

## **G7 SUMMIT: INTERNATIONAL RELATION**

**NEWS:** Prime Minister addresses the G7 Outreach Session

### **WHAT'S IN THE NEWS?**

At the 2025 G7 Outreach Summit in Canada, Prime Minister Modi highlighted India's priorities on energy security and the Global South's concerns. The summit focused on global cooperation in energy, digital transition, and future partnerships amid G7's 50th anniversary.

### **Context of the 2025 G7 Outreach Summit**

- The G7 Outreach Summit 2025 was held in Kananaskis, Canada.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi represented India and held productive exchanges with G7 leaders.
- This was PM Modi's sixth consecutive participation in the G7 Summit.
- India used the platform to articulate the priorities of the Global South and energy concerns.

### **Summit Theme and Pillars**

- The 2025 G7 Summit was themed around three core areas:
  - *Protecting our communities around the world*
  - *Building energy security and accelerating the digital transition*
  - *Securing the partnerships of the future*
- The summit marks the 50th year of the G7 grouping's cooperation and partnership.

### **India's Engagement and Position**

- PM Modi addressed the session on "*Energy Security: diversification, technology and infrastructure to ensure access and affordability in a changing world.*"
- He stressed India's commitment to ensuring affordable, reliable, and sustainable energy access.
- India highlighted challenges faced by the Global South in areas such as energy transition and climate finance.
- PM Modi also held bilateral talks with leaders from Germany, Canada, Ukraine, and Italy.

### **About the G7 Grouping**

- Informal group of seven advanced economies: USA, UK, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Canada, plus the European Union (as an observer).
- Formed in 1975 in response to global economic crises, particularly the oil shock.
- Russia was added in 1998, making it G8, but was suspended in 2014 after the Crimea annexation, reverting it to G7.

- The group represents nearly 10% of the global population and about 30% of the world's GDP.

### **Mandate and Decision-Making**

- The G7 does not have a permanent secretariat or legal status — it functions through annual summits and consensus-based decisions.
- Topics vary annually based on the current presidency's agenda. Common topics include:
  - International peace and security
  - Economic growth and inflation
  - Climate change and sustainable energy
  - Trade and supply chains
  - Artificial Intelligence and technological transitions
  - Health systems and pandemic response

### **Importance of the G7 Summit**

- *Economic Influence:* G7 countries influence global economic governance and financial markets.
- *Global Impact:* Their decisions affect trade policies, climate action frameworks, health responses, and development finance.
- *Crisis Coordination:* The G7 has played vital roles in pandemic coordination, climate pledges (e.g., Just Energy Transition Partnerships), and Ukraine crisis management.
- *Symbol of Multilateralism:* Reflects rule-based order and democratic values in global governance.

### **India's Role in G7 Summits**

- India is not a formal member but is often invited as a special outreach partner.
- Since 2003, India has participated in multiple G7 outreach sessions, with consistent invitations every year since 2019.
- India is seen as the fifth-largest economy and a major voice of the Global South.
- At the 2025 summit, India highlighted the need for diversified energy partnerships, resilient supply chains, and inclusive digital governance.

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