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India and Bangladesh signed several
instruments on the recent visit of Bangladesh
PM. The chapter will start 'Sawali Achyay'
between the two countries.

Bangladesh - Central to Neighbourhood First Policy

India's neighbourhood first policy prioritises
immediate neighbour hood countries.

① Economic Comprehensive Economic Partnership
Agreement (CEPA) is about to be signed by
the two countries. Bangladesh is the sixth
largest trading partner for India with trade
turnover at \$18 billion

② Connectivity India aspires to connect to the
Asian countries, Bangladesh is keen to join
the India - Myanmar - Thailand trilateral highway
Recent inauguration of Rupsha Bridge,

Khulna Dharsura regularly link can connect people to people ties.

③ Energy Under the concessional financing scheme India builds 1320mw power plant at Rampal 1600mw Goadda power plant at Jharkhand would supply power to Bangladesh.

④ Defence Both countries conduct exercises such as Sampati and Banyasagar

Challenges ① Teesta-river covers 14% of occupied area in Bangladesh. The river water sharing needs to be worked out with support of joint river commission.

② Bangladesh imports more arms from China, India has given line of credit of \$500 million to deepen military ties.

Beyond bilateral, convergence of countries at BIMSTEC, BBIN and SASEC is crucial for India to emerge as economic hotspot and net security provider.