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WHY IN NEWS

*The was held at Evian, France, from **June 15 to 17**, with **Prime Minister Narendra Modi attending as a special invitee**. The summit also served as the venue where the **initial US-Iran deal** to end the 2026 war was announced, underscoring the G7's role as an informal crisis-coordination forum.*

India is not a member of the G7, yet it has been invited repeatedly. That recurring invitation is itself a story about India's rising weight in global governance, and it is a near-certain Prelims and interview topic.

THE G7: COMPOSITION AND CHARACTER

The Group of Seven is an informal grouping of the world's major advanced economies that coordinates on the global economy, security and shared political values.

ELEMENT	DETAIL
Members	United States, United Kingdom, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Canada
Plus	The European Union, as a non-enumerated participant
Nature	Informal forum: no charter, no treaty, no permanent secretariat
Presidency	Rotates annually among members; the host sets the agenda
2025 host	Canada (Kananaskis)
2026 host	France (Evian)

Two features are exam-critical. First, the G7 has **no founding charter and no secretariat**: it is a forum, not a formal international organisation like the UN or the WTO. Second, the **European Union participates** but is not counted as one of the “seven”, which is why the membership is sometimes described as “seven plus the EU”.

G7 versus G20: A Quick Distinction

FEATURE	G7	G20
Members	7 advanced economies + EU	19 countries + EU + African Union
India	Invitee	Full member
Character	Advanced economies, shared values	Mix of advanced and emerging economies
Secretariat	None	None (troika manages continuity)

The G7 is the club of advanced economies; the G20 is the broader steering committee of the global economy in which India is a full and permanent member.

INDIA AND THE G7: A PATTERN OF INVITATION

India has been invited to several recent G7 summits, reflecting a consistent recognition that no major global challenge, from climate to supply chains to the digital economy, can be addressed without the world’s most populous country and a leading emerging economy.

- 1 **Outreach format.** Host nations invite a set of guest countries and international organisations to broaden the conversation beyond the seven members.
- 2 **Agenda fit.** India’s voice is sought on the Global South, energy transition, digital public infrastructure and supply-chain resilience (<https://ujyari.com/vocab/resilience/>).
- 3 **A bridge role.** As a leading voice of the Global South and a recent G20 president, India bridges the advanced economies of the G7 and the developing world.

THE ANALYSIS: WHY INVITEE DIPLOMACY WORKS FOR INDIA

- 1 **Influence without obligation.** As an invitee, India shapes the agenda and builds bilateral (<https://ujyari.com/vocab/bilateral/>) momentum on the sidelines without being bound by G7 communiqués.
- 2 **A platform for bilaterals.** Summits compress many leader-level meetings into a few days; the Evian summit doubled as the venue for the US-Iran announcement and for India’s own bilateral engagements.

③ **Signalling global stature.** Repeated invitations signal that India is treated as an indispensable partner on global issues, reinforcing its claim to permanent UN Security Council reform.

The way forward is for India to **convert invitee visibility into agenda-setting**, push Global South priorities such as climate finance and debt relief, and **leverage** (<https://ujijari.com/vocab/leverage/>) these platforms to advance the reform of multilateral institutions.

UPSC RELEVANCE

- **GS Paper 2 (International Relations):** plurilateral groupings, the G7 and G20, India and global governance, multilateral (<https://ujijari.com/vocab/multilateral/>) reform.
- **Prelims:** G7 members, the EU's role, the rotating presidency, the 2025 (Canada) and 2026 (France) hosts, India's invitee status.
- **Mains:** "India's growing role in plurilateral forums reflects a shift from rule-taker to rule-shaper." Examine.

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THE SUMMIT:

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INDIA AND THE G7:

India is an invitee, not a member; it is a full member of the G20

India is invited as a leading voice of the Global South and a recent G20 president

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