

The background features a light purple-to-blue gradient. Scattered across the top and right sides are several realistic water droplets of various sizes, some with highlights and shadows. In the center, there is a faint, large, light-colored circular graphic that resembles a stylized sun or a lens flare.

BBIN: PROSPECTS AND CHALLENGES

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THE OUTLINE OF THE PRESENTATION

- **INDO-CENTRICITY AND NEIGHBOURHOOD FIRST APPROACH.**
- **KATHMANDU DECLARATION AND THE BBIN INITIATIVE.**
- **PROSPECTS OF THE SUB-REGIONAL INITIATIVE.**
- **CHALLENGES BEFORE THE SUB-REGIONAL INTEGRATION.**

INDO-CENTRICITY AND NEIGHBOURHOOD FIRST APPROACH

- **SOUTH ASIA: AN INDO-CENTRIC REGION.**
- **UNWAVERING COMMITMENT TO REGIONAL INTEGRATION.**
- **NEIGHBOURHOOD FIRST APPROACH.**
- **INFRASTRUCTURAL WEAKNESS AND LACK OF CONNECTIVITY.**

KATHMANDU DECLARATION AND THE BBIN INITIATIVE

- **DETERMINATION TO DEEPEN REGIONAL INTEGRATION.**
- **THE BBIN MVA, 15 JUNE 2015.**
- **SPEEDY IMPLEMENTATION OF TRANSPORT FACILITATION.**
- **30 PRIORITY PROJECTS WORTH \$8 BILLION.**
- **POTENTIAL TO INCREASE INTRA-REGIONAL TRADE.**

BBIN ROAD CONNECTIVITY

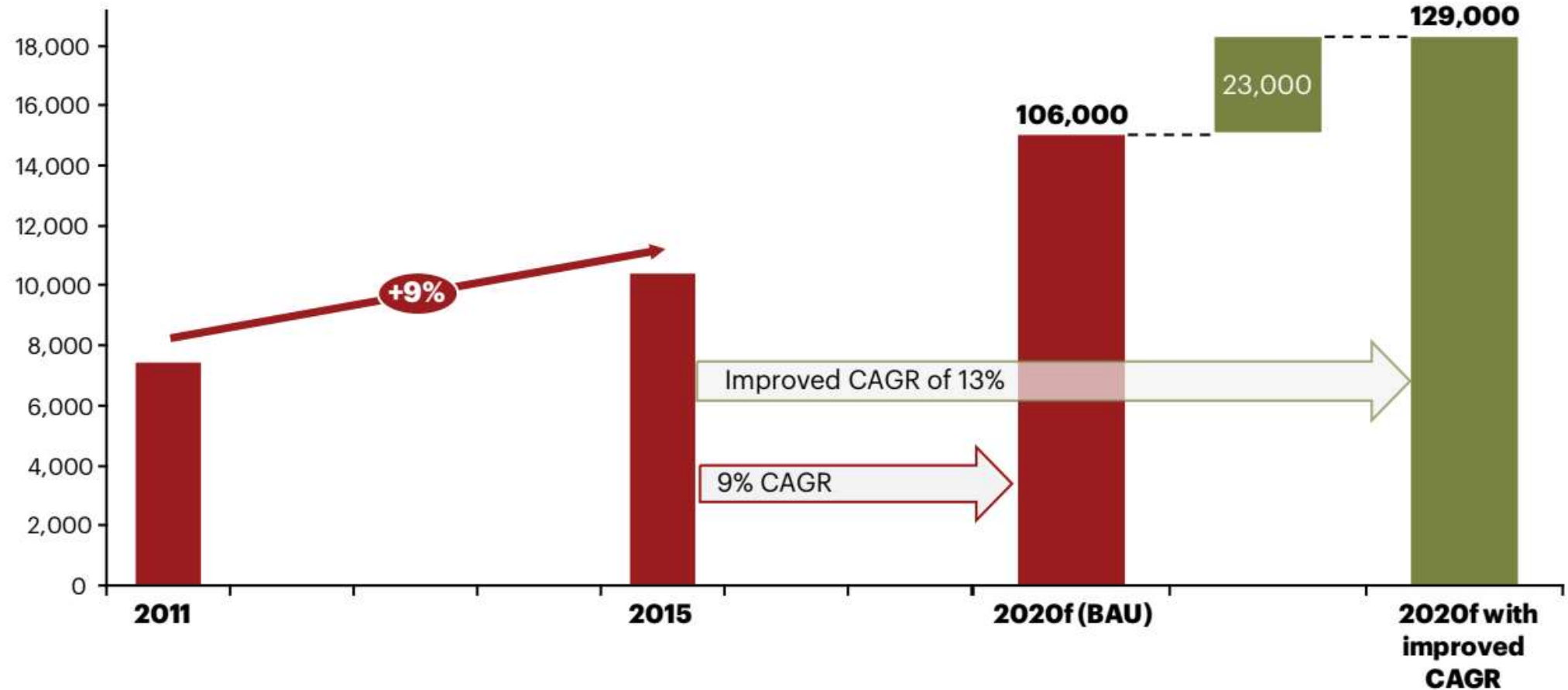


PROSPECTS OF THE SUB-REGIONAL INITIATIVE

- **CAGR: FROM EXISTING 9% TO 13%.**
- **TRANSPORTATION NETWORKS: BENEFICIAL FOR LANDLOCKED.**
- **ENERGY COOPERATION: WIN-WIN SITUATION.**
- **IMPORTANT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH-EAST.**
- **NORTH-EAST: THE ENGINE OF INDIA'S GROWTH.**

FLOW OF TRADE BETWEEN INDIA AND THE REST

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CHALLENGES BEFORE THE SUB-REGIONAL INTEGRATION

- **RATIFICATION BY ONLY THREE COUNTRIES.**
- **CONCERNS RAISED IN BHUTAN.**
- **BUILDING CONSENSUS ACROSS THE POLITICAL SPECTRUM.**
- **SPEEDING UP THE PROCESS.**
- **PREPARING A TIME-BOUND ROADMAP**



THANK YOU