

XVIII Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) Summit

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The XVIII Summit of Heads of State and Government of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) was held at Baku, Azerbaijan on 25-26 October. The Indian delegation headed by Vice President participated in the summit. At the NAM Baku Summit, the Republic of Azerbaijan will take over the chairmanship of the Non-Aligned Movement for the upcoming 3 years.

The theme of the Summit

“Upholding the Bandung Principles to ensure concerted and adequate response to the challenges of the contemporary world”

The theme is significant as it relates to the forthcoming 65th anniversary of Bandung Principles in 2020 and the 60th anniversary of the establishment of the Movement in 2021.

What are the Bandung Principles?

The Principles of Bandung, a political statement encapsulating the need to promote world peace and cooperation were formulated at the Asian-African Conference in 1955. The core principles of the Bandung were;

- Political self-determination
- Mutual respect for sovereignty
- Non-aggression
- Non-interference in internal affairs, and
- Equality.