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## India Hosts 'Voice of Global South Summit' with Virtual Participation of 120+ Countries

India hosted the first 'Voice of Global South Summit' on 12th January 2023. Addressing the inaugural session, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi said, "We developing countries are also concerned about the increasing fragmentation of the international landscape. These geopolitical tensions distract us from focusing on our development priorities. They cause sharp swings in international prices of food, fuel, fertil-



**"The Voice of the Global South needs to set its own tone."**

Together, we need to escape the cycle of dependency on systems and circumstances which are not of our making.

izers and other commodities. To address this geopolitical fragmentation, we urgently need a fundamental reform of the major international organisations, including the United Nations Security Council and the Bretton Woods Institutions. These reforms should focus on giving voice to the concerns of the developing world, and reflect the realities of the 21st Century. India's G20 Presidency will attempt to voice the views of the Global South on these important issues." The Summit saw the participation of more than 120 developing countries - the largest-ever virtual gathering of the Global South.