

India, Nepal ink MoU for rail line between Raxaul, Kathmandu

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INDIA AND NEPAL on Friday exchanged an MoU to build a strategic railway line connecting Bihar's Raxaul city to Kathmandu after Prime Minister Narendra Modi held talks on all aspects of the bilateral ties with his Nepalese counterpart KP Sharma Oli.

"Our deliberations were wide ranging, covering multiple aspects of India-Nepal rela-

tions," Modi said after the meeting on the sidelines of the 4th BIMSTEC Summit here. "We discussed ways to further deepen our economic, trade and cultural ties. Enhancing connectivity between our nations was discussed as well."

Spokesperson of the Ministry of External Affairs Raveesh Kumar said the two leaders held a detailed review on all aspects of the bilateral relationship. They had a "warm meeting", Kumar added.

In consultation with the government of Nepal, India's Konkan Railway Corporation will be conducting a preliminary engineering-cum-traffic survey of the proposed railway line.

The Raxaul-Kathmandu rail line is expected to expand connectivity by enhancing people-to-people linkages between the two countries and promoting economic growth and development, said the Indian embassy in a press release.