



Current Affairs of the Day

India to aim at 'reformed multilateralism'

Highlights:

1. India is approaching its two-year term on the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) with a strong commitment to reformed multilateralism.
2. He said India would be a voice for the developing world and use its tenure to foster "human-centric and inclusive" solutions to issues of peace and security.
3. The incoming members to the UNSC are Ireland, Mexico, Kenya and Norway.

Background:

India has been a non-permanent member of the Security Council eight times previously.

Election of non-permanent members

1. Each year, the General Assembly elects five non-permanent members out of a total of 10, for a two-year term.
2. Distribution of seats: These 10 seats are distributed among the regions thus: five for African and Asian countries; one for Eastern European countries; two for Latin American and Caribbean countries; two for Western European and other countries.
3. Of the five seats for Africa and Asia, three are for Africa and two for Asia; there is an informal understanding between the two groups to reserve one for an Arab country. The Africa and Asia Pacific group takes turns every two years to put up an Arab candidate.

About UNSC:

The United Nations Security Council (UNSC) is one of the organs of the United Nations and is charged with the maintenance of international peace and security.

Its powers include the establishment of peacekeeping operations, the establishment of international sanctions, and the authorization of military action through Security Council resolutions; it is the only UN body with the authority to issue binding resolutions to member states.



Members: The Security Council consists of fifteen members. Russia, the United Kingdom, France, China, and the United States—serve as the body's five permanent members. These permanent members can veto any substantive Security Council resolution, including those on the admission of new member states or candidates for Secretary-General.

The Security Council also has 10 non-permanent members, elected on a regional basis to serve two-year terms. The body's presidency rotates monthly among its members.