

Bangladesh-India Maitri Setu to open in September 2024

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Dhaka : The long-awaited Bangladesh-India friendship bridge known as Maitri Setu will open by September 2024.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and her Indian counterpart Narendra Modi virtually inaugurated the Maitri Setu on March 9, 2021.

The bridge was built over the Feni River which flows between Bangladesh and the Indian boundary in Tripura state.

The 1.9-km-long bridge connects Ramgarh in Bangladesh with Sabroom in India.

"The Maitri Setu has already been inaugurated. The land port is almost ready... The movement of passengers through the bridge will commence in September 2024," said Tripura Industries and Commerce Department Secretary Kiran Gitte said at a press conference on June 7.

"It will take two or three months to introduce goods movement after passenger movement gets underway," added Kiran.

Goods movement through the bridge is seen as strategically important not only for the state but also for the entire northeast as Chittagong port of Bangladesh is just 80 km from Tripura's Sabroom.