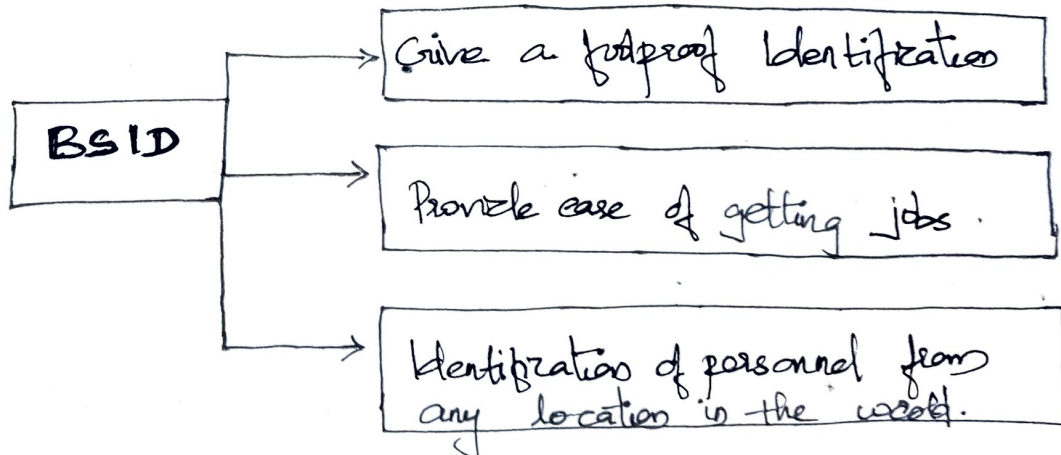


Qn. The Issuance of Biometric Seafarer Identity Document (BSID) by Government of India is a great achievement in the field of Science & Technology and is useful in various ways. Discuss (200 words).

Traveller to best employment in the coastal shipping sector India has become the first country in the world to issue a BSID to its seafarers.

There is a major development in the areas of coastal shipping, inland waterways and other maritime activities. This is leading to a wide generation of jobs in the sector.

Advantage



In India the BSID project has been taken up in collaboration with centre for development of Advanced computing, Mumbai.

The BSD is a marked improvement over the two finger or iris based bio-metric data, with modern security features. It will make the identification of the SID holder more reliable and efficient, while protecting the one's dignity and privacy.

Development of BSD is very significant against the backdrop of the increase in seafaring activities. The major developments will increase the number of Indian seafarers in the international shipping industry. The total number of Indian seafarers who were employed on Indian (or) foreign flag vessel increased by 35% from 2017 to 2019. This new move by Indian government is the confirmation of the convention No. 185 of the ILO on BSD. India ratified the convention in October 2015.

These type of initiatives by the government should be upgraded ~~by~~ and implemented for the benefits of the various people working in and around the globe. This is a massive achievement in the developing scenario of Science & Tech.