



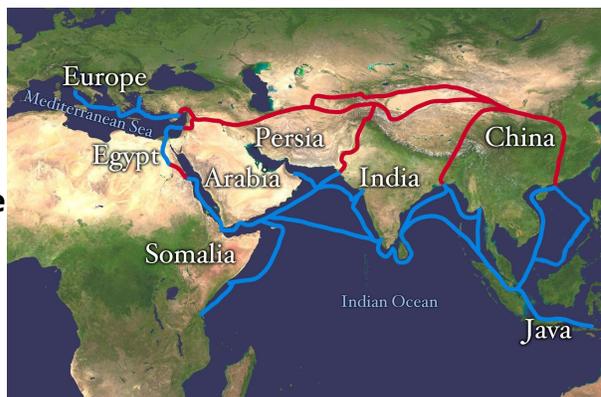
## Eurasian Economic Forum

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Recently, the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (**SCO**) organized the **Eurasian Economic Union** meeting.

- The forum called for **greater cooperation** in the spheres of communication, technology, and development amongst its member-nations.
- The entire event was organized to discuss and deliberate upon China's **Belt and Road Initiative**, because of which India, despite being present in the **SCO** summit, decided to **skip** this meeting.
- The forum promoted the revival of the ancient **Great Silk Road** in Eurasia in a new, modern format.
- On the sidelines of this summit, in the meeting on **economics and tourism**, speakers pushed the idea of the SCO member states' **Eight Wonders Exhibition Tour**, in which one historical monument or place corresponding to each member country will be represented on the pamphlet.
  - For Kazakhstan, it was the Petroglyphs of Tamgaly,
  - For China, it was the Daming Palace of the Tang dynasty, and
  - For **India**, the monument chosen was the 182-metre **Statue Of Unity** of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.

### Ancient Silk Route



- It was a network of trade routes that linked ancient regions of the world for the promotion of trade & commerce.

- It was regularly used during **China's Han dynasty rule** from **2<sup>nd</sup>** century BC to **14<sup>th</sup>** century AD.
- It stretched from China via India to Mesopotamia, Africa, Greece, Rome & Britain.

### **Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU)**

- The Eurasian Economic Union is an international organization for regional economic integration that came into existence on **1<sup>st</sup> January 2015**.
- The EAEU provides for **free movement** of goods, services, capital, and labor within its borders.
- It pursues, coordinates, & harmonizes the policies in the sectors determined by the Treaty and international agreements within the Union.
- The **member states** of the Eurasian Economic Union are,
  - The Republic of **Armenia**,
  - The Republic of **Belarus**,
  - The Republic of **Kazakhstan**,
  - The **Kyrgyz** Republic, and
  - The **Russian** Federation.

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