



Newsletter – September 2023

G-20 Summit, New Delhi held on 09-10 September 2023



The 18th G20 Summit in New Delhi was a culmination of all the G20 processes and meetings held throughout the year among ministers, senior officials and civil societies. A G20 Leaders' Declaration was adopted at the conclusion of the G20 Summit, stating Leaders' commitment towards the priorities discussed and agreed upon during the respective ministerial and working group meetings.

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India in Nepal Highlights

Inauguration and Handing over of Community Development Projects



Ambassador of India to Nepal, H.E. Mr. Naveen Srivastava visited Kanchanpur and Kailali districts of Sudurpashchim province from 17-18 September 2023. During his visit, Ambassador Srivastava inaugurated and handed over three Community Development Projects to local District authorities: (i) Campus Building of Tikapur Multiple Campus, Kailali; (ii) School Buildings in Shree Pashupati Shiksha Mandir; and (iii) Shree Siddhanath Secondary School in Kanchanpur. These projects completed through Government of India's financial assistance of NRs. 90.80 million will augment the educational infrastructure of the area for the benefit of youth.





Inauguration of School Campus in Sankhuwasabha



Hon'ble Foreign Minister of Nepal, H.E. Mr. N.P. Saud and Ambassador of India to Nepal, H.E. Mr. Naveen Srivastava jointly inaugurated the campus building of Himalaya Kiran Public Campus, Sankhuwasabha on 06 September 2023. The project was undertaken with Government of India's grant of NRs.37.40 million. Foreign Minister Saud mentioned that it was a matter of pride and Nepal was fortunate to have neighbour like India who has contributed to development of Nepal and its people. He further said that he looked forward to continued support from India in Nepal's development. Ambassador Srivastava highlighted that this project is an important facet of the very robust development partnership between India and Nepal, which has made significant strides in the recent years.

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Inauguration of new building of Shree Napichandra Mahavihar



On 04 September 2023, Ambassador of India to Nepal, H.E. Mr. Naveen Srivastava, and Mayor of Lalitpur Metropolitan City, Mr. Chiri Babu Maharjan jointly inaugurated the new building of Shree Napichandra Mahavihar, Lalitpur built at an approx cost of NPR 3.5 Cr under Government of India's post-earthquake reconstruction Grant in the cultural heritage sector in Nepal. Mr. Buddhiraj Bajracharya, President of Lalitpur Development Society, representatives of local community, officials from Government of Nepal and Indian Embassy were also present in the event.

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Nepal Electric Power and Lights International Expo



Deputy Chief of Mission, Mr. Prasanna Shrivastava participated in Nepal Electric Power and Lights International Expo organised from 01-03 September 2023 and interacted with exporters. Federation of Indian Export Organisations, set up under the aegis of Ministry of Commerce, Government of India led an business delegation to the Expo. 54 exporters from Indian electrical equipment sector participated in the event. The India pavilion was inaugurated by Hon'ble Minister for Energy, Water Resources and Irrigation of Nepal, Mr. Shakti Basnet.





Celebration of International Year of Millets



Embassy of India in Kathmandu organized an event on 05 September 2023 to celebrate the International Year of Millets. Ambassador Mr. Naveen Srivastava, Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture and Livestock Development Dr Beduram Bhusal and Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) Nepal Representative Mr. Ken Shimizu addressed the event. They spoke about the importance of millets or “Shree Anna” for food security and India-Nepal collaboration in areas such as natural farming. Dr. Shyam Babu Yadav, President, Ayurveda Doctors Association of Nepal and Ms. Nani Shova Shakya, noted dietician, spoke about the nutritional benefits of millets from the Ayush and nutritional science perspectives, respectively. An exhibition of six varieties of millets was displayed at the event.



Orientation Programme for legal Fraternity of Nepal



A group of 15 professionals from the legal fraternity of Nepal including district judges, attorneys and officials who were to visit India to attend an ITEC course on 'Forensic Science in Criminal Justice Delivery System' to be held at the prestigious National Forensic Sciences University, Gandhinagar from 11 to 22 Sept 2023, attended a pre-departure orientation programme organised at the Embassy of India, Kathmandu on 08 September 2023. Guest of Honour, Justice Mr. Baidya Nath Upadhyay, Executive Director of the National Judicial Academy thanked the Embassy for the ITEC programme and called for increasing cooperation between the judiciaries of India and Nepal. DCM Mr. Prasanna Shrivastava in his remarks elucidated on the strong India-Nepal bilateral partnership and wished the participants a productive visit to India.





Official Tour of Maj Gen Alok Kacker, AVSM, GOC HQ MUPSA & CoR 9 GR



Maj Gen Alok Kacker, AVSM, GOC HQ MUPSA & CoR 9 GR arrived in Nepal on an official visit from 25 September - 01 October 2023 to boost India-Nepal military-to-military connect. Maj Gen Alok Kacker addressed Indian Army veterans at ex-servicemen rally in PPO Pokhara on 27 September 2023. The Gen emphasized on the invaluable sacrifices of gallant Gorkha veterans and affirmed the continued commitment of Indian Army and Government of India for their meaningful welfare. Maj Gen Kacker also called on Gen Prabhu Ram Sharma, COAS, Nepali Army & Honorary General of Indian Army at Nepal Army Headquarters to discuss furtherance in military bilateral relation of India-Nepal and strengthening Army to Army connect.



Kala Samvad - A programme of Flute Recital



Kala Samvad, a monthly art and cultural event was organized by Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre of the Embassy at Nepal-Bharat Library on 29 September 2023 wherein renowned Nepali flautist Durga Prasad Khatiwada presented flute recitals. Dr. Ashish Sant, Hindustani Classical Vocal Music Teacher of SVCC was in conversation with Shri Khatiwada who highlighted various aspects of flute.



Art Exhibition and Workshop on Bhoti Script



Embassy of India in Kathmandu, B.P. Koirala India-Nepal Foundation and Nepal Buddhist Federation jointly organized a two-day Exhibition on Sambhota/ Bhoti script at Nepal Art Council in Kathmandu on 15-16 September, 2023. The event was inaugurated by Ms. Pramila Kumari, Hon'ble Minister of State for Education, Science and Technology of Nepal.

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Hindi Diwas Celebrations



Embassy of India, Kathmandu celebrated Hindi Diwas on 14 September 2023 in association with Hindustani Prachar Sabha, Mumbai. Dr. Gopal Thakur, Chairman, Language Commission graced the occasion as the Chief Guest of the event. Shri Bhupal Rai, Vice Chancellor, Nepal Pragma Pratishthan and senior litterateur Prof. Usha Thakur were the Guests of honor. An Inter-school Hindi poetry recitation competition was organized as a part of the celebrations. Officers and officials of the Embassy also participated in the competition. Chief guest Dr. Gopal Thakur, in his address, underlined the importance and relevance of Hindi in Nepal and India. Professors, writers, linguists and reputed litterateurs from different parts of Nepal were present on the occasion.





Orientation Program with Nepal Police



Embassy of India, Kathmandu organized an orientation program on 01 September 2023 for the Fourth batch of Nepal Police officers who were to attend ITEC course on Financial Fraud investigation and Road Safety at esteemed Rashtriya Raksha University, Gujarat from 04-15 September 2023. Officers from the previous batch also gave their feedback on their enriching experience.



Programme for ITEC Alumni



Embassy of India, Kathmandu organized a programme on 22 September 2023 in which 12 ITEC Alumni from Nepal were invited to share their ITEC experience and insights gained from their participation in various ITEC courses ranging from farmers integration in markets; use of bio fertilizers and control of economic offences and corruption from prestigious Indian institutes.





Seminar on Digital Public Infrastructure



Embassy of India, Kathmandu organized a screening of a seminar organized by South Asia Regional Training and Technical Assistance Center and Ministry of Finance, Government of India on leveraging Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) on 22 September 2023. Significance of DPI has also been highlighted in the New Delhi G-20 Leaders' Declaration 2023. Over 65 participants, including Member of Nepal's National Planning Commission, Commerce Secretary, & Joint Secretaries from Government of Nepal along with representatives of startups and think tanks attended the event. In his remarks, Ambassador Srivastava highlighted the potential of DPI in India-Nepal Partnership especially in financial connectivity through National Payments Corporation of India. He also explained how solutions like PM Gati Shakti can be leveraged for development in Nepal.





Did you miss out!

Prime Minister's participation in the 20th ASEAN-India Summit and the 18th East Asia Summit



Prime Minister of India, H.E. Shri Narendra Modi attended the 20th ASEAN-India Summit and the 18th East Asia Summit (EAS) in Jakarta on 07 September 2023. At the ASEAN-India Summit, Prime Minister held extensive discussions with ASEAN partners on further strengthening of ASEAN-India Comprehensive Strategic Partnership and charting its future course.

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Visit of External Affairs Minister to the United States of America (September 22-30, 2023)



External Affairs Minister(EAM) Dr. S. Jaishankar was on a visit to the United States of America from 22-30 September 2023. During his visit to New York from 22 to 26 September, Dr. S. Jaishankar led the Indian delegation for the High Level Week at the 78th Session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA). In keeping with India's support for Global South, EAM hosted a special event 'India-UN for Global South: Delivering for Development'. During the visit, EAM attended various plurilateral and bilateral meetings.

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Have you visited?

Jaipur's City Palace



A spectacular creation, the Jaipur City Palace is the epitome of magnificence, opulence, and beauty. The Palace once housed the Maharaja of Jaipur and has beautifully designed courtyards, perfectly groomed gardens, and spectacular buildings with detailed handiwork that lures in many visitors from around the world. City palace (or Jaipur City Palace) is a grand ancient palace in the capital city of Jaipur in the north west Indian state of Rajasthan. The palace complex consists of various small palaces, well-groomed gardens, courtyards, open terraces, and museums and galleries too. These include – Chandra Mahal, Mubarak Mahal, Shri Govind Dev Temple, City Palace Museum and many more! In the galleries and museums within this palace, the belongings and relics related to the Maharaja's royal family are preserved and displayed for the public to see.

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