



70 Years of India's Independence



HIGHLIGHTS OF INDIA-NEPAL PARTNERSHIP

As India celebrates 70 years of Independence, these years are also a journey of India and Nepal together in partnership and in quest for peace and shared prosperity.

Open borders, cross-border familial linkages and deep rooted cultural ties mark the uniqueness of the special India-Nepal relationship, cemented by the closest of economic ties and development partnership. Regular visits at the highest level of leadership have contributed to further strengthening these ties.

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 set up in 2009
- 807 KMs of the East-West Highway (Mahendra Rajmarg)
- 71.2 Kms of Terai Roads (Lamki-Tikapur-Khakraula road; Dhangadhi-Bhajaniya-Satti road) constructed with GoI assistance of NRs. 1020 million
- 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, 200 bedded facilities constructed with GoI assistance of NRs. 1,600 million
- Installation of 2,700 Shallow Tube Well in various districts of Nepal with GoI assistance of NRs. 256 million

MAJOR ONGOING PROJECTS

- Integrated Check Posts (ICPs) at 4 points on the India-Nepal Border
- Cross-Border railway links between Jogbani-Biratnagar; Jaynagar-Bardibas; Nepalgunj Road-Nepalgunj; Nautanwa-Bhairahawa and New Jalpaiguri-Kakarbhitta
- Construction of 299.25 Kms long Terai Road
- Construction of National Police Academy
- Construction of Nepal Bharat Maitri Pashupati Dharmashala, Tilganga, Kathmandu
- Construction of Nepal Bharat Polytechnic at Hetauda

SMALL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS (SDPS)

- Wide ranging infrastructure development and capacity-building projects worth NRs. 50 million
- 269 school/campus projects ongoing or completed
- 45 health related projects ongoing or completed
- Work on 22 roads/6 bridges ongoing or completed
- Bicycles gifted to Dalit girl students in Siraha, Banke, Dhanusha & Sarlahi Districts
- Construction of Old Age Home, Jyapu Samaj in Lalitpur District
- Construction of Academic Building for Sindhuli Community Technical Institute, Kamalamai
- Construction of cold storage building in Lamahi

GO AID IN HEALTH SECTOR

- 1,52,000 cataract surgeries and 4,200 TT Surgeries performed under School Eye Health Care Programme. 65000 students provided with optical devices 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 for Uterine Prolapsed cases in 9 Terai Districts
- NRs. 50 million to Gandhi Global Family Nepal for conducting 30,800 diabetic basic lab test

GIFTING OF VEHICLES

- Since 1994, 602 Ambulances gifted in 73 districts and 118 buses in 27 districts of Nepal
- In November 2013, 980 vehicles gifted during election in Nepal
- 35 vehicles gifted to CIAA, GoN in 2015
- In August 2016, 17 fire tenders gifted
- In May, 2017, 86 vehicles donated to the Election Commission of Nepal

VISITS/MEETINGS

- State visit by the Hon'ble President of India Shri Pranab Mukherjee in November, 2016 to Nepal
- State visit by Rt. Hon'ble President of Nepal Ms. Bidhya Devi Bhandari to India in April, 2017
- State visit to India by Prime Minister of Nepal Rt. Hon'ble Shri Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda' from 15-18 September, 2016
- Visit to India by Prime Minister of Nepal Rt. Hon'ble Shri Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda' from 15-17 October, 2016 to participate in the BRICS-BIMSTEC Outreach Summit
- 04 Visits of the Hon'ble Dy. Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of Nepal Dr. Prakash Sharan Mahat in September and October, 2016 and again in January and May, 2017
- Visit by Speaker of Legislature-Parliament of Nepal Rt. Hon'ble Ms. Onsari Gharti in February, 2017
- Visit to Nepal by Indian Minister of Railways Shri Suresh Prabhu in February, 2017 to attend Nepal Infrastructure Summit
- Visit to Nepal by Indian Minister of Finance Shri Arun Jaitley in March, 2017 to attend Investment Summit of Nepal
- Visit by Deputy Prime Minister and Home Minister of Nepal Hon'ble Shri Bimalendra Nidhi to India in August, 2016 and March, 2017
- 2nd meeting of Eminent Persons Group for Nepal-India Relations (EPG-NIR) in Kathmandu on 5-6 April, 2017
- 4th meeting of India Nepal Joint Commission held in October, 2016

BILATERAL TRADE & INVESTMENT

- India-Nepal Bilateral Trade NRs. 516.70 billion in 2015-16
- 40.8% of total approved FDI in Nepal from India

- Amendatory Agreement for LoC US\$ 550 million for irrigation and road projects in Nepal and LoC for US\$ 750 million for earthquake reconstruction signed
- Four meetings of the Oversight Mechanism held at Kathmandu
- Additional 80 MW electricity being supplied from India through the Dhalkebar-Muzaffarpur cross border transmission line
- Total electricity supply to Nepal from India at about 400 MW
- Raxaul-Parwanipur and Kataiya-Kushaha transmission lines constructed
- The India-Nepal Folk Crafts Festival was organized from December 19-23, 2016 at Bhrikuti Mandap, Kathmandu
- Indian assisted construction of embankment of Kamala, Lalbakeya and Bagmati Rivers under progress. Over NRs. 4.5 billion disbursed
- Pancheshwar Development Authority-DPR at advanced stage of finalization
- The 4th Meeting of the Joint Steering Committee (JSC) and Joint Working Group (JWG) on Power Corporation
- The 5th bilateral Lines of Credit Review Meeting held on February 21, 2017
- Symposium on Sharing Experiences in FDI in Nepal
- 11th Meeting of India-Nepal Joint Committee on Inundation and Flood Management (JCIFM)
- Meeting of Indo-Nepal Joint Team of Experts on Sapta Kosi High Dam Multipurpose Project and Sun Koshi Storage-cum-Diversion Scheme

EDUCATIONAL COOPERATION

- 3000 scholarships to Nepalese students every year
- 2200 scholarships to students for studying in Under-Graduate and Graduate Courses in Nepal
- 250 slots for ITEC/Colombo Plan
- Self-Financing Scheme (2016), 78 placements offered for MBBS, BE and B. Pharma
- Bharat-Nepal Maitri Shiksha Karyakram for short training in India
- Three batches of training of Nepalese customs officers organized by the Government of India
- Two Foreign Service Officers from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Government of Nepal, trained in Foreign Service Institute (FSI), New Delhi

INDIAN EX SERVICEMEN WELFARE

- General Bipin Rawat, Chief of Army Staff conferred with title of Honorary General of the Nepal Army at Shital Niwas by the President of Nepal HE Smt Bidhya Devi Bhandari on 29 Mar 2017
- NRs. 4474 Crores in the FY 2016-17 disbursed to civil and defence pensioners, NRs. 1247 Crores disbursed upto 30 June 2017 for FY 2017-18
- NRs. 7.87 Crores disbursed other than pension in FY 2016-17, NRs 2.16 Crores disbursed upto 30 June 2017 for FY 2017-18
- NRs. 419 Crores disbursed as OROP and NRs. 301 Crores as the 7th Pay Commission arrears to Defence Pensioners
- Ex Servicemen Contributory Health Scheme providing cashless medical treatment to Indian Armed Forces Pensioners and their dependants through 03 Polyclinics and 07 empanelled hospitals
- NRs. 4.00 Crores spent on medical in FY 2016-17
- NRs. 20.3072 Crores disbursed for earthquake relief to 6346 Ex-Servicemen in FY 2016-17
- NRs. 2.5011 Crores disbursed to 1479 Assam Rifles pensioners for Old Age, Medical, Earthquake and Funeral Grant in FY 2016-17
- NRs. 24.05 lakhs disbursed to 25 beneficiaries as Medical grants for FY 2016-17
- NRs. 90.55 lakhs disbursed to 355 Students as Educational Scholarships for FY 2016-17
- NRs. 3 lakhs disbursed to 06 Schools as Financial Assistance for FY 2016-17
- 69 Ambulances disbursed to Ex-Servicemen Organisation, so far
- NRs. 10.18 lakhs disbursed to 90 beneficiaries as Demise Grant for FY 2016-17
- NRs. 4.46 lakhs disbursed to 69 beneficiaries as Distress Grant for FY 2016-17
- NRs. 74.72 lakhs disbursed to 42 beneficiaries as One Time Grant from ACWF for FY 2016-17
- NRs. 16.61 Crores disbursed as AGI/MBS to 158 beneficiaries for FY 2016-17
- NCC Youth Exchange Programme, 10 NCC cadets of Nepal visited India from 14 to 29 Jan 2017, while 12 cadets from India visited Nepal from 15 to 28 Feb 2017

MEDIA RELATIONS

- MoUs exist between (i) Doordarshan and Nepal Television and (ii) Press Council of India and Nepal
- Radio Nepal and All India Radio in pipeline
- MoU between GOI and GON on Light & Sound project at Lumbini, Nepal in pipeline
- A 15-member group of journalists from Nepal visited India on a Familiarization Tour in May, 2017

CULTURAL COOPERATION

- Committed to reconstruction of major cultural heritage sites of Nepal
- Sister City tie-ups between Kathmandu-Varanasi, Jankapur-Ayodhya and Lumbini-Bodhgaya
- An Indian Youth Delegation visited Nepal in March, 2017 and Nepalese Youth Delegation visited India in April, 2017
- Festival of Uttar Pradesh and of North-East India in Nepal celebrated in Nepal
- MoUs exist between Lalit Kala Akademi and Nepal Academy of Fine Art and between Sangeet Natak Akademi and Nepal Academy of Music and Drama
- MoU on Youth Exchange signed
- Third International Day of Yoga celebrated across length and breadth of Nepal
- Indian Culture Centre, Kathmandu conducts regular classes for about 600 Nepalese students on Tabla, Classical Vocal Music, Yoga and Bharatnatyam Dance
- The Indian Cultural Centre holds various events and cultural shows coinciding with various Nepali and Indian festivals and occasions
- B. P. Koirala India-Nepal Foundation in its 26th year has been promoting art, music, literature, culture and academic research in Nepal
- Theatre Festival with the renowned Theatre personality from India Mr. Feisal Alkazi celebrated



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As we celebrate 70 years of India's Independence, I extend my warm greetings and best wishes to the Indian community and our friends in Nepal.

We take pride in tremendous achievements of our country on multiple fronts. While continuing to enjoy unity in the great diversity in our cultures, religions, languages and traditions, we have been marching towards economic development, scientific achievements, technological advancements and socio-political upliftment of all sections of our society.

We remember today the sacrifices made by our legendary leaders during India's freedom struggle. As a strengthened India resurges on the global scene, we bow our heads in gratitude to those freedom fighters who laid the foundation of an independent India. Today we move ahead with the policy of "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas" and are hopeful of further growth in our infrastructure development, international trade, academic achievements and scientific prowess.

Our unique relationship has been growing from strength to strength with regular high-level exchanges. Shri Pranab Mukherjee, President of India, paid a State Visit to Nepal in November 2016 and Rt. Hon'ble President of Nepal, Mrs. Bidhya Devi Bhandari, paid a State Visit to India in April 2017. In June 2017, both our countries celebrated our common heritage on the International Day of Yoga. Our commitment towards our "neighbourhood first policy" continues to energize our relations with Nepal. In May 2017, the Indian Space Research Organization successfully launched the South Asia Satellite, a gift from India to the neighbours. We are sure Nepal would make maximum use of the South Asia Satellite and this would boost Nepal's scientific prowess. India would continue to support Nepal in all its national endeavours for peace, stability and socio-economic development.

This year, we also mark 70 years of diplomatic ties between India and Nepal. I want to avail of this opportunity to extend my best wishes to the Government and the people of Nepal and rededicate ourselves to continue working to further strengthen and expand the multifaceted relations between our countries and people.

Jai Hind
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15 August 2017

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