

Rising BRICS Plus

Although not militarily menacing like NATO and symbolically imposing like G7, BRICS is rising on the global geopolitical stage as a counterweight to several western blocks. Founded in 2009, the group has reached 9 members from Eurasia having largest population and the fastest economic growth. BRICS comprises on 45 percent global population and accounts for 38 percent world's GDP. It presents itself a voice of global south against the growing imperialism of the west.

The current annual summit of BRICS is going in Kazan, Russia. All member states are being represented by their top leadership. The presence nominal of western allies such as India and the UAE in BRICS summit has ~~burst~~ ^{burst} the claim of western media to isolate Russia on the global landscape. Russia has successfully managed its allies by engaging in cultural, trade, and defense cooperation.

Being a major ally of the west in Indo-Pacific, India has successfully carried out major diplomatic visits to Russia and Ukraine this year, which demonstrates that the world ~~has~~ is going towards multilateralism.

Moreover, Russia has proved itself a resilient economy as it has ~~circumvented~~ circumvented western sanctions and ensures bilateral trade with regional partners. BRICS expansionism is a counterweight to the growing neo-colonialism of G7 and A20. The agenda of BRICS is collective betterment, peaceful coexistence, and economic collaboration with all countries. It is time to solidify the BRICS agenda into mutual collaboration among member states. Pakistan applied for BRICS membership in 2023 which depicts ~~the~~ its desire for neutral foreign policy and independence from western influence.