

Clean Energy Transition through Regional Grid Interconnections

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Energy Transition Options

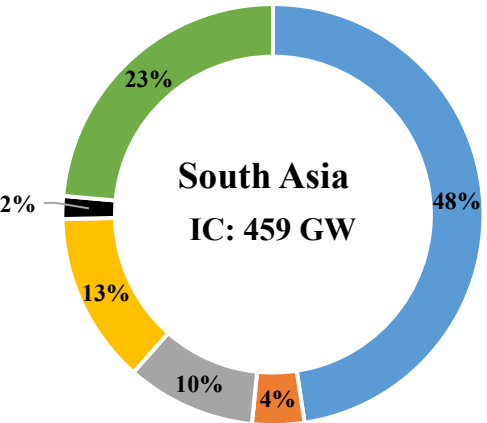
I Optimal
Utilization of
Clean Energy
Resources

Robust Cross Border Interconnection for accessing
Clean Energy and Sustainable development

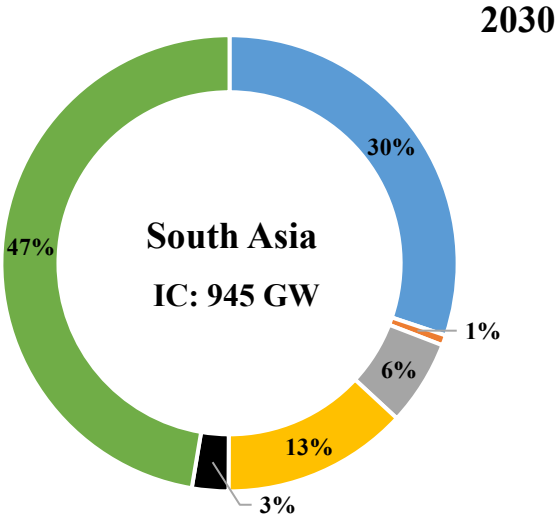
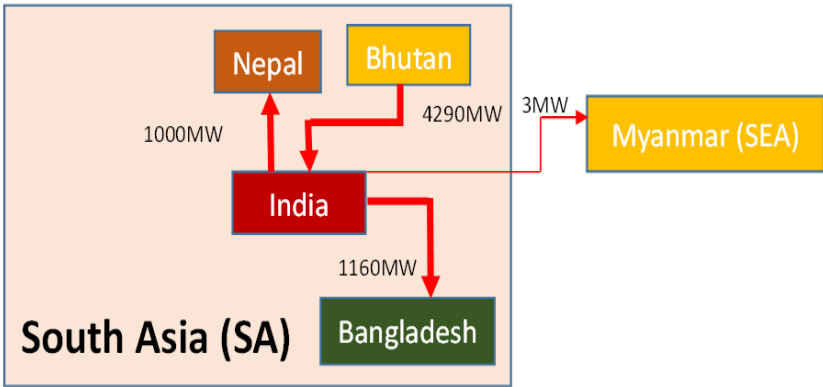
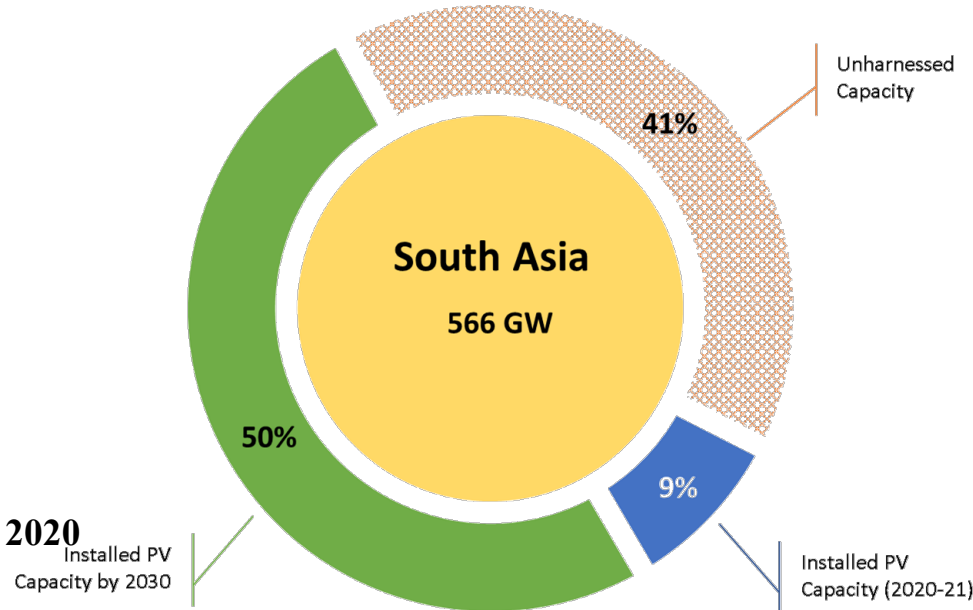
II Utilization of
Local Energy
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Harness Locally Available Energy Resources

South Asia Region – Overview



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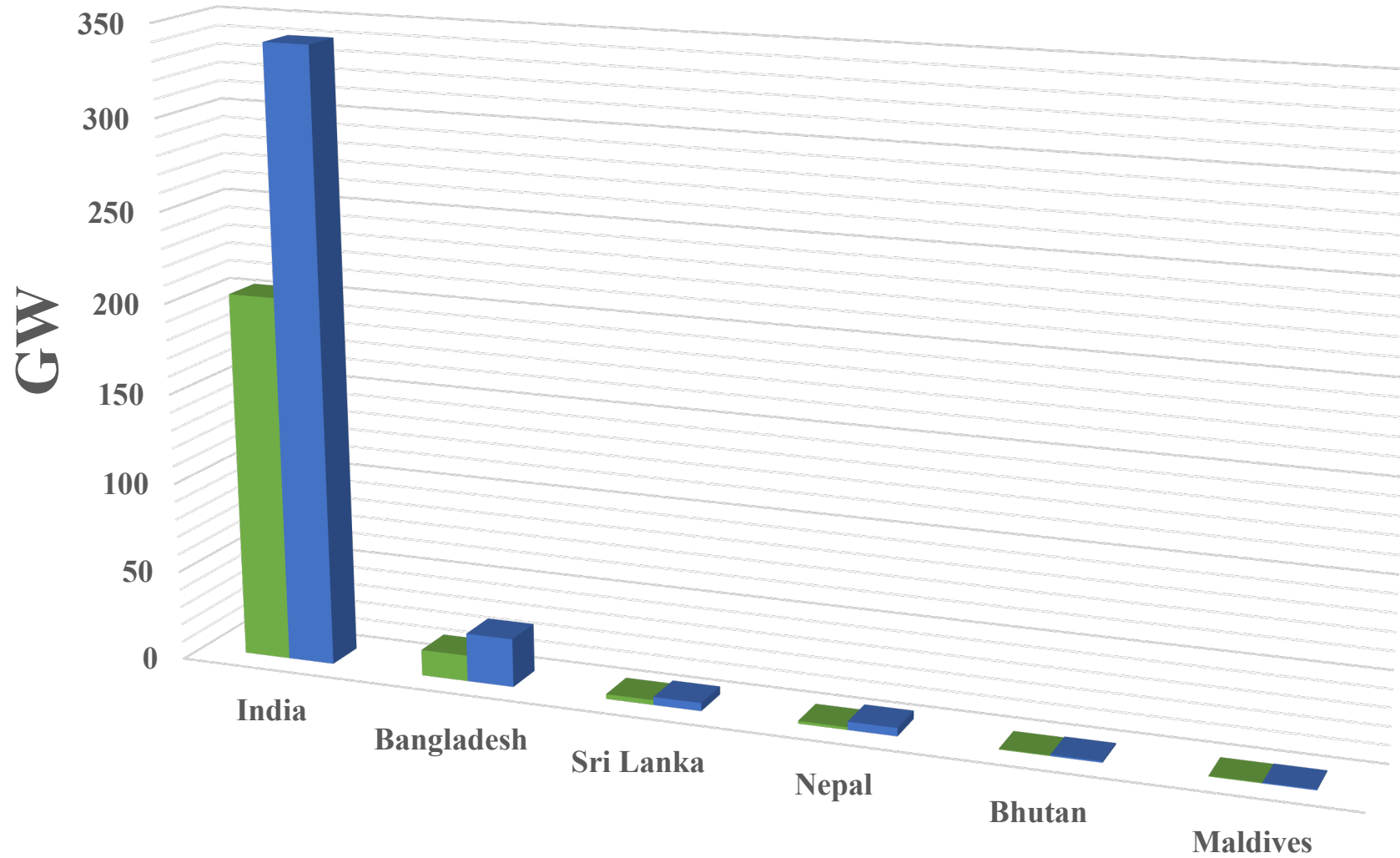
RE Penetration (Capacity) :

RE + Hydro Penetration (Capacity) :

Region	2020	2030
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SA	23% + 13% = 36%	47% + 12% = 59%

Peak Demand

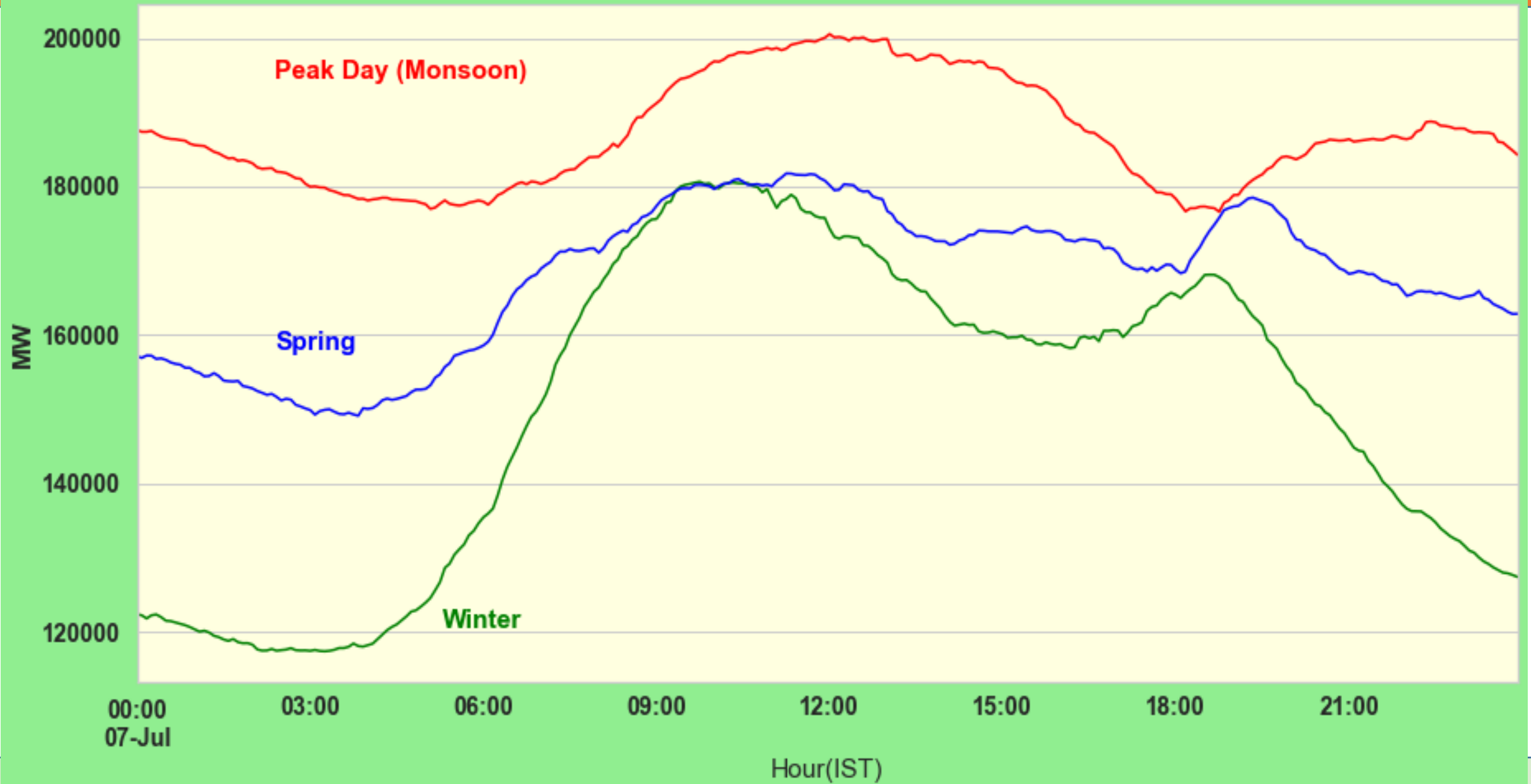


	India	Bangladesh	Sri Lanka	Nepal	Bhutan	Maldives
Peak Demand (GW) -2020	203	14.5	2.7	1.5	0.3	0.3
Peak Demand (GW)-2030	340	27.01	4.5	4.6	0.8	0.5

Key Learnings From Existing Cross Border Links - South Asia

- **Planning** : By planning agencies of the respective countries for either Import or Export of Power
- **Type of Interconnections** : Either HVDC or AC network or Radial Connection
 - HVDC- 01 no.
 - AC- 10 no.
- **Investment and Ownership:**
 - By Utility of the Respective Country
 - Part of Generation Project
 - Combination of Utility in the importing country and Part of generation project in the exporting country
 - JV between utility of respective country
 - Grant by Govt. and ownership by utilities in the respective country
- Recovery of investment through payment of monthly Transmission charges / Generation Tariff by the importing country
- Power transfer through Bilateral Long Term Contracts.

Typical All India Daily Load Profile



Cross- Border Link Planning
Considering Various Aspects of
Regional Interconnection

Regional Interconnection: Technical Aspects

- **Type of Interconnection :**

- Synchronous (AC) or Asynchronous (DC)
- DC
 - Monopolar or Bipolar
 - Back-to-Back
- Overhead Line or Underground Cable or Undersea cable

- **Transmission Voltage**

- 765kV /400 kV /220 kV /230 kV /132 kV AC
- ± 800 kV DC / ± 500 kV DC / ± 320 kV DC

- **Frequency**

- 50 Hz or 60 Hz

- Length of the Interconnection
- Quantum of Power (MW) and direction of power flow
- Terrain, Geology and land use, Temperature Zone, Wind Zone
- Reliability Criteria
 - N-1, N-1-1
- Transformers - Transformation Capacity (MVA)

Regional Interconnection: Operational Aspects

- Real Time Data:
 - Interconnection control center - Load Dispatch Center
 - SCADA/EMS
 - PMU - WAMS
- Data sharing mechanism
- Communication
 - Fiber Optic / PLCC/ Microwave/ GPS
- Scheduling and despatch mechanism
- Energy Meter
 - Metering Interval
 - Online/ off-line
- Energy Accounting and settlement
- Deviation settlement mechanism
- Protection
 - Overvoltage/ Under voltage
 - Defense mechanism: Rate of Change of Frequency (df/dt), Under frequency, System Protection Schemes
 - Fault Clearance time (Zone-1, Zone-2, Zone-3, etc.)

Regional Interconnection: Commercial Aspects

- Mode of Transaction:
 - Bilateral/ Trilateral/ Multi lateral
- Owning and operation of line: Utility consortium / Territorial utility / Private player under Regulated / Merchant model
- Financing for construction and Repayment
- Contractual frameworks for recovery of CAPEX and OPEX through tariffs
- Bulk Power Transmission Agreements
- Power Purchase Agreements – Bilateral / Multilateral
- Markets – Long Term / Day ahead / Intraday
- Physical Transmission Rights / Financial Transmission Rights / Contracts for difference
- Transmission tariff determination and approval
- Network Access
 - Pricing
 - Sharing of charges (Cost of Transmission) – Postage stamp / Point-of-Connection
 - Sharing of transmission losses
 - Maintenance cost
 - Payment security mechanism
 - Taxes & duties

Regional Interconnection: Regulatory & Legal Aspects

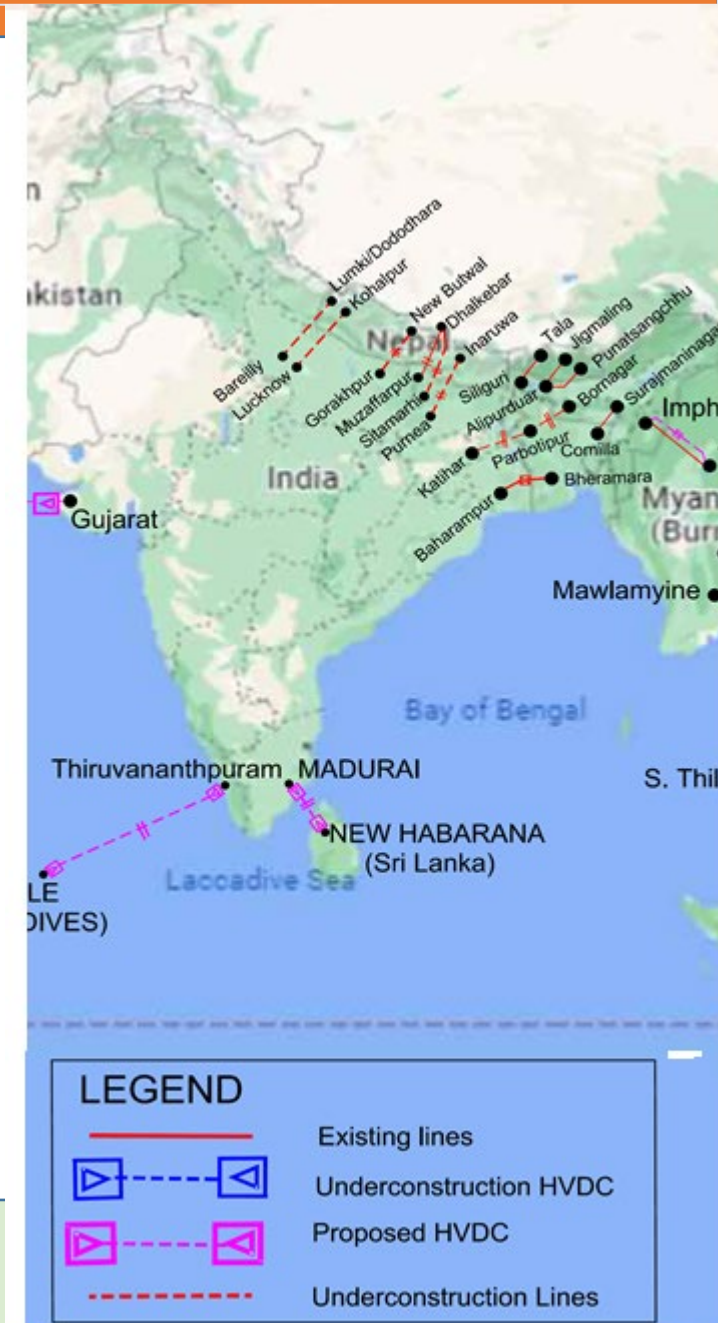
- Cross Border Trade of Electricity mechanism (Connectivity & Access):
 - Regulation
 - Procedure
- Dispute Resolution
- Regulator
- Grid codes
 - Connection code
 - Operational philosophy
 - Scheduling and dispatch code
 - Market operation
- Harmonization of technical standards
- Legal framework for :
 - Co-operation and collaboration for formation of the interconnected grid between participating nations
 - Long / Medium / Short term agreements with rights and duties of each parties
 - Power purchase and pricing – Scheduled and Unscheduled exchanges
 - Defaults management and termination

Regional Interconnection: Institutional Aspects

- Governing body of Govt. representatives – to adopt policy, legal and regulatory framework (JSC/JWG)
- Scheme approving agency - Intergovernmental forum(CEA)
- Planning agency for Cross Border links (JTT)
- Regulator for international links
- Utility / Consortium to own and operate links
- System Operator (JOC)
- Different bodies with TSO / ISO representatives for:
 - Overall coordination
 - System operation and security
 - Regulatory oversight
 - Market operations etc.

Cross Border Interconnections in South Asia

- Cross-Border Interconnection in South Asia Under Consideration
 - Augmentation of India- Nepal Links
 - Augmentation of India- Bangladesh Links
 - Augmentation of India- Bhutan Links
 - India-Myanmar
 - India- Sri Lanka
 - India- Maldives



Summary & Way Forward

- Inter Governmental Agreement for Establishment of new links & Strengthening of existing interconnections
- Steering Committee/Working group for coordination related to Technical, Operational, Commercial, Regulatory matters.
- Country Specific Outline for energy transition, Clean Development

Thank You