

BILATERAL EXCHANGES



Visit of Lt Gen Ranjeet Singh, DG DC&W, Indian Army to Nepal

To strengthen the connection between Indian and Nepali Armies, Lt Gen Ranjeet Singh, DG DC&W, Indian Army, visited to Nepal from 08-14 June 2025 on an official visit. During the visit, Lt. Gen also called on Gen Ashok Raj Sigdel, COAS, Nepali Army and Honorary Gen of Indian Army at Nepali Army Headquarters to discuss measures to boost bilateral military relations between India and Nepal, further strengthening the Army to Army connect.

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Flagging in ceremony of the successful mountaineering expedition of Mount Kanchenjunga

Lt Gen Ajay Ramdev, SM, DG IT, Indian Army, arrived at Kathmandu on 01 June 2025 to attend the flagging in ceremony of the successful mountaineering expedition of Indian Army and Nepali Army to the world's third highest peak, Mount Kanchenjunga. The flagging in ceremony was held at Nepali Army HQ on 02 June 2025.

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16th meeting of the India-Nepal Bilateral Consultative Group on Security Issues (INBCGSI)

The 16th Meeting of the India-Nepal Bilateral Consultative Group on Security Issues (INBCGSI) was held in Pune, India from 23-24 June 2025. The Indian delegation was led by Shri Munu Mahawar, Additional Secretary (North), MEA, GoI and the Nepali delegation was led by Mr. Gahendra Rajbhandari, Joint Secretary (South Asia), MoFA, GoN. Both sides agreed to further strengthen defence and security cooperation in areas of equipment supply, training, capacity building and military exchanges.

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Evacuation of Nepali nationals from Iran

Under Operation Sindhu, carried out by the Government of India, 09 Nepali nationals were safely evacuated from Iran; a testament to the strong India-Nepal Friendship and commitment to the Neighbourhood First Policy.

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DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP



Laying of foundation stone for the construction of hostel building and canteen block for Shree Dibya Deep Secondary School at Lomanthang Rural Municipality, Mustang

Foundation stone for the construction of hostel building and canteen block for Shree Dibya Deep Secondary School at Lomanthang Rural Municipality, Mustang was laid on 08 June 2025, jointly by Shri Prasanna Shrivastava, Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of India, Kathmandu and Mr. Tasi Nharbu Gurung, Chairman, Lomanthang Rural Municipality, Mustang.

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CULTURAL AND PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE ENGAGEMENTS



Inaugural edition of the Indian Ambassador's Cricket Tournament

Embassy of India, Kathmandu successfully organized the inaugural edition of the Indian Ambassador's Cricket Tournament from 31 May - 8 June 2025 at the Tribhuvan University Cricket Ground. The tournament saw enthusiastic participation from six teams representing Indian Embassy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Nepal, British Embassy, Federation of Nepali Journalists (FNJ), Corporates, and the Indian Diaspora (ICAN) in Nepal. On 08 June 2025, a reception ceremony was organized to celebrate the tournament's success.

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Celebration of World Environment Day 2025

The Embassy of India, Kathmandu celebrated World Environment Day on 05 June 2025 with the theme "Beat Plastic Pollution". Ambassador of India to Nepal, Shri Naveen Srivastava, Hon'ble Minister of Forest & Environment of Nepal, Mr. Ain Bahadur Shahi Thakuri, and students of Kendriya Vidyalaya, Kathmandu planted saplings at the Embassy premises. Embassy officials and members of the Indian diaspora also took part at the event.

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Gifting of 40 ambulances to various organizations in Nepal

On 14 June 2025, the Government of India gifted 40 ambulances to various organizations in Nepal, working in health sector, across 33 districts spread across all 07 provinces of Nepal. Since 1994, 1049 ambulances and 300 school buses have been gifted by the Government of India to various organizations across Nepal.

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Feedback & Interaction session upon successful completion of the ITEC Cyber Security course

A feedback & interaction session was held on 16 June 2025 at the Embassy of India, Kathmandu premises, following the successful completion of the ITEC Cyber Security course for officials from Nepal Police. Participants shared their experiences, insights, and plans to implement the training within their respective organisations.

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9,000 km para-cycling expedition "Volga to Brahmaputra" by Rakesh Banik

On 26 June 2025, Embassy of India, Kathmandu welcomed para-cyclist Mr. Rakesh Banik from Assam, who was in the final leg of his remarkable 9,000 km para-cycling expedition, "Volga to Brahmaputra", spanning from Moscow to Guwahati, Assam. Through his incredible journey, Mr. Banik also promoted Incredible India and Awesome Assam, showcasing India's rich cultural heritage and natural beauty to the world.

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Monthly Hindi Literature Festival

The Embassy of India, Kathmandu organized a seminar under the monthly Hindi Literature Festival on 28 June 2025 to commemorate Babu Devkinandan Khatri, Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay, and Vishnu Prabhakar, where eminent Hindi scholars from Nepal shared their views. Children from various schools in Kathmandu also recited the works of these great litterateurs.

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Relief assistance to fire victim families by Nepal-India Friendship Association

Nepal-India Friendship Association provided food assistance to 40 families in Bamka Bazaar, Budhiganga Municipality-6, Bajura, which was hit by a fire on 06 June 2025.

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Celebrations of 11th International Day of Yoga in Nepal



To celebrate the 11th edition of the International Day of Yoga, the Embassy of India in Kathmandu and the Consulate General of India in Birgunj organised a series of engaging events across 10 cities and municipalities in Nepal including Kathmandu, Pokhara, Lamjung, Lumbini, Janakpur, Chitwan, Birgunj, Hetauda, Rautahat and Bariyarpur.

The Embassy of India organized Yoga posture demonstrations at six UNESCO World Heritage sites in the Kathmandu Valley, namely: Pashupatinath Temple on 7 April 2025; Kathmandu Durbar Square on 6 June 2025; Boudhanath Stupa and Swayambhunath Stupa on 9 June 2025; Changu Narayan Temple on 10 June 2025; and Patan Durbar Square on 14 June 2025. Yoga sessions were also organized at the premises of Kendriya Vidyalaya, Kathmandu on 13 June 2025, ICIMOD HQ in Kathmandu on 15 June 2025, and Lamjung district on 19 June 2025. In a similar spirit, the Embassy of India conducted Yoga demonstrations at Sarangkot viewpoint, the Shiva Temple at Pumdikot, the Shanti Stupa on Anadu Hill, and along the serene banks of Phewa Lake in Pokhara on 19 and 20 June 2025.

On 20 June 2025, the Embassy hosted a large-scale Yoga demonstration at the iconic Prince Siddhartha statue and Maya Devi Temple, in Lumbini Sanskritik area, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The event had participation of the Hon'ble Governor of Lumbini, Mr. Krishna Bahadur Gharti, and the Hon'ble Minister of Youth and Sports of Nepal, Mr. Teju Lal Chaudhary, as Chief Guests.

The main highlight of the Embassy of India's International Day of Yoga celebrations in Nepal in 2025 was a grand Yoga demonstration held at Pokhara's Rangasala Stadium on 21 June 2025. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from over 7000 Yoga practitioners across the region and was graced by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Gandaki Province, Mr. Surendra Raj Pandey, and the Mayor of Pokhara Metropolitan City, Mr. Dhana Raj Acharya.

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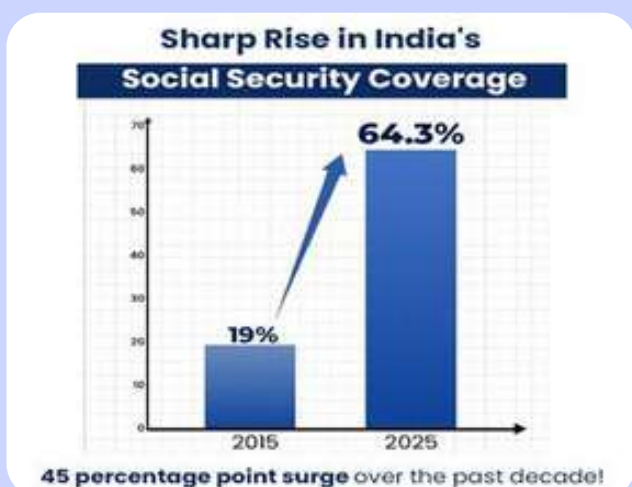
Inauguration of iconic Chenab Bridge

Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated the world's highest railway arch bridge, the iconic Chenab Bridge on 06 June 2025 in Jammu and Kashmir. The bridge is a part of the Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Railway Link, a 272-kilometre-long project. This bridge will play a vital role in connecting Jammu and Kashmir with the rest of India and also cut travel time between Katra and Srinagar to just 3 hours.

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10 years of Digital India

An ambitious initiative launched by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi on 01 July 2015, Digital India has evolved into a revolution over the years and stands as a mass movement, touching the lives of the majority of Indians. The implementation of initiatives like Aadhaar, UPI, and DigiLocker has enabled faceless, cashless, and paperless governance, laying the foundation for a strong, robust, and secure Digital India.

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A quiet revolution: India recorded fastest growth in social protection coverage worldwide

According to the International Labour Organization, India has achieved the fastest growth in social protection coverage worldwide – rising from 19% in 2015 to 64.3% in 2025, extending social security to over 940 million citizens.

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Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla - First Indian to go to International Space Station (ISS)

The Indian Astronaut, Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla became the first Indian to go to International Space Station, carrying with him the wishes, hopes and aspirations of 1.4 billion Indians. Group Captian Shukla is serving as the mission pilot for Axiom Mission 4, a privately organised mission to the ISS.

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13th Passport Seva Divas

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MESSAGE

It gives me immense pleasure to join all our Passport Issuing Authorities in India and abroad on the occasion of the 13th Passport Seva Divas on 24 June 2025.

"Seva, Sushasan and Garib Kalyan" are three key pillars of governance that would lead us to a Viksit Bharat. They are all reflected with prominence in our "Passport Seva Programme". In the last 11 years, there has been a paradigm shift in the public service delivery, from just over 91 lakh passports in 2014, we have reached 1.46 crore passports in 2024.

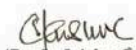
In line with the Government of India's commitment to deliver next level of citizen-centric service, I am delighted to inform that we have rolled out PSP V2.0 across the country. This would leverage advanced, high-end emerging technologies. The pilot testing of Global PSP Version 2.0 is currently under progress and shall also be rolled out in a phased manner in all Indian Embassies/Consulates.

Another important milestone is the ongoing roll out of the e-Passport. The contactless reading of data stored in the chip facilitates the ease of travel for Indian citizens and their smoother interface with Immigration Authorities. The launch of mPassport Police App has substantially brought down the Police Verification time to 5-7 days in 25 States/UTs where mPassport Police App has been implemented.

In the last one year, 10 new Post Office Passport Seva Kendras (POPSKs) have been opened in the country. The 450th POPSK was opened at Kushinagar in April 2025. We have reached the remotest areas of our country through our mobile van facilities which have enhanced the ease of passport services for citizens living in far flung areas. It has helped our professionals and workers to access the global workplace.

I take this opportunity to congratulate everyone at Passport Offices (PO), Passport Seva Kendras (PSK), Post Office Passport Seva Kendras (POPSK) and all partners of Passport Seva Programme, including the Department of Posts, India Security Press at Nashik, State Police authorities, our service providers and others for their dedication in rendering passports and related services collectively to our citizens.

Happy Passport Seva Divas!


(Dr. S. Jaishankar)

Hon'ble External Affairs Minister of India, Dr. S. Jaishankar's message on the occasion of 13th Passport Seva Divas on 24 June 2025.

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