



India-Bangladesh Jointly Inaugurated Major Development Projects

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Why in News?

Recently, the **Indian Prime Minister and Prime Minister of Bangladesh** co-inaugurated three significant **Indian-assisted development projects**.

What are the Key Projects Inaugurated?

- **Akhaura-Agartala Cross-Border Rail Link:**

- Executed under India's grant assistance of Rs 392.52 crore to Bangladesh. Spans 12.24 km, comprising a 6.78 km Dual Gauge rail line in Bangladesh and 5.46 km in Tripura.



- **Khulna-Mongla Port Rail Line:**

- Implemented under India's concessional Line of Credit with a total cost of **USD 388.92 million**.
- Involves constructing approximately **65 km** of broad gauge rail route connecting **Mongla Port with Khulna's existing rail network**.

- **Maitree Super Thermal Power Project:**

- Carried out under an Indian Concessional Financing Scheme loan of **USD 1.6 billion**.
- Houses a **1320 MW (2x660) Super Thermal Power Plant in Rampal, Khulna Division of Bangladesh**.
- Led by **Bangladesh-India Friendship Power Company (Private) Limited**, a joint venture between **India's NTPC Ltd and Bangladesh Power Development Board (BPDB)**.

- **Significance of the Projects:**

- **Connectivity Enhancement:** Strengthening cross-border connectivity through rail links, fostering trade and people-to-people ties.
- **Energy Security:** Significant contribution towards meeting energy needs and ensuring long-term energy security.
- **Bilateral Relations:** Reinforcing the strong bond between [India and Bangladesh](#), showcasing collaborative efforts for **mutual prosperity and development** in line with India's Neighborhood First policy'.

What are the Other Key Bilateral Developments Between India and Bangladesh?

- [India-Bangladesh Friendship Pipeline](#)
- [Ganga Waters Treaty](#) and The [Kushiyara River Treaty](#)
- Joint Exercises - **Army** ([Exercise Sampriti](#)) and **Navy** ([Exercise Bongosagar](#))

UPSC Civil Services Examination, Previous Year Question (PYQ)

Q. With reference to river Teesta, consider the following statements: (2017)

1. The source of river Teesta is the same as that of Brahmaputra but it flows through Sikkim.
2. River Rangeet originates in Sikkim and it is a tributary of river Teesta.
3. River Teesta flows into Bay of Bengal on the border of India and Bangladesh.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 3 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) 2 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

Ans: (b)