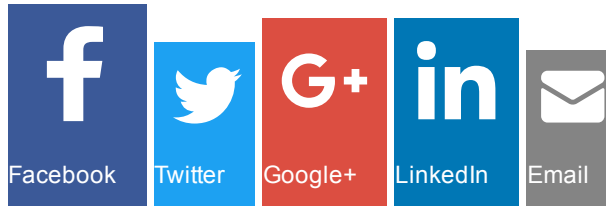


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BRICS nations discussed foreign policy planning and assessment between member states as a two-day BRICS Policy Planning meeting concluded in Patna on Tuesday. "There were fruitful exchanges on strategic assessments of international situation and the regional situation of each country and trends therein, going beyond immediate issues of quotidian diplomacy," the External Affairs Ministry said in a statement here. "The delegations also discussed the role of BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa) in international governance, ongoing cooperation at BRICS Forum and reflected on areas of convergence among BRICS," it stated.

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