

Q) Examine the various advantages associated with the development of Vizhinjam port.

⇒ With development comes resistance from the locals, whose livelihood activities can be sometimes affected. protests against Vizhinjam port project was one such which will affect the local fishermen.

Advantages associated with the development of Vizhinjam port. Why do we need it?

- ① Vizhinjam has a natural depth which facilitates big ships to dock.
- ② Asia houses largest number of transshipment port and Vizhinjam can be one such port in the future.
- ③ Geographical advantage

Vizhinjam is located to the south of Thiruvananthapuram and will be accessible to west asia, Europe and also East asia as the location is in the heart of Indian ocean.



- ④ By investing on the transshipment ports, it'll generate job opportunities in the near future.
- ⑤ IT infrastructure would be needed to maintain the port which is already available in the Southern India.
- ⑥ More ships can be docked and hence the volume to handle the imports and exports can make this port into an entrepot like Singapore

#### Measures

- ① Government ~~on the port~~ can ensure job opportunities or habitat of the local population isn't affected.
- ② Fishermen can be relocated with better infrastructure facilities ~~to~~ through which their livelihood will not be affected.

Development comes with opposition from different stakeholders. By ~~not~~ taking rational, well thought decisions by even taking advises from committees can help in policy & decision making.