G3 Summit 2026

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Why is in news?

*G3 summit in Shenzhen (China) was the **first-ever formal trilateral meeting** of US President Donald Trump, Chinese President Xi Jinping, and Russian President Vladimir Putin on the sidelines of the 33rd APEC summit 2026.*

- Chaired by Xi Jinping after bilateral talks, the leaders issued a modest non-binding four-point "peace declaration" - known as the Shenzhen Declaration
- The joint statement addresses four issues.
- The first is “promoting UN reform so that it may respond more effectively to global challenges”. There is little doubt that the UN, as constituted in 1945, no longer reflects geopolitical realities. But it remains unclear what the signatories mean by “reform”, what changes they envisage.
- The second point — likely a signal to Ukraine, which has been targeting Russian oil refineries — is the three countries’ “plan to increase the production and supply of refined petroleum products”. This is significant, among others, for India, one of the world’s largest refining hubs, which has highlighted the impact of disruptions to global energy supplies.
- The third point takes aim at the International Criminal Court, stating that it and “similar bodies must not abuse their jurisdiction”. This serves Putin’s interests, given the ICC arrest warrant against him over alleged war crimes. Moreover, none of the three powers is a member of the Rome Statute, the foundational treaty of the ICC.
- Finally, the three leaders agreed to “engage in dialogue on reducing nuclear risks and preventing nuclear proliferation”. This should not be mistaken for a commitment to reduce their own nuclear arsenals.
- Following ***New START’s expiry*** on February 5, 2026, the declaration offers a diplomatic platform for nuclear risk reduction despite lacking binding arms-control measures.
- Unlike the ***1945 Yalta Conference***, the meeting produced no binding geopolitical settlement or grand bargain over conflicts.
- Direct US–Russia–China engagement requires India to balance ties across groupings like the Quad, BRICS, SCO, and ASEAN without losing room to strategy.



Reference

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