12th BRICS Summit

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Why in News

The Prime minister of India while addressing the **12th <u>BRICS</u>** summit held online touched upon issues like **terrorism, Covid-19** pandemic and the need for **reforms in global bodies.**

Russia was the host and chair of **BRICS** this year.

Key Notes

- **India's Stand at the Summit:**
  - **Terrorism:**
    - **Need to confront the countries** that supported and sponsored terror and ensure that terrorists and those who support and sponsor terrorists **should be held guilty** and this problem is addressed in a collective manner.
    - India acknowledged the Russian support to the **BRICS Counter-Terrorism Strategy** and reiterated its support to the strategy.
      - It is well aligned with the **Brasilia Declaration** which condemned terrorism in all forms and manifestation.
      - Earlier this year India's **annual resolution on the issue of counter-terrorism** was adopted by consensus in the **First Committee** of the **United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)** which also strengthened the war against terrorism.
  - **United Nation Security Council (UNSC) Reforms:**
    India raised the issue of **credibility and effectiveness** of the institutions that were necessary for global governance, and urged for support from **BRICS** partners.
  - **Covid-19 pandemic:**
    - India addressed the issue of cooperation among the **BRICS** countries on the production of vaccines for **Covid-19.**
    - Referring to the post **Covid-19** economic hardships of the world, India highlighted the importance of **BRICS** in that scenario.
    - **BRICS** countries will play a significant role in the recovery of the post **Covid-19** world as **42%** of the world's population resides in the **BRICS** countries and the economies are the major engines of the world.
    - India also highlighted the scope of **increasing trade** among the **BRICS** countries.
  - **Aatmanirbhar Bharat:**
    - India introduced **Aatmanirbhar Bharat** (self-reliant India) to the **BRICS.**
    - India said that the **Aatmanirbhar Bharat campaign** is based on the subject that a self-reliant and resilient India can become a force multiplier for the post **Covid-19** world order.
    - A **self-reliant India** would make solid **contributions** to the global value chains.

- **China's Stand:**
  - It has offered to cooperate with India and other **BRICS** nations in the **development of vaccines** against the coronavirus
  - China said it will open the **BRICS** partnership on a new industrial revolution innovation centre in the Chinese city of **Xiamen.**
  - China supported the **BRICS counter-terrorism strategy** that called upon on all countries to take steps to prevent the use of their territories for terrorist activities against other countries or their own citizens.
  - Also supported the **declaration** which talked about respect for territorial integrity of Syria, Libya, Iraq and in the context of the **United Nations.**
- **Russia's Stand:**
  - **Russia** called for a joint effort by the **BRICS** countries on the development of the coronavirus vaccines.
  - It also highlighted the importance of establishing a **Centre for Development and Research** of **BRICS** vaccines.
- **Importance of BRICS Summit for India and China:**
  - It provides the Chinese and the Indian leadership an opportunity to exchange their thoughts on key priorities in the backdrop of the continued tension along their borders.
  - Both the **Shanghai Cooperation Organisation** and **BRICS** have provided recent opportunities for exchange of ideas between the two sides.

Way Forward

- **BRICS,** being one of the pillars of the emerging fairer polycentric world order, plays an important stabilising role in global affairs.
- In the storming ocean of world politics, **BRICS** can contribute significantly in maintaining **international stability** and ensuring **global economic growth** and becoming a **united center** of the multipolar world.

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