Syllabus subtopic: Bilateral, Regional and Global Groupings and Agreements involving India and/or affecting India’s interests.

Prelims and Mains focus: about the Brazilian President’s visit: agreements to be signed and their significance; about India-Brazil relations

News: The Union Cabinet on Wednesday approved an agreement on bilateral legal and criminal cooperation to be sealed during the coming visit of President Jair Bolsonaro of Brazil.

Context: Brazilian President Bolsonaro is scheduled to arrive on Friday to be the chief guest at the Republic Day celebrations.

Aim of the agreement

• To enhance effectiveness of both the countries in investigation and prosecution of crime through cooperation and mutual legal assistance in criminal matters.

• It is expected to bolster counterterror cooperation between the two countries.

Other agreements to be signed

Three pacts covering:

1. research in minerals and mining,
2. child behaviour and
3. energy cooperation.

MoU for cooperation in the oil and natural gas sector

• The MoU in the energy sector will allow for joint exploration in the petroleum and natural gas segment.
Under the MoU, both sides will work towards establishing cooperation in the E&P (exploration & production) initiatives in Brazil and India, research & development in this sector, exploring collaboration in liquefied natural gas projects in Brazil, India and third countries.

It will also encourage collaboration in oil energy and environmental issues, including energy policies such as energy efficiency, energy research development and expansion of the regional energy infrastructure networks.