



Brazil Hands Over BRICS Presidency to India

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- **The News (Dec, 2025):** At the 4th BRICS Sherpas meeting in Brasília, Brazil's Sherpa handed a **symbolic gavel** (made of recycled Amazonian wood) to India's Sherpa, **Sudhakar Dalela**. India officially assumes the presidency on Jan 1, 2026.
- **Apt Topic: "Continuity, Consolidation, and Consensus (The 3Cs)"**
- **The Amazon Gavel Symbolism:** In UPSC, symbolism matters. The recycled wood represents **Climate Justice** and the Global South's commitment to sustainability without "Green Protectionism." It contrasts with the 2024 Russian gavel (Steel from Urals), showing a shift from industrial-military focus to environmental-social focus.
- **India's 2026 Priorities:** India has identified four pillars: **Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation, and Sustainability**.
- **Navigating BRICS+:** This will be India's first presidency in a significantly expanded BRICS. The challenge is "Consensus Building"—ensuring the group remains a developmental platform rather than an anti-Western bloc.