

India's Observer Status in the Arctic Council must be utilized effectively to mitigate the impending dangers in the Arctic region. Analyse

Soln Arctic Region has declined by 17.5% and many of the trade and goods trade happens through those route to the European Union and USA or NATO countries. It is also expected the route could be ice free in summer by 2050 if not earlier.

Arctic Region Importance:-

Important for various factor like

(1) Energy resource:-

- The natural gas present in the deep sea is unextracted and can provide more advantage for country holding it.

(2) Trade & Transport :-

- The distance will be cut by 40% comp. as compared to the Suez canal
- helps to the Netherlands and Japan and
- many other countries for the European Nation and Asian Countries

(3) Many countries interest (or) Geopolitical Geological Interest

- USSR or Russia has put a flag under the seabed to claim its part.
- help country to raise its fuel (or) natural gas and oil reserve
- Many near countries like Norway, Canada, Denmark & etc have their regional interest
- Play an imp role in studying the environmental effects.
- many Geological and Scientific observatory research Camps are settled.

Imp for India?

(1) Study of Geological Science:

- helps to understand the impact of Human activities on Environment
- also help to understand the Climate Change of Brd pole - Himalayas
- also help to understand the Monsoon.

(2) International Relations:

- Can develop a Relation and Collaboration with western countries for stud very effective study of Climate change
- melting of ice and glacier
- etc

Impending Dangers:

- Russia and China are having a very cooperative exercise of navy and army and air force for
- US is trying to put pressure on Russia using United Nations Convention of Law of the Sea (UNCLOS)
- China is expanding its BRI project which violates the UNCLOS and can claim for in Arctic sea.

Observer Status on Arctic Council

- A council formed by inter-governmental initiative
- Involves countries like Russia, Canada, Norway, Denmark & the USA.
- India is kept under Observer Status since 2015.