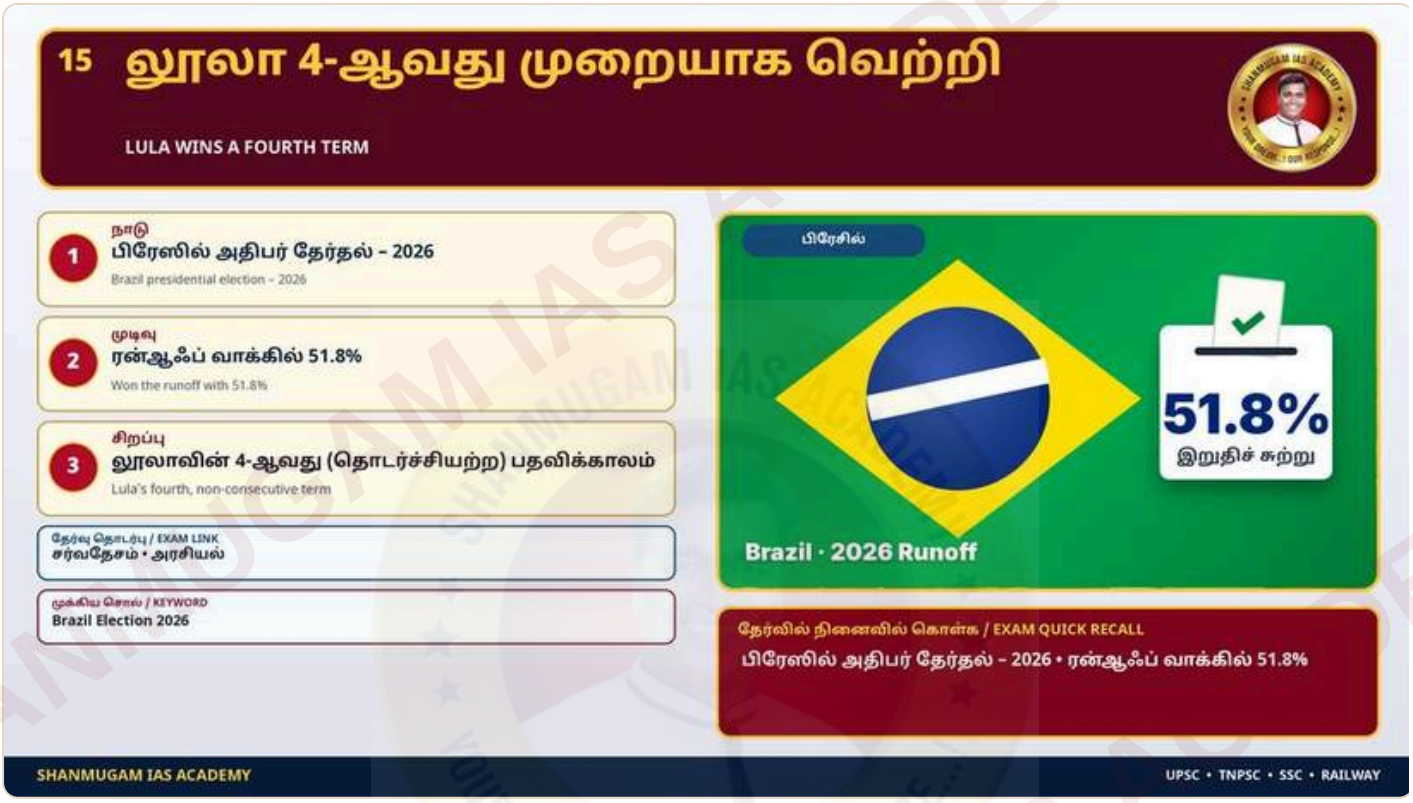
Lula wins Brazil's presidency for a fourth time, defeating Flávio Bolsonaro in the runoff

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News

In the runoff of Brazil's presidential election on 25 Oct 2026, President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva (80) of the Workers' Party (PT) defeated Senator Flávio Bolsonaro of the Liberal Party (PL), son of former President Jair Bolsonaro. Lula won about 51.8% of the vote, a margin of about 4.4 million votes. In the 4 Oct first round Flávio had 47.03% and Lula 45.16%; as no one crossed 50%, a runoff was held. This is Lula's fourth, non-consecutive term. Flávio refused to accept the result and seeks to annul it, citing the extension of voting hours. The new term begins on 5 Jan 2027.

Key facts

Runoff	25 Oct 2026 – Lula ~51.8%, Flávio ~48.2%; margin ~4.4 m votes
First round	4 Oct 2026 – Flávio 47.03%, Lula 45.16%
Lula	Born 1945, Pernambuco; former metalworkers' union leader; co-founder of PT (1980); President 2003–2010, 2023–2026
Opponent	Senator Flávio Bolsonaro (PL) – son of Jair Bolsonaro (President 2019–22)
Inauguration	5 Jan 2027 – moved from 1 Jan by Constitutional Amendment 111 (2021)
Election body	Superior Electoral Court (TSE); compulsory voting for most adults

Background

- History: Brazil was a Portuguese colony; independence on 7 Sep 1822; official language Portuguese. It is South America's largest country. Under President Juscelino Kubitschek the capital moved from Rio de Janeiro to the newly built Brasília on 21 April 1960 – city plan by Lúcio Costa, buildings by Oscar Niemeyer.
- Geography / environment: the Amazon rises in the Andes of Peru and enters the Atlantic; it is the world's largest river by discharge. The Amazon is the world's largest tropical rainforest. The UN climate conference COP30 was held at Belém (Pará State), 10–21 Nov 2025.
- Groupings: BRICS – Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa and others; 17th summit 6–7 July 2025, Rio de Janeiro. G20 summit Nov 2024, Rio (presidency received from India). IBSA (India–Brazil–South Africa, 2003); G4 (India, Brazil, Germany, Japan – bid for permanent UNSC seats).
- India–Brazil: strategic partnership since 2006. On his 8 July 2025 visit to Brasília, PM Modi received Brazil's highest honour, the 'Grand Collar of the National Order of the Southern Cross'. Economy: Brazil is the world's largest producer of coffee and sugarcane.

Tamil Nadu link: there is no direct Tamil Nadu link to this election. Related fact: Brazil is the world's largest coffee producer. In India, Karnataka (~72%), Kerala (~20%) and Tamil Nadu (~5%, mostly Arabica) lead – Coffee Board data (2015–16). Tamil Nadu's coffee areas: Nilgiris, Shevaroy Hills (Yercaud, Salem), Palani Hills (Dindigul), Anamalai (Coimbatore).

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