

BA-2, Paper - 4, Unit - 12(b)India - Bangladesh Relations -

Recently India and Bangladesh signed seven agreements and also inaugurated three projects to deepen their partnership. They also signed three bilateral development partnership projects. Both sides noted the progress made in finalization of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on establishment of Coastal surveillance Radar system in Bangladesh.

Both leaders agreed to early operationalization of the Bangladesh-Bhutan-India-Nepal (BBIN) Motor Vehicles Agreement for movement of goods and passengers between the member countries who are willing and ready or to work towards a bilateral India-Bangladesh Motor Vehicles Agreement, as appropriate. A feasibility study for the Ganga-Padma barrage project to be conducted as part of an upgraded version of the 1996 Ganga water sharing Treaty.

Some facts about the relationship -

- India was one of the first countries to recognize Bangladesh and establish diplomatic relations immediately after its independence in December 1971.

08 • Defence Cooperation - India and Bangladesh share the historical legacy of cooperation and support during the Liberation war of 1971. Various joint exercises of Army and Navy take place between the two countries.

11 • India and Bangladesh share 4096.7 km. of borders, which is the longest land boundary that India shares with any of its neighbours.

13 • India and Bangladesh share 54 common rivers.

14 • Bangladesh is India's biggest trade partner in South Asia.

16 • Cooperation in Power Sectors has become one of the landmark of India-Bangladesh relations.

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