

## Road connectivity with Bhutan via third country to boost tourism: Tipu Munshi

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Dhaka : Commerce Minister Tipu Munshi on September 15 said that the launching of road connectivity with Bhutan via a third country would boost bilateral trade, commerce and tourism.

He also opined that communication between Bangladesh and Bhutan through Saidpur regional airport and Burimari and Banglabandha land ports would enhance bilateral trade, commerce and tourism as well as yield better outcomes for the two countries.

The Commerce Minister said this when a nine-member delegation of Bhutan, led by its Secretary of the Ministry of External Affairs Dasho Karma Tshering, met him at his secretariat office on September 15, said a Commerce Ministry press release.

He mentioned that Bangladesh has already declared Saidpur Airport as a regional airport to set up air connectivity with Bhutan and other neighbouring countries and has also undertaken necessary development activities for the airport.

Commerce Ministry Additional Secretary Nur Md Mahbulul Haque and other high officials of the ministry were also present on the occasion.

Earlier, the two-day eighth commerce secretary level meeting between Bangladesh and Bhutan ended in the capital with a set of decisions, including finalising transit agreement and protocol in a bid to strengthen implementation of the PTA signed between the two countries.

The next secretary-level meeting between Bangladesh and Bhutan would be held in Bhutan.