

India's Global South Outreach

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India's Global South Outreach: PM's 5-Nation Tour

Context

India has undertaken a renewed push to enhance its global diplomacy, especially among countries of the **Global South**, focusing on **strategic, economic, and multilateral engagements**.

As part of this initiative, the **Prime Minister is on a 9-day, 5-nation tour from July 1, 2025**, covering key countries in **Africa and South America**.

This visit is aimed at expanding India's presence in regions vital for:

- **Strategic influence**
 - **Critical mineral resources (lithium, gold, oil)**
 - **Global South leadership**
 - **Diaspora connections**
 - **BRICS Summit participation**
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Overall Focus of the Visit

- Strengthen India's **strategic and economic footprint** in Africa and South America
- Deepen partnerships with **resource-rich nations**
- Reinforce India's **leadership role in the Global South**

- Promote **multilateralism** and advocate **global governance reforms**
 - Engage with **Indian diaspora communities** abroad
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Ghana

- **First bilateral visit** by an Indian Prime Minister in **three decades**
 - Ghana is among **West Africa's fastest-growing economies**
 - India is the **largest export destination** for Ghana, primarily for **gold**
 - Key focus areas:
 - Trade and investment
 - Energy cooperation
 - Defence collaboration
 - Development partnerships
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Trinidad & Tobago (T&T)

- First Indian PM visit since **1999**
- Home to about **40-45%** of the **Caribbean Indian diaspora**
- Visit coincides with **180 years** of Indian immigration to T&T
- Bilateral trade in **2024-25** stood at **\$341.61 million**
- Focus areas:

- Strengthening **cultural and diaspora ties**
 - Enhancing **economic cooperation**
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Argentina

- **First bilateral visit** by an Indian PM in **57 years**
 - Meeting held with **President Javier Milei**, known for close US alignment
 - In **2024**, India was Argentina's **5th-largest trading partner**
 - Key sectors of cooperation:
 - **Defence and agriculture**
 - **Mining and energy**
 - **Oil and gas collaboration**
 - Special focus on **lithium cooperation**, crucial for India's **green energy goals**
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Brazil

- Attending the **17th BRICS Leaders' Summit** in **Rio de Janeiro** from **July 6-7, 2025**
- Summit Theme: *"Strengthening Global South Cooperation for More Inclusive and Sustainable Governance"*
- Brazil is India's **largest trading partner in South America**
- Focus areas of the summit and bilateral talks:
 - **Global governance reforms**

- Peace and security
 - **AI regulation**
 - Climate action
 - Public health and multilateralism
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Namibia

- PM Modi's **first visit to Namibia**, third visit by any Indian PM
- Trade with Namibia has grown from **\$3 million (2000)** to **\$600 million (current)**
- Major Indian investments in:
 - **Mining and diamond processing**
 - **Manufacturing and services sectors**
- Historical cooperation includes the **translocation of 8 cheetahs** to **Kuno National Park** in 2022 under wildlife conservation efforts

