

The Centre for Bay of Bengal studies can enhance the India's overall framework for maritime engagement. Discuss.

At the 4th BIMSTEC, Indian PM announced opening of centre for Bay of Bengal studies at Watalanda University. It will demonstrate India's commitment to constructive agenda and set up platform for those interest in Bay.

Significance

Bay Being the Major Commerce Hub for Indian Ocean will deliver collaborations in geo political, geo economical, ecology, trade, connectivity, maritime security, maritime law, cultural heritage and blue economy providing opportunities in Bay region.

Bay's Eco-System Crisis:

→ wide spread environmental exploitation
→ species extinction due to careless exploitation of maritime environment.

Problems such as,

- Population growth
- altered land use
- Salinisation

→ climate change
→ excessive resource exploitation
→ operational discharge from
small to medium feeder ships etc
has resulted in dead zone at Bay.

In order to tackle the issues
interdisciplinary study is required, thus
CBIS, Malanda University had already
started its commitment and given nation
interdisciplinary research centre and devoted,

- Bay-focused teaching
- Research
- Capacity Building.

Needed Attention :

→ To enhance co-operation in Maritime
Safety and Security and expanding maritime
connectivity.

- Ease of Maritime Transit
- Investments in Maritime Connectivity
sector.
- Standardising and Harmonising data
reports.

→ Balancing the opportunities and goals on National, Regional and International Scale.

Hence CBS will strengthen India's overall framework for maritime engagement which aims to enhance sustainable economic growth for all by foster closer nautical ties.