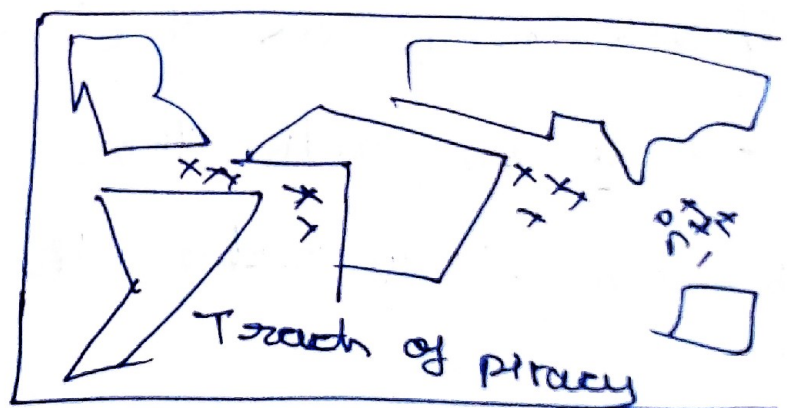


Piracy is as old as seafaring itself, and has existed for centuries in various forms. In this context, discuss how the crime can be tackled.

The act of piracy is defined by India as an ~~act~~ of illegal act of violence, detention, and destruction of ship or aircraft for private purpose by another person of a private ship.

Piracy has been in existence since the fifteenth century and recently stepping up along the Gulf of Aden.

Piracy affects the volume of trade and annually cost



more than \$28 billion. Strict measures are needed to tackle piracy.

Tackling piracy

Convention: The UN Convention of laws of

seas as the forefront. Clear and strict policies are to be designed with international support.

the Solas convention - safety of life at sea must include piracy under its ambit.

② Rapid response : Deploying warships vessels with helicopters is crucial. India thwarted piracy by deploying INS Samitra and Vishakhapatnam swiftly.

③ Regional co-operation : Upscaling regional efforts such as the Indian Ocean Rim Association with clear objectives against piracy, can tackle the menace.

India's Anti-piracy bill which has strict punishments including death penalty for against piracy is a welcome measure. A co-ordinated approach between governments and private can reduce the impacts of piracy.