



# Conference of Interaction & Confidence Building Measures (CICA)

## Why in News?

Recently, the Minister of State for External Affairs addressed the **6<sup>th</sup> Summit of Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA)** in Astana, Kazakhstan.

- India is **one of the founding members** of Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA).

## What is CICA?

- The CICA is an **intergovernmental forum aimed at strengthening regional cooperation** and ensuring peace, security, and stability in Asia.
- The idea of creating the organization was first voiced by **Kazakhstan's First President Nursultan Nazarbayev in 1992** at the 47<sup>th</sup> session of the [United Nations General Assembly](#), while the first CICA summit was held in June of 2002.
- The highest decision-making organ of CICA is the **Meeting of the CICA Heads of State and Government (Summit)**. The **CICA Summit is convened every four years** in order to conduct consultations, review the progress of, and set priorities for CICA activities.
  - The Meeting of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs is required to be held every two years.
- CICA members include **27 Asian countries**, including Azerbaijan, Bahrain, China, Egypt, India, Iran, Israel, Russia, South Korea, and Turkey, nine observer states, and five international organizations.
- **India co-chairs two CICA CBMs** (Confidence Building Measures) on 'Development of Secure and Effective Systems of Transportation Corridors,' and 'Energy Security'.
- The CICA Secretariat has been located in Almaty (Kazakhstan) since June 2006.

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- A multinational forum for enhancing cooperation towards promoting peace, security and stability in Asia
- Proposed by Nursultan Nazarbayev, Kazakhstan's first president, at the 47th Session of the United Nations General Assembly on **October 5, 1992**

## Member states (27):

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| ● Afghanistan          | ● Egypt      | ● Kazakhstan | ● Republic of Korea  |
| ● Azerbaijan           | ● India      | ● Kyrgyzstan | ● Russian Federation |
| ● Bahrain              | ● Iran       | ● Mongolia   | ● Sri Lanka          |
| ● Bangladesh           | ● Iraq       | ● Pakistan   | ● Tajikistan         |
| ● Cambodia             | ● Israel     | ● Palestine  | ● Thailand           |
| ● China                | ● Jordan     | ● Qatar      | ● Turkey             |
| ● United Arab Emirates | ● Uzbekistan | ● Vietnam    |                      |

## Summits:



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