

CELEBRATING 71ST REPUBLIC DAY OF INDIA

Vibrant India Nepal Partnership

High Level Visits

Message from Cd'A



Visit of Dr. S. Jaishankar, External Affairs Minister of India to Nepal. August 2019



Visit of Rt. Hon'ble Prime Minister of Nepal Mr. K.P. Sharma Oli to India to attend the swearing-in ceremony of the Prime Minister of India. May 2019



Visit of the then Hon'ble Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Health & Population of Nepal Mr. Upendra Yadav to India. February 2019



Visit of Dr. S. Jaishankar, External Affairs Minister of India to Nepal for 5th Joint Commission Meeting. August 2019



Visit of Shri Prahlad Singh Patel, Minister of State (IC), Ministry of Tourism and Culture of India to Nepal to attend the inaugural ceremony of Visit Nepal Year 2020. January 2020



Visit of R. K. Singh, Minister of State (Independent Charge), Power, New & Renewable Energy, to Nepal. March 2019

On the occasion of the 71st Republic Day of India, I extend my warm greetings to fellow Indians and friends of India in Nepal.



I express my deep gratitude to the Government and people of Nepal for celebrating with us the 550th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Devji and the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhiji. It was a testimony to the strong bond of friendship and shared cultural ties between India and Nepal.

The Year 2019 witnessed a remarkable moment when the Prime Ministers of India and Nepal jointly inaugurated South Asia's first ever cross-border multi-product petroleum pipeline connecting Motihari in India to Amlekhgunj in Nepal. On 21 January 2020, the Prime Ministers of India and Nepal inaugurated, through a remote, the Integrated Check Post (ICP) at Biratnagar, which will facilitate Nepal's two-way trade with India and third countries. The two Prime Ministers also witnessed a symbolic griha pravesh ceremony in Gorkha and Nuwakot districts, where India is collaborating with Nepal to rebuild 50,000 homes with earthquake-resilient features.

Government of India is committed to continue its collaboration with Government of Nepal in taking the multidimensional relationship between India and Nepal to newer heights.

I, on behalf of my colleagues in the Embassy of India, would like to convey our best wishes to the ongoing 'Visit Nepal Year 2020'.

JAI HIND!
26 January 2020

Dr. Ajay Kumar
Charge d'Affaires

Rebuilding Lives

Government of India (GoI) has committed US\$ 250 million as grant and US\$ 750 million Line of Credit (LoC) towards post-earthquake reconstruction in Nepal. The grant amount included US\$100 million for housing, and US\$ 50 million each for Health, Education and Cultural Heritage Sectors. The following are the major events undertaken during the period from January to December 2019:

Agreement Signed with Central Building Research Institute (CBRI), Roorkee, India for post-earthquake reconstruction of 72 educational facilities in Nepal on 06 March 2019.

Visit of Ambassador Shri Manjeev Singh Puri to Nuwakot and Gorkha for Housing Reconstruction Projects in August - September 2019.

Agreement signed with the Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH), India for Post-Earthquake reconstruction of 11 Cultural Heritage sites in Nepal on 12 December 2019.

Reimbursement of NPR 1.6 billion on 17 May 2019 and NPR 2.45 billion on 21 August 2019 towards GoI-supported housing beneficiaries in Gorkha and Nuwakot districts of Nepal.

Partnership in Development

Motihari-Amlekhgunj Petroleum Products Pipeline

The 69 km long pipeline was completed in 15 months period as against the contractual time of 30 months.



Integrated Check Posts

Integrated Check Posts at Biratnagar and Birgunj constructed with the facilities for immigration clearance of foreign passengers, export & import cargo handling, refrigerated cargo, electronic weighbridges, 100% power backup, fire safety, dedicated communication network and 24x7 monitoring through CCTV & Public Announcement systems.

India-Nepal Cross-border Railway Link projects

India and Nepal are exploring construction of broad gauge railway line from Raxaul in India to Kathmandu and details are being worked out. Construction of Cross border railway link from Jaynagar in India to Bardibas in Nepal: Total length 68.72 kms. Construction of Cross-Border railway links from Jogbani in India to Biratnagar in Nepal: Total length - 18.6 kms.



Signing of Contract Agreement between Dept of Railways of Nepal and Konkan Railway Corporation Ltd

Contract signed for supply of two DEMU sets in May 2019 for operating on Jaynagar-Janakpur (Kurtha) cross-border rail link to start with.

Nepal-Bharat Maitri Polytechnic Institute

The commencement of work on ground for the Nepal-Bharat Maitri Polytechnic Institute started with the ground breaking event held on 5th November 2019 at Hetauda.



Promoting Healthcare

More than 700 ambulances have been provided with GOI Funds.

High Impact Community Development Projects



High Impact Community Development Projects or what were earlier called as Small Developmental Projects (SDPs) are being implemented by India in Nepal since 2003 under a bilateral Agreement. These projects are envisaged to create infrastructure in the areas such as education, health, restoration of buildings with cultural and social importance, connectivity, sanitation, drinking water, vocational training, micro-hydro power plants, street lighting, etc. and are intended to benefit the people where the project is implemented. So far, India has implemented over 411 HICDPs in 77 districts of Nepal at a total cost of over NRs 7924 million. Another 93 projects are in various stages of implementation in various districts of Nepal at a cost of over NRs 2797 million.

Educational Exchanges



During the years 2018 & 2019, the number of scholarships provided by the Government of India to Nepali students under various schemes:

- For study in Nepal:**
 - Class-11&12 - 4000
 - Under-Graduate - 400
- For study in India:**
 - Post-Graduate up to PhD - 195
 - Under-Graduate - 537
 - Under-Graduate up to PhD in Ayurveda courses - 39
 - Class-6 to 11 at Army Public Schools - 62

Indian Technical & Economic Cooperation (ITEC) for training in India:

- Officials from the Government of Nepal and private sectors - 345

Defence Cooperation



Hon'ble President of India conferred the rank of 'Honorary General' of the Indian Army to General Purna Chandra Thapa, Chief of Army Staff, Nepali Army in an investiture ceremony held at Rashtrapati Bhawan on 12 January 2019.

Rt. Hon'ble President of Nepal conferred the Honorary Rank of General of the Nepal Army on General Bipin Rawat, Chief of Army Staff, Indian Army on 29 March 2017 at Shital Niwas, Kathmandu



Promoting trade



Nepal-India Franchise Investment Expo and Conclave May 2019 Exploring business partners from Nepal in various areas.



India - Nepal Logistic Summit - July 2019 Increasing competitiveness of Nepali products and improving logistics services.



Nepal Infrastructure Summit - September 2019 Enabling private sector to partner for a prosperous Nepal.



Power Summit - November 2019 Signing of MoU between Indian Energy Exchange (IEX) and Nepal Energy Exchange (NEX).

Strengthening cultural ties



Celebration of Festival of India in Nepal by Swami Vivekanand Cultural Center, Embassy of India, Kathmandu



Unveiling of statue of Mahatma Gandhi Ji at Embassy of India Kathmandu by Ambassador Shri Manjeev Singh Puri.



Launching of Commemorative Coins minted by Nepal Rastra Bank by Honorable Dr. Chiranjibi Nepal, Governor, Nepal Rastra Bank & Ambassador Puri on 550th Birth Anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev Ji.



International Day of Yoga 2019 Mount Everest base camp and Janaki Mandir Janakpur



Live concert by the legendary flautist Pandit Hariprasad Chaurasia on 73rd Independence Day of India.



Music Concert of world renowned violin Maestro Dr. L. Subramaniam and famous Bollywood singer Ms. Kavita Krishnamurti Subramaniam in the Embassy.



Khadi-Nepal a special fashion event to enhance the bilateral relations in the field of arts and crafts.



The India-Nepal Folk Crafts Festival Promoting crafts based cultural exchange programme between India and Nepal.