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’ encaptures 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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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 Nagbahalte Suuddhar Cheen, Kul Devta Agan Ghar, Bhindya Lachi Chapa
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.

3. 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 Dharmshala 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

4. 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.
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.
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:**
  1. Amendatory Agreement for US$ 550 million for various irrigation and road projects in Nepal.
  2. 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 Kaksi 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.
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.
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.
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).
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 Tapplejung, 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 Domociled Grokha 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.
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.
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.
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 Nepalse 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 BanarasiGharana 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 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-Qauwali” 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.
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.

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.
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.
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 साधनाली विभाग

बन्तीय राजदूतावासको विकास साधनाली विभागले भारत-नेपाल आर्थिक सहयोग कार्यकर्म अन्तर्गत विकास कार्यको भारतले गरेको सहयोगलाई ध्यान दिन्छ। साना विकास परियोजनाका कार्यकर्म-अन्तर्गत भारतीय र जादूवासले नेपाल सरकारको साधनालाई विविध जिल्लाका मात्रेन समुदायको आवश्यकतालाई महत्त्व प्रदान गरी विद्युत, स्वास्थ्य, शिक्षा, विश्वविद्यालय, रोजगारी, सिक्ना, खानेपानी परियोजना आदिमा विभिन्न सहयोग प्रदान गरिछ। २०१६ को जुलाईदेखि से एकादशवस्त्र वाघमाडी, ललितपुर, धारू, इलाम र दारुबला जिल्लाका रोजगारी, शिक्षा, स्वास्थ्यलगायत विविध क्षेत्रका साना विकास परियोजनालाई शिलान्यास, उद्धार सम्बन्धी हस्ताक्षर सम्पन्न भयो। यस बाहेक, ४० ऑटा एम्बुलेंस, ८ ऑटा बस तथा १७ ऑटा आगामी नियन्त्रक वाहनसमेत उपजानक्रम प्रदान गरियो।

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१. जुलाई १, २०१६ मा भारतीय राजदूत श्री रणजीत रायले धारको ज्याम्युङ्ग गाविसको लागि छापभम्याङ्ग खानेपानी परियोजनाको शिलान्यास गर्नु प्रयास। भारत सरकारको नेः० १ करोड ६२ लाख ९० हजार अनुदान सहयोग उक्त परियोजना कार्यकर्म हुन गरिहुन्छ। यो परियोजना जिल्लाको दोस्रो परियोजना हो। यस परियोजनाले धारको ज्याम्युङ्ग गाविसका ५०० भन्दा बडी जनसमुदायलाई सफा र नियमित खानेपानी उपलब्ध गराउनेछ।

२. जुलाई २, २०१६ मा भारतीय राजदूत श्री रणजीत रायले हल्लामात्र भारत सरकारको वित्तीय अनुदान सहयोग नेः० २ करोड २४ लाखमा ललितपुरको पाटनमा निर्मित ५ ऑटा ऐतिहासिक, साम्प्रदायिक सम्पदाहरूको उद्घाटन गरियो। उद्घाटन गरिएका सम्पदाहरूमा नगरकाल टोल सुधार क्षेत्र, क्लिकेट अन्गन घर, विन्दुया
ल्लोढै छापा र लुकुशीपाटी र गंगापोखरी रहेका छन्। स्थानीय समुदायमा सांस्कृतिक महत्त्व रहेका र र सम्बंधित र सांस्कृतिक तथा ऐतिहासिक धरो हरको संरक्षणको उपादेय यताङ्तरै चतुर्दश नयाहो गरिएर परियोजनाले नेपाल र भारतको समूह सम्बन्धी साथै जो भएको महत्वलाई उजागर गर्नु हुने।

3. १४ जुलाई, २०१६ मा भारतको र जेभर्गताबास काठमाडौं र लामा रमण जेेमी जी महामहिम राजदुत श्री रणजीत राय, पश्चिमको विकास कोषका सदस्य सचिव श्री गोविन्द टोडङ, विभिन्न मन्त्रालयका प्रतिनिधि तथा पक्षीको कात्तकरीहरूको उपस्थितिमा तिलगाना, काठमाडौंमा नेपाल-भारत मैत्री पशुपति धर्मालाल भन्न निर्माण सफलतामा हस्ताक्षर भयो। नेपाल २५ करोड ९९ लाख सहयोगमा निर्माण हुने धर्मालालको काम सुरू भएको १८ महिनामा सम्पन्न हुनेछ। धर्मालालामा पशुपति यादवको समूह र परिवारका आवश्यकतालाई सम्बन्ध गर्न शयनक्षेत्र, परिवार कोठा, भान, भोजनघर, पुस्तकालय तथा वहुउद्देश्यीय हल रहने को छ।

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4. अगस्त १३, २०१६ मा भौतिक पूर्वाधार तथा यातायात मन्त्रालय, सडक विभागका १५ जना इन्जनियरहरूको एक टॉली भारत सरकारको वित्तीय सहयोगमा नोडाफैसित इलेक्ट्रॉनिक एक्स्प्रेस अफ हाईवे इन्जनियरसंग आयोजना गरेको दुई हफ्ते तालिम तथा निर्भर्ण भर्न्मा सहभागी भए परिक्षण पूर्ण भए। तालिमका सहभागीहरूलाई भारतको सडक विकासको अवस्था, वैज्ञानिक स्थिति पीपी/इंजीनियर निर्माण योजना सम्बन्धि अध्ययन तैयारी, पीपी पर्यावरण निर्माण र निर्देशना, टोल्ड सिस्टम, २ लेन तथा ४ लेन सडकका स्थानीय सिस्टम आदि विषयमा प्रस्तुत गराइएको थियो। टोलीलाई यमुना एक्स्प्रेस-बै, सुम्बु-पुनेएक्स्प्रेस-बै, वर्ली-वान्द्रा सी लिंक, वैग्लोर एलिमेटेड कोरिडर तथा वैग्लोर-माईसोर हाईवे आदि छुटका परियोजनाहरूको स्थलगत निर्भर्ण भर्न्मा समेट सामेल गराइएको थियो। भर्न्मा क्रममा सहभागीहरूले परियोजनाका प्रणालीबाट जानकारी पाउनुको साथै सम्बन्धलाई तथा सम्बन्ध निर्भर्ण पत्रकारी कामलिङ्क पक्षबाट छलफल गरेका थिए।
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५. भारतको ७३औ स्वतन्त्रता दिवसको अवसरमा भारतका राजदूत श्री रणजीत रायले नेपालका विभिन्न अस्पताल, गैरनाफामूलक संघसंस्थाहरू तथा शैक्षिक संस्थाहरूलाई शैक्षिक तथा स्वास्थ्य सेवा उन्नयनको लागि ४० वटा एम्युलेन्स र ३ वटा बससमेट उपहारस्वरूप प्रदान गर्नुभएको हो । यसले स्वास्थ्य सेवामा पहुँच नभएका हजारो मानिसहरूले घरदैलियो स्वास्थ्य सेवा पुन्याउन सहयोग गरिएको हुन ।

६. अगस्त २४, २०१६ मा नेपालका लागि भारतीय राजदूत श्री रणजीत रायले संघीय मामिला तथा स्थानीय विकासमन्त्री श्री हीतराज पाण्डेलाई काठमाडौंमा विषयक मुक्तिमण्डपको राष्ट्रिय समा गृहमा आयोजित एक समारोहमा १७ ओटा अर्थनियो विभागको यन्त्र वितरण गर्नुभएको यह यन्त्रहरू ने.रू. ७ करोड २९ लाखमा खरीद गरिएका हुन । नेपालका विभिन्न नगरहरूमा अन्य नियन्त्रणको लागि ती यन्त्रहरू कामयाबी हुने आशा गरिएको हुन ।

७. २०१६, अगस्त महिनामा द्वितीय सचिव श्री ज्ञानवीर सिंहले दाचूलमा जिल्ला विकास समिति र स्थानीय सरोकारबालाहरूसँग समवेति महिला सशक्तिकरण, इलाम जिल्लामा श्री संजय गुरुकृत संस्कृत विद्यालय तथा छात्रावास भवन निर्माण, काठमाडौंमा कुलेश्वर आवास माध्यमिक विद्यालय भवन निर्माणका लागि तीनवटा ज्ञापनपत्रमा हस्ताक्षर गर्नुभएको छ । भारत सरकारले गरिएको, विभिन्न जनताको सशक्तिकरणको लागि र शैक्षिक सुविधा सुधार गर्नका लागि इलाम र काठमाडौं जिल्लाहरूमा ने.रू. ८ करोड ५० लाख प्रदान गर्न प्रतिबद्ध तर जनाएको छ ।
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नेपालका प्रधानमन्त्री श्री पुष्करकमल दाहाल प्रचण्डको भारत भ्रमणको क्रममा वेदाङ्गमोजिमका सम्भौताहु भए:

- दुई सहलियत ऋणप्रमाण हस्ताक्षर:
  क. विमल सिंचाि तथा सडक परियोजनाका लागि ५५० मिलियन अमेरिकी डलर बराबरको संशोधन सम्भौताख्ने भूकम्प पुनर्निर्माणका लागि ७५० मिलियन अमेरिकी डलर बराबरको अन्य सहलियत ऋण।

- नेपालको आग्रहमा भारतले हलाको राजमार्ग (द्वितीय चरण), बुटेबसम्म अन्तर्देशीय प्रशासन लाइन, डल्केबर र हेटीडामा ४०० केम्ब्रिज अमेरिकी सवर्ग्सर्य र कास्कीमा एक पोलिटिजिकलका लागि यस सहलियत ऋण प्रदान गर्न इच्छा व्यक्त गरेको।

- दुई प्रधानमन्त्रीहरूले सडक र बिद्रोह पुर्वाधारको विकासका लागि क्रमश: १०० मिलियन र १५० मिलियन अमेरिकी डलर बराबरको सहलियत ऋणको उपयोग गर्न पाउँदा सन्तुष्ट व्यक्त गर्नुभएको।

- दुई प्रधानमन्त्रीहरूले सिंचािका लागि २०० मिलियन अमेरिकी डलर र सडक विकासका लागि ३२० मिलियन अमेरिकी डलर र महाकाली पुल निर्माणका लागि ५५० मिलियन अमेरिकी डलर सहलियत ऋण विनियोजनको स्वागत गर्नुभएको।

- द्विपक्षीय व्यापार प्रबंधन गर्नेउड्रश्यका साथ भारत र नेपालबीचको व्यापार सन्धिको व्यवस्थापनमोजिम उक्त सन्धि २०१६ अक्टूबरमा निवकरण हुने कुरामा दुईपक्ष सहमत भए।

- यस हवाई मार्गको आग्रह लगायतका हवाई सेवाका विषयमा छलफल गर्न नागरिक उड्रस्यनी वार्ता गर्न दुई पक्ष सहमत भए।

- दुई भेदवीच ग्रिड केन्द्रिक भर्तीरु हरू आपूर्तिको शुरुवात गर्नका लागि डिसेम्बर, २०१६ भित्रमा कट्राइको धुरान्हासम्म र रक्षावैधकता पर्वानीपुरसम्म प्रशासन लाइनको निर्माण सम्पन्न गरेका निर्णय लिइयो।

- पूव्बेशवर बहुउड्रश्यय आयोजनाको विस्तृत आयोजना प्रतिबन्ध समापन गरेका कार्य दूरगतिमा अधि व्हाइले निर्णय गरियो।

- दुईपक्ष आगामी सचिव स्तरीय जलस्रोत सम्बन्धी सांख्यिक सामग्रीको वैठकमा जलस्रोत सहकार्यसङ्ग सम्बन्धित सध्या विषयमा छलफल गर्न सहमत भए, जस्तै डुवान र बाही व्यवस्थापन, सिंचाि र अन्य मुख्य परियोजनाहरू।

- दुई प्रधानमन्त्रीहरूले पयार्तन तथा आयोजनको प्रणालीमा सहकार्य अगाडि व्हाइले पनि आश्वासन जोड दिनुभए।
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क. नेपालका उपप्रधानमन्त्री तथा गृहमन्त्री विमलेन्द्र निधीले १७-२२ अगस्त, २०१६ मा प्रधानमन्त्री पुष्प कमल दाहाल “प्रचण्ड”को विशेष दूतका रूपमा भारत भ्रमण गर्नुभयो। निधीले राष्ट्रपति श्री प्रणब मुखर्जी र प्रधानमन्त्री श्री नरेन्द्र मोदीसंग भेटवार्तागरी गर्नुभयो। उहाँले विदेशमन्त्री श्रीमती सुष्मा स्वराज र गृहमन्त्री श्री राजनाथ सिंहसंग पनि भेट गर्नुभयो। उक्त छलफलले द्विपक्षीय सम्बन्धका विधेय विषय समेट्नुहोस्। छलफलको प्रमुख विषयवस्तु नेपाली प्रधानमन्त्रीको आगामी सेप्टेम्बरमा हुने भारत भ्रमण रहेको थियो।

ख. सासद र नेपालको व्यवस्थापिका समितिका १५६ सदस्यीय टोली २०-२१ अगस्त, २०१६ सम्म भारतमा अध्ययन भ्रमणमा रहेको थियो। उक्त प्रतिनिधि टोलीले भारत सरकारको कानुन तथा न्याय मन्त्रालयका अधिकारीहरूसँग र भारतीय कानुन संस्था, नयाँ दिल्लीसंग विस्तृत अन्तर्क्रिया गर्नुका साथै सर्वांभ अदालतको भ्रमण पनि गर्नुभएको थियो। उक्त प्रतिनिधि टोलीले केरालको उच्च अदालत र वैद्यलयको नेषनल ल स्कूलको पनि भ्रमण गर्नुभएको थियो। टोलीको गोरा भ्रमणका क्रममा उक्त राज्यका गमनरस्त्य पनि भेट भएको थियो।
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ग. नेपालका परराष्ट्रमन्त्री डा. प्रकाशशरण महतले ११-१३ सेप्टेम्बर, २०१६ मा भारत भ्रमण गर्नुभयो । उहाँले विदेशमन्त्री श्रीमती सुप्रा स्वराजसङ्ग भेट गर्नुभयो । सो भेटका क्रममा विपक्षीय सम्बन्ध, विशेष रूपमा नेपाली प्रधानमन्त्रीको आगामी भ्रमणको चारेमा विस्तृत पुनरावलोकन गरिएको थियो ।

घ. नेपालका प्रधानमन्त्री पुष्पकमल दाहाल “प्रचण्ड”ले १५-१८ सेप्टेम्बर, २०१६ मा भारत भ्रमण गर्नुभयो । उहाँको साथमा नेपालका परराष्ट्रमन्त्री डा. प्रकाशशरण महत, भौतिक पूर्वाधार तथा यातायातमन्त्री रमेश लेखक, सांसदहरू र नेपाल सरकारका वरिष्ठ अधिकारीहरूको उच्चस्तरीय प्रतिनिधि टोलीले पनि भारत भ्रमण गरेका थियो । प्रधानमन्त्री पुष्पकमल दाहाल “प्रचण्ड”ले राष्ट्रपति श्री प्रणव मुखर्जीसङ्ग शिष्टाचार भेट गर्नुभयो र प्रधानमन्त्री श्री नरेन्द्र मोदीसङ्ग भेटबाटा गर्नुभयो । विदेशमन्त्री श्रीमती सुप्रा स्वराज, अर्थमन्त्री श्री अरुण जेटली र विद्युत राज्यमन्त्री श्री पियुष गोयलले नेपालका प्रधानमन्त्री पुष्पकमल दाहाल “प्रचण्ड”सङ्ग शिष्टाचार भेट गर्नुभयो । प्रधानमन्त्री पुष्पकमल दाहाल “प्रचण्ड”ले हिमाचल प्रदेशको नथा भाककी जलविचुति आयोजनाको भ्रमण गर्नुका साथे हरिद्वार नजिकको पत्तनजाली योगपिठको खाच तथा जलबुझि पार्कको पनि भ्रमण गर्नुभयो । ASSOCHAM, CII र FICCI ले नेपाली प्रधानमन्त्रीको सम्मानमा भारतीय विज्ञान समुदायसङ्ग संयुक्त रूपमा एक अन्तर्राष्ट्रिय आयोजना जनाएका थिए । भ्रमणको अन्त्यमा संयुक्त विज्ञान जारी गरिएको थियो ।
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