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G7 Italia: Global Leaders Unite for a Better Future Amidst Climate, Economic, and Geopolitical Challenges

50th G7 Summit in Italy: A Historic Convergence of Global Leaders

The recent G7 Summit held in Italy marked a pivotal moment in global diplomacy, with leaders from the world’s most advanced economies, including India’s Prime Minister Narendra Modi, addressing pressing international issues. The summit’s agenda was diverse, ranging from climate change and economic stability to geopolitical tensions and global health challenges.

The summit was significant for India as it underscored its growing role in global affairs and its commitment to multilateral cooperation. The discussions at the summit emphasised the need for collective action and solidarity in tackling global challenges, setting a hopeful tone for future international collaboration.

This edition of CUTS Occasional News Wrap (ONW) provides a comprehensive overview of the G7 Summit in Italy, covering articles and news from both print and electronic media.

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<p>G7 Summit: Joint press statement by President Meloni and African Development Bank President Adesina</p> <p>Italian Government Presidency of the Council of Ministers</p> <p>June 10, 2024</p>	<p>Italian PM Giorgia Meloni and African Development Bank President Dr Akinwumi A. Adesina, announced joint initiatives to implement Italy’s Mattei Plan for Africa, fostering economic partnerships and addressing energy, climate, food security, health, and employment.</p> <p>Italy committed significant funding, matched by the Bank, to support impactful development and migration management.</p>
<p>G7 leaders tackle migration, AI and economic security on second and final day of summit in Italy</p> <p><i>Elena Becatoros</i></p> <p>AP News</p> <p>June 15, 2024</p>	<p>The recent G7 Summit in Italy, attended by global leaders including India's PM Modi, addressed pressing issues like climate change, migration, AI, and geopolitical tensions.</p> <p>Key discussions included support for Ukraine, migration management, and gender equality, though notable divisions emerged over abortion references in the final communique.</p>
<p>Italy hosts G7 Summit: Why was the grouping created and what’s on the agenda this year?</p> <p><i>Saima Mehta</i></p> <p>The Indian Express</p> <p>June 14, 2024</p>	<p>The G7 summit in Italy's Apulia region from June 13-15 addressed global challenges, including the rules-based international system, Middle East conflict, migration, climate change, food security, AI implications, and geopolitical tensions.</p> <p>Key priorities are economic stability, climate action, global health, and technology regulation. India was invited as an Outreach Country. The G7, evolving since 1973, faces questions about its relevance amid rising influence of emerging economies.</p>
<p>Pope attends G7 summit in historic first, warns of dangers of AI</p> <p><i>Giorgia Orlandi</i></p> <p>Euro News</p> <p>June 15, 2024</p>	<p>Pope Francis addressed the G7 Summit in Italy, urging leaders to prioritise human dignity in AI development. He warned against machines making autonomous decisions, particularly in warfare.</p> <p>The G7's final statement echoed his concerns, emphasising human-centred AI governance, ethical considerations, and the need for regulatory frameworks to manage AI's societal impacts.</p>

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<p>G7 Summit 2024: Nations commit to advancing strategic India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor</p> <p>Times of India</p> <p>June 15, 2024</p>	<p>The G7 industrialised nations have pledged to advance significant infrastructure projects, including the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC), as outlined in the G7 Summit Communique.</p> <p>This initiative aims to enhance connectivity between Asia, the Middle East, and the West, countering China’s Belt and Road Initiative, and promoting a free and open Indo-Pacific.</p>
<p>G7 warns China on 'unfair practices' but says it won't thwart Chinese growth</p> <p>Nikkei Asia</p> <p>June 15, 2024</p>	<p>Pope Francis addressed AI at the G7 summit, highlighting its potential and risks. Leaders pledged to counter China's unfair practices and aid Ukraine with US\$50bn in loans.</p> <p>They also tackled illegal migration, omitting direct abortion references and faced criticism for perceived weakening of LGBTQ rights support.</p>
<p>UK Expands AI and Green Energy Initiatives with Major Funding at G7 Summit</p> <p><i>Express Defence</i></p> <p>Financial Express</p> <p>June 15, 2024</p>	<p>At the recent G7 Leaders’ Summit, the UK expanded its AI for Development programme to Asia and committed significant funds for sustainable development.</p> <p>UK Prime Minister Sunak emphasised clean energy transitions, AI opportunities, and international financial reforms to support vulnerable populations and accelerate progress towards Sustainable Development Goals.</p>
<p>Why Modi is at the G7 Summit, and why G7 needs him</p> <p>The Economic Times</p> <p>June 14, 2024</p>	<p>Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi attended the G7 Summit in Italy, focusing on artificial intelligence, energy, Africa, and the Mediterranean.</p> <p>Modi held bilateral talks with major leaders, including Joe Biden, and emphasised India's role in global policy, countering China, and addressing Global South issues. India’s growing economic influence was highlighted.</p>

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<p>Biden to sign 10-year security pact with Ukraine at G-7</p> <p><i>Ellen Nakashima and Michael Birnbaum</i></p> <p>The Washington Post</p> <p>June 13, 2024</p>	<p>President Biden and President Zelensky plan to sign a 10-year security agreement at the G-7 summit on June 13, 2024.</p> <p>This deal will commit the U.S. to long-term military support for Ukraine without requiring a U.S. military response if Ukraine is attacked.</p> <p>Future administrations, including Trump's if re-elected, would be bound by this agreement.</p>
<p>G7 Summit 2024 highlights: At Outreach session, PM Modi called for ending monopoly in technology</p> <p>The Hindu</p> <p>June 15, 2024</p>	<p>Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, at the G-7 Outreach Summit in Italy, praised India's electronic voting machines for their transparency and met with global leaders, including French President Macron and UK Prime Minister Sunak, to discuss bilateral ties and global issues. He also supported a peaceful resolution in Ukraine.</p>