11th BRICS Labour & Employment Ministers' Meeting 2025

Prelims - *Current events of national and international importance.*

Why in News?

Recently, Union Minister of State for Labour & Employment led the Indian delegation at the BRICS Labour & Employment Ministers' Meeting held under Brazil's Presidency in Brasília, Brazil.

BRICS
• Originally conceived as BRIC by Jim O'Neill, the grouping consisted of Brazil, Russia, India, and China. • **Launched in** – ***2006***. • **Headquarters** – *Shanghai*, China. • **Members** – As of June 2024, it has ***10 members***. • Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa, Egypt, Iran, UAE, Saudi Arabia, and Ethiopia.

- **Aim** – To *deliberate upon core labour and employment issues* with the aim to attain the sustainable goals of poverty alleviation and employment generation.
- **1st Meeting** – A*t Ufa, Russia in 2016* which laid the foundation of *BRICS Employment Working Group (BEWG).*
- **2025 meeting** – Slogan of "Strengthening the Cooperation of the Global South for More Inclusive and Sustainable Governance".
- **India in 2025 meet** – It showcased the *National Career Service (NCS) platform*, powered by AI, as a model for bridging skill gaps and connecting millions to employment opportunities.
- The Sector Skill Council for Green Jobs (SSCGJ) and Mission LiFE (Lifestyle for Environment) were highlighted as transformative initiatives driving skilling and sustainable practices.
- **Adopted declarations** – It is in line with 2 pivotal themes
  - Artificial Intelligence *(AI) and the Future of Work*
  - The *Impacts of Climate Change on the World of Work* and a Just Transition.
- **Key Outcomes –** The declaration commits BRICS nations to
  - *Promote inclusive AI policies* that balance innovation with worker protection.
  - Advance *social dialogue* to ensure fair climate transitions.
  - *Strengthen South-South cooperation* on labour governance, digital inclusion, and green job creation.
- **Significance** – It reaffirmed BRICS' collective resolve to build a future where ***no worker is left behind in the face of AI-driven disruption or climate challenges***.

The BRICS Labour & Employment Ministers' meeting under the Indian Presidency has been convened in 2016 at New Delhi.

Quick Facts

- **Skill Council for Green Jobs (SCGJ)** – Established as a not-for-profit, autonomous, industry-led society, was incorporated under the Societies Registration Act XXI, 1860 in 2015.
- It is promoted by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) and Confederation of Indian Industry (CII).
- It is aligned to the National Skill Development Mission.

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