

Regional connectivity in Bay of Bengal will help India to handle Chinese geo political influence. Do you agree? Explain.

The Bay of Bengal region is the natural bridge between South Asia and South-east Asia. Regional connectivity in the region can better handle Chinese influence.

India Projects in Bay of Bengal Countries
Ind - Myanmar - Kaladan multi modal, IMT highway
Ind - Nepal - Anlekganj motikuri pipeline
India Bangladesh - Mongla port area, PIWT, Akhaura Agartala rail link
India - Bhutan - Khanglung chu HEP, Kurigangri-HEP

The Bay of Bengal region is home to nearly 1.4 billion people and 25% of world goods pass annually.

Power

India could help Nepal and Myanmar in establishing hydro power companies as it helped Bhutan.

As Nepal has young Himalayan rivers  
power can be produced for a long time.

Under the BIMSTEC cover Bay of Bengal  
Power grid can be initiated as an  
special purpose vehicle to get power from  
Bhutan and Nepal.

### Funds

FDI in technology oriented sector has  
been recent. India's vibrant start ups  
can bring over country FDI to the nations.  
The EXIM banks, Quect, AIIB can be leveraged

in attracting FDI to these countries.

Bay of Bengal venture fund can be  
created and all the countries can be made  
as anchor investors

As India is a cultural partner it has  
to increase the footprint in connectivity  
projects to counter Beijing's charge book  
diplomacy.