

Sunamganj-Meghalaya border haat reopens

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Dhaka : The border haat between Bangladesh and India along the Sunamganj-Meghalaya frontier reopened on April 26 after remaining closed for two years.

The haat was resumed on the Lauwaghar border in Sunamganj. On the Indian side, the area falls under Balat area of East Khasi Hills district of Meghalaya, said a press release of the Deputy High Commission of Bangladesh in Kolkata.

Following the reopening of the haat, local communities from both the countries get an opportunity to sell their agricultural and horticultural products, small agriculture and household goods, minor forest products, fresh and dry fish, cottage industry items, wooden furniture, handloom and handicraft items.

The joint border haat management committee took the decision of reopening the haat in a meeting on April 19.

At present, there are seven border haats between Bangladesh and India. Besides, nine more new border haats are in the pipeline, the deputy high commission said.

Besides, two more haats -- "Ryngku-Bagan Bari", and "Nalikata-Saydabad" - along the border of India's Meghalaya and Bangladesh's Sunamganj will be opened on May 12 and May 16 respectively, it said.

Meanwhile, Commerce Minister Tipu Munshi on Monday said a new border haat would be set up on Sajek-Silsuri border along Bangladesh's Rangamati and India's Mizoram frontier to boost local business and trade between the two countries.

The decision of opening the new border haat was taken following a proposal of the

Mizoram government during the minister's visit to India between April 22 and April 25, he added.