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From the President's Desk:

I am delighted to present the 56th edition of the IBCCI Newsletter, highlighting recent developments, activities, and opportunities in India-Bangladesh trade and economic cooperation.

The longstanding friendship between India and Bangladesh continues to provide a strong foundation for expanding trade, investment, and business collaboration. IBCCI remains committed to promoting dialogue, facilitating business opportunities, and strengthening economic engagement between the two countries.

As President, I had the privilege of leading my first IBCCI delegation to the 'Destination Tripura: Business Conclave 2026' at the Indoor Exhibition Hall, International Fair Ground, Hapania, Agartala, Tripura. The event opened valuable avenues for trade, investment, and regional cooperation. Additionally, our delegates benefited immensely from a highly productive, interactive meeting with the Honorable High Commissioner of Bangladesh to New Delhi, India at Hotel Polo Towers.

IBCCI also organized a Dua Mahfil at the Nitol-Niloy Centre in memory of the eminent business personality, Late Mrs. Selima Ahmad, the beloved wife of IBCCI Founding President Mr. Abdul Matlub Ahmad.

We arranged a dinner for the Board of Directors to strengthen fellowship and exchange views.

I sincerely appreciate our members, directors, and well-wishers for their continued support. Together, we look forward to further strengthening India-Bangladesh economic relations and creating greater opportunities for mutual growth and prosperity.

Md. Moshir Rahman
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Dinner Arranged by IBCCI

The India-Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce & Industry (IBCCI) arranged a dinner for the Members of its Board of Directors on 13 July 2026 at Darbar Restaurant, Gulshan Club, Dhaka. The dinner was graciously hosted by the President and two Vice Presidents of IBCCI.

Most of the distinguished Directors attended the evening and engaged in cordial interactions and discussions on business, trade, and matters of mutual interest. The gathering provided a valuable opportunity for the Board Members to exchange views, strengthen professional relationships, and enjoy an evening of fellowship and camaraderie.



Glimpses of the Dinner

Destination Tripura: Business Conclave 2026, held on 9–10 July 2026 at the Indoor Exhibition Hall, International Fair Ground, Hapania, Agartala, Tripura.

A high-level delegation from the India-Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce and Industry (IBCCI), led by its President, Mr. Md. Moshir Rahman, participated in the Destination Tripura: Business Conclave 2026, organized by the Government of Tripura on 9–10 July 2026 in Agartala. The visit aimed to strengthen bilateral trade, investment, industrial cooperation and economic connectivity between Bangladesh and Tripura.

The nine-member IBCCI delegation included President Mr. Md. Moshir Rahman, Secretary General S M Abul Kalam Azad, Director Mr. A. T. M. Altaf Hossain, and other prominent business representatives. Upon arrival on 8 July, the delegation received a warm welcome from senior officials of the Government of Tripura and representatives of the IBCCI Tripura Chapter.



Photo: A group photo of IBCCI delegates with the Industry and Commerce Secretary, Govt of Tripura and other Govt. Officials at the Agartala Immigration, Tripura on 8th July 2026



Photo: IBCCI President Mr. Md. Moshir Rahman presents a commemorative crest to H.E. Mr. M. Riaz Hamidullah, High Commissioner of the People's Republic of Bangladesh to New Delhi, India, as a gesture of respect and appreciation at Hotel Polo Towers in Agartala, Tripura, on 9 July 2026.

On 9 July, the delegation attended a special meeting hosted by the Bangladesh Assistant High Commission, Agartala, at Hotel Polo Towers, with H.E. Mr. M. Riaz Hamidullah, High Commissioner of Bangladesh to India; Mr. Hasan Al Bashir Abul Ulayee, Assistant High Commissioner of Bangladesh in Agartala; and senior Mission officials. Discussions focused on expanding bilateral trade and investment, improving cross-border connectivity and creating new avenues for business cooperation between Bangladesh and Tripura.



Photo: IBCCI President Mr. Md. Moshir Rahman greets H.E. Dr. (Prof) Manik Saha, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tripura with a crest at the Destination Tripura: Business Conclave 2026, Agartala on 9th July 2026

H.E. Mr. Riaz Hamidullah announced 1-year multiple-entry business visas for eligible Tripura business persons, alongside tourist visas for their family members—a positive move that will further strengthen trade, business, and people-to-people connectivity.

Mr. Md. Moshir Rahman, President of the India-Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce and Industry (IBCCI), met with Mr. Ratan Saha, President of the IBCCI Tripura Chapter, in Agartala. Their cordial interaction reflected the strong relationship between the Bangladesh and Tripura chapters of IBCCI and reaffirmed their shared commitment to promoting bilateral trade, investment and business cooperation.

The conclave, inaugurated by Dr. (Prof.) Manik Saha, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tripura, brought together nearly 500 delegates, including policymakers, investors, entrepreneurs and business leaders from India and several other countries.

The two-day programme featured sectoral presentations, policy discussions, B2B and B2G meetings, networking sessions and the exchange of MoUs across sectors including IT, healthcare, tourism, education, infrastructure, logistics and manufacturing.



Photo: A cross Section of the participants of the Destination Tripura: Business Conclave 2026, Agartala, Tripura India on 9th July 2026



Photo: A cross-section of the meeting between IBCCI delegates and H.E. Mr. M. Riaz Hamidullah, High Commissioner of the People's Republic of Bangladesh to New Delhi at Hotel Polo Towers in Agartala, Tripura, on 9 July 2026

Overall, the participation of the IBCCI delegation in Destination Tripura: Business Conclave 2026 marked another important step towards strengthening economic connectivity between Bangladesh and Tripura. IBCCI remains committed to facilitating meaningful business partnerships, promoting bilateral trade and investment, and contributing to a stronger and mutually beneficial economic relationship between Bangladesh and India, with particular emphasis on Tripura and the Northeastern region.

Glimpses of the Visit



Photo: IBCCI President Mr. Md. Moshir Rahman was received on his arrival at the Agartala Immigration by the Secretary, Ministry of Industries and Commerce, Government of Tripura, with an Uttorio, souvenir, and an ornamental plant on 8 July 2026.



Photo: A Cross-Section of IBCCI Delegates are on a visit at the Historical Ujjayanta Palace, Agartala, Tripura on 8th July 2026



Photo: A Cross-Section of IBCCI Delegates at the opening ceremony of the Destination Tripura:Business Conclave 2026, Agartala, Tripura India on 9th July 2026



Photo: A Cross-Section of the participants of the event

Recent Events in India

Recent Concluded	
1	Destination Tripura: Business Conclave 2026, held on 9–10 July 2026 at Pragna Bhawan, Agartala, Tripura, India
2	ICC World Technology Convention 2026 on 8th and 9th May 2026 at the Jio Convention Centre, Mumbai, India
3	ICC Global Business Summit 2025/ 18th to 20th September 2025/ Mumbai, India
4	4th North East Export Promotional Meet 2025/16th September 2025/ Guwahati, Assam, India
5	The Manipur Global Buyers and Sellers Summit 2025 / 10–11 October 2025 / Imphal, India
6	10th Global Economic Summit, WTCA Asia-Pacific Conference & 6th World Trade Expo, 2025 scheduled for 21–22 November, 2025 at World Trade Center Mumbai, India.

IBCCI Holds Dua Mahfil in Memory of Eminent Business Personality, Late Mrs. Selima Ahmad

Dhaka, 27 June 2026: The India-Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce and Industry (IBCCI) organized a Dua Mahfil in memory of late Mrs. Selima Ahmad, an eminent business personality and beloved wife of IBCCI Founding President Mr. Abdul Matlub Ahmad, at the Nitol-Niloy Centre, Mohakhali, Dhaka.



Photo: Dua Mahfil in memory of the late Mrs. Selima Ahmad

The program was attended by IBCCI leaders, members of the Board of Directors, General Body Members, and distinguished guests. Speakers paid heartfelt tributes to Mrs. Selima Ahmad, recalling her remarkable contributions to business, women's entrepreneurship, and the country's economic development.

Special prayers were offered for the eternal peace and salvation of her departed soul. The program concluded with expressions of profound respect for her inspiring life, leadership, and enduring legacy.



Photo: Dua Mahfil in memory of the late Mrs. Selima Ahmad

The 105th Board Meeting of IBCCI

The 105th Meeting of the Board of Directors of the India-Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce and Industry (IBCCI) was held on Monday, 29 June 2026, at the IBCCI Secretariat in Mohakhali, Dhaka, through hybrid mode. The meeting was presided over by IBCCI President Mr. Md. Moshir Rahman and attended by the Vice Presidents, Honorary Treasurer, Directors, and the Secretary General.



Photo: The 105th Board Meeting of IBCCI is in progress

The Board confirmed the minutes of the 104th Board Meeting with a minor amendment and discussed a number of important organizational and trade-related matters. Expressing concern over the comparatively low number of new members enrolled during the current fiscal year, the Board emphasized the need to strengthen the Chamber's membership base. It was unanimously decided that all Directors would take proactive initiatives to encourage new memberships.

The Board also held extensive discussions on key trade and investment issues. It was decided to take necessary initiatives to arrange a courtesy meeting with the Executive Chairman of the Bangladesh Investment Development Authority (BIDA) to discuss matters affecting trade and investment and explore opportunities for greater cooperation. The Board further decided to convene a meeting following the finalization of the Annual Budget to identify priority trade issues and formulate appropriate recommendations. Fresh initiatives would also be taken to arrange courtesy calls on the Hon'ble Commerce Minister and the Commerce Secretary to discuss matters of mutual interest and strengthen collaboration between IBCCI and the Ministry of Commerce.

IBCCI Delegation Participates in Bangladesh Trade and Investment Conference 2026

The President of the India-Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce and Industry (IBCCI), Mr. Md. Moshir Rahman, participated in the Bangladesh Trade and Investment Conference 2026, held at the Pan Pacific Sonargaon Hotel, Dhaka, on 13 June 2026. He was accompanied by a distinguished six-member IBCCI delegation comprising Former President Mr. Mohammad Ali, Former Vice President Mr. M. Shohab Chowdhury, Former Honorary Joint Secretary General Mr. Md. Abdul Wahed, and Director Mr. A K M Saifur Rahman. Md. Abdul Aziz, and Secretary General S M Abul Kalam Azad.



Photo: Photo session of the dignitaries of the Bangladesh Trade and Investment Conference 2026



Photo: The Honorable Foreign Minister of Bangladesh H.E. Dr. Khalilur Rahman is speaking at the Inaugural Session

The conference brought together policymakers, business leaders, development partners, investors, diplomats, and other key stakeholders to discuss Bangladesh's evolving trade and investment landscape ahead of its graduation from Least Developed Country (LDC) status. The event provided an excellent platform for meaningful engagement and networking, enabling participants to exchange views on trade, investment, finance, economic resilience, and regional cooperation.



Photo: Panelists of the Plenary Session 2



Photo: The IBCCI President is seen with the Honorable Finance Minister at the conference



Photo: The IBCCI President with the Executive Chairman of BIDA at the Conference

During the conference, the IBCCI delegation had the opportunity to interact with leading national and international stakeholders and explore avenues for strengthening economic partnerships and promoting greater bilateral and regional trade. Discussions highlighted Bangladesh's commitment to economic reforms, investment facilitation, trade diversification, and enhanced economic diplomacy. Particular emphasis was placed on attracting foreign direct investment (FDI), fostering public-private collaboration, and building a resilient and competitive economy capable of sustaining long-term growth.

The conference successfully reinforced confidence in Bangladesh's economic potential and investment attractiveness, while underscoring the country's strategic position as an emerging regional hub for trade, industry, and investment. IBCCI remains committed to supporting initiatives that strengthen economic cooperation and facilitate greater business engagement between Bangladesh, India, and the wider region

Glimpses of the Conference



IBCCI promoting regional trade network within SAARC-Md. Moshir Rahman

Recently Daily Capital Views (DCV) took an interview of Md. Moshir Rahman, President of the India-Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce and Industry (IBCCI). Md. Moshir Rahman while talking to a group of journalists in the city recently said that that IBCCI sees significant potential in expanding trade among SAARC member countries Bangladesh, India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Bhutan, Maldives, and Afghanistan-by promoting deeper regional economic integration.

Md. Moshir Rahman, involved in trade and shipping over the years, said “Through IBCCI, we are working to strengthen bilateral trade, investment, and overall relations between the two countries and I am closely engaged in promoting business and economic cooperation between Bangladesh and India.”

IBCCI also supports initiatives that improve regional connectivity, simplify trade procedures, and reduce both tariff and non-tariff barriers. Overall, IBCCI aims to contribute to a more connected, efficient, and mutually beneficial regional trade network within SAARC, said IBCCI president

The rest part of the interview is given below:

DCV: The war in the Middle East has shaken up the global economy. Bangladesh's economy has been at high risk as the country depends on imported energy. The Bangladesh government is giving a 170-crore subsidy in the energy bill every day. How do you see the overall situation?

Moshir Rahman: The Middle East conflict has created uncertainty in the global economy, especially in energy supply and prices. Bangladesh, being highly dependent on imported energy, is naturally under pressure. The government's daily subsidy of around Tk. 170 crore shows its strong commitment to keep energy prices stable for people and industries. Overall, the situation is challenging, but with careful management, energy diversification, and increased local production, Bangladesh can reduce this risk in the future.

DCV: The new BNP government is running the country under the leadership of Honourable Prime Minister Tarique Rahman. How do you see the governance under the new leadership?

Moshir Rahman: In any new political leadership, the early stage is always very important for setting direction and stability. From a general view, if a government focuses on good governance, rule of law, and economic stability, it creates confidence among people and investors. Bangladesh needs continuity in development work, energy security, and investment-friendly policies. Overall, the effectiveness of governance will depend on how quickly strong institutions, transparency, and economic reforms are strengthened for long-term stability and growth. I think our Honourable Prime Minister is giving his best effort for the overall development of the country.

DCV: Bangladesh has become a middle-income country this year. How do you see the economic development of Bangladesh in the last 54 years?

Moshir Rahman: Over the last 54 years, Bangladesh has made remarkable economic progress. From a war-torn economy at independence, the country has grown into a strong, developing economy with major achievements in garments, remittances, agriculture, and human development. Infrastructure has improved significantly, poverty has reduced, and social indicators like education and health have also advanced. Becoming a middle-income country reflects this long journey of consistent growth.



Md. Moshir Rahman

President, IBCCI

DCV: What plans does IBCCI have to expand trade among SAARC member countries?

Moshir Rahman: IBCCI sees significant potential in expanding trade among SAARC member countries Bangladesh, India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Bhutan, Maldives, and Afghanistan-by promoting deeper regional economic integration. Our approach includes strengthening business-to-business connections across these countries, encouraging regular trade dialogue, and identifying sector-specific opportunities such as textiles, agriculture, pharmaceuticals, and

services. IBCCI also supports initiatives that improve regional connectivity, simplify trade procedures, and reduce both tariff and non-tariff barriers.

In addition, we engage with chambers, trade bodies, and relevant stakeholders across SAARC to promote collaboration and share best practices. Overall, IBCCI aims to contribute to a more connected, efficient, and mutually beneficial regional trade network within SAARC.

DCV: What is the present trade volume between Bangladesh and India? What is our target to reach bilateral trade within the next five years?

Moshir Rahman: At present, Bangladesh-India bilateral trade stands at roughly USD 11-13 billion annually, where India exports more to Bangladesh compared to Bangladesh's exports to India. India's exports to Bangladesh are around USD 11-12 billion, while Bangladesh's exports to India are about USD 1.7-2 billion. The trade covers key sectors like textiles, machinery, raw materials, energy, and consumer goods. Looking ahead, the common expectation is to expand bilateral trade to around USD 20 billion within the next five years. This will depend on reducing trade barriers, improving port and land connectivity, and encouraging more Bangladeshi exports to India.

DCV: Tariff and non-tariff barriers stand in the way of promoting trade between the two South Asian countries. What are the major barriers to promoting trade between the two South Asian countries?

Moshir Rahman: Although tariff barriers have reduced over time, non-tariff barriers still create challenges. These include customs delays, complex documentation, infrastructure limitations at border points, and differences in product standards. Addressing these issues through digital systems, better coordination, and policy harmonization will help facilitate smoother trade between the two countries.

DCV: The present government is working on improving the business environment in Bangladesh. What are your observations about the business environment?

Moshiur Rahman: Bangladesh has made good progress in improving its business environment through infrastructure development, special economic zones, and policy reforms. However, challenges remain in terms of bureaucratic delays, regulatory complexities, and ease of doing business. Continued reforms and simplification of processes will encourage more investment.

DCV: How do you see the prospect of a Blue Economy in Bangladesh?

Moshiur Rahman: The Blue Economy has strong prospects for Bangladesh due to its vast maritime area. Key sectors such as fisheries, marine resources, shipping, coastal tourism, and marine mineral resources hold great growth potential. In Bangladesh, marine fishing in the Bay of Bengal, along with shrimp and fish farming, already plays an important role in export earnings and employment. There is also potential in exploring offshore minerals such as gas and other seabed resources. With proper planning, investment, and sustainable use of resources, the Blue Economy can become a significant driver of future national development.

DCV: What is the number of Indian citizens living in Bangladesh, and how do you evaluate their contribution to both economies?

Moshiur Rahman: The exact number of Indian citizens living in Bangladesh is not fixed, but it is generally a small expatriate community, mainly professionals, business people, and employees working in multinational companies, development projects, and some private sectors. Their contribution is positive in terms of technology transfer, business collaboration, investment, and knowledge sharing.

DCV: Bangladesh and India will celebrate 54 years of diplomatic relations this year. How do you see the relations between the two neighboring countries in the coming days?

Moshiur Rahman: Bangladesh and India share a long history of friendship and cooperation over the last 54 years. The relationship is based on geography, culture, trade, and people-to-people connections. In the coming days, the relations are expected to grow further, especially in areas like trade, energy cooperation, connectivity, and regional security. There are still some challenges, but both countries have a strong interest in maintaining stable and constructive ties.

DCV: India offers scholarships to students of developing countries. Can IBCCI members determine whether the Indian government gives scholarships to Bangladeshi students in its educational institutions?

Moshiur Rahman: IBCCI mainly works on promoting bilateral trade and business cooperation between India and Bangladesh, along with facilitating issues related to business visas and other trade-related matters. On matters like education and scholarships, individuals follow their respective official channels. However, if any support or facilitation is required from our side within our business cooperation scope, we will always be happy to assist positively and constructively.

DCV: The Indian government, time and again, has reiterated in easing tourist, business, and medical visas to Bangladeshis. In the past, the High Commission of India used to issue 5-year, 4 years, 3-year, 2-year, and 1-year multiple business visas. What is the latest status of business visas being issued by HCI? How do IBCCI members pursue the High Commission of India's role in easing visas?

Moshiur Rahman: At present, India is gradually resuming and normalizing its visa services for Bangladeshi applicants, including business visas through the High Commission of India. Recent updates indicate that business visa processing is continuing in a more structured and phased manner, with emphasis on documentation and verification. For IBCCI members, engagement with the High Commission of India is mainly through formal business channels, visa application procedures, and trade-related documentation support. The focus remains on facilitating legitimate business travel and strengthening trade connectivity between the two countries.

DCV: Bangladesh and India have reiterated in improving the multilateral relations between the two neighboring countries. How does IBCCI work with civil societies and governments of both countries in promoting relations to a new height?

Moshiur Rahman: IBCCI works as a bridge between the business communities of Bangladesh and India to strengthen bilateral relations. We regularly engage with chambers of commerce, trade bodies, and relevant stakeholders from both countries to promote dialogue and cooperation. Through these interactions, IBCCI helps highlight trade opportunities, resolve business-related concerns, and encourage smoother connectivity between the two sides. We also maintain constructive engagement with government and civil society platforms to support mutual understanding and a stronger economic partnership.

DCV: What role is IBCCI playing in the Bangladesh–India trade?

Answer: IBCCI plays an important role in strengthening Bangladesh–India trade by acting as a platform for business cooperation between the two countries. It facilitates trade dialogue, supports business networking, and helps address trade-related issues, including documentation and visa matters. IBCCI also works to identify new trade opportunities and promote smoother connectivity between business communities. Overall, IBCCI contributes to making bilateral trade more active, structured, and mutually beneficial.

Note: Thank you for having me. I am Md. Moshiur Rahman, (IBCCI). I have been elected the President of IBCCI for the term 2025-2027. I have been involved in trade and shipping for many years, and I am closely engaged in promoting business and economic cooperation between Bangladesh and India. Through IBCCI, we are working to strengthen bilateral trade, investment, and overall relations between the two countries

Courtesy: Daily Capital Views, Dated: 02, July 2026

India's new High Commissioner Dinesh Trivedi reaches Bangladesh by road

Newly appointed Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Dinesh Trivedi arrived in Dhaka by road today.

“He entered Bangladesh through the Petrapole-Benapole border,” a diplomatic source in Dhaka told The Daily Star.



Photo: High Commission of India, Dhaka

Trivedi succeeds Pranay Kumar Verma, who served as Indian high commissioner to Bangladesh for four years until May this year.

Trivedi's appointment is an unusual one for India's diplomatic service. He is a former railways minister of India and a former Trinamool Congress leader who later joined the BJP. He is fluent in Bangla and has extensive knowledge of West Bengal.

Trivedi takes charge at the Indian High Commission in Dhaka at a time when Bangladesh and India are working to improve relations strained in the aftermath of the July Uprising.

Courtesy: The Daily Star, Dated: 19 June 2026

India's next envoy receives Letters of Credence from Indian president

Indian High Commissioner-designate to Bangladesh Dinesh Trivedi on Friday received the Letters of Credence for his appointment as the High Commissioner of India to the People's Republic of Bangladesh from President of India Droupadi Murmu.



Indian High Commissioner-designate to Bangladesh Dinesh Trivedi on Friday received the Letters of Credence for his appointment

He will be taking up his assignment in Dhaka shortly.

Trivedi was a Union Minister for Railways and Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare during the UPA regime, as a member of the Trinamool Congress.

He resigned from the TMC on 12 February 2021 and joined the BJP on 6 March 2021.

Courtesy: Dhaka Tribune, Dated: 5 June 2026

UN General Assembly elects Bangladesh's Rahman as next president

Bangladesh's Foreign Minister, Khalilur Rahman, has been elected President of the 81st session of the United Nations General Assembly after defeating Cyprus' candidate, Andreas Kakouris, in a closely contested secret ballot.



Photo: Khalilur Rahman, newly-elected President of the eighty-first session of the General Assembly addresses the 85th plenary meeting of General Assembly.

Rahman secured 99 votes, while Kakouris received 91 votes out of 190 ballots cast. His one-year term will begin on 8 September 2026 under the Asia-Pacific regional rotation system. His presidency comes at a critical time for the United Nations, as it coincides with the process of selecting the successor to António Guterres, whose term ends on 31 December 2026. A veteran diplomat with more than four decades of experience, Rahman joined Bangladesh's foreign service in 1979 and has served in senior diplomatic and UN positions. Before becoming Foreign Minister in February 2026, he served as Bangladesh's National Security Adviser and High Representative on the Rohingya issue.



Photo: Secretary-General António Guterres (left) and General Assembly President Annalena Baerbock (right), with Khalilur Rahman, President-elect of the eighty-first Session of the General Assembly.

In his acceptance speech, Rahman emphasized that the UN faces growing challenges, including declining trust in international institutions, global conflicts, climate change, inequality, and slow progress toward development goals. He pledged to work toward rebuilding confidence in the multilateral system.

His presidency will focus on six key priorities:

Peace and security, Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Climate action and environmental, protection, Human rights, Governance of emerging technologies, including Artificial Intelligence (AI), UN reform.

Under the theme “Restoring Trust, Managing Transformation: A United Nations that Delivers for All,” Rahman promised to act as a bridge-builder among member states, promote consensus, and strengthen international cooperation.



Photo: Secretary-General António Guterres (left) and General Assembly President Annalena Baerbock (right), with Khalilur Rahman, President-elect of the eighty-first Session of the General Assembly

The election comes amid what the current General Assembly President Annalena Baerbock described as an exceptionally difficult period for multilateral diplomacy. Addressing Member States after the vote, Ms. Baerbock said the UN was facing “not only headwinds, but immense pressure,” with consensus increasingly difficult to achieve and defence of the UN Charter becoming “a daily necessity. “The role of the president of the General Assembly is no longer simply procedural,” she said.

The 81st session of the General Assembly will officially open on 8 September 2026, followed by the annual high-level debate attended by world leaders later that month at UN Headquarters in New York City.

Rahman’s election marks a major diplomatic achievement for Bangladesh and provides the country with an influential leadership role at the UN during a period of significant global transformation and reform.

Courtesy: UN News, Dated: 2 June 2026

Businesses urge removal of tariff, non-tariff barriers to boost export

Bangladeshi businesses have urged the government to take steps to boost exports to India through land ports and remove existing trade barriers. Their recommendations were submitted to the Ministry of Commerce ahead of the 16th meeting of the India-Bangladesh Joint Working Group on Trade, scheduled to be held in Delhi in June. Bangladesh has already proposed two possible dates for the meeting, and India is expected to select one.



Business leaders, particularly from the garment and jute sectors, have also urged Bangladesh to address India's anti-dumping duties on jute products and its proposed countervailing duties. They warn that these measures increase costs and hurt exports. Trade experts say Bangladesh should strongly push for the removal of these restrictions to reduce its large trade deficit with India. India, meanwhile, may raise issues related to yarn exports and bilateral agreements signed under the previous government.

Courtesy: The Financial Express, Dated: 14 May 2026

IBCCI President Attends the SAFE HVAC-R and Cold Chain Expo 2026

A three-day international exhibition titled “SAFE HVAC-R and Cold Chain 2026” began on 14 May, 2026, Thursday at the International Convention City Bashundhara (ICCB) in Dhaka. Savor International Limited has organised the event and features the latest technologies, products, and innovations in the HVAC-R and cold chain sectors.



Photo: The Chief Guest, along with the special guests, inaugurated the event by cutting the ribbon.

The inauguration ceremony was attended by Rashed Al Mahmud Titumir, adviser to the prime minister on finance and planning, as the chief guest. In his speech, he stated that the government plans to simplify tax policies and investment regulations to create a more business-friendly environment for both local and foreign investors.



Photo: The Advisor to the Honorable Prime Minister H.E. Mr. Rashed Al Mahmud Titumir is giving his opening remarks as Chief Guest of the event

He also mentioned that by eliminating market irregularities and ensuring transparency, Bangladesh has the potential to emerge as one of the world’s leading investment destinations in the future. Referring to investment trends in Vietnam and Indonesia, he expressed optimism that Bangladesh could soon become a major regional investment hub. He further invited international investors, especially from Türkiye, to expand their investment activities in Bangladesh.



Photo: Photo session of dignitaries of the SAFE HVAC-R and Cold Chain Expo 2026

The organisers said the exhibition aims to create opportunities for networking, collaboration, and exchange of experience among local and foreign investors, entrepreneurs, industry experts, and policymakers. The event is also expected to help attract new investment and expand business opportunities in the HVAC-R and cold chain industries. Among others present at the event were Bilal Belyurt, commercial counsellor, the Embassy of the Republic of Türkiye in Dhaka; Li Xiao, director, Yunnan Commercial Representative Office in Bangladesh; Lutfar Rahman Talukder, president, Bangladesh Air-Conditioning Equipment Importers Association (BAEIA);

Md. Moshir Rahman, president, India-Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce and Industry (IBCCI); Anwar Shahid, president, Bangladesh Malaysia Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BMCCI); Anwarul Islam, president, Bangladesh Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Merchants Association (BRAMA); Al Emran Hossain, president, ASHRAE Bangladesh Chapter and Bangladesh Green Building Academy; Md. Hasmotuzzaman, former president, ASHRAE Bangladesh Chapter; and Md. Faizul Alam, managing director, Savor International Limited.

Md. Moshir Rahman emphasized the importance of regional business cooperation and technology exchange between Bangladesh and India. In his speech, He highlighted the significant role of HVAC-R and cold chain technologies in promoting industrial growth, sustainable infrastructure development, and supply chain efficiency.



Photo: The President of IBCCI is addressing at the inaugural session of the SAFE HVAC-R and Cold Chain Expo 2026 at the ICCB on 14th May, 2026.



Photo: The President of IBCCI is receiving a Memento from the Advisor to the Honorable Prime Minister H.E. Mr. Rashed Al Mahmud Titumir

A special moment of the inauguration ceremony was the presentation of a commemorative crest (memento) to Md. Moshir Rahman, President of the India-Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce and Industry (IBCCI). The memento was handed over by H.E. Mr. Rashed Al Mahmud Titumir, Adviser to the Honorable Prime Minister on Finance and Planning, in recognition of IBCCI's contribution as a Knowledge Partner of the Expo and its ongoing efforts to promote bilateral trade, industrial cooperation, and investment opportunities between Bangladesh and India.

Secretary General of the India-Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce and Industry, S M Abul Kalam Azad, also attended the programme alongside the president. IBCCI participated in the Expo as a Knowledge Partner. He shared his remarks at the event, highlighting the importance of knowledge-sharing, innovation, and regional cooperation in advancing the HVAC-R and cold chain sectors.



Photo: The Secretary General of IBCCI is giving his remarks at the event

The event concluded with memorable glimpses of networking, knowledge-sharing, and the exchange of views among industry leaders, policymakers, and business representatives, reflecting the spirit of collaboration and innovation that defined SAFE HVAC-R and Cold Chain Expo 2026

Glimpses of the event



India says ties with Bangladesh moving in positive direction

India is taking its relationship with Bangladesh in a positive direction and has continued to meet Bangladesh's additional fuel requests amid the energy crisis triggered by the Middle East conflict, New Delhi said yesterday.



Photo of Randhir Jaiswal

"We have already indicated that we are taking the relationship with Bangladesh in a positive direction," Indian Ministry of External Affairs Spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said at a weekly briefing yesterday, reports UNB. He said Bangladesh Foreign Minister Dr. Khalilur recently visited New Delhi, while Speaker of India's Lok Sabha Om Birla travelled to Dhaka.

"That is the trajectory of the present relationship with Bangladesh."

Jaiswal said India has continued supplying fuel to countries in the neighbourhood, including Bangladesh, through the India-Bangladesh Friendship Pipeline.

"We have been supplying diesel to Bangladesh through the high-speed diesel friendship pipeline. We also received additional requests from Bangladesh, which we have met and continue to meet," he said.

In response to a question, Jaiswal reiterated that over the last several years, India has requested Bangladesh to verify the nationality of over 2,860 people whom they believe are Bangladeshi nationals staying in India.

However, they are yet to receive a response on this particular matter, he claimed. Asked on Bangladesh's approach to China for Teesta river management project, during Foreign Minister Khalilur Rahman's recent visit to China, Jaiswal said India closely follows all the developments that happen around the world, and it did the same in relation to the trip made by Bangladesh Foreign Minister.

Courtesy: The Daily Star, Dated: 13 May 2026

Upcoming Events in India	
1	Bharatiya Vyapar Mahotsav (BVM) 2026, 12–15 August 2026 New Delhi, India
2	The 5th North East Export Promotional Meet on 27th August 2026 in Guwahati, Assam, India
3	Pharma MachTech LabNext Expo 2026 held from 07-09 September 2026 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, India.
4	9th Global EXIM Summit 2026, held from 12 September-20 September 2026, organized by the IGTD EXIM Chamber of Commerce, India,
5	4th Uttar Pradesh International Trade Show (UPITS) 2026, held from 25-29 September 2026 India Expo Centre & Mart, Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh, India
6	ATITHI -Reverse Buyer-Seller Meet (RBSM) 2027, held from 19-21 January 2027 Yashobhoomi, New Delhi, India

TCI Bangladesh Pays Courtesy Call on IBCCI President to Explore Logistics and Trade Cooperation

A delegation from TCI Bangladesh Pvt. Ltd., a wholly owned subsidiary of Transport Corporation of India Ltd. (TCI), paid a courtesy call on **4th May, 2026** with the President of IBCCI, Md. Moshir Rahman, along with the Secretary General of the Chamber. The meeting was held in a cordial and constructive atmosphere, where both parties exchanged views on potential areas of cooperation and the growing importance of efficient logistics in enhancing bilateral trade.



Photo: A delegation of TCI Bangladesh Pvt. Ltd. paid a courtesy call on the president of IBCCI, Md. Moshir Rahman on 4th May, 2026 at the IBCCI secretariate

During the visit, the delegation shared an overview of their business operations and highlighted the range of logistics and supply chain services they provide. As an integrated multimodal logistics company, TCI Bangladesh specializes in cross-border transportation between India and Bangladesh, offering services such as customs clearance at both borders, door-to-door delivery, and complete end-to-end supply chain solutions. They emphasized their commitment to efficiency, transparency, and reliable service delivery to support modern business needs.

The visiting delegation included:

- Md. Debapriya Mukherjee, General Manager - International Business
- Md. Habibullah, Manager - Operations
- Md. Mahub Alam, Manager - Business Department.

TCI Bangladesh expressed its interest in working closely with IBCCI and exploring future collaboration opportunities. They also showed interest in becoming a member of the Chamber.



Photo: The meeting between IBCCI and TCI Bangladesh Pvt. Ltd. is in progress

On behalf of IBCCI, the President assured the delegation that the Chamber would extend all possible support and facilitation to assist them in their business endeavors and help them connect with relevant stakeholders.

The meeting concluded on a positive note, with both sides expressing satisfaction and optimism about building a strong and mutually beneficial relationship in the future.

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.



Photo: Photo session of the dignitaries with the H.E. Mr. Pranay Kumar Verma, Honorable High Commissioner of India to Bangladesh

DELEGATION MEMBERS ATTENDED THE CALL ON:

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| 1 | MR. MD. MOSHIUR RAHMAN, PRESIDENT | 10 | MR. MD. DELOWER HOSSAIN; DIRECTOR |
| 2 | MRS. MEHERUN NESSA ISLAM; VICE-PRESIDENT | 11 | MR. MAHBOOB HOSSAIN MIRDAH; DIRECTOR |
| 3 | MR. AMIT KUMAR TIWARI; VICE-PRESIDENT | 12 | MR. MD. AKHTARUL ISLAM RIMON; DIRECTOR |
| 4 | MR. AL-HAJ MOHAMMAD ALI; HON. JOINT SECY. GENERAL | 13 | MR. DEEPOK KUMAR BARAL; DIRECTOR |
| 5 | MR. AMIT KUMAR; DIRECTOR | 14 | MR. MD. HABIB HASAN TALUKDER; DIRECTOR |
| 6 | MR. A T M ALTAF HOSSAIN; DIRECTOR | 15 | MR. S M ABUL KALAM AZAD; SECRETARY GENERAL |
| 7 | MR. SUBRATA DUTTA GUPTA; DIRECTOR | 16 | MR. SANJIB KUMAR BALA; ADMIN OFFICER |
| 8 | MR. MULE VENKATARATNA REDDY; DIRECTOR | 17 | MR. MD. MUSTAFIZUR RAHMAN; JUNIOR OFFICER |
| 9 | MR. A K M SAIFUR RAHMAN; DIRECTOR | | |

Glimpses of the Event



India-Bangladesh Trade: Recovery and Growth in Bilateral Commerce

Trade between India and Bangladesh has demonstrated remarkable resilience and recovery over the past year. While 2025 witnessed temporary disruptions in cross-border commerce due to logistical challenges and slower market activity, recent economic indicators suggest a renewed momentum in bilateral trade. Bangladesh remains India's largest trading partner in South Asia, while India continues to be a key source of industrial raw materials, energy products, machinery, and consumer goods for Bangladesh.



Photo: Trade Activity from 2024-2026 of India-Bangladesh

During parts of 2025, trade flows through major land ports, including Benapole, experienced a decline compared to previous years. However, businesses on both sides adapted quickly, and supply chains remained operational. By late 2025 and into 2026, increased demand for garments, pharmaceuticals, textiles, agricultural products, and industrial inputs contributed to a noticeable improvement in trade performance. Enhanced connectivity, expanding regional value chains, and stronger commercial cooperation have further supported this recovery.

Recent trade data reflects this sustained recovery. India's exports to Bangladesh stood at approximately US\$ 11.46 billion in FY25 and around US\$ 7.24 billion in FY26 (till November 2025), while India's imports from Bangladesh were about US\$ 2.05 billion in FY25 and US\$ 1.18 billion in FY26 (till November 2025). India continues to supply a broad basket of goods to Bangladesh, including petroleum products, cotton, machinery, vehicles, cereals, and chemicals. In return, Bangladesh's exports to India are led by ready-made garments, textile and apparel products, footwear, fish and crustaceans, and agricultural produce, reflecting a deeply interdependent and complementary trade structure between the two economies.



Photo: Bilateral trade overview from FY2024-2025 of India-Bangladesh

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- Temporary decline in trade during early 2025 due to logistics & market disruptions.**
- Strong recovery in late 2025 led by higher demand for garments, pharmaceuticals, textiles & industrial inputs.**
- Improved connectivity, customs facilitation & supply chain integration boosting bilateral trade.**
- Positive outlook for 2026 with continued growth momentum.**

The outlook remains positive as both countries continue to improve transport connectivity, customs facilitation, and trade infrastructure. Growing integration within regional supply chains is expected to create new opportunities for businesses, investors, and exporters, supporting sustainable trade growth in the coming year

Courtesy: India Brand Equity Foundation (IBEF), Dated: April 2026

The 104th Board Meeting of IBCCI

The 104th Meeting of the Board of Directors of the India-Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce and Industry (IBCCI) was successfully held on 25th April 2026 at the IBCCI Secretariat, Dhaka, in a hybrid format. The meeting was presided over by President Md. Moshir Rahman and attended by distinguished Vice-Presidents, Directors, and the Secretary General.



Photo: The 104th Board Meeting of IBCCI) is in progress

Key decisions included confirmation of the previous meeting minutes, restructuring of Standing Committees from eleven to eight for improved efficiency, and approval of two new corporate memberships. The Board also reviewed and revised service charges for membership-related certificates, effective from July 2026.



Photo: Online participants of the IBCCI Board Meeting



Photo: The 104th Board Meeting of IBCCI is in progress

Several strategic initiatives were discussed, including strengthening member engagement, preparing for a courtesy call on the Hon'ble Commerce Minister, enhancing IBCCI branding, and expanding membership outreach. The meeting also emphasized regular committee activity, upcoming delegation planning, and strengthening bilateral business facilitation between India and Bangladesh.

The meeting concluded at 4:45 PM with a commitment to further strengthen IBCCI's role in promoting trade, investment, and cooperation

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

The ICC World Technology Convention 2026 was held on 8th and 9th May 2026 at the Jio Convention Centre, Mumbai, India. The convention brought together business leaders, policymakers, technology experts, innovators, and entrepreneurs from different countries to discuss emerging technologies, digital transformation, artificial intelligence, innovation ecosystems, and opportunities for international business collaboration.

As part of its commitment to promoting bilateral trade, investment, and technological cooperation between India and Bangladesh, the India-Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce and Industry (IBCCI) arranged the participation of two distinguished delegates:

1. Mr. Mukti Kumar Das & 2. Mr. S. M. Sorwer Ehsan Zia



Photo: IBCCI Delegates at the ICC World Technology Convention 2026 on 8th and 9th May 2026 at the Jio Convention Centre, Mumbai, India

The delegates actively attended various plenary sessions, panel discussions, networking events, and technology exhibitions during the two-day convention. The sessions covered a wide range of topics including Artificial Intelligence (AI), Digital Infrastructure, FinTech, Smart Manufacturing, Cybersecurity, Sustainable Technologies, Start-up Innovation, and Cross-Border Digital Commerce.

The convention provided an excellent platform for engaging with industry leaders, technology companies, investors, and policymakers from across the globe. The delegates gained valuable insights into emerging technological trends and their potential impact on trade, industry, and economic development.

The Participation of IBCCI Delegates at the 10th Global Economic Summit, WTCA Asia-Pacific Conference & the 6th World Trade Expo, scheduled for 21–22 November 2025 at World Trade Center Mumbai, India.

The India–Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce and Industry (IBCCI) played an important role at the 6th World Trade Expo-2025 with a distinguished delegation representing a wide spectrum of professional expertise and industry insight.



Participated in the 10th Global Economic Summit, WTCA Asia-Pacific Conference & 6th World Trade Expo 2025, held on 21–22 November 2025 at the World Trade Centre, Mumbai. IBCCI participated with a distinguished delegation comprising S. M. Abul Kalam Azad, GSM Shamsuzzoha, A. K. M. Saifur Rahman, Md. Aminur Rahman Khandakar, A. T. M. Altaf Hossain, and Tasnuva Ismail, reflecting a broad spectrum of professional expertise dedicated to strengthening India–Bangladesh bilateral trade, industrial cooperation, and knowledge exchange. The delegation also interacted with Ms. Farhana Ahmed Chowdhury, Deputy High Commissioner of Bangladesh to Mumbai, at the Bangladesh Pavilion.

Photo: With the Deputy High Commissioner of Bangladesh to Mumbai Ms. Farhana Ahmed Chowdhury at the Bangladesh Pavilion in the World Trade Centre, Mumbai on 21st November 2025

The Expo emerged as a major global platform, bringing together ministers, policymakers, diplomats, trade bodies, and business leaders from over 32 countries, alongside more than 150 exhibitors. Organized alongside the Global Economic Summit and WTCA Asia-Pacific Conference, the event facilitated high-level dialogue on global trade expansion, sustainable development, AI, FinTech, MSME empowerment, policy reforms, technology transfer, local-currency trade settlements, and cross-border entrepreneurship, while enabling extensive B2B engagements and MoU signings. The Expo was inaugurated by Ms. Pankaja Munde, Minister of Environment and Climate Change, Government of Maharashtra, who emphasized India's global trade ambitions aligned with the Prime Minister's vision of a USD 5 trillion economy and Maharashtra's USD 1 trillion goal by 2027.

The inaugural session was attended by eminent dignitaries including Mr. Mangal Prabhat Lodha, Mr. Ameet Satam, Dr. Vijay Kalantri, Governor Gustavo Adolfo Valdés (Argentina) and senior representatives from India and abroad, underscoring the event's international significance.

On 21 November 2025, IBCCI presented a crest to Dr. Vijay Kalantri, Chairman of WTC Mumbai, in recognition of his leadership and support in promoting international trade cooperation. A key highlight was the signing of a strategic MoU between IBCCI and the Indian Chamber of International Business (ICIB) at the Deputy High Commission of Bangladesh in Mumbai, aimed at enhancing bilateral trade, import-export facilitation, joint venture manufacturing, and industrial collaboration.



Photo: IBCCI greeted Dr. Vijay Kalantri, President, World Trade Centre, Mumbai at the 10th Global Economic Summit, WTCA Asia-Pacific Conference & 6th World Trade Expo, Mumbai on 21st November 2025 with a crest



Photo: MoU Signing and exchanging between IBCCI and ICIB at the Deputy High Commission office of Bangladesh in Mumbai on 21st November 2025

Among the key MoUs signed, IBCCI and the Indian Chamber of International Business (ICIB) formalized a strategic agreement on 21 November 2025 at the Deputy High Commission of Bangladesh in Mumbai. Signed by S. M. Abul Kalam Azad, Secretary General of IBCCI, and Rtn. Manpreet Singh, President of ICIB, the MoU aims to promote bilateral trade through import-export facilitation and joint venture manufacturing, strengthening industrial cooperation and cross-border business engagement between India and Bangladesh.

IBCCI actively participated in roundtables, panel discussions, fireside chats, country presentations, and extensive B2B meetings with global trade leaders, diplomats, WTC representatives, legal, financial, ESG, MSME, and investment professionals from multiple countries. The Chamber also conducted its own IBCCI B2B session, focusing on trade diversification, regional connectivity, and future industrial partnerships between India and Bangladesh



Photo: A cross section of B2B at the 10th Global Economic Summit, WTCA Asia-Pacific Conference & 6th World Trade Expo 2025

The Manipur Global Buyers and Sellers Summit 2025 / 10–11 October 2025 / Imphal, India

The Manipur Global Buyers and Sellers Summit 2025 was held on 10–11 October 2025 at the City Convention Centre, Imphal, India, under the theme “Bridging Business Sans Borders.”



Photo: The Honourable Governor Mr. Ajay Kumar Bhalla is delivering the Inaugural Speech at the City Convention Centre Manipur, India on 10th October 2025.



Photo: The Secretary General of IBCCI greeted the Honourable Governor of Manipur Mr. Ajay Kumar Bhalla with a commemorative crest at the City Convention Centre Manipur, India on 10th October 2025.

Organized under the RAMP initiative of the Ministry of MSME, Government of India, along with MANIDCO, MCCI, and the Directorate of Trade, Commerce & Industries, the event aimed to promote cross-border trade and regional economic integration among South and Southeast Asian nations.



Photo: The Secretary General of IBCCI is speaking at the Plenary Session I, on the Theme: Preparing Northeast India and Manipur for Opportunities on the Trilateral Highway on 10th October 2025, Manipur, India.

A three-member delegation from the India-Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce and Industry (IBCCI), led by Secretary General, participated to the event. The Secretary General (IBCCI), emphasized the significant potential for economic collaboration between Bangladesh and Manipur, highlighting key sectors such as handloom, agro-processing, organic farming, and eco-tourism as areas ripe for bilateral cooperation. He elaborated on the possibilities of forming joint ventures, fostering cross-border partnerships among MSMEs, and facilitating the exchange of technical expertise, all aimed at strengthening regional value chains and expanding export opportunities.

The inaugural session of the Manipur Global Buyers and Sellers Summit 2025 was graced by distinguished dignitaries, including Mr. Anurag Bajpai, Additional Chief Secretary (Textiles, Commerce & Industries and Transport), who highlighted policy support and investment opportunities in the Northeast; Dr. Basudev Singh, President of the Manipur Chamber of Commerce & Industry, who underscored the private sector’s role in fostering cross-border business linkages; and senior trade representatives from Japan, Myanmar, Bangladesh, and various Northeastern states.



Photo: A Cross section of the audience of the inaugural session



Photo: IBCCI Secretary General is seen among the Panelist of the Plenary Session I on 10th October, 2025

The inaugural session was graced by the Hon'ble Governor of Manipur, Mr. Ajay Kumar Bhalla, who emphasized Manipur's strategic role under the Act East Policy. The IBCCI delegation presented a commemorative crest to the Governor and held discussions on expanding cooperation in MSMEs, handloom, agro-processing, and eco-tourism. During the summit.

IBCCI and the Manipur Chamber of Commerce & Industry (MCCI) signed an MoU to promote bilateral trade and joint ventures. The participation of IBCCI reinforced its commitment to advancing regional economic collaboration and sustainable cross-border growth



Photo: Exchange of MoU Documents between the Manipur Chamber of Commerce & Industry (MCCI) and the India-Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce and Industry (IBCCI),

ICC Global Business Summit 2025/ 18th to 20th September 2025/ Mumbai, India

The India-Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce and Industry (IBCCI) participated in the ICC Global Business Summit 2025, held from 18th to 20th September 2025 at the Jio World Convention Centre and Hotel Grand Hyatt, Mumbai, India, with a 13-member delegation led by Secretary General. Organized by the Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC) in collaboration with the Ministry of External Affairs, the Summit marked ICC's centenary celebration under the theme "One Nation, Multiple Opportunities".



Photo: The ICC Global Business Summit 2025, held from 18th to 20th September 2025 at the Jio World Convention Centre and Hotel Grand Hyatt, Mumbai, India.

Ms. Chowdhury reaffirmed her commitment to extend full support and guidance to IBCCI in its endeavors to promote trade, investment, and business linkages with India. Her presence at the Summit highlighted the importance of high-level diplomatic engagement in reinforcing bilateral economic ties and underscored the collaborative spirit between the governments, chambers of commerce, and private sector stakeholders of both nations. Through her participation, the Summit not only strengthened India- Bangladesh business relations but also demonstrated the role of diplomacy in facilitating sustainable cross-border economic growth.



Photo: Deputy High Commissioner of Bangladesh to Mumbai Ms. Farhana Ahmed Chowdhury was felicitated with a crest by the Secretary General of IBCCI at the ICC Global Business Summit, 2025

The event gathered over 500 delegates from 33 countries, including global policymakers, diplomats, and business leaders. IBCCI delegates took part in sectoral sessions, B2B meetings, and bilateral discussions focused on trade, investment, technology, and sustainability. The delegation also met with the Cyprus Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCCI) to explore cooperation in textiles, ICT, renewable energy, and maritime services, with plans to formalize ties through an MoU. IBCCI presented a commemorative crest to ICC President Mr. Abhyuday Jindal and discussed trade expansion with ICC Director General Dr. Rajeev Singh.



Photo: With the Secretary General of Cyprus Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCCI) Mr. Philokypros Roussoundies at the Hotel Grand Hyatt, Mumbai



Photo: IBCCI delegation presented a commemorative crest to Mr. Abhyuday Jindal, President of ICC

In conclusion, the ICC Global Business Summit 2025 served as a dynamic platform for dialogue, collaboration, and networking among global stakeholders. The Summit showcased India's economic potential, investment opportunities, and commitment to sustainability and innovation, while strengthening bilateral and international trade relations through active diplomatic and industry engagement.

4th North East Export Promotional Meet 2025/16th September 2025/ Guwahati, Assam, India

A 13-member delegation from the India-Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce & Industry (IBCCI), led by Secretary General, took part in the 4th North East Export Promotional Meet 2025, held on 16th September 2025 at Novotel, Guwahati, Assam, India. Organized by the Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC) in collaboration with the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, the event aimed to strengthen regional trade and export linkages across India's North Eastern Region (NER).



Photo: Honourable Assistant High Commissioner of Bangladesh to Guwahati, Mr. Zikrul Hasan Fahad is addressing at the 4th North East Export Promotional Meet 2025 on 16th September 2025



Photo: A Cross-Section of IBCCI Delegates

It brought together participants from Bangladesh, Nepal, Bhutan, Thailand, and Laos, focusing on cooperation in key areas such as agriculture, textiles, energy, infrastructure, and services. The IBCCI delegation actively engaged in B2B meetings, networking sessions, and trade discussions with Indian and international counterparts, underscoring the importance of improved connectivity, simplified customs procedures, and the removal of non-tariff barriers.



Photos: Few Moments of the Event

During the Trade Export Awareness Session, the Secretary General highlighted Bangladesh's export strengths and the significance of fostering sustainable and mutually beneficial trade ties with India's Northeast. IBCCI's active involvement further solidified its role as a vital facilitator of cross-border commerce, investment, and regional economic integration.

It's important to address some irritations in Dhaka-Delhi relations: FM

India has invited Prime Minister Tarique Rahman to attend the 18th BRICS Summit in New Delhi on September 12-13.



Photo: Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Dinesh Trivedi meets Foreign Minister Khalilur Rahman at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Dhaka today, 29 July, 2026

Foreign Minister Dr Khalilur Rahman today (29 July) emphasised the need to address the "some irritations" that exist in Bangladesh-India relations, noting that the government is currently reviewing the invitation extended by India to Prime Minister Tarique Rahman.

"We did not talk about any specific issue. There are some irritations. He knows it. I know it, too. It is very important to resolve them. Everyone understands that need," he told reporters at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs following a courtesy meeting with Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Dinesh Trivedi.

India, which will host the 18th BRICS Summit in New Delhi on September 12-13, has invited Prime Minister Tarique Rahman to attend the event, which will focus on global cooperation, trade, and sustainable development.

"We are reviewing it now. We will take a decision and inform you immediately," Dr Khalilur said when asked about Bangladesh's response to the invitation.

India's BRICS chairship is guided by the theme, "Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability," reflecting the people-centric and humanity-first approach articulated by Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the 2025 Rio Summit.

The 17th BRICS Summit was held on July 6-7, 2025, in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, under the theme, "Strengthening Global South Cooperation for a More Inclusive and Sustainable Governance."

The BRICS member countries are Brazil, China, Egypt, Ethiopia, India, Indonesia, Iran, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, and the UAE. Its partner countries are Belarus, Bolivia, Cuba, Kazakhstan, Malaysia, Nigeria, Thailand, Uganda, Uzbekistan, and Vietnam.

"We did not discuss any issues in detail. That is normal because we have time for that. However, regarding the resetting of relations between the two countries, we have said this before, and we both agree on this issue," the Foreign Minister said.

He said Bangladesh and India would move their bilateral relations forward on the basis of sovereign equality, with due consideration for their mutual interests and Bangladesh's national interests.

The Foreign Minister said they did not hold lengthy discussions on any specific issue, focusing instead on improving overall bilateral relations.

Responding to a question, Dr Khalilur said the Prime Minister had received multiple international invitations and noted that he would travel to New York to attend the UN General Assembly.

"We have to look at everything as a whole," he said.

Describing the meeting as a courtesy call, the Foreign Minister said there would be opportunities to discuss specific issues in greater detail in the future.

Dr Khalilur also said he had met Indian External Affairs Minister Dr S. Jaishankar in Manila, the Philippines, who was aware of his meeting with the Indian High Commissioner.

"We both expressed the hope that, in the coming days, both sides will work to further strengthen our relations," he said.

In a separate briefing, High Commissioner Trivedi said there is no problem that cannot be resolved and once the Prime Minister of Bangladesh visits India, things will move forward constructively.

"I am looking forward to everything positively- we had a great meeting filled with immense positivity," he told reporters while responding to a question after separate meetings with Foreign Minister Dr Khalilur and State Minister for Foreign Affairs Shama Obaed Islam at the Ministry.

Asked about the two separate invitations to the Prime Minister of Bangladesh from the Indian side, the High Commissioner said that is the prerogative of the Prime Minister.

"From our end, I can assure you that we are looking forward to welcoming the Prime Minister of Bangladesh to India. We are very hopeful that this visit will take place in the near future," he said.

On pending bilateral issues - Teesta and renewal of Ganges Water Treaty, the High Commissioner said, "Today's meeting was primarily a courtesy call, and it carried the warmth expected of one.

However, there is no issue that cannot be sorted out through mutual understanding. Ultimately, at the end of the day, it is about people. Whatever is beneficial for both democracies and their citizens will be prioritised."

Regarding treaty renewals, both India and Bangladesh have active working groups, he said.

"These working groups will certainly meet and deliberate. As I mentioned, there is no problem that cannot be resolved. The working groups will actively do their part, and once the Prime Minister visits India, things will move forward constructively," said the High Commissioner.

Deputy High Commissioner Pawan Badhe, officials of the High Commission were also present.

On June 25, the High Commissioner presented his credentials to the President of Bangladesh, and conveyed greetings from the government and people of India and reaffirmed India's commitment to further strengthening the multifaceted Bangladesh-India partnership for the mutual benefit of the peoples of the two sovereign countries

Courtesy: The Business Standard, 30 July 2026

Condolence Message

Selima Ahmad (7 July 1960 - 21 June 2026)

It is with profound sorrow and deep sadness that the India-Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce & Industry (IBCCI) mourns the passing of the eminent business personality, Mrs. Selima Ahmad, beloved wife of IBCCI Founding President Mr. Abdul Matlub Ahmad, who departed for her heavenly abode on 21 June 2026 in Bangkok, Thailand, while undergoing medical treatment. (Inna Lillahi wa Inna Ilayhi Raji'un)

Mrs. Selima Ahmad was a distinguished business leader, an inspiring woman entrepreneur, and a respected contributor to the trade and business community of Bangladesh. Through her dedication, leadership, and commitment to empowering women in business, she left an enduring impact on the country's economic and entrepreneurial landscape.

She shared a warm and cordial relationship with IBCCI and remained a well-wisher of the Chamber throughout the years. Her gracious personality, vision, and contributions to business development and women's empowerment will be remembered with great respect and admiration.

On behalf of the IBCCI, we extend our heartfelt condolences to Mr. Abdul Matlub Ahmad and the bereaved family during this difficult time.

May Almighty Allah forgive her, grant her the highest place in Jannatul Ferdous, make her grave full of Noor, and bless her family with strength, patience, and courage to bear this irreparable loss. Our thoughts, prayers, and deepest sympathies are with the family.



Md. Moshir Rahman

President

India-Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce & Industry (IBCCI)

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