

8th BRICS STI Ministerial Meeting

November 16, 2020

In news

Recently, 8th meeting of the Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) Ministers of the BRICS grouping held virtually

Key highlights of the meeting

- The meeting was organized by the Ministry of Science and Higher Education of Russia, Russian Federation being the Chair for the 12th BRICS Summit.
- The BRICS STI Declaration 2020 was unanimously adopted at the meeting.
- During the meeting, BRICS Members applauded India's scheme 'SERB-POWER' (Promoting Opportunities For Women in Exploratory Research) to encourage and support emerging as well as eminent women researchers to undertake R&D activities in frontier areas of science and engineering.

A brief note on BRICS

- BRICS is the acronym coined for an association of five major emerging national economies: Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa (Joined In 2010).
- The grouping has held annual summits since 2009, with member countries taking turns to host. Prior to South Africa's admission, two BRIC summits were held, in 2009 and 2010.
- Bilateral relations among BRICS nations are conducted mainly based on non-interference, equality, and mutual benefit
- The 12th BRICS Summit will be held virtually on Nov 17,

2020

- The BRICS members are known for their significant influence on regional affairs; all are members of G20.
- The 11th summit of the BRICS was held on 13–14 November 2019.