



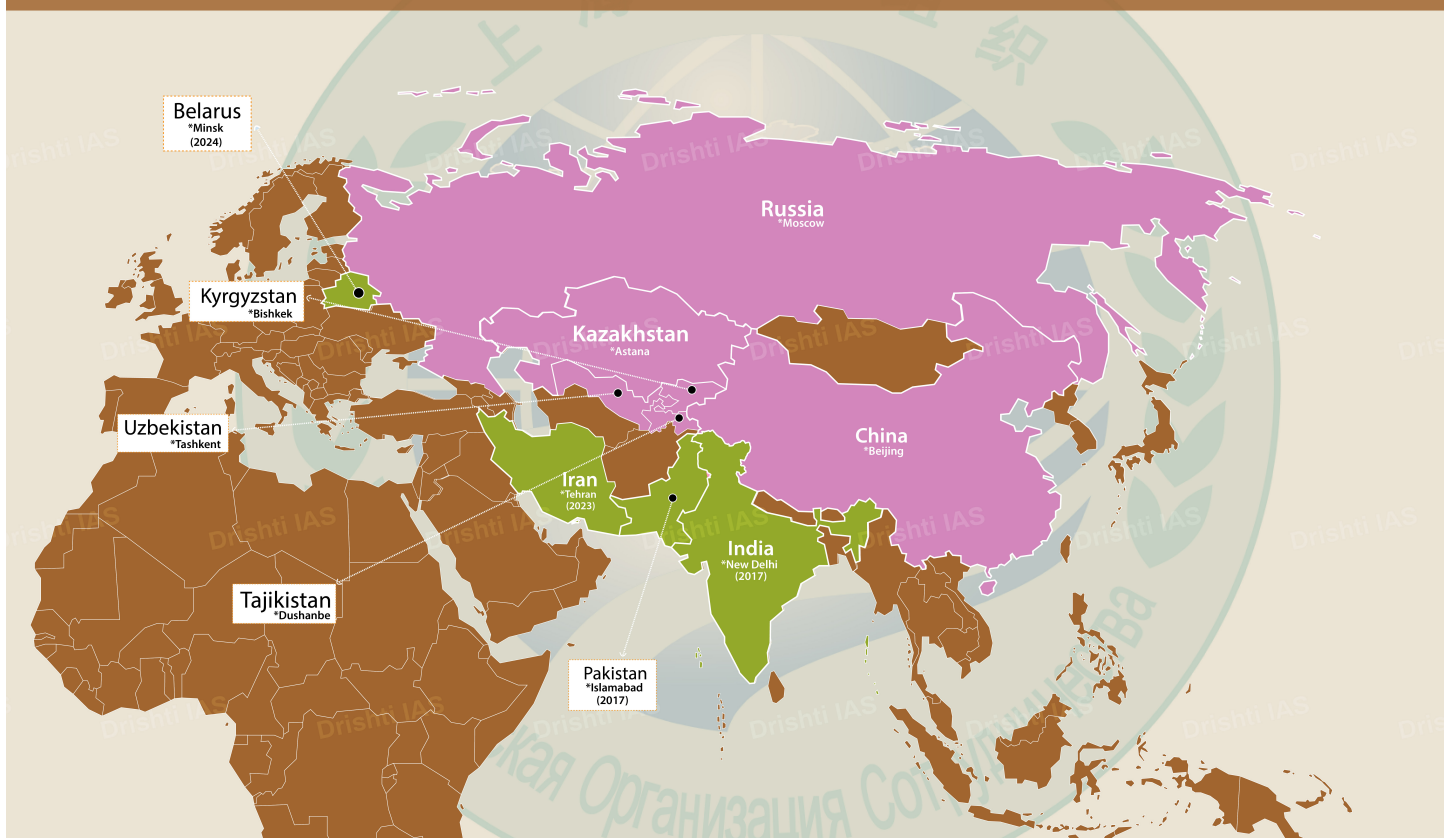
SCO



Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO)

Founding Members (2001):

Recent Members:



Key Facts:

- **Established:** 2001, in Shanghai, China
- **Charter Signed:** 2002; came into force on 19th September 2003
- **Goals:**
 - Strengthen regional peace, stability, & cooperation
 - Combat terrorism, separatism, & extremism
 - Foster economic, political, & cultural collaboration
- **Structure**
 - **Supreme Decision-making Body** - Council of Heads of State
 - **Permanent Bodies** - Secretariat (Beijing) & Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure (Tashkent)
- **Official Languages:** Russian & Chinese
- **Headquarters:** Beijing, China
- **SCO & India:** Varanasi has been nominated as the first ever SCO Tourism and Cultural Capital at the SCO summit in Samarkand, 2022



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