

Connectivity of North-East

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To enhance the connectivity to North Eastern states with rest of the country, the Govt undertook major infrastructure measures and worked closely with Bangladesh.

Some of the measures include,

Enhancing comprehensive connectivity between India and Bangladesh, through North East.

Mitalee Express from New Jalpaiguri to Dhaka through Haldibari-Chilahati has started operating from 1stJune, 2022. This is the third passenger rail service between India and Bangladesh.

The ongoing Railway projects of "**Agartala-Akhaura- Rail link**" connecting Agartala (Tripura) with Akhaura (Bangladesh) and "**Construction of Mahisasan (India)-Zero Point (Bangladesh) new line**" shall also improve connectivity between the two countries.

Construction of **Maitri Setu on river Feni in Sabroom** has been completed and Royal Maitri International bus Services from Tripura to Kolkata via Bangladesh by Tripura Road Transport Corporation (TRTC) have started.

Further, an **MoU** for facilitating **temporary transit of petroleum, oil and lubricants** (POL) and Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) products through Bangladesh to India's North Eastern Region has been signed.

The proposal for developing a road link from Mahendraganj in Meghalaya to Hili in West Bengal through Bangladesh was also started talks.