidies” for early-stage technologies can be helpful—look at how they lowered the global price of solar energy.



They must, however, be carefully designed to avoid wasteful spending or trade tensions, and to make sure that technology is shared with the developing world. We must not slide into protectionism. This would make it even more difficult for poorer countries to access new technologies and support the green transition. The health of our earth is essential to our future. One family means solidarity and protecting the vulnerable.

Inclusive growth of the families in all the spheres of life, to end the household struggles and accelerate their inner growth. Solidarity is needed to stand as one with the low-income and vulnerable members of our family to ensure they can still access concessional IMF financing in times of distress and to guard against future crises.

One future means ensuring everyone can prosper.

In an era of technological transformation, how policymakers manage the potential of digital progress can be central to a fair and inclusive future. Think of the revenue and compliance gains from digital tax administration; greater transparency through online procurement that helps fight corruption; and the accountability of digital public financial management systems that can strengthen the social contract. Our objective is to be a transmission line of best practice across our entire membership.

This spirit of “one” should guide us as we move forward

To achieve the goals of ‘One Earth, One Family, One Future’, we need to find common ground even as geopolitical tensions are rising. And we need to steer clear of zero-sum policies that would only leave the world poorer and less secure.

As Indian Nobel Laureate Rabindranath Tagore once said: “ You can’t cross the sea merely by standing and staring at the water .”

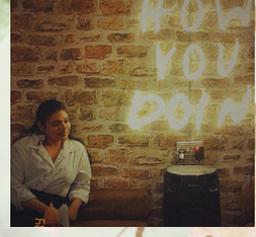
For G20 policymakers, this means having the courage to take the right actions, steering the ship we are all on to safe harbor.

This G20 year is also an opportunity to showcase our nation as a role model of democracy. A country that has a vision of equality, prosperity, with an inclusive and developed society, distinguished by a human-centric approach at its core. An India where, as Rabindranath Tagore said, “Where the mind is without fear, and the head is held high, where knowledge is free – an India that is a heaven of freedom”; and a global model of social justice. Let’s all work together to build an India of our aspirations.

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Genesis of Vaisudhev Kutumbakam



India is hosting the 18th G-20 on the theme of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam that is One Earth One Family One future well everyone know about its meaning . But do you know about the origin of this phrase ,or its true meaning or from which mantra it is derived from and its context to other ancient text ?

In Sanskrit: **वसुधैव कुटुम्बकम्** meaning “vasudha”, the earth; “iva”, is ; and “kutumbakam”, family is a Sanskrit phrase that means that the whole world is one single family.

So according to this the Vedic sages meant that the entire world is truly just one family or the world is like a small, tightly knit, nuclear family.

The word **वसुधैवकुटुम्बकम्** (vasudhaiva kutumbakam) comes from the mantra VI-72 in Maha Upanishad 6.72 which belongs to Samaveda Tradition. The mantra reads:

**अय बन्धुरयंनेति गणनालघुचेतसाम्
उदारचरितानां तुवसुधैव कुटुम्बकम् ॥**

Meaning: The distinction “This person is mine, and this one is not” is made only by the narrow-minded (that is the ignorant who are in duality). For those of noble conduct (that is who know the Supreme Truth) the whole world is one family (one Unit).

The meaning of words like ‘family’ etc. should be understood in the context of what the Upanishad is talking about. It is describing the quality of a man who understood the Truth, transcending the multiplicity of the world.

The Upanishad mantra is not a geo-politico-socio-cultural statement. But a matter of fact.

In Hitopadesha, Vasudhaiva kutumbakam has referred in the verse 1.3.71:

**अयंनिजः परो वेति गणना लघुचेतसाम्
उदार चरितानां तु वसुधैव कुटुम्बकम्**

Meaning - This is my own and that a stranger' – is the calculation of the narrow-minded for the magnanimous-hearts however, the entire earth is but a family.

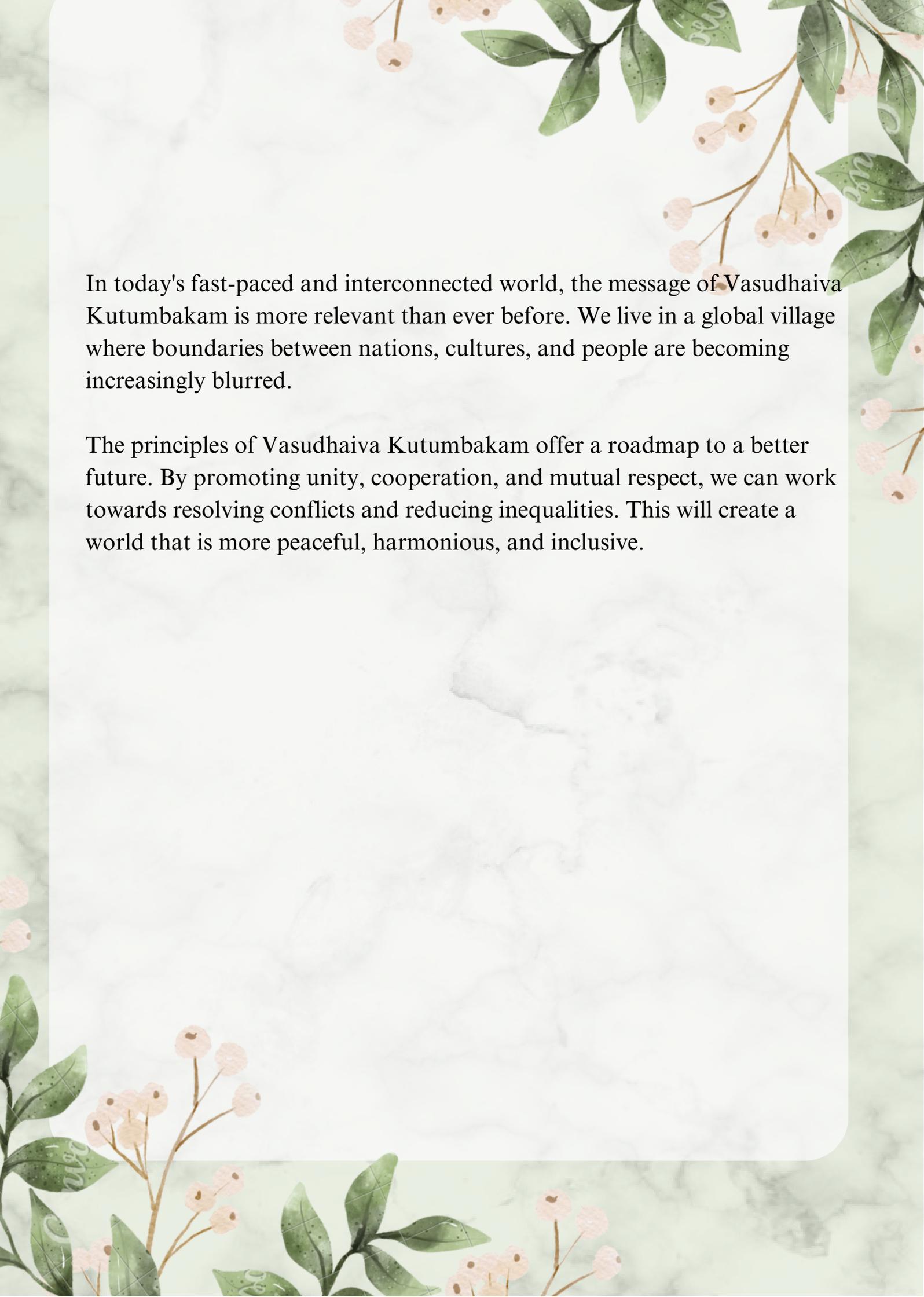
Even in the Tamil Poem written 2500 years ago by Tamil Poet Kavian Poongundranar has a concept similar to 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam'(Song 192, Purananuru, Sangam literature)

**"எல்லோரும் கேளுங்கள்"
yathum oore yavarum kelir**

Meaning- 'Every place is my home town; Everyone my kith and kin

In conclusion the true meaning of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam encapsulates the essence of universal brotherhood and the interconnectedness of all beings. This ancient Indian philosophy highlights the idea that the entire world is one big family, where every individual is a member, regardless of their race, religion, nationality or ethnicity.

The phrase represents the belief that we should treat everyone with kindness, compassion and respect, and strive to live in peace and harmony.



In today's fast-paced and interconnected world, the message of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam is more relevant than ever before. We live in a global village where boundaries between nations, cultures, and people are becoming increasingly blurred.

The principles of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam offer a roadmap to a better future. By promoting unity, cooperation, and mutual respect, we can work towards resolving conflicts and reducing inequalities. This will create a world that is more peaceful, harmonious, and inclusive.

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Contours of G20 : One Earth, One Family, One future

While unveiling the theme of G20 , Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi quoted that –

“ India’s G20 presidency will work to promote the universal sense of oneness. Hence, our theme is One Earth, One family, One future or Vaisudhaiv Kutumbakam”

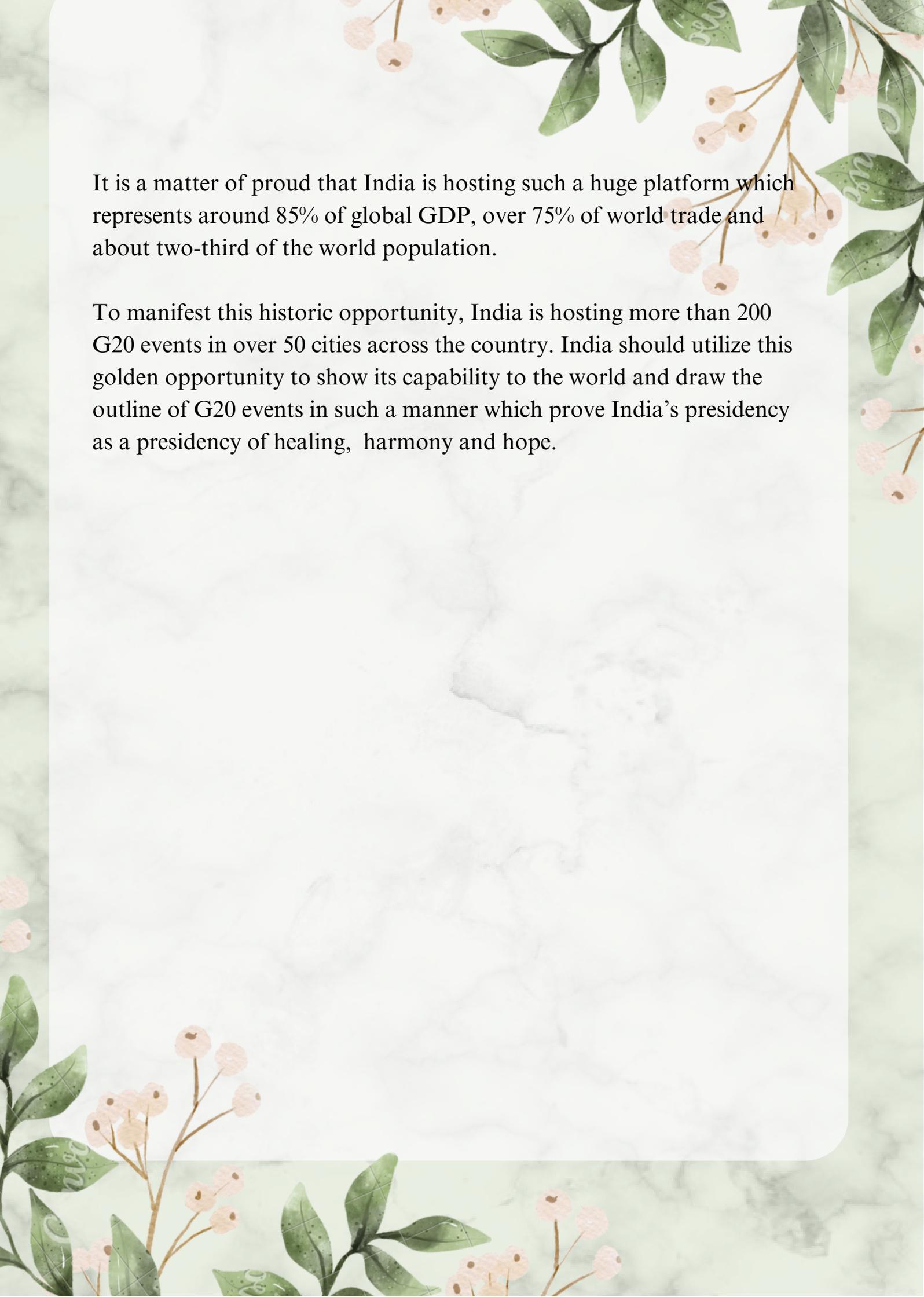
The term ‘ Vaisudhaiv Kutumbakam’ is drawn from the Ancient Sanskrit text of Mahaupanishad which means the whole world is a family.

India got the presidentship of G20 at the time of crisis and chaos in the world. A world whose health sector has been shattered by the pandemic crises, economy is facing food and fuel crises due to Russian- Ukraine war and environment is severely affected by climate change.

Hence, the whole world is in need of shared knowledge to overcome from these interconnected problems. So, the adoption of such theme guides and promotes the ‘we’ - feeling among the member countries.

In theme, the mention of ‘one’ as prefix before Earth, family and future shows the common developmental objectives. Here, one Earth indicates collective responsibility towards our planet.

One family promotes the feeling of solidarity and protecting the vulnerable. One future ensures that everyone can prosper with sustainable utilization of resources.



It is a matter of proud that India is hosting such a huge platform which represents around 85% of global GDP, over 75% of world trade and about two-third of the world population.

To manifest this historic opportunity, India is hosting more than 200 G20 events in over 50 cities across the country. India should utilize this golden opportunity to show its capability to the world and draw the outline of G20 events in such a manner which prove India's presidency as a presidency of healing, harmony and hope.

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Love the Non - Living

World is a huge piece of emotions

With high mountains and vast oceans

There is nothing like non-living

Every rock and water is loving

But, if they get misused

Their love can get fused

They will destroy everything in anger

And before you sense danger

It is already your end

For you betrayed your friend

So, respect their feelings too

It's the only way to save you

They definitely are so appealing

But remember they too have feelings

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Embracing Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam: A Philosophy of Interconnectedness

Tagore, Swami Vivekanand, Mahatma Gandhi, Deen Dayal Upadhyaya among others. Gautam Buddha propagated peaceful coexistence. Tagore was against possessive individualism and believed in true freedom as freedom at the universal level.

Vivekananda preached the Neo Vedantic philosophy of solidarity of universe and selfless action in the service of humanity. Gandhi always taught us to treat everyone as equal and contributed significantly in creating solidarity among different caste and religious communities. Upadhyaya gave the concept of Integral Humanism or Ekatmata where Individual and Society are mutually complementary.

Such are the ideas which have shaped India's values (also commonly called as Sanskar) of unity, brotherhood, equality, hospitality, etc. These ideas are perfectly reflected in this year's India's G 20 theme of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' or 'One Earth, One Family, One Future'. India, holding the leadership position in the G20, is actively leveraging its influence to promote this philosophy on a global scale.

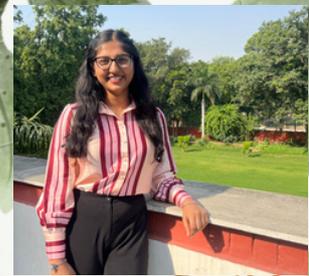
By recognizing the interdependence and interconnectedness of all nations in this era of Globalization, India aims to foster a sense of unity, cooperation, and shared responsibility among the G20 countries. Through diplomatic initiatives, collaborative efforts, and inclusive policies, India seeks to create a world where the principles of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam guide international relations, leading to a harmonious and sustainable global community.

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Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam

The term Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam is about a philosophy that promotes a sense of global responsibility, encouraging individuals and societies to treat one another with respect, compassion, and understanding. It transcends the boundaries of nationality, religion, and culture, emphasizing the inherent oneness of humanity.

India as a nation-state has always been an advocate of peace and justice. It inculcates these principles and values in its foreign policy objectives. If we take a look at the history, we can see how India has been a staunch supporter of inclusive growth along with sustainability.

India's foreign policy is focusing on the 'global common good'. Through its G20 leadership, India hopes to extend this principle towards finding sustainable solutions to some of the key global challenges emerging out of the interconnectedness of the world, what we call globalization, such as climate change, new and emerging technologies, food and energy security, etc.

If we look at the theme of G20 2023, it reflects these values. The logo draws inspiration from the National flag and the earth reflects India's pro-environment approach. Also it inculcates the LiFE (Lifestyle for environment). As a nation with democratic values it can show the world that conflicts can come to an end using dialogue and democratic means.

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G-20 and India



The G20 or Group of 20 is an intergovernmental forum comprising 19 countries and the European Union (EU). Due to the Asian financial crisis in 1999, the G20 summit was organized. In a historic moment, India formally assumed the G20 Presidency from Indonesia on December 1, this year. It is for the first time India is holding the G20 Presidency after its advent in 1998.

This responsibility comes at a crucial time when the world is facing economic slowdown and geopolitical tensions. In his closing remarks at the G20 Summit in Bali after assuming the presidency, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that it is a matter of pride for every Indian Citizen.

“We will organize G20 meetings in different cities and states of our country. Our guests will get full experience of India’s amazing diversity, inclusive traditions, and cultural richness. We wish that all of you will participate in this unique celebration in India, the ‘Mother of Democracy’. Together, we will make the G20, a catalyst for global change,” PM Modi said.¹ Y20 and B20 is the official Youth engagement group and business group for the G20, the forum for the world’s largest and most advanced nations. The theme of India's G20 presidency is "One Earth, One Family, One Future."

PM Modi believes that despite having the means to meet the basic needs of all people, we have collectively failed and emphasized that the current era need not be one of war and called for honest and accommodating conversations to solve global problems.



India and its thriving democracy could show the way for a collective response to global issues. India is the fastest-growing large economy and has the capacity to leverage technology for the betterment of humanity.

The Prime Minister emphasized the need to depoliticize the global supply of food, fertilizers, and medical products.

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B.A – First Year (Geography)



“CONTOURS OF G-20 :ONE EARTH, ONE FAMILY, ONE FUTURE”

December 1, 2022 is a red letter day as India assumed the G20 presidency from Indonesia and will convene the G20 leaders’ summit for the first time in the country in 2023. A nation deeply committed to democracy and multilateralism, India’s G20 presidency would be a watershed moment in her history as it seeks to play an important role by finding pragmatic global solutions for the well-being of all, and in doing so, manifest the true spirit of “VASUDHAIVA KUTUMBAKAM” or the “ WORLD IS ONE FAMILY”. Calling India the ‘mother of democracy ’, PM Modi said India’s efforts to ensure that “ there is no first world or third world but only one world”.

But a question which arises that what is this G20? G20 refers to the group of twenty which is an intergovernmental forum comprising of 19 countries – Argentina , Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Republic of Korea, Mexico, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Turkey, United Kingdom, and United States and the European Union. The G20 members represent around 85% of global GDP, over 75% of global trade, and about two-thirds of the world population. It was founded in 1999 after the Asian financial crisis as a forum for the Finance ministers and Central Bank governors to discuss global economic and financial issues . Its main aim is to secure global financial stability by involving middle income countries.

It was upgraded to the level of heads of State/government in the wake of global economic and financial crisis of 2007, and in 2009, was designated the “premier forum for International economic cooperation.” The G20 summit is held annually, under the leadership of a rotating presidency.

Together with the previous and next presidency-holder, forms TROIKA to ensure continuity of the G20 agenda. During India’s presidency, Indonesia, India and Brazil will form the TROIKA. This would be for the first time that TROIKA would consist of three developing countries and emerging economies. HOW DOES G20 WORK? The G20 has no permanent secretariat. The agenda and work are coordinated by representatives of the G20 countries called as “SHERPAS” who work together with the finance ministers and governors of Central Banks. India has announced that Ex-NITI Aayog CEO Amitabh Kant would be the G20 SHERPA after Piyush Goyal.

INDIA'S G20 PRESIDENCY

India holds the presidency of G20 from December 1, 2022 to November 30, 2023. The 43 Heads of Delegations- the largest ever in G20 will be participating in the final New Delhi summit in September 2023. The G20 logo draws inspiration from the vibrant colours of Indian national flag- saffron, white, blue, and green . It shows planet earth with a lotus.

Here Lotus being the national flower of the nation symbolises growth amid challenges The earth reflects India's pro-planet approach to life, one in perfect harmony with nature. Below the logo there is "BHARAT" written in Devanagari script. India is faced with the task of identifying creative solutions to bridge these geopolitical differences and pave the way for conversations anchored in cooperation and collective prosperity.

Indeed India's presidency might be expected to steer the articulation of unambiguous G20 policy on the Russia- Ukraine war. THEME OF INDIA'S G20 PRESIDENCY "VASUDHAIVA KUTUMBAKAM" or " One Earth; One Family; One Future"- is drawn from the ancient Sanskrit text of Maha Upanishad.

Essentially the theme affirms the value of all life- human, animal, plant and microorganisms- and their interconnectedness on the planet Earth and wider universe. The theme also spotlights LiFE(Lifestyle for Environment), with its associated, environmentally sustainable and responsible choices, both at the level of individual lifestyles as well as national development, leading to globally transformative actions resulting in cleaner, greener and bluer future.

For India, the G20 presidency also marks the beginning of AMRITKAAL, the 25 year period beginning from the 75th anniversary of its independence , towards a futuristic, prosperous, inclusive and developed society, distinguished by human-centric approach at its core.

FIVE TAKEAWAYS FROM THE SUMMIT, THE FIRST POST-PANDEMIC MEETING OF THE G20 GROUPING:-

First, The G20 communique echoed Prime Minister Narendra Modi's message to Russian president Vladimir Putin, underlining that "Today's era must not be of war."

Second, US president Joe Biden met with Chinese President Xi Jinping on the sidelines of G20. Three hours talk- as an incremental step towards building the fractures relationships.

Third, the divide between Russia and the US was evident again for a few hours after news of the "Russia built" missile landing in Poland broke.

Fourth, PM Modi and Xi met at dinner hosted by Indonesian president Joko Widodo.

This was possibly one of the most stark images out of summit, as the two leaders- who had met at least 18 times between 2014 and 2019- met after a two year hiatus.

Fifth, India has got the presidency of the G20, the first time the country will be holding an international summit of this. Indonesia's president handed over the gravel to the Indian prime minister as the next chair of grouping. New Delhi will host G20 leaders' for the summit on September 9 and 10, 2023.

At the closing session of the summit, Prime Minister Modi told G20 leaders that India's presidency will be "inclusive, ambitious, decisive and action-oriented." He underlined – ENVIRONMENT, WOMEN LED ENVIRONMENT, ECONOMIC GROWTH, PEACE AND SECURITY AND TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATION.

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Contours of G-20: One Earth, One Family, One Future

The G20, or group of 20 countries, is an international and intergovernmental forum representing 19 countries and the European Union. The aim is attaining major global economic issues, bringing financial stability, approaching climate change and working towards sustainable development.

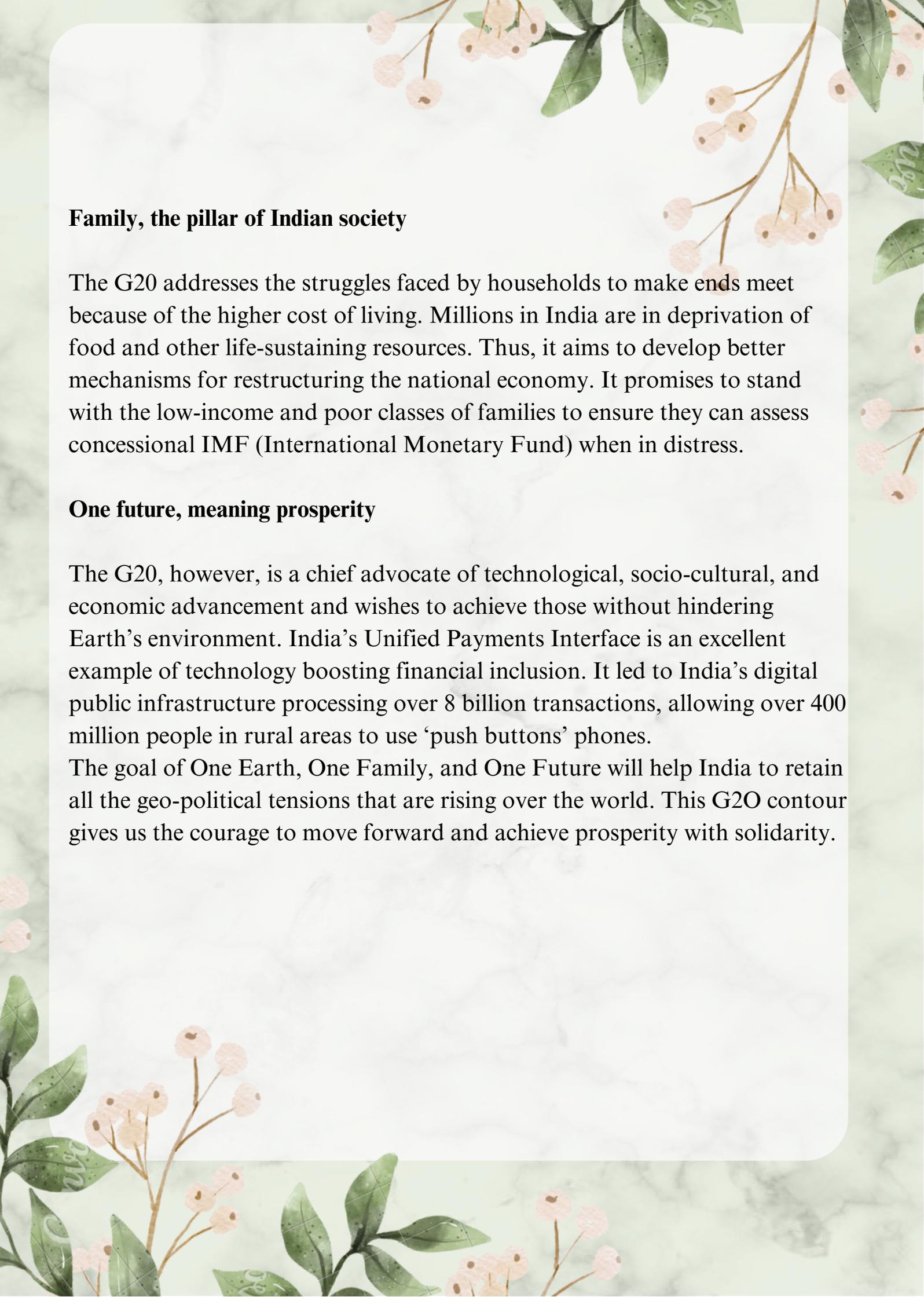
The G20 summit includes five groups of worldwide nations. Group 1 consists of Australia, Canada, Saudi Arabia, USA. Group 2 consists of India, Russia, South Africa, and Turkey. Group 3 consists of Argentina, Brazil, and Mexico. Group 4 consists of France, Germany, Italy and UK. And lastly, group 5 consists of China, Indonesia, Japan and South Korea.

India, a country which faithfully supports the G20 cause, assumed the presidency of the G20 summit on 1st December 2022 and has come up with a unique theme which promotes “Contours of G-20: One Earth, One Family, One Future.”

One Earth, our mother nature

We are witnessing increasingly severe and pervasive effects of climate change — an existential threat to humanity that we can only fight collectively. The summit asks us to band together as one family, one nation, defending our one Earth.

The summit’s collective goal of delivering on the Paris Agreement and boosting resilience will require policies that can help redirect trillions of dollars towards green projects. We must consider smart regulation, price signals and well-targeted subsidies that incentivize low-carbon investment or financial innovations that mobilize more private capital.



Family, the pillar of Indian society

The G20 addresses the struggles faced by households to make ends meet because of the higher cost of living. Millions in India are in deprivation of food and other life-sustaining resources. Thus, it aims to develop better mechanisms for restructuring the national economy. It promises to stand with the low-income and poor classes of families to ensure they can access concessional IMF (International Monetary Fund) when in distress.

One future, meaning prosperity

The G20, however, is a chief advocate of technological, socio-cultural, and economic advancement and wishes to achieve those without hindering Earth's environment. India's Unified Payments Interface is an excellent example of technology boosting financial inclusion. It led to India's digital public infrastructure processing over 8 billion transactions, allowing over 400 million people in rural areas to use 'push buttons' phones.

The goal of One Earth, One Family, and One Future will help India to retain all the geo-political tensions that are rising over the world. This G20 contour gives us the courage to move forward and achieve prosperity with solidarity.

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G-20 की रुपरेखा: एक पृथ्वी, एक परिवार, एक भविष्य

**"अयं निजः परो वेति गणना लघुचेतसाम्।
उदारचरितानां तु वसुधैव कुटुम्बकम् ॥ "**

**यह मेरा है, वह पराया है, ऐसे छोटें विचार के व्यक्ति करते हैं।
उच्च चरित्र वाले लोग समस्त संसार को ही परिवार मानते हैं ॥**

उपर्युक्त संस्कृत श्लोक जो कि महाउपनिषद में संकलित है, एक ऐसे वैश्विक एकता को संकल्पित करता है जो समभाव समरूपता की दिशा की ओर अग्रसर हो। इसी उद्देश्य को लेकर और इसी विषय "एक पृथ्वी, एक परिवार, एक भविष्य" को समाहित करते हुए जी- 20 एक ऐसा अंतराष्ट्रीय आर्थिक सहयोग का मंच है, जिसका प्रमुख उद्देश्य वैश्विक आर्थिक स्थिरता, सतत विकास लक्ष्य को हासिल करने के लिए इनके सदस्यों के बीच समन्वय व अन्तराष्ट्रीय वित्तीय संरचना का आधुनिकीकरण करना है।

भारत ने 1 दिसंबर 2022 को इंडोनेशिया से जी20 की अध्यक्षता को ग्रहण किया और 9 अक्टूबर 2023 में देश में पहली बार जी20 नेताओं का शिखर सम्मेलन आयोजित किया ,गया लोकतंत्र और बहुपक्षवाद के लिए गहराई से प्रतिबद्ध भारत राष्ट्र जी20 की अध्यक्षता अपने आप में एक ऐतिहासिक क्षण होगा क्योंकि यह सभी की भलाई के लिए व्यावहारिक वैश्विक समाधान ढूंढकर एक महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका निभाना चाहता है, और ऐसा करने में, 'वसुधैव कुटुम्बकम्' या 'विश्व एक परिवार है' की सच्ची भावना को प्रकट करता है।

ग्रुप ऑफ 20 के कुछ विषय ऐसे है जैसे डिजिटल इंडिया, जीवन, कृषि, स्वास्थ्य, महिला सशक्तिकरण, सततपोषणीय विकास व्यापार एवं निवेश एवं बहुपक्षीय सुधार इत्यादि जिन पर ग्रुप ऑफ ट्वेंटी का 2023 में महत्वपूर्ण प्रभाव देखने को मिलेगा ।

चूंकि भारत जी20 की अध्यक्षता कर रहा है इसलिए जी20 देशों के मध्य भारत का महत्व और अधिक प्रासंगिक व अहम हो जाता है।

जी20 भारत के लिए कई कारणों से महत्वपूर्ण है:

प्रतिनिधित्व: भारत G20 में शामिल 20 देशों में से एक है, जो इसे वैश्विक अर्थव्यवस्था से संबंधित नीतिगत मुद्दों पर चर्चा के लिए अंतर्राष्ट्रीय मंच में अपना पक्ष रखने का मौका देता है। जी20 सम्मेलन भारत को प्रमुख आर्थिक मुद्दों पर अपने दृष्टिकोण और राय को साझा करने के साथ ही वैश्विक आर्थिक नीतियों की दिशा तय करने वाले मुद्दों पर राय देने का अवसर प्रदान करता है।

आर्थिक विकास: G20 भारत को दुनिया की सबसे बड़ी अर्थव्यवस्थाओं के साथ जुड़ने और अपने आर्थिक हितों को बढ़ावा देने के लिए एक मंच प्रदान करता है। भारत निवेश और व्यापार को आकर्षित करने के लिए जी20 मंच का भरपूर लाभ उठा सकता है, जो इसके आर्थिक विकास को गति दे सकता है।

वैश्विक मुद्दे: भारत के लिए G20 जलवायु परिवर्तन, गरीबी और असमानता जैसे वैश्विक मुद्दों को संबोधित करने का एक महत्वपूर्ण मंच है। भारत इन मुद्दों का समाधान खोजने और सतत व समावेशी आर्थिक विकास को बढ़ावा देने के लिए अन्य जी20 देशों के साथ सहयोग कर सकता है।

वित्तीय स्थिरता: G20 समूह भारत के लिए प्रासंगिक है क्योंकि यह अंतर्राष्ट्रीय वित्तीय स्थिरता को बढ़ाने में अहम भूमिका निभाता है। भारत वित्तीय विनियमन और स्थिरता से जुड़े विषयों पर चर्चा में भाग ले सकता है, जो यह सुनिश्चित करने में मदद कर सकता है कि वैश्विक वित्तीय प्रणाली स्थिर और लचीली बनी रहे और इसके हितों की अनदेखी न होने पाए।

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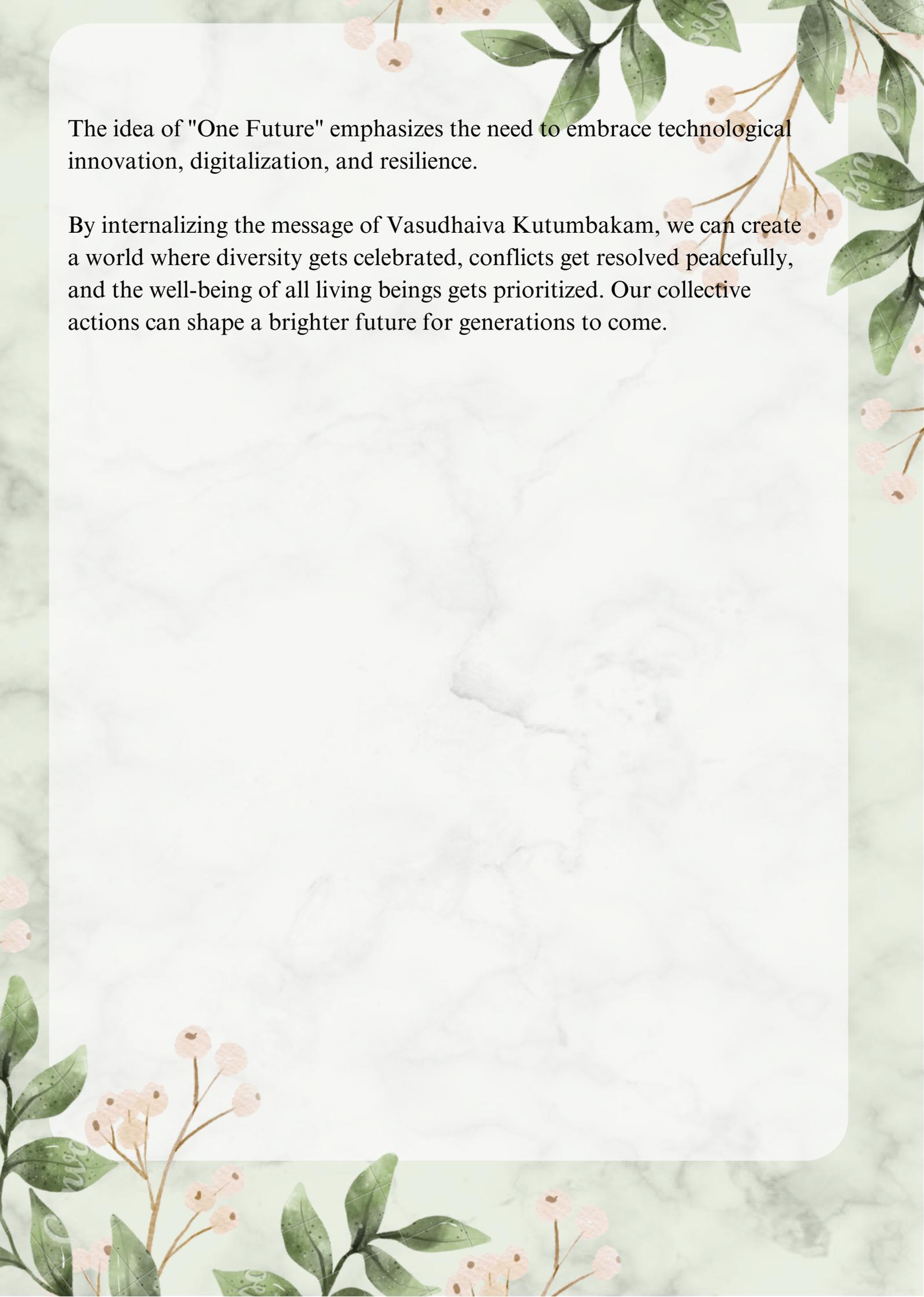
Contours of G20 Presidency: One Earth, One Family, One Future

As the world now faces complex global challenges, the crucial role of international cooperation and leadership is getting highlighted. The G20, a premier forum for global economic coordination and cooperation, has a unique opportunity to shape the global agenda during its presidency by embracing the principles of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam, i.e. "One Earth, One Family, One Future."

Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam is an ancient Sanskrit word meaning "the world is one family." Its origin is in the ancient Hindu scriptures, particularly in the Maha Upanishads and Mahabharata. It is a profound concept rooted in the Indian ethos, emphasizing the timeless wisdom of Indian philosophy, highlighting the unity and oneness of humanity, transcending the boundaries of nationality, religion, and ethnicity, and urging us to view the world as one interconnected family. The concept promotes compassion, tolerance, interdependence, global unity, peace and respect for all living beings.

The "One Earth" concept stresses the urgency of addressing climate change and promoting sustainable development. The G20 presidency can prioritize collective action to combat climate change, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and transition to renewable energy sources.

The notion of "One Family" underscores the importance of inclusivity and social welfare. It focuses on economic growth, reducing poverty, and tackling inequalities.



The idea of "One Future" emphasizes the need to embrace technological innovation, digitalization, and resilience.

By internalizing the message of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam, we can create a world where diversity gets celebrated, conflicts get resolved peacefully, and the well-being of all living beings gets prioritized. Our collective actions can shape a brighter future for generations to come.

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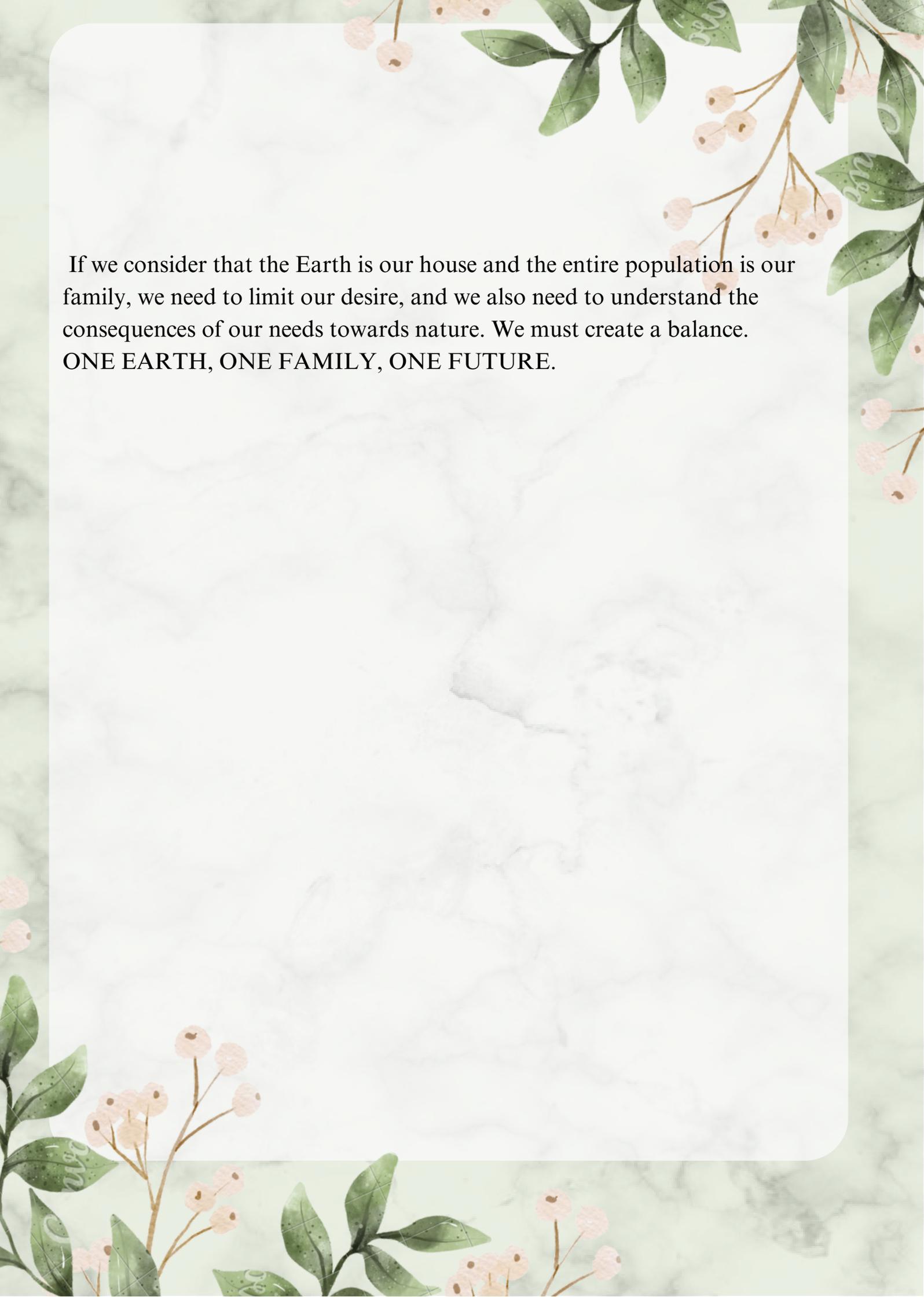


Our Planet Earth - Safeguarding it, Protecting it

We know that this is the only planet where we can survive. It means that this planet is one (Earth is the only planet where we can find oxygen and live). We all are fighting with each other for wealth, land, etc., while that land belongs to the Earth and the entire land where we survive (from millions of years ago), and we fight for that. It's one. And our roof (which means sky) is equal for all, no matter which continent is yours, what capacity is yours (rich or poor), or what religion you belong to, etc. It's the same. It means that our house is the same.

If our house is the same, it implies are a family. So, we all know that family means care and responsibility for each other, which means that our goal should be to take care of each other. Firstly, we should take care of the house where we live. We should protect it from climate change, ozone depletion, overpopulation, pollution, Deforestation, scarcity of natural resources, exploitation of the environment, etc. Our ultimate goal should be to secure our house for the future.

We should protect our planet via some methods: Prohibition of Deforestation, and proper utilization of non-renewable natural resources, etc. Every year, we extensively lose forest life due to forest fires; Afforestation is the best way to conserve the environment, create public awareness, Control pollution and population, and Recycle goods. It means that the future of eight billion people is the same.



If we consider that the Earth is our house and the entire population is our family, we need to limit our desire, and we also need to understand the consequences of our needs towards nature. We must create a balance.
ONE EARTH, ONE FAMILY, ONE FUTURE.

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G-20 and India - Opportunities Ahead

G-20 Summit is a golden opportunity for India to outstand the entire world by utilising the chance to the maximum. The G-20 presidency gives India a chance to shape the agenda for global cooperation as the world emerges from the shadows of the COVID-19 pandemic. The leadership occasion could not have come at a better time for New Delhi. In September, India became the fifth-largest economy in the world, replacing the United Kingdom, its former colonizer.

India is desirous to address what it sees as the world's pressing issues through its leadership, including climate change, food security, education, health care and sanitation, and technology. New Delhi has historically raised concerns on behalf of the global south within multilateral forums, and it will undoubtedly leverage its presidency to do the same at the G-20 high table.

India's G20 Presidency brings with it a great opportunity for the tourism and hospitality industry. The country will host emissaries from the 20 participating countries over a year and this might also raise the interest of tourists to travel to India. After two years of absolute obstruction, this has come as a golden opportunity for the tourism and hospitality industry. As tourism is economically beneficial for the country and also attracts itself, this is the time that the Government should go to the extent to promote tourism under the Incredible India banner.

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जहाँ मिलकर सब रहते हैं;

चाहे आए बाधा कोई

यहां मिलकर सब सहते हैं;

हिंदू-मुस्लिम, सिक्ख - ईसाई आपस में सब भाई-भाई

भेदभाव का भाव नहीं

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जहां ऐसी गाथा कहते हैं ,

देकर एकता का परिचय

यहां मिलकर सब रहते हैं ;

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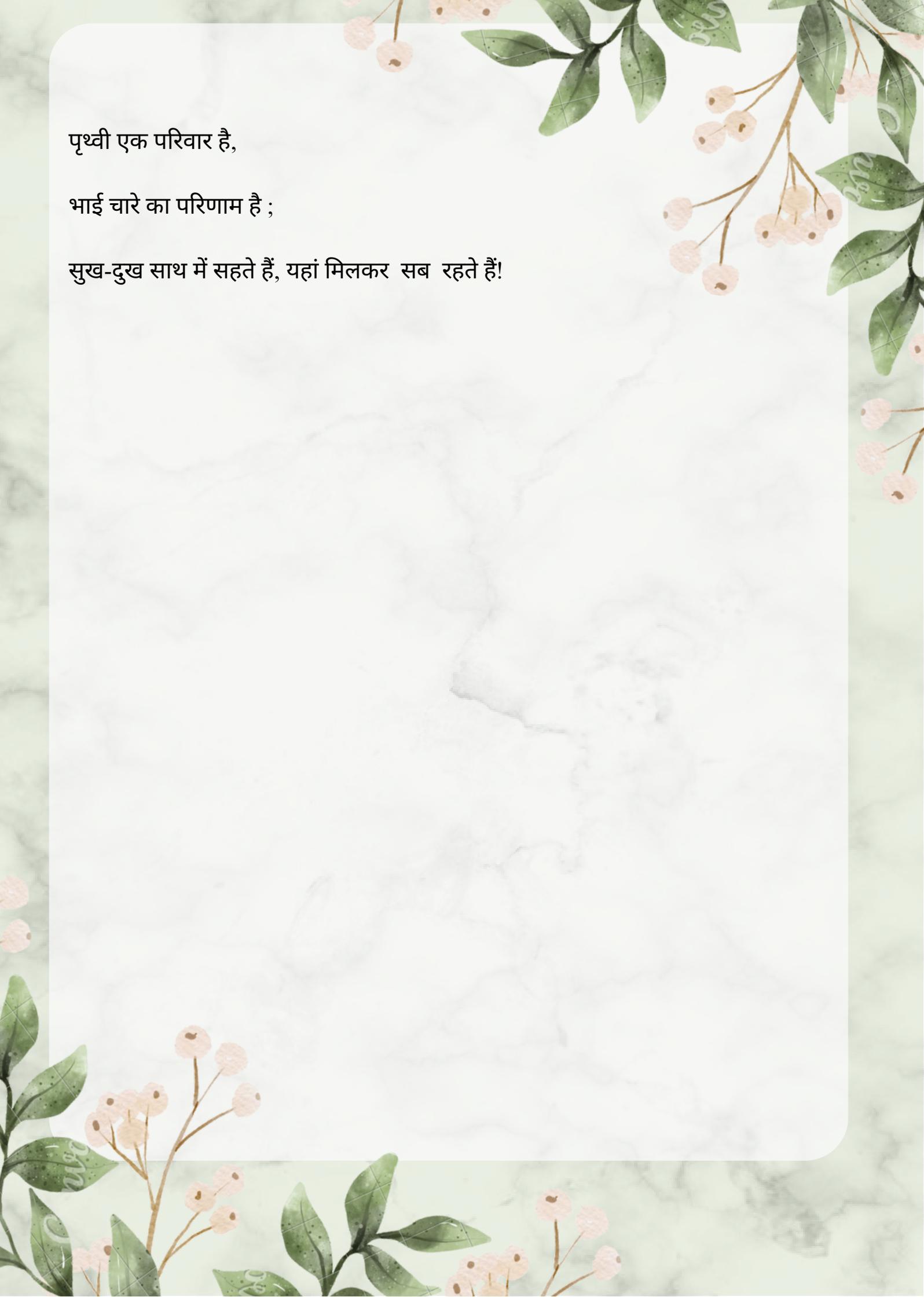
'आशा' न्याय की थामे रहते हैं

यहां मिलकर सब रहते हैं ;

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भाई चारे का परिणाम है ;

सुख-दुख साथ में सहते हैं, यहां मिलकर सब रहते हैं!



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Relevance of Climate Change in India's G-20 Presidency.

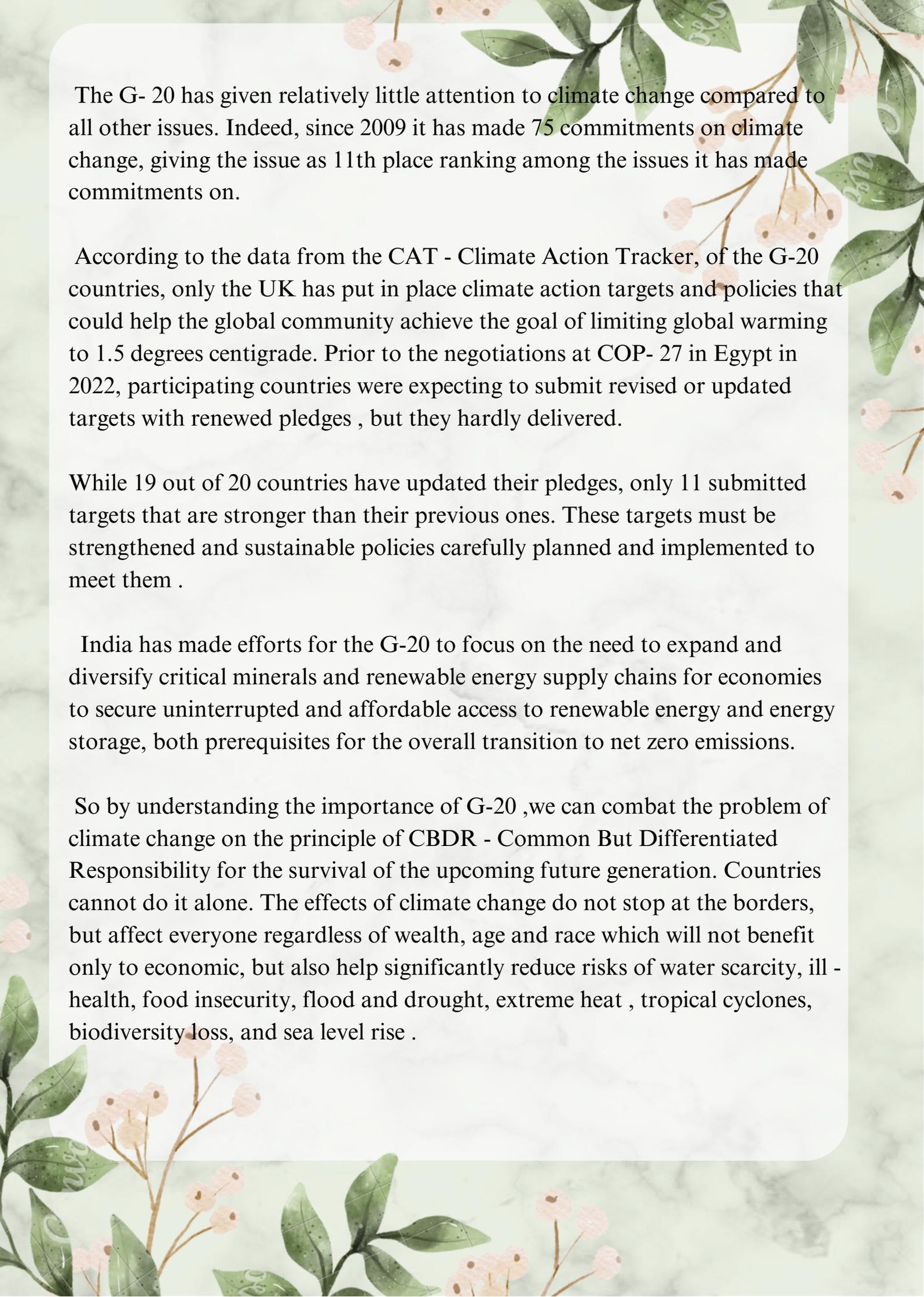
India's philosophy of " Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam" is in sync with the overarching theme of its current G-20 presidency – " One Earth, One Family, One Future" . Not only does it offer a laudable extension of the philosophical paradigm, but it also declares India's well defined intent for a peaceful sustainable world.

The focus is on four areas under the climate challenges that India had offered leadership in at the G-20 forum.

- 1- Water security
- 2 - Energy security
- 3- Association between climate crisis and ecological security of nations.
- 4 - Link between environmental sustainability and global peace.

We must recognise that climate change most severely impacts the lives of indigenous peoples, women and majorities of our working peoples, who already face multiple precarities. Continued fossil fuel dependence risks gravely breaching the 1.5 degrees centigrade target.

India's narrative on sustainable lifestyle as an approach to tackle conspicuous consumption of the rich while ensuring justice also found its way into the implementation plan at COP - 27 . Speaking on December 10, 2022 , on the occasion of Human Rights Day, Smt . Droupadi Murmu , President of India, noted that "Just as the content of Human Rights exhorts the society to consider every human being as no different from us , we should treat the whole living world and its habitat with respect. We must learn to treat Nature with dignity".



The G-20 has given relatively little attention to climate change compared to all other issues. Indeed, since 2009 it has made 75 commitments on climate change, giving the issue as 11th place ranking among the issues it has made commitments on.

According to the data from the CAT - Climate Action Tracker, of the G-20 countries, only the UK has put in place climate action targets and policies that could help the global community achieve the goal of limiting global warming to 1.5 degrees centigrade. Prior to the negotiations at COP-27 in Egypt in 2022, participating countries were expecting to submit revised or updated targets with renewed pledges, but they hardly delivered.

While 19 out of 20 countries have updated their pledges, only 11 submitted targets that are stronger than their previous ones. These targets must be strengthened and sustainable policies carefully planned and implemented to meet them.

India has made efforts for the G-20 to focus on the need to expand and diversify critical minerals and renewable energy supply chains for economies to secure uninterrupted and affordable access to renewable energy and energy storage, both prerequisites for the overall transition to net zero emissions.

So by understanding the importance of G-20, we can combat the problem of climate change on the principle of CBDR - Common But Differentiated Responsibility for the survival of the upcoming future generation. Countries cannot do it alone. The effects of climate change do not stop at the borders, but affect everyone regardless of wealth, age and race which will not benefit only to economic, but also help significantly reduce risks of water scarcity, ill-health, food insecurity, flood and drought, extreme heat, tropical cyclones, biodiversity loss, and sea level rise.

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