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Ques) Bilateral relationship between India and France can build a better consensus and bring out concrete outcomes on United Nations Security Council Agenda. Discuss

Ans) India and France have always been cooperative partners with strategic relations in the defence, high technology, civil nuclear ~~techno~~ agreements on, space technology etc.

Being one of the permanent five members of the UNSC, it can exercise a significant ~~cons~~ say over the extension of the membership of UNSC and making India its permanent member.

~~Had~~ The security council has 5 permanent members ~~for~~ which exercise veto power. It is considered that the membership is vaguely represented with no member from Africa, ~~South Asia~~ Southern Hemisphere and only ~~one~~ 2 from Asia.

French president is in the favour of extension of both permanent and non permanent membership of UNSC to make it more representative and democratic.

Relations with France in the past indicates towards building of a consensus in our favour.

- ↳ France supported India during its 2nd Nuclear test in 1998 when other nations slammed sanctions
- ↳ France provided fuel for Jaitpura Thermal Nuclear Power Plant and signed ^{civil} Nuclear deal in 2008
- ↳ In the domain of defence, France provided with Rafale jets, submarines through P-75 Scorpion project and performed Garud Varun and Shakti exercises.
- ↳ In space cooperation, France cooperated India in Chandrayaan Mission, Trishna satellites, provided with Oceansat-3D satellite & has further shown interest to cooperate in Mission Venus in 2025.

The future consecutive preincidences in July and August can provide ample opportunities to build consensus in our favour and hold^{up} other issues of mutual interest