

## Decoding The Hindu Article

# BRICS meet likely in June, India to attend China-hosted event

Delhi's confirmation comes weeks after visit of Foreign Minister Wang Yi

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Weeks after the visit of Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi to Delhi, India has agreed to attend a virtual summit of leaders of the Brazil-Russia-India-China-South Africa (BRICS) grouping, likely to be held at the end of June, sources here have confirmed.

The dates of the meeting, which will see Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the same platform as Russian President Vladimir Putin, Chinese President Xi Jinping and leaders of Brazil and South Africa for the first time since the Ukraine war began, are still being finalised, the sources said, though June 23 and 24 have been suggested.

India hosted last year's



Narendra Modi with the Presidents of South Africa, China, Russia and Brazil at the 2019 BRICS summit in Brasilia. •REUTERS

BRICS summit, which was also held virtually and attended by the five leaders. This is the first summit hosted by China since the tensions broke out at the Line of Actual Control (LAC) due to the PLA's transgressions in April 2020.

Ahead of this year's summit, Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi visited Delhi last month, which was seen as possibly heralding a gradual normalisation of ties. His visit was notably the first since the LAC stand-off began.

Significantly, leaders of

the G-7 grouping comprising Germany, France, the United Kingdom, Italy, Japan, Canada and the U.S. will meet in the Bavarian Alps on June 26 and 28, just a couple of days after the proposed BRICS summit.

It is unclear whether Mr. Modi, who is already travelling for a bilateral meeting to Germany on May 1, is on the list of special invitees to the G-7 summit, which is still being prepared, officials said.

Meanwhile, a number of other preparatory meetings for the BRICS summit are under way. In a meeting on April 12, BRICS health ministers, including Mansukh Mandaviya, held a virtual launch of the "BRICS Vaccine R&D Centre".

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### Vocabulary

Word	English Meaning	Hindi Meaning
Heralding	(Verb): be a sign that (something) is about to happen.	की घोषणा
Sanguinely	(Adverb): optimistically cheerful and confident.	दृढ़ विश्वास के साथ

### Static News

Since 2009, the governments of the BRICS states have met annually at formal summits. India hosted the most recent 13th BRICS summit on 9 September 2021 virtually.

Founded at UN HQ, NYC (UNGA 61st session), Yekaterinburg (1st BRIC summit)

Type Intergovernmental organization

Purpose Political

Headquarters BRICS Tower, Location - Shanghai, People's Republic of China

The BRIC grouping's 1st formal summit, also held in Yekaterinburg, commenced on 16 June 2009

The Group of Seven (G7) is an inter-governmental political forum consisting of Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the United Kingdom, and the United States

Formation 25 March 1973

Founded at Washington, D.C. ("Library Group"), Rambouillet (1st G6 summit)

Type Informal club

Purpose Political, Economic

### Grammar

An adverb of manner will explain how an action is carried out. Very often adverbs of manner are adjectives with -ly added to the end, but this is certainly not always the case. In fact, some adverbs of manner will have the same spelling as the adjective form.

They answer the question 'how is the action performed?'

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# China deploying UAVs near LAC

Intelligence, surveillance, target acquisition, reconnaissance are core tasks

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China continues to expand its unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) network and use in areas close to the Line of Actual Control (LAC).

There is a significant increase in their use for a variety of tasks from intelligence, surveillance and target acquisition and reconnaissance (ISTAR) capabilities and logistics support, official sources said citing intelligence inputs. This follows an increasing trend in UAV deployment by the People's Liberation Army (PLA) in Tibet and along the LAC since the stand-off began in eastern Ladakh in May 2020.

### Unified command

"It is learnt that flight sorties are being coordinated from a unified command centre and are extensively monitored for further improvement. Efforts are being made to cover all important locations, places in the UAV net for better patrolling and other related activities," said an official source citing inputs.



**Border moves:** PLA personnel and tanks during the disengagement along the LAC in Ladakh. • FILE PHOTO

China is also increasingly deploying its advanced UAVs in Tibet close to the LAC, another official said.

In addition, drones have been used for supplying vaccines in the border areas for effective last-mile coverage at several locations and especially opposite Arunachal Pradesh. As the Armies of India and China prepared for winters in the high-altitude region, China had released videos of swarms of quadcopter drones being used to supply rations and other essential items to personnel deployed close to the

border.

In line with this, the PLA UAV units have been regularly conducting exercises to fine-tune their employment. One such exercise was held in February according to inputs during which drones were packed with food, water and medicines for delivery to troops in remote areas.

China is also trying to reduce its dependence on foreign origin satphone communications and is promoting the use of indigenously built Tiantong satellite communication system,

officials said. The testing and use of the Tiantong system has been noticed at several locations along the northern borders, the latest being areas opposite Arunachal, according to inputs.

As the stand-off continues, satellite imagery from October last year showed the deployment of the UAVs and fighter jets by the Chinese Air Force at the Ngari Gunga airbase located in the Ngari prefecture, around 200 km from the Pangong Lake. Satellite images posted on Twitter by the open source intelligence handle @detrasfa\_ showed what are likely the CH-4 armed UAVs.

### Bigger plan

This is part of the massive expansion of infrastructure and runways, construction of habitat and support facilities which has continued in the last two years, even while the two sides were engaged in senior military commander talks for disengagement and de-escalation in eastern Ladakh to end the stand-off.



**Vocabulary**

Word	English Meaning	Hindi Meaning
Reconnaissance	(Noun): military observation of a region to locate an enemy or ascertain strategic features.	□□□□□□ □□□-□□□
Infringing	(Verb): act so as to limit or undermine (something); encroach on.	उल्लंघन करने वाली

**Static News**

The People's Liberation Army is the armed forces of the People's Republic of China and the armed wing of the PRC's founding and ruling political party, the Chinese Communist Party.

Founded: 1 August 1927, China

An unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV), commonly known as a drone, is an aircraft without any human pilot, crew, or passengers on board. UAVs are a component of an unmanned aircraft system (UAS), which includes adding a ground-based controller and a system of communications with the UAV.

**Grammar**

The positions of adverbs are not a fixed or set thing. As you have seen, adverbs can appear in different position in a sentence. However, there are some rules that help us decide where an adverb should be positioned. The rules will be different depending on whether the adverb is acting to modify an adjective or another adverb, a verb or what type of adverb it is.



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# Code for medical devices welcomed

Industry says it will help adopt ethical marketing practice requirements

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The Department of Pharmaceuticals (DoP) recently published the draft Uniform Code for Medical Device Marketing Practices (UCMDMP), which, it said, is aimed at bringing in a voluntary code to regulate fair marketing practices by the medical device industry. It also aims at giving the industry an identity, apart from influencing the marketing dynamics of the pharmaceutical industry. The order issued by the DoP said stakeholder comments had been sought till earlier this week.

Pavan Choudary, chairman and director-general, Medical Technology Association of India, said that the present government had been widening the circle of probity.

### 'High level of ethics'

"The announcement that the government is following through the implementation of the UCMDMP voluntarily (which is the right way to go about it) is heartening for every company which follows a high level of ethical standards," he said.

He said the industry was



**Healthy systems:** The medical devices industry requires a standard operating procedure with transparency. •AFP

hopeful that this would translate into more credible healthcare delivery as well as restrain the fly-by-night operators who posed a great risk to patients and the reputation of the industry.

"In times to come, we hope it will separate the chaff from the grain and give the ethical players the public esteem they deserve. Its impact will hopefully also spill over and check those operators who have found a way to circumvent the price control affected on scheduled medical devices in this government's regime," he said.

Stating that it is essential to bring in a code of conduct for the medical device industry, separate from the Uniform Code for Pharmaceuticals Marketing Practices (UCPMP), Arnab Basumallik, director, Edwards Lifesciences India Private Ltd., said that in med-tech, the categorisation of a healthcare professional was broadened to include operation theatre and intensive care unit technicians and nurses, along with the clinicians – all of whom play important roles within the healthcare ecosystem.

"Moreover, the med-tech industry continuously evolves through incremental and breakthrough innovations that address the unmet needs of patients. Therefore, the *modus operandi* for imparting training and hands-on experiences to the clinicians and other stakeholders on technologies is a unique requirement and at the same time a regulatory necessity to ensure patient safety," Mr. Basumallik said.

He added that a well-defined standard operating procedure that indicates the dos and don'ts with a fair amount of transparency is essential.

"Medical devices are characteristically different from pharmaceuticals and therefore a separate code for medical devices was much needed to accurately capture the ethical marketing practice requirements for the medical device sector," said Sanjay Bhutani, MD, Bausch and Lomb, India. He added that the implementation of the UCMDMP will be a big step towards furthering patient interest and "will restrain the unethical element and restore competitiveness and esteem for the compliant players."

### Vocabulary

Word	English Meaning	Hindi Meaning
CULPABILITY	(Noun): responsibility for a fault or wrong; blame.	अभियोज्यता

### Static News

UCMDMP would be a self-regulatory framework for the industry and voluntarily in nature that aims to curb practices such as offering gifts to healthcare professionals to push a certain product.

UCMDMP has been drafted to ensure high ethical standards for the medical device industry much in the similar manner as has been done in the case of pharmaceutical industry by introducing Uniform Code for Pharma Marketing Practices (UCPMP) in 2011.

### Grammar

‘At present’ means ‘at the present time’, ‘presently’ means ‘soon’. These should not be confused.

❌ Incorrect- Nothing more can be done presently. Correct- Nothing more can be done at present.

❌ Incorrect- He will come back at present. Correct- He will come back presently.



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## Decoding The Hindu Article

# Flawless Leclerc scorches Albert Park circuit

Red Bull's Perez is second; Verstappen fails to finish

### AUSTRALIAN GP

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A flawless Charles Leclerc led from start to finish to steer his Ferrari to an action-packed win at the Australian Grand Prix on Sunday with World champion Max Verstappen failing to finish.

The World championship leader from Monaco started from pole, held his position at the first turn and never looked back, scorching round the 58-lap Albert Park circuit to take the chequered flag by a massive 20.5 seconds.

#### Hamilton fourth

Red Bull's Sergio Perez was second with George Russell an encouraging third for the struggling Mercedes and his seven-time World champion teammate Lewis Hamilton fourth.

The McLarens of Lando Norris and Daniel Ricciardo were fifth and sixth.



**On top down under:** Leclerc led from start to finish to steer his Ferrari victory. •REUTERS

Alpine's Esteban Ocon came seventh ahead of Valtteri Bottas in an Alfa Romeo, with Pierre Gasly's Alpha-Tauri and Alex Albon's Williams rounding out the top 10.

But there was disaster for Red Bull's Verstappen, the winner two weeks ago in Saudi Arabia, who pulled over on lap 39 when second, saying on the team radio: "I smell some weird fluid."

He jumped out with smoke coming from the engine, grabbing a fire extinguisher to help marshals put out the flames.

It was his second retirement in three starts this season.

In contrast, Russell was delighted with his podium place after Mercedes' early-season struggles with porpoising – bouncing at high speed.

### THE RESULTS

1. Charles Leclerc (Ferrari) 1hr 27min 46.548s, 26 pts; 2. Sergio Perez (Red Bull) at 20.524s, 18; 3. George Russell (Mercedes) at 25.593, 15; 4. Lewis Hamilton (Mercedes) 28.543, 12; 5. Lando Norris (McLaren) 53.303, 10; 6. Daniel Ricciardo (McLaren) 53.737, 8; 7. Esteban Ocon (Alpine) 1:01.683, 6; 8. Valtteri Bottas (Alfa Romeo) 1:08.439, 4; 9. Pierre Gasly (AlphaTauri) 1:16.221, 2; 10. Alexander Albon (Williams) 1:19.382, 1; 11. Zhou Guanyu (Alfa Romeo) 1:21.695; 12. Lance Stroll (Aston Martin) 1:28.598; 13. Mick Schumacher (Haas) 1 lap; 14. Kevin Magnussen (Haas) 1 lap; 15. Yuki Tsunoda (AlphaTauri) 1 lap; 16. Nicholas Latifi (Williams) 1 lap; 17. Fernando Alonso (Alpine) 1 lap.

**Fastest lap:** Leclerc (lap 58) 1:20.260s.

**Not classified:** Max Verstappen (Red Bull), Lap 39, mechanical failure; Sebastian Vettel (Aston Martin), Lap 24, spin into wall; Carlos Sainz (Ferrari), Lap 2, spin into gravel trap.

**Penalties:** Lance Stroll five-second time penalty, weaving on straight.

## Vocabulary

Word	English Meaning	Hindi Meaning
Scorching	(Adjective): (of criticism) harsh; severe.	प्रखर

## Static News

Charles Marc Hervé Perceval Leclerc is a Monégasque racing driver, currently racing in Formula One for Scuderia Ferrari. Leclerc won the GP3 Series championship in 2016 and the FIA Formula 2 Championship in 2017

The Australian Grand Prix is an annual motor racing event which is under contract to host Formula One until 2025. It is the second oldest surviving motor racing competition held in Australia, after the Alpine rally of East Gippsland

Red Bull is a brand of energy drinks sold by Austrian company Red Bull GmbH. With 38% market share, it is the most popular energy drink brand as of 2019. Since its launch in 1987, more than 82 billion cans of Red Bull have been sold worldwide, including 7.9 billion in 2020

## Grammar

Optative sentences express a hope, prayer, or wish. Usually, there is an exclamation mark at the end of an optative sentence. For example:

- ☐ May you succeed on the test!
- ☐ May you get well soon!
- ☐ Would that I were rich!



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# India beats Korea to finish third

Captain Vishal Uppal particularly pleased with the morale-boosting victory

## BILLIE JEAN CUP

SPORTS BUREAU

Riya Bhatia and Ankita Raina won their singles matches to help India beat Korea 2-1 and finish third in the Asia-Oceania Billie Jean King Cup women's tennis tournament in Antalya, Turkey.

Given her experience on clay courts, especially in Europe, Riya was able to assert herself in the first singles, albeit in a three-setter against Kim Na-ri, winning 6-3, 2-6, 6-3.

Ankita ensured India's third victory in the round-robin league, with a 6-2, 6-3 win over Kim Da-bin.

India had beaten Indonesia and New Zealand earlier, and thus finished third in the



**Turkish delight:** Rutuja, Sowjanya, Vishal Uppal, Ankita and Riya after a very satisfactory campaign. •SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

group. The Indians lost only to the two qualifying teams from the zone, Japan, which finished with an all-win record, and China.

**Captain Vishal Uppal was particularly pleased with the win over Korea, which put India close to the top two teams.**

"We played both the top teams Japan and China on the first two days. After that, securing our place in group-1 was important. Defeating Korea was a big morale-booster. I am happy with the effort of the whole team.

"Unfortunately, Sania Mirza could not join the team

**Lot to learn from this event, and we need to start building and preparing for next year**

owing to an injury.

"We managed with the available resources and did well. Lot to learn from this event, and we need to start building and preparing for next year," said Vishal.

Indonesia and New Zealand were relegated to group-2 as they finished at the bottom of the six-team pool.

**The results (league):** India bt Korea 2-1 (Riya Bhatia bt Kim Na-ri 6-3, 2-6, 6-3; Ankita Raina bt Kim Da-bin 6-2, 6-3; Sowjanya Bavisetti & Riya Bhatia lost to Kim Na-lae & Kim Na-ri 1-6, 3-6).

### Vocabulary

Word	English Meaning	Hindi Meaning
Endeavour	(Noun): earnest, prolonged, and industrious effort.	प्रयास
Sheer	(Adjective): nothing other than; unmitigated (used for emphasis). (Adverb): completely; right (Verb): avoid or move away from an unpleasant topic.	निरा

### Static News

Vishal Uppal is a tennis player from India. He participated in the Davis Cup in 2000 and 2002. He actually started playing cricket at school as a young boy, but switched to tennis at the age of 11.

Riya Bhatia is a professional Indian tennis player. Bhatia has career-high WTA rankings of 338 in singles, achieved on 2 March 2020, and 387 in doubles, reached on 17 May 2021. She has won three singles titles and three doubles titles at tournaments if the ITF Circuit.

### Grammar

**USE OF NOUNS AS THE DIRECT OBJECT:** An object is the person or thing that receives the action of the verb. It is the who or what that the subject does something to. Now, there are two types of Objects i.e. 'Direct' and 'Indirect' object. Direct object is the thing being acted upon i.e. the receiver of the action. A direct object answers the question 'what' or 'whom.' Finding the direct object is simple if we identify the subject and verb in a sentence.

Examples:

The engineer built a marvelous house.

(Here, engineer is the subject and built is the verb. Now, the answer to the question 'what did the engineer built?' is house. Therefore house is the direct object.)

