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# ADB to Support India's Priority Development Needs

#### 21 February 2023: New Delhi, India

Mr. Masatsugu Asakawa, ADB President, conveyed to India Prime Minister Narendra Modi ADB's intention to scale up assistance to the country over the next five years to support India in meeting its priority development needs. He noted that ADB is willing to provide \$20 billion-\$25 billion in resources to further India's aspirations for fast, inclusive, and green growth.

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### India, Nepal Energy Meeting Discusses Increasing Bilateral Power Trade and Power Export to Bangladesh

#### 18 February 2023: New Delhi, India

The Governments of India and Nepal held the 10th joint steering committee meeting of Nepal-India Energy Secretarylevel. Discussions were held on important issues including expanding existing, under-construction, and proposed transmission lines. India has also responded positively to Nepal's request to allow export of 50 MW of electricity to Bangladesh via India as per export-import guidelines if a specific proposal is submitted.

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## **Bangladesh, India Foreign Secretaries Vow to Further Strengthen Cooperation**

#### 16 February 2023: Dhaka, Bangladesh, and New Delhi, India

Mr. Vinay Kwatra, Foreign Secretary of the Government of India, met with Mr. Masud bin Momen, Foreign Secretary of the Government of Bangladesh. They agreed to further strengthen ongoing bilateral cooperation, in areas of trade and investment, connectivity, power and energy and people-to-people ties. They also agreed to enhance their cooperation and consultations on regional and international issues of shared interest.

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# Sri Lanka Looks to Link Electricity Grid with India as Part of Recovery Plan

#### 15 February 2023: New Delhi, India

A memorandum of understanding on linking India and Sri Lanka's electricity grids could soon be signed to be followed by a feasibility study, according to Mr. Milinda Moragoda, Sri Lankan High Commissioner to India. India and Sri Lanka revived talks on linking their electricity grids in the first quarter of 2022.

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# India Allows Transshipment of Bangladesh Exports via Delhi Air Cargo

#### 15 February 2023: Dhaka, Bangladesh, and New Delhi, India

The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) of the Government of India has amended Circular 29/2020-Customs to allow the transshipment of Bangladesh export cargo to third countries via Delhi Air Cargo beginning 15 February 2023. Previously, air transshipment of Bangladesh export cargo to third countries was conducted only via the Kolkata air cargo complex.

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### Sri Lankan High Commissioner to India Discusses Cooperation amid Economic Recovery with Government of India Officials

#### 10 February 2023: New Delhi, India

Mr. Milinda Moragoda, Sri Lankan High Commissioner to India, met with Mr. Pramod Kumar Mishra, Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister of India, on enhancing bilateral cooperation in the tourism sector. He also held discussions with Mr. Piyush Goyal, Minister of Commerce and Industry of the Government of India, and Ms. Nirmala Sitharaman, Finance and Corporate Affairs Minister of the Government of India, on a range of issues, including bilateral trade and commerce.

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## India to Support Bhutan in Developing its Third International Internet Gateway

#### 2 February 2023: Thimphu, Bhutan

India will help Bhutan develop its third international internet gateway. According to the Embassy of India in Bhutan, as part of their growing digital partnership, the Government of India will facilitate a concessional rate to bring down the cost of operations of the gateway.

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