

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** - At *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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