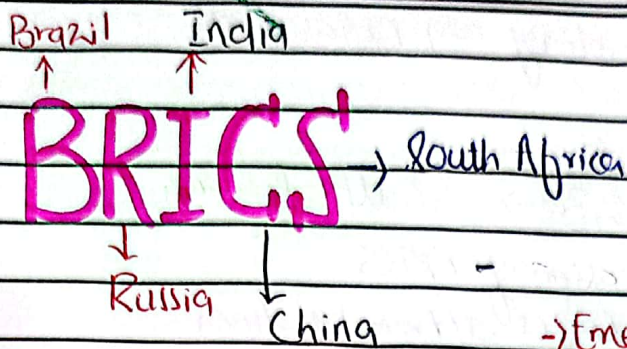




→ South Africa
involve officially in
200-2011
→ BRIC → BRICS

→ Emerging organization in future.

Historical background

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Established in 2009

BRIC → 2009 BRICS → 2010

Member Countries → Brazil, China, Russia, India, South Africa
South America, East Asia, European, South Asia, Africa continent

→ Economic & Political development but particularly trade & Economic development

→ The term BRICS is coined by Jim O'Neill → Goldman Sachs economist. * Acronym for 5 leading emerging economy.

BRICS

* only name in 2001 not formation.

To describe fast growing economies that would collectively dominate the global economy by 2050. (Strong & leading economies)

Key Leaders:-

Brazil → President → Lula da Silva

Russia → President → Vladimir Putin

India → PM → Narendra Modi

China → President → Xi Jinping

South Africa → President → Cyril Ramaphosa

Founded in Sep 2006

1st Summit → 2009 → Russia

15th Summit → 2022 → China (Beijing)



15th Summit → 2023 → South Africa

BRICS is continuously expanding → **BRICS PLUS**

Annual Summit.

BRICS Expansion:-

Summit in August 2023 → South Africa

→ Major development → expansion of BRICS

To add more states than BRICS already has

Previously → 5 states.

→ In August → 8 were invited out of 22 which has unofficially applied.

* out of this invited

6, 5 has joined

From middle East → 3 states → Iran, UAE, Saudi Arabia

→ Egypt, Ethiopia & Argentina (didn't join BRICS)

→ In January 2024

↳ Election → Right wing govt → decided not to join BRICS →

only this 5 states were added.

Why States want to join it; Why BRICS Expanding

(i) Interest → BRICS states (Brazil, Russia, India, China & South Africa)

Interest → They want expansion. They want to expand their influence, they want to expand their economic collaboration.

They want to add more states to expand agenda of economic collaboration.

ii) Russia & China Interest: → They want to make BRICS a club of states that help them war against possible US sanctions.

US Agenda → Global agenda → To condemn China & Russia

↳ To counter this agenda of US that's why they need expansion. In this context Indian exes initially reluctant, but ultimately they agree to the will of other states.

iii) Fear of Cold war b/w US & China:

↳ creating challenges for global south and rising states.

→ Protect from sanction environment and cold war they decided to join ~~BRICS~~ BRICS.

iv) → huge Market → BRICS:-

↳ World top economies (Russia, China, India)

Top rising economies (Brazil & South Africa)

→ These states wanted Alliances that system whose potential economic collaboration a

Arab state → oil world → They want economic connectivity with other states beyond oil & for that BRICS is a very good platform for them.

Argentina → Rivalry with ~~Brazil~~ Brazil (m) → BRICS major platform for it but it doesn't join BRICS.

Consequences of BRICS Expansion:-

(i) Global power Rivalry:- US policy to contain China.

↳ China ~~are~~ is strengthening their organization / their alliances that help China ward off US policy of containing China broadly or ~~particularly~~ → US feeling head because of BRICS expansion.

ii) Growing Expanding influence of the middle ~~power~~ powers;

middle power → not superpower or great powers

Middle power plays a very significant role.

21st century → middle power not too strong

Cold war → They were powerful.

Unipolar → US dominating → middle power → subservient

But now middle power are ~~are~~ rising due to expansion of BRICS.

They want to protect their spheres, they want to assert their role.

in the global level as well as regional level. Thus BRICS expansion

is an opportunity for them.

iii) BRICS a name of 21st century / Name of 2nd Cold war:-

↳ Due to US-China Rivalry many scholars name this.

→ B/w US-China,

name means → non-Aligned movement which was a movement

during cold war in which state decided not to join either of the blocks the US & the Soviet blocks at that time

BRICS due to its expansion → becoming a new name in the 21st century.

iv) North-South divide become more visible

Global North Against System → G7

States which is added to BRICS all belong to Global South.

So due to expansion of BRICS North-South divide become more intensify & visible. Global North is already into an integrated in lots of different multilateral alliances the most significant alliance is G7 across the continent (Canada, Europe, Japan, Africa, Europe as well as North America).

→ Economic division just like During cold war there is division between east and west, this time between north & south.

v) South-South Collaboration

Historically the collaboration between South-South has never been manifested into any kind of collaboration organization or alliance system. Global-South has joint view in different forum e.g. UN-reform, Climate change, debt but they don't have in alliance system or organization. And this will be a major step towards the South-South collaboration which is unprecedented.

vi) Economic Impact :-

BRICS agenda development of common currency, that was supposed to be decided in the last summit but in future there is possibility of common currency in BRICS.

vii) De-dollarization;

→ Development of new currency → De-dollarization → US-Sanction or dollar hegemony.

The addition of the 5 states will further strengthen this argument that this state should go for development of new currency & broadly called de-dollarization. It has been fear that US uses its dollar hegemony to dominate the world. Sanction regime have been very penetrative and very threatening to the global South Southern State directly and indirectly. So it increases the need of common currency.

Viii) Changing World Order

very significant impact of expansion of BRICS is changing world order. Transition toward world order will be expedite and BRICS expansion play the role of a catalyst. BRICS expansion is considered to be the turning moment of new emerging world order.

New Development Bank (NDP)

1) Solidify and strengthen the power, role, and the scope of new development bank.

New development bank will bring us from Washington consensus increasingly toward Beijing Consensus, like towards global South institution. The addition of South State, that is one step closer to establishing the parallel to the world system from Global South.

PAKISTAN → OFFICIALLY APPLIED

1) Officially applied for BRICS membership
 Russia has to host 2024 BRICS Summit in Kazan.

2) Pakistan will be disowned.

Why Pakistan is interested → BRICS

1) All causes above → Applied on Pakistan.

- Pakistan has faced sanction from US.
- ~~Military~~ ^{Sanctions} Increasing threats of more sanction in Pakistan because of multipolar issues & particularly because of US-China rivalry.
- Pakistan need to become non-aligned because historically Pakistan has been a part of block politics and that has not served Pakistan interest in fact that has harm Pakistan interest.
- So joining BRICS will be another step of Pakistan toward non-aligned or no block politics.
- Economic benefit → IMF or World bank → They are very good but very common process & they are very manipulative politically, strategically as well. Reduce dependence on IMF or other international financial institution.
- Pak-China Friendship / Partnership } Also necessitating
Pak-Russia Emerging Partnership } Pakistan push toward
BRICS
- Geo-economic → Pakistan foreign policy has been based on geo strategic collaboration and alliances historically. But Pakistan policy is shifted gradually since the post 9/11 toward geo-economic. Joining BRICS will help Pakistan move more toward geoeconomic interest & ever first step of Pak to move away from geostrategic alliances and move toward geo-economic alliances.

Challenges for Pak if join BRICS:-

- (i) India → Possible challenge for Pak.
- (ii) Alliance of India → Egypt (Close Alliance system)
- (iii) ~~At the~~ India Partnership with Arab States

(iv) Pakistan political scenario & economic uncertainty

Conclusion:-

BRICS expansion is very significant development of the 21st century. This expansion maybe of very few states but this is very symbolic and significant for far-reaching development & likely to have major impact on emerging world politics, emerging world order.

BRICS SUMMIT 2024 → 16th Summit

↳ In Russia → Kazan

→ Add on → Ethiopia, Egypt, UAE, Iran

→ Gives international coverage

This Summit has two importance

→ The time in which this Summit → important time for region & global politics

→ Agenda of this Summit → Global in nature which will have far-reaching consequences for global geopolitics and emerging world order at the global stage.

& important Summit development in this Summit.

(i) In Russia → major development (diplomatic events hosted by Russians, more than 20 heads of the state is participating in this event → including the member & other state too

UN - Secretary Antonio Guterres also was expecting to join it

↳ Clearly indicate that the west struggle to isolate Russia clearly fails.

→ Vietnam leader is also participating

(ii) UN - Secretary Antonio Guterres participation → (criticism by west countries particularly Ukraine (its toward neutrality not pro-Russia or pro-west).

(iii) New development → Increase of US Sanctions

- Difference b/w Global South & Global North increase.
Western hypocritical behaviour → [War in Ghana
War in Ukraine] show frustration of South.
- iii War in Ukraine become intensify
iv Turn around in Ghana War

AGENDA → According to scholar 3 major agenda

- (i) Idea of developing BRIC own currency
- (ii) Expansion of BRICS → Addition
↳ 30+ States interested to join it including Pakistan
- (iii) Existing cooperation expansion → Economic Cooperation
↳ NDB

Conclusion & Summary:

In the backdrop of Geopolitical tension → BRICS Summit is concluded.
1) Russia → Russia has given a message to the western world that amid various sanctions and animosity, we have shown your example and we have concluded a Summit without western interference.

2) 16 BRICS Summit concluded on Wednesday October 23 in Russia → Kazan

Key outcomes:- (i) Geopolitical concerns:-

- 1) Ukraine conflict → World is disturbed from Ukraine-Russia conflict. UN Charter must be followed, for mediation process we need to follow UN Charter.

(ii) Middle East Crisis → They had heavily criticized that what is happening in Gaza specially the innocent people & civilians are killed. They had also highlighted the issue of Southern Lebanon involved into the Middle East crisis.

→ This geo-political concerns are showing that the BRICS is heavily condemning such kind of issues.

2) Global Governance & Multilateralism -

G20 Role → Highlighted b/c many of the countries are part of G20 group and they said that for decision making process we need to adhere the G20 Principle & they had

1) Financial Architecture Reform; → Highlighted

BRICS nations take their place to improve Global Governance by advocating for a more agile, responsive, & representative multilateral system. Because we have seen that there are so many groups that are operational b/c they are not responsive, not representative & not giving representation to global south

2) Financial Innovation -

The leaders encouraged new financial practices. "We welcome the BRICS Inter bank Cooperation Mechanism (ICM) focus on facilitating & expanding innovative financial practices."

↳ E.g. BRICS Pay

↳ cost effective
↳ faster technology

3) Economic Cooperation & Local Currencies -

Cross-Border payments

↳ Strengthen trade & financial settlement in local currencies. Because most of the trade happens in dollars we need to boost our own currencies

BRICS Clear depository → BRICS Grain exchange

Russia said that there should be a bank which Advocate

the BRICS grain Exchange. They not only support each other financially but also support in grain exchange.

Pandemic Preparedness & Environmental conservation

Health Initiatives → world is facing the after effects of Pandemic (COVID-19)

Gov → Communicable diseases, antimicrobial resistance

Strengthening health systems through collaboration. "We support

the initiative of the BRICS R&D Vaccine Center. ^{Prevent people from various kind of communicable diseases}

→ Further developments of the BRICS integrated Early Warning System for preventing major infectious disease risk & the operations of the BRICS TB Research Network.

Big Cats → Endangered Species

India initiative to create international Big Cats Alliance

received recognition, as BRICS countries pledged to collaborate on

Preserving endangered species.

→ Also discussed climate issues.

RECENT BRICS SUMMIT (2025)

Held in Brazil → City Rio De Janeiro

Important Summit in term of Geopolitical & Global development that are taking place recently.

→ Participants Brazil, Russia, China, India, South Africa

→ Recently Added Countries → Iran, Egypt, UAE, Somalia, Indonesia

Exception → China president (Xi Jinping) → 24th time skipped Summit

→ President Putin → International Criminal Court Arrest warrants

→ Brazil is the signifier of BRICS.

→ Iran President

Indonesia → Participated for the first time since it joined BRICS

Joint Declaration of Summit:

Multiple decision

Condemnation of terrif war → Trump terrif war → ^{Perk without any justification}
 Imposition of terrif Specially this uniletral terrif are harmful to the international stability as well as international order.

→ Most of the participant of this Summit is already negotiating with US administration on avoiding this terrif by Trump.

Trump Statment after that → Threaten.

Those state which make alliance with BRICS will face extra 10% terrif.

Condemnation of Sanction Regim

↳ uniletral Sanction condemned

↳ Direct reference of US Sanction on Iran as well as Russia.

In context it was stated by the joint statment that uniletral Sanction by the states that is business & represent negative attitude toward world diplomacy

Condemnation of terrorism

↳ condemned terrorism

→ Specially Pehalgam incident (in occupied Kashmir)

~~Never~~ accept Hypocritic or contradictory approach toward terrorism will never be acceptable.

Terrorism should be condemned in its all form & manifestation

→ besides that it also give a direct reference to the Ghaza war. A Israel policy toward controlled humanitarian aid ^{and that is} very controversial and despulsive.

→ Support of two state solution of the Palestine problem

• West bank & Ghaza → Part of Palestine

After this Statment President Trump had meeting with Nithanyaho

They rejected the idea of independent Palestinian state
he declared that such independent state of Palestine should
be a threat to the integrity & survival of the Israeli state.

↳ President Netanyahu

→ Contradictory to Trump administration & Netanyahu policy

↳ Condemnation of Ukrain Targeting Russian Civilian

↳ interestingly → They had never mention Russian war on Ukrain

& condemned Ukrain targeting Russian civilian by BRICS.

↳ Strike

Fair & Equitable World order

↳ BRICS demanded for fair & equitable world order

BRICS clearly rejected the US led Global orders that
was considered to be a unilateral order / unipolar world order

World order should be fair, will acknowledge states rights.
never be based on

China & Russia → Align with static diplomatic positions
of Russia & China, that favors a balanced multipolar
order to replace with existing world order dominated by
US.

Welcomed Multipolar States

↳ This joint summit also welcomed multipolar states
who joined BRICS as the pattern. That include,

* ~~Belarus~~ Belarus

* Cuba

* Malaysia

* Kazakhstan

* Nigeria

* Thailand

* Vietnam

* Bulgaria

* Uganda

* Uzbekistan

↳ BRICS Powers States Increased

This clearly shows that BRICS are following the idea of
expansionism.

Analysis:-

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i) This meeting clearly shows internal division in its statement
China - President → didn't participate

↓ Russian → didn't participate (maybe sent → Solid Reason)

clearly state Chinese are never happy with the expansion of
BRICS → UAE & Egypt → close to US

According to some analysts this BRICS expansion will be likely
to be effective. Because it will maybe decrease the influence of
Russia & China in BRICS.

Unity → A bit of compromised

→ Pehlwan issue → only Indian were mentioned not Pakistan

→ They had never mention US → Some states have economic tie
with US

ii) Base of → add every state concern rather adding a collection
e.g → mention Ghazni but ignore Israel human right
violation

→ mention Pehlwan attack but ignore Tajar express
incident of Pakistan.

Hence highlighted only selected incident which is ^{consequence of} ~~not~~ ^{an} individual ~~common~~ state but not a common problem.

It indicates the BRICS states are lesser in common & more in
division with each other

iii) It clearly reflected a greater threat from global South
and greater desire on the part of global South states, but to
join the BRICS as a substitute & alternative to the northern
dominance on the global geopolitics.

↳ It is clear from the recent summit that BRICS is moving
more close toward global South.

iv) Changing world order demand → 10 countries (30% of the total)
collectively demand world/econ
but changing world order.

→ The existing world order did not suit global south and they want to have increasing share in the decision making at the regional level as well as global level & therefore they are more desirous toward a multipolar, but after sometime feared world order, they are not satisfied with existing world order.

Conclusion:-

This BRICS Summit is very significant. After Trump administration, this is first Summit. In this Summit where there is division, also a clear frustration on the part of the powers by the west particularly by US & European ~~power~~ partners & it also reflected a major change & tilt toward global order which moves away from the west & global north and it is increasingly pivoted toward global south & until unless global North accept & tolerate it which is unlikely considering Trump tweet & statement then global stability less likely to be achieved.