

China's investments have been mostly in the infrastructure sector - building roads, ports, railways and airports - as well as in the mining and energy sectors. China has also been lending proactively to the Latin American countries for various projects. China is now among the top five import partners in all twenty Latin American countries. In the next ten years, Chinese trade and investment in Latin America is estimated to reach \$500 billion and \$250 billion respectively. Another objective of China's engagement with Latin America is to extend its global influence. A hint of this can be seen from the fact that at the CELAC summit in January 2018, China invited the Latin American and Caribbean countries to join the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). It must also be noted that Taiwan's diplomatic ties with countries in Latin America remains strong. Out of the 18 countries that recognize Taiwan, 10 are located in Latin America and the Caribbean. China has been using its influence to wean these countries away by offering generous economic incentives - the latest being Dominican Republic and Panama. Both these countries cut diplomatic ties with Taiwan in 2017.

As compared to China, India's engagement with Latin America has been relatively limited. India has to be more proactive in making investments in LAC. India's interactions with CELAC also need to be more intense. An initiative was made with the First India-CELAC Troika Foreign Ministers Meeting in 2012. The scope of investments has so far been limited and so is the case with the number of visits by leaders. Prime Minister Narendra Modi paid a visit to Brazil in 2014 to participate in the BRICS summit. Two years later, in 2016, he visited Mexico. China has a proactive strategy vis-a-vis Latin America; India needs a clear cut policy as well as a long-term vision to engage with the region. There lies great potential in India-LAC relationship. China's engagement with Latin America has major implications for India. As India seeks to extend its international influence, can Chinese experiences in Latin America provide insights to engage with the region? Could India embark on a different model of interaction with Latin America?

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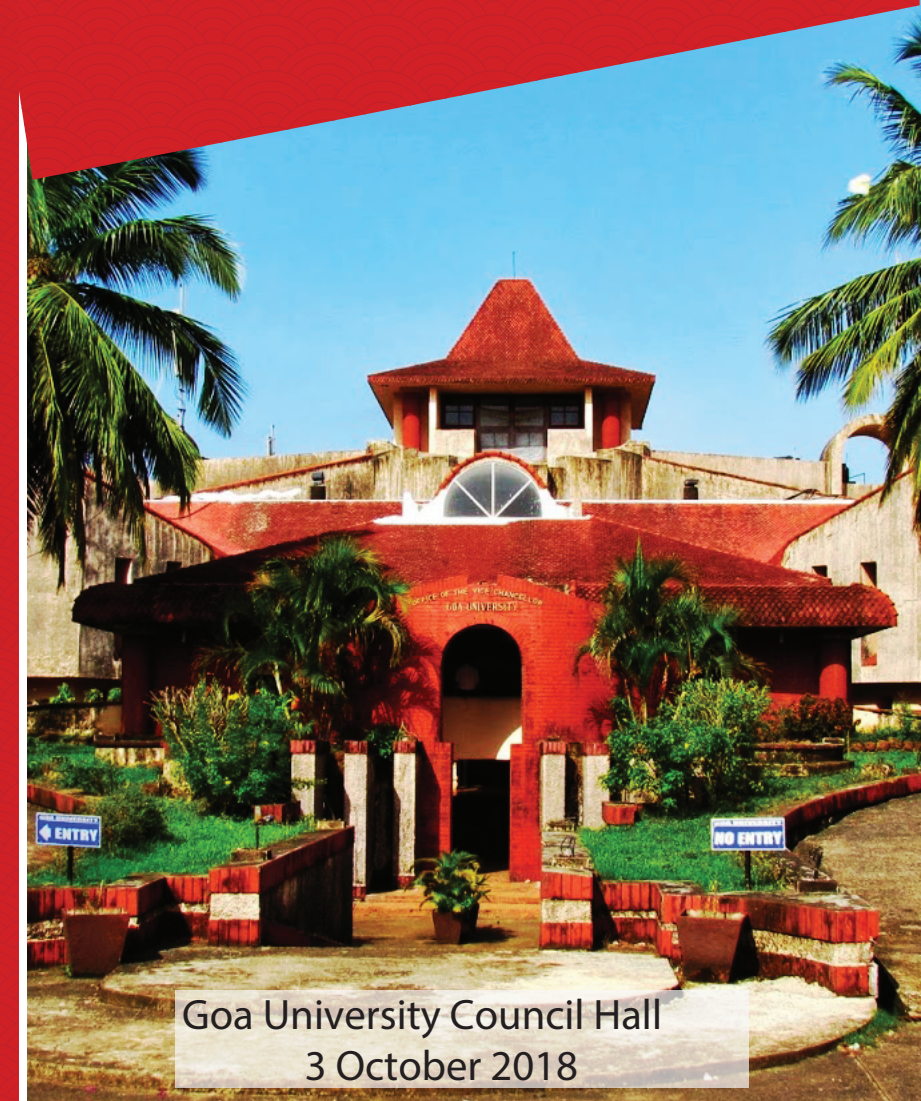
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