

# President Xi Jinping Opts Out Of Attending G20 summit

## Why In News

- Chinese President Xi Jinping Has **Opted Out Of Attending The Upcoming G20 Summit** In New Delhi On September 9-10 To Take Place In **Bharat Mandapam** International Exhibition-convention Centre, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi In 2023.
- Chinese President Xi Jinping Will Not Attend The G20 Summit In New Delhi This Week And The Delegation Will Be **Led By Premier Li Qiang**, China's Foreign Ministry Announced As It Expressed Beijing's Readiness To Work With **All Parties To Make The High-profile Meeting A Success.**

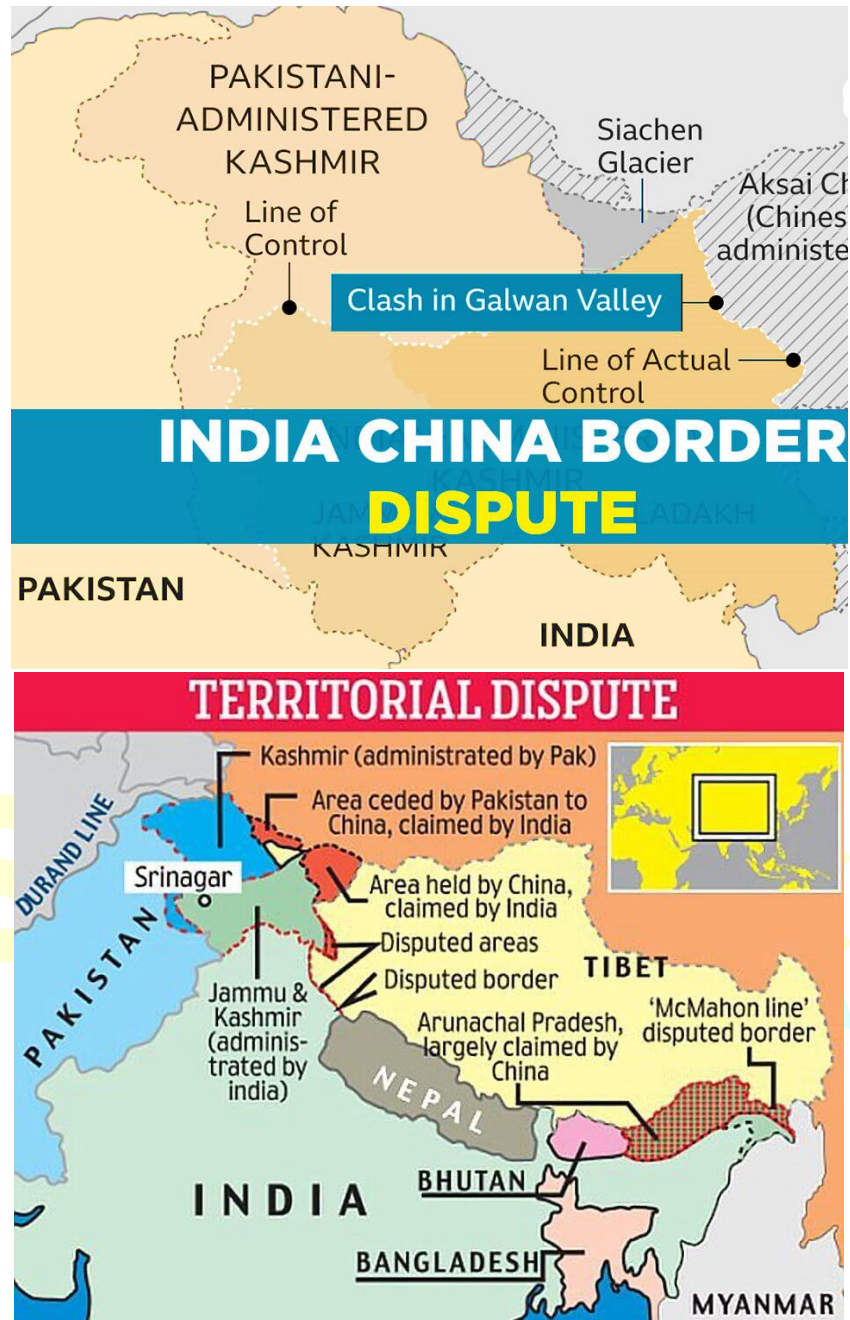


## Possible Reasons

- Border Dispute
- Standard Map Release
- Partnership With USA

## Border Dispute

- This Absence Comes Amid A **Backdrop Of Heightened Friction** Between India & China. The Dispute Over Their Border In The **Ladakh Region** Escalated Into A Military Standoff **3 Years Ago**, Costing The Lives Of 20 Indian And Four Chinese Soldiers. Both Nations Have Fortified Their Positions Along The LAC With Heavy Military Presence, Including Artillery, Tanks, And Fighter Jets.



## Standard Map

- Beijing Released A "Standard Map" Laying Territorial Claim Over Arunachal Pradesh, Aksai Chin As Well As Taiwan And The South China Sea. China Releases The Standard Map Every Year But It Is The First Time That India Has Lodged A Strong Protest Over The Map Issues, Rejecting The Claims Of The Communist Nation.

- The Timing Of The Map Release Was Just A Few Days Ahead Of The G20 Summit. At The Recently Concluded BRICS Summit In Johannesburg, PM Modi Held A Brief Interaction With Xi Wherein He Had Expressed Grave Concern Over The Situation Along The Line Of Actual Control.



## Partnership With USA

- India's Growing Strategic Partnership With China's Main Geopolitical Rival, The United States, Has Not Gone Unnoticed By Beijing. Both Countries Expelled Each Other's Journalists & Trade Tensions Have Increased. India Recently Surpassed China As The World's Most Populous Nation, Making The Two Asian Giants Competitors In Technology, Space Exploration, And Global Trade.



## Others Views

- Wen-Ti Sung, Political Scientist At The Australian National University "Xi's Skipping The West-heavy Club Of G20 Right After Attending The **BRICS Summit** May Be A Visual Illustration Of Xi's Narrative Of '**East Is Rising, And The West Is Falling**', As Well As Showing Solidarity With Russia's President Putin Who Is Also Not Attending."



- Alfred Wu, Associate Professor At The National University Of Singapore, Said Xi Might Be Reluctant To Travel Abroad, Given His Focus On Domestic Issues. "Xi Jinping Is Setting His Own Agenda Where His Top Concern Is National Security And He Has To Stay In China And Make Foreign Leaders Visit Him Instead,".

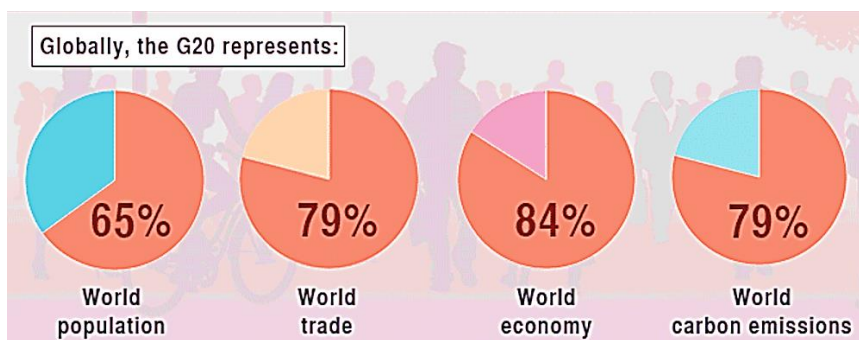
## India's View

- Subrahmanyam Jaishankar Has Downplayed The Decision Of President Xi Jinping To Skip The G20 Summit, Saying Its Position Will Be Reflected By The Representative Present At The Annual Meeting & The Absence Of The Heads Of State At G20 Summit Is Not New And **At Different Points In Time There Have Been Some Presidents Or PM's Who Have Chosen Not To Come**



## India – China Relations

- For India, Xi Jinping's Absence Might Be Perceived As A **Diplomatic Snub**, Especially Since Leaders From Other Major Countries Have Confirmed Their Attendance. **The G20 Summit Is A Vital Platform** For Economic Cooperation, Comprising Countries That Represent 85% Of The Global GDP And Over 75% Of Global Trade.



- It May Also Shape How The Two Countries Engage In Dialogues And Negotiations In The Near Future, Especially Concerning Border Issues And Global Economic Collaborations.
- **China's Deepening Relations With Pakistan**, India's Archrival, And Its Stance On The Disputed Kashmir Region Further Complicate The Geopolitical Landscape. Xi Jinping's Decision To Miss The G20 Summit Could **Add Another Layer Of Complexity** To The Already Strained Relations Between India And China.



## Conclusion

- The Absence Of Putin And Xi Leaves The **Field Open To Biden** To Dominate The Agenda, Expected To Press For Stronger Measures Against Russia, On Clean Energy Transition, And On Measures To Deal With Crushing Debt Among Developing Nations - The Vast Amount Of Which Is Held By China,"



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