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- Announcement of linking the historic road between Mujibnagar and Nadia and naming it as Shadhinota Shorok ", the road on which the senior leadership of Bangladesh travelled to take the oath at Mujib Nagar during the liberation struggle in 1971.
- Proposal to organize a **business exhibition** which is referred to as the 'Best of India Best of Bangladesh'
- Decision to **celebrate the 6th of December**, the day on which India formally recognised Bangladesh as **Maitri Divas**.
- Decision to erect a **war memorial in Bangladesh at Ashuganj**, in recognition of the contribution of Indian soldiers who were martyred during the Liberation War of Bangladesh.
- Both sides have agreed to jointly commemorate these epochal events in 19 select countries.
- The filming of the **biopic on Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman**, under the direction of Indian film director Shyam Benegal, has commenced

## Army to Army Cooperation to Commemorate the Event

- In an another first, a **122-member Tri-service contingent** of the Bangladesh armed forces had **participated in Indian Republic Day parade** in January.
- Two Indian naval ships INS Kulish and INS Sumedha visited Mongla port in March this year marking the first naval visit that India has undertaken to the port of Mongla in almost 50 years.
- Bangladesh Navy Ship is also scheduled to make port call at Vishakhapatnam as part of the joint celebrations.
- India also **gifted 18 new 120 mm motors** to the Bangladesh army in December 2020. This is Army to Army cooperation.

## Other Steps Taken To Strengthen Bilateral Relation

## **Water Cooperation**

- Bangladesh reiterated its long-pending request for concluding the interim agreement on the sharing
  of the waters of the Teesta river.
- The MoU on withdrawal of 1.82 cusec of water from Feni River was signed during the visit of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in October 2019. The Indian side urged the Bangladesh side for early implementation of the MoU.
- The two leaders directed their respective Ministries to work towards an early conclusion of the **Framework of Interim Agreement on sharing of waters** of <u>six common rivers, namely, Manu, Muhuri, Khowai, Gumti, Dharla and Dudhkumar.</u>
- Bangladesh side reiterated the urgency for India to allow excavation of the remaining portion of Rahimpur Khal for utilization of Kushiyara River waters for irrigation of the Upper Surma Kushiyara project.
- The two leaders directed the Joint Technical Committee, formed for the purpose, to expeditiously commence the feasibility study of the **Ganges-Padma barrage** and other alternative options in