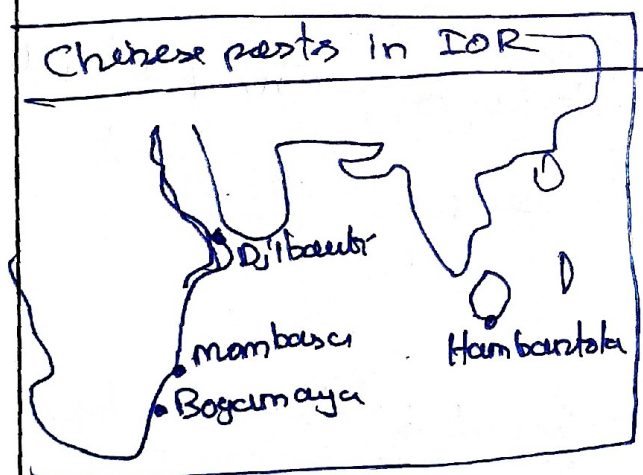


Revitalising regional trade networks will help maintain peace and stability in the Indian Ocean. Explain.

The recent presence of Chinese ship in Sri Lanka has raked the security concerns for India. China tries to assert its policies in the Indian Ocean region which has to be mitigated.



Regional trade networks

The Indian Ocean region is endowed with growing economies. 80%

of India's energy needs, 40% of the global trade, and 15% of fisheries are present here.

① BIMSTEC - The Bay of Bengal littoral states must engage deeply in the trade and maritime security. BIMSTEC trade is around

\$2.7 trillion which can be improved through bilateral investment treaties and a kind of custom union.

② Colombo Security Conclave It can lead to maritime security and can counter piracy and terrorism. The island states ~~are~~ such as maldives, mauritius can get support from India in climate mitigation too.

③ Indian Ocean Rim Association - can participate in academic and scientific cooperation and cultural exchanges.

④ India has developed Information fusion centre, and white shipping agreement for ensuring safety of the vessels.

Future To counter over enthusiasm of China, India must emerge as a Blue water navy and providing adequate support to littoral states without interfering in their sovereignty.