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Recently, Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways flagged off the maiden voyage of barges with finished steel products from Haldia to Pandu, through the Indo-Bangladesh Protocol Route (IBP Route).



[Ref: PIB]

Indo-Bangladesh Protocol (IBP) for Inland Transit and Trade:

- Signed in 1972, **the protocol** allows mutually beneficial arrangements for the use of their waterways for movement of goods between the two countries by vessels of both countries.
- It was last renewed in 2015 for five years with a **provision for automatic renewal** for a further period of five years.
 - The 2nd Addendum to the Protocol was signed in 2020.
- The number of **(IBP) routes** are increased from 8 to 10 and **new locations** are also added to the existing routes.