



BANGLADESH-BHUTAN-INDIA-NEPAL MULTI-MODAL CONNECTIVITY IN THE SUB-REGION (M-CONNECT)

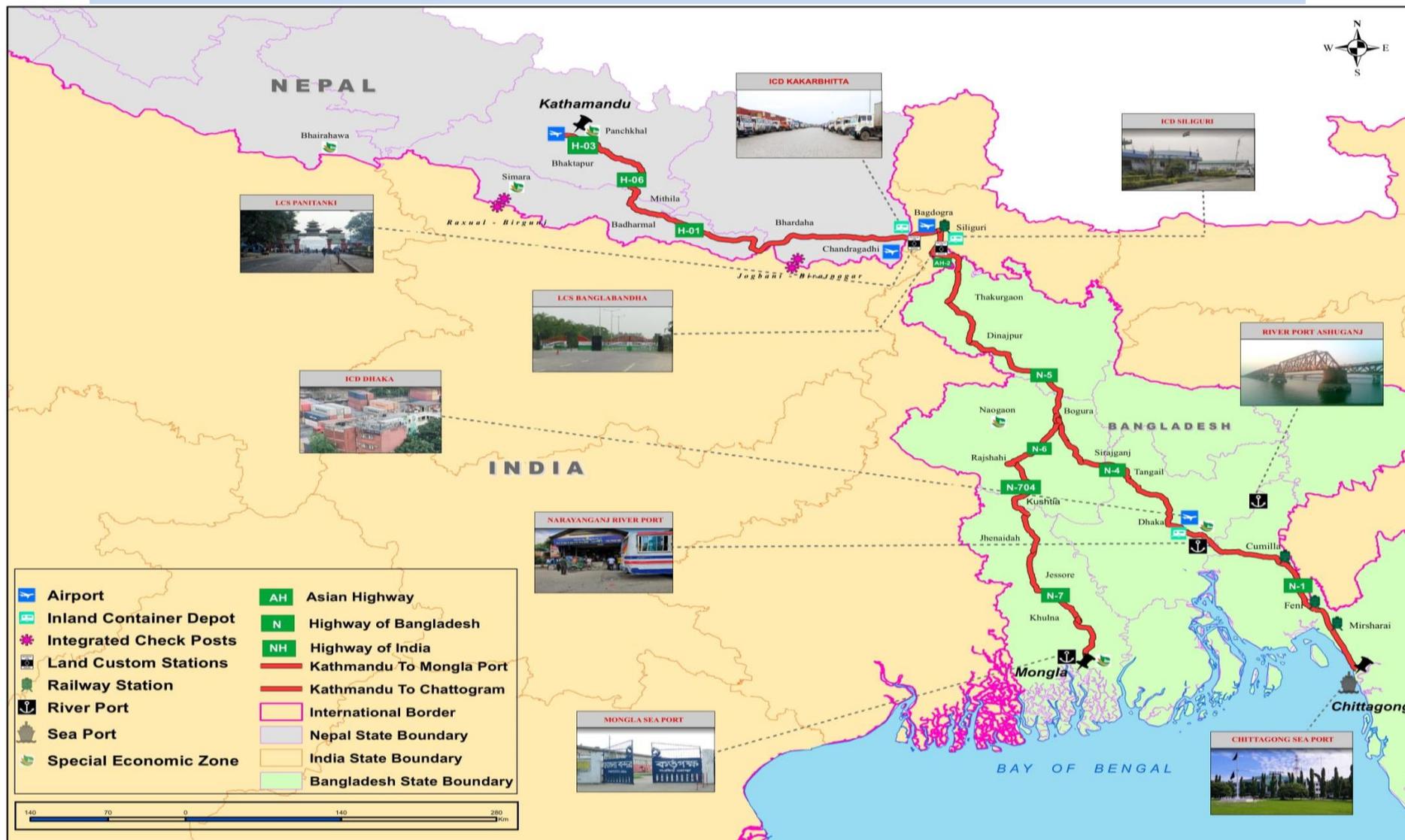


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Corridor-wise Recommendations

Corridor 1: Connecting Kathmandu (Nepal) to Chittagong and Mongla Ports (Bangladesh)



CORRIDOR 1

Connecting Nepal to Bangladesh through India [Kathmandu - Kakarbhitta/Panitanki – Siliguri - Fulbari/Banglabandha – Dhaka - Mongla/Chattogram]

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Inter-modal trans-shipment facilities and a fully operational Special Economic Zones in Bhairahawa, Rupandehi District, Nepal
- Expediting Railway project connecting Kakarbhitta, Nepal to Kanchanpur, Nepal (in progress)
- Road traffic management in Siliguri, India- developing alternatives to Siliguri corridor with cooperation from Bangladesh
- Construction of express highways and bypass roads near Dhaka city, Bangladesh to ease congestion
- Speeding up Mongla to Khulna Railway link in Bangladesh
- Capacity enhancement at Chattogram Port, Bangladesh
- Speeding up the construction of Integrated Check Posts in Panitanki and Phulbari, in West Bengal, India
- Full utilisation of Siliguri Inland Container Depot, India

Corridor 2: Connecting Kathmandu (Nepal) to Haldia and Visakhapatnam (India)



CORRIDOR 2

Connecting Kathmandu to Kolkata/Haldia and Visakhapatnam in India [Kathmandu - Birgunj/Raxaul - Biratnagar/Jogbani - Bhairahawa/Sonauli - Kolkata/Haldia and Vishakapatnam (alternative intermodal accessibility for Nepal to India's National Waterways-1 i.e., from Kalughat to Raxaul, and Sahibganj to Biratnagar; Visakhapatnam to Nautanwa)]

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Speedy Completion of Motihari-Raxaul Highway Construction - Started in 2014, Bihar, India
- Cold storage and rail facility inside Raxaul Integrated Check Post, Bihar, India
- Expediting Jogbani-Biratnagar rail link construction at India-Nepal border
- Speeding up and efficient cargo handling in Kolkata port; improvement of approach road to the port, West Bengal, India
- Upgradation of lock gates in Neta Subash Dock and Kidderpore Dock, at the Kolkata Dock System, West Bengal, India
- Dedicated rail corridor inside the Visakhapatnam port, India
- Using Sahibganj (Jharkhand, India) for Nepal based cargo
- Dredging and maintenance of navigability in National Waterways-1 of India
- Multi-modal Logistics Park at Farakka, West Bengal, India

Corridor 3: Connecting Thimphu (Bhutan) to Chittagong and Mongla Ports (Bangladesh)



CORRIDOR 3

Connecting Bhutan to Bangladesh through Northeast India [Thimphu/Phuentsholing (Bhutan) to Dhubri and Jogighopa (Northeast India) to Chattogram and Mongla Ports (Bangladesh) - (multi-modal transport and transit access by road, inland waterways and railways)]

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Proper storage facilities for perishable goods at Phuentsholing, Bhutan
- Establishment of railway connectivity from Hasimara, India to Pasakha, Bhutan
- Common customs transit/ liaison office at Gelephu, Bhutan
- Jetty connection between Pandu port to the other side of Brahmaputra river in Guwahati, India
- River signalling and night navigation for barges plying on National Waterways-2 and the India-Bangladesh Protocol on Inland Water Transit and Trade
- Connecting Gelephu, Bhutan with Jogighopa, India via railway
- Expedite India-Bhutan railway connectivity projects, and also explore use of ropeway
- Expediting of construction of the Jogighopa Multi-modal Logistics Park, India

Corridor 4: Connecting Northeast India to the Rest of India via Bangladesh



CORRIDOR 4

Rest of India to Northeast India via Bangladesh [Kolkata/Haldia - Chattogram/Matarbari – Akhaura - Sabroom/Agartala via mix of modes], [Kolkata – Petrapole – Benapole – Dhaka - Agartala via road], [Sahibganj – Dhulian – Rajshai - Joghichopa via Inland Water Transport], [Kolkata – Ranaghat – Gede – Darsana – Khulna – Dhaka – Akhaura - Agartala via Rail], [Dawki – Tamabil – Sylhet – Dhaka - Mongla/Chattogram - Kolkata/Haldia via mix of modes], [Kolkata – Haldia – Mongla – Pangaong – Narayanganj – Dhaka – Ashuganj – Akhaura - Agartala via Inland Water Transport and India-Bangladesh Protocol routes with alternatives of Sonamura - Daudkandi (Inland Water Transport) and; Srimantapur - Bibir Bazar via road]

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Decongestion of Petrapole-Benapole route through better use of the Padma River multi-purpose bridge
- Shillong-Dawki road widening & wider bridge at Dawki; upgradation of the approach road to Dawki Land Custom Station, India
- Revival of Mahisasan railway route on the India-Bangladesh border
- Hili (West Bengal)-Mahendraganj (Meghalaya) Corridor through Bangladesh to decongest Siliguri Corridor
- Rail link to the Integrated Check Post in Agartala, Tripura, India
- Dedicated Roll on/Roll off service at Mongla port
- Inter-modal gateway at Karimganj, India-connecting road, rail and river route
- A multi-modal terminal in Ashuganj, Bangladesh
- Freight Village at Balagarh, West Bengal, India
- Infrastructure upgradation and modernisation of Narayanganj River Port, Bangladesh



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