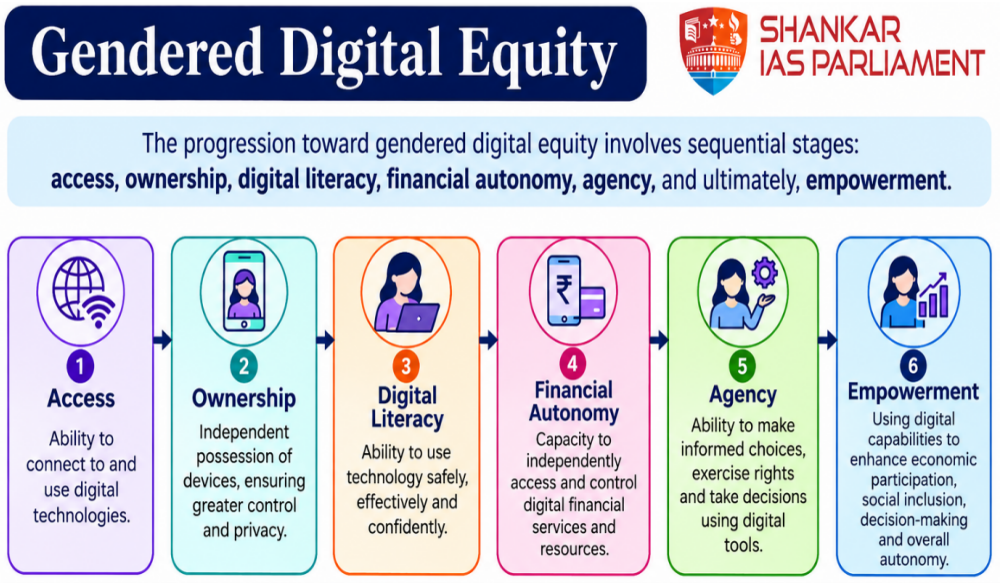
Raisina Dialogue

Why in the news?

The 10th edition of the Raisina Dialogue, India's flagship conference on geopolitics and geo-economics, is scheduled from March 17 to 19, 2025, in New Delhi.

- **Aim** – To bring together leaders and thinkers from around the world.
- **Launched in** – 2016 by the *Ministry of External Affairs* as a "flagship Indian international dialogue".
- **Theme** – Kalachakra - People, Peace and Planet.
- **6 thematic pillars** – The address pressing global challenges through discussions across 6 thematic pillars.



- **Similar events** – Munich Security Conference and Singapore's Shangri-La Dialogue.

Key Issues that are expected to be discussed in the dialogue are:

- **Ukraine Conflict & U.S.-Russia Relations** – The presence of Ukraine's Foreign Minister Andrii Sybiha and U.S. Director of National Intelligence Tulsi Gabbard signals intense discussions on *ceasefire negotiations* and shifting global alliances.
- **Trump's Foreign Policy Shifts** – The impact of U.S. President Donald Trump's policies on global trade, NATO relations, and Indo-Pacific strategy will be debated.
- **Quad and Indo-Pacific Strategy** – A high-level panel comprising naval leadership from India, Australia, Japan, and the U.S. will discuss *expanding maritime cooperation*, reflecting India's commitment to countering Chinese assertiveness.
- **Nuclear and Security Concerns** – International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) chief Rafael Grossi's participation highlights ongoing nuclear non-proliferation challenges, including the Iran nuclear issue.

Notable Trends

- **Pakistan's Non-Participation** – Given ongoing hostilities, Pakistani delegates have been traditionally absent from the Raisina Dialogue, reaffirming India's policy of limited engagement.
- **Russia's Reduced Presence** – The absence of Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov, who previously faced intense scrutiny over the Ukraine war, underscores the shifting diplomatic landscape.
- **China's Minimal Representation** – The inclusion of an academic from Fudan University reflects a cautious but improving engagement following last year's Modi-Xi Jinping meeting.

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