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Aiming for **United Nations Security Council (UNSC)** reforms, **India** and **Brazil** recently agreed to conduct **regular bilateral meetings**.



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Key highlights of joint statement:

- There is requirement to **reform the Security Council**, including its **expansion** in the **permanent and non-permanent categories**, with increased representation of developing nations.
- **India-MERCOSUR Preferential Trade Agreement (PTA)** shall be expanded during **Brazil's MERCOSUR Presidency**, to leverage the full potential of their **economic partnership**.
 - **MERCOSUR** is a **trading bloc** in the **South American region** (Latin) comprising Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay.
 - A **PTA** was signed between India and MERCOSUR in **2004**, sets forth margins of preference of **10%, 20% and 100%** for **450 tariff lines** on each side.

Historical ties:

- **Pedro Alvares Cabral**, a **Portuguese** explorer landed on the **East Coast of Brazil** in **1500**, two years after **Vasco de Gama** had landed in India.
- Between the **16th and 18th** centuries, **Brazil** and **Goa**, both outposts of the Portuguese imperialist empire, had **bilateral exchanges** that are reflected in **food** and dressing as well as **local traditions**.
- The **bulk of Brazilian cattle** livestock is of Indian origin.
 - The '**Ongole**' strain from **Andhra Pradesh** led to the production of the **zebu variety** known in **Brazil** as '**Nelore**'.

India-Brazil trade relation:

- **Trade** between Brazil and India increased to **\$7.02 billion** in **2021**, with **Brazilian exports** worth **\$4.8 billion** and **imports** from India valued at **\$6.7 billion**.
- In 2021, India became the **world's 5th largest trading partner** of **Brazil** (2nd in Asia), and the **5th largest source** of **Brazilian imports** and the 13th largest destination of Brazilian exports.
- **Major Indian exports** to Brazil includes processed **Petroleum products, Agro-chemicals**

(insecticides, fungicides), **Chemicals**, Pharmaceutical, Textured filament yarn, and Unwrought Aluminum.

- **Brazilian exports** to India included **Crude oil, soya oil, Gold** (non-monetary), **cane sugar, cotton, gum**, wood and turpentine oils, chemicals (carboxylic acids) and iron ore and concentrates.

India-Brazil partnership in global arena:

- India and Brazil share a very close and multifaceted relationship both at **bilateral** level as well as in **plurilateral** fora such as **BRICS, BASIC, G-20, G-4, IBSA, International Solar Alliance**, as well as in the larger multilateral bodies such as the **UN, WTO, UNESCO**, and **WIPO**.
- The bilateral relationship is based on a **common global vision**, shared **democratic values**, and a commitment to foster **economic growth** with social inclusion for the welfare of the people of both countries.

Strategic partnership:

- The two countries have been **Strategic Partners** since **2006**.
- As Strategic Partners, India and Brazil have several **Institutional mechanisms** to coordinate various aspects of their bilateral relationship.
- This includes **Joint Commission Meeting** (Foreign Minister level), **Strategic Dialogue** (NSA), **Trade Monitoring Mechanism** (TMM), **Economic and Financial Dialogue**, Dialogue on Consular and Mobility Issues, Joint Defense Commission, Joint Committee on Science & Technology and **India-Brazil Business Leaders Forum**.

Defence & Security Cooperation:

- India and Brazil signed an agreement in **2003** for **cooperation in defence**.
- Meetings of **Joint Defence Committee** (JDC) are held as an **institutionalized mechanism** for defence cooperation.

Indian Community in Brazil:

- The Indian community in Brazil is estimated to be around **5000** people, with majority of them living in **Sao Paulo, Rio de Janeiro** and **Manaus**.
- The community comprises primarily of **professionals** and **businessmen**, with some scientists/researchers also working in the fields of space, agriculture, physics and biotechnology.
- There is an **Indian Association** in **Sao Paulo**, which organizes events to celebrate national days and community festivals.