India’s Outreach to the Global South

Prelims: Current events of national and international importance

Why in news?

Recently Prime Minister’s is on a 9-day, 5-nation tour from July 1, 2025, covering Africa and South America.

- **Prime Minister’s foreign visit** – The **foreign visit** intended to strengthen India’s engagement with the **Global South**, economic partnerships, diaspora ties and participation in the **BRICS Summit**.
- **Focus –** To strengthen India’s strategic and economic footprint in Africa & South America.
- It reinforces India's leadership role in the Global South.
- It deepens ties with key resource-rich nations (lithium, oil, gold).
- It showcases India’s commitment to multilateralism and global governance reforms.

Key Countries and Highlights

- **Ghana** – It is the first bilateral visit by an Indian PM in three decades.
- Ghana is one of West Africa's fastest-growing economies.
- India is the largest destination for Ghanaian exports, mainly gold.
- **Agenda of the visit** – Strengthening ties in economy, energy, defence, development cooperation.
- **Trinidad & Tobago (T&T) –** First Indian PM visit to T&T since **1999**.
- **Large Indian diaspora** – About 40-45% of Caribbean Indian diaspora lives here.
- It marks 180 years of Indian immigration to T&T.
- Bilateral trade (2024-25) – **$341.61 million**.
- **Agenda of the visit –** Cultural ties, economic cooperation.
- **Argentina –** First bilateral Indian PM visit in 57 years.
- Meeting with President Javier Milei, known for close ties with the US.
- In 2024 India was Argentina’s 5th-largest trading partner.
- **Agenda of the visit –** Defence, agriculture, mining, oil & gas, energy.
- Strong cooperation in **lithium**, crucial for India's green energy transition.

- **Brazil –** Attending BRICS Leaders' Summit in Rio de Janeiro.

  The 17th BRICS Leaders' Summit is scheduled to take place in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from July 6th to 7th, 2025 and the theme is "Strengthening Global South Cooperation for More Inclusive and Sustainable Governance".

- Brazil is the India's largest trading partner in South America.
- **Agenda of the visit** – Global governance reforms, Peace, security, multilateralism, AI regulation, climate action and global health.
- **Namibia –** PM Modi's first visit to Namibia and 3rd Indian PM visit overall.
- Trade with Namibia grew from $3 million in 2000 to $600 million currently.
- **India's investments in Namibia** – Mining, diamond processing, manufacturing, services.
- Previously, India received **eight cheetahs** and relocated to Kuno National Park in Madhya Pradesh in 2022.

Reference

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