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*The **12th BRICS Environment Ministers' Meeting**, chaired by Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change **Bhupender Yadav**, was held at **Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi**, on **August 18, 2026**, adopting the “**New Delhi Statement**” on environment.*

What Happened

The Ministerial session followed the Senior Officers' Meeting held the previous day, and members consensually adopted the New Delhi Statement along with an outcome document. India, under its **2026 BRICS Chairship** theme “**Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability**,” set out four measurable national-action priorities: **promoting sustainable lifestyles; afforestation, forest-fire management and disaster resilience (as a combined priority); circular economy; and adaptation**.

Why This Matters

The meeting reflects a shift from aspirational climate pledges toward nationally implementable, measurable commitments, an approach India has pushed within BRICS as an alternative to financing-dependent global climate frameworks. This positions the New Delhi Statement as a concrete outcome document rather than a purely declaratory communique.

UPSC Relevance

This tests GS2 understanding of India's role in BRICS and other **multilateral** bodies, and GS3 climate/environment governance. A useful Mains angle is comparing BRICS' Global South-oriented, nationally actionable environmental agenda with the financing-and-emissions-target framing typical of UNFCCC-linked processes.

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Date: August 18, 2026; venue: Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi

Chair: Bhupender Yadav; outcome: "New Delhi Statement" adopted

India's 2026 BRICS Chairship theme: "Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability"

Four priorities: (1) sustainable lifestyles; (2) afforestation, forest-fire management and disaster resilience; (3) circular economy; (4) adaptation

OTHER RELEVANT FACTS:

Follows the Senior Officers' Meeting, held August 17, 2026, at the same venue

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