RAISINA DIALOGUE: INTERNATIONAL RELATION

NEWS: Raisina Dialogue 2025

WHAT'S IN THE NEWS?

The Raisina Dialogue 2025 in New Delhi will focus on global power dynamics, regional leadership, and India's mediator role in key global issues. At the same time, the Five Eyes Alliance continues to enhance intelligence-sharing on counterterrorism, cybersecurity, and geopolitical threats.

Raisina Dialogue Overview

- **What is Raisina Dialogue?**

  - The Raisina Dialogue is a multilateral conference held annually in New Delhi, India. It is one of India's premier conferences focusing on geopolitics and geo-economics.

  - The event addresses some of the most pressing global challenges, bringing together leaders from politics, business, media, and civil society to discuss the state of the world and explore opportunities for cooperation.

  - The conference serves as a platform to engage in discussions on contemporary global issues, offering insights from policymakers, experts, and business leaders.

  - **Host**: The conference is hosted by the Observer Research Foundation (ORF) in partnership with the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India.

Raisina Dialogue 2025

- **Theme for 2025**: The theme for the 2025 edition of Raisina Dialogue is **"Kalachakra"** (Wheel of Time). This theme symbolizes the political cycles and changes occurring globally, reflecting the ever-changing dynamics of global power and geopolitics.

- **Key Issues Expected to Dominate in 2025**:

  - **Balancing Global Power Dynamics**: One of the key areas to be discussed is managing India's relations with major global powers such as the U.S., Russia, China, and the European Union. The goal will be to find the right balance to navigate competing interests and global shifts in power.

  - **Enhancing Regional Leadership**: Strengthening India's leadership in South Asia and the Indo-Pacific region will be a focal point. This includes efforts to enhance India's diplomatic influence and its role as a regional power.

  - **India as a Global Mediator**: India is positioning itself as a mediator in key global issues, such as the **Ukraine conflict**, tensions in the **Indo-Pacific**, and

global trade disputes. Discussions will focus on India's potential to facilitate dialogue and negotiations in global crises.

- **Expanding Influence in the Global South**: India is focusing on enhancing its economic and strategic engagement with the Global South, which includes developing countries across Africa, Asia, and Latin America, to expand its global influence.

Significance for India's Foreign Policy

- **Managing Global Power Dynamics**: India faces the challenge of balancing its relations with major global powers. Maintaining strong ties with the U.S., Russia, China, and the EU is crucial for India's geopolitical strategy, particularly in areas of trade, defence, and diplomacy.

- **Regional Leadership in South Asia and Indo-Pacific**: Strengthening India's role as a leader in the South Asian region and the Indo-Pacific is critical. This will help India ensure peace, stability, and cooperation in its neighborhood and strategically important regions.

- **Mediator Role**: India's growing diplomatic profile allows it to act as a neutral mediator in global conflicts, providing India with opportunities to shape global narratives and peace processes.

- **Expanding Global South Engagement**: India aims to build stronger ties with developing countries, leveraging economic and strategic partnerships to strengthen its position in the global order.

About the Five Eyes Alliance

- **What is the Five Eyes (FVEY) Alliance?**

  - The Five Eyes Alliance is a group of five English-speaking countries — **United States**, **United Kingdom**, **Canada**, **Australia**, and **New Zealand** — that work together to share intelligence and enhance global security.

  - The alliance was formed to monitor and address global threats related to terrorism, cyber warfare, and geopolitical conflicts. It traces its origins back to World War II, particularly through the **UK-USA Agreement** of 1946.

5 EYES

US   UK   Canada   Australia   New Zealand

Key Areas of Cooperation in the Five Eyes Alliance

- **Counterterrorism & Security**:

    - The Five Eyes countries collaborate closely on counterterrorism efforts. By sharing intelligence, they work together to prevent terrorist attacks and track terrorist networks.

    - **Example**: After the **9/11 attacks** in 2001, the Five Eyes countries coordinated intelligence to dismantle terrorist organizations like **Al-Qaeda**.

- **Cybersecurity & Cyber Warfare**:

    - The Five Eyes nations also work together to address cybersecurity threats, particularly from state-sponsored cyberattacks.

    - They focus on tracking cyber threats from countries like **China**, **Russia**, **North Korea**, and **Iran**, and on preventing activities such as hacking, cyber espionage, and ransomware attacks.

- **Geopolitical Intelligence & Surveillance**:

    - The alliance cooperates in monitoring geopolitical developments and providing intelligence on areas of strategic importance.

    - **Example**: The Five Eyes countries have closely monitored **China's expansion** in the **Indo-Pacific** region and **Russia's activities** in **Ukraine** and other NATO member states.

- **Espionage Prevention**:

    - Another key area of cooperation is in preventing espionage activities. The Five Eyes nations work together to identify and counter foreign intelligence networks operating within their territories.

    - **Example**: The alliance has collectively banned **Huawei**, the Chinese telecom giant, from participating in 5G network developments due to security concerns over espionage and surveillance.

Conclusion

The **Raisina Dialogue** is a pivotal platform for India to assert its role in global geopolitics, while the **Five Eyes Alliance** remains a crucial security partnership focused on counterterrorism, cybersecurity, and surveillance of global geopolitical developments. The two entities reflect India's strategic shift toward strengthening its global influence through diplomacy, security cooperation, and economic engagement.

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