

INDO-BANGLADESH TRADE: OPPORTUNITIES FOR NORTH EAST INDIA

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ABSTRACT

India and Bangladesh have long shared common objectives for closer economic integration within the South Asia region. Cross-border trade between the two countries has grown rapidly since the early 1990s. However, with the new wave of recession set in since 2008, the pattern of cross border trade has started to change. The present paper tries to find out the trend in Indo-Bangladesh trade in the recession affected period. So, the study is made on trends of exports and imports between India and Bangladesh during 2008 to 2011. The paper has also examined the composition of goods traded between these two nations. Since Bangladesh is bordering India on its north-eastern part, promotion of large scale trade between India and Bangladesh may give the much needed boost to the economy of the north-eastern region of India. This paper also explores such possibilities and analyses the opportunities that may open up to the region through international trade between India and Bangladesh.

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