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Message

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On the occasion of the 74th Independence Day of India, I convey my heartfelt greetings to all fellow Indians living in Nepal. I also take this opportunity to extend my warm wishes to the friendly people of Nepal.

This year has been exceptionally difficult for the humanity as we grapple with the Covid-19 pandemic that has caused large-scale global disruption and loss of human lives. We are deeply grateful for the exemplary courage and strength displayed by healthcare workers, law enforcement officials, researchers, scientists and first responders in both India and Nepal in fighting at the frontline of this war against the pandemic. On its part, India has also been extending Covid-related medical assistance to over 123 countries, including Nepal. We will continue to stand by Nepal in its efforts to address this public health crisis.


Even as India fights against the pandemic, we are determined to forge ahead by turning this challenge into an opportunity to re-invigorate national growth and development. Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, India has embarked on an ambitious journey of 'self-reliance' called '*Aatmanirbhar Abhiyan*.' This nation-wide vision will work towards ensuring economic strength and prosperity for every Indian. '*Aatmanirbhar Abhiyan*' will also open up new opportunities and options for our international partners. In India's self-reliance, there is an abiding commitment to regional and global cooperation and peace.

I am happy to note that despite the disruption caused by the pandemic, we recorded significant milestones in our shared development partnership with Nepal this year. The people on both sides are the engines of the enduring and diverse friendship between our two countries. With a view to further deepening our people-to-people links, in January this year, we jointly inaugurated the Integrated Check Post in Biratnagar and witnessed the symbolic *griha-pravesh* ceremony of the large-scale housing reconstruction project in Gorkha and Nuwakot districts. More recently in June, we signed Memoranda of Understanding to rebuild over 50 higher secondary schools damaged during 2015 earthquake and to construct sanitation facilities within the iconic Pashupatinath Temple Complex.

I look forward to continue building on the resilience and vibrancy of the time-tested relationship between our two countries and our two people and to take our bilateral partnership to greater heights of glory.

On behalf of my colleagues in the Embassy of India, I would like to convey our best wishes for continued prosperity and progress of the people of Nepal.

JAI HIND


(Vinay Kwatra)

High Level Exchanges



- 1 06-08 APRIL, 2018: VISIT OF RT. HON'BLE PM OF NEPAL TO INDIA
- 2 11-12 MAY, 2018: HON'BLE PM OF INDIA WITH RT. HON'BLE PRESIDENT OF NEPAL
- 3 11-12 MAY, 2018: VISIT OF HON'BLE PM OF INDIA TO JANAKPURDHAM NEPAL
- 4 28-29 SEPTEMBER, 2018: VISIT OF HON'BLE PM OF INDIA TO NEPAL

Fighting Covid-19 Together



April 22, 2020

As part of ongoing bilateral cooperation between India and Nepal to fight COVID-19 Pandemic, India gifted 23 tonnes of essential medicines to Nepal. Ambassador Vinay Mohan Kwatra handed over the medicines to Minister for Health and Population of Nepal Hon'ble Bhanubhakta Dhakal.



May 17, 2020

Ambassador Vinay Mohan Kwatra handed over COVID 19 PCR Test kits manufactured by Mylab Pune for testing 30,000 people to Health and Population Minister of Nepal Hon'ble Bhanubhakta Dhakal.



August 09, 2020

Ten ICU ventilators were gifted by Indian Army to the Nepali Army to support its efforts to fight against the prevailing COVID-19 pandemic.

Defence Cooperation



Chief of Army Staff, Nepali Army Conferred the Rank of Honorary General of Indian Army by the Hon'ble President of India
January 2019

NRs 5415 Crores in financial year 2019 -20 & NRs 1493 Crores in financial year 2020-21 (till Jun 2020) have been disbursed to civil and defence pensioners as pension, insurance and other welfare benefits.

Scholarships worth NRs 2.65 Crore have been distributed to students and NRs 9.50 Lakh have been disbursed to five schools as financial assistance.

NRs 3.53 Crores have been disbursed to various Indian Ex-servicemen beneficiaries towards various welfare grants.



Bringing People Together Connectivity, Trade & Commerce



INDIA COMMITTED TO SMOOTHENING CARGO MOVEMENT WITH NEPAL

India -Nepal Logistics Summit, 2019
held in Kathmandu on July 28.



INTEGRATED CHECK POST BIRATNAGAR AND BIRGUNJ

Boosting bilateral trade at the border points.
Inaugurated in January 2020 and April 2018

Cold storage,
warehouse,
quarantine and
dormitory facilities

Constructed at a
cost of NRs 2236
million and NRs
2136 million.

Easy and streamlined
movement of cargo
trucks



CONSTRUCTION OF TERAI ROADS

NRs 8000 million Fund committed by India

- 10 roads divided into 14 contracts
- 7 completed
- 7 under advance stages of completion

Two lane motorable roads, connecting
7 districts, towns/villages to Mahendra
Raja Marg (East-West highway)

- Benefiting millions of people
- Boosting rural economy with easy
access to cities/towns/headquarters

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CROSS-BORDER RAIL LINK PROJECTS

Upgraded and extended Broad Gauge tracks Facilitate passenger and goods movement between India and Nepal

Jaynagar-Janakpur-Kurtha track completed and Janakpur-Bijulpura in final stages of completion, Fund allocated NRs. 8770 million by India

Jogbani-Nepal Custom Yard (NCY) track completed, NCY to Biratnagar track under implementation, Fund allocated NRs 5984 million by India



SUPPLY OF TRAIN SETS TO NEPAL

Department of Railways of Nepal and Konkan Railways signed an Agreement for supply of two DEMU sets

Two Trains with 2 driving cars, 2 AC and 4 regular trailers are ready for operating on cross-border completed track

Improve passengers travel experience on newly built track



JANAKPUR-AYODHYA BUS

PMs of Nepal & India flagged off Janakpur-Ayodhya bus service at Janakpur

The first direct bus service connecting historical cities of Janakpur and Ayodhya

Strengthening age old cultural relationship between India and Nepal



SILIGURI-KATHMANDU BUS

Siliguri to Kathmandu direct bus service flagged off

Connecting people and places

Part of Bilateral Motor Vehicle Agreement 2014

Regular bus service on 11 out of the 13 agreed upon routes is now operational

Supporting Ujyalo Nepal



INDIA-NEPAL PETROLEUM PRODUCTS PIPELINE MOTIHARI TO AMLEKHGANJ

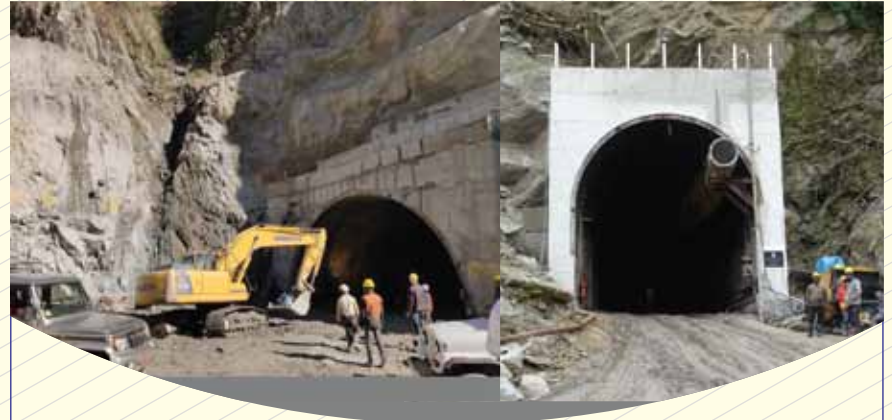
First cross-border Petroleum products pipeline in the South Asia Region

69 km at a cost of over INR 324 Crore

2 MMTPA Capacity

Safe, reliable, cost effective and eco-friendly supply of petroleum products to Nepal

Provides clean fuel to customers/users



900 MW SJVN-ARUN-3 POWER DEVELOPMENT

Financial closure for 900 MW SJVN-Arun-3 Power Development Company achieved on February 6, 2020

Assured financing from lending banks

Pledged credit of NPR 101.34 billion from banks to the project developer



POWER SUMMIT 2019 HYDROPOWER SECTOR

India is a committed, reliable and long term partner for development of hydropower sector in Nepal

Signing of MoU between (IEX) and (NEX)

Participation from Ministry of Power and various private sectors and PSUs from India.



COOPERATION IN OIL AND GAS SECTOR

1st meeting of India-Nepal Joint Working Group in oil and gas sector held in January 2020 in India

Supply of energy and project implementation

Identify and implement projects of mutual interest

Training of Nepal Oil Corporation Personnel in India

High Impact Community Development Projects (HICDPs)



COVERS ALL 77 DISTRICTS OF NEPAL, INCLUDING REMOTE VILLAGES

Developing infrastructure and capacities to raise quality of life

Over 423 projects completed on Infrastructure development in health, education, drinking water, micro-hydro power plants, road, solarisation and cultural restoration at a cost of over NR 7987 million by India

Focus on education, health, connectivity, drinking water, irrigation, sanitation and drainage, micro hydropower, restoration of cultural heritage sites, vocational training and medical camps

Over 93 Projects are underway at a cost of over NR 2797 million

Empowering through Education & Healthcare



**Fund of NRs 617 million allocated by India
Over 350 school/campus/hospital projects completed across Nepal**

**Reflects India's commitment towards complementing
Nepal's efforts to strengthen infrastructure in the vocational and skill development sector**

**Completed 12 school building projects in 2019-20
at a cost of NRs 460 million in Nepal**

**Benefitting over 11,000 students of which over
55% are girl students**

Empowering through Education & Healthcare



Scholarships

33
for APS

Scholarship Scheme for Army Public School (APS) – 33 scholarships are provided to Nepalese students for studying in Army Public Schools in India.

2000
for study in Nepal

2000 scholarships are awarded under the Mahatma Gandhi Scholarship Scheme (MGSS) for studying in XI & XII and 200 scholarships under the Golden Jubilee Scholarship Scheme (GJSS) for studying in various under-graduate courses.

800
for study in India

About 800 scholarships are provided to Nepalese students to study in various Under Graduate (UG), Post Graduate (PG) and PhD courses under various scholarship schemes such as COMPEX Scholarship Scheme, General Scholarship Scheme, Silver Jubilee Scholarship Scheme, Homi Jahangir Bhabha Scholarship Scheme and AYUSH Scholarship Scheme.

Empowering through Education & Healthcare



NEPAL-BHARAT MAITRI POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE HETAUDA

Class rooms, workshop, library, auditorium, multipurpose hall,
hostels for boys and girls, residences for teachers
with sports facilities

Work started on
5th November
2019

Building a state-
of-the-art voca-
tional institute

Fund of NRs 617
million allocated



GIFTING OF SCHOOL BUSES

Facilitates safe travel of school children

185 school buses gifted
till date

Covers all 77 districts of
Nepal, including remote
villages



GIFTING OF AMBULANCES

Helps in emergency medical care

785 ambulances gifted till date | Covers all 77 districts of Nepal
including remote villages



JAIPUR FOOT/KNEE ARTIFICIAL LIMB FITMENT CAMPS

Total of 500 people with disability provided with artificial limbs
free of cost at Jaipur Foot/Knee artificial limb fitment camps
held in Kathmandu and Nawalparasi districts of Nepal

Earthquake Reconstruction: Rebuilding Lives



Hon'ble PM of India Shri Narendra Modi and Rt. Hon'ble PM of Nepal Mr. K.P. Sharma Oli witnessed the remarkable progress in India supported Private Housing Reconstruction Project in Nepal on 21 January 2020.

US\$ 150 million grant for reconstruction in housing sector

50,000 households in 14 Gaupalikas 4 Nagarpalikas and 73 wards across Gorkha and Nuwakot are the direct beneficiaries

26,912 beneficiaries in Gorkha and 23,088 beneficiaries in Nuwakot. The total amount reimbursed to GoN is NPR 6.9 billion as grant in aid

Till June 2020, 46,153 (92.3%) houses have been reconstructed 3,523 (7.04%) houses are under construction

Skill development
More than 8000 homeowners/masons trained



Earthquake Reconstruction: Rejuvenating Education



Government of India built Aiselubhume Secondary School in Kispang, Nuwakot district as part of its post-earthquake reconstruction in Nepal. The school was ceremonially inaugurated on 10 February 2020 by Former Prime Minister and Chairman of Nepal Communist Party (NCP) Mr. Pushpa Kamal Dahal (Prachanda). The newly built infrastructure is expected to boost learning environment of students. The project was implemented by Central Level Project Implementation Unit (Education), NRA.

US\$ 50 million grant for reconstruction in the education sector

70 schools and 1 library in 8 districts of Nepal are beneficiaries

The Embassy of India and the Central Level Project Implementation Unit (CLPIU) Education, NRA signed 7 Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) for re-building 56 higher secondary schools located in Gorkha, Nuwakot, Dhading, Dolakha, Kavrepalanchowk, Ramechhap and Sindhupalchok districts of Nepal on 8 June 2020 in Kathmandu.

The tendering process of 6 school and Central Library, Tribhuvan University is ongoing.

Among 70 schools and 1 library, Construction of 7 schools is near completion and 56 schools is underway



Earthquake Reconstruction: Restoring Cultural Heritage



The Embassy of India, Kathmandu signed an agreement with the Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH), India for providing consultancy services for Post-Earthquake reconstruction of Cultural Heritage sites in Nepal on 12 December 2019.

**US\$ 50 million grant for reconstruction in the cultural heritage sector
for 28 projects in 8 districts of Nepal.**

INTACH is undertaking the Conservation works of 12 Earthquake Affected Cultural Heritage Sites in Nepal.

The projects are in 4 districts, i.e., Kathmandu, Lalitpur, Bhaktapur and Solukhumbhu.

US\$ 750 million in Line of Credit for Earthquake Reconstruction and Other Infrastructure



A Credit Line Agreement for US\$ 750 million was signed between the Government of Nepal and EXIM Bank of India in September 2016.

The LOC projects will benefit the Government of Nepal and create valuable infrastructure across Nepal.

Strengthening Cultural Ties



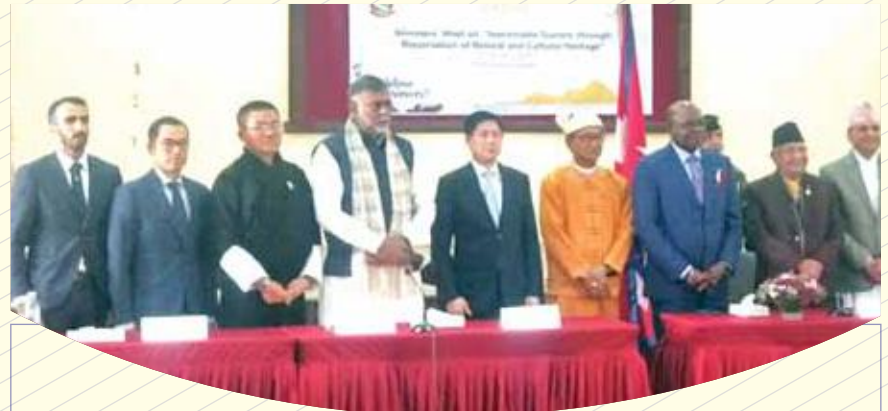
NEPAL BHARAT MAITRI PASHUPATI DHARAMSHALA

Built at a cost of over NRs. 227 million
Inaugurated in August 2018 by PMs of India & Nepal

398 beds, library,
dining & prayer hall

Used also as an
isolation facility
during peak of
COVID19 lockdown

Promoting Tourism
Facilitating stay of
pilgrims and tourists
in Kathmandu



PARTICIPATION IN VISIT NEPAL YEAR 2020

Organized by the Government of Nepal,
Tourism Ministry and Nepal Tourism Board

Minister of State for tourism (Independent Charge) Shri Prahlad
Singh Patel participated in the inaugural ceremony of
“Visit Nepal Year 2020”



VISIT OF UP CM YOGI ADITYANATH

Hon'ble CM of Uttar Pradesh Yogi Shree Adityanath
participated in Vivah Panchami (Ram-Janaki Vivah)
festival at Janakpur, Nepal



RELEASE OF COMMEMORATIVE COINS

To mark the 550th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Devji,
three Commemorative Coins minted by Nepal Rastra Bank
were launched on 27 September 2019

A pictorial publication
showcasing Sikh Heritage of
Nepal was also released

Three coins are in the
denomination of NPR 100,
1000 and 2500 in Silver.

Strengthening Cultural Ties



Contemporary Dance program during Festival of India on 19 February 2019



Kathakali Dance program during Festival of India on 11 March 2019



Mridangam performance during Festival of India on 22 February 2019



Bharatanatyam dance performance at the premises of Pashupatinath by SVCC dance teacher on 1 August 2019



Punjabi Folk Dance program during Festival of India on 26 February 2019



Sufi Performance by famous singer Kavita Seth on 4 April 2019



Theatre by Susamanya Group during Festival of India on 6 March 2019



Food festival "Flavors of Kashmir" from 12-24 November 2019

Scaling New Heights with Yoga

Celebrating International day of Yoga



Yoga camp at Mount Everest Base Camp 2019



Yoga camp at Janaki Mandir, Janakpur, 2019



Yoga camp at Syangboche 2019



Yoga camp at Pashupatinath, Kathmandu 2019



Yoga camp at Muktinath, Mustang 2018



Yoga camp at Fewa Lake, Pokhara 2017

Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam

India's Global Development Partnerships



“Our development partnership will be guided by your priorities. It will be on terms that will be comfortable for you, that will liberate your potential and not constrain your future. We will build as much local capacity and create as many local opportunities as possible.”

- Prime Minister Modi's address at the Parliament of Uganda.

(25 July 2018)

Iconic Projects

The Government of India's approach to Development Partnership has been shaped by India's struggle for independence and solidarity with other colonized and developing countries and the inspiring leadership of Mahatma Gandhi who said "I do want to think in terms of the whole world. My patriotism includes the good of mankind in general. Therefore, my service to India includes the service of humanity".



Afghan Parliament Building
(INR. 969 crores)



Mauritius: Metro Express Project
(US\$ 535 million)



720 MW Mangdechhu HEP, Bhutan
(INR 5012.63 Crores)



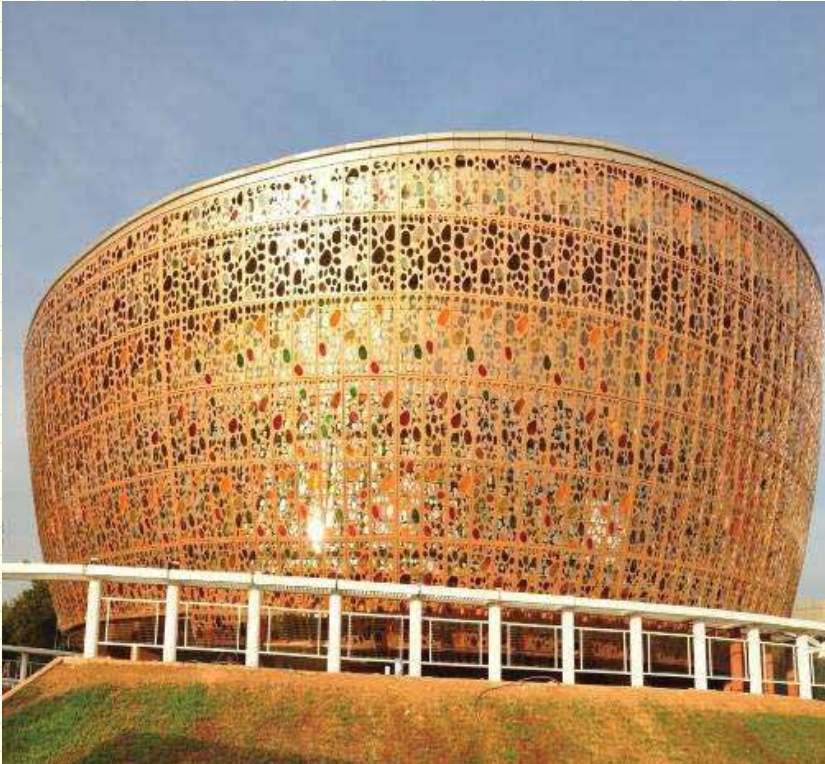
Supreme Court Building, Mauritius
(US\$ 30 million)



Sri Lanka Housing Project
(INR. 1825 Crores)
50,000 Houses completed.

Iconic projects completed with India's grant-in-aid projects, aggregating around **US\$ 4 Billion**, covering various sectors such as infrastructure, hydroelectricity, power transmission, agriculture, education, health, Industry etc, as prioritized by the host governments, are under implementation in Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Myanmar, Maldives, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Mauritius, Seychelles and other countries. Beyond India's immediate neighbourhood, in South East Asia, Central Asia, Africa and Latin America, bilateral projects in Information and Computer Technology (ICT), Small & Medium enterprises and archaeological conservation have been undertaken.

Iconic Projects



Mahatma Gandhi International Convention Centre, Niger
(US\$ 38 million) Completed by an Indian firm in record 14 months.



Gambia National Assembly Building
(USD 27 million)



Ghana Presidential Palace
(USD 30 million)

Cultural Restoration



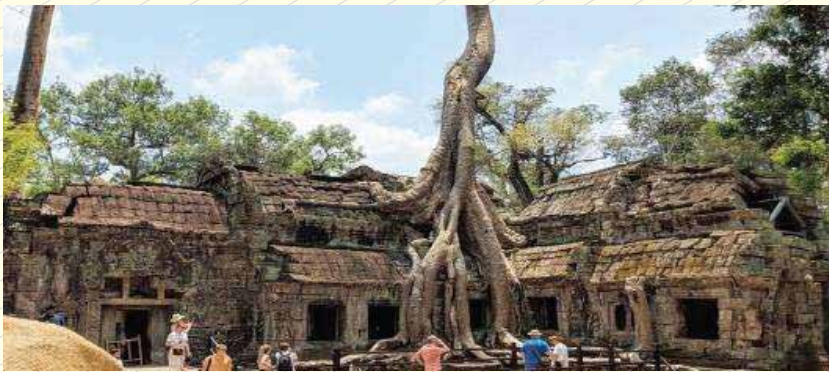
Thiruketheeswaram Temple, Sri Lanka



My Son, Vietnam



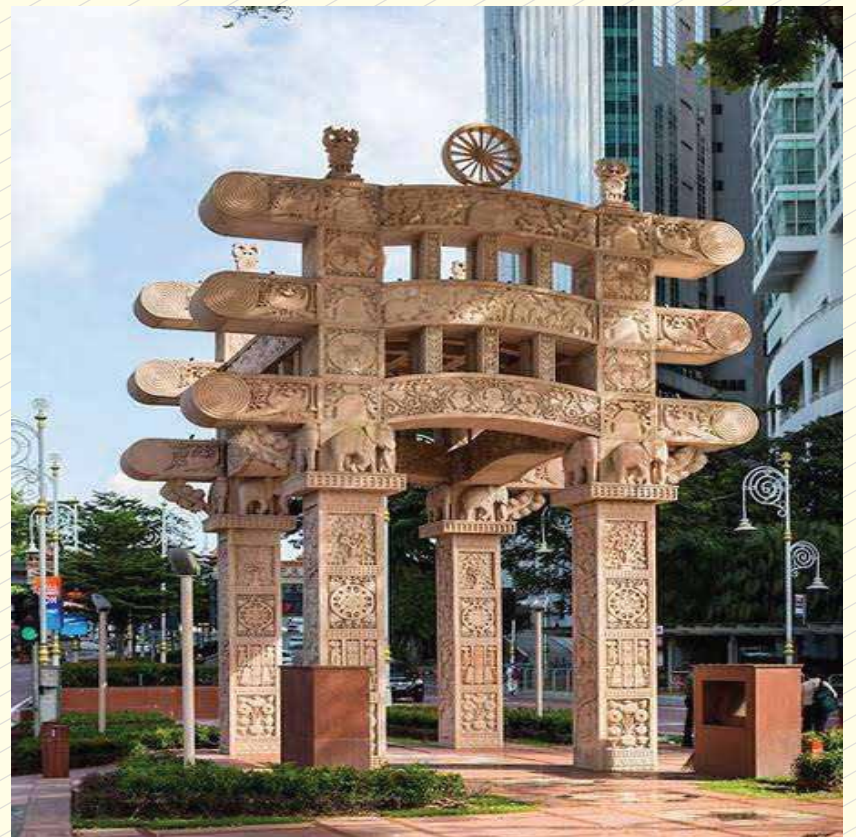
Blue Mosque, Afghanistan



Ta Prohm, Cambodia



Vat Phou Temple, Laos



Torana Gate Malaysia

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