

# SHANGHAI CORPORATION ORGANISATION (SCO)

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## **Context:**

Recently, the fourth edition of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Startup Forum was organized in New Delhi.

## **Background:**

This initiative aimed to broaden startup interactions among the SCO Member States, foster an environment conducive to innovation, promote job creation, and inspire young talent to develop innovative solutions.

## **About SHANGHAI CORPORATION ORGANISATION (SCO):**

1. The Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) is a permanent international intergovernmental organization that was announced in June 2001 in Shanghai, China.
2. It was founded by the following countries: Kazakhstan, China, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Uzbekistan, and Tajikistan.
3. The SCO aims to promote cooperation and mutual support in various areas, including trade, investment, energy, transportation, and security.

## **Key facts about the SCO:**

1. Headquarters: The SCO's headquarters is located in Beijing, China.
2. Creation: It was announced on June 15, 2001, and came into force on September 19, 2003.
3. Official Languages: The official languages of the SCO are Chinese and Russian.
4. India's Membership: India joined the SCO on June 8-9, 2017, during the SCO Astana Summit.
5. Supreme Decision-Making Body: The Heads of State Council (HSC) serves as the supreme decision-making body within the SCO.

## **Permanent Bodies: The SCO has two permanent bodies:**

1. SCO Secretariat in Beijing
2. Executive Committee of the Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure (RATS) in Tashkent.
3. Member Countries: China, India, Iran (joined in July 2023), Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Russia, Tajikistan,