India & Portugal's 5-Year Roadmap (2027–2032)

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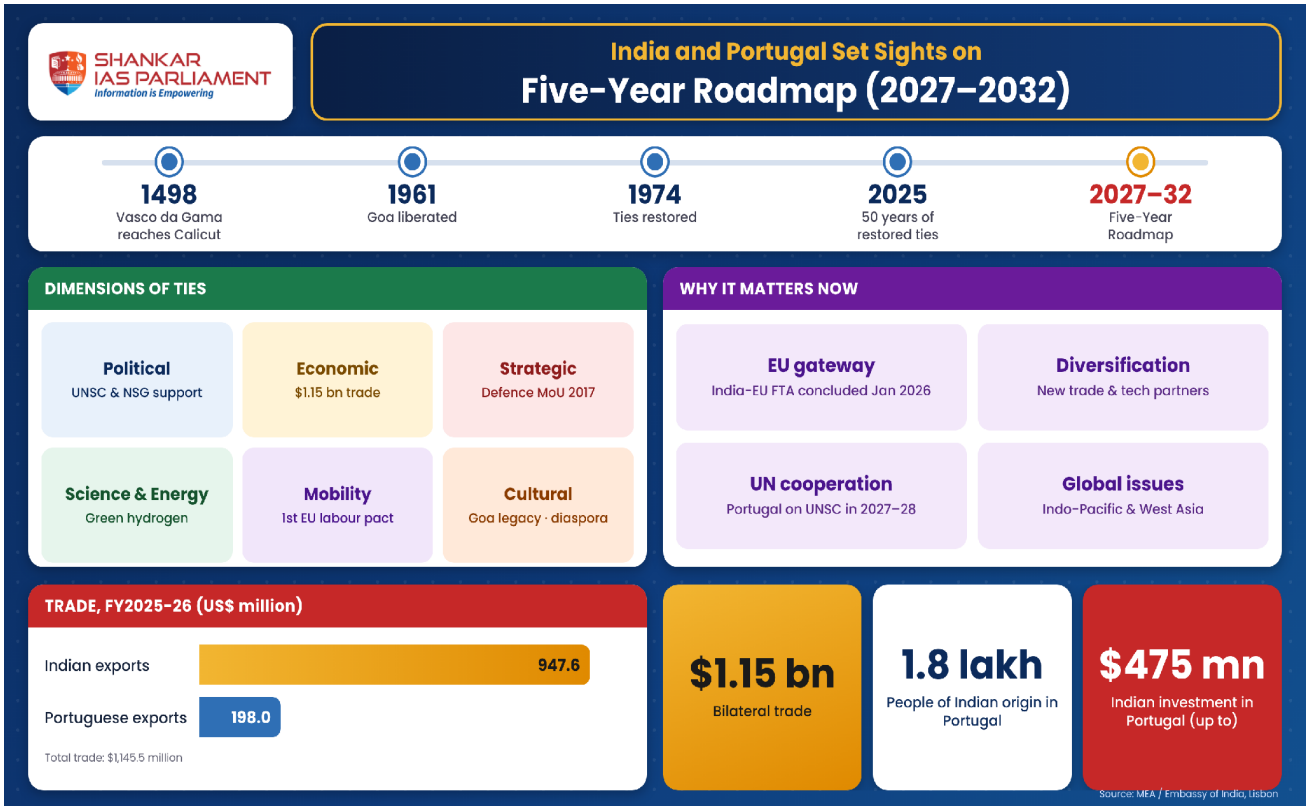
Why in News?

India and Portugal agreed to finalise a comprehensive Five-Year Roadmap for relations (2027–2032) at the 6th Foreign Office Consultations in New Delhi on November 20, 2026.

- **Objective** – The framework is designed as a strategic blueprint to guide bilateral cooperation over the five-year period.
- **Five-Year Roadmap (2027–2032)** – A strategic blueprint to guide cooperation over the next five years.
- **Focus Areas for Cooperation** – The consultations reviewed and sought to deepen engagement across
  - Trade, investment, and private-sector commercial ties
  - Defence and security
  - Renewable energy and clean energy transition
  - Science, technology, and digital technologies
  - Agriculture and allied sectors
  - Education, tourism, mobility, and people-to-people exchanges.
- **Existing mechanisms** such as the Joint Economic Committee and Joint Working Groups will continue; pending agreements to be expedited.
- **Pending Agreements** – Both delegations reviewed bilateral frameworks currently under negotiation and committed to expediting talks for early conclusion and signing.
- Both sides also reviewed pending agreements and looked forward to the signing of the **India-EU FTA**.
- **Broader Strategic Context** – Both nations welcomed the conclusion of negotiations on the India–EU Free Trade Agreement (FTA) and discussed regional developments in the Indo-Pacific and West Asia, as well as multilateral cooperation, including at the United Nations.
- **Background –** Vasco da Gama reached **Calicut in 1498**; Portuguese rule in Goa ended with **Operation Vijay in 1961**.
- Diplomatic relations began in **1949** and were restored in **1974**; 2025 marked **50 years** of restoration.



Significance

- **EU gateway** – The India-EU FTA concluded in January 2026; Portugal first mooted the India-EU Summit (2000) and hosted the first full leaders' summit (2021).
- **Diversification** – Deeper ties help India widen trade and technology partners amid global uncertainty.
- **Global issues** – Both discussed the Indo-Pacific and West Asia; Portugal joins the **UNSC** as a non-permanent member in 2027–28.

Reference

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