

Conference of Global Intelligence Chiefs

Why in News?

On March 1, India held the second conference of intelligence and security chiefs from 26 countries around the world.

■ The conference was held for the first time in April 2022, a day before the start of the Raisina Dialogue. It was addressed by the PM of India and National Security Advisor (NSA).

What is the Highlight of the Conference?

- About: As part of Raisina Dialogue, the security conference is organised by the country's external intelligence agency, the Research and Analysis Wing (R&AW) and the National Security Council Secretariat (NSCS) that reports to NSA.
- Objective: To discuss the ongoing geopolitical tensions, provided an opportunity for participants to exchange views on how to address this crisis and other geopolitical tensions. However, the meeting focused on the <u>Russia-Ukraine conflict</u>.
- Nature of Meeting: It is modelled on the lines of the Munich Security Conference and Singapore's Shangri-La Dialogue.
 - It was coincided with the <u>G20</u> Foreign Ministers meeting and the Raisina Dialogue. India chairs both G20 and the <u>Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO)</u> in 2023.
 - While the U.S. was absent, intelligence chiefs from the U.K., France, Japan and Bahrain were among those present.

What is Raisina Dialogue?

- The Raisina Dialogue is India's premier conference on geopolitics and geoeconomics committed to addressing the most challenging issues facing the global community.
 - The conference is **hosted by the Observer Research Foundation** in partnership **with** the **Ministry of External Affairs**, Government of India.
- In 2023, it seeks to capture the state of the world through its theme of "Provocation, Uncertainty, Turbulence: Lighthouse in the Tempest?"
- 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.

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