Government approves signing of pact between India and SACEP

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Indian Government has made another move in order to protect and conserve the environment. India being more vulnerable to climate change demands spontaneous and effective measures to tackle the serious problem. In furtherance of that, The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and South Asian Cooperative Environment Programme (SACEP) for cooperation on the response to Oil and Chemical Pollution in the South Seas Region.

The MoU intends to promote closer cooperation between India and other maritime nations comprising the South Asian seas region namely Bangladesh, Maldives, Pakistan and Sri Lanka for the protection and preservation of marine environment in the region.

The SACEP was established in Sri Lanka in the year 1992 in order to promote and support protection, management and enhancement of the environment in the South Asian region.
The SACEP jointly with the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) developed a "Regional Oil Spill Contingency Plan" to facilitate international co-operation and mutual assistance in preparing and responding to oil pollution incident in the seas around the Maritime States of Bangladesh, India, Maldives, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

The Memorandum Of Understanding(MOU) signed, marks that the Union Cabinet Ministry is not turning a blind eye to the problem of rampant increase in pollution.