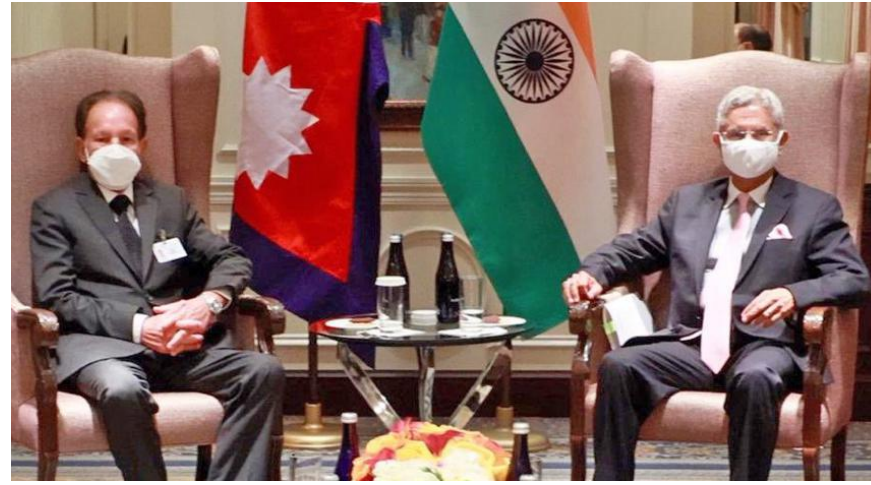


High Level Exchanges



Dr. S. Jaishankar, Minister of External Affairs of India and Dr. Narayan Khadka, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Nepal met on 26 September 2021 on the sidelines of United Nations General Assembly in New York. They had a telephonic conversation on 06 January 2022 as well.

Hon'ble Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi met Rt. Hon'ble Prime Minister Mr. Sher Bahadur Deuba of Nepal on 02 November 2021 in Glasgow on the sidelines of COP26 Summit. PM Modi had, earlier, congratulated PM Deuba over telephone in July 2021 on his appointment as PM of Nepal.

Ambassador's Message



On the occasion of the 73rd Republic Day of India, I would like to extend my heartfelt wishes to fellow Indians and friends of India in Nepal. Progress, prosperity and development underpin our bilateral relations with Nepal. In the year 2021, a number of high level political exchanges added significant momentum to our partnership. On 2 November, Prime Minister Narendra Modi met Prime Minister Sher Bahadur Deuba on the sidelines of COP-26 in Glasgow. The two Prime Ministers also had a telephonic conversation on 19 July 2021. The Sixth Joint Commission Meeting between the Foreign Ministers of India and Nepal was held on 15 January 2021 in New Delhi. EAM Dr. S. Jaishankar also met Foreign Minister Dr. Narayan Khadka on the sidelines of UNGA meeting in New York on 26 September 2021 and telephonically conveyed his New Year greetings to Foreign Minister Dr. Khadka on 6 January 2022.

Substantial progress has been achieved in the cross border rail link projects connecting Jaynagar-Kurtha-Bijalpura and Jogbani-Biratnagar. Jaynagar-Kurtha section has been handed over to the Government of Nepal. The Railways of both countries have signed a letter of exchange through which Nepal's goods will be able to trade and transit smoothly on Indian Railways. Fifty thousand post-earthquake reconstruction houses in Gorkha and Nuwakot districts and road packages in the Hulaki Raj Marg have been completed and handed over to Nepal. India prioritised the supply of 50,000 metric tons of Urea and DAP fertilizers at the request of Government of Nepal in November 2021. Power cooperation between India and Nepal picked up in various areas, including generation, trade and transmission.

The wide ranging COVID-19 cooperation between our countries continued in 2021, starting from the supply of 1 million doses of vaccines as grant in January, supply of ICU beds, medical oxygen plant, and other additional supplies. Both countries, in 2021, have also agreed on the mutual recognition of vaccination certificate that would substantially facilitate mutual travel for our citizens. The supply lines of trade have remained open and uninterrupted even during peak COVID-related restrictions.

Building on this momentum achieved in the bilateral partnership, our abiding interest is to work with all stake holders in Nepal, to enhance opportunities for our two people and work for mutual benefit of both countries.

Jai Hind!
26 January 2022

(Vinay Mohan Kwatra)

Development Partnership



50,000 Houses completed in Gorkha and Nuwakot
India is proud to partner with people of Gorkha and Nuwakot in 'Building Back Better'. External Affairs Minister, Dr. S Jaishankar, during the ICNR event held in December 2021 highlighted the overall reconstruction cooperation between India and Nepal including the successful completion of housing project.



Jaynagar-Kurtha Rail Link Assets Handed over
Assets of 34.9 kms Rail Link were handed over to Government of Nepal in October 2021 in presence of Ambassador of India Shri Vinay Mohan Kwatra and Ms. Renu Kumari Yadav, Physical Infrastructure and Transport Minister of Nepal. It is part of the Jaynagar-Bijalpura-Bardibas rail link project (68.72km) worth NRs 8.77 billion.



Strengthening of Hulaki Roads network
10 Roads built at cost of NRs. 800 Cr. were jointly dedicated to the people of Nepal by Ambassador of India Shri Vinay Mohan Kwatra and Shri Basant Kumar Nembang, the-then Physical Infrastructure and Transport Minister of Nepal in March 2021. These roads would strengthen connectivity of Terai region with other parts of Nepal as well as India.



MoUs for Cross-border Rail Connectivity signed
MoU for conducting Final Location Survey of Raxaul-Kathmandu Rail Link and Joint Standard Operating Procedures (SoPs) for operationalisation of passenger train services between Jaynagar in India and Kurtha in Nepal were signed in October 2021.



First Ever Shock Table Testing Facility Handed Over
Built with the financial support of the Government of India, this was handed over to Institute of Engineering, Pulchowk Campus, Lalitpur in November 2021 in the presence of Ms. Ram Kumari Jhakri, Urban Development Minister of Nepal. This would strengthen capacity on safer construction and retrofitting techniques in Nepal.



Schools Inaugurated in Sarlahi, Gorkha, Palpa, Darchula
10 Schools were inaugurated in 2021 in various districts of Nepal including 3 in Palpa, 2 in Darchula, 2 in Sarlahi, 1 each in Makwanpur, Chitwan and Gorkha. This would help create a better environment of learning in various regions of Nepal.



Jestha Nagarik Ananda Niketan inaugurated
Jyapu Samaj Jestha Nagarik Ananda Niketan at Lalitpur was jointly inaugurated by Rt. Hon. PM Sher Bahadur Deuba and Ambassador Shri Vinay Mohan Kwatra in August 2021. This Bhawan is a model, disabled-friendly facility for proper care of senior citizens.



INTACH website launched
Ambassador of India Shri Vinay Mohan Kwatra launched in August 2021 the Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH) website for providing information on cultural reconstruction projects in Nepal under Indian assistance.

Defence Cooperation



General Prabhu Ram Sharma, COAS, Nepali Army visited India in November 2021. Hon'ble President of India Shri Ram Nath Kovind conferred the rank of 'Honorary General' of the Indian Army on General Sharma at a ceremony held at Rashtrapati Bhawan.



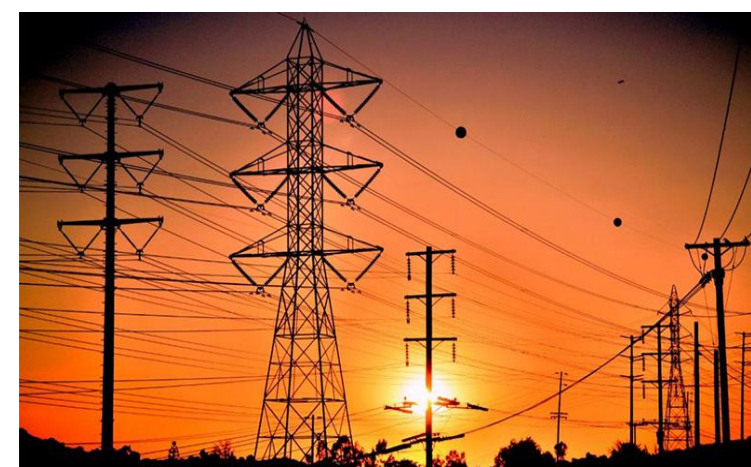
15th Edition of India-Nepal Joint Military Training Exercise 'Surya Kiran' was held in September 2021 at Pithoragarh. During the exercise, an Infantry Battalion each from the Indian Army and the Nepali Army trained together.

Trade Partnership

Nepal's exports to India saw an increase of 51%, while the overall bilateral trade grew by almost 34% in Nepal's Fiscal Year 2077-78 BS, compared with the previous Fiscal Year.

In 2021, Nepal also became the first country to benefit from India's new procedure for cross border power trade.

Koshi Corridor Transmission Line, completed under Indian Line of Credit worth NRs. 4.5 billion, will further strengthen power transmission infrastructure in Nepal.



Educational Exchanges



To enhance the educational opportunities available to the youth of Nepal, the Government of India has been providing scholarship schemes and training programmes. About 4100 scholarships were provided under various scholarship schemes in last two years.

For study in Nepal

2500 Under the Mahatma Gandhi Scholarship Scheme (MGSS) for studying in XI & XII.

400 Under Golden Jubilee Scholarship Scheme (GJSS) for various Under-Graduate courses.

203 Nepali candidates were trained in 49 different courses conducted in 34 Institutes of India under Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) programme of Government of India.

For study in India

1150 For various Under Graduate, Post Graduate and PhD courses.

63 For studying in Army Public Schools in India.