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From the President's Desk:

It is a great honor and privilege for me to extend my heartiest greetings to all the members of the chamber and its well-wishers both at home and abroad at the onset of the New Year 2024. The global economy remains in a precarious state amid the protracted effects of the overlapping negative shocks of the pandemic, the Russian Federation's invasion of Ukraine, and the sharp tightening of monetary policy to contain high inflation. The resilience that global economic activity exhibited earlier this year is expected to fade. Growth in several major economies was stronger than envisaged at the beginning of the year, with faster-than-expected economic reopening in China and resilient consumption in the United States. Nonetheless, for 2023 as a whole, global activity is projected to slow, with a pronounced deceleration in advanced economies and a sizable pickup in China.

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The trade between Bangladesh and India is going on but the growth could not reach a peak because of the payment issue in terms of the Dollar. IBCCI delegates participated in more than 30 events in India during this year and at the same time hosted around 20 delegations from India and other nations over here. Furthermore, IBCCI made several calls on with the concerned Honorable Ministers, Secretaries and at the same time IBCCI organized several get-togethers, High Tea programs and Eid Reunion. This year we have had a huge number of business interactions with the Indian industry leaders during B2B, B2G, and in other events resulting in a very fruitful discussion for more investment and joint venture collaboration in Bangladesh.

You are well aware that the multifaceted India-Bangladesh relations are rooted in our shared history, geographical proximity, and commonality in culture and heritage. Taking advantage of the unique geographical location and proximity, Bangladesh is poised to play its natural role as hub of connectivity and we are committed to establishing a well-connected South Asian region with stronger connectivity with the adjoining region to promote greater cooperation in the areas of trade and commerce and investment. The two-way trade between our two countries is fast increasing. India's investment in Bangladesh has also increased significantly in the last few years. All these things indicate to a new level of India-Bangladesh cooperation based on mutuality of interest and a shared future.

I wish everyone a very happy and prosperous New Year 2024.



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Indo-Bangla trade through Sultanganj port to open tomorrow



The first trial movement of vessels between Maia port in West Bengal and Sultanganj port in Rajshahi is set to take place tomorrow.

The first cargo vessels carrying stones will be flagged off by India's Minister of State for Ports, Shipping, and Waterways Shantanu Thakur from Maia inland customs port tomorrow morning, reports our New Delhi correspondent

When operational, this route will transport around 2.6 million tonnes of cargo annually and lessen the pressure on road transportation, according to a statement released today from the Indian side.

On Saturday, BIWTA officials announced that the Sultanganj river port will be inaugurated today in Rajshahi's Godagari upazila to strengthen trade and economic ties between Bangladesh and India.

Khalid Mahmud Chowdhury, the state minister for shipping, is likely to inaugurate the much-needed river port in the presence of Pranay Verma,

the Indian High Commissioner to Dhaka, said Joyнал Abedin, director for marine safety and traffic management at Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority

The waterway route from Maia to Dhubri in Assam via Aricha in Bangladesh will reduce the distance by around 930 km compared to the existing route from Dhulian -Maia- Kolkata-Dhubri.

The riverine distance between Maia port and Sultanganj port is 16km, out of which 4.5km of waterways are in India and the remaining 11.5km are in Bangladesh.

"This development is in line with the Act East Policy of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government," said the statement, adding that it will also boost trade and connectivity between Bangladesh and India.

It was during Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's state visit to India from September 5-8 in 2022 at the invitation of Modi that Bangladesh and India agreed to expeditiously explore direct shipping links between the two countries.

They had also agreed to implement the decision to start riverine services under the Protocol on Inland Water Transit and Trade (PIWTT) routes 5 and 6 (Dhulian in West Bengal to Rajshahi-extension to Aricha) and 9 and 10 (Daudkandi to Sonamura).

Courtesy: The Daily Star, Dated: February 11, 2024

IBCCI organizes 96th board meeting



India-Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce and Industry (IBCCI) held the organization's 96th board meeting in the city on Saturday. IBCCI President Abdul Matlub Ahmad and Vice President Shoeb Chowdhury are seen in the picture among other dignitaries. The 96th board meeting of the India-Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce and Industry (IBCCI) was held on Saturday in Hotel Sheraton in the capital.

The participants of the meeting confirmed the minutes of the 95th board meeting, approved new membership applications, talked about visa for board chamber leaders and IBCCI members, exchanged views on the basics for the formation of IBCCI standing committee for the period of 2023-2025, sought suggestions from the directors on the projection of coming 2 years activities and some other matters.

The meeting was presided over by IBCCI President Abdul Matlub Ahmad. IBCCI Vice President Shoeb Chowdhury, Vice President Sanjay Basu, Honorary Secretary General Amit Kumar (virtual) and Directors Al Hajj Md. Bazlur Rahman, Motiar Rahman (virtual), Md. Julfikar Sheikh, Liakat Ali Bhuiyan, Budhaditya Mukherjee (virtual), SK Mahfuz Ahmed, Anil Kumar (virtual), Mohammad Ali Deen, Pinku Roy (virtual), Subrata Dutta Gupta (virtual), RabiulAlam and Mule Venkataratna Reddy (virtual) joined the meeting.

Courtesy: Daily Asian Age, Dated: January 28, 2024

Titu stresses MoU with India for urgent import of essentials

State Minister for Commerce Ahsanul Islam Titu on Thursday emphasised the need for signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with India to facilitate the import of essential items during urgent situations



Titu said, "The government of Bangladesh will hand over a list of essential items, especially onion, sugar, ginger and garlic, to the Indian government so that those items could be imported in urgent situations."

The state minister said this when Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Pranay Verma made a courtesy call on him at his office at the Bangladesh Secretariat today, BSS reported citing a press release.

Terming India as a true friend of Bangladesh, Titu said India had always stood beside Bangladesh in any crisis and would continue to do so in the future as well.

Highlighting the trade-related statistics of both India and Bangladesh, he urged the Indian government to import more products from Bangladesh.

In this regard, Titu urged the Indian government to improve the communication system linking the seven sisters of India with Bangladesh and thus import handicrafts, electronics, jute and jute-made goods, and food products.

Both the State Minister and the Indian High Commissioner agreed to jointly inaugurate a 'Border Hut' along the

Moulvibazar frontier. Besides, they also agreed to work together to identify the potential locations for launching new 'Border Huts'.

In response, the Indian High Commissioner put emphasis on boosting communication between the businessmen of the two countries and thus extended an invitation to take a Bangladeshi delegation to a mega show to be held in India next month.

Verma also suggested organising 'Best of Bangladeshi Products' in India and 'Best of Indian Products' in Bangladesh, in order to ensure product diversification in both countries and thus boost exports.

Later, Russian Ambassador to Bangladesh Alexander V Mantytskiy made a courtesy call on the State Minister for Commerce at his secretariat office.

Terming the Bangladesh-Russia bilateral relations as historic, Ahsanul said with the passage of time this relationship has reached a new height.

The State Minister urged the Russian Ambassador to launch a speedy direct transaction system on imports and exports between the two countries.

He also assured the Russian Ambassador to extend cooperation in setting up a branch of a Russian university in Bangladesh.

Following a request to reduce the trade imbalance between the two countries, the Russian Ambassador expressed his firm resolve to import pharmaceuticals, jute and jute-made goods, ceramics, and food products

The Russian Ambassador also assured the State Minister of holding an exposition of Bangladeshi products, especially handicrafts, in Russia.

Commerce Ministry Senior Secretary Tapan Kanti Ghosh was present, among others.

Source: The Financial Express, Dated: January 25, 2024

India keen to help develop small and medium industries

Indian High Commissioner Pranay Verma said on Sunday that his country is interested in assisting Bangladesh in boosting cottage, micro, small and medium industries for mutual benefits of the two countries.

He highlighted the significance of collaboration between the two countries in developing these industries, which are considered the 'economic backbone' of both the countries.

The envoy made the comment during a meeting with Industries Minister Nurul Majid Mahmud Humayun at his ministry in the capital, according to a ministry release.

Verma informed that bilateral trade between Bangladesh and India is now conducted using Indian Rupee and underlined the need to expand this exchange arrangement.

He also expressed India's interest in increasing its imports from Bangladesh.

Furthermore, Verma noted the increasing opportunities for training Bangladeshi officials at various Indian institutes, including ITEC.

Minister Humayun welcomed the Indian envoy and expressed Bangladesh's interest in adopting Indian technology and raw materials for its local cement industry.

He also emphasized the importance of enhancing cooperation between Bangladesh Standards and Testing Institution, Bangladesh Accreditation Board and their Indian counterparts.



Indian High Commissioner Pranay Verma called on Industries Minister Nurul Majid Mahmud Humayun in the city on Sunday. —PID photo

Later, in reply to a question from journalists, Humayun said that there will be no fertiliser crisis this year, as local industries in Bangladesh are producing enough fertiliser to meet the demand.

Courtesy: The Financial Express, Dated: January 22, 2024

Finance minister discusses bilateral trade, investment with Indian high commissioner



Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Pranay Verma paid a courtesy call on Finance Minister Abul Hassan Mahmood Ali at the Secretariat today (17 January).

During the meeting, the finance minister and the high commissioner of India discussed various issues including development of bilateral relations, trade and investment, education and culture, and socio-economic development of Bangladesh.

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Courtesy: The Business Standard, Dated: January 17, 2024

India, BD discuss strengthening rupee-based bilateral trade

Bangladesh and India have discussed the ways and means to expand areas of rupee-based bilateral trade.

Both the countries discussed the issue as Foreign Minister Dr Hasan Mahmud and Indian envoy in Dhaka Pranay Verma met on Monday.

"This was a courtesy call, but we have discussed a wide range of bilateral issues, especially the initiative of making payments for bilateral trade through local currency, the minister told the media after the meeting.

"The payment system through local currency for bilateral trade started on a pilot basis recently.



This was the first call by a foreign envoy to Hasan Mahmud since taking office as foreign minister.

But now we have discussed how to expand it and how to make it more popular," he said.

"It will help us reduce our dependency on the dollar," the Foreign Minister added.

Terming India as the most important and closest neighbour, the Foreign Minister mentioned that Bangladesh wants to work closely with India to promote bilateral relations.

He cited a few areas of engagement, like connectivity, water, coastal shipping, trade and investment. He emphasised the need to start working on the renewal of the Ganges Water Sharing Treaty, which will expire in 2026.

He also emphasised the importance of resolving the pending issues amicably.

Responding to a question, he mentioned that BNP is resorting to arson in the name of movements and protests, and no discussions can be held with those who patronise this kind of heinous activity.

During the meeting, the Foreign Minister noted the successful holding of the 12th parliamentary elections in Bangladesh on January 7, which was free, fair, and participatory.

He also noted that international election observers and media who visited Dhaka to cover elections expressed their satisfaction over the election process.

The Foreign Minister thanked the Indian government and External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaisankar for sending a message of congratulations.

The Indian High Commissioner congratulated the Foreign Minister and expressed a desire to work together.

He termed the year 2023 as one of the most successful years, citing a number of notable achievements, like the inauguration of a few projects related to connectivity and power

The High Commissioner also extended an invitation on behalf of the Indian External Affairs Minister to visit Delhi at a mutually convenient time. The Foreign Minister accepted the invitation and told him that he would visit Delhi soon.

"We discussed how, over the last decade, our relationship has acquired unprecedented momentum and growth under the leadership of the prime ministers of both countries and how this has become irreversible and people-centric, he told the media after the meeting.

"We also discussed some recent developments that have happened in our relationship. Our development partnership is benefiting the people of our two countries, and our cooperation is making a positive impact on economic growth," he added.

"So overall, I think we are very hopeful and confident that in the new term of this government, we will be able to achieve greater momentum in our bilateral partnership, and we will be able to make our development partnership contribute even more to our passion," he said.

Courtesy: The Financial Express, Dated: January 15, 2024

Biman spreads wings to Chennai



Biman Bangladesh Airlines on Saturday spread its wings to the south Indian city Chennai especially to facilitate Bangladeshi medical service seekers coinciding with Bangladesh's 53rd Victory Day.

The inaugural flight operated by Boeing 737 carrying 161 passengers took off from Dhaka's Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport (HSIA) at 12.50 pm (local time)

and is scheduled to reach Chennai International Airport in India at 3:20 pm (local time), BSS reports.

Initially, Biman will operate weekly 3 flights on this route on Monday, Thursday, and Saturday with departure from Dhaka at 12:50 pm (local time) and arrival at Chennai at 3:20 pm (local time) and return flight Departure from Chennai at 4:15 pm (local time) and arrival at Dhaka at 7:30 pm (local time).

State Minister for civil aviation and tourism M Mahub Ali inaugurated the inaugural flight of the national flag carrier virtually as the chief while Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Pranay Verma was present at the opening ceremony at the HSIA.

Biman Bangladesh Airlines Managing Director and CEO Shafiu Azim gave the welcome speech at the inaugural ceremony that was also addressed by Biman Bangladesh Board of Directors' Chairman

Mostofa Kamal Uddin, Civil Aviation and Tourism Secretary Md Mokammel Hossain and HSIAs Executive Director Captain M Kamrul Islam.

The state minister said embarking on a new trajectory to Chennai is not a mere extension of Biman's wings rather it is a jubilant celebration of the enduring friendship between Bangladesh and India on the Victory Day with the triumphant spirit of the nation.

He hoped that the newly unveiled route will foster heightened economic collaboration, vibrant cultural exchange, and strengthen people-to-people connectivity in line with strong bond between Bangladesh and India that is rooted in shared values, ethnic affinities and a joint commitment to progress.

Indian high commissioner said the partnership and engagement between India and Bangladesh have grown at a very rapid pace in recent years while connectivity is one of the major manifestation in transformation of the relationship. Last financial year, Verma said, India issued 15 lakhs visa to Bangladeshi nationals while the number is going to surpasses this year.

Thanking Biman to establish air link to another Indian city, the envoy said the rising number of people travelling two countries reflects new era of growing engagement and momentum of people to people contact between Bangladesh and India.

"Biman has chosen 16 December for inaugural flight because of Victory Day holds a special place in our hearts as we pay homage to the sacrifices made by those who fought for the freedom and independence of our nations," Biman Managing Director and CEO said.

Noting that the inaugural flight is flying to Chennai with 100 percent cabin factor, he hoped Biman will increase its flight frequency to daily from three weekly soon.

Azim said the new Biman's route to Chennai is part of the national flag carriers plan to expand its route to different international destinations while his airlines is also planning to operate direct flights to more Indian destinations like Bangalore, Hyderabad and Guwahati.

At present, Biman has a total of 21 aircraft in its fleet, of these, four are Boeing 777-300 ER, four are Boeing 787-8, two are Boeing 787-9, six are Boeing 737 and five are Dash 8-400 aircraft. Biman became the second airline after the country's private carrier US Bangla airlines to establish direct flights on Dhaka -Chennai-Dhaka route.

Courtesy: The Asian age , Dated: December 17, 2023

'Liberation War spirit glorifies our relations'

Shoeb Chowdhury calls on Indian High Commissioner



Vice President of Consular Corps of Bangladesh and Chairman of The Asian Age Shoeb Chowdhury called on Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Pranay Verma in the Indian High Commission on Wednesday. Shoeb Chowdhury greeted Pranay Verma with flowers.

Pranay Verma and Shoeb Chowdhury exchanged views on further boosting economic ties between India and Bangladesh. Shoeb Chowdhury spotlighted on the cultural bonds between the two countries which is bolstered by the spirit of 1971.

Shoeb Chowdhury expressed gratefulness to Pranay Verma for the cooperation and support India extended to Bangladesh during the Liberation War of 1971 while Bangladesh is passing the month of victory.

Pranay Verma said that Bangladesh is India's most trustworthy partner which was reflected through Bangladesh's participation in the G20 Summit in New Delhi in September 2023.

Pranay Verma sounded optimistic that the existing friendly alliance between India and Bangladesh will become more consolidated in days to come.

Vice President of Consular Corps of Bangladesh and Chairman of The Asian Age Shoeb Chowdhury called on Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Pranay Verma in the Indian High Commission on Wednesday.

Both Pranay Verma and Shoeb Chowdhury agreed that the spirit of the Liberation War of 1971 has glorified the relations between India and Bangladesh. Pranay Verma recalled with honour the sacrifices

of soldiers and freedom fighters of both India and Bangladesh in 1971.

Pranay Verma referred to Indian foreign policy which puts emphasis on "neighbours first". Pranay Verma and Shoeb Chowdhury shared the fact that the export volume from Bangladesh to India is increasing on a high scale which strengthens the trade balance between the two countries.

IBCCI organizes 16th AGM



The 16th annual general meeting of the India-Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce and Industry (IBCCI) was held in the organization's office in the capital's Mohakhali on Saturday.

IBCCI President Abdul Matlub Ahmad and Vice President Shoeb Chowdhury and other directors of IBCCI were present at the meeting.

The newly elected Executive Committee members of IBCCI for the period 2023-2025 were greeted at the beginning of the annual general meeting. Abdul Matlub Ahmad, Shoeb Chowdhury, Amit Kumar and former IBCCI President Mohammad Ali spoke on the occasion.

“Nippon & McDonald Steel Industries Limited [NMSIL]” hopes for a good market in Tripura



Agartala Dec 10: Representatives of Nippon & Mc Donald Steel Industries Ltd. hailing from Bangladesh and Japan held a press conference at Agartala Collegetilla area under the banner of India

It may be added that Shoeb Chowdhury is also Vice President of India-Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce and Industry (IBCCI). Moreover, Shoeb Chowdhury is Treasurer of Editors Guild, Bangladesh.

Courtesy: The Asian age, Dated: December 14, 2023

The IBCCI officials present at the meeting discussed different aspects of the 15th annual general meeting of IBCCI which was held on 17th December 2022.

The annual report of IBCCI was received and assessed at the meeting and the report of the auditors was also discussed. The participants of the AGM also talked about the annual accounts report of IBCCI.

IBCCI auditors for the financial year 2023-2024 were appointed and their remuneration was fixed.

Moreover, the IBCCI officials expressed grief at the death of IBCCI Director Farkunda Zabin Khan alias Sangeeta Khan who passed away recently. Abdul Matlub Ahmad, Shoeb Chowdhury and Farkunda Zabin Khan's husband architect Faizur Rahman Khan recalled her memories. Maulana Eyaqub Sharafati conducted a monajat in which everyone prayed for the eternal peace of the departed soul of Farkunda Zabin Khan.

Courtesy: The Asian Age Dated: December 10, 2023

Bangladesh Chambers and Commerce Industry (IBCCI), Tripura Chapter here on Sunday.

Vice president IBCCI Tripura Chapter Abhijit Deb, Managing Director Nippon & Mc Donald Steel Industries Ltd., Bangladesh Sohed Ahmed, representative of the company from Japan, Andrew among others remained present at the press conference.

Addressing the reporters, Managing Director of the company said, “A new Joint Venture Company named as “Nippon & McDonald Steel Industries Limited [NMSIL]” has been formed under the agreement between McDonald Steel Building Products Limited [MSBPL] of Bangladesh and Nippon Steel & Sumikin Bussan Corporation [NSSB], Japan”.

MSBPL is the pioneer in pre-engineered steel building construction in Bangladesh, experienced in Pre-Fabricated Steel Buildings for more than two decades and established its own production facility in 1998. On the other hand, NSSB is the core trading company of the Nippon Steel & Sumitomo Metal Corporation Group, one of the world leading steel manufacturers.

NMSIL, the Joint Venture Company, is formed to operate a processing centre of Flat Products for manufacturing of processed 'Flat Products' and to carry out the business of Trading, Export, import, Supply of processed products, raw materials and related merchandise of world leading manufacturing company, in the region and beyond.

Speaking about the motive behind visiting Tripura, he said, "Tripura and Bangladesh have been sharing a friendly tie for a long time. Wishing to expand the work of the company we are here to access the market in Tripura as well as in other northeastern state".

Ahmed further said that the various steel products manufactured by the company are efficient in all terms and have positive feedback from the consumers.

Courtesy : Tripuratimes Desk, Dated: December 10, 2023

Odisha, east India to be growth driver of 'Viksit Bharat': Dharmendra Pradhan



The International Conference, 'Purvodaya Perspectives: Reflections on Regional Connectivity' in Bhubaneswar on Saturday. (Photo : Shamim Qureshy)

By Express News Service

Bhubaneswar: Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan on Saturday said Odisha and other east Indian states have the potential to be the growth drivers of a prosperous India. Inaugurating a two-day international conference titled 'Purvodaya Perspectives: Reflections on Regional Connectivity' organised by The Energy Forum (TEF) in collaboration with the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) with the support of the Ministry of External Affairs here, Pradhan said the Mission Purvodaya vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi has catalysed new opportunities.

"A Viksit Bharat cannot be imagined without the balanced development of our northeastern region. Guided by PM Modi's Purvodaya Mission, this conference is a part of our collective efforts towards holistic development and prosperity of eastern India with Odisha as the epicentre," he said. With vast natural resources, talented human capital and strategic location, Odisha and the eastern region will be the growth drivers of Viksit Bharat (prosperous India). Odisha has been one of the biggest beneficiaries of Purvodaya Mission, Pradhan added. He said

The union minister expressed his gratitude to TEF, CII and MEA for driving the mission forward and embarking on a journey towards a shared, inclusive, sustainable, prosperous and more connected future. In his address, Union Minister of State for External Affairs V Muraleedharan highlighted the importance of connectivity in forming relationships and enhanced trade and commerce with East Asian countries. Elaborating on MEA's alignment of diplomatic efforts with the objectives of the Purvodaya Mission, Muraleedharan said the mission offers a model to bring about balanced growth and development of eastern India and its excellent relationship with ASEAN.

Eminent personalities including Minister for Environment & Forests from Assam Chandra Mohan Patowary, High Commissioner of Bangladesh Mustafizur Rahman, secretary, East (MEA) Saurabh Kumar, Padma Vibhushan Anil Kakodkar, CII president R Dinesh and others attended the conference.

Courtesy: The New Indian Express, Dated: December 3, 2023

Matlub Ahmad elected president of IBCCI Shoeb Chowdhury, Sanjay Basu elected vice presidents



Chairman of Nitol Motors Ltd. and former president of FBCCI Abdul Matlub Ahmad has been elected President of India-Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce and Industry (IBCCI) for the term 2023 – 2025.

Chairman of HSTC Limited and Vice-President, Consul Core M. Shoeb Chowdhury and Country Head of SUN Pharmaceuticals (Bangladesh) Ltd Sanjay Basu have been elected Vice-Presidents of the 24-member Board of Directors of the IBCCI.

The election process was completed on November 27, said the IBCCI on Monday.

It was conducted by the IBCCI Election Board comprising of Md. Shamsul Alam, Chairman; and members Bijoy Kumar Kejriwal, and Md. Kohinoor Islam.

While the country Head of the State Bank of India, Amit Kumar; Managing Director of Quality Enterprise, Md. Abdul Wahed; Chairman & Managing Director of Bangladesh System Technology Ltd., Dewan Sultan Ahmed were elected as Honorary Secretary General, Honorary Joint Secretary General and Honorary Treasurer respectively.

Other members of the newly elected board of Directors are – Mohammad Ali of Fatullah Steel Re-Rolling Mills; Al-Haj Md. Bazlur Rahman of B. R. Spinning Mills Ltd.; Farkhunda Jabeen Khan of Divine Beauty Lounge; Motiar Rahman of M/S Sharothi Enterprise; Liakat Ali Bhuiyan of Brick Works Development Ltd.; Budhaditya Mukherjee - Asian Paints Ltd.; Md. Julfikar Sheikh of Ion Exchange Environment Management (BD) Ltd.; Ajit Kumar of Agion Laboratories Pvt. Ltd.; SK Mahfuz Hamid of Gulf Orient Seaways.; Anil Kumar of Arvind Limited; SumitGoswami of Axis Bank Limited; Biswajit Kumar Das of Dabur Bangladesh Private Limited; Pinku Roy of Agro Tech Foods (Bangladesh) Pvt. Ltd.; Subrata Dutta Gupta of Larsen & Toubro Limited; Mohammad Ali Deen of Runner Automobiles PLC; Rabiul Alam of MKK Logistics; Amit Kumar Tiwari of Torrecid Bangladesh Limited and Mule Venkataratna Reddy of Venkris Energy Limited.

Courtesy: United News of Bangladesh, Dated: November 27, 2023

First international importer-exporter meet at Indo-Bangla border Exchange of ideas at meet held in Dawki in Meghalaya



The Indo-Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce and Industry (IBCCI) delegates met for the first International Exporter-Importer Meet 2023 in Dawki, Meghalaya, on Saturday.

An IBCCI official told Business North East that the 19-member IBCCI delegation was headed by its president, Abdul Matlub Ahmad.

The initiative for the first international exporter-importer meet was jointly undertaken by the Land Ports Authority of India (LPAI) Dawki, the central

government and Meghalaya's department of industries and commerce, in partnership with the Indian Chamber of Commerce.

Apart from 60 delegates from Bangladesh and 35 delegates from Bhutan, officials, exporters, and farmers' collectives from the Northeast also attended the meeting.

"This platform has been helpful in mapping out opportunities and barriers towards diversification of the trade basket," Secretary of India Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce and Industry (IBCCI) S. M. Abdul Kalam Azad said. "A roadmap for action along with follow-up efforts has been chalked out."

Three memorand of understanding (MoU) were signed between farmer collectives in Meghalaya and the IBCCI delegation for increasing cross-border trade. During this meeting, buses were announced to ply between LPA Dawki and the nearest public transit points to ease incoming tourist movement from Bangladesh.

"There was display of products of each country at LPAI Dawki and at Tamabil to plug the information asymmetry of opportunities for diversification," an official informed.

"The event culminated with a fresh commitment to resolving logistics impediments and increasing trade for regional prosperity," said the Secretary.

Courtesy:Business NorthEast, Dated: November 27, 2023

PM Modi, Sheikh Hasina jointly inaugurate rail, power sector projects between India, Bangladesh



NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Bangladeshi counterpart Sheikh Hasina, on Wednesday, jointly inaugurated three rail and power sector development projects to strengthen partnership between the two South-Asian nations.

The three projects are the Akhaura Agartala Cross Border Rail Link, Khulna Mongla Port Rail Line and Unit - II of the Maitree Super Thermal Power Plant in Rampal, Bangladesh, and were jointly inaugurated by PM Modi and Hasina via video conferencing.

"The joint inauguration of these important projects manifests the firm friendship and collaboration between our two friendly countries. I would like to thank PM Modi for the warm hospitality during my visit in September 2023 to attend the G20 Summit," the Bangladesh Prime Minister said during the launch. She also expressed her gratitude for Prime Minister Narendra Modi's commitment to strengthening the bonds of friendship between our two countries, Sheikh Hasina said.

The projects are briefly explained below :

Akhaura-Agartala Cross-Border Rail Link, The project has been executed under a Government of India grant assistance of Rs 392.52 crore extended to Bangladesh. The length of the rail link is 12.24

km with a 6.78 km Dual Gauge rail line in Bangladesh and 5.46 km in Tripura.

Khulna-Mongla Port Rail Line Project,

The project has been implemented under the Government of India's concessional Line of Credit with a total project cost of USD 388.92 million. The project entails the construction of approximately 65 km of broad gauge rail route between Mongla Port and the existing rail network in Khulna.

With this, Mongla, the second largest port of Bangladesh, gets connected with the broad-gauge railway network.

Maitree Super Thermal Power Project,

It comes under Indian Concessional Financing Scheme loan of 1.6 billion US dollars, and is a 1320 MW Super Thermal Power Plant located in Rampal in Khulna Division of Bangladesh.

The project has been implemented by the Bangladesh -India Friendship Power Company Limited which is a 50:50 Joint Venture company between India's NTPC Ltd and Bangladesh Power Development Board. These projects will strengthen connectivity and energy security in the region. Sheikh Hasina also extended her greetings for Diwali to Prime Minister Modi and the people of India in advance.

"I would conclude her by conveying warm greetings in advance for the upcoming Diwali. I wish Your Excellency PM Modi and the people of India a very Happy Diwali," she said. The theme of this year's Dialogue is 'Fostering a comprehensive and mutually beneficial partnership'.

Earlier this March, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina inaugurated the India-Bangladesh Friendship Pipeline

a cross-border energy pipeline, built at an estimated cost of Rs 377 crore, of which the Bangladesh portion of the pipeline was built at a cost of approx. Rs 285 crore, which has been borne by the Government of India under grant assistance, read Prime Minister's Office press release.

The Pipeline has the capacity to transport 1 Million Metric Ton Per Annum (MMTPA) of High-Speed Diesel (HSD). It will supply High-Speed Diesel initially to seven districts in northern Bangladesh.

The operation of India- Bangladesh Friendship Pipeline will put in place a sustainable, reliable, cost-effective and environment-friendly mode of transporting HSD from India to Bangladesh.

Moreover, in September, the 15th Meeting of the Joint Working Group on Trade (JWG) between India and Bangladesh was held in Dhaka, Bangladesh, where the two nations discussed various bilateral issues, including removal of port restrictions, the groundwork for the commencement of the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA).

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Report of the Secretary General of IBCCI on the participation at the Fourth Edition of the Bangladesh-India-Japan Tripartite Conclave

Participated in the Day Long Dialogue titled "Kizuna" (in Japanese it means heart-to-heart discussion)* at the Ball Room of Hotel Taj Vivanta on 12 February 2024 in Shillong, Meghalaya, India organized by the Asian Confluence and the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India.



Photo: The High Commissioner of Bangladesh to India HE Mr. Mostafizur Rahman is address in the Fourth India Japan Intellectual Conclave at the Ballroom of Hotel Taj Vivanta on 12th of February 2024

The Conclave was based on North East India, Bangladesh, and the Bay of Bengal in the Indo-Pacific: The Way Forward. It was participated by the Honourable Ministers, MP of the North East States, Diplomats of India, Bangladesh, and Japan, and Policymakers and Industry leaders.

The topics included "Towards Creating Industrial Value Chains: Voices from the Industry" and "Empowering Institutional Infrastructure for People Connectivity."

Hiroshi Suzuki, Ambassador of Japan to India, stressed the importance of identifying actionable projects for new investments in the region.



Photo: Secretary General of IBCCI is seen with the Honorable Sate Minister of Sports and Youth, Government of Mizoram H E Shri Lalnghinglova Hmar at the Fourth India Japan Intellectual Conclave at the Ballroom of Hotel Taj Vivanta on 12th of February 2024

Focusing on connectivity between India and Bangladesh, High Commissioner of Bangladesh to India H.E. Mr. Mustafizur Rehman called for connectivity projects to be mutually beneficial, particularly between India and Bangladesh.

Mr. P Kumaran, Special Secretary of Economic Relations & Development Partnership Administration at the ME A, highlighted on going projects in Northeast India and under scored how enhanced connectivity between India and Bangladesh could significantly impact the Bay of Bengal region.

Mr. K Moses Chalai, Secretary of the North-Eastern Council, highlighted Bangladesh's role in the future of Northeast India, suggesting that progress toward the east necessitates going through the south.

Meghalaya Chief Secretary Mr. Donald P. Wahlang discussed the potential for Northeast India to contribute around 5% of India's GDP by 2047, stressing the importance of developing urban infrastructure.

Representatives from Japanese institutions such as JICA and Jetro contributed ideas to strengthen connectivity in the Bay of Bengal region.



Photo: The Secretary General of IBCCI is seeing with H E Amb. Riva Ganguly Das former High Commissioner of India to Bangladesh (Currently Member, Governing Council, Asian Confluence) at Fourth India Japan Intellectual Conclave 2024

Political leaders from Northeast India, who were part of a delegation that visited Japan in 2023 as part of a project initiated by the Sasakawa Peace Foundation, proposed leveraging Japanese technology and expertise for regional development.

H.E. Mr. Lalnghinglova Hmar, Honorable State Minister of Sports and Youth Services of Mizoram, stressed the need to capitalize on the state's high literacy rate, abundant forest cover, and tech-savvy youth to attract investments.

In his valedictory address, H E Mr. Paul Lyngdoh, Minister of Tourism in Meghalaya, highlighted the importance of youth as Ambassadors for people-to-people connectivity between Northeast India, Bangladesh, and Japan.



Photo: Group Photo of the participants of the Fourth India Japan Intellectual Conclave 2024

During his welcome remarks, Asian Confluence Executive Director Sabyasachi Dutta spoke on the significance of building partnerships in the Bay of Bengal region, followed by updates on progress made in connectivity between Northeast India and Bangladesh.

The Conclave focused on the following 3 pillars:

- 1) The Bigger Picture and the Ground: Connecting the dots
- 2) Towards Creating Industrial Value Chains: Voices from the Industry
- 3) Empowering Institutional Infrastructure for People Connectivity

To increase ease of doing business and increasing business sentiments in driving the task of creating economic corridors between North East India and Bangladesh, addressing the current obstacles in India-Bangladesh trade was paramount.

The major recommendations were:

A. Towards a Scalable Architectural Framework for Co-operation for the Future between India, Japan and Bangladesh:

- Implement comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA):
- BBIN Cooperation for Regional Growth
- Transit for Third Country Trade
- Addressing Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Mitigation
- Forum for Trilateral Cooperation

B. Creating Industrial Value Chains of the Future between NER of India and Bangladesh with Japanese Collaboration:

- Promoting Agro-Horticulture Industries
- Nurturing Logistics and Packaging Industries
- Promote Fintech
- Facilitate FDI

C. Putting Business First:

- Smoothly Facilitated Movement of Goods across Boarder
- Addressing the Trade Barriers
- Providing Duty-Free Scheme
- Relaxing Anti-Dumping Duties

D. Filling in Gaps in Hard Infrastructure and Physical Connectivity:

- Matarbari DSP to Sabroom Multi modal Corridor
- Operationalize Direct Flight between NER and Bangladesh
- Creating Business and Logistics Hubs
- Matching Infrastructure Facilities at Integrated Check Post (ICPs)
- Integrating ICPs in Tripura

E. Strengthening Soft Infrastructure and Trade Facilitation:

- Harmonize Customs Procedures
- Digitalization of Customs Procedures
- Single Clearance Platform
- Operationalize the SOP for Transit from NER to Bangladesh Ports

F. Creating Vibrant Boarder Zones:

- Sabroom SEZ Construction
- Transborder Economic Zone in Sabroom and Ramgarh
- Setting up more Boarder Haats
- Tourism as a Strategic Enabler for People to People Contract and Trust Building

G. Institutional Setups and Capacity Building Programs:

- Governmental Forums
- Business Forums
- Legislators Forums
- Training and Capacity Building Skilling Programs
- Academic and Civil Society Dialogues

Report of the Secretary General of IBCCI on the participation at the Round Table on Inter Country Economic Corridor through Northeast of India for inclusive growth Act East-Through-North East 2.0

Participated in the Round Table on Inter Country Economic Corridor through Northeast of India for inclusive growth at the Hotel Radisson BLU, Guwahati, Assam on 16th February, 2024.

The program was formally inaugurated by H E Mr. Chandra Mohan Patowary, Honorable Minister of Act East Policy Affairs, Government of Assam. It was also attended by the Ambassador of Bhutan, Nepal, Indonesia and Diplomats of Bangladesh and High Officials of the government of India, ADB and Industry Leaders of the region.



Picture: The Honorable Minister for Act East Policy of Assam H E Mr. Chandra Mohan Patowary is giving his opening remarks at the Round table on Inter Country Economic Corridor through NER at the Hotel Radisson BLU on 16th of February 2024

Building on the success of the previous conclave in 2022, the second instalment of the round table conference – Act East through Northeast 2.0 – The Round Table Conference on Inter-Country Economic Corridor through Northeast of India for Inclusive Growth – organized by the Act East Policy Affairs Department, Government of Assam, aimed to explore fresh opportunities presented by the Act East Policy for the Northeast region.

To conclude in this Bay of Bengal Region, Northeast India has developed robust connectivity infrastructures. Bangladesh has grown as an economy and it is going to graduate from the LDC status in 2026. Simultaneously, India and Japan have both independently invested in various critical connectivity projects in Bangladesh. Keeping these developments in the backdrop, India, Japan and Bangladesh have made a visible conscious effort to improve the economic relations and connectivity of the Bay of Bengal Region. India-Bangladesh bilateral relation is passing through its best phase. Japan has been an active development partner of Bangladesh and India and engaged to bring greater integration of the Bay of Bengal through connectivity projects.

It also sought to develop a strategic framework for enhancing economic and cultural connections with Southeast Asian countries, with a focus on bolstering bilateral relations with neighbouring Bangladesh and Bhutan.

The round table served as a platform for government officials, experts, practitioners, and business leaders to explore potential opportunities arising from evolving connectivity among Bhutan, Bangladesh, Nepal, and Assam.

Act East Policy Affairs Minister H E Mr. Chandra Mohan Patowary emphasized that the Act East Policy, under the stewardship of Prime Minister H E Narendra Modi, has revitalized India's engagement with its Eastern neighbours. He highlighted a new era of trade, transit, and water resources management co-operation between India, Bangladesh, and Bhutan. Mr. Patowary also pointed out the rapid development in road infrastructure, regional airways connectivity, railways, waterways, and internet connectivity in Assam and Northeast, attributing it to implementing the Act East Policy.



Photo: A Cross Section of the participants of Act East Policy Roundtable

The Government of Assam, led by Chief Minister H E Mr. Himanta Biswa Sarma, is deeply committed to harnessing these natural endowments and transforming the state into an economic hub. Our policies focus on creating a business-friendly environment, facilitating ease of doing business, and developing world-class infrastructure to attract domestic and international investors.

"Sectors such as agriculture, food processing, handicrafts, tourism, and information technology are ripe for investment bolstered by a young, skilled work force and supportive government policies," Mr. Patowary added.



Photo: The Secretary General of IBCCI is speaking at the Technical Session of the Act East Policy Roundtable

He highlighted how Assam and Northeast have reaped significant economic benefits due to closer ties with Bangladesh, Bhutan, and Southeast Asian countries. He mentioned that the use of Chattagram and Mongla ports in Bangladesh will further strengthen waterways connectivity in the Northeast, benefiting both countries.

Furthermore, Mr. Patowary emphasized how Bangladesh can seize opportunities in potential sectors of Assam such as ethanol, methanol, plastic, and hydrocarbon to improve trade and business relations. On behalf of IBCCI the Honorable Minister for Act East Policy H E Mr. Chandra Mohan Patowary was greeted with a crest by the Secretary General.



Photo: The Honorable Minister for Act East Policy, Government of Assam HE Mr. Chandra Mohan Patowary was greeted with a crest by the Secretary General of IBCCI at the inaugural ceremony of the roundtable talks

The roundtable featured a series of sessions, including special addresses by distinguished speakers such as Mr. Ruhul Amin, Assistant High Commissioner of Bangladesh in Guwahati and Mr. Manvendra Pratap Singh, Secretary, Act East Policy Affairs, Government of Assam.

Other notable speakers included Mr. Sudhakar Dalela, Ambassador of India to the Kingdom of Bhutan; Mr. Naveen Srivastava, Ambassador of India to Nepal; CSR Mr. Ram, Joint Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs; Mr. Satish Kumar Pandey, GM (Construction), NF Railway, among others.

The event also marked the release of a pivotal report titled 'Inter-Country Economic Corridor Through Northeast of India for Inclusive Growth. Potential and Prospects', providing a roadmap for sustainable and inclusive development in the region through the development of economic corridors in Bangladesh, Bhutan, and Nepal, passing through Assam.



Photo: Secretary General of IBCCI is addressing at the Technical Session on "Inter Country Economic Corridor through Northeast of India for Inclusive Growth"

During the daylong conference, various connectivity initiatives like the 58-km rail link between Gelephu in Bhutan and Kokrajhar in Assam, riverine linkages with Bangladesh, and various road and railway projects connecting the neighboring countries were highlighted. Detailed discussions were held on ways to use evolving connectivity with neighboring countries to create an economic corridor.

Dedicated to the immortal memory of our beloved
Director Ms Farkunda Jabeen Khan (1961 – 2023)



Photo Gallery



Photo: The Vice-President of IBCCI Mr. M Shoeb Chowdhury is greeting the Governor of Bangladesh Bank Mr. Abdur Rouf Talukder with a Memento at the Bangladesh Bank Bhaban in Motijheel, Dhaka



Photo: Attended a meeting on 19th February 2024 at the High Commission of India in Dhaka to discuss the Tourism Seminar and IBCCI Annual Get-Together



Photo: IBCCI is holding a special meeting of the Chamber Board on 18th February 2024 at the Nitol-Niloy Centre.



Photo: President of IBCCI Mr. Abdul Matlub Ahmad is greeting Mr. Abu Hena Md. Rahmatul Muneem, Senior Secretary, IRD & Chairman, National Board of Revenue with a flower bouquet at the Pre- budget discussion meeting at NBR Bhabanon 8 February 2024



Photo: President of IBCCI Mr. Abdul Matlub Ahmad is discussing matters relating to trade and business and bilateral issues with the Chairman of NBR at the Pre- budget discussion meeting on 8 February 2024



Photo: A cross section of the participants of the 96th Board Meeting of India-Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce and Industry (IBCCI) at Hotel Sheraton on 27th January 2024



Photo: 16th AGM of India-Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce and Industry (IBCCI)



Photo: 16th AGM of India-Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce and Industry (IBCCI) is in progress



Photo: IBCCI president, family members of Late Director Ms Farkunda Jabeen Khan (Sangeeta) and IBCCI members are praying for salvation of the departed soul of Ms Sangeeta.



Photo: Architect Mr. F R Khan (Husband of Late Director Ms Farkunda Jabeen Khan) is addressing at the Remembrance program arranged for the salvation of the departed soul of Ms Khan.



Photo: IBCCI President and Mr. F R Khan are placing floral wreaths at the portrait of Late Director Ms Sangeeta.



Photo: Vice president Mr. M Shoeb Chowdhury and Ex-President of IBCCI Mr. Mohammad Ali are placing floral wreaths at the portrait of Late Director Ms Sangeeta



Photo: President of IBCCI Mr. Abdul Matlub Ahmad is addressing at the inaugural ceremony of the International Conference on "Purvodaya Perspectives" at ITC Maurya, Bhubaneswar, Odisha on 2nd December 2023



Photo: IBCCI President and Secretary General are seen with the Secretary (East), Ministry of External Affairs, Govt. of India Mr. Saurabh Kumar and other delegates of the International Conference on "Purvodaya Perspectives" at ITC Maurya, Bhubaneswar, Odisha on 2nd December 2023



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Photo: President of IBCCI Mr. Abdul Matlub Ahmad was greeted with a crest by Mr. Sidharth Pradhan, Trustee, The Energy Forum



Photo: The Honorable High Commissioner of Bangladesh to India H.E. Mr. Mustafizur Rahman is greeting the Honorable Minister Mr. Dharmendra Pradhan, Ministry of Education and Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Govt. of India with a crest on behalf of IBCCI



Photo: Secretary General of IBCCI is seen with Colonel Samrendra Kumar of Indian Army at the International Conference on "Purvodaya Perspectives" at ITC Maurya, Bhubaneswar, Odisha on 2nd December 2023



Photo: President of IBCCI is seen with the panelist of the International Conference on "Purvodaya Perspectives" at ITC Maurya, Bhubaneswar, Odisha on 2nd December 2023



Photo: IBCCI Delegates are seen with the President Mr. Abdul Matlub Ahmad at the Jainta Hill Resort on 24th November 2023



Photo: IBCCI delegates are seen with the President at a restaurant nearby Bhubaneswar beach on 3rd December 2023



Photo: IBCCI President Mr. Abdul Matlub Ahmad is holding a meeting with the Manager, LPAI, Land Port (ICP), Dawki, Meghalaya Mr. T C Chacko, Leaders of the Tamabil Limestone, Stone, And Coal Importers Group, representative of IBCCI Gwahati Chapter and port officials of both sides on 24 November 2023.



Photo: President of IBCCI Mr. Abdul Matlub Ahmad was received by the business group of Tamabil Coal and Limestone Association on his arrival at the gate arranged in his honor at their office



Photo: A cross section of the delegates of the 1st International Exporter-Importer Meet 2023, Dawki, Meghalaya on 25 November 2023.



Photo: Display of Bangladeshi exportable products at the 1st International Exporter-Importer Meet 2023, Dawki, Meghalaya on 25 November 2023.



Photo: Singing of MoU between Dr. Vijay Kumar IAS, C & S, Dept. of Agriculture, Planning, Finance, GoM and IBCCI at 1st International Exporter-Importer Meet 2023, Dawki, Meghalaya on 25 November 2023.



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Photo: With Ms Samantha Farahnaz-Associate Operations Officer, Mr. Khondoker Rashed Maqsood-Advisor of IFC, World Bank Group, and Mr Abdul Matlub Ahmad at a Zoom Meeting on the Prospect of EV in Bangladesh on 30 October 2023



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Photo: IBCCI delegates are in a meeting with the CWBTA, Kolkata on 1 November 2023



Photo: IBCCI delegates are seen with the President and B2B partners at the world Food India 2023 Program in New Delhi on 4th November 2023



Photo: IBCCI Secretary General and IBCCI member Md. Razib Parvez are seen with the Honorable Minister of Commerce and Industry, Govt. of India H. E. Mr. Piyush Goyal at the World Food India 2023 event.



Photo: Sr. Joint Director and Joint Director viz. Ms. Jaya Basu and Ms. Pallavai Saha of EEPICINDIA called on with the Secretary General of IBCCI on 30th October 2023 at the IBCCI Secretariat in Dhaka regarding their upcoming program in Dhaka.



Photo: The Secretary General of IBCCI is addressing at the 3-day Global Maritime India Summit (GMIS 2023), held from 17-19 October 2023, MMRDA Ground, BKC, Mumbai.



Photo: The Secretary General of IBCCI is Greeting the Honorable Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Government of India with a Crest at the 3-day Global Maritime India Summit (GMIS 2023), held from 17-19 October 2023, MMRDA Ground, BKC, Mumbai.



Photo: The Honorable Minister, Ministry of Horticulture & Food Processing, Government of West Bengal, India Shri Arup Roy was greeted with a Crest by the Secretary General of IBCCI at the 2nd Edition of Rural Livelihood Summit 2023 at the Park in Kolkata on 7 October 2023



Photo: Signing of MoU between IBCCI and A to Z Exim, Unit of Andheri East, Mumbai-400069 for collaboration and facilitating the movement of Cargo on National Waterways.



Photo: IBCCI delegates at the 2nd Edition of Rural Livelihood Summit 2023 at the Park in Kolkata on 7 October 2023



Photo: Secretary General of IBCCI is addressing at the opening ceremony of the 2nd Rural Livelihood Summit on 7th October 2023 at the Hotel Park, Kolkata.



Photo: The Secretary General of IBCCI is seen with the Honorable Minister, Ministry of Horticulture and Food Processing, Government of West Bengal, India H E Shri Arup Roy, and other dignitaries at the opening ceremony of the 2nd Rural Livelihood Summit 2023 at the Park in Kolkata on 7 October 2023



Photo: IBCCI Get-Together at the IBCCI Multipurpose Hall on 4 September 2023



Photo: Signing of MoU at the B20 Summit 2023 India at the Royal Taj Palace in New Delhi on 25 August 2023



Photo: IBCCI President Mr. Abdul Matlub Ahmad is seen with the co-panelist of the session titled "Financial Inclusion for Economic Empowerment" on 25th August 2023 at the B20 Summit India 2023 at Hotel Taj Palace.



Photo: IBCCI President Mr. Abdul Matlub Ahmad is being greeted with flower bouquet at the inception ceremony IBCCI West Bengal Chapter at Hotel Park in Kolkata on 23rd August 2023



Photo: The President of IBCCI Mr. Abdul Matlub Ahmad is greeting the President of The Ghana National Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GNCCI) Mr. Clement Osei Amoako with a crest at the office of GNCCI in the Capital of Ghana, Accra on 15th October 2023



Photo: The President of IBCCI Mr. Abdul Matlub Ahmad is seen with President and Board of Directors of GNCCI at office of GNCCI in Accra on 15th October 2023



Photo: At the 75th Republic Day of India at the ICCB on 24th January 2024 evening



Photo: With Mr. Aminur Rashid Choudhury Shamim, the President, Mr. Gaurav Medhi, Jt. Secretary and Ms Drishti Medhi, Director of IBCCI Assam Chapter at the Greenwood Resort, Guwahati on 13th February 2024 Evening



Photo: Signing of MoU between IBCCI Dhaka and Ramprasad Meena Technologies Pvt Ltd and Quick Ghy Pvt Ltd (Joint Venture) on 14th February 2024 in Guwahati to Digitise Travel



Photo: On a visit to the IBCCI Assam Chapter Office on 14th February 2024. President of the IBCCI Assam Chapter Mr. Aminur Rashid Choudhury Shamim and Jt. Secretary Mr. Gaurav Medhi are also seen in the picture

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