

Q:1. Discuss BRICS⁺ as a voice of Global South cooperation in the light of recent Summit?

Answer:-

Introduction to BRICS⁺

BRICS⁺ is a group of major developing economies, Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa which was created in 2006 where it formally known as BRIC and with the passing years it includes more countries of Global South to bring them on a stage for cooperation. Energy, finance, trade, climate initiatives, technological cooperation, health and peace initiatives, AI governance are the key themes.

BRICS⁺ as a Voice of Global South:-

★ **Purpose:** One of the core theme of BRICS⁺ is to raise the voice of Global South countries by collaborating on different collective interests. So to make fairer, transparent governance rules for developing economies and

also give them chance to grow ,
go green and to be heard on
global level with equality.

★ Raising voice of global South against global North:-

One of the major
concern of global South economies are
to create fairer chances for South South
developing economies on international platform.
Where the developed and powerful nations
are dominating more and creating discrimi-
nations for global South economies.

BRICS calls itself
as "Voice of the Global South" so the
developing South economies can fit on
global level with global north to meet
global South needs and to be heard.

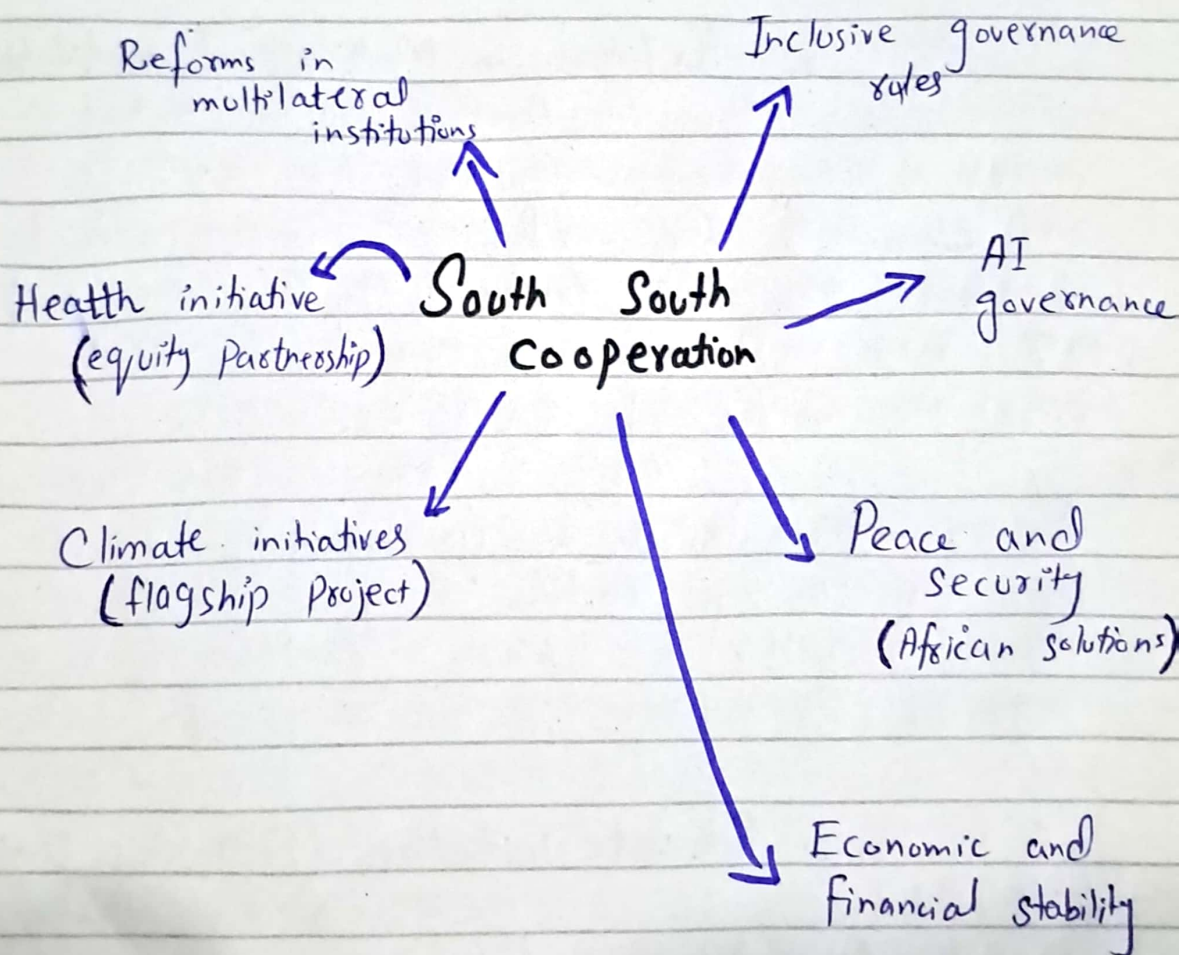
The latest Summit : Rio , July 2025 at a glance:-

On 6th of July 2025,
17th Summit of BRICS⁺ nations held
in BRAZIL , Rio-de-Janeiro.

★ Theme: Strengthening the global
South cooperation
(voice of global South economies)

★ Aim:- Use of local currency instead of dollar, regional trade routes, cooperation on technologies, climate, health, Peace and security, AI governance to avoid the western dependency.

Major Initiatives in the Recent BRICS Summit:



⇒ These are the major initiatives which are prioritizing under Rio, 2025 summit.

Voice of South South cooperation 2025.

1. Inclusive global Governance:

Under the inclusive global governance, BRICS⁺ nation emphasizes and strengthened the cooperation among global South economies to promote more transparent and inclusive steps against the developed global North over dominating economies.

2. Reforms in Multilateral institutions:

Another major initiative under which major economies of BRICS⁺ ~~and~~ demands the reforms in international institutions like WTO (World Trade organization), IMF, WB and security council of UN to raise the voices of South economies.

These nations demand for permanent seat in UN security council for Brazil and India along with westerns, to represent the interests of global South states for fair and equal benefits.

3. Climate initiatives (Flag ship Project)

BRICS⁺ nation also emphasized the need for collective and advance climate projects to overcome climate issues of developing southern states.

And for that

these nations pushed the need for the safety of Brazilian tropical forest and reduction of deforestation and green house gas emission (CO_2). Through this, developing nations threats of deluge will be overcome by controlling climate problems.

4. Peace and Security of Global South:-

(African solution for African problems)

BRICS⁺ condemned the terrorist attacks in its member states and raise voice for cross border threats of terrorism to promote the collective Peace and stability of global south.

Also the African states mainly on the Horn of Africa, are facing continuous threats of internal and external instabilities like in Egypt, Ethiopia, South Africa. And these instabilities are igniting by foreign powers US and others for own interests.

So BRICS⁺ nations condemned these interventions and support the dialogue based diplomatic solution with the help of African Union to reject the unilateral sanctions and threats of war ignition.

* So to resolve African problems through mediation, without external North interference.

5. AI Governance as responsible technology:

Very firstly, AI initiative were taken by BRICS⁺. These nations called the UN to take the lead in formulating the global rules for Artificial intelligence.

If the new technologies threat of domination can be reduced to avoid digital divide between global North and developing ~~economies~~ nations of global South.

6. Economic and Financial Stability: (global South)

Under the Umbrella of BRICS⁺, various economic initiatives were taken to overcome dependency on Western institutions like WB, IMF at the time of financial assistance or loans.

Hegemony by Global North in economy, trade, sanctions and tariffs create hurdles for global South developments. Also the rules and conditionalities of these institutions are tough and rigid.

To overcome these disruptions global South created more flexible institute called (NDB) National development bank to avoid dependency on Western institutes.

(Common Currency)

To reduce dollar dependency global South take initiatives to create common currency for the trade between member states.

In this way threats of tariffs and sanctions can be avoid and dollar dependency can be reduce by creating alternative common currency.

So India, Russia, China and other global southern will trade in common currencies like (INR) (Yuan), through NDB.

7. Health and People to People links of Global South:-

Under health initiative, developing Southern nations will focus on cooperation over disease control, medicines exchange and exchange among students, to promote inclusive cooperation.

Delivery of BRICS⁺ in South South Nations:

NDB: National development bank, an alternative to IMF and WB, where developing Southern economies can take loans or financial assistance flexibly.

CRA: Contingent Reserve Arrangements, which is a safety net, under which major BRICS⁺ economies reserved around \$100 billion for the time of crisis to overcome dependency of financial assistance from IMF, WB.

Wider Outreach (expansion) for more Global South Economies.

During 2023, BRICS⁺ accepted new member like Saudi Arabia, Indonesia, Vietnam, UAE and in 2025, Nigeria.

Egypt, Ethiopia also joined the BRICS⁺. This shows, the BRICS⁺ bloc ^{has} widened its engagement beyond its original five. And more global South nations are becoming its part to enhance global South cooperation for global South problems.

Conclusion:

The major agenda of BRICS⁺ is to enhance the cooperation by adding more members of global South nations. To raise voice of these economies on global level and in international institutions to make or create transparent and fair chances of global South and raise their voices for development and equal benefits. And the global North domination will be reduced.