

Global South Summit

Why In News

- India is set to host the **3rd Voice of Global South Summit** on August 17, 2024, marking another significant effort to unify developing countries under a common agenda. The summit, **which will be held virtually**, is designed to address pressing global challenges that disproportionately affect the Global South, such as conflicts, food and energy security, and climate change.



About Summit

- The initiative, driven by Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of **inclusive development**—'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Prayas'—builds on the country's philosophy of **Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam**, or 'the world is one family.'



- This year's summit, themed "**An Empowered Global South for a Sustainable Future**," will include a Leaders' Session, hosted by Prime Minister Modi, and **10 Ministerial Sessions**. These discussions will cover topics ranging from sustainable energy solutions and global governance to youth engagement and climate change.



- **The previous two editions of VOGSS** were held on January 12-13, 2023, and November 17, 2023, respectively, both in virtual format. These summits saw the participation of over 100 countries from the Global South, with discussions feeding into the **G-20 Summit agenda** under India's presidency last year, particularly influencing the G-20 New Delhi Leaders' Declaration.



- This year, in addition to **fostering dialogue among Global South countries**, the summit is expected to strengthen the collective voice of developing nations on the global stage.
- It underscores **India's role as a key facilitator** in bringing together countries with shared concerns and aspirations for a more equitable world order.

10 Ministerial Sessions

- 10 ministerial sessions will address various themes, including:
- Foreign Ministers' Session on "Charting a Unique Paradigm for Global South"
- Health Ministers' Session on "One World-One Health"
- Youth Ministers' Session on "Youth Engagement for a Better Future"
- Commerce/Trade Ministers' Session on "Trade for Development- Perspectives from Global South"



- Information & Technology Ministers' Session on "DPIs for Development- A Global South Approach"
- Finance Ministers' Session on "People-Centric Approach to Global Finance"
- 2nd Foreign Ministers' Session on "Global South and Global Governance"
- Energy Ministers' Session on "Sustainable Energy Solutions for a Sustainable Future"
- Education Ministers' Session on "Prioritising Human Resource Development: A Global South Perspective"
- Environment Ministers' Session on "Pathways for Progress- A Global South Perspective on Mitigating Climate Change"