

# Newsletter

## India in Nepal Highlights

### Visit of Foreign Secretary Shri Vinay Kwatra



Foreign Secretary Shri Vinay Kwatra was on two - day official visit to Nepal on 13 and 14 February 2023 at the invitation of the Foreign Secretary of Nepal, Mr. Bharat Raj Paudyal. The talks held between the two Foreign Secretaries covered wide ranging discussions on various areas of the multifaceted cooperation between India and Nepal, including development partnership, energy cooperation, trade and economic cooperation, institutional engagements and people to people ties. Foreign Secretary Kwatra also called on the Rt Hon'ble President of Nepal, Mrs. Bidya Devi Bhandari, Rt Hon'ble Prime Minister of Nepal, Mr. Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda' and Hon'ble Foreign Minister of Nepal, Dr. Bimala Rai Paudyal.

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### Gifting of Kidney Dialysis Machines to Nepal

On 20 February 2023 Ambassador Mr Naveen Srivastava handed over first tranche of 20 Kidney Dialysis Machines to Mr. Padam Giri, Hon'ble Minister for Health and Population. These are part of 200 Kidney Dialysis Machines that India is gifting to Nepal to augment its health infrastructure.

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## Celebration of Nepal Army Day

Reflecting the strong and unique ties between Armies of India and Nepal, 4 former COAS of Indian Army and Honourary Generals of Nepali Army, General VN Sharma, General JJ Singh, General Deepak Kapoor and General Dalbir Suhag participated in the celebrations for the 260th Nepali Army Day at Tundikhel. The Indian Army band from 11 Gorkha Rifles participated in the celebrations for the first time and mesmerised the audience with a scintillating display.



## Handing Over of Projects

During 02-04 February 2023, 11 projects (6 in Education and 5 in Health sectors) in Madhesh Pradesh and Bagmati provinces, were formally handed over by Ambassador of India Mr. Naveen Srivastava and India in Nepal (Consulate General of India, Birgunj) to concerned authorities of Government of Nepal. These projects will help augment the infrastructure in these sectors, which are the priority areas for Government of Nepal.

## Handing Over of Madan Bhandari Memorial College, Kathmandu



On 27 February 2023 Madan Bhandari Memorial College, Kathmandu built with India's grant assistance, was handed over by Ambassador of India Mr Naveen Srivastava, in presence of Mr Mahendra Pandey, Nepal's former Foreign Affairs Minister & Chairperson of College Management Committee and Ms Usha Bhandari, Chairperson, Madan Bhandari Foundation.

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## Celebration of International Mother Language Day



On the occasion of International Mother Language Day on 21st February 2023, Embassy of India, Kathmandu, organised a Multilingual Kavya Utsav where poets from India and Nepal recited poems in Sanskrit, Hindi, Marathi, Nepali, Doteli, Maithili, Awadhi, Bhojpuri, Bengali, Punjabi, Urdu and English. The event was organized in association with Dept. of Hindi Tribhuvan University, Valmeeki Vidyapeeth of Nepal Sanskrit University and Aksharyatri Pratisthan, India. Chancellor of Nepal Academy Shri Bhupal Rai graced the event as Chief Guest.

## New Scholarship Schemes of ICCR for academic year 2023-24

Embassy of India, Kathmandu, invites online applications for the following scholarship schemes of ICCR for academic year 2023-24

- ▶ **Atal Bihari Vajpayee General Scholarship Scheme** : For Under Graduate courses
- ▶ **Silver Jubilee Scholarship Scheme**: For Post-Graduate & Doctorate courses
- ▶ **Lata Mangeshkar Dance & Music Scholarship Scheme**: For study of Indian Culture such as Dance, Music, Theater, Performing Art, Sculpture, Indian Languages, Indian Cuisine, etc.



**LAST DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF  
APPLICATION IS 30 APRIL 2023 .**



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### ITEC & eITEC Courses Alert



12 new ITEC Courses for Nepali Citizens Scheduled  
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6 new eITEC Courses for Nepali Citizens Scheduled  
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## 'Operation Dost'



Following the massive earthquake that struck Türkiye and Syria on 6 February 2023, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi had directed that all possible assistance be extended to the affected people. In pursuance of this, Operation Dost was launched to provide necessary support in terms of search and rescue (SAR) efforts as well as medical assistance. This involved a whole-of-government approach with coordination among various agencies. The swift response led to the first C-17 IAF aircraft with a specialized SAR team leaving for Türkiye within hours of a request of assistance being received. Since then, India has been able to send more than 250 personnel, specialized equipment and other relief material amounting to more than 135 tons to Türkiye on 5 C-17 IAF aircrafts.

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## 12th World Hindi Conference



The 12th World Hindi Conference was held in Nadi, Fiji from 15-17 February 2023. It was organized in collaboration with the Government of Fiji. External Affairs Minister, Dr. S. Jaishankar, led the Indian delegation comprising Minister of State for External Affairs and Parliamentary Affairs, Shri V. Muraleedharan; Minister of State for Home Affairs, Shri Ajay Kumar Mishra; Members of Parliament; and senior officials.

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## First G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors meeting



The First G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors (FMCBG) meeting under the G20 Indian Presidency was held from 24th-25th February, 2023 in Bengaluru, Karnataka. Finance Minister of Nepal, Shri Bishnu Prasad Paudel also participated in the meeting.

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मन की बात  
26 फरवरी, 2023

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