

ENERGY COOPERATION

- India exports electricity to Bangladesh and India-Russia are jointly developing **Rooppur Atomic Power Plant** in Bangladesh.

Connectivity

- Under the **transit agreement** between India and Bangladesh signed in 2010, Bangladesh provides transit facilities to India on three modes of transport: inland water, rail, and coastal shipping.
- Once finalized, the Bangladesh-Bhutan-Nepal-India (**BBIN**) **Motor Vehicle Agreement**, which has already been piloted, will add a fourth mode to the existing facilities.
- **India-Bangladesh inland waterway route:** The route connects Tripura with the National Waterways of India through Bangladesh. A trial run of an inland waterways protocol route was completed with a cargo vessel leaving for Sonamura port in Tripura from Munshiganj in the neighbouring country.
- **Protocol on Inland Water Transit and Trade (PIWTT)**- Under the renewed Protocol on Inland Water Transit and Trade (PIWTT) between Bangladesh and India, there are ten water routes, known as Indo Bangladesh Protocol (IBP) routes.
- **RAIL CONNECTIVITY**- Currently, four railway routes are operational between Bangladesh and India AND three railway routes are under construction.
- During the recent virtual summit, PM of both countries jointly inaugurated newly restored railway link between Haldibari and Chilahati.
- **COASTAL SHIPPING**- Bangladesh and India signed a coastal shipping agreement back in 2018 which allows India to use the Chattogram and Mongla ports for transporting goods to the states of Tripura, Assam, and Meghalaya. There are no transit fees or customs duties for India under the agreement. Indian cargoes just need to pay administrative fees to Bangladesh.
- **India's NE development and connectivity:** Bangladesh has also recently granted permission to use its inland route and ports of Chittagong and Mongla for trans-shipment of goods to northeast Indian states.

**Blue Economy**

- India and Bangladesh are cooperating in the exploration of hydrocarbons, marine resources, deep-sea fishing, preservation of marine ecology and disaster management.
- During the virtual summit, both countries agreed to expeditiously conclude the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in the area of disaster management cooperation.

Border Cooperation

- Both countries have signed **Land Boundary Agreement in 2015** to demarcate the boundary.
- In recently concluded virtual summit, both countries stressed on the full implementation of the ongoing Coordinated border management plan which included collaborated efforts against smuggling of arms, narcotics and fake currency and to prevent trafficking of women and children.

Rohingya issue

- In 2018 India sent relief materials for **300,000 Rohingyas** in under '**Operation Insaniyat**' to support Bangladesh in its humanitarian efforts. In recently concluded virtual summit, India appreciated the efforts of Bangladesh in providing humanitarian assistance to the Rohingya refugee.

Partnership on Multilateral forums

- Both countries are important partners in regional forums like SAARC, BIMSTEC, BBIN.
- **Bangladesh will also assume chairmanship** of the Indian Ocean Rim Association in 2021.
- Both countries are also cooperating in reform of UNSC and attainment SDGs.