

Opportunities and Challenges of Establishing Border Haats along India's and Bangladesh's Border with Myanmar

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The establishment of “border haats” along the India-Bangladesh border is a success story. They lead to a reduction in informal trade in those areas, by generating livelihood opportunities for the border residents and facilitating the trade of products through the haats, which were earlier traded informally.

Its success led to the opening of the first border haat along the Indo-Myanmar border at Pangshu Pass in Arunachal Pradesh, on January 20, 2020. Additionally, the Mizoram Government is pushing for establishment of border haats along its border with Myanmar. On the other hand, it could also be expected establishment of border haats along the Bangladesh-Myanmar border would result in a reduction of informal trade in those regions, thereby reducing security concerns, among other benefits.

Keeping this context in the mind, CUTS International and its partners as part of their project on “Border Haats” has published two Briefing papers discussing opportunities and challenges of establishing border haats along the [India-Myanmar border](#) and the [Bangladesh-Myanmar border](#). They are written by Subir Bhaumik, Editorial Director at Asian News and Nazneen Ahmed, Senior Research Fellow, Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies, respectively.

Therefore, this webinar is an endeavour to discuss such opportunities and challenges and put forth recommendations to facilitate the opening of border haats along India's and Bangladesh's border with Myanmar.