



# Newsletter - April 2024

## India in Nepal Highlights



### Gifting of 35 Ambulances & 66 School Buses



Embassy of India, Kathmandu, gifted 35 ambulances and 66 school buses to various organizations, spread across different districts of Nepal, and working in the field of health and education. In an event organized in the Embassy on 14 April 2024, the keys of the vehicles were handed over by Shri Naveen Srivastava, Ambassador of India to Nepal in the presence of H.E. Mr. Barsha Man Pun, Hon'ble Finance Minister, Government of Nepal. Finance Minister appreciated Government of India's various ongoing developmental projects in Nepal and expressed that these will continue to strengthen people-to-people connectivity and bilateral relations between the two countries. He emphasized that this flagship programme is very beneficial for the people of Nepal.





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## 2nd Janakpurdham Cultural Festival



Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre, Embassy of India, Kathmandu together with the Consulate General of India, Birgunj and the BP Koirala India-Nepal Foundation organized the 2nd edition of the Janakpurdham Cultural Festival on 13 April 2024, coinciding with the Nepali New Year 2081 Bikram Sambat. The festival was organized at Mahendranarayan Nidhi Mithila Cultural Center, Janakpur and graced by Provincial Assembly Members of Madhesh Province, dignitaries, and the media, and was witnessed by a large audience.

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## Inauguration of Shree Sharada Secondary School, Khotang District



School and hostel buildings of Shree Sharada Secondary School, Rawa Besi Rural Municipality, Khotang District, built with Government of India's financial assistance of NRs. 36.10 million under 'Nepal-India Development Cooperation' was jointly inaugurated by Mr. San Bahadur Rai, Chief, District Coordination Committee, Mr. Phatik Kumar Shrestha, Chairman, Rawa Besi Rural Municipality, Khotang, and Shri Suman Shekhar, First Secretary Embassy of India, Kathmandu on 4 April 2024. This is one of the 550+ High Impact Community Development Projects HICDPs undertaken by Government of India in educational as well as many other sectors in Nepal.

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## Laying of Foundation Stone for construction of Shree Diding Basic School Building



Foundation stone for construction of Shree Diding Basic School Building at Chichila Rural Municipality-3, Sankhuwasabha District, Nepal was laid by Mr. Pasang Nurbu Sherpa, Chairman, Chichila Rural Municipality and Shri Avinash Kumar Singh, First Secretary, Embassy of India, Kathmandu on 8 April 2024. This High Impact Community Development Project (HICDP) is being built with Government of India's financial assistance under 'Nepal-India Development Cooperation'.



## Laying of Foundation stone for the construction of Shree Galainath Secondary School Building in Darchula, Nepal



Foundation stone for the construction of Shree Galainath Secondary School Building at Shailiyashikhar Municipality, Darchula District, Nepal was laid by Mr. Bijay Singh Dhami, Mayor, Shailiyashikhar Municipality and Shri Prashant Kumar Sona, Second Secretary, Embassy of India, Kathmandu on 18 April 2024. This HICDP is being built with Government of India's financial assistance at the tendered cost of NRs 27.30 million under 'Nepal-India Development Cooperation'. Political representatives, government officials, social workers, representative of the school management, teachers, parents and students were also present on this occasion.





## Laying of Foundation Stone & Inauguration of School Buildings at Darchula, Nepal



Mr. Narendra Bahadur Singh Badal, Chairperson, Duhun Rural Municipality and Shri Prashant Kumar Sona, Second Secretary, Embassy of India, Kathmandu jointly inaugurated School building of Shree Janabikash Secondary School at Duhun Rural Municipality in Darchula District of Sudurpashchim province on 19 April 2024. Foundation stone was also laid for the construction of Shree Himalaya Secondary School Building at Byas Rural Municipality-6, Darchula.

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## Inauguration of Embankment and Launching Apron Dhungre Khola River Training Works project in Chitwan



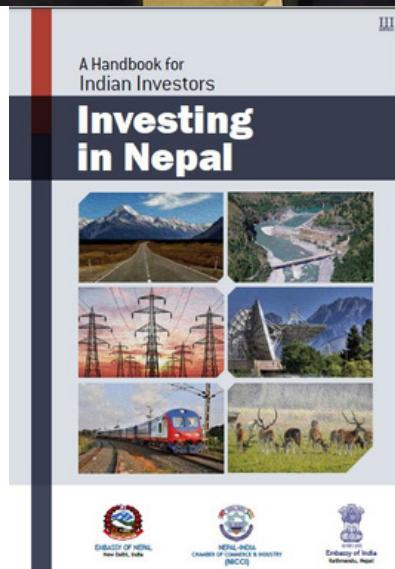
Mr. Shashi Kumar Khaniya, Mayor, Khairani Municipality and Shri Avinash Kumar Singh, First Secretary, Embassy of India, Kathmandu jointly inaugurated Embankment and Launching Apron Dhungre Khola River Training Works project at Khairahani Municipality, Chitwan. This High Impact Community Development Project (HICDP) is built with Government of India's financial assistance under 'Nepal-India Development Cooperation'.

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## Launching of Handbook for Indian Investors Investing in Nepal



Hon'ble Finance Minister of Nepal Mr. Barsha Man Pun launched the 3rd edition of the Handbook for Indian Investors Investing in Nepal by Nepal-India Chamber of Commerce & Industry, at the Nepal Investment Summit 2024. Mr. Sushil Bhatta, CEO, Office of the Investment Board, Nepal and Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of India, Shri Prasanna Shrivastava also joined on the occasion.

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## Interaction with Indian Business Delegates



Ambassador of India to Nepal Shri Naveen Srivastava interacted with 52 Indian business delegates to Nepal Investment Summit from Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI), Confederation of Indian Industry, PHD Chamber Of Commerce and Industry, Indian Chamber of Commerce and Millennial India International Chamber of Commerce on 27 April 2024. In the run up to Nepal Investment Summit NIS2024, 21 Indian brands participated in Nepal Franchise and Distribution Show. Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of India, Kathmandu Shri Prasanna Shrivastava interacted with exhibitors and highlighted opportunities to collaborate with Nepali businesses especially in F&B and hospitality space.



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## Official Visit of Lt Gen Pradeep Chandran Nair, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, PhD, DGAR, IA to Nepal



Lt Gen Pradeep Chandran Nair, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, PhD, Director General of Assam Rifles, Indian Army arrived in Nepal on a five day official visit on 8 April 2024. The Gen visited BGSN Kathmandu, Pension Paying Office, Pokhara and Pension Paying Office, Dharan and addressed Ex-servicemen Rally of Nepali Domiciled Gorkha Ex-servicemen at Kathmandu, Pokhara and Dharan. He lauded the bravery of the Gorkha Soldiers and saluted their courage and dedicated service to the nation. The Gen called on H.E. Shri Naveen Srivastava, Ambassador of India to Nepal at Embassy of India and paid a courtesy call on the Gen Prabhu Ram Sharma, COAS, Nepali Army at the NA headquarters.





## Orientation Visit of young officers of Indian Foreign Service



Four young officers of the Indian Foreign Service (2023 batch) who were on an orientation visit to Nepal as a part of their ongoing training programme at Sushma Swaraj Institute of Foreign Service (SSIFS), New Delhi called on the Deputy Prime Minister & Minister for Foreign Affairs of Nepal, H.E. Mr. Narayan Kaji Shrestha on 30 April 2024. The call on was followed by an interaction with young Nepalese Foreign Service officers at Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA), Government of Nepal.



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## Workshop 'Aaharaya' on Bharatnatyam Dance Make Up



Second series of a 3 day workshop on Bharatanatyam dance make up titled "Aaharaya" was organised by Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre, Embassy of India, Kathmandu from 1-3 April 2024. A total of 110 students as well as Bharatanatyam dance enthusiasts attended the workshop conducted by Bharatnatyam dance teacher Dr.Gowthami Kandrapeta. Students and enthusiasts from different age groups attended the workshop. Certificates of Participation were also awarded to the participants amidst a special ceremony by Dr. Asawari Bapat, Director of Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre, Embassy of India, Kathmandu.



## Orientation program for students selected under the Army Public School (APS) Scholarship Scheme



Embassy of India, Kathmandu organized an orientation program for students selected under the Army Public School (APS) Scholarship scheme for Army Public School, New Delhi; Army Public School, Noida and Gen BC Joshi Army Public School, Pithoragarh for A.Y. 2024-25. The programme was organised on 8 April 2024 at the Embassy and witnessed enthusiastic participation of students and their parents.



## Interactive Session with ITEC Alumni



Embassy of India, Kathmandu hosted 20 Nepali Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) alumni from the course on Water Resource Development & Management held at National Water Academy, Pune on 29 April 2024. Participants shared their valuable insights and experience gained through academic sessions and field visits organized by National Water Academy.



## Consular Camp in Pokhara, Gandaki Province



Embassy of India, Kathmandu organized a two day Consular Camp on 13-14 April 2024 in Pokhara, Gandaki Province, Nepal for Indian nationals residing in Pokhara and nearby areas for registration of Indian nationals with the Embassy. A large number of Indian citizens resident in Pokhara and surrounding areas were provided consular services at the camp.



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## Musical Programme - 'Venunaad'



As a part of monthly Kala Samvad series, Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre, Embassy of India, Kathmandu organized a musical programme on 25 April 2024 in which renowned Nepali musician Shri Roshan Putwar presented flute recitals titled "Venunaad". The artist performed the traditional Daapha, a devotional music based on Hindustani style raga and taal, having history of more than 600 years. The programme was well attended by a house full audience which included music enthusiasts from different walks of life.





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# Did you visit!

## Sanchi Stupa



Sanchi Stupa is a UNESCO World Heritage site and is a must-visit for anyone interested in history and architecture. Sanchi Stupa is a Buddhist complex on a hilltop at Sanchi Town in Raisen District of the State of Madhya Pradesh, India. It is located, about 23 kilometers from Raisen town, district headquarter and 46 KM north-east of Bhopal, capital of Madhya Pradesh. The Great Stupa at Sanchi is one of the oldest stone structures in India, and an important monument of Indian Architecture. It was originally commissioned by the Mauryan emperor Ashoka the Great in the 3rd century BCE.

