



Newsletter - January 2025

Bilateral Exchanges



India-Nepal Inter-Governmental Committee (IGC) on Trade, Transit, and Cooperation to Combat Unauthorised Trade

The India-Nepal Inter-Governmental Committee (IGC) on Trade, Transit, and Cooperation to Combat Unauthorised Trade was held in Kathmandu from 10-11 January 2025.

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5th JPMC Meeting on Post-earthquake Reconstruction Projects

India and Nepal held the 5th meeting of the Joint Project Monitoring Committee (JPMC) on post-earthquake reconstruction projects on 27 January 2025 in Kathmandu. The Indian delegation was led by Shri Munu Mahawar, Additional Secretary (North), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India and the Nepalese delegation was led by Mr. Padma Kumar Mainalee, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Urban Development, Government of Nepal.

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Visit of Lt Gen Zubin A Minwalla, UYSM, AVSM, YSM, GOC 33 Corps & Colonel of the Regiment, 9 GR

Lt Gen Zubin A Minwalla, UYSM, AVSM, YSM, GOC 33 Corps & Colonel of the Regiment, 9 GR visited Nepal on official visit from 27 January 2025 to 01 February 2025 to interact with Indian Army Exservicemen and to boost bilateral Military relations.

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41 member Nepali Army Command & Staff College Foreign Study Tour

A 41 member Nepali Army Command & Staff College Foreign Study Tour delegation led by Brig Gen Manoj Thapa along with six faculty members and 34 student officers including four student officers from friendly foreign countries visited India from 15-23 January 2025.

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Nepali Army Band contingent participated in 77th Indian Army Day Parade

Nepali Army Band contingent comprising 33 members including three woman musicians participated in 77th Indian Army Day Parade at Pune, India on 15 January 2025.

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18th edition of 'Exercise Surya Kiran', joint military exercise between India and Nepal

18th edition of Exercise Surya Kiran, a joint military exercise between India and Nepal was held from 31 December 2024 to 13 January 2025 at Shaljhandi, Nepal.

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Development Partnership



Handing over of High Impact Community Development Project (HICDP) in Myagdi

Campus and Hostel Buildings of Myagdi Multiple Campus in Myagdi were formally handed over to Campus Management Committee on 06 January 2025 jointly by representatives from India and Nepal.

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Handing over of High Impact Community Development Project (HICDP) in Baglung

School building of Shree Bhingithe Secondary School in Baglung was formally handed over to School Management Committee on 07 January 2025 jointly by representatives from India and Nepal.

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Cultural and People-to-People Engagements



Vishwa Hindi Diwas Celebration

Vishwa Hindi Diwas was organized on 10 January 2025 at the Embassy of India, Kathmandu. Mr. Mangal Prasad Gupta, Member of Parliament and President, Hindi Manch Nepal, Dr. Gopal Thakur, Chairman, Language Commission, Government of Nepal, Mrs. Nisha Sharma, Vice Chancellor, Nepal Academy of Music & Drama and other distinguished guests graced the occasion.

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Blood Donation Programme at Embassy of India Pension Paying Office in Dharan

Embassy of India Pension Paying Office, Dharan and Birat Medical College hosted a blood donation and health camp on 11 January 2025, benefiting over 350 individuals with 188 pints of blood was collected.

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Celebration of National Youth Day

Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre, Embassy of India, Kathmandu paid homage to Swami Vivekananda on his birth anniversary on 12 January 2025, that is celebrated as the National Youth Day.

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Celebration of 76th Republic Day of India

The 76th Republic Day of India was celebrated at the Embassy of India in Kathmandu on 26 January 2025. The celebrations began by unfurling of national flag by Ambassador and included telecast of the address to the nation by Hon'ble President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu, honouring the widows and next of kin of deceased soldiers of the Indian Armed Forces, books donation to 29 educational institutions and cultural performances.

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Cultural performances by Rajasthani folk dance troupe in Nepal

As part of the celebrations marking India's 76th Republic Day, Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre, Embassy of India, Kathmandu organized cultural evenings by Rajasthani folk dance troupe supported by Indian Council of Cultural Relations in Kathmandu, Birgunj, Chitwan, Nepalgunj and Pokhara from 26 -31 January 2025.

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Indian Institute of Mass Communication (IIMC) Alumni Meet

On 18 January 2025, the Embassy of India, Kathmandu organised an interactive session with alumni of the IIMC as well as journalists from the Society of Economic Journalists-Nepal (SEJON) and office bearers of the Federation of Nepali Journalists. Journalists highlighted the role played by IIMC in shaping their careers.

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Feedback & interaction session for ITEC alumni

Feedback & interaction session for alumni of ITEC course 'Investigation Abroad' was organised by Embassy of India, Kathmandu on 31 January 2025. Participants from Nepal Police, Armed Police Force, Nepal and Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of Nepal shared their experiences and insights gained through the ITEC course.

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Developments in India



Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)'s 100th launch from Sriharikota

Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) successfully completed a century in the launches from its spaceport at Sriharikota on 29 January 2025 with the 17th launch of GSLV GSLV-F15/NVS-02. In the mission NVS-02 navigation satellite was successfully injected into the intended Geosynchronous Transfer Orbit.

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ISRO successfully completed docking of two SPADEX satellites

ISRO successfully completed docking of two SPADEX satellites (SDX-01 & SDX-02) on 16 January 2025. India became the only 4th country to achieve this milestone.

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Bharat Mobility Global Expo 2025

The 2025 edition of Bharat Mobility Global Expo was inaugurated by the Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi. The Global Expo was organized from 17-22 January 2025, across three different locations in Delhi and Greater Noida. The theme for Bharat Mobility Global Expo 2025 was "Beyond Boundaries: Co-creating Future Automotive Value Chain."

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Nine years of Startup India

16th January 2025 marked the 9 years of completion of Startup India Scheme since it was launched on 16th January 2016. This day has been recognized as National Startup Day.

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Mahakumbh 2025 - Prayagraj

Mahakumbh 2025 is being held from 13 January 2025 in Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh with participation of devotees from world over. Be a part of the historic and unique celebration of faith and devotion till 26 February 2025.

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Mega Musical Event ColdPlay at Narendra Modi Stadium, Ahmedabad

India successfully hosted a mega musical event ColdPlay at Ahmedabad's Narendra Modi Stadium with 1.5 lakh people attending. The event showcased India's capacity to host global events at scale supported by its world class infrastructure.

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5th edition of 'Bharat Ko Janiye' (BKJ) quiz

The Embassy of India, Kathmandu and Consulate General of India, Birgunj felicitated the top 50 scorers from Nepal in the 5th edition of Bharat Ko Janiye quiz, organised by Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, by awarding a "Certificate of Achievement" on the occasion of the 76th Republic Day of India celebrations. Mr. Nikhil Kumar Das from Nepal was among the final 30 winners of the BKJ quiz, who travelled on a 14 day BKJ Yatra from 07-21 January 2025, sponsored by Government of India.



Testimony by Mr. Nikhil Kumar Das

I'm deeply grateful for the exceptional trip organized by the MEA and Indian Embassy, Nepal, for the BKJ quiz winners. The experience was remarkable, offering valuable insights into India's rich history, heritage, culture and traditions. I appreciate the seamless planning, attention to detail, and warm hospitality that made the trip unforgettable. The opportunity to engage with participants and meet notable figures like PM of India Shri. Narendra Modi Ji, Deputy CM of Rajasthan Diya Kumari Ji and MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal Sir, was truly enriching. This trip will always be cherished as a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

Warm Regards,
Nikhil Kumar Das
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