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### **1. External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar host a millet based lunch in New York for Top UN diplomats ( Dec. 17, 2022 )**

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External Affairs Minister **S Jaishankar** hosted a millets based lunch in **New York** on 15 December 2022 for the United Nations Secretary General **Antonio Guterres** and other top diplomats of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) member states to **commemorate the International Year of Millets 2023** (IYM 2023).

The External Affairs minister was in New York to chair two key UNSC debates being held under the [Presidency of India](#). India is the President of the UNSC for the month of December 2022. India's 2 year term as the non -permanent member of the UNSC ends on **31 December 2022**.

The United Nations General Assembly at its 75th session in March 2021, had adopted an Indian sponsored resolution to declare 2023 as the International Year of Millets.

In his message at the opening ceremony of the International Year of Millets at [Rome](#), the Prime Minister Narendra Modi had said that "India will steer the IYM 2023 celebrations worldwide and organise campaigns to promote the cultivation and consumption of millets,"

Millet is one of the oldest known foods to humans. They are called a superfood as they are rich in nutrients such as copper, magnesium, phosphorus, and manganese. They are low on glycaemic index.

### **2. India assumes the Presidency of the UNSC for December month 2022 ( Dec. 1, 2022 )**

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According to the External Affairs Ministry, India has assumed the **Presidency** of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) for the month of **December 2022**. India will be the President of the UNSC for one month as the 2 year term of India as a non-permanent member of the UNSC ends on 31 December 2022.

India became the non -permanent member of the UNSC on 1 January 2021. During **its 2 year terms** India has become the President of the UNSC for the second time. Earlier it became President in August 2021.

According to the External Affairs Ministry during India's Presidency two key events are scheduled in the UNSC.

There will be a debate on "Maintenance of International Peace and Security: New Orientation for Reformed Multilateralism' and others will be on "Threats to International Peace and Security Caused by Terrorist Acts: Global Approach to Counter Terrorism - Challenges and Way Forward".

Both the sessions will be chaired by the **External Affairs minister S. Jaishankar**.

India has been elected **8 times** as a non-permanent member of the UNSC. India has been elected **in 1950, 1967, 1972, 1977, 1984, 1991, 2011 and 2021.**

The UNSC consists of **15 members**. China, US, Russia, France and the United Kingdom are permanent members. Rest 10 non-permanent members are elected for a period of 2 years.

At present the UN has **193 member countries.**