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Embassy of India
Kathmandu, Nepal

Newsletter – March 2024

India in Nepal Highlights



Celebration of International Women’s Day



Embassy of India, Kathmandu, in association with Maiti Nepal, celebrated International Women’s Day at the premises of Maiti Nepal on 6 March 2024. The event was organized to honour and recognize the contributions of women under the theme of “Invest in Women: Accelerate Progress” and “Inspire Inclusion”. Mrs Ashta Lakshmi Shakya, the first woman Chief Minister of Nepal graced the occasion as Chief Guest. Mr. Prasanna Shrivastava, Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of India, Kathmandu, also attended the celebrations along with Ms. Anuradha Koirala, founder of Maiti Nepal.

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Inauguration of Post-Earthquake Reconstruction Projects



Hon'ble Minister of Urban Development, Government of Nepal, Shri Dhan Bahadur Budha and Ambassador of India to Nepal, Shri Naveen Srivastava jointly inaugurated the new building of Shree Jestha Varna Mahavihar, Lalitpur, Nepal built at a tendered cost of NPR 13.78 cr under Government of India's post-earthquake reconstruction grant in the cultural heritage sector in Nepal on 22 March 2024. Shri Buddhiraj Bajracharya, President of Lalitpur Development Society, representatives of local community, officials from Government of Nepal and Indian Embassy were also present at the event.

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Laying of foundation stone to build High Impact Community Development Projects in Doti, Nepal



Foundation stone of Shree Kedar Jyotipunja Multiple Campus School Building, Badikedar Rural Municipality, Doti District, Nepal being built with India's financial assistance of approx 28.90 million under Nepal-India Development Cooperation was laid on 10 March 2024. The foundation stone was laid by Badikedar Rural Municipality Chairman, Mr Bhairav Bahadur Saud and Mr Prashant Sona, Second Secretary, Embassy of India, Kathmandu.

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Laying of Foundation Stone for Reconstructions Projects



Mr. Prashant Kumar Sona, Second Secretary, Embassy of India, Kathmandu, Mr. Pasang Nurpu Sherpa, Chairman of Bhotekoshi Rural Municipality and Mr. Koshnath Adhikari, Project Director of Central Level Project Implementation Unit (Building & Housing), Government of Nepal jointly laid foundation stone for the reconstruction of Listikot Ghyang Gumba in Bhotekoshi Rural Municipality, Sindhupalchowk district On 21 March 2024. The event was attended by ward chairs, community members and officials of Central Level Project Implementation Unit (Building & Housing), Government of Nepal.

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Celebration of 59th ITEC Day



Embassy of India, Kathmandu celebrated 59th Indian Technical & Economic Cooperation (ITEC) Day on 22 March 2024. Around 300 guests including senior political leaders, Government officials and prominent alumni of Indian academic institutions participated in the event. Distinguished ITEC alumni also participated in a panel discussion on their experience under ITEC. More than 440 ITEC slots were utilised by officials & professionals from Nepal in 2023-24, which is the highest ever for Nepal. A cultural show of Odissi dance by renowned artist Ms. Kakali Bose enthralled the audience at the celebrations.

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22nd Golden Jubilee Scholarship Day



Embassy of India, Kathmandu celebrated 22nd Golden Jubilee Scholarship Day on 15 March 2024 which was attended by Vice Chancellors, Deans, Registrars of prominent Universities in Nepal , senior officials and School Principals. Around 200 students enthusiastically participated in the programme. Ambassador awarded Rolls of Honour to meritorious Golden Jubilee Scholars who have excelled in their graduation fields, including Medicine, Engineering and Management. Bharatnatyam & Nepali folk dance performance by the students of ICCR in Nepal enthralled the audience.

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Celebration of Raising Day of Nepali Army



To celebrate the occasion of 261st Raising Day of Nepali Army on 8 March 2024, Indian Army Band of Mahar Regiment visited Nepal from 2-10 March 2024 on special invite to participate in Nepali Army Day Parade conveying goodwill and best wishes from Indian Army to the Nepali Army. Senior government officials, senior officials from Armed Forces, Defense Attachés and representatives from Nepali community were present on the occasion.





Briefing & Feedback session for SEJON (Society for Economic Journalists- Nepal) Journalists



Embassy of India, Kathmandu held a briefing and feedback session on 14 March 2024 for SEJON (Society for Economic Journalists- Nepal) journalists who had visited India in December 2023 for a two-week training programme at the Indian Institute of Mass Communication (IIMC), New Delhi. The session provided opportunity to discuss new areas in India-Nepal cooperation. The journalists shared their highly enriching and insightful views and experiences about their visit.





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India-Nepal Ayush Exhibition cum Conference



Embassy of India, Kathmandu participated in India-Nepal Ayush Exhibition cum Conference organised from 7-11 March 2024 by Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC) with support from Ministry of AYUSH, Government of India. 22 AYUSH sector companies from India exhibited their products at the Ayush Pavilion. Mr Suman Shekhar, First Secretary (Commerce) from the Embassy joined the inauguration and interacted with exporters.



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Live Stream Launch of Dekho Apna Desh People's Choice 2024 and Chalo India- Global Diaspora Campaign



On 7 March 2024, Embassy of India, Kathmandu organised an event to live stream launch of Dekho Apna Desh People's Choice 2024 and Chalo India-Global Diaspora campaign with diaspora and business community from Nepal. Hon'ble PM Narendra Modi dedicated to the nation Holistic Agriculture Development Programme worth about Rs 5000 crores and launched multiple projects related to the tourism sector worth more than Rs 1400 crore under Swadesh Darshan and PRASHAD scheme. The Prime Minister also launched about 43 projects that will develop a wide range of pilgrimage and tourist sites across the country. Tourism destinations selected for the Challenge Based Destination Scheme were also announced on the occasion.



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Interactive Feedback session with the officials and farmers of Nepal



Embassy of India, Kathmandu hosted a group of 30 officials and farmers of Nepal on 7 March 2024, who concluded 10-days visit to India for training and capacity building in the field of high land organic apple and walnut farming. The training was imparted in Dr YS Parmar University of Horticulture and Forestry, Nauni, Himachal Pradesh, India under the Government of India grant. The participants shared their highly enriching and insightful views about the programme.



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Interaction event for Nepali Architects from Indian Institutions



An interaction session for Nepali Architects from Indian Institutions was held at Embassy of India, Kathmandu on 18 March 2024 which was graced by around 50 distinguished Alumni Architects including former Prime Minister of Nepal Dr. Baburam Bhattarai. The event featured talks on Alumni Experiences, ideas and vision, followed by a presentation by Indian Architect Ar. Anu Mridul on Water Heritage Conservation. At the event, Ambassador Naveen Srivastava underlined the significance of the Alumni network in further fostering people-to-people links and deepening collaboration and cooperation between India and Nepal. An enthralling instrumental music performance by the 'Saptasur' ladies concluded the evening.





Interactive Feedback session with Veterinarians & Rangers of Nepal



On 24 March 2024, Embassy of India, Kathmandu hosted a delegation of 15 Veterinarians and Rangers from Nepal who concluded a six days visit to India for training and capacity building on the topic of monkey sterilization. The training programme was conducted at the Monkey Sterilization Centre at Tutikandi Shimla, Himachal Pradesh, India under Government of India grant. The participants shared their highly enriching and insightful views about the programme.





Shiva Sadhana- Celebration of Maha Shivaratri



A mesmerising cultural program 'Shiva Sadhana' was organized at the holy premises of Pashupatinath Temple in worship of Lord Shiva on the evening of Maha Shivaratri on 6 March 2024. Artists from Cultural Council Nepal and Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre (SVCC) of the Embassy performed classical songs, bhajans and dances. The cultural program was jointly organized by SVCC and Nepal Tourism Board with the venue support by Pashupati Area Development Trust (PADT) and was attended by hundreds of audience.



Odissi Dance Performance at Pokhara



On 23 March 2024, Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre of the Embassy of India, Kathmandu, Nepal Tourism Board and Pokhara Tourism Council celebrated the rich cultural heritage of India and Nepal through performances of Nepal's Lākhey Dance and India's Odissi Dance at scenic Phewa Lakeside of the Tourism Capital Pokhara. Hon'ble Chief Minister of Gandaki Province Shri Surendra Raj Pandey inaugurated the event which was attended by over 500 audience.





Odissi Dance Performance at Lumbini



Strengthening India-Nepal cultural ties, an Odissi dance performance was organized in Lumbini on 24 March 2024, revered birthplace of Lord Buddha, by Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre of the Embassy of India, Kathmandu and Lumbini Development Trust. The event was graced by Hon'ble Home Minister of Lumbini, Mr. Santosh Kumar Pandey as Chief Guest, and was witnessed by a large audience.



Nepal-India Literary Festival



Embassy of India, Kathmandu organized a program of book release, panel discussion and short-story telling as a part of 'Nepal-India Literary Festival' on 20 March 2024. Vice Chancellor of Nepal Academy Mr. Bhupal Rai graced the occasion as Chief Guest and President of 'Hamro Laghu Katha Kendra' Mrs Lata KC was the Guest of Honour. The program witnessed remarks by Nepal's eminent short story writers Mr. Narayan Tiwari and Mr. Sneh Sayami who also read out their Nepali short stories. The Chief Guest released Dr. Shweta Deepti short story collection in Hindi 'Tukdon Mein Bati Zindagi'. Eminent literary personalities, linguists and authors were present in the program organized at 'Nepal-India Library'.





Musical Demonstration by SIYOM



SIYOM, a folk-based ensemble from Imphal, Manipur brought soulful ethnic sounds of Manipur through their music demonstration organized on 27 March 2024 at Nepal Bharat Library by Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre of the Embassy of India, Kathmandu as an endeavour to showcase Nepal and India's cultural heritage for strengthening people-to-people ties. Music enthusiasts including school and college students enjoyed the musical evening.





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Visit of Hon'ble PM Shri Narendra Modi to Bhutan (22-23 March 2024)



Hon'ble Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi was on an official visit to Bhutan from 22-23 March 2024, where he met the top leaders and also inaugurated the Gyaltshen Jetsun Pema Wangchuk Mother and Child Hospital in Bhutan, indicating the shining example of a strong partnership between the two countries in healthcare. Prime Minister Modi was also conferred with the 'Order of the Druk Gyalpo', Bhutan's highest civilian honour.

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Visit of External Affairs Minister, Dr. S. Jaishankar to RoK & Japan (5-8 March 2024)



External Affairs Minister (EAM) of India, Dr. S. Jaishankar was on bilateral visits to the Republic of Korea and Japan from 5-8 March 2024. EAM visited Seoul from 5-6 March 2024 and co-chaired the 10th India - Republic of Korea Joint Commission Meeting (JCM) with H.E. Mr. Cho Tae-yul, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea. EAM visited Japan from 6-8 March 2024 for the 16th India-Japan Foreign Ministers Strategic Dialogue with the Foreign Minister of Japan, H.E. Ms. Yoko Kamikawa.

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India's First Underwater Metro Transportation



Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi launched India's first underwater metro service the Howrah Maidan-Esplanade section of Kolkata Metro's East-West corridor on 6 March 2024. Built at a cost of Rs 4,965 crore, this engineering marvel is part of the 16.6 km of the East-West Metro corridor. The project is being executed by Kolkata Metro Rail Corporation Limited (KMRCL). Of the total East-West Metro corridor, nearly 10.8 km is underground, including the tunnel beneath the river. The project has been executed with enhanced safety measures, including using features like anti-collision and automatic train control mechanisms. In April 2023, a successful trial journey was also executed under the bed of Hooghly through a tunnel 32 metres below the water level for the first time in India.



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Kaziranga National Park



Kaziranga National Park is the place where the nature unwinds its pristine form in millions of hues, where wildlife roams fearlessly, where man and nature meets together. It is situated in the north-eastern part of India in the district of Golaghat and Nagoan in the state of Assam. It is the host for two third of world's population of endangered Indian one-horned rhinoceros and also holds the highest density of tigers in the world. Kaziranga National Park was declared as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO for its unique natural environment in 1985.

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