



# Expansion of **BRICS** membership

- Recently, Russia has been presiding over the BRICS countries, in which 5 more countries have been added to this organization.
- According to the report, Argentina has refused to become a member.
- Recently BRICS became 10 member nations.

## ● What is BRICS:

- The grouping took shape in September 2006 and originally included Brazil, Russia, India and China (BRIC).
- It was renamed 'BRICS' after South Africa was admitted as a full member in September 2010.
- BRICS, along with Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa,
- represents a quarter of the global economy and has been a major driver of global economic growth for years.



- **New members:** Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates were added.
- The last expansion of BRICS took place in 2010, when South Africa joined.
- **Importance:** Development of multi-polar world order and challenge to uni-polarity by Western countries.
- India's claim to be an important leader of the Global South will be strengthened.
- It will help in raising the collective voice for the restructuring of global institutions.
- With the inclusion of oil-producing countries, the share of BRICS in world oil production will increase.

# Savitribai Phule



- **Savitribai Phule Jayanti:** 03 January
- **Birth:** January 03, 1831
- **Location:** Maharashtra, Naigaon
- **Husband:** Jyotirao Govindrao Phule
- **Mother:** Laxmibai

- **Father:** Khandoji Neveshe Patil
- **Work:** Social reform (Protecting Women's Rights)
- **Book:** 'Kaavya Phule'
- **Died:** March 10, 1897

## Other Points

1. India's first female teacher.
2. The first leader of India's women's liberation movement.
3. Social reformer and Marathi poetess.
4. In 1848, along with Mahatma Jyotiba Phule, he established a school for girls.
5. Phule also founded "Balhatya Pratibandhak Griha".
6. She is often called the mother of Indian feminism.
7. Pune University was renamed Savitribai Phule University in 2014 in her honour.



# ITBP

## Director General Rahul Rasgotra



Recently, senior IPS officer Rahul Rasgotra has been appointed the Director General of Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP).

- On January 1, he took charge as Director General of ITBP.
- His predecessor Anish Dayal Singh handed over the ceremonial baton to him. IPS Anish Dayal will now serve in the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF).
- Anish Dayal Singh is a 1988 batch IPS officer of the Manipur cadre.
- He will hold the post of CRPF Director General till December 31, 2024.
- Rahul Rasgotra's appointment has been made till September 30, 2025.
- IPS Rahul Rasgotra is a 1989 batch police officer of Manipur cadre.
- He has served in important capacities in the Intelligence Bureau for nearly three decades.



# What is ITBP?

- **Indo-Tibetan Border Police**
- **Established** – October 24, 1962
- **Headquarters** – New Delhi
- **Motto** - Shaurya-Dridhata-Karma Nishtha
- There is a Central Armed Police Force.
- Presently this force is deployed between Ladakh and Arunachal Pradesh.
- This is 2115 km of India-Nepal-China. Protects the border spread over the length of.
- This force comes under the Ministry of Home Affairs of the Government of India.



## What is CRPF?

- Central Reserve Police Force
- The Central Reserve Police came into existence on July 27, 1939 with a single battalion under the name of Crown Representatives Police.
- With the enactment of the CRPF Act on December 28, 1949, this force was
- named the Central Reserve Police Force.
- **Motto** – Service and Loyalty
- **Headquarters** – New Delhi, India
- The Central Reserve Police Force is an armed force of the Union of India under the Ministry of Home Affairs.