

# India Supports '2 State' Solution To Israel Palestine Conflict

## Why In News

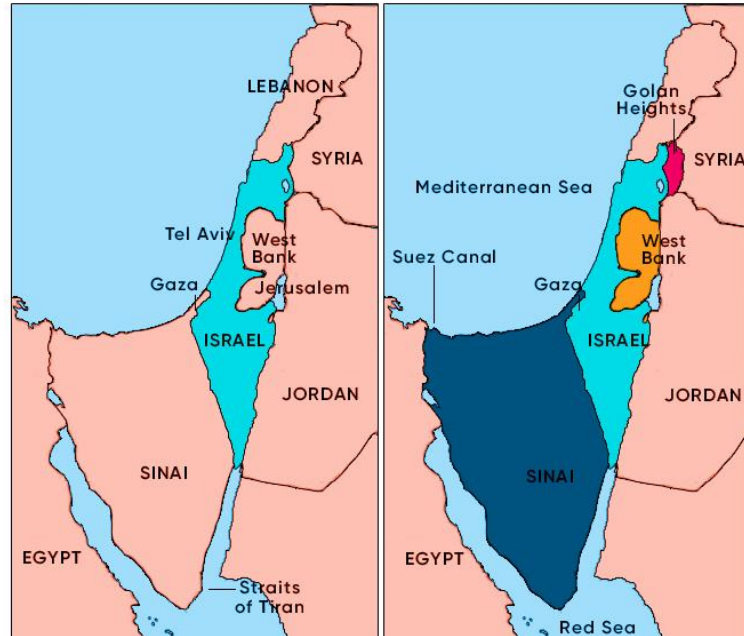
- **India** has reiterated its support for a **two-state solution** for the Israel-Palestine conflict amid the ongoing war in Gaza, emphasising that such a solution entails the **Palestinian people's ability to live** in an independent country with secure borders with due regard to the security needs of Israel. The Indian envoy to the UN also called on all parties to resume direct peace negotiations in the matter at the earliest.



## All You Need To Know

- **India's Permanent Representative to the UN Ruchira Kamboj** on said that India supports Palestinian's rights to live freely in an independent country within secured borders with due regard to the security needs of Israel.
- At the **United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)** meeting, Kamboj expressed hope that the membership of Palestine will be reconsidered in due course and that the region's shot at becoming a permanent UN member will receive support.
- "My leadership has repeatedly emphasized that only a Two-State solution, achieved through direct and meaningful negotiations between both sides on final status issues, will deliver an enduring peace," Kamboj said.

- The US, last month, **vetoed a UNSC resolution** calling for Palestinian statehood, drawing the ire of many countries supporting the region's cause.



- On this, Kamboj said, “While we have noted that **Palestine’s application** for membership at the UN was not approved by the Security Council because of the aforesaid veto. I would like to state here at the very outset that in keeping with India’s longstanding position, we hope that this would be reconsidered in due course and that Palestine’s endeavour to become a member of the UN will get endorsed.”



- UN representative also **highlighted India’s stance** on the ongoing war, noting that it has led to large-scale violence and lead to the deaths of many, especially women and children.

- She emphasised that India has strongly condemned the deaths of civilians in the conflict and firmly believes **that international law and international humanitarian law** must be respected by everyone under all circumstances. She called Hamas' terror attacks on Israel on October 7 "shocking" and stressed that they deserve "unequivocal condemnation."



## Palestine's Status In The UN

- It is important that **140 of the 193 members of the UN General Assembly** have already recognised Palestine as a state. Palestine had first submitted its request for admission as a **full UN member in 2011**, which failed because the Palestinians didn't get the required minimum support of nine of the Security Council's 15 members.



- They went to the **General Assembly** and by more than a two-thirds majority succeeded in having their status raised from a UN observer to a non-member observer state in November 2012.
- On April 2, 2024, **Palestine again sent a letter** to UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres requesting that its application for full UN membership be considered

again. This came almost **six months after the Israel-Hamas** war broke out, when Hamas militants killed 1,200 people in Israel.



- **Israel's devastating military assault** in Gaza has killed nearly 34,000 people and triggered a humanitarian catastrophe, leaving 85 per cent of the population homeless.
- The **UN Security Council** has long endorsed a vision of two states living side by side within secure and recognized borders. Palestinians want a state in the West Bank, east Jerusalem and Gaza Strip, all territory captured by Israel in 1967. Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas condemned the US veto on April 18 as "unfair, unethical, and unjustified".