

INDIA-BANGLADESH BORDER HAATS

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Traditionally, border management was perceived, from the prism of security. Therefore, India undertook a policy of restraining development in the areas adjacent to the international boundary. But, border haats have been transformational in the management of India and Bangladesh border.

The border haats bolstered development in the border region by generating livelihood opportunities and controlling cross-border illegal activities. Moreover, they also served as a forum for cross-border people-to-people communication. But, the outbreak of the Covid-19 led to suspension of the border haats for indefinite period, diluting the benefits accrued to the local communities.

Keeping this context in the mind, CUTS International and its partners as part of their project on “Border Haats” has published three Briefing Papers discussing the [role of border haats in border management](#), prospect of border haats to become [centres for cultural exchange, tourism and people-to-people connectivity](#), and the need to [resume border haats in the post-covid](#) era in a bio-secured manner.

Therefore, this webinar will discuss the importance of border haats in effectively managing the borders and put forth recommendations to facilitate re-opening of the India-Bangladesh border haats so as to further promote them as centres for enhancing people-to-people connectivity.