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# GLOBAL SUMMIT ON ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

India scripted an amazing story of success at the G 20 meeting in New Delhi last month. Despite all the odds it could succeed in bringing out producing a consensus Declaration worthy of an event of this magnitude. India could make this feat possible that was considered highly elusive and improbable and, at the same time, the country simultaneously scripted yet another success in its lunar mission by landing in the south pole of the moon. Although India is the fourth country to land in the moon, it has become the first country to land in the South Pole. Outcome of G 20 summit largely reflects the hopes and wishes of a wider community of the world. India as the host, could rightfully claim a large chunk of credit for this outcome and success

The New Delhi Declaration has something for everyone to rejoice. From condemnation of terrorism to climate change issues, from trebling of renewable energy capacity to matters such as lifestyle for sustainable development and the reform of multilateral development banks, apart from highlighting India's contributions to digital public infrastructure and Unified Payment Interface. One single most and significant achievement is the entry of African Union in the folk of G 20 giants. The declaration seemed to echo the prevailing mood in the G 20 of favoring compromise over conflict and fully endorsing Prime Minister Narendra Modi's dictum "One Earth, One Family ,One Future" following the Indian Vedic concept of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam.

After the successful completion of the G 20 summit, India is to host the first ever Global Summit on Artificial Intelligence in the days to come. Additionally, as the Chair of the Global Partnership on Artificial Intelligence (GPAI) India will also be hosting GPAI Summit in December. These events suggest the strategic importance of Artificial Intelligence. It is equally important to note that it is projected to add 500 billion USD to India's economy by 2025. It accounts for about 10% of country's projected GDP. Against this backdrop Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently called for a global frame work on the ethical expansion of Artificial Intelligence.

Given the sheer volume of data that India can generate, it has seen an opportunity to set a policy example for the global south. Observers and practitioners will track India's approach to regulation and how it balances AI's development against its concomitant risks. According to experts, one area where India can assume leadership is how regulators address children and adolescents who are critical demographics in this context. It is more important for a country like India where we concentrate on the demographic dividend and dynamics of youth power in a digital word. The nature of digital service means that many cutting edge AI deployments are not designed specifically for children but are nevertheless accessed by them. Regulation will have to align incentives to reduce issues of addiction,

mental health and overall safety. In its absence, data hungry AI based digital services can readily deploy opaque algorithms and dark patterns to exploit impressionable young people with emotional intelligence and creative thinking. UNICEF's guidance for policy makers on AI and children identifies nine requirements for children centered AI which draws on the UN convention on the rights of the child where India is a signatory. The guidance aims to create an enabling environment which promotes children's wellbeing, inclusion fairness and accountability

In India we give more importance to spiritual and emotional behavior of people at home and at workplace. Our relationships are more often established on emotional rather than rational considerations. An essential element of humanistic spirituality is our capability to connect with, care for and honour the dignity of others. We are more concerned about comforts and convenience of others. We need an ethics of AI that benefits humanity. It should base human dignity as its centre and does not have, as its sole goal, greater profit or gradual replacement of people in the workplace.

In an emerging era of Artificial Intelligence we can find its application, inter alia, in Arthasastra, Ayurveda and other human activities. Humanity can enjoy a flourishing future with AI. But at the same time we should keep in mind that AI is not the end of the wisdom. We should have an understanding that we are all part of something greater than ourselves, and this cannot be compassionately encapsulated in a computer program. As Kallistos Ware put it "you may love your computer, but your computer do not love you". Because,

it has only intelligence and no emotions or ethics. Only a Guru can ignite wisdom and consciousness of god within you. So it is important that AI is not comparable to even a speck of dust touched by the guru's feet.

The development of Artificial General Intelligence (AGI) that surpasses human intelligence raises long term concerns for humanity. The prospects of AGI could lead to unintended and potentially catastrophic consequences as these advanced AI systems may not be aligned with human values and priorities. Instilling moral and ethical values in AI systems, especially in decision making contexts with significant consequences present a considerable challenge. Researchers and developers must prioritize ethical implications of AI technologies to avoid negative societal impacts.

Over dependence of AI systems may lead to loss of creativity, critical thinking skills and human intuitions. Striking a balance between AI assisted decision making and human input is vital to preserving our cognitive abilities. As AI technologies continue to develop and become more efficient, the workforce must adapt to remain relevant in the changing landscape. It is especially true in the case of lower skilled and low efficient labour force. Increasing reliance on AI driven communication and interactions could lead to diminished empathy, social skills and human connection. To preserve the essence of our social nature we must strive to maintain a balance between technology and human interaction.