THINDEPENDENCE Day of INDIA

HIGHLIGHTS OF INDIA-NEPAL PARTNERSHIP

Commitment of US \$ 1 Billion for reconstruction of Nepal and US \$1 Billion Line of Credit.

A multi-layered program comprising of more than 529 completed and ongoing projects at the cost over NRs. 76 billion in almost all key economic sectors based on the priorities of the Government of Nepal.

FLAGSHIP COMPLETED PROJECTS

- Five-storied OPD complex of Bir Hospital (Kathmandu), capacity of 2,500 outpatients
- · BPKIHS, Dharan, the largest public-sector hospital-cum-medical college outside Valley
- Manmohan Memorial Polytechnic, Biratnagar · 807 KMs of the East - West Highway from Mahendranagar to Mechi
- (Mahendra Rajmarg) 22 bridges over Kohalpur-Mahakali section of the East - West highway
- · 904 KMs Optical Fibre Cable project along the East West Highway
- · 08 storied National Trauma Centre, capacity of 200 bedded facilities constructed with GoI assistance of NRs. 1,600 million

MAJOR ONGOING PROJECTS

- · Integrated Check Posts (ICPs) at 4 points on the India-Nepal Border. Indian assistance of NRs. 432 billion for Nepal segment
- Cross-Border railway links at five locations on the India-Nepal Border
- · 26 KMs long Dakshinakali Kulekhani road Govt. of India to provide additional fund of NRs. 49.7 million
- Installation of 2,700 Shallow Tube Well in various districts of Nepal with Govt. of India assistance of NRs. 256 million
- · Construction of National Police Academy with GoI assistance of NRs. 8,791.38 million
- Construction of Nepal Bharat Maitri Pashupati Dharmashala, Tilganga, Kathmandu with GoI assistance of NRs. 292 million
- · Construction of Nepal Bharat Polytechnic at Hetauda with GoI assistance of NRs. 616.48 million

SMALL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS (SDPS)

- · Wide ranging infrastructure development and capacity-building projects worth NRs. 50 million
- 254 school/campus projects ongoing or completed
- 45 health related projects ongoing or completed
- · Work on 20 roads/4 bridges ongoing or completed
- Since 1994, 582 Ambulances gifted in 73 districts and 114 buses in 27 districts of Nepal. 980 vehicles gifted during election in Nepal in November 2013 to Security Agencies, Election Commission and Nepal Army. 35 vehicles gifted to CIAA, GoN in 2015
- Bicycles gifted to poor dalit girl students in Siraha, Banke, Dhanusha & Sarlahi Districts
- MoU with Nepal Bharat Maitri Sangh for setting up of e-library · MoUs for construction of school buildings in Kaski, Gulmi, Tanahun,
- Rautahat, Humla, Darchula & Kathmandu districts
- · Fateh Bal Eye Hospital, Nepalgunj, Banke district · 25 Community buildings in 24 VDCs Sarlahi district

GOI AID IN HEALTH SECTOR

- 1,52,000 cataract surgeries and 4,200 TT Surgeries performed under School Eye Health Care Programme
- · Goitre and Iodine Deficiency Control programme since 1973, NRs. 755 million spent
- NRs. 49.4 million during 2014-15 to B.P.Eye Foundation for Ear Surgical and School Ear Health Programmes to serve an estimated 12,500 people in rural districts of Nepal
 - NRs. 49.47 million to Healthy Nepal Community based Hospital, Kathmandu for organizing health camps in 9 Terai Districts of Nepal
- NRs. 50 million to Gandhi Global Family Nepal for conducting 30,800 diabetic basic lab test

VISITS/MEETINGS

- State visit to India by Rt. Hon. Mr. K.P. Sharma Oli, Prime Minister of Nepal, from 19–24 February 2016
- · Visit to India by Hon'ble Mr. Kamal Thapa, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Nepal, on 10-11 June 2016 to preside over

- Indian assisted construction of embankment of Kamala, Lalbakeya, Bagmati and Khando Rivers under progress. Till date NRs. 4056.92 million disbursed
- Upper Karnali Hydropower Projects and Arun III HEP (900 MWs each), after signing of the Power Development Agreement, moving towards financial closure
- Tourism and Traditional System of Medicine Agreement were signed; first meeting of the Joint Working Group on Tourism held · Following bilateral meetings have taken place recently:
- Joint Committee on Koshi and Gandak Project (JCKGP) at Patna - February 2016
- Joint Standing Technical Committee relating to water resource management New Delhi - May, 2016
- Line of Credit (LoC) review meeting at New Delhi 1st April 2016

- Pancheswar Development Authority (PDA)'s 3rd governing body meeting in Kathmandu - March, 2016 and the 4th governing meeting - July 2016, at Pokhara

- The third meeting of the Joint Steering Committee (JSC) and Joint Working Group (JWG) meeting between GoI and GoN held in June, 2016 in New Delhi
- The Commerce Secretary level meeting of Inter-Governmental Committee (IGC) on trade, transit and co-operation to control unauthorized trade between India and Nepal held in June 2016 in New Delhi
- A delegation from Nepal participated in 'Make in India' Week organised in Mumbai in February 2016

ECONOMIC RELATIONS

Under the Motor Vehicle Agreement, Pokhara - New Delhi bus service inaugurated in July, 2016. The start of regular bus service between Delhi and Pokhara will improve connectivity, further enhance people-to-people contact and further strengthen the multi-dimensional ties between India and Nepal. The bus service will also have an extremely positive impact on the tourism industry of Nepal, particularly in Pokhara region

EDUCATION

- 3,000 scholarships/seats to Nepalese nationals every year
- 227 Scholarships under Compex Nepal Scholarship Scheme
- 110 scholarships under General Cultural Scholarship Scheme
- 120 scholarships under Silver Jubilee Scholarship Scheme
- 30 Scholarships under the Technical Cooperation Scheme (TCS) of the Colombo Plan and 220 under the Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) Programme.
- 200 scholarships under Golden Jubilee Scholarship Scheme
- 2,000 scholarships Under Mahatma Gandhi Scholarship Scheme
- 40 scholarships under Dr. Homi J. Bhaba Scheme
- 33 scholarships for studying in Army Public Schools, in India
- Bharat-Nepal Maitri Shiksha Karyakaram
- As part of the "Study in India" campaign Education Fair organised with nearly 3,000 footfall over two days
- 71 students granted admission under Self-Financing Scheme for various technical courses

CULTURAL COOPERATION INDIAN CULTURAL CENTRE

- Indian Cultural Centre, Kathmandu (ICC-K) conducts regular classes for about 700 regular Nepalese students on Tabla, Classical Vocal Music, Yoga and Bharatnatyam Dance
- · Kathmandu-Banaras, Janakpur-Ayodhya and Lumbini-Bodhgaya became sister cities. A Brainstorming Session on Sister-City tie-up held in May, 2016 in Kathmandu
- MoU between Lalit Kala Akademi and Nepal Academy of Fine Arts signed
- MoU on Youth Exchange signed
- · MoU between Nepal Academy of Music and Drama and Sangeet Natak Academy, Delhi signed
- Kathmandu Banaras classical music programme organised

















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AMBASSADÖR OF INDIA **KATHMANDU**



On the occasion of India's 70th Independence Day, I extend my warm greetings and best wishes to the Indian

On this auspicious occasion, we recall the glorious sacrifices by our freedom fighters for India to become free and for our citizens to breathe the fresh air of inclusive democracy, equality and

We take pride in the fact that our people have made rapid strides in our journey for peace, stability and development. We revel in the plurality of our cultures, languages, religions, customs and traditions. Indeed it is our great diversity that has been woven into a single thread of national unity. Our Constitution has enshrined the equality of all our citizens regardless of region, religion, caste or gender.

In our quest for equitable and sustainable economic growth, India will work shoulder to shoulder with its South Asian neighbours, more particularly Nepal, a nation with which we share an ancient tradition of warm and fraternal relations. Bound by the same civilizational values and strong ties of history, geography, culture and economy, our destinies are interlinked.



community and our friends in Nepal.

self-reliance

On this auspicious occasion, I would like to convey my greetings to the Indian community living in Nepal, our friends and well-wishers and also to the friendly people of Nepal

Jai Hind

Ranjit Rae

15 August, 2016

- the first Convocation Ceremony of the South Asian University (SAU) in New Delhi
- The third India-Nepal Boundary Working Group (BWG) Meeting in Kathmandu in June 2016
- · The first meeting of the Eminent Persons Group for Nepal-India Relations (EPG-NIR) in Kathmandu on 4-5 July 2016

NEPALESE PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION VISIT

· Study visit to India in July 2016 of a 12-member delegation comprising Members of Parliament and Officials of the Parliamentary Committee for Development, Legislature-Parliament of Nepal

BILATERAL TRADE & INVESTMENT

- India-Nepal Bilateral Trade NRs. 547.52 billion in 2014-15
- 38.3% of total approved FDI in Nepal from India
- USD 1.35 billion Line of Credit for Hydropower, Infrastructure & Irrigation, are progressing well
- · Pancheshwar Development Authority (PDA) constituted for implementation of 6,000 MW project, Executive Committee set up and DPR being finalized. Statute of the PDA has been signed
- · Power Trade Agreement signed; Import of power from India to Nepal increased to 320 MW. Cross-border transmission infrastructure between Muzaffarpur-Dhalkebar being completed, Nepal drawing 80 MW through this line
- MoU on Construction of Petroleum Products Pipeline from Raxaul, India to Amlekhgunj, Nepal and Re-engineering of Amlekhgunj Depot and Allied Facilities signed

- The Ramayan Circuit Art Workshop' at Janakpur in August, 2016
- · 'Culture Nagari' organised in Biratnagar showcasing culture of the region

MEDIA RELATIONS

- MoU between Doordarshan and Nepal Television has been signed
- MoU between Press Council of India and Nepal has been signed
- MoU between Radio Nepal and All India Radio is ready for signature
- · A team of 15 Nepalese journalists from different regions and different profiles went on a familiarization tour to India in May, 2016

INDIAN EX-SERVICEMEN WELFARE

- Pension worth NRs. 31.59 billion in the FY 2015-16 to GoI Pensioners
- Other than pension (OTP) payments amounting to NRs 63.3 million in the FY 2015-16
- 17 solar projects benefiting around 1.5 lakh people, NRs. 332.5 million spent
- 1,049 drinking water projects implemented; 12 DWPs under progress
- Medical grants worth NRs. 9.42 million distributed to 146 beneficiaries
- Scholarships worth NRs. 26.8 Million have been distributed to 408 students this year
- · Financial Assistance to Schools worth NRs. 4.80 Lakh sanctioned from AG's Branch, Army Headquarter
- 10 Medical Welfare Teams planned for the current fiscal year.
- · 64 Ambulances distributed so far to Ex-Servicemen committees
- · 24th Indian Ex-Servicemen Welfare Organization in Nepal Conference held in May 2016
- Director General of Assam Rifles visited Nepal in April 2016