

# Raisina Dialogue 2024

## Why In News

- The ninth edition of the **Raisina Dialogue** will be held from today till Friday (February 23) in New Delhi. The conference will be **inaugurated by** Prime Minister Narendra Modi. **Greece's Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis** will join the inauguration session as the chief guest.



## What Is Raisina Dialogue

- **Raisina Dialogue** is an annual conference on geopolitics and geoeconomics, which aims to address the most challenging issues faced by the world.
- The conference takes place in **New Delhi** and is attended by people from political, business, media, and civil society backgrounds. It is held **annually since 2016 in New Delhi**.
- “The Dialogue is structured as a **multi-stakeholder, cross-sectoral discussion**, involving heads of state, cabinet ministers and local government officials, who are joined by thought leaders from the private sector, media and academia,” according to the website of Raisina Dialogue.
- Delhi-based think tank **Observer Research Foundation**, in partnership with the Ministry of External Affairs, hosts the conference.



## Observer Research Foundation

- The **Established in 1990**, the ORF is an **independent, nonpartisan think tank** that conducts policy research on good governance, foreign policy, and sustainable economic development for India.



- ORF's work spans a **wide range of topics**, including climate, energy, cyber issues and media, economic development, and national security.
- It provides **non-partisan, independent**, well-researched analyses and inputs to diverse decision-makers in governments, business communities, academia, and to civil society around the world.
- Mandate: It seeks to lead and aid policy thinking towards building a strong and prosperous India in a fair and equitable world.

## Theme Of This Year's Edition

- The theme of the 2024 edition is **“Chaturanga: Conflict, Contest, Cooperate, Create,”** according to a press release by the Ministry of External Affairs.
- During the three-day conference, the participants will engage with each other over **six “thematic pillars”**.
- These include: “(i) Tech Frontiers: Regulations & Realities; (ii) Peace with the Planet: Invest & Innovate; (iii) War & Peace: Armouries & Asymmetries; (iv) Decolonising Multilateralism: Institutions & Inclusion; (v) The Post 2030 Agenda: People & Progress; and (vi) Defending Democracy: Society & Sovereignty,” the press release added.



- The **Raisina Dialogue 2023** was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, with Italian **PM Giorgia Meloni as the chief guest**.
- The event drew over **2500 delegates** from more than 100 countries, including ministers, former heads of state and government, military commanders, industry leaders, technology experts, academics, journalists, scholars on strategic affairs, and youth.
- **The theme for the 2023 edition was "Provocation, Uncertainty, Turbulence: Lighthouse in the Tempest?"** with **five thematic pillars**: Neo Insurgence: Geographies, Domains, Ambitions; Amoral Mosaic: Contest, Cooperate or Cancel; Chaotic Codes: Sovereignty, Security, Society; Pernicious Passports: Climate, Commons, Citizens; Grey Rhinos: Democracies, Dependencies, and Debt Traps.



## Who All Are Attending

- More than **2,500 participants** from around 115 countries will be joining the conference in person. The Dialogue is expected to be viewed by millions across the world on various **digital platforms**.
- The participants include ministers, former prime ministers and presidents, military commanders, technology leaders, academics, journalists, scholars on strategic affairs, and experts from leading think tanks.
- **Foreign Ministers of Bhutan, Lithuania, Estonia** set foot in New Delhi for Raisina Dialogue.



## Conclusion

- As the curtains fall on the Raisina Dialogue 2024, the discourse and decisions emanating from this grand assembly are bound to **resonate across the globe**.
- In an era marked by tumultuous changes and challenges, the dialogue's '**Chaturanga**' theme **underscores** the need for strategic foresight, collaborative effort, and creative solutions.
- It is a testament to the belief that in the complex game of global geopolitics, it is not just about the next move, but about envisioning the future together.

