

A Summit that Brings no Real Change to the Lives of Humanity!

The presidency of India for the G-20 Summit is a matter of routine. But Prime Minister Modi, made it a grand affair and conducted the G-20 Summit at New Delhi in a spectacular manner, showcasing it with colossal expenditure on the public exchanges. Prior to the actual summit taken place on Sept 8th-9th, 220 meetings in 60 cities of India were conducted to which it is reported 10,000 delegates have attended from 125 countries. All these meetings and the succeeding summit were conducted with much fanfare in a grand style. All the streets in New Delhi were adorned with thousands of hoardings, posters, bill-boards and photocopies with the image of the face of Prime Minister Modi, personalising the G-20 Summit.

Now Prime Minister Modi and BJP are propagating that G-20 summit was a great success, while Modi is self congratulating, the BJP and its ministers are congratulating Modi for the success and lauding him as a capable leader who could influence global geo-politics. Modi projects himself as the 'Voice of the South'. With such embellishment and self trumpeting, Modi and BJP are intending to impress the Indian population that they are capable and efficient leadership to be in eternal power in Indian Government.

Their hypocrisy is unashamedly heightened with the chanting of empty slogans like 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbam', 'India-Mother of Democracy' and claiming that 'from space to sports, economy to entrepreneurship Indian women have taken the lead in various sectors. They have shifted the narrative from the development of women to women-led development'.

While Modi, BJP and its supporting Hindutva forces and their political ideology of Hindu Nationalism are arrogantly refusing to consider the native Indian Muslims as the members of Indian family how any sane person on earth would believe their propagating concept of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbam' as honest and sincere?

While harassment - sexual violence and atrocities on women is an everyday affair with impunity in India, how people would be naive to believe such deceptive slogans about women-led development? The very recent instance of the protest of women wrestlers against the sexual harassment by the chairperson of that sport council - a BJP MP - and the indifference of PM Modi and his silence about this sexual harassment of women wrestlers speaks volumes about the real nature of development of women in our country.

The recent continuing violence in Manipur and the violent attacks on Muslim community selectively demolishing their homes and business premises through 'bulldozer justice'

amply exposes the hypocrisy and duplicity of Modi and his rule to the entire world, which cannot be covered up by chanting such empty slogans!

The explanation that “Bharat is the Mother of Democracy” holds no water and impresses nobody; since throughout history, India is ruled by Kings, Emperors and Feudal Rajahs, but not by the common will of the people. The assertion that “elections happened and keep happening like clock work” – the nature of democracy in India – makes us laughing stock throughout the world for our understanding; and in practice – democracy in India sans the very essence of democracy ‘of the people, for the people and by the people’ as defined by Abraham Lincoln.

The G-20 summit’s declaration with complete consensus on its contents is being highlighted as the success of Modi’s mediatorship. They even are pointing out that the G-7 countries have compromised in accepting the declaration and making it unanimous. But if one can examine the reality, it is not a compromise of G-7 countries happened due to mediation of Modi. On the contrary the G-7 countries of the West found an opportunity for advancing their trade and business in continuation of Russia-Ukraine war. They can sell their arms. The big-business corporates can widen their spheres of business in the name of food security due to the war and spread their GM foods and agricultural businesses besides fertilizers and chemical inputs of agriculture in the developing world.

Through the international alliance and global Bio-fuel Alliance the imperialist big-corporates can sell their solar equipment and attain accessibility to the agricultural sector in developing and under developed countries to cultivate large-scale GM Corn at cheaper cost and with less control of the governments of those countries on their unethical business practices and gain super-profits. Bio-fuels from grain, corn, sugar etc deplete ground water excessively. By producing bio-fuels in developing countries like India, Brazil and Indonesia, they not only produce them with cheap labour but also deplete the ground water of those countries in enormous quantities, and avoid such ground water depletion of their own countries. They could also make much profitable business, by sales of electrical vehicles in the markets of these countries. By arranging declaration of complete consensus in G-20 Summit, India (Modi) had effectively facilitated the advance put and promotion of the interests of by imperialist corporations. Thus it proved to be an offers efficient agent of the G-7 imperialist (west) countries.

In the name of Sustainable Development Agenda (SDA) and reform of Multilateral Development Banks (MDB), the G-20 summit of India has re-invigorated the influence of imperialist finance organisations like IMF. In fact as director of G-20 research group at the University of Toronto John J. Kirton noted, “there was little money mobilised for debt, relief to developing countries, for reform MDB and the IMF for global health or for food security, education and their social needs”.

The inclusion of the African Union (AU) in the G-20 members is also being shown and projected as a major political and diplomatic success of India. In fact it is shown – how Modi is an efficient agent of imperialism who could effectively rope in the AU, into the forums, that

are advantageous to the economic interests of the developed (industrially) imperialist countries of the West and facilitate for the economic plunder of those countries.

In sum and total the presidency of India of G-20, has not caused for bringing out any real change in the lives of wider population of the world.

But PM Modi and BJP have capitalized this occasion of G-20 presidency, by getting domestic credit and personalization and popularization of Modi for the general elections to happen in the next year!