



## Raisina Dialogue 2024

**For Prelims:** [Raisina Dialogue](#), [Observer Research Foundation \(ORF\)](#), Chaturanga: Conflict, Contest, Cooperate, Create.

**For Mains:** Raisina Dialogue, Effect of policies and politics of developed and developing countries on India's interests.

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### Why in News

Recently, the 9<sup>th</sup> edition of the Raisina Dialogue took place in New Delhi, with over 2,500 participants from approximately 115 countries attending the conference in person.

- **Greece's Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis** joined the inauguration session as the chief guest.

### What is Raisina Dialogue?

- **About:**
  - The Raisina Dialogue is an **annual conference on geopolitics and geoeconomics**, which aims to address the most challenging issues faced by the world. It was structured along the lines of the [Shangri-La Dialogue](#).
    - It is a **component of India's "intelligence diplomacy,"** which, though not prominently featured in the public eye, **plays a crucial role in the national security framework**, alongside the diplomatic corps and the armed forces.
  - The conference takes place in New Delhi and is attended by **people from political, business, media,** and [civil society](#) backgrounds.
  - The Dialogue is structured as a multi-stakeholder, cross-sectoral discussion, involving heads of state, cabinet ministers and local government officials, who are joined by thought leaders from the private sector, media and academia.
  - Delhi-based think tank [Observer Research Foundation \(ORF\)](#), in partnership with the **Ministry of External Affairs**, hosts the conference.
- **2024 Theme and Thematic Pillars:**
  - **Chaturanga:** Conflict, Contest, Cooperate, Create.
  - The participants engaged with each other over **six "thematic pillars"**. These include:
    - **Tech Frontiers:** Regulations & Realities
    - **Peace with the Planet:** Invest & Innovate
    - **War & Peace:** Armouries & Asymmetries
    - **Decolonising Multilateralism:** Institutions & Inclusion
    - **The Post 2030 Agenda:** People & Progress
    - **Defending Democracy:** Society & [Sovereignty](#).
- **Similar Dialogues around the World:**
  - **Munich Security Conference (MSC):** Held annually in Munich, Germany, the MSC is one

- of the most prominent **forums for discussing international security policy**.
- **Shangri-La Dialogue**: Organized by the International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS) and held **annually in Singapore**, the Shangri-La Dialogue **focuses on security issues in the Asia-Pacific region**.
- **Oslo Freedom Forum**: It is an **annual conference focused on human rights, democracy, and freedom**. It brings together activists, journalists, and policymakers to share ideas and strategies for advancing human rights globally.

## What are the Key Takeaways of Raisina Dialogue 2024?

- **Geopolitical Shifts:**
  - Participants discussed ongoing geopolitical shifts, including the evolving power dynamics between major players such as the United States, China, Russia, and European countries.
  - With the emergence of new challenges and opportunities, discussions revolved around how nations are adapting their strategies and alliances.
- **India a Bridging Power:**
  - India's External Affairs Minister called **India a "bridging power"**, a country seeking common ground through a **"multi-vector" policy**, and playing the role of a **"Vishwamitra" or friend of the world**.
- **India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor:**
  - The Greek Prime Minister spoke about the importance of connectivity projects such as the [India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor](#).
- **Baltic-Nordic Forum:**
  - The ministerial contingent from **Central and Eastern Europe**, which included all Ministers of the [Baltic-Nordic forum](#), enabled a new diplomatic outreach for the government.
    - This outreach aims to **establish trade agreements and investment ties** with this part of Europe, which is often soft-overlooked but economically competitive.
- **Global Conflicts:**
  - The greater part of the **conversations focused on global conflicts**. The heavy presence of **European dignitaries turned the spotlight on the Russian war** in Ukraine.
  - Panels on military and naval strategy concentrated on the **need to handle** an aggressive China, including discussions on **"grey warfare."**
  - European Ministers urged India to reconsider trade and ties with Russia and to press the case for **Ukraine's sovereignty ahead** of the second anniversary of the [Russian invasion of Ukraine](#) that falls on 24<sup>th</sup> February.
    - In particular, they urged India to join a **"Peace Conference" in Switzerland**, set to be held shortly, at the request of Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelensky.
- **Regional Security Concerns:**
  - The conference addressed various regional security concerns, including tensions in regions like the **Indo-Pacific, Middle East**, and Eastern Europe.
  - Participants discussed strategies for conflict resolution, peace-building efforts, and managing regional rivalries.
- **Technology and Innovation:**
  - The role of technology and innovation in shaping geopolitics and global governance would have been a significant theme.
  - Discussions have covered topics such as [cybersecurity](#), [digital transformation](#), [artificial intelligence](#), and their implications for national security and international relations.

## Observer Research Foundation

- It is an **independent think tank based in New Delhi** with three centres in Mumbai, Chennai and Kolkata.
- It seeks to **lead and aid policy thinking** towards building a strong and prosperous India in a fair and equitable world and helps discover and inform India's choices. It carries **Indian voices and ideas to forums shaping global debates**.
- It provides non-partisan, independent, well-researched analyses and inputs to diverse decision-makers in governments, business communities, academia and civil society worldwide.

## UPSC Civil Services Examination, Previous Year Question (PYQ)

### ***Prelims:***

**Q.1** Consider the following pairs: (2020)

International agreement/set-up : Subject

1. Alma-Ata Declaration : Healthcare of the people
2. Hague Convention : Biological and chemical weapons
3. Talanoa Dialogue : Global climate change
4. Under2 Coalition : Child rights

Which of the pairs given above is/are correctly matched?

- (a) 1 and 2 only  
(b) 4 only  
(c) 1 and 3 only  
(d) 2, 3 and 4 only

**Ans: (c)**

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