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HOW DID XI JINPING CONFRONT TRUMP?

- Chinese President Xi Jinping welcomed US President Donald Trump at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing. 'The whole world is watching this meeting'.
- » US-China Relations
- The Nixon-Mao meeting that took place in 1972 paved the way for a new beginning in US-China relations. In the 80s, China opened its doors wide. International capital poured in. China emerged as the world's factory.
- In 1990, the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the United States was 15 times higher than that of China. (1990 GDP, in billion dollars: USA 5,963, China 360, India 321). In 2025, it has shrunk to just 1.5 times. (2025 GDP, in billion dollars: USA 30,767, China 19,626, India 3,916).
- Three aspects are notable in Sino-US frictions. They are: Trade, Technology, Taiwan. Observers call this '3Ts' (Trade, Technology, Taiwan). Along with these, Iran has now joined as the fourth.
- All these four aspects found a place in the conversation this time.
- The US receives goods worth 308 billion dollars from China. In return, the US is able to export goods worth only 106 billion dollars. This is a trade surplus (Trade surplus) favorable to China. The US is trying to reduce this 202 billion dollar gap.
- » Technology
- China has historically been a leader in the manufacturing sector. However, in the last 10 years, it has progressed very rapidly in high-tech fields such as solar energy, satellites, electric vehicles, and artificial intelligence.
- It can be said that China's investment in the research field (R&D) is the primary factor for this growth in the technology sector. China's investment, which was several steps behind the United States a quarter of a century ago, surpassed the United States in 2024.
- Trump's desire is for the United States to penetrate China's technology market. He took 17 technology giants with him, including Elon Musk (Tesla), Tim Cook (Apple), and Jensen Huang (Nvidia).
- They have stated that they have entered into some agreements with Chinese companies, and the details will be released soon.
- » Taiwan, Iran, India
- Taiwan is an island near China. China's stance is that 'Taiwan is a part of China, it separated in the middle, and we will reunite it'. But Taiwan refuses to be a part of China. The United States supports Taiwan and also provides weapons.

- China's demand is that the United States must stop both of these. Taiwan was also on the agenda of this meeting. However, Taiwan was not mentioned in the US statement released at the end of the conversation.
- Trump is stuck in an unwinnable war and is struggling without knowing the way out. Until now, China has kept a low profile regarding the Iran war. They say Napoleon spoke the famous words, 'When your enemy is making a continuous mistake, stay away'.
- Xi must have read this. Trump's demand is that Iran must open the Strait of Hormuz and China must use its influence for that. It appears that Xi has agreed to talk with Iran. For a long time, the United States used India, which shines as a major power in Asia, for its anti-China stance.
- A change came to this perspective when Trump took office. It became even clearer during this meeting.
- India must adapt its path according to the changing geospatial environment. Forty years ago, China, which was at the same level as India, has risen today to become the world's second-largest power.
- This is possible for India too. We must improve our human resources. We must focus on education and healthcare. We must develop a scientific temper. We must abandon caste and religious conflicts.

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KEY DECISIONS TAKEN DURING THE SWEDEN TRIP

- The bilateral relationship between India and Sweden has been elevated to the next level, achieving the status of a strategic partnership. Furthermore, both countries have approved a joint statement and a joint plan for the 2026-30 period.
- Both countries have jointly launched the 'India-Sweden Joint Innovation Partnership 2.0' initiative. Under this, an online-functioning 'India-Sweden Joint Science and Technology Centre' will be established.
- This centre will strengthen joint cooperation in cutting-edge technologies such as artificial intelligence, 6G, quantum computing, minerals, and space research. Additionally, it will focus on renewable energy, smart cities, and water management.
- To ensure long-term cooperation in emerging technologies, a new initiative called the 'India-Sweden Technology and Artificial Intelligence Corridor' has been launched.