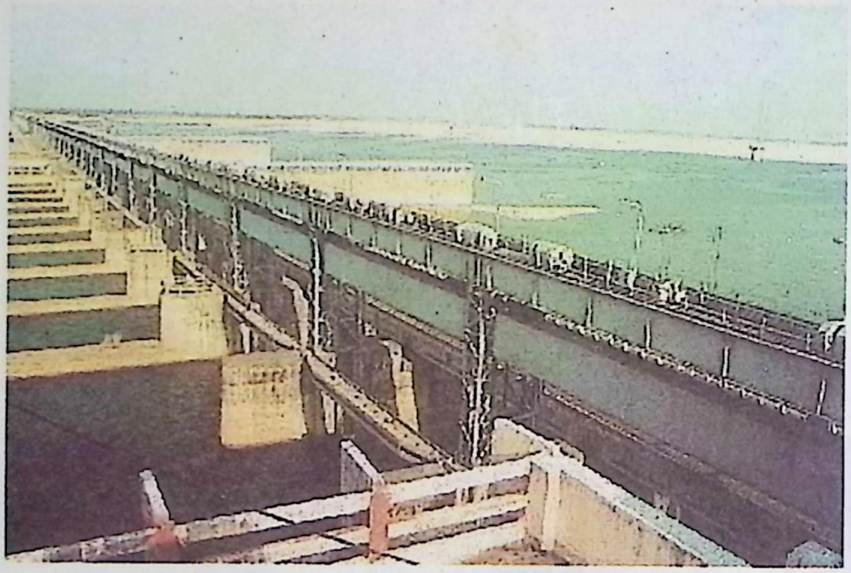


India and Our Rivers

It is a truth universally acknowledged that a country in possession of ample territory and power must try to control its neighbouring small states. This notion is rightly applicable to India. If we deeply observe the role of India, we will be able to figure out such kind of doctrines. Geographically, Indian Territory is located surrounding our country. Indeed, except Bangladesh all the countries of south Asia are badly suffering from civil war, political instability and proper leadership. Yes, Bangladesh is the only single country in this region, which has a strong educated civil society.

India's actions do not fill us with confidence regarding their neighbourly conduct. Earlier, we noticed that there were many protests, long march against Farrakka, but all were in vain. Even, India is not dealt with the Ganges water treaty. Again, due to the lack of water most of the rivers turn into desert. Salty water is entering into our coastal areas and causes the degradation of agricultural production. However, now-a-days, we have seen that some mass-media is coming forward with a view to saving our rivers from pollution. However, we cannot save our rivers unless there is enough water in them. Bangladesh should take this matter up in international forums.

It is high time to do it. Save rivers, save the country.

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A big issue that is worrying the common people as well as the intelligentsia is India's Tipaimukh dam plan. So far it is known that India is gong to erect a dam in its south-east border on the river Borak, to produce hydro electricity. The Borak which is source of water of Bangladeshi rivers Surma and Kushiara that ultimately form the Meghna.

If India succeeds in implementing these plans, then it is a looming threat for Bangladesh's ecology and environment. Experts have already predicted that it will cause desertification of our land in dry season and inundated in rainy season. In the face of this current issue , Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and Indian High Commissioner have met recently and after the meeting the Indian High Commissioner assured that we need not be worried. The government said that an all party parliamentary committee would be formed soon in this regard and they would be sent to see the site.

However the relationship between the two countries reaches its pinnacle during AL rules and now AL is in the driving seat. We hope that the AL government takes strong diplomatic initiative to prevent India from building the Tipaimukh Dam which could become another Farakka.

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Mobile Porn

It is really shocking that nowadays many people keep pornographic video in their mobile phones. The other day while I was in class, I saw one of my classmates watching such a video clip. Soon some of the other students gathered around him. The teacher saw them but she could not understand the reason. She told everyone to sit down. But they continued to pass the video through Bluetooth.

Are we totally losing our sense of morality and decency?

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