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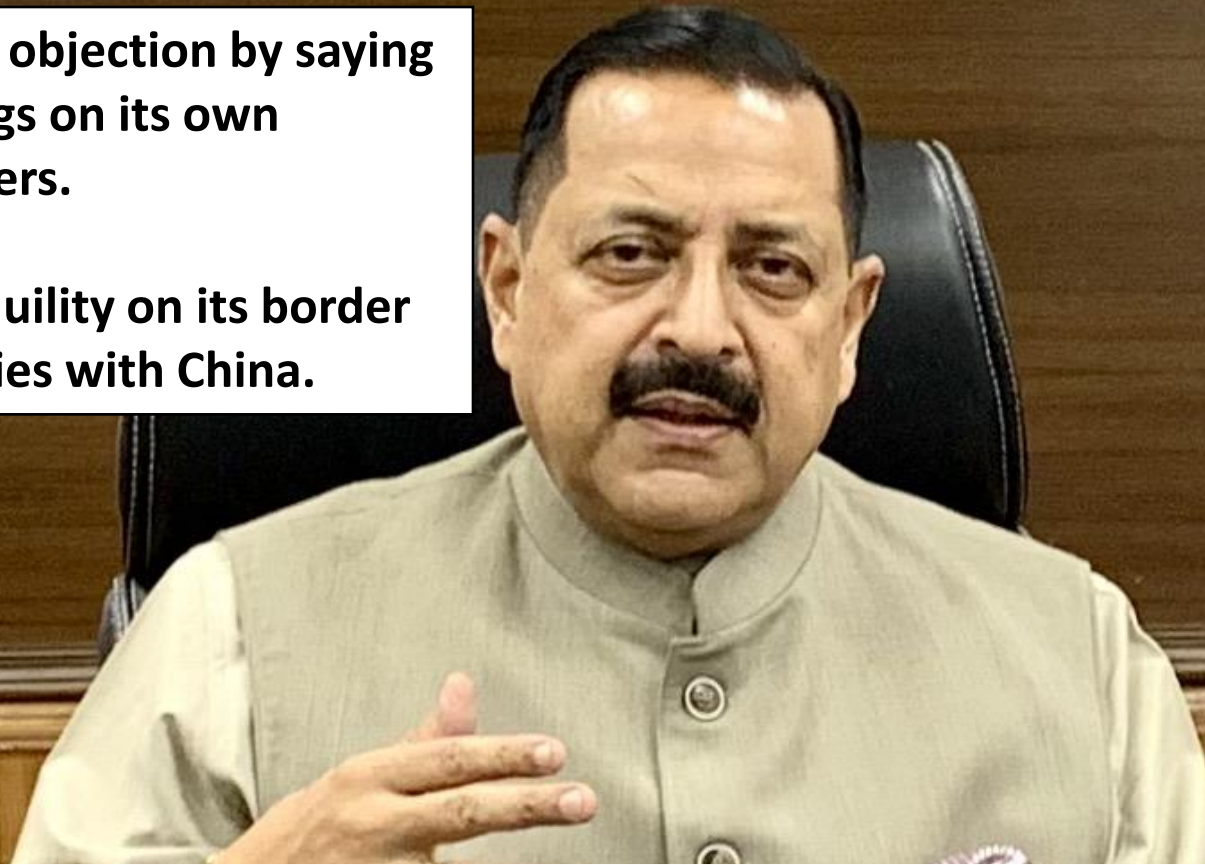
China said on Friday that it will boycott the G20 Tourism Working Group meeting scheduled to be held in India's Jammu and Kashmir.

Chinese Foreign Ministry Spokesperson Wang Wenbin in a presser on Friday said, "**China firmly opposes holding any form of G20 meetings on disputed territory. We will not attend such meetings.**"



India has countered the objection by saying it is free to hold meetings on its own territory, reported Reuters.

It said ,peace and tranquility on its border is essential for normal ties with China.



The G20 meeting in Srinagar is a "big opportunity" for Jammu and Kashmir to showcase its true potential, Union Minister Jitendra Singh said on Wednesday.

He said such an international event taking place in Srinagar would send a positive message in the country and across the globe.



New Delhi is the chair of G20 this year by rotation and is organising a chain of meetings with its allies across the country leading to the final event of the summit in the capital city in September.

Srinagar, the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir, will host a meeting of the tourism working group for G20 members between 22 and 24 May.

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Other member nations of the group like **Russia, France, Germany, Italy, the US, the UK, Japan, South Korea and the European Union** among others have signed up for the three-day event.

India has also extended an invite to **guest countries** and several international organisations from :

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Pakistan has also opposed India's decision to hold a G20 meeting in Jammu and Kashmir.

India has dismissed the objections of its neighbouring nation.

China's decision to skip the summit is apparently linked to objections by its close ally Pakistan and comes after it did not attend a G20 meeting held in Arunachal Pradesh in March.

China, a close ally of Pakistan

China and Pakistan share a close relationship, and their ties have often been characterised as an **"all-weather friendship"**.

However, their alliance is not solely based on the Kashmir issue, but encompasses a broader range of **political, economic, and strategic interests**. There have been **accusations of China supporting terrorism in Pakistan**.



Saudi Arabia and Turkey skip registration

With just two days remaining in the key meet in Jammu and Kashmir, Turkey and Saudi Arabia were still to register for the meeting till Friday.

However, neither Turkey nor Saudi Arabia has made any official announcement over the same.

It is pertinent to note that as per Indian Union Tourism Secretary Arvind Singh, the registration window to attend the meeting would remain open till May 22 morning.



Turkey's stand on Kashmir

Turkey has consistently leaned towards Pakistan on the Kashmir dispute.

The country has also raised the Kashmir issue at international forums.

Turkey brought up the issue in the **United Nations General Assembly and the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC)**, urging the international community to play a more active role in finding a solution and addressing the human rights concerns in Kashmir.

About G20



The Group of Twenty (G20) is the premier forum for international economic cooperation.

It plays an important role in shaping and strengthening global architecture and governance on all major international economic issues.

India holds the Presidency of the G20 from 1 December 2022 to 30 November 2023.



G20 Members



The Group of Twenty (G20) comprises 19 countries (Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Republic of Korea, Mexico, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Türkiye, United Kingdom and United States) and the European Union. The G20 members represent around 85% of the global GDP, over 75% of the global trade, and about two-thirds of the world population



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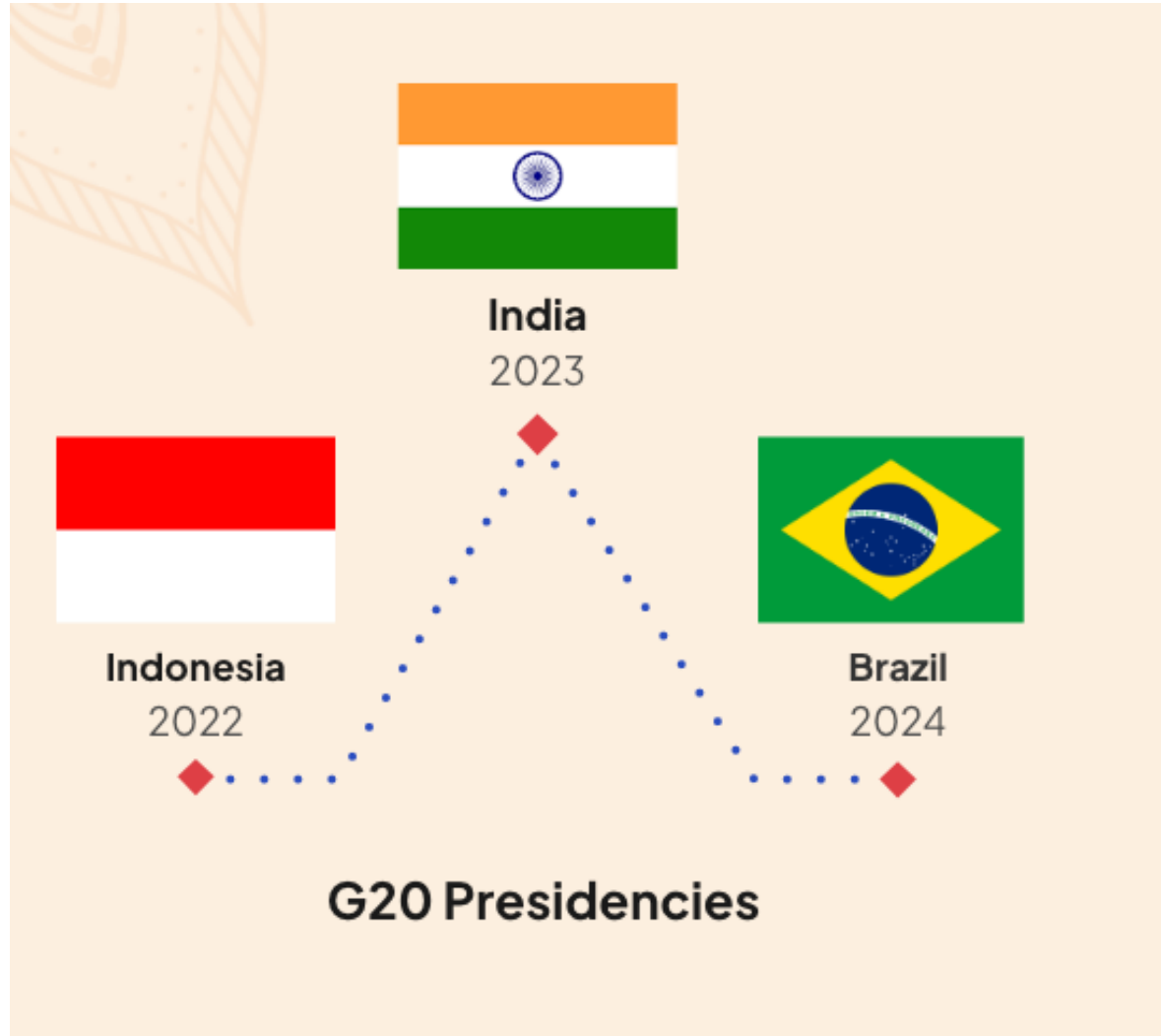
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