

BIMSTEC-India Marine Research Network Conference

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Recently, Kochi hosted the first BIMSTEC-India Marine Research Network (BIMReN) Conference to boost blue economy cooperation.

About BIMSTEC-India Marine Research Network Conference

- It is a **biennial regional platform** for facilitating collaboration among the researchers in the **Bay of Bengal Region**, for sustainable development of the blue economy by networking the researchers in the **BIMSTEC Member Countries**.
- **Background:** It was first announced by the Prime Minister of India during the Colombo BIMSTEC Summit in 2022.
- It was **launched in 2024** by the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India.

Key Features of BIMSTEC-India Marine Research Network Conference

- It has connected 25 institutions and over 50 researchers from BIMSTEC countries.

- It aligns with India's broader regional policy objectives under its **Neighbourhood First**, Act East, **Indo-Pacific** and **MAHASAGAR** strategies.
- It served as a milestone in **advancing regional cooperation** in marine research and sustainable blue economy initiatives.
- It focused on **marine challenges, ecosystem health**, and research innovations, including building scientific networks among young researchers, effective marine resource management and harmonious policy development.

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