

Raisina Dialogue

The Raisina Dialogue is an annual Geo-political event organised by the Ministry of External Affairs in collaboration with Observer Research Foundation.

Named after Raisina Hill, where the seat of the Government of India is located, the conference has emerged as India's premier conference on geo-politics and geo-economics.

This article will give details about Raisina Hill within the context of the IAS Exam.

Overview of Raisina Dialogue

The Raisina Dialogue is designed as a multi-delegate, discussion platform which is attended by a wide range of global policymakers including, cabinet ministers, heads of state, private corporations executives etc. Members of the media and academia are also invited to attend the Raisina Dialogue.

It was structured on the lines of the Shangri-La Dialogue.

As far as India is concerned, the objective of the Raisina Dialogue are as follows:

- To explore future opportunities for Asian integration and further advancement of Asia's integration with the world at large.
- The Raisina Dialogue also asserts the crucial role played by India in the Indian Ocean Region and how it can build a stable regional/ world order with its partners.

Raisina Dialogues 2016 - 2020

Below we will discuss the agenda and themes of the Raisina Dialogue from 2016 to 2020. The 2021 edition of Raisina Dialogue will take place from April 13 - 15.

Raisina Dialogue 2016

In the first Raisina Dialogue held from March 1 - 3, 2016, over 100 speakers from 35 nations spoke on the theme: "Asia" Regional and Global Connectivity". The emphasis was on Asia's physical, economic, and digital connectivity. The dignitaries spoke at length on exploring opportunities and resolving challenges for the region to manage its resources and the need to develop the Asian region further along 21st century lines

Raisina Dialogue 2017

The theme of the 2017 Raisina Dialogue was “The New Normal: Multilateralism and Multipolarity”. It was held from January 17 - 19, inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Key speakers of the dialogue included Hamid Karzai, President of Afghanistan, the Diplomatic Adviser to the President of France, Jacques Audibert; Commander of U.S. Naval Forces, Europe and Africa, Admiral Michelle Howard and the Chief of the Army Staff (COAS), General Bipin Rawat.

Raisina Dialogue 2018

The theme of the Raisina Dialogue of 2018 was “Managing Disruptive Transition: ideas, Institution and Idioms”. In this conference, the changes within the global world order, emerging partnerships, challenges to the idea of sovereignty and power were discussed at length. Further discussions on the role of institutions and successful response to modern developments were also carried out.

Some of the prominent speakers of Raisina Dialogue 2018 were as follows:

1. Smt. Sushma Swaraj, Foreign Minister of India
2. Benjamin Netanyahu, Prime Minister of Israel
3. Konstantin Kosachev, Chair of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Federation Council
4. Stavros N. Yiannouka, CEO, World Innovation Summit for Education
5. Vyacheslav Nikonov, Member of the State Duma, Russia.

Raisina Dialogue 2019

The theme of the 2019 Raisina Dialogue was “New Geometrics, Fluid Partnerships, Uncertain Outcomes.” It was held from January 08–10. Admiral Christophe Prazuck, Chief of the Naval Staff, French Navy was one of the keynote speakers at the conference.

Departing from the usual progression from the previous dialogues, the conference focused on how to manage disruptions and transitions.

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Raisina Dialogue 2020

The 5th Raisina Dialogue (January 14-16) involved discussion around the theme “Navigating the Alpha Centuries”. Foreign Minister of Australia, Maris Payne, was the keynote speaker at this conference.

