

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

India was one of the first countries to recognize Bangladesh & establish diplomatic relations immediately after its Independence in 1971. On this 75th Anniversary of independence offers Delhi & Dhaka a special opportunity to elevate bilateral ties.

CURRENT BILATERAL PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN DELHI & DHAKA

1. Economic Relations

- Bangladesh is India's biggest trade Partner of Bangladesh.
- In 2019-20, India's exports were \$8.2 bn & imports \$1.26 bn.

2. Connectivity :

- Railway link between Haldibari (India) & Chilahati (Bangladesh).
- Initiative Motor Vehicle's Agreement of Bangladesh - Bhutan - India.

→ Kolkata - Dhaka - Agartala Bus service
is launched in 2015

3. Cooperation on Rivers: Both countries share 54 common rivers.
→ Joint ^{rivers} working Commission from June 1972.

4. Defence Cooperation:

- Border Management: Shares 7km. of border which is the longest land boundary.
- India - Bangladesh Land Boundary Agreement (LBA).
- Joint exercise of Army (exercise Sampriti) & navy (Milan).

5. Medical Tourism:

Bangladesh accounts for more than 35% of India's International Medical patients.

→ Contributes to more than 50% of India's revenue from Medical tourism.

75th years of Independence is an opportunity to improve bilateral ties

- Good relation between India & Bangladesh is essential for the development of North-east region.
- Explores the Indo-Pacific region in the mid of china's tensions.
- Greater connectivity to South Asian Countries.
- Both countries can explore SAARC & BIMSTEC membership to strengthen Delhi-Dhaka ties.

Challenges like.

In the mid of Teesta river dispute, [^]issues of illegal migrants, ~~than~~ china's BRI etc, India & Bangladesh can strengthen their Bilateral ties through SAARC & BIMSTEC Cooperation. India & Bangladesh's ties is still in growing stage on this 75th year of Independence.