



# Raisina Dialogue 2025

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## Why in News?

India hosted the 10th edition of the [Raisina Dialogue](#) 2025 in New Delhi, with **New Zealand's Prime Minister, Christopher Luxon**, as the Chief Guest..

## What is the Raisina Dialogue?

- **About:** Launched in 2016 by the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), the Raisina Dialogue is named after **Raisina Hills in New Delhi**, it is organized annually by the **Ministry of External Affairs** in collaboration with [Observer Research Foundation \(ORF\)](#).
  - It is India's premier geopolitics and geo-economics conference, comparable to the **Munich Security Conference** (Germany) and **Singapore's Shangri-La Dialogue**.
  - The Raisina Dialogue brings together global leaders, policymakers, academics, industry experts, and journalists to address global challenges.
- **Theme for 2025:** "*Kālachakra – People, Peace and Planet*".
- **Takeaways from Raisina Dialogue 2025:**
  - **Weaponisation of Trade & Economy:** India's External Affairs Minister (EAM) raised concerns against the [weaponization of trade through tariffs, sanctions, and financial controls](#), emphasizing the need for trust-based partnerships.
    - India is re-evaluating trade partners for reliability, transparency, and strategic alignment, especially amid ongoing negotiations with the US, EU, and UK.
  - **Indo-Pacific Concerns:** [Quad](#) defence leaders expressed serious concerns over China's assertive maritime presence in the [Indian Ocean Region \(IOR\)](#).
    - India highlighted its intent to maintain the **IOR as a peaceful, secure trade conduit** while working with small island nations and external partners.
    - The Philippines wants India to join the [Squad alliance](#) (comprising the US, Japan, Australia, and Philippines) to counter China's tactics in the [South China Sea](#).
  - **Digital Sovereignty:** India is cautious about data flow, [Artificial Intelligence \(AI\)](#) development, and digital regulation in trade negotiations.
    - Regulatory frameworks for **big data and AI** are now integral to India's economic diplomacy.

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**UPSC Civil Services Examination, Previous Year Question (PYQ)**

**Prelims:**

**Q.1 Consider the following pairs: (2020)**

**International agreement/set-up : Subject**

1. Alma-Ata Declaration : Healthcare of the people
2. Hague Convention : Biological and chemical weapons
3. Talanoa Dialogue : Global climate change
4. Under2 Coalition : Child rights

**Which of the pairs given above is/are correctly matched?**

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 4 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) 2, 3 and 4 only

**Ans: (c)**

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