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① The 75th anniversary of Independence offers Delhi & Dhaka a special opportunity to elevate the ambition for their bilateral partnership, explaining

INTRODUCTION -

India is one of the first country to recognize Bangladesh independence immediately after its (1971) war (independence war)

75th year of Independence -

* India is all set to commemorate its 75th year of independence (or) Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav on Aug 15, 2022.

* In this geopolitical tensions prevailing globally [IND-BAN] ties elevated high.

[IND-BAN]

① Sheikh Hasina visited Delhi, 2010 after becoming Bangladesh's 2nd PM, 2009 marked the mending of relationship.

② The Majority of bilateral issues such as [Border resolution, river sharing, cross-border terrorism, allowance of Bangladeshi export,

& connectivity marked were the focus of an unprecedented efforts taken by then PM of IND & PM Hasina.

③ In the power connectivity initiatives, the inter powergrid connectivity b/w IND & BAN has strengthened, where Bangladesh ~~export~~ ^{receives} 1200 MW of electricity & planning for additional 1700 MW.

④ The trade b/w ② countries have reached to ^{an} all time high & India's export to Bangladesh [\$16 Billion] makes Bangladesh one of the India's largest export destination.

⑤ Recently Bangladesh have surpassed [PAKISTAN] in asia's fastest growing economy countries due to (IND - BAN) closely ties

⑥ Permanent court in Hague, gave decision regarding ^{Border dispute} maritime ^{time security} issues - accepted by India thus resolving protracted bilateral issue b/w them.

- ⑦ The 2 nation's security - establishments cooperation on border terrorism helped creating much needed political confidence.
- ⑧ use of ~~Hala~~ Chattogram & Mongla ports in (BAN) ~~accessed by India~~ benefitted helped (I) in export of goods to (NE states) from
- ⑨ Duty free access to Bangladesh's good to enter into India under SAFTA enhanced their trade ties further.

Way forward

→ They ~~the~~ (IND-BAN) should focus on the things like [right to minorities, 50 rivers - sharing, cross border investment, maritime security & preventing illegal immigration].

→ Delhi & Dhaka shouldn't ignore one another domestic issues to build their confidence.

Conclusion -

Dhaka have unique opportunity to raise this bilateral partnership as they celebrate either countries 75th year of independence.