

# THE L-20 CONFERENCE AND BHARATIYA MAZDOOR SANGH: GLOBAL ROLE AS INDICATORS OF WORKING CLASS EMANCIPATION

## Abstract

Labour20 (L-20) is a core part of the G-20 and represents workers' interests at the G20 level. The forum seeks to bring together trade unionists representing 66% of the population of G-20 countries and about 75% of global GDP to discuss issues related to working people and populations across borders in general. With the Republic of India as the official host of the G-20 this year, the Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh, the largest trade union of India, has been appointed the chair to host the L-20 in 2023. In view of the fact that the onset of the worldwide monetary catastrophe in 2008, the L20 has been actively involved in intergovernmental processes in and around the G-20 to ensure a developed, equitable, fair and sustainable world. Constructive dialogue with government is the key to achieving goals. Over time the L-20 has sought to link up with other engagement groups, particularly the Business-20 in which workers constitute essential stakeholders. At the commencement of the 2008 monetary tragedy, delegates of the worldwide Labour association were gathering and prioritizing the 1st G20 organizers meeting in Washington. The 1st officially acknowledged L-20 summit was held at Cannes (2011), after that next summits at Los Cabos (2012), Moscow (2013), thereafter Brisbane in 2014 and Antalya (2015) in the Presidency and L-20 related summits. In the current year 2023 held under the Preside ship of India.

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## I. BASIC TENETS OF L-20

L-20 is a pivotal element of the outreach procedure in addition to its responsibility is indispensable. The L-20 key concerns for 2015 and be able to abridge as:

The action of process of investing money to generate excellence employments with stress on infrastructural communication and care zone,

1. Proportionate increase in quality apprenticeships and youth employment,
2. Ensuring participation and involvement of women,
3. Ensuring formalization of occupation in the course of living wages, rights of labour and enhancing social safety and security,
4. Eliminate and eradicate bonded labour service and casual work in the bring in sequence and ensuring protected and decent employments,
5. To accomplish sustainable, environmentally friendly and comprehensive development and impartiality,
6. To support climate act with a worldwide accord through immediate transitional assurances and societal conversation to make safe industrial developed transition,
7. To ensure equitable distribution of income,
8. Reregulating economic and financial segments, as well as
9. Ascertaining the carrying out of G-20 precedent and upcoming commitment.

## II. CRUX OF THE MATTER OF L20- SUMMIT (2023)

The Labour-20 Summit was held on June 21–23, 2023 in Patna, for resolving a multilateral mechanism amongst G20 member nations and other allied countries on the portability of social security settlement. After completion of the two-day L-20 summit All India President of Bharatita Mazdoor Sangh, Shri Hiranmay Pandya Addressed to the press conference and told the summit noted, at present most of the countries allow portability under bilateral agreements between sending and receiving countries while discussing in detail the task force report on 'International Migration of labour - International Portability of social security funds.'

The inception meeting of L-20 held in Amritsar on 18, 19 and 20 March 2023 had been formed 5 task forces relating to blazing issues in the world of work that is:

1. Universal Social Security,
2. Women And Future of Work,
3. **International Migration of labour** : International Portability of social security funds,
4. **Changing World of Work**: New Employment opportunities and Challenges in G20 Countries, and
5. **Skill Development**: Role and responsibilities of stakeholders.

## III. JOINT STATEMENT OF L-20 AND B-20

The collective efforts of the G20 countries to reach and achieve the United Nations - 2030 Sustainable Development Goals can only be achieved through the genuine cooperation and collaboration of each of the L20 and B20 constituents. To promote a mutually beneficial

outcome for governments, employers and workers at the G20, the following guiding principles are the fundamentals to promote social justice, social peace, proper work and sustainable enterprise. Both L20 and B20 groups observed and also agreed with the followings:

1. To recognize the significance and consequence of the 2019 centennial pronouncement for the Future of Work.
2. The most important aim of social dialogue is to encourage agreement/edifice and participation amongst social associates.
3. Policy framing and execution must be categorized by diversity and comprehensiveness to make sure no one is left or missing behind.
4. Endorsing ecological and environmental sustainable livelihood, green and sustainable employment and a melodious association with humans and nature.

#### **IV. ACTION ORIENTED GOALS OF THE L20 AND B20 CONSTITUENTS**

The following acknowledged issues have to be preferred, reconsidered and conferred with particulars, set goals, action-client-oriented outcomes

1. Workers in the informal economy lack access to social protection and other benefits.
2. Enable mobility both within the country and across borders to ensure security.
3. Protection of Trade Unions, productivity and sustainability of enterprises.
4. Skill development with up-skilling, re-skilling, lifetime learning and acknowledgment of prior learning.
5. Social security of new forms of worker like platform and gig workers.
6. recognising and addressing the up-and-coming work environment
7. To promote investment in health sector, childhood education and other community Services.

#### **V. INAUGURAL PROGRAMME ON L-20 IN TRIPURA ON BEHALF OF BHARATIYA MAZDOOR SANGH**

The opening programme of L-20 was inaugurated in Sepahijala district under Tripura Pradesh. In this august program 405 women and 295 men were present from the above mentioned district. The program was presided over by district President of BMS of Sepahijala district. While keeping the introductory speech, President of BMS Tripura Pradesh told that India is presiding over the G-20 countries and under this; the Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh is presiding over the program of Labour-20. All India President of Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh Shri Hiranmay Pandiyaji has been elected as its (L-20) President. His appointment as President is a matter of pride for India and as well as for Tripura Pradesh too. This programme in connection with L-20 will be conducted at 56 places in the different places of the state. Subsequently this L-20 programme will be organised in the different segments of organized and unorganized sector. It is pertinent to mention here that special initiative would be taken for the expansion of motto of L-20 by organizing various programmes in universities and also in big colleges in Tripura Pradesh. It is also to mention here that State BMS along with concerned district committee of BMS will ensure public participation in all the eight districts. In this context, today the first programme of L-20 has been inaugurated and starts its benevolent journey at Sepahijala district under Tripura

Pradesh. It's a pride and privilege to Tripura Pradesh BMS that veteran BMS activist Shri Sunil Kirwaiji, Organizing Secretary of North-East has taken a pivotal role to organize this auspicious programme and all the participants of this programme were spell bound by his remarkable speech along with that, he paved the way for programme that will be conducted in the coming days. Women representative of All India BMS executive Committee expressed her feelings that it is an unforgettable and historical moment that would not come twice in life as Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh has gotten the opportunity for presiding over the L-20 programme. It is our good fortune to have been able to witness this rare historical moment.

In this programme a large number of people participated as spectators along with labourers / workers of Gomati district. As L-20 program has been organised, similarly W-20 (Women'-20) programme will be held in all districts in our state with public participation. In today's programme women participants were over flooded than male participants. The program discussed about women's rights, women's status and place in the present world and also explored how women will take advantages from various National plans to fulfil their social, economical and family desires. In this context responsibilities of Indian women and their present stature also discussed based on Indian culture. There was a detailed discussion about various schemes for women empowerment as well as how it will be implemented and how benefits of good governance could be availed by the women's in Global order.

Chief speaker, veteran BMS activist, Shri Sunil Kirwaiji, Organizing Secretary of North-East articulated that how India's glory in the world was earlier and how is it today? Today the impression of Indian ideology and its cultural heritage is visible as well as practice able in the present world. He opined the present world is not only thinking about Socio-Economic and Political ideas of India but also following the Indian culture, civilization and spirituality. He cited an example that the Prime Minister Shri P.V Narasimha Raoji sent the Leader of Opposition Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayeeji to UNO to deliver his speech on behalf of Republic of India during his regime and that was surprised for the entire world. In the present state of juncture USA, calls Prime Minister Modi in its election campaign but once upon a time USA had refused for giving visa to Modi. After rescuing 20 thousand students during present Russia-Ukraine war India has shown its power to the whole world and proved its position in present Global order. Thus the world saw the rising power of India. India has earned this place on the world stage by its conduct, performance, manners, core-values, universal long range goals and language for truth to its neighbour countries as well as whole world.

Today India has got the post of president of G-20 countries only because of ancient self-culture, politeness and it is the result that India is recognised by entire world. India considers it not a position but a responsibility towards the Humanity with altruistic attitudes. Obviously It is a matter of pride for all Indians. At the same time as the world heard that India was hosting the G-20 countries, nine other countries said that they are also want to attend this Global forum. 29 countries and 13 Organizations (Non-state actors) are going to participate in this event. There will be programs like B-20, (Business 20), L-20 (Label 20), W-20 (Women-20), Y-20 (Youth-20), C-20 (Cultural-20).

Bhartiya Mazdoor Sangh has got the opportunity for chairmanship of L-20 programme. Shri Sunil Kirwaji, Veteran BMS activist said that the BMS is not only India's largest non-political labour organization but also the world's largest labour organization or platform. The prime objectives of Bhartiya Mazdoor Sangh are as follows –

BMS works for favour of national interest, for the interest of industrial prop up and for the labourers/ workers interests. It is a strong organization in commitment and works for the interest of the nation it upholds a positive and optimist struggle for the interest of the industry and a spirit of dedication towards service in the interest of the labourers. He also gave many heart touching examples of the selfless service work done by BMS during the pandemic catastrophe due to outbreak of COVID-19.

The L-20 program is being presided over by Honorable All India President, Shri Hiranyamoy Pandya ji, Bhartiya Mazdoor Sangh. This is a historical occasion is going to come for the first and probably the last time in our lives. Labour representatives from different countries will participate in this venture. In this juncture the condition of the workers of whole world, the condition of women workers and their social security, dignified livelihood, the condition of migrant labourers, along with deep brainstorming on this matter, the culture of India and other countries Civilization will also be discussed with full endeavour. Through G-20 and L-20, we will also give the message of unity, integrity, love, prosperity and common-brotherhood all also sharing deep insights of cultural diversities of all nations.

On the basis of, **‘One Earth, One-Family and One future’** deep contemplation and exchange of ideas will also take place. He further asserted that 56 programs will be held at 45 places through public participation in all the districts of Tripura Stat and there will be 11 events solely for women. Today the programme relating to L-20 for the entire North –East India has been started from Sepahijala district under Tripura Pradesh.

All Office-bearers of BMS Tripura Pradesh, state Committe members and members from different organizations affiliated to BMS, All District Committee Secretaries and Federation were also present in this august occasion. The programme has been introduced by State General Secretary. Two women BMS activist has been nominated as State Pradesh Mahila Pramukh and Pradesh Mahila Saha-Pramukh. President of BMS of Sepahijala district expressed gratitude and thanks to everyone while taking a pledge to take BMS to every village and to every person. Finally the program ended with performing of the National Anthem.

## VI. CONCLUSION

Bhartiya Mazdoor Sangh has always been working nationwide for the interests of the labourer / worker section of people. In 2023 L-20 Conference has shown a new direction for the workers of the whole world. BMS has expressed its sketch to build up a common global future for working class of people. It is the major thrust areas of L-20 is that this platform seeks to bring together maximum number of trade unionists representing 66% of the population of the G-20 countries and about seventy five percent of global GDP to discuss and redresses all grievances relating to their sustainable needs and basic rights. BMS has provided various suggestions to the Government in formulating the National Labour Code-2020 and

also played an important role as a stake holder of the Government in the time of revision. Times are changing, people's needs are also changing, the form of labour of worker are also changing, considering all this, BMS is also demanding to formulate new laws in this new potential field. The main aim and objective of BMS is to build a better humane world and promoting standard and honour of the living value of the labourers through awakening and proper utilization of the entire global workforce.

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