

BILATERAL EXCHANGES



Visit of Shri Bhupender Yadav, Minister of Environment, Forest & Climate Change of India to Nepal (15-17 May 2025)

Hon'ble Minister of Environment, Forest & Climate Change of India, Shri Bhupender Yadav, visited Nepal from 15-17 May 2025 to participate in the first edition of 'Sagarmatha Sambaad' hosted by the Government of Nepal on 16-18 May 2025, in Kathmandu on the theme of 'Climate Change, Mountains and the Future of Humanity'. Hon'ble Minister also called on Rt. Hon'ble Prime Minister of Nepal, Mr. K.P. Sharma Oli, and met with Foreign Minister of Nepal, Dr. Arzu Rana Deuba and Minister for Forests and Environment of Nepal, Mr. Ain Bahadur Shahi Thakuri on the sidelines of the Sagarmatha Sambaad.

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Visit of delegation led by Hon'ble Chief Minister of Sudurpaschim Mr. Kamal Bahadur Shah to India (29 April - 5 May 2025)

A delegation led by Hon'ble Chief Minister of Sudurpaschim Mr. Kamal Bahadur Shah visited India on an official visit from 29 April - 5 May 2025. The delegation visited Indian states of Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh which share close cultural and economic ties with Sudurpaschim province of Nepal.

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India gifted 15 electric vehicles to Nepal to facilitate organization of 'Sagarmatha Sambaad'

On 11 May 2025, as a significant gesture of friendship and goodwill, Ambassador of India to Nepal, Shri Naveen Srivastava handed over 15 electric vehicles to Honorable Minister of Foreign Affairs, Government of Nepal, Dr. Arzu Rana Deuba, as a gift of India for logistical support to the Government of Nepal for facilitating the effective organization of the first edition of the 'Sagarmatha Sambaad' in Kathmandu on 16-18 May 2025.





Memorandum of Understanding for the renewal of the ICCR Chair of Indian Studies at CNAS, Tribhuvan University

On behalf of ICCR, Ambassador of India to Nepal, Shri Naveen Srivastava signed a Memorandum of Understanding on 14 May 2025 with the Centre for Nepal and Asian Studies (CNAS), Tribhuvan University, for the renewal of the ICCR Chair of Indian Studies. This renewal builds on the original MoU signed during the visit of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi to Nepal in May 2022, which established the ICCR Chair at CNAS, Tribhuvan University.

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DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP



Laying of foundation stone for construction of building for Agriculture Promotion Centre for Food Grains Collection and Distribution Centre at Muktikot, Bajura District, Nepal

Foundation stone for construction of building for Agriculture Promotion Centre at Swamikartik Khapar Rural Municipality, Bajura was laid jointly by representatives from India and Nepal on 28 May 2025. This High Impact Community Development Project (HICDP) is being built with Government of India's financial assistance at the project cost of NRs.31.41 million under 'Nepal-India Development Cooperation'.

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Handing over of HICDP school building for Shree Mahendra Secondary School, Sanfebagar Municipality, Achham District

The school building for Shree Mahendra Secondary School, Sanfebagar Municipality, Achham District was formally handed over to the management of Shree Mahendra Secondary School, Achham jointly by representatives from India and Nepal on 31 May 2025. This HICDP has been built with Government of India's financial assistance at the project cost of NRs. 32.40 million under 'Nepal-India Development Cooperation'.



CULTURAL AND PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE ENGAGEMENTS



Buddha Jayanti celebrations in Lumbini

On the eve of the auspicious occasion of Buddha Purnima, on 11 May 2025, Embassy of India, Kathmandu in collaboration with Lumbini Development Trust organised an exhibition of paintings by students of schools supported by the Embassy on the life and teachings of Lord Buddha. The exhibition was jointly inaugurated by H.E. Badri Prasad Pandey, Hon'ble Minister of Culture, Tourism and Civil Aviation of Nepal, and the Ambassador of India to Nepal, H.E. Naveen Srivastava.

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75th Anniversary of Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) and Alumni Meet

To mark 75 years of ICCR, Swami Vivekananda Cultural Center (SVCC), Embassy of India, Kathmandu hosted a cultural evening and alumni meet on 4 May 2025, graced by Hon'ble Dr. Ram Baran Yadav, Former President of Nepal, as the chief guest. The event celebrated India-Nepal friendship through music and dance, with performances by SVCC students and ICCR alumni.

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Yoga session at ECHS Polyclinic in Kathmandu

In the 50-day lead-up to the International Day of Yoga, Embassy of India Kathmandu organized a Yoga session on 2 May 2025 at the ECHS Polyclinic Kathmandu. The event saw participation of ex-servicemen of Indian Army and yoga enthusiasts.





Yoga session at the Nepal Army Headquarters ground

In the 25-day countdown to International Day of Yoga, Embassy of India, Kathmandu in collaboration with Nepali Army hosted a yoga session at the Nepal Army Headquarters ground in Kathmandu. The event saw enthusiastic participation from Nepali Army personnel and Embassy officials.

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Scaling of Mt. Kanchenjunga jointly by India-Nepal Army

On 19 May 2025, a joint mountaineering expedition led by Col Sarfraz Singh, along with four soldiers of Indian Army, and Capt Prashant Khanka along with three soldiers of Nepali Army, successfully summited Mount Kanchenjunga.

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Scaling of Mt. Everest by National Cadet Corps expedition team

On 18 May 2025 at 04:45 AM IST, expedition team of National Cadet Corps, youth wing of the Indian Armed Forces, summited the Mt Everest.





Scaling of Mt Everest by Indian Army mountaineers

On 27 May 2025, 22 Indian Army mountaineers, under the leadership of Lieutenant Colonel Bhanoo Pathak, successfully scaled Mt Everest.

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Sub Inspector Geeta Samota of CISF scales Mt Everest

Sub Inspector Geeta Samota of Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) Unit, Udaipur Airport, successfully scaled Mt Everest (8,848 m), the highest peak in the world on 19 May 2025. She has become the first female officer in the Force's 52-year history to scale Mt Everest.

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First edition of Indian Ambassador's Cricket Tournament

On 31 May 2025, Embassy of India, Kathmandu commenced the 1st edition of Indian Ambassador's Cricket Tournament at the Tribhuvan University Cricket Ground. The tournament was inaugurated by Ambassador of India to Nepal, Joint Secretary (South Asia), Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of Nepal, and the British Ambassador to Nepal.



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DEVELOPMENTS IN INDIA



World Audio Visual & Entertainment Summit (WAVES)(1-4 May 2025)

First WAVES Summit was hosted by Government of India in Mumbai from 1-4 May 2025. 19 senior representatives from Nepal, spanning government, media, film, social media influencers & animation industry participated in the Summit.

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India Partners with WHO to Mainstream Ayush Globally

In a landmark development poised to transform the global standing of traditional medicine systems, an agreement was signed between the Ministry of Ayush, Government of India and the World Health Organization (WHO) on 24 May 2025. The agreement marks the beginning of work on a dedicated Traditional Medicine module under the International Classification of Health Interventions (ICHI).

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Establishment of 6th semiconductor unit in Uttar Pradesh under India Semiconductor Mission

On 14 May 2025, the Union Cabinet chaired by the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi approved the establishment of sixth semiconductor unit in Uttar Pradesh under India Semiconductor Mission. Already five semiconductor units are in advanced stages of construction. With this 6th unit, India moves forward in its journey to develop the strategically vital semiconductor industry.



COMING UP

11th International Day of Yoga



The 11th International Day of Yoga 2025 will be celebrated worldwide on 21 June. The theme for International Yoga Day 2025 is 'Yoga for One Earth, One Health'.