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Foreword



The Embassy of India, Kathmandu had launched the first edition of its bi-monthly Journal 'Saransha' in August, 2016. The magazine was distributed in all districts of Nepal, media houses in Kathmandu valley and outside as well as libraries and educational institutes. After a successful first edition, we are happy to present the second edition of this bi-monthly Journal.

We hope that the journal will be successful in capturing the multi-tiered engagements between the Governments of India and Nepal.

The past two months have been particularly significant for us in view of the visit of Rt. Hon'ble Prime Minister of Nepal Mr. Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda' from 15-18 September, 2016 at the invitation of the Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi. The visit provided fresh impetus towards further strengthening the bilateral ties between India and Nepal. We are happy that, during the visit, two Lines of Credit (LoC) were signed in the areas of irrigation and road projects as well as earthquake reconstruction in Nepal. As we gear up for the preparation of visit of President of India, Shri Pranab Mukherjee to Nepal, we are confident that our friendly ties will grow from strength to strength.

This Embassy, through its various Wings, continues its multi-faceted engagement with Government of Nepal. Embassy has handled Government of India's assistance to Nepal in the fields of health, education, power supply, infrastructure, water resource management and tourism through its various Wings. Efforts are made to explore, appreciate and strengthen the historical and cultural ties that exist between both the nations. This issue of 'Saransha' encapsulates highlights of these multiple activities of the Embassy.

We are happy to announce that, from this issue of 'Saransha' onwards, we will be presenting Nepalese translation of a selected number of articles in every issue. We sincerely hope that the Journal would contribute towards better understanding between our two countries and people.

(Ranjit Rae)

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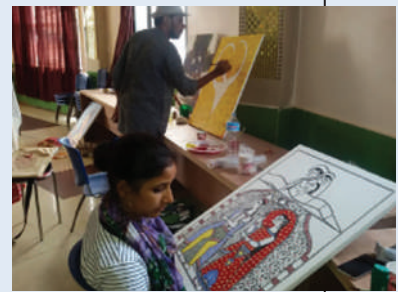
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Development Partnership Wing

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The Development Partnership Wing of the Embassy of India looks after the Indian assistance to Nepal in the field of development as part of the Nepal-India Economic Cooperation Programme. Under the Small Development Project scheme, the Embassy of India provides financial assistance for development related projects in the field of education, health, rural electrification, employment generation, drinking water projects etc to fulfill the requirements of local communities in different districts in partnership with the Government of Nepal. During the month of July and September, 2016, different SDP projects in employment sector, education and health were inaugurated/foundation stone laid/MoU signed in Kathmandu, Lalitpur, Dhading, Tilganga, Ilam and Darchula Districts. Apart from SDP projects, 40 ambulances, 8 buses and 17 fire tenders were also gifted

July, 2016

1. On July 1, 2016, Ambassador of India Shri Ranjit Rae laid the foundation stone for construction of Chapbhanjyang drinking water supply project for Jyamrung VDC in Dhading. The project is being implemented with Government of India grant assistance of NRs 16.29 million. The Chapbhanjyang drinking Water Supply Project is the second project in the district. The completion of the Chapbhanjyang drinking water supply project would make clean and regular water available to more than 800 people of Jyamrung VDC in Dhading district.
2. On July 2, 2016, Ambassador of India Shri Ranjit Rae inaugurated 5 historical-cultural sites in Lalitpur-Patan which have been recently restored with the Government of India financial grant of NRs 22.4 million. These include Nagbahaltale Suddhar Cheen, Kul Devta Agan Ghar, Bhindya Lachi Chapa

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and LukushiPati and the Ganga Pokhari. These sites are centre of cultural importance to the local community and restoration of these historical and cultural sites with the Government of India grant underlines the importance accorded by India to the preservation and promotion of the rich cultural and historical heritage of Nepal, which is in the spirit of the strong historical bonds linking the two countries.



- On 14th July 2016, a contract agreement was signed between the Embassy of India, Kathmandu & M/s Lama-Raman JV for the construction of Nepal Bharat Maitri Pashupati Dharmashala Building, Tilganga, Kathmandu in the presence of H.E. Ambassador of India Shri Ranjit Rae, Shri Govind Tandon, Member Secretary, Pashupatinath Area Development Trust (PADT), other officials and representatives from different Ministries and PADT. The construction of the Dharmashala will be completed with the financial assistance of NRs 219.9 million in 18 months from start of work. The Dharmashala would have provision for dormitories, family rooms, kitchen, dining hall, library and some multipurpose halls to meet the requirements of the groups and families on pilgrimage to the Holy Pashupatinath.

August, 2016

- On August 13, 2016, a group of 15 engineers from the Department of Roads, Ministry of Physical Infrastructure and Transport finished their two weeks training-cum-observation tour organized by the Indian Academy of Highway Engineers (IAHE) Noida with the financial support of the Govt. of India. During the training, participating Engineers were given presentations on road development scenario in India, legal/regulatory framework, preparation of feasibility reports for PPP/EPC projects and related studies, PPP policy framework and guidelines, tolling systems, Manuals for 2-lane and 4-lane highways etc. They also went for on-site inspection on various large expressways like Yamuna Expressway (Delhi-Agra), Mumbai-Pune Expressway, Worli-Bandra Sea Link, Bangalore Elevated Corridor and Bangalore-Mysore Highways etc. During these visits the participants learnt about the systems and held discussions on various aspects of these projects including operation and maintenance issues.

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5. On the occasion of the 70th Independence Day of India, the Ambassador of India Shri Ranjit Rae gifted forty ambulances and eight buses to various hospitals, non-profit charitable organizations and educational institutions of different districts to strengthen education and health services in Nepal. The gifting of ambulances will help in bringing healthcare services to the doorstep of thousands of people who do not have access to healthcare services.
6. On August 24, 2016, H.E. Shri Ranjit Rae, the Ambassador of India to Nepal handed over 17 fire tenders to H.E. Shri Hitraj Pandey, the Minister for Federal Affairs and Local Development at a ceremony held at National Convention Centre, Bhrikuti Mandap, Kathmandu. The fire tenders have been procured at total cost of NRs 70.21 million. These fire tenders will enhance the fire-fighting capacity of municipal administration in different parts of Nepal.



7. During the month of August, 2016, Shri Gyanveer Singh, Second Secretary signed three Memoranda of Understanding with concerned District Development Committees and local stakeholders for conducting a programme for women empowerment in Darchula District, construction of school and hostel building for Shree Saptamai Gurukul Sanskrit Vidhyasharam Secondary School in Ilam District, construction of school building for Kuleshwor Awas Secondary School in Kathmandu. A total commitment of NR 85 million has been made by the Government of India for these three projects with an aim to empower poor underprivileged, improving education facilities in the Ilam and Kathmandu district.

Commerce Wing

During the visit of Rt. Hon'ble Prime Minister of Nepal Sri Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda' to India, the following developments took place:

- Two Line of Credits (LoCs) were signed:
 - (i) Amendatory Agreement for US\$ 550 million for various irrigation and road projects in Nepal.
 - (ii) Another LoC for US\$ 750 million for earthquake reconstruction.
- **At the request of Nepal**, India conveyed its willingness to extend an additional line of credit to take up projects namely, Hulaki Rajmarg (Phase-II); cross-border transmission line connecting Butwal, 400 KV sub-stations at Dhalkebar and Hetauda, and a polytechnic in Kaski District.
- Both the Prime Ministers expressed satisfaction at the utilisation of the two Lines of Credit of US\$ 100 million and US\$ 250 million for development of roads and power infrastructure in Nepal.
- The two Prime Ministers welcomed the allocation of US\$ 200 million for irrigation projects, and US\$ 330 million for development of roads and Mahakali bridge from the LoC of US\$ 550 million.
- Both sides agreed that the Trade Treaty between India and Nepal would be renewed in October 2016 in terms of provisions of the Treaty, with the aim of enhancing the bilateral trade.
- Both sides agreed to hold civil aviation talks to discuss air services matters, including request for additional air routes.
- It was decided that the construction of transmission lines (i) from Kataiya to Kusaha, and (ii) from Raxaul to Parwanipur will be completed by December 2016 to augment grid connectivity and power supply between the two countries.
- It was also decided to expedite finalization of the Detailed Project Report of the Pancheshwar multi-purpose project.
- Both sides agreed to discuss all water resources cooperation related matters such as inundation and flood management, irrigation matters and other major projects, at the next meeting of the Joint Committee on Water Resources at the Secretary level, to be convened at an early date.
- The two Prime Ministers stressed the need for taking forward the cooperation in the fields of tourism and Ayurvedic system of health care.

Political Wing



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1. Mr. Bimalendra Nidhi, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Home Affairs of Nepal, visited India from 18–22 August 2016 as a Special Envoy of the Prime Minister of Nepal Mr. Pushpa Kamal Dahal “Prachanda”. Mr. Nidhi called on President Sri Pranab Mukherjee and Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. He also had meetings with External Affairs Minister Smt. Sushma Swaraj and Home Minister Sri Rajnath Singh. The discussions covered a wide range of bilateral issues. The Nepalese Prime Minister’s forthcoming visit to India in September 2016 figured prominently during the discussions.
2. A 15–member delegation comprising Members of Parliament and officials of the Legislative Committee of the Nepalese Parliament was on a study visit to India from 20–31 August 2016. The delegation had extensive interactions with officials of the Ministry of Law & Justice, GOI, as well as the Indian Law Institute, New Delhi, and visited the Supreme Court of India. The delegation also visited the High Court of Karnataka and the National Law School, Bangalore. The delegation had a meeting with the Governor of Goa during their visit to the State.

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3. Dr. Prakash Sharan Mahat, Minister for Foreign Minister of Nepal, visited India from 11–13 September 2016. He had a meeting with External Affairs Minister Smt. Sushma Swaraj, during which a comprehensive review of bilateral relations was undertaken, particularly in the context of the Nepalese Prime Minister’s upcoming visit to India.
4. The Prime Minister of Nepal, Mr. Pushpa Kamal Dahal “Prachanda”, was on a State visit to India from 15–18 September 2016. He was accompanied by a high–level delegation including Dr. Prakash Sharan Mahat, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Ramesh Lekhak, Minister for Physical Infrastructure and Transport, Members of Parliament and senior officials of the Government of Nepal. Prime Minister Mr. P.K.D. Prachanda paid a courtesy call on President Shri Pranab Mukherjee and held talks with Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. External Affairs Minister Smt. Sushma Swaraj, Finance Minister Shri Arun Jaitley, and Minister of State for Power (Independent Charge) Shri Piyush Goyal, called on the Prime Minister of Nepal. Prime Minister Mr. P.K.D. Prachanda also visited Nathpa Jhakri hydro–electric power project in Himachal Pradesh as well as the Food & Herbal Park at Patanjali Yogpeeth near Haridwar. An interaction with the Indian business community was jointly hosted by ASSOCHAM, CII and FICCI in honour of the Nepalese Prime Minister. A joint statement was issued at the conclusion of the visit.

Defence Wing

Welfare Branch



1. Visit by the Adjutant General of Indian Army to Nepal.

- Lt Gen Rakesh Sharma, UYSM, AVSM, VSM, 11 Gorkha Rifles, Adjutant General, Indian Army, visited Nepal from 05 Sep to 10 Sep 2016. The Adjutant General announced a cash grant of NRs. 32,000/- for each of the 6,832 affected Ex-Servicemen who in the devastating earthquake of Apr 2015 had suffered extensive damage to life and property whose applications had come to the Defence Wing, a total amount of NRs. 21.86 Crores, as a small token of assistance from the Indian Army. Presently there are approximately 1.26 Lakh Nepal Domiciled Gorkha pensioners residing in Nepal and drawing pension worth approximately NRs. 4000 Crores (approximately 400 Million USD).

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- War widows and veterans were also felicitated with financial assistance in the form of gifts such as Sewing Machines, Blankets, Wheel Chairs, Walkers and cash incentives. Computers and stationery sets were provided to 15 Bhu-Puu Samities. Col Man Raj Singh Mann, Defence Attaché, accompanied the Adjutant General during the felicitation to Bhu Puus' at Pokhara and Dharan.
- The visit reinforced the resolve of the Government of India and Indian Army in looking after the welfare, medical, pension and documentation related requirements of the veterans and their families.
- Cash grant for a sum of NRs. 66 Lakhs were granted to the Assam Rifles Ex-Servicemen also during Jul & Aug 2016 as Earthquake Relief from DGAR.

Pension Branch

- The Military Pension Branch (MPB) comprises of a HQ at Kathmandu and the PPOs at Kathmandu, Pokhara and Dharan.
- The HQ at Kathmandu is responsible for the overall functioning, rulings/policies and implementation of the pension payment orders. Pension of amount NRs 3158 Crores was distributed in the FY 2015-16.
- In order to reach out to the pensioners in the remote areas 18 biannual camps are conducted across Nepal.
- During last four months (May to Aug 2016) Seasonal Pension Paying Camps (SPPCs) were conducted at Taplejung, Ilam, Gulmi, Baglung, Bharatpur, Butwal and Waling. Pension was also continuously disbursed through the three PPOs. A total of NRs 1213 Crores has been distributed in the last 04 (Four) months.

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Record Office

- Record Office Indian Embassy (ROIE), Kathmandu is a unique and the only Record Office located in a foreign country which functions under the Defence Attaché.
- At present, ROIE is holding and maintaining approximately 90,000 non-effective service documents.
- For records/documentation related queries, 4794 pensioners/claimants have visited the Records Office during last three months (Jun-Aug 2016). A total number of 1397 Ordinary Family Pension (OFP) cases and 335 Endorsement of Family Pension (EFP) cases have been investigated during the period.
- A sum of NRs 2.5 Crores has been distributed to the beneficiaries as Army Group Insurance (AGI) payment.
- In addition, a sum of NRs 53 Lakhs has been distributed to the beneficiaries during the period as Other than Pension (OTP) Payment.

ECHS Branch

- Ex-servicemen Contributory Health Scheme (ECHS) is a flagship welfare scheme of Govt of India, launched on 01 April 2003. The scheme aims to provide quality healthcare to Ex-servicemen and their dependents through a network of ECHS polyclinics, Service Medical Facilities and Civil Empanelled / Govt hospitals spread across the country.
- The scheme has been structured to provide cashless treatment, as far as possible, to its beneficiaries.
- It was extended to Nepal for Nepal Domiciled Gorkha Ex-servicemen (NDG ESM) with effect from 07 February 2012 with three Polyclinics at Kathmandu, Pokhara and Dharan.
- Eight major hospitals of Nepal have been empanelled as part of the Ex-servicemen Contributory Health Scheme (ECHS).
- The total number of ECHS beneficiaries registered with the polyclinics as on date is 33,129 and is increasing on a daily basis, and total amount of NRs. 2 Crores has been spent on medical related expenditure.

Education Wing

1. Government of India grants approximately 3000 scholarships to Nepalese students. Out of these, 2200 scholarships are for students studying in Nepal, for which the Government of India provides financial assistance to the students to pursue their studies in Nepal. In this scheme, 2000 scholarships are awarded under the Mahatma Gandhi Scholarship Scheme (MGSS) in high school, and 200 scholarships under the Golden Jubilee Scholarship Scheme (GJSS) for undergraduate and graduate courses.
2. The rest of the scholarships are for pursuing education in India. The Indian Embassy in Kathmandu conducts a COMPEX examination each year for Nepalese students to study in MBBS/BE/B.Pharm/B.V.Sc/B.Sc (Dairy Tech)/B.Sc(Agriculture)/B.Sc(Nursing) courses in India, which has been growing in popularity with every passing year. The Embassy further provides scholarships in the following fields: BBA, BCA, B.Sc, B.Com, BA, Music and Fine Arts, Hotel Management, MBA, MCA, MA, M.Sc, M. Tech, ME, M.Sc(Ag), Ph.D, Ayurveda, Homeopathy, Unani, MD/MS.
3. For the academic year 2016-17, the Indian Embassy has so far completed placement of students under COMPEX.
4. The Embassy has launched online submission of applications for scholarships under MGSS and GJSS, 2016, on September 20, 2016 and the dateline for submission of application is October 14, 2016.
5. In addition to the 3000 scholarships, there are 250 slots/scholarships for training in India for Government/non-Government employees of Nepal under Indian Technical & Economic Cooperation (ITEC) Programme and 30 scholarships under the Colombo Plan.

Press Information and Culture Wing



1. This year, on the occasion of Independence Day on 15th August, 2016, the Embassy of India donated books worth NP Rs. 16,80,000/- to 59 institutes across Nepal. Books were donated to schools, libraries and educational institutes of various districts of Nepal including Rasuwa, Palpa, Argakanchi, Kailali, Jhapa and other districts spread across Nepal. Representatives of these institutes participated in the Independence Day celebrations on 15th August,, 2016. This is a bi-annual exercise undertaken every year on the occasion of Independence Day and Republic Day.



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2. In pursuance of the Sister-City tie-up between Ayodhya-Janakpur and Varanasi-Kathmandu, a 'Ramayan Circuit Art Workshop' was organized on August 12-13, 2016. The workshop saw participation



from five Indian and seven Nepalese artists. The work world included Mithila and Madhubani Paintings and revolved on the theme of the Ramayana. Participants included eminent Nepalese artist Mrs. Ragini Upadhyay and renowned Indian Artist Mr. Suresh Kumar Nair. The art workshop attracted a large number of enthusiasts, art collectors, artists and art critic from the field of art. Interest art work was produced depicting different interpretations of the Ramayana. The workshop established successfully the closeness of ties between the two nations, seen both through the medium of art and religion. The art work was exhibited at Kathmandu and all artists were honoured by Ambassador Shri Rae

on the occasion of the Independence Day celebrations on 15th August, 2016.

3. A musical programme, 'Kathmandu-Varanasi Sangitik Sandhya' was organized at Army officers' Club, Kathmandu on 30th July, 2016. Four Indian Classical musicians from Banarasi Gharana participated alongside Nepalese artists. Chief Guest of the Programme, Chief of the Army Staff, General Rajendra Chhetri, honoured the event with his presence. Nepalese music band Sur Sudha and vocalist Dr. Bishnu Poudel gave enthralling performances. Eminent Nepalese vocal artist and sarod player,



Shri Mohan Sundar Shrestha performed at the event. Indian artists included Ms. Shrawani Biswas on Sitar, and Shri Sanjay Verma on Hawaiian Guitar, Shri Rajneesh Tiwari on Tabla, and vocalist Shri Ram Shankar. The programme was attended by Senior Army Officers of Nepal Army, Nepalese musicians, foreign diplomats and media persons. The audience was found to be totally mesmerized by these captivating performances.



Indian Council for Cultural Relations Indian Cultural Centre



Indian Cultural Centre in Kathmandu continues to conduct regular classes on Hindustani Classical Vocal Music, Tabla, Bharatnatyam Dance and Yoga. The Teachers and students of Indian Cultural Centre participate in the events organized by local institutions. The present enrollments of students who attended various classes at Indian Cultural Centre is over 700. In addition, there are several beginners and enthusiasts who are not enrolled as regular students but attend Yoga camps & Master Classes organized by the Centre. **The details of the events are as following:**

1. Sangeetanjali



A cultural programme was put together by the students of the Indian Cultural Centre (ICC), Embassy of India Kathmandu in association with Samir Sangeet Samaj on July 27, 2016 at Hotel Annapurna, Kathmandu. Classical Hindustani Vocal Music, Bharatanatyam Dance, Flute and Tabla jugalbandi etc were performed during the event which gathered huge cheer from the audience.



2. Cultural Programme on 33rd Jagannath Rath

Indian Cultural Centre in association with ISKON organized a cultural programme on July 28, 2016 on the occasion of the 33rd Jagannath Rath Yatra wherein ICC students performed Bharatanatyam Dance recitals. The event was organized at Bhrikuti Mandap.

3. Shaam-e-Qawwali by Zafar Hayat Nizami and troupe

On the occasion of the 70th Independence Day of India, the Indian Cultural Centre [ICC], Embassy of India, organized a musical evening entitled “*Shaam-e-Qawwali*” at Rastriya Sabha Griha on August 14, 2016. The event was performed by ICCR sponsored an 8-member Qawwali troupe led by **Zafar Hayat Nizami**.



Rt. Hon'ble President of Nepal Smt. Bidhya Devi Bhandari graced the function as the Chief Guest.

The event witnessed participation of more than 800 audiences leaving the auditorium house full. Zafar Hayat Nizami's soulful performance glued the audience keeping them mesmerized till the end.

4. Cultural Programme to celebrate India's 70th Independence Day

On the occasion of India's Independence Day, patriotic songs were presented by the students of the Indian Culture Centre, Kathmandu at the Embassy premises. On the evening of August 16, 2015, the Indian Cultural Centre [ICC] in association with **India Nepal Women's Friendship Association** organized a cultural programme wherein ICC students performed Bharatanatyam Dance and Indian & Nepali Folk Dances. Ambassador of India Shri Ranjit Rae graced the event as the Chief Guest where other senior dignitaries were also present. The event was organized to exchange greetings and celebrate the Indian Independence Day.

5. 2-day Yoga Camp for Diabetics



Indian Cultural Centre [ICC] Kathmandu, in association with Yog Tatha Prakritik Chikitsalaya and Mangal Yog Tatha Prakritik Upachar Kendra of Bhaktapur organized a “Two day Yoga Therapy Camp for Diabetes” on August 7th and 8th 2016 at Barahisthan Mandir Premises, Bhaktapur under the guidance of ICC Yoga Teacher Shri Malay Sinha. The objective of the programme was to help the diabetic people to manage and control diabetes through special yoga techniques and holistic approach.

The camp was inaugurated by the Chief Guest, Sh. Roshan Lepcha, Director of the Indian Cultural Centre, Kathmandu.

6. Classical Dance Performance

Students of Indian Cultural Centre performed Bharatanatyam Dance recitals during the Country Presentation by the participants of the Indian Army at programme organized by the Nepalese Army at Army Command and Staff College, Shivapuri on August 11, 2016.

7. Full day Yoga Workshop at Jain Mahila Mandal

Sh. Malay Sinha, Yoga teacher at the Indian Cultural Centre Kathmandu conducted a full day yoga workshop in different shifts for the children on August 27, 2016 at Jain Bhawan, Kamalpokhari from 8 am to 5 pm. More than 90 children participated in the Yoga camp which was followed by a lecture demonstration.

INDIAN COUNCIL FOR CULTURAL RELATIONS INDIAN CULTURAL CENTRE



Ms. Anuradha Koirala, Founder and Chairperson of Maiti Nepal graced the event as the Chief Guest.

Ms. Anuradha Koirala and Director of Indian Cultural Centre Kathmandu Mr. Roshan Lepcha jointly inaugurated the day long cultural programme by lighting the traditional lamp.

The event was organized at the premises of ICC at Baluwatar
on the afternoon of September 02, 2016.

8. Teej Celebration at ICC

The Indian Cultural Centre, Embassy of India (Kathmandu) organized a Cultural Programme to celebrate the one of the biggest festival of Nepal -- Haritalika Teej with lots of fun. The students of Indian Cultural Centre performed various Hindustani Songs, Bhajans and popular songs and dances on Teej that kept the audience mesmerized. About 40 children of Maiti Nepal [an NGO] added more flavor to the event by performing Shiva Tandava dance, Orchestra, and dances on Teej songs which gathered a huge cheer.

9. Art Workshop with Ruchira Das

Indian Cultural Centre in association with Siddhartha Arts Foundation's Education Initiative (SAFEI) jointly hosted a 4 day workshop on co-creating art & culture encounter for children with Ms. Richira Das from India. On the closing ceremony on September 08, the students of Indian Cultural Centre performed Classical Bharatanatyam Dances.



B.P. Koirala India-Nepal Foundation (BPKF)



1. The BP Koirala India- Nepal Foundation, under its series of 'VOICES' programme, organised a special talk & presentation by Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Professors on 27th August, 2016 at Nepal-Bharat Library, Kathmandu. The program was attended by many interested students and their parents. The IIT Professors also had interactions with prospective students at the Institute of engineering College, Pulchowk, Kathmandu University, Dhulikhel, Rai School, Modern Indian School, DAV School, and Kendriya Vidyalaya in Kathmandu on August 28-29 respectively. Ministry of Human Resource and Development, Government of India, provides opportunity to the meritorious international students to seek admission in the IITs in India.



2. BPKF and Image Ark organized an event 'Look, Listen, Speak/Hera, Suna, Bola' on 27th August,



2016 at Lakeside, Pokhara. The event was held on the sidelines of the Monthly Art Market at Pokhara. Targeting mainly on reaching out to youngsters, the event included slam poetry, street art and live music. The programme was a combination of a variety of cultural events pertaining to music, art and literature and poetry writing. The event provided a platform to the youngsters in Pokhara for exploring their expertise in a variety of fields.



'Kidmandu Programme', a Poetry Workshop for children
was organized by BPKF on 17th September, 2016 at Nepal-Bharat Library, Kathmandu.

3. In continuation of its series of 'Kidmandu Programme', a Poetry Workshop for children was organized by BPKF on 17th September, 2016 at Nepal-Bharat Library, Kathmandu. Indian Poet Ms. Rochelle D'silva oriented the children on basics of poetry writing in the workshop. The workshop was designed to train the children on poetry writing techniques. Exercises were held in groups. The workshop encouraged children to recognize originality and creativity in poetry writing. The programme was attended by the children, of age group 11-14 years, from different schools.
4. BPKF organized its 27th series of 'Cinemandu' on 9th September, 2016 at Nepal-Bharat Library, Kathmandu. This series of 'Cinemandu' featured the Hindi film titled "Manjhi: The Mountain Man" which is a 2015 Indian biographical drama film, based on the life of ShriDashrathManjhi. DashrathManjhi, also known as the Mountain Man, was a poor labourer in Gehlaur Village near Gaya in Bihar, who carved a path 110 metre long, 9.1 metre wide and 7.6 metre deep through a hillock using only a hammer and chisel single-handedly. After 22 years of hard work, ShriManjhi reduced the distance between Atri and Wazirgunj blocks of Gaya District from 55 kms to 15 kms.

विकास साभेदारी विभाग

विकास साभेदारी विभागले जुलाईदेखि अगष्टसम्म सञ्चालन गरेका परियोजनाहरू

भारतीय राजदूतावासको विकास साभेदारी विभागले भारत-नेपाल आर्थिक सहयोग कार्यक्रम अन्तर्गत विकास कार्यमा भारतले गरेको सहयोगलाई ध्यान दिन्छ । साना विकास परियोजना कार्यक्रमअन्तर्गत भारतीय र राजदूतावासले नेपाल सरकारको साभेदारीमा विभिन्न जिल्लाका स्थानीय समुदायको आवश्यकतालाई मध्यनजर गरी शिक्षा, स्वास्थ्य, ग्रामीण विद्युतिकरण, रोजगारी सिर्जना, खानेपानी परियोजना आदिमा वित्तीय सहयोग प्रदान गर्दछ । २०१६ को जुलाईदेखि सेप्टेम्बरसम्म काठमाडौँ, ललितपुर, धादिङ, इलाम र दार्चुला जिल्लाका रोजगारी, शिक्षा, स्वास्थ्यलगायत विभिन्न क्षेत्रका साना विकास परियोजनाको शिलान्यास, उद्घाटन तथा सम्झौतामा हस्ताक्षर सम्पन्न भयो । यस बाहेक, ४० ओटा एम्बुलेन्स, ८ ओटा बस तथा १७ ओटा आगलागी नियन्त्रक वाहनसमेत उपहारस्वरूप प्रदान गरियो ।

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१. जुलाई १, २०१६ मा भारतीय राजदूत श्री रणजीत रायले धादिङको ज्यामरूङ गाविसको लागि छापभञ्ज्याङ खानेपानी परियोजनाको शिलान्यास गर्नुभयो । भारत सरकारको ने.रू. १ करोड ६२ लाख ९० हजार अनुदान सहयोगमा उक्त परियोजना कार्यान्वयन हुन गइरहेको छ । यो परियोजना जिल्लाको दोस्रो परियोजना हो । यस परियोजनाले धादिङको ज्यामरूङ गाविसका ८०० भन्दा बढी जनसमुदायलाई सफा र नियमित खानेपानी उपलब्ध गराउनेछ ।
२. जुलाई २, २०१६ मा भारतीय राजदूत श्री रणजीत रायले हालैमात्र भारत सरकारको वित्तीय अनुदान सहयोग ने.रू. २ करोड २४ लाखमा ललितपुरको पाटनमा निर्मित ५ ओटा ऐतिहासिक, साँस्कृतिक सम्पदाहरूको उद्घाटन गर्नुभयो । उद्घाटन गरिएका सम्पदाहरूमा नगबहाल टोल सुधार च्ही, कुलदेवता आँगन घर, विन्दया

लची छपा र लुकुशीपाटी र गंगापोखरी रहेका छन् । स्थानीय समुदायमा साँस्कृतिक महत्व रहेका यी सम्पदाहरू र साँस्कृतिक तथा ऐतिहासिक धरोहरको संरक्षणको उपादेयताअन्तर्गत सहयोग गरिने परियोजनाले नेपाल र भारतबीचको घनिष्ठ सम्बन्धको साथै सो को लागि भारतले दर्शाएको महत्वलाई उजागर गर्दछ ।



३. १४ जुलाई, २०१६ मा भारतीय र

जदूतावास काठमाडौं र लामा रमण जेभीवीच महामहिम राजदूत श्री रणजीत राय, पशुपति क्षेत्र विकास कोषका सदस्य सचिव श्री गोविन्द टण्डन, विभिन्न मन्त्रालयका प्रतिनिधि तथा पक्षेविकोका अधिकारीहरूको उपस्थितिमा तिलगंगा, काठमाडौंमा नेपाल-भारत मैत्री पशुपति धर्मशाला भवन निर्माण सम्झौतामा हस्ताक्षर भयो । ने.रु. २१ करोड ९९ लाख सहयोगमा निर्माण हुने धर्मशालाको काम सुरू भएको १८ महिनामा सम्पन्न हुनेछ । धर्मशालामा पशुपति यात्रीका समूह र परिवारका आवश्यकतालाई सम्बोधन गर्न शयनकक्ष, परिवार कोठा, भान्सा, भोजनगृह, पुस्तकालय तथा बहुउद्देश्यीय हल रहने छ ।

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४. अगष्ट १३, २०१६ मा भौतिक पूर्वाधार तथा यातायात मन्त्रालय, सडक विभागका १५ जना इन्जिनियरहरूको एक टोली भारत सरकारको वित्तीय सहयोगमा नोड्डास्थित इण्डियन एकेडेमी अफ हाईवे इन्जिनियर्सले आयोजना गरेको दुई हप्ते तालिम तथा निरिक्षण भ्रमणमा सहभागी भई फर्कियो । तालिमका सहभागीहरूलाई भारतको सडक विकासको अवस्था, वैधानिक स्थिति पीपीपी/ईपीसी परियोजनाका सम्भाव्यता अध्ययन तैयारी, पीपीपी नीति निर्माण र निर्देशिका, टोलिङ सिस्टम, २ लेन तथा ४ लेन सडकका म्यानुअल सिस्टम आदि विषयमा प्रस्तुति गराइएको थियो । टोलीलाई यमुना एक्सप्रेस-वे, मुम्बई-पुने एक्सप्रेस-वे, वर्ली-बान्द्रा सी लिंक, बैंगलोर एलीभेटेड कोरिडोर तथा बैंगलोर-माईसोर हाईवे आदि ठूला परियोजनाहरूको स्थलगत निरिक्षण भ्रमणमा समेत सामेल गराइयो । भ्रमणका क्रममा सहभागीहरूले परियोजनाका प्रणालीबारे जानकारी पाउनुको साथै सञ्चालन तथा मर्मत सम्बन्धी विविध पक्षबारे छलफल गरेका थिए ।

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५. भारतको ७०औं स्वतन्त्रता दिवसको अवसरमा भारतका राजदूत श्री रणजीत रायले नेपालका विभिन्न अस्पताल, गैरनाफामूलक संघसंस्थाहरू तथा शैक्षिक संस्थाहरूलाई शैक्षिक तथा स्वास्थ्य सेवा उन्नयनको लागि ४० वटा एम्बुलेन्स र ८ वटा बससमेत उपहारस्वरूप प्रदान गर्नुभयो । यसले स्वास्थ्य सेवामा पहुँच नभएका हजारौं मानिसहरूको घरदैलोमा स्वास्थ्य सेवा पुर्‍याउन सहयोग गरेको छ ।
६. अगष्ट २४, २०१६ मा नेपालका लागि भारतीय राजदूत श्री रणजीत रायले संघीय मामिला तथा स्थानीय विकासमन्त्री श्री हीतराज पाण्डेलाई काठमाडौँस्थित भृकुटीमण्डपको राष्ट्रिय सभा गृहमा आयोजित एक समारोहमा १७ ओटा अग्नी नियन्त्रक यन्त्र वितरण गर्नुभयो । ती यन्त्रहरू ने.रु. ७ करोड २१ लाखमा खरिद गरिएका हुन् । नेपालका विभिन्न नगरहरूमा अग्नी नियन्त्रणको लागि ती यन्त्रहरू कामयावी हुने आशा गरिएको छ ।



७. २०१६, अगष्ट महिनामा द्वितीय सचिव श्री ज्ञानवीर सिंहले दार्चुलामा जिल्ला विकास समिति र स्थानिय सरोकारवालाहरूसँग सम्बन्धित महिला सशक्तिकरण, इलाम जिल्लामा श्री सप्तमाई गुरुकुल संस्कृत विद्याश्रम माध्यमिक विद्यालय तथा छात्रावास भवन निर्माण, काठमाडौँमा कुलेश्वर आवास माध्यमिक विद्यालय भवन निर्माणका लागि तीनवटा ज्ञापनपत्रमा हस्ताक्षर गर्नुभयो । भारत सरकारले गरिव, विपन्न जनताको सशक्तिकरणका लागि र शैक्षिक सुविधा सुधार गर्नका लागि इलाम र काठमाडौँ जिल्लाहरूमा ने.रु. ८ करोड ५० लाख प्रदान गर्ने प्रतिबद्धता जनाएको छ ।

वाणिज्य विभाग

नेपालका प्रधानमन्त्री श्री पुष्पकमल दाहाल प्रचण्डको भारत भ्रमणका क्रममा देहायबमोजिमका सम्झौताहरू भए:

- दुई सहूलियत ऋणपत्रमा हस्ताक्षर:
 - क. विभिन्न सिँचाई तथा सडक परियोजनाका लागि ५५० मिलियन अमेरिकी डलर बराबरको संशोधन सम्झौता
 - ख. भूकम्प पुर्ननिर्माणका लागि ७५० मिलियन अमेरिकी डलर बराबरको अर्को सहूलियत ऋण ।
- नेपालको आग्रहमा भारतले हुलाकी राजमार्ग (द्वितीय चरण), बुटवलसम्म अन्तर्देशीय प्रसारण लाईन, ठल्केवर र हेटौंडामा ४०० केभी क्षमताका सबस्टेसन र कास्कीमा एक पोलिटेक्निकका लागि थप सहूलियत ऋण प्रदान गर्ने इच्छा व्यक्त गर्‍यो ।
- दुवै प्रधानमन्त्रीहरूले सडक र विद्युत् पूर्वाधारको विकासका लागि क्रमशः १०० मिलियन र २५० मिलियन अमेरिकी डलर बराबरको सहूलियत ऋणको उपयोग गर्न पाउँदा सन्तुष्टी व्यक्त गर्नुभयो ।
- दुवै प्रधानमन्त्रीहरूले सिँचाईका लागि २०० मिलियन अमेरिकी डलर र सडक विकासका लागि ३३० मिलियन अमेरिकी डलर र महाकाली पुल निर्माणका लागि ५५० मिलियन अमेरिकी डलर सहूलियत ऋण विनियोजनको स्वागत गर्नुभयो ।
- द्विपक्षीय व्यापार प्रवर्द्धन गर्ने उद्देश्यका साथ भारत र नेपालबीचको व्यापार सन्धिको व्यवस्थाबमोजिम उक्त सन्धि २०१६ अक्टोबरमा नविकरण हुने कुरामा दुवैपक्ष सहमत भए ।
- थप हवाई मार्गको आग्रह लगायतका हवाई सेवाका विषयमा छलफल गर्न नागरिक उड्डयन वार्ता गर्न दुवै पक्ष सहमत भए ।
- दुई देशबीच ग्रिड कनेक्टिभिटी र विद्युत् आपूर्तिको शुरूवात गर्नका लागि डिसेम्बर, २०१६ भित्रमा कटैयादेखि कुशाहासम्म र रक्सौलदेखि परवानीपुरसम्म प्रसारण लाईनको निर्माण सम्पन्न गर्ने निर्णय लिइयो ।
- पञ्चेश्वर बहुउद्देशिय आयोजनाको विस्तृत आयोजना प्रतिवेदन समापन गर्ने कार्य द्रुतगतिमा अघि बढाउने निर्णय गरियो ।
- दुवैपक्ष आगामी सचिव स्तरीय जलस्रोत सम्बन्धी संयुक्त समितिको बैठकमा जलस्रोत सहकार्यसँग सम्बन्धित सबै विषयमा छलफल गर्न सहमत भए, जस्तै डुबान र बाढी व्यवस्थापन, सिँचाई र अन्य मुख्य परियोजनाहरू ।
- दुवै प्रधानमन्त्रीले पर्यटन तथा आयुर्वेदिक प्रणालीमा सहकार्य अगाडि बढाउनु पर्ने आवश्यकतामा जोड दिनुभयो ।

राजनीतिक विभाग



ककककककककककक

- क. नेपालका उपप्रधानमन्त्री तथा गृहमन्त्री विमलेन्द्र निधीले १८-२२ अगष्ट, २०१६ मा प्रधानमन्त्री पुष्प कमल दाहाल “प्रचण्ड”को विशेष दूतका रूपमा भारत भ्रमण गर्नुभयो । निधीले राष्ट्रपति श्री प्रणव मुखर्जी र प्रधानमन्त्री श्री नरेन्द्र मोदीसँग भेटवार्ता गर्नुभयो । उहाँले विदेशमन्त्री श्रीमती सुष्मा स्वराज र गृहमन्त्री श्री राजनाथ सिंहसँग पनि भेट गर्नुभयो । उक्त छलफलले द्विपक्षीय सम्बन्धका विविध विषय समेट्यो । छलफलको प्रमुख विषयवस्तु नेपाली प्रधानमन्त्रीको आगामी सेप्टेम्बरमा हुने भारत भ्रमण रहेको थियो ।
- ख. सांसद र नेपालको व्यवस्थापिका समितिका १५ सदस्यीय टोली २०-३१ अगष्ट, २०१६ सम्म भारतमा अध्ययन भ्रमणमा रहेको थियो । उक्त प्रतिनिधि टोलीले भारत सरकारको कानून तथा न्याय मन्त्रालयका अधिकारीहरूसँग र भारतीय कानून संस्था, नयाँ दिल्लीसँग विस्तृत अन्तर्क्रिया गर्नुका साथै सर्वोच्च अदालतको भ्रमण पनि गर्‍यो । उक्त प्रतिनिधि टोलीले कर्नाटकको उच्च अदालत र बैङ्गलोरको नेशनल ल स्कूलको पनि भ्रमण गर्‍यो । टोलीको गोवा भ्रमणका क्रममा उक्त राज्यका गभर्नरसँग पनि भेट भयो ।

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- ग. नेपालका परराष्ट्रमन्त्री डा. प्रकाशशरण महतले ११-१३ सेप्टेम्बर, २०१६ मा भारत भ्रमण गर्नुभयो । उहाँले विदेशमन्त्री श्रीमती सुष्मा स्वराजसँग भेट गर्नुभयो । सो भेटका क्रममा द्विपक्षीय सम्बन्ध, विशेष रूपमा नेपाली प्रधानमन्त्रीको आगामी भ्रमणको बारेमा विस्तृत पुनरावलोकन गरिएको थियो ।
- घ. नेपालका प्रधानमन्त्री पुष्पकमल दाहाल “प्रचण्ड”ले १५-१८ सेप्टेम्बर, २०१६ मा भारत भ्रमण गर्नुभयो । उहाँको साथमा परराष्ट्रमन्त्री डा. प्रकाशशरण महत, भौतिक पूर्वाधार तथा यातायातमन्त्री रमेश लेखक, सांसदहरू र नेपाल सरकारका वरिष्ठ अधिकारीहरूको उच्चस्तरीय प्रतिनिधि टोलीले पनि भारत भ्रमण गरेको थियो । प्रधानमन्त्री पुष्पकमल दाहाल “प्रचण्ड”ले राष्ट्रपति श्री प्रणव मुखर्जीसँग शिष्टाचार भेट गर्नुभयो र प्रधानमन्त्री श्री नरेन्द्र मोदीसँग भेटवार्ता गर्नुभयो । विदेशमन्त्री श्रीमती सुष्मा स्वराज, अर्थमन्त्री श्री अरूण जेटली र विद्युत् राज्यमन्त्री श्री पियुष गोयलले नेपालका प्रधानमन्त्री पुष्पकमल दाहाल “प्रचण्ड”सँग शिष्टाचार भेट गर्नुभयो । प्रधानमन्त्री पुष्पकमल दाहाल “प्रचण्ड”ले हिमाचल प्रदेशको नथ्या भाक्की जलविद्युत् आयोजनाको भ्रमण गर्नुका साथै हरिद्वार नजिकको पतञ्जली योगपिठको खाद्य तथा जडिबुटि पार्कको पनि भ्रमण गर्नुभयो । ASSOCHAM, CII र FICCI ले नेपाली प्रधानमन्त्रीको सम्मानमा भारतीय बिजनेस समुदायसँग संयुक्त रूपमा एक अन्तर्क्रियाको आयोजना गरेका थिए । भ्रमणको अन्त्यमा संयुक्त विज्ञप्ति जारी गरिएको थियो ।

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