

**Round Table Discussion titled “BRICS+ in Focus” on July 04, 2024
at Hyatt Regency, New Delhi.**



Dr. Jitendra Kumar Das, Director General, FORE Society was invited by BRICS Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BRICS CCI) as Special Guest in the Round Table Discussion titled “**BRICS+ in Focus**” organised in collaboration with the Study Association for Political Science Students at Leiden University (SPIL), Netherlands on July 04, 2024 at Hyatt Regency, New Delhi.

This event was a highlight of a two-week educational tour for 35 Dutch and international students from Leiden University to Delhi and Jaipur. These students, studying political science, aimed to gain a deeper understanding of the economic dynamics and international cooperation among the BRICS nations. The primary aim of this Round Table Discussion was to provide an in-depth exploration of BRICS CCI’s functions, its role in developing a BRICS currency, and other key projects that foster economic growth and integration among BRICS nations. The conference covered the history, mission, and objectives of BRICS CCI, outlining its organizational structure and primary activities. Additionally, the session explored how BRICS CCI enhances trade, investment, and economic cooperation within the BRICS framework.



The round table covered a range of significant topics. Key issues such as dedollarization and the establishment of a BRICS currency were discussed, emphasizing the need to reduce dependency on the US Dollar and strengthen economic resilience within the BRICS framework. The importance of capacity building and educational exchange among BRICS nations was highlighted, advocating for comprehensive training programs and collaborations to enhance the skills of the youth, thereby driving

sustainable development. Additionally, the outlook of BRICS towards the West was examined, stressing the importance of maintaining balanced and cooperative relations with Western countries while adopting non-Western approaches.

Dr. Jitendra Kumar Das participated in an interactive session with Leiden University students, during which he highlighted that India maintains a cooperative stance and remains a neutral ally, emphasizing its commitment to fostering positive relations with all parties involved. He noted that while BRICS is not expected to be significantly impacted by the Russian-Ukrainian conflict, the cessation of hostilities could potentially have implications for the United States.

This significant dialogue highlighted the necessity of international collaboration to address global challenges. The insights and recommendations from this event will inform future initiatives aimed at promoting economic integration and sustainable development across BRICS nations.
