At G20 close, Modi's message to UN: New global structure for new realities

Seeks Expansion ₹ Of UNSC, Cites AU Entry In G20

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New Delhi: PM Narendra Modi followed up on India's success at the G20 by immediately renewing the pitch for India's admission to the vetowielding United Nations Security Council (UNSC).

Pointing to the four-fold jump in UN membership since it was set up 80 years ago, Modi said, "The number of permanent members in the UNSC remains the same. The world has since changed a lot in every aspect. Be it transport, communication, health

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and education, every sector has been transformed. These new realities should reflect in our new global structure."

Modi's statement came at the 'One Future' session of the G20 Summit before he ceremonially handed over the presidency to Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva.

"It is necessary that global bodies reflect today's realities to lead the world towards a better future," the PM said, while also reminding his audience that it was nature's law that "those who don't change with time lose their relevance".

Pitching for reforms, he said that is why a historic initiative was made on Saturday by granting the 55-nation African Union (AU) permanent membership of the G20.



PM Narendra Modi and US President Joe Biden with (L-R) South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol, Australian PM Anthony Albanese, OECD secretary general Mathias Cormann, German Chancellor Olaf Scholz, Singaporean PM Lee Hsien Loong and Indonesian President Joko Widodo at Rajghat on Sunday

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