



Prime Minister addresses 17th BRICS Summit - Session on Environment, COP-30 and Global Health

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Prime Minister addressed today a session on "Environment, COP-30 and Global Health". The session saw participation by BRICS members, Partner countries and invited nations. He thanked Brazil for organizing the session on issues of such high importance for the future of the world. Prime Minister noted that for India, climate change was not just about dealing with energy issues, but one which impacts balance between life and nature. He underlined that India approached climate justice as a moral responsibility which it must fulfil. Reiterating India's deep commitment to environmental action, he elaborated on the initiatives taken by it to promote pro-people and pro-planet growth and development, such as International Solar Alliance, Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure, Global Biofuels Alliance, International Big Cat Alliance, Mission Life, Ek Pedh Maa Ke Naam [Plant for Mother] among others.

Prime Minister noted that India was pursuing a sustainable path to growth. While it was the fastest growing major economy, it met its Paris Commitments ahead of time. He called for transfer of technology and affordable financing for developing countries to be able to undertake climate change action. In this regard, he noted that the Framework Declaration on Climate Finance adopted by the group was an important step forward.

Elaborating on India's commitment to green development, Prime Minister noted that India has adopted the mantra of "One Earth, One Health" in providing support to countries, including during the covid pandemic. He highlighted that India had successfully implemented digital health schemes and was ready to share them with the global south countries. In this context, he welcomed the adoption of the declaration - BRICS Partnership for Elimination of Socially Determined Diseases.

India would be taking over the Chair of BRICS next year. In this context, Prime Minister stated that India would give priority to the global south in its agenda and focus on people-centric and "humanity first" approach. Prime Minister further stated that under India's presidency, it would endeavor to present BRICS in a new form and the acronym would stand for - Building Resilience and Innovation for Cooperation and Sustainability. He congratulated President Lula for successfully organizing the Summit and thanked him for his warm hospitality.

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