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### From the President's Desk:

I am pleased to note that IBCCI is publishing the 2nd edition of its e-newsletter following the successful release of the inaugural issue in February 2026, which received wide appreciation for its informative content.

With the continued improvement in the business environment and strong bilateral relations, trade between the two brotherly countries India and Bangladesh is progressing smoothly and expanding steadily. Our recent courtesy call on the Honorable High Commissioner of India to Bangladesh was both encouraging and insightful. IBCCI is now planning to organize bilateral engagements with leading industry stakeholders, along with seminars and workshops to further facilitate trade and investment.

India and Bangladesh share a time-tested relationship built on history, culture, and mutual trust, which has evolved into growing economic cooperation and increasing business collaboration. As a bilateral chamber, IBCCI remains committed to strengthening these ties by acting as a bridge between businesses, investors, and policymakers.

This e-newsletter aims to serve as a reliable platform for sharing key updates on trade, commerce, and investment, along with insights, policy developments, and highlights of IBCCI's activities and upcoming initiatives.

I extend my sincere thanks to our members and partners for their continued support and invite all stakeholders to actively engage with IBCCI as we work together to unlock new opportunities for mutual growth and prosperity.

## Courtesy Call on the Honorable High Commissioner of India to Bangladesh by IBCCI Delegation

Dhaka, 16 April 2026: A delegation of the India-Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce and Industry (IBCCI), comprising 17 members and led by its President, Mr. Md. Moshir Rahman, paid a courtesy call on H.E. Mr. Pranay Kumar Verma, Honorable High Commissioner of India to Bangladesh, on Thursday, 16 April 2026 at 11:30 AM. The meeting was held at the Conference Room of the High Commission of India (HCI) in Dhaka.



***Photo: The delegation greeted H.E. Mr. Pranay Kumar Verma, Honorable High Commissioner of India to Bangladesh with a bouquet.***

The delegation included senior office bearers and directors of IBCCI, representing diverse sectors of trade and industry. At the outset, the delegation presented a flower bouquet and a commemorative crest to the Honorable High Commissioner as a mark of respect and goodwill.

In his welcome remarks, H.E. Mr. Pranay Kumar Verma highlighted the strong and steadily growing bilateral trade relations between Bangladesh and India. He noted with satisfaction that business activities between the two countries are progressing smoothly. Emphasizing the need for deeper engagement,

he encouraged the organization of seminars, workshops, and bilateral meetings between leading industries of both nations. He also underscored the importance of expanding Bangladesh's export basket and suggested increasing export volume from USD 2 billion to USD 4 billion.



***Photo: IBCCI delegation presents a commemorative crest to H.E. Mr. Pranay Kumar Verma during the courtesy call.***

The IBCCI delegation expressed their appreciation for the continued cooperation and support extended by the High Commission. They shared their positive experiences regarding the current business environment, noting that trade is being conducted without significant hindrance. The delegation also highlighted the importance of further infrastructure development to ensure more efficient and seamless export-import operations between the two countries.



The meeting concluded on a cordial and celebratory note with the cutting of a “Shuvo Bangla Noboborsho” cake, followed by a group photo session.

## **DELEGATION MEMBERS ATTENDED THE CALL ON:**

1. MR. MD. MOSHIUR RAHMAN, PRESIDENT
2. MRS. MEHERUN NESSA ISLAM; VICE-PRESIDENT
3. MR. AMIT KUMAR TIWARI; VICE-PRESIDENT
4. MR. AL-HAJ MOHAMMAD ALI; HON. JOINT SECY. GENERAL
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9. MR. A K M SAIFUR RAHMAN; DIRECTOR
10. MR. MD. DELOWER HOSSAIN; DIRECTOR
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13. MR. DEEPOK KUMAR BARAL; DIRECTOR
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15. MR. S M ABUL KALAM AZAD; SECRETARY GENERAL
16. MR. SANJIB KUMAR BALA; ADMIN OFFICER
17. MR. MD. MUSTAFIZUR RAHMAN; JUNIOR OFFICER

### ***Photo Gallery***



## Newly appointed IBCCI directors call on Pranay Verma



### ***Newly appointed directors of India-Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce and Industry (IBCCI) called on Indian High Commissioner Pranay Verma on 16 April 2026***

Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Pranay Verma welcomed a delegation of newly appointed directors of the India-Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce and Industry (IBCCI) over an interactive session on 16 April 2026.

IBCCI is an assemblage consisting of more than 500 companies, which promotes bilateral trade, investment and business collaboration between India and Bangladesh.

Pranay Verma admired the role played by IBCCI in strengthening economic partnership between India and Bangladesh. He emphasized the need to leverage the geographical proximity between the two countries into tangible economic opportunities, and urged IBCCI leaders to develop a future-oriented economic engagement transforming trade linkages into broader economic partnerships, investments and value chain integration.

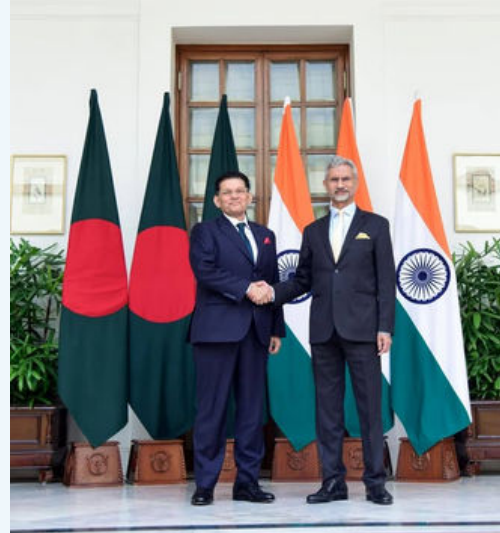
The Indian High Commissioner focused on the fact that as the two largest economies of the region and close neighbours with focus on building connectivity, India and Bangladesh are uniquely positioned to lead the regional economic integration, and build resilient and future-ready supply chains.

Moreover, Pranay Verma exchanged views with the IBCCI delegation about recent developments in bilateral economic engagement, including the newly instituted mechanisms for trade settlement in Indian Rupees, as well as ongoing infrastructure upgrades at key Land Customs Stations to facilitate more efficient cross-border trade.

The meeting reaffirmed the shared commitment to unlock new avenues of cooperation and elevate the India-Bangladesh economic partnership to new heights.

## India to Ease Visa Process for Bangladeshi Nationals

During a series of high-level meetings in New Delhi, Foreign Minister Dr. Khalilur Rahman held discussions with Indian External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar, where an important development regarding visa facilitation was highlighted.



Minister Jaishankar announced that India will ease visa procedures for Bangladeshi nationals in the coming weeks, with particular emphasis on medical and business visas. This initiative is expected to significantly enhance cross-border mobility, supporting patients seeking treatment in India as well as business professionals engaged in bilateral trade.

The move reflects the continued commitment of both countries to strengthen people-to-people connectivity and facilitate smoother economic and commercial interactions between Bangladesh and India.

*Courtesy: Bangladesh Assistant High Commission in Guwahati, Dated: April 8, 2026*

## Ganga water sharing, visas, energy cooperation likely on agenda for Bangladesh FM visit

Visit likely on April 7 and 8; first FM visit since fall of Hasina regime; newly elected BNP indicates more willingness to negotiate Ganga water sharing treaty renewal, compared to the interim government



***Photo: Bangladesh Foreign Minister Khalilur Rahman sharing his vision***

Sharing of river water, energy cooperation, the normalisation of visa services, and the war in West Asia are all expected to feature in bilateral talks with Bangladesh Foreign Minister Khalilur Rahman, who is expected to visit India this week, according to diplomatic sources.

This will be the first visit by a Bangladeshi Foreign Minister since the fall of Sheikh Hasina's Government in Dhaka on August 5, 2024, pushed bilateral relations downhill. In preparation for the visit, The Bangladeshi Foreign Ministry held internal meetings on Sunday (April 5, 2026) in preparation for the visit, which is likely to take place between April 7 and 8, sources in Dhaka said.

***Courtesy: The Hindu, Dated: April 06, 2026***

## IBCCI attended the Pre-Budget Discussion meeting of NBR

IBCCI attended the Pre-Budget Discussion meeting on the invitation of NBR at the NBR conference room on 5th April, 2026. The delegation was led by the President of IBCCI, Mr. Md. Moshir Rahman, who was accompanied by IBCCI member Mr. Motiar Rahman and the Secretary General of IBCCI.

On behalf of IBCCI, a number of proposals were placed before the NBR, and Mr. Motiar Rahman took part in the detailed discussion. The extract of the proposals are furnished below:

01. Under H.S. Code 7305.90.90, the term “Water Pipeline” should be included alongside “Oil & Gas,” as these welded pipes are widely imported for emergency water supply purposes, especially by WASA.

02. Since the Customs Valuation Rules S.R.O. 2000/57 were enacted 26 years ago, amendment of this S.R.O. is essential. For proper valuation:

- Goods must match in brand/manufacture
- Quantity differences must be considered (e.g., 10 vs 100 tons)
- Price verification should be within a 3-month period
- Country of Origin and transport costs (road vs sea) must be considered

03. Ensure effective implementation of TRS and release goods (except tested items) within 3 working days after Bill of Entry submission.



***Photo: IBCCI delegates headed by president Mr. Md. Moshir Rahman at the Pre-Budget Discussion meeting with NBR at the NBR conference room on 5th April, 2026***



*Photo: The Pre-Budget Discussion meeting with NBR is in progress*

04. Introduce a refund system at Benapole Port, similar to other ports, and ensure disposal within 30 days.

05. Limit penalties under Section 94 to a maximum of BDT 2,000 and IGM Amendment to BDT 5,000. All related procedures should be completed within 2 days to reduce unnecessary costs.

06. Amend S.R.O. 62 to facilitate plant machinery imports, which enhance production and VAT revenue. Ensure verification by the relevant VAT Circle regarding proper installation. Consumable items should remain excluded. Industrial-use air conditioners (above 5 tons / 90,000 BTU) should be eligible for S.R.O. benefits.

Besides this, IBCCI placed some other budget proposals relating to customs duty received from the Padma Group of Converters and Wikitex-BD.

## India seeks forward-looking ties with Bangladesh's new govt: High commissioner

After meeting foreign minister and state minister, Pranay Verma signals push for stronger trade, investment and people-to-people links

Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh, Pranay Verma, has said India looks forward to engaging with Bangladesh's new government and strengthening cooperation across all domains.

“We want to work together in a positive, constructive and forward-looking manner based on our mutual benefit and mutual interest,” Verma told journalists after a courtesy call on Foreign Minister Dr Khalilur Rahman and State Minister for Foreign Affairs Shama Obaed at the foreign ministry today.



**Photo: Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh, H.E. Mr. Pranay Kumar Verma, giving a speech.**

Verma emphasised people-to-people exchanges as a vital part of bilateral relations, noting that this was central to his first meeting with the new foreign minister.

He referred to Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi's letter to Prime Minister Tarique Rahman, Modi's phone call, and the attendance of Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla at the oath-taking ceremony of the new cabinet.

“In all these communications, we expressed our desire to build on our historic ties with Bangladesh and strengthen our multifaceted bilateral relations. We also conveyed our commitment to support democratic, progressive, and inclusive Bangladesh,” Verma said.

He added that India, as one of the largest foreign investors in Bangladesh, hopes to further expand trade and investment. He also reaffirmed India's support for Bangladesh's efforts in hosting over 1.2 million Rohingya refugees.

Asked about resuming tourist visas for Bangladeshis, Verma said this falls under the broader goal of enhancing people-to-people cooperation.

**Courtesy: The Daily Star, Dated: February 22, 2026**

## Dhaka resumes visa services in India

Bangladesh has resumed visa services across all its missions in India on a limited scale, signalling a positive step towards restoring normal diplomatic relations between the two countries. Officials in New Delhi confirmed that visas of all categories began being issued from Friday, with plans to expand operations in the coming week. The development follows the oath-taking of the new government on February 17 after the February 12 national polls.



Relations between Dhaka and New Delhi had deteriorated following the August 5, 2024 mass uprising that led to the ouster of the Awami League government, after which former prime minister Sheikh Hasina took shelter in India. In the months that followed, India restricted travel visas for Bangladeshis and limited certain trade activities, while Bangladesh also imposed some trade measures. Amid protests in several Indian cities, Dhaka largely suspended visa services in late December.

Recent diplomatic engagements suggest easing tensions. Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated Bangladesh's new Prime Minister Tarique Rahman, and both sides have indicated interest in restoring normal visa operations. While Indian authorities have not yet formally announced the full resumption of tourist visas, officials say the process is gradually returning to normal. The move is expected to benefit thousands of travellers, particularly those seeking medical treatment, business opportunities, and tourism in India.

*Courtesy: The Daily Star, Dated: February 22, 2026*

## *Recent Events in India*

Recent Concluded	
1	Bharat Electricity Summit (BES) 2026 from 19-22 March 2026 at Yashobhoomi, Dwarka, New Delhi, India
2	11th Edition of the India Electronics Expo (INDELXPO), March 23-25, 2026, in New Delhi, India

Ongoing Program
ICC World Technology Convention 2026 on 8th and 9th May 2026 at the Jio Convention Centre, Mumbai, India

Upcoming Programs
Seafood Expo Bharat (SEB) 2026 from 01-03 July 2026 at the Chennai Trade Centre, India

*Recent Events in India*

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**Ongoing Program**



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