

The 75th anniversary of independence offers Delhi & Dhaka a spl. opportunity to elevate the ambition for their bilateral partnership. Explain.

The Prime ministers of India and Bangladesh proclaimed the relations as Sonali Athyay emphasising the deepening ties between the two nations.

Elevating relations by

① Cultural - The state of West Bengal and Bangladesh people speak some languages. This has been strengthened by Bandhan express, Maitree express and Agartala to Kolkata bus via Dhaka.

② Economic - The trade relations between them stands at \$16 Billion in favour of us. India in collaboration with Russia is developing the Rooপুর nuclear power.

plant. The interconnected power grids allow Bangladesh to get 1200 MW of power from India.

Security - India and Bangladesh regularly conduct joint exercises such as Sampriti and Bongo Sagar. Bangladesh has also got support from India via Operation

Insaniyat on the Rohingya crisis.

Challenges India and Bangladesh share 54 transboundary rivers. The Teesta dispute is regarding the sharing of water needs to be ironed out. The enactment of UICA in Assam and citizenship amendment act 2019 has caused friction.

Future - With emerging needs the two countries can emerge as engines of growth in South Asia using trade agreements and forums such as BIMSTEC, APTA, SASEC.