

Press Release

The Host Country Agreement for the BIMSTEC Centre for Weather and Climate Signed

The Host Country Agreement between the Government of the Republic of India and the BIMSTEC Secretariat for Establishing BIMSTEC Centre for Weather and Climate (BCWC) in India was signed in a befitting manner at the High Commission of India in Dhaka, Bangladesh on 24 August 2023. On behalf of the Secretariat, the BIMSTEC Secretary General His Excellency Mr. Tenzin Lekphell signed the Agreement while His Excellency Mr. Pranay Verma, High Commissioner of India to Bangladesh signed on behalf of the Government of the Republic of India. Hosting of BCWC is a clear manifestation of the Government of India to its commitment towards enhancing regional cooperation within the framework of BIMSTEC.

The BCWC will promote the use of new scientific and technical tools to strengthen preparedness in handling disaster and improve early warning systems, encourage and assist the publication of important results of research on weather and climate induced disaster. It will also facilitate arranging collaborative research and development activities in weather and climate modeling resulting in improved weather prediction technique to reduce loss of lives and damage to property caused by natural disaster in the BIMSTEC region.