

## Trouble in Bangladesh

### What is the issue?

Incidents of majoritarian violence against Bangladesh's Hindu minority community during Durga Puja has been condemned by the UN, the U.S. and India.

### What is the recent communal tension in Bangladesh ?

*The minority Hindu community accounts for nearly 10% of the country's 160 million people.*

- The mob violence appears to have begun in Comilla, in Chittagong district, where an image allegedly showing disrespect to the Koran was circulated in social media.
- It resulted in incidents of vandalism of Hindu temples and homes belonging to the minority community.
- According to the police, more than 450 people have been arrested and more than 70 cases filed in different parts of Bangladesh.

### What is India's response to the violence?

- **The Indian High Commission in Dhaka was in touch with law and order officials at the Centre.**
- It has stepped in to meet the members of Bangladeshi Hindu community, including representatives from the ISKCON group that was attacked.
- India has raised its voice against the majoritarian violence against Bangladesh's Hindu minority community.
- The Indian government has also praised the authorities for moving quickly to take control of the situation.



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India was the first country to recognize Bangladesh as a separate and independent state and established diplomatic relations with the country immediately after its independence in December 1971.

## 4096.7 km.

longest land boundary that India shares

**LINE OF CREDIT  
GIVEN BY INDIA**  
in Bn dollars

for the development of projects in areas of Port Construction, Railways, Roads, Airports, Power & Energy, Telecommunications, and Shipping



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## SUNDARBAN DELTA CONSERVATION

# 54 TRANS BOUNDARY RIVERS

## Historic Enclave transfer



India-Bangladesh Land Boundary Agreement (LBA) in June 2015.

## BBIN-MVA

SIGNIFICANCE:

- ▶ Enables cargo movement across borders without changing the truck.
- ▶ Cargo vehicles are tracked electronically
- ▶ Permits are issued online and sent electronically to all land ports
- ▶ Vehicles are fitted with an electronic seal that alerts regulators every time the container door is opened

## 'Maitree Express'

Fully AC Passenger train service between Kolkata and Dhaka

# 2018 Year of India in Bangladesh

# 2019 Year of Bangladesh in India

## What must be India cautious about?

- **The Citizenship (Amendment) Act in 2019 had a widespread effect in Bangladesh and at least 12 people were killed in protests against Mr. Modi's visit to Dhaka earlier this year.**
- There are chances that the Indian High Commission's act of meeting local minorities to be interpreted as an act of interference rather than an act of compassion.
- As a regional leader, India has every right to be concerned about the plight of communities in the subcontinent.
- But, India must ensure that the foreign relations are not affected.
- A non- partisan religious approach is needed to stabilise the relations between the two countries which have a shared history of cooperation over much of the past 50 years.

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