

## India considering on-arrival visas for Bangladeshis

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Dhaka : India is considering issuing on-arrival visas for Bangladeshis.

Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Pranay Kumar Verma said this while talking to the media after a courtesy visit to Civil Aviation and Tourism Minister Faruk Khan at the capital's secretariat on January 30.

The Indian envoy informed that his country would discuss the matter in the coming days.

About 16 lac visas were issued to Bangladeshis in 2023 and the number is ever-increasing, explained the Indian High Commissioner.

The Indian High Commission has also increased its capacity to issue visas to Bangladeshis on time, he further mentioned.

Verma also informed that several Indian entrepreneurs are keen to invest in Bangladesh's tourism industry.

"We are influencing \_\_\_\_\_ and facilitating the Indian investments," claimed Verma, High Commissioner of India to Bangladesh.

The High Commissioner also stressed for launching new air routes between the two neighbouring countries.

The move will further boost trade and tourism, he claimed.

"India is very interested in established new air connectivity between the Northeastern states and Bangladesh," said the Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Pranay Verma.

India is one of the most sought-after destinations among Bangladeshis. Every year, many Bangladeshis visit India for leisure and medical purposes, among others.