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UNGA Margins: EAM S. Jaishankar Meets Iranian and Russian Counterparts

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar met Iranian and Russian foreign ministers on the margins of the 81st UN General Assembly session in New York.

High-level bilateral diplomatic discussions held by India on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly focusing on BRICS cooperation, GCC ties, and regional security.

KEY EXAM POINTS

- External Affairs Minister **S. Jaishankar** held bilateral discussions with Iranian Foreign Minister **Seyed Abbas Araghchi** in **New York**.
- The diplomatic discussions took place on the margins of the **81st United Nations General Assembly** (**UNGA**) session.
- Jaishankar also conferred with the **Russian Foreign Minister** on bilateral ties and cooperation within the **BRICS** grouping.
- The discussions encompassed critical regional developments including the Gulf conflict, **GCC** ties, and **artificial intelligence** in security.

DID YOU KNOW..!?

Article 51 of the Directive Principles of State Policy (**DPSP**) in the Indian Constitution mandates the promotion of international peace and security.

The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) was established in **1945** under Chapter IV of the UN Charter and is headquartered in **New York**.

The **BRICS** grouping was formed in **2006** (as BRIC) and officially expanded in **2024** to include Iran, Egypt, Ethiopia, UAE, and Saudi Arabia.

The Gulf Cooperation Council (**GCC**) was established in **1981** in Abu Dhabi and is headquartered in **Riyadh**, Saudi Arabia.

Under **Schedule 7** of the Indian Constitution (**Union List**, Entry 10), Foreign Affairs and international diplomacy are subjects under exclusive Central jurisdiction.

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Article 51 of DPSP directs India to promote international peace and secure relations among nations.

Syllabus Relevance: High relevance for Group 1 and Group 2 exams under International Organisations (UNGA, BRICS, GCC) and Polity Article 51 (DPSP).

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