72nd INDEPENDENCE DAY OF INDIA

HIGH LEVEL ENGAGEMENTS



VISIT OF PM OF INDIA TO NEPAL

Shri Narendra Modi paid a State Visit to Nepal from 11-12 May 2018 at the invitation of the Rt. Hon'ble Prime Minister of Nepal Mr. KP Sharma Oli. The Prime Minister offered prayers at Janaki Mandir in Janakpur, Muktinath & Pashupatinath. He was felicitated at civic receptions in Janakpur & Kathmandu.

The two Prime Ministers laid the foundation stone of 900 MW Arun III Hydro Electric Power Project in Nepal

- The two Prime Ministers launched the Nepal-India Ramayana Circuit by flagging off a bus service between Janakpur to Ayodhya.
- PM Modi announced an assistance of INR 100 crores for development of Janakpur and nearby areas.

The two Prime Ministers inaugurated the Integrated Check Post at Birgunj.

The two Prime Ministers witnessed the ground breaking ceremony of the

Motihari-Amlekhgunj cross-border petroleum products pipeline at Motihari.

The two Governments agreed to develop new connectivity between India

and Nepal through Inland Waterways and expanding rail linkages connecting

A new partnership in Agriculture between India and Nepal was launched.

Raxaul (India) to Kathmandu (Nepal).

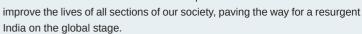
It is a matter of pride for us that India is making rapid progress and is the fastest growing large economy in the world. Significant achievements in the fields of economic development, science and technology and infrastructural advancements have helped

On the occasion of the 72nd Independence Day of India, I extend my warm greetings

community living in Nepal as also our Nepali

and best wishes to the entire Indian

AMBASSADOR'S MESSAGE



India and Nepal have age-old ties that cement our common cultural ethos and civilizational heritage. These are reinforced by our multi-faceted economic ties

The State Visits of Rt. Hon'ble Prime Minister of Nepal Mr. K. P. Sharma Oli to India in April, 2018 and Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi to Nepal in May, 2018 have invigorated these close and cordial relations and opened the path for exploring new areas of cooperation in the field of agriculture, railway connectivity and inland waterways. The two Prime Ministers inaugurated the state of the art Integrated Check Post at Birgunj and laid the foundation stone of the 900 MW Arun III Hydropower project. India is committed to partner Nepal in its quest for prosperity and the Government of Nepal's objective of "Samriddha Nepal, Sukhi Nepali".



and development partnership.

15th August, 2018



(M.S. Puri)

VISIT OF PM OF NEPAL

At the invitation of Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi, the Rt. Hon'ble Mr. K.P. Sharma Oli, Prime Minister of Nepal and his spouse Mrs. Radhika Shakya, paid State Visit to India from 06-08 April 2018. This was PM Oli's first visit abroad after assuming the office of the Prime Minister in February 2018.

VISIT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

MINISTER

Smt. Sushma Swaraj, External Affairs Minister of India visited Kathmandu from 1-2 February 2018.

- The visit was in keeping with the tradition of regular high-level political exchanges between India and Nepal.
- The External Affairs Minister called on Rt. Hon'ble President of Nepal and Rt. Hon'ble Prime Minister of Nepal; and also held talks with leaderships of

TOGETHER ON THE PATH TO PROSPERITY

FACILITATING SMOOTH TRADE & TRANSIT INTEGRATED CHECK POSTS



India is Nepal's largest trading partner Customs and immigration facilities with bilateral trade volume to the tune of NRs.675.11 bn & 39% of total approved FDI from India. With an aim to and economic cooperation and people to people contacts, Integrated Check Posts [ICPs] at India-Nepal borders [viz. Birgunj, Biratnagar, Bhairahawa, and Nepalgunj] are at various stages of NRs.8248 mn. These ICPs will and Rupandehi. The ICPs will have during the visit of PM Oli to India.

Security and Scanning equipment, Currency exchange booths, Internet facility, Cargo processing units, further strengthening trade, commerce Warehouse and Cold storage, Health and Quarantine facilities, Banks and other public utilities on the location under CCTV supervision. The ICPs at Raxaul and Jogbani on the India side are completed. Importantly, on 7 April of construction at an estimated cost 2018, Rt. Hon'ble PM of Nepal Mr. K.P. Sharma Oli and Hon'ble PM Shri have mirror facilitates on the Indian Narendra Modi jointly inaugurated the side at Raxaul, Jogbani, Sunauli Integrated Check Post (ICP) at Birgunj

RAMAYANA CIRCUIT





Prime Ministers of India and Nepal jointly

off the inaugural direct bus service launched Nepal-India Ramayana Circuit between Janakpur and Ayodhya from connecting Janakpur, the birthplace Janakpur. Operations of the direct of Sita with Ayodhya and other cities bus service would further strengthen associated with the epic Ramayana. To the close religious and cultural ties this end, the two Prime Ministers flagged between peoples of the two countries.

ARIIN III PROJECT



Project in Nepal. The foundation in generation and trade of power laying event was held in Kathmandu between the two countries.

during the visit of PM Modi to Narendra Modi and Rt. Hon'ble Prime Nepal in May 2018. The two Prime Minister of Nepal Mr. KP Sharma Oli Ministers expressed hope that jointly laid the foundation stone of operationalization of the Project 900 MW Arun - III Hydro-electric would help enhancing coperation

ENHANCING SOCIO-ECONOMIC RELATION STRATEGIC RAIL NETWORKS



visit of Rt. Hon'ble PM of Nepal Mr. KP Sharma Oli to India in April 2018, an announcement towards expanding rail linkages connecting Raxaul in India to Kathmandu in Nepal. proposed rail network, financed by India, will further enhance connectivity and people-to-people

Besides, on the ongoing rail projects; railway lines from Jayanagar to Janakpur/Kurtha and from Jogbani Biratnagar Custom Yard are The progressing steadily, while the remaining stretch i.e. Jayanagar-Bijalpura-Bardibas contacts Jogbani-Biratnagar is on priority.

LIBRARY BUILDING AT NEPAL AGADEMY



On 10 July 2018, Rt. Hon'ble PM of Nepal Mr. KP Sharma Oli inaugurated a three-storeyed Library building Nepal Academy, Kathmandu, in the presence of Ambassador Singh Puri. Other attendees were

Civil Aviation of Nepal Mr. Rabindra Adhikari and representatives from related ministries among others. The Library, built with Indian assistance of NRs.43.94 million, has state of of India to Nepal Shri Manjeev the art facilities including research and reference facilities and an Minister for Culture, Tourism and advanced offset press for printing.

POST-FARTHQUAKE RECONSTRUCTION SUPPORT IN HOUSING SECTOR



As part of the Government of India announcement to support post-earthquake reconstruction of 50,000 private housing in Gorkha and Nuwakot districts, GoI signed Agreements with UNDP and UNOPS on 8 March 2018 to provide social and technical facilitation to identified beneficiaries build safe and earthquake compliant homes as per GoN norms. reconstruction

To this end, on 27 July 2018, Ambassador of India to Nepal Shri Manjeev Singh Puri handed over a cheque amounting NPR 2.1 billion to Finance Secretary of Nepal Dr. Rajan Khanal as reimbursement of 1st tranche of the housing support. Government of India remains committed to continue supporting the people and Government Nepal in post-earthquake process.