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Brics Summit: A stern rebuke to Trump's unilateralism and expansion of India's strategic space

Trump's tariffs and transactional diplomacy are binding Brics together and expanding India's strategic space



Sreemoy Talukdar · Firstpost

Context

Trump's tariffs and unilateral pressure pushed a divided grouping into agreement, and the agreement widened the room India has to act on its own terms.

Facts

■ **Paragraph 22 of the New Delhi Declaration** : *condemns unilateral coercive measures as contrary to international law, concerns about the rise of unilateral tariff and non-tariff measures which distort trade.*

■ **Paragraph 40** : *condemns terrorist attack in Jammu and Kashmir of 2025 and commits members against cross-border movement of terrorists, terrorism financing and safe havens.*

■ **India's aim on Bretton Woods institutions** : *make them effective, credible, inclusive, fit for purpose, unbiased, accountable and representative.*

Analytical Crux

India's idea within the BRICS platform is to foster greater cooperation among members and limit the deleterious impact of a declining hegemon's unpredictable actions. Trump's tariffs and sanctions gave a divided grouping one shared grievance, and India used the opening to get a joint text past China, Russia and Iran sitting in the same room. Paragraph 22 lets the Global South reject economic coercion without naming America, and Paragraph 40 puts the words Jammu and Kashmir into a document China has signed. *On money India stayed narrow, asking for local-currency trade rather than a project to displace the dollar, because it needs Western markets, capital and technology.* Therefore, the summit is insurance against American unpredictability without buying into a Chinese-led order.

Verbatim Quotes

"The Global South will not be a passive recipient of economic coercion, nor will it allow its developmental trajectories to be derailed by the tariff wars and unilateral sanctions"

– Sreemoy Talukdar

India’s Push-Ins Could Push Bangladesh Towards China

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India’s Push-Ins Could Push Bangladesh Towards China

Amid strategic challenges from Beijing in Bangladesh, New Delhi cannot separate border management with foreign policy. New Delhi should hold high-level dialogue with Dhaka and develop a cooperative roadmap to facilitate the identification and repatriation of undocumented migrants from India.

By Sounak Chowdhury | Sep 11, 2026

Sounak Chowdhury · South Asia Monitor

Context

India's practice of pushing undocumented migrants across the Bangladesh border is read in Dhaka as an attack on its sovereignty and is opening space for China.

Facts

■ **Mongla port** : US\$400 million secured by Beijing, and sits 80 km from the Indian border.

■ **Teesta (TRCMRP)** : less than 100 km from the Indian border, at the edge of the Siliguri Corridor.

■ Under Hasina, India had been awarded the right to develop an economic zone adjacent to Mongla Port: India delayed construction and the interim government

Analytical Crux

A crackdown that plays well in West Bengal is read in Dhaka as India acting on Bangladeshi soil without asking. Mongla lies 80 km from the Indian border and the Teesta project sits under 100 km from it, close enough to the Siliguri Corridor to matter. India had once kept China out of Teesta and out of the Mongla economic zone before losing both. India's unilateral "push-ins" challenge the sovereignty of a relatively smaller neighbour, reinforcing perceptions of Indian hegemony. Amid strategic challenges from Beijing in Bangladesh, New Delhi cannot separate border management with foreign policy. Since channels for identifying and returning citizens already exist, going around them is a choice rather than a necessity.

Verbatim Quotes

"New Delhi's concern is more about the collective effect of the decline of Indian influence and expansion of China's strategic options in Bangladesh than that of any individual Chinese project."

– Sounak Chowdhury

India's BRICS Chairship: Beyond Declarations



Amb Sanjay Kumar Verma · VIF

Context

Whether the initiatives India launched will acquire institutional life after the presidency ends, rather than by the length of the declaration it produced.

Facts

■ **Four pillars of India's BRICS Presidency :**
resilience, innovation, cooperation and sustainability.

■ **Proposed BRICS Central Bank Hub :** *for Capacity Building, tax-related working groups, Young Tax Professionals Programme, Tax Support Network and Tax Cross-Learning Lab.*

■ **Connectivity covers :** *BRICS Forum on Sustainable Aviation Fuels, Urban Mobility Hub, Logistics Supply-Chain Cooperation Framework.*

Analytical Crux

A declaration can create political space for cooperation, but it cannot substitute for implementation. Around 60 initiatives are mentioned in the New Delhi Declaration but the issue is about its implementation. BRICS has no Secretariat, so unless lead countries are fixed for each initiative and the work is written into the grouping's regular programme, the next chair's priorities will bury it. Therefore, agreeing on broad principles is easier than creating mechanisms through which those principles can be translated into sustained cooperation.

Verbatim Quotes

"Inclusion becomes meaningful only when it changes who can participate and who benefits."

– Amb Sanjay Kumar Verma

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