Festival of North-East India

Namaste Nepal
Foreword

28th February 2017

In its brief life of a year, the information bulletin of the Embassy of India, Saransha has developed into an important outreach medium. By incorporating recommendations of its readers and expanding its outreach, particularly through the Nepali language edition and with better layout and more interesting information, it is contributing to greater awareness about the multifaceted engagement between India and Nepal. Saransha captures and disseminates information about developments in the engagement between India and Nepal in diverse sectors in recent months.

A highlight in recent days has been the financial approval for the Arun-III project by the Indian cabinet as well as the announcement of US$340 million concessional loan for the Mahakali bridge and 15 major projects. A total of US$1.6 billion for the LoC projects are now under implementation. In addition, the Hulaki roads Phase-I project is under implementation and preparations for Phase-II have begun.

The visit of the Hon'ble President of India Shri Pranab Mukherjee marked a watershed in our relations. This year too we expect to have high level visits from India and Nepal. Recently we had the visit of our Railway Minister Shri Suresh Prabhu who participated in the CNI sponsored Infrastructure Summit.

B.P. Koirala Foundation has also been active in promoting cultural, academic and other exchanges as well as people to people linkages.

As I complete my tenure and retire from the Indian Foreign Service, I convey my best wishes for a happy and prosperous future for Nepal and its friendly people.

(Ranjit Rae)
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Development Partnership Wing

The Government of India has been supporting in creation of necessary physical and social infrastructure in Nepal since 1951. More than 551 large and small development projects have been completed or being implemented in almost all the districts of Nepal.

Projects undertaken by Development Partnership Wing

1. The 7th Meeting of the Project Steering Committee (PSC) for development of Integrated Check Posts (ICPs) along the Indo-Nepal border was held at Kathmandu on 15 December 2016. The meeting was co-chaired by Sri Deependra Nath Sharma, Secretary, Ministry of Urban Development (MoUD), from Nepalese side and Smt. Sanjeevaneet Kutty, Secretary, Border Management (BM), Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), from India. The two sides agreed to facilitate completion of Integrated Check Post at Birgunj at the earliest and take necessary measures to ensure smooth execution of ICP at Biratnagar

2. Sri M. Subbarayudu, JS (DPA-III) in MEA visited Nepal from 17-21 December 2016 to undertake field visits to various projects being implemented with Indian assistance. Sri Subbarayudu took stock of various ongoing projects such as Jogbani-Biratnagar Rail link, Jaynagar-Bijalpura-Bardibas Rail link, ICP Projects at Biratnagar and Birgunj and interacted with the Project developers and other stakeholders. He also visited some projects already completed with Indian Government assistance like Manmohan Memorial Polytechnic, Hattimunda, Biratnagar and B P Koirala Institute of Health Sciences.

3. On 8th January, Ambassador Sri Ranjit Rae inaugurated the upgraded Thame Khola Hydropower plant in Namche VDC of Solumkhumbu district. The work of capacity building of the plant from 630 KW to 930 KW has been undertaken with India’s assistance of NRs.44 million. The plant supplies electricity to 18 villages of Khumjung and Namche VDC of Khumbu Valley in the district and is operated by the Khumbu Bijuli Company. The project seeks to mitigate Nepal’s energy shortage by adding 300 KW to the plant. After the upgradation, 5000 people residing in the region would receive continuous supply of electricity and will improve the economic and financial aspects of the local community in the district.

Ambassador’s address at the Inauguration Ceremony:

“I firmly believe that the Hulaki Rajmarg Project would be a milestone in improving the cross-border connectivity and trade between India and Nepal.”
4. In the past two months, Ambassador Sri Ranjit Rae travelled extensively and inaugurated several projects across different districts of Nepal. These projects included several inaugurations as listed herewith.

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<td>Completed portion of Hulaki Rajmarg comprising (i) Dhangadi-Bhajaniya-Satti road &amp; (ii) Lamki-Tikapur-Khakraula road</td>
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<td>Constructed with NRs 1020 million grant assistance from India.</td>
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<td>Campus building for Chautara Multiple Campus, Chautara in Sindhupalchok District.</td>
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5. To further Government of India’s commitment towards the Education Sector, MoU’s worth NRs. 185 million have been signed recently to enhance accessibility and availability of quality education infrastructure across different districts of Nepal.

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<td>Sri Gyanveer Singh, Second Secretary and DCC, Kanchanpur.</td>
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<td>5.</td>
<td>Tripartite MoU for construction of a three storied building with 19 rooms, computer and internet lab, reading room with other facilities with a total financial assistance of NRs. 44 million at Sindhuli.</td>
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<td>16 February, 2017</td>
<td>Sri Gyanveer Singh, Sri Shiva Humagain, Local Development Officer, Sindhuli and Principal of Sindhuli Community Technical Institute in the presence of Ambassador Rae</td>
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6. On 24th January, 2017, the Embassy of India released an amount of NRs. 1,09,40,250/ (Nepalese Rupees One Crore Nine Lakh Forty Thousand Two Hundred Fifty only) towards 2nd installment of mobilization advance for Nepal Bharat Maitri Pashupati Dharamshala which is currently under construction.

7. On the occasion of 68th Republic Day of India on 26 January, 2017, the Embassy, reaffirming the commitment of the Government of India towards economic development in Nepal, gifted 20 ambulances and 4 buses to various hospitals, non-profitable charitable organizations and educational institutions of different districts of Nepal.

8. On 30th January, 2017, Ambassador Rae handed over a Cheque for an amount of NRs. 24.97 crore to the Hon’ble Minister for Physical Infrastructure and Transport Sri Ramesh Lekhak at Singha Durbar Kathmandu. The amount has been released towards 25% of tendered cost (including 10% mobilization advance) of the four contracted road stretches namely Birendrabazaar-Mahinathpur, Janakpur-Yadukuwa road, Manmat-Kalaiya-Matiarwa (0-15 km road) and Manmat-Kalaiya-Matiarwa (15-26.660 km road) being implemented under Postal Highway Project in Nepal with Government of India grant assistance. This was the first payment released out of the Govt. of India committed grant assistance of NRs. 8,000 million for undertaking construction of remaining roads under Postal Highway Project.

9. Ambassador of India Sri Ranjit Rae, during his two days visit on 2nd and 3rd February to the Eastern Region of Nepal, inaugurated five school buildings in Jhapa and Dhankuta Districts built with a total financial assistance of NRs 97 million under its Small Development Programme Scheme as part of India–Nepal Economic Cooperation Programme. These included:-

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<td>Inauguration of school building for Shree Sharda Secondary School in Marekakatahara, Dhankuta</td>
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1. **India - Nepal Folk Crafts Festival and Khadi Fashion Show**

South Asia Foundation India, South Asia Foundation Nepal, Council of Handicrafts Development Corporations and Office of Development Commissioner (Handicrafts) Ministry of Textiles, Government of India jointly organized the India-Nepal Folk Crafts Festival on 19-23 December, 2016 at Bhrikuti Mandap, Kathmandu. A Khadi fashion show was organised on December 19, 2017 as part of the India-Nepal Folk Crafts Festival 2016 took place at Park Village Resort in Kathmandu with designs from Nida Mahmood, SABAH Nepal and Pulchowk 3 by Astik Sherchan.

The Crafts Festival aimed to enhance bilateral relations and cultural exchange programme in the field of arts and crafts. Artisans from both countries participated and showcased their artifacts. The students of the Indian Cultural Centre Kathmandu presented Classical Hindustani Songs, Nepali Folk songs and Bharatanatyam Dance items during the Inaugural Function.

2. On 11th January, 2017, Ambassador Sri Ranjit Rae handed over a cheque of NRs. 619.63 million to Hon’ble Minister of Irrigation Sri Deepak Giri as India’s contribution towards construction of embankments along Lalbakeya, Bagmati and Kamla rivers in Nepal. With the present assistance, the total grant assistance already disbursed for embankment construction along these rivers, stands at over NRs. 4.5 billion,
3. **The second Indo-Nepal Oversight mechanism meeting was held at Kathmandu on 30th January 2017.**

   The main issues discussed during the meeting were:
   (i) The Mahaklai bridge project at Kanchanpur
   (ii) Cross Border Transmission Lines
   (iii) Koshi High Dam Project
   (iv) Upper Karnali Hydro power project
   (v) Arun 3 Hydro power project
   (vi) Pancheswar Hydropower Project
   (vii) Implementation of projects under Government of India supported Line of Credit 3
   (viii) Sapta Koshi High Dam and Sun Koshi Diversion Scheme.

4. **JWG/JSC meeting on bilateral cooperation in Power sector**

   The 4th Meeting of the Indo-Nepal Joint Working Group (JWG) on Power Corporation was held on 13th February, 2017 in Kathmandu. The Indian side was led by Shri R.K. Verma, Chairman, Central Electricity Authority. Nepalese delegation was led by Sri Dinesh Kumar Ghimire, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Energy, Government of Nepal.

   The meeting noted that presently Nepal was importing 380 MW of power from India and discussed import of additional power from India. The progress of the Cross Border Transmission Lines at Muzaffarpur-Dhalkebar, Kataliya-Kushaha, Raxaul-Parwanipur and the planned New Butwal-Gorakhpur were reviewed. Power Trade between existing and proposed and new cross border links was discussed. Other issues discussed were training of Nepalese engineers in operational and commercial issues, progress of various hydropower projects, and supply of LED bulbs. The decisions of the Joint Working Group were reviewed at the Joint Steering Committee (JSC) Meeting held on February 14, 2017 in Kathmandu. The Joint Steering Committee was headed by Sri Pradeep Kumar Pujari, Secretary, Ministry of Power, Government of India and Sri Anup Kumar Upadhaya, Secretary, Ministry of Energy, Government of Nepal.
Political Wing

1. Hon’ble Minister for Urban Development Sri Arjun Narsingh KC visited India from 13-17 December, 2016 to participate in the 6th Asia-Pacific Ministers Conference on Housing and Urban Development held in New Delhi.

2. Hon’ble Minister for Foreign Affairs Dr. Prakash Sharan Mahat paid an official visit to India from 16 to 18 Jan 2016 at the invitation of Hon’ble Minister of External Affairs Smt. Sushma Swaraj to participate in the 2nd edition of the Raisina Dialogue. On the sideline of the event, Dr. Mahat held talks with ministers and other high-ranking officials on bilateral issues of mutual interest.

3. Chief Election Commissioner Sri Ayodhee Prasad Yadav paid a four-day visit to India from 23-26 January to attend India’s National Voters’ Day.

4. The Seventeenth Session of the BIMSTEC Senior Officials’ Meeting (SOM) preceded by a Preparatory Meeting was held in Kathmandu, Nepal from 5-7 February 2017. Mrs. Preeti Saran, Secretary(East), Ministry of External Affairs led the Indian delegation at the meeting. The Seventeenth SOM reviewed the progress made by BIMSTEC and endorsed the recommendations of the Preceding Meetings, including expediting the signing of the BIMSTEC Free Trade Agreement (FTA) and Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Grid Interconnection.
Festival of Uttar Pradesh in Nepal

The Embassy of India and the B.P. Koirala India-Nepal Foundation, in association with FICCI and Asian Paints, organized the Uttar Pradesh Festival from 26th January to 2nd February, 2017. The festival had four components: culture, trade symposium, tourism symposium and handicraft exhibition.
On 26th January, Hon’ble Deputy Prime Minister & Home Minister Sri Bimalendra Nidhi and Hon’ble Minister of Defence Mr. Bal Krishna Khand jointly inaugurated the festival at Hotel Soaltee Crowne Plaza, Kathmandu. The inaugural ceremony featured a performance by a Shehnai Group led by Ustad Ali Abbas Khan, son-in-law of Ustad Bismillah Khan.

The inaugural also saw the launch of the Uttar Pradesh Textiles and Handcraft exhibition. The exhibition was held period of four days on 26-29 January, 2017 at Hotel Soaltee Crowne Plaza, Kathmandu. The shehnai performance was followed by launch of Uttar Pradesh Food Festival featuring Avadhi cuisine prepared by chefs from U.P.

On 27th January, 2017, in continuation of the festival of Uttar Pradesh, a symposium titled "Cross Border Tourism - Challenges and Opportunities" was held at Hotel Soaltee Crowne Plaza featuring panelists from the Uttar Pradesh Tourism Development Board, Nepal Tourism Board and Government and non-Government stakeholders in the tourism industry. This was followed by another symposium titled "Cross Border Trade - Challenges and Opportunities" which was held at Hotel Annapurna. The symposium featured panelists from the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce, Uttar Pradesh, trade representatives and Government and non-Government stakeholder on both sides.

To mark the closing of the festival, a cultural event was held on 27th January, 2017 at Hotel Annapurna, Kathmandu featuring a cultural troupe from Mathura which performed traditional dances of Uttar Pradesh- Kathak and Phoolon Ki Holi.
1. More than 3500 ex-servicemen and families of 9th Gorkha Rifles participated in the Bi-Centenary Celebrations with zeal and enthusiasm. The event was attended by Gen Rajendra Chhetri, COAS, Nepal Army and Honorary General of Indian Army, Ambassador Shri Ranjit Rae and Lt Gen AK Bhatt, DGMO and Colonel of the Regiment 9 Gorkha Rifles. After an initial tribute to the Martyrs, Colonel Man Raj Singh Mann, Defence Attaché welcomed all and apprised them about the history of 9 Gorkha Rifles. The gathering was then addressed by the Colonel of the Regiment 9 Gorkha Rifles, Ambassador Rae and General Rajendra Chhetri, COAS, Nepal Army and Honorary General of the Indian Army.

2. The veterans also witnessed a special performance by the Brass and the Pipe Bands of the 39 Gorkha Training Centre, Varanasi. War widows and veterans were felicitated on the occasion with financial assistance in the form of gifts such as Sewing Machines, Wheel Chairs, Cash Incentives and Computers to Bhu Puu Samitis, reiterating the fact that the welfare and wellbeing of all Ex-Servicemen is of paramount importance to the Government of India.

PENSION BRANCH

During the months of December 2016 & January 2017, Seasonal Pension Paying Camp (SPPC) was conducted at Bharatpur. Pension was also continuously disbursed through the three PPOs. A total of NRs 803 Crores has been distributed in these two months. The Government Notification on 7th Central Pay Commission as also Circular from PCDA (P) Allahabad has already been received and its implementation has commenced wef September, 2016 for Civil Pensioners and December, 2016 for Defence Pensioners. A total of NRs 172 Crores has been distributed as 7th CPC arrears till 31 January, 2017 and its full implementation is expected to be completed by May, 2017 in the 14 SPPCs which is scheduled to be conducted wef February to May, 2017. The payment of 2nd Installment of OROP to Nepal Domiciled Gorkha Service Pensioners of Nepal drawing their pension from three Pension Paying Offices (PPOs) at Kathmandu, Pokhara and Dharan has already been completed and the 3rd Installment will commence wef February, 2017.
WELFARE BRANCH

Functioning under the Defence Wing, Embassy of India, the Welfare Branch, during the last two months, has distributed to Bhu Puu Sainik beneficiaries as Earthquake Relief Grant:

- Total Amount for 6590 beneficiaries - NRs 21.09 Crores.
  - Distributed during the last two months (No of beneficiaries)- 1143.
  - Total NOs of beneficiaries benefitted till date- 5897.

Two ambulances have been gifted to Bhu Puu Samities by Defence Wing as a welfare measure on the occasion of the Republic Day 2017.

During last two month a sum of NRs 48.64 Lakhs has been distributed to 151 beneficiaries, as various welfare grants that include Funeral, Education, Medical, Old age, Natural Calamities to Ex-Servicemen.

Educational Assistance of NRs 7.92 Lakhs has been disbursed to dependents of 58 Beneficiaries.

RECORD OFFICE

14 Veer Naris/Ex-servicemen were felicitated on the occasion of Republic Day 2017 by presenting blankets and AGIF cheques worth Rs 3.75 Crores.

A sum of NRs 5.40 Crores on account of Army Group Insurance benefits have been distributed to the beneficiaries during December, 2016 to February, 2017.

In addition, a sum of NRs 34 Lakhs has also been distributed to the beneficiaries during the period on account of Other than Pension (OTP) payment.
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नेपाली नाट्यमुखको इतिहास निकिए लामो छ। बासगरी नेपाली नाटकका महान व्यक्ति बालकुण सम (१९६०-१९८१) ले नेपाली रहगम्बर र नाटक लेखनमा पहिलो आभारिकताको प्रमोग गरेको कुरा नेपाली नाटक इतिहासमा एउटा महत्वपूर्ण विषय हो। समय नेपाली नाटकलाई राणा दरवारहरूका परिणामवार बाहिर व्यापिए। पहिलो पार्सी नाटकहरू मजबूत हुने चलन थियो। प्रायेखाली सबै दरवारहरूमा पार्सी नाटकहरू मजबूत हुने थिए। एन.एस.डी.की इमरिस्ट्रेटका प्राध्यापक र नाट्य विद्वान अनुराधा कुप्रोको भनाइमा पार्सी थिएको उन्नति भारतमा नै एको थियो र यसले जोडबाट प्रयोग पनि भारतका विभिन भाषामा लगभग ११५० शब्द १९३० सम्म बिघी रहगम्बरीय रुपमा थियो। पार्सी ठेटर्लाई कुप्रो भारतको पहिलो व्यवसायी रहगम्बर भनिए। उनको विवाहमा यो थिएको कार्यकालिको धर्मिनगरशक्तिजनाले अनुभव गर्न सकिन्त्यो आफै यसले गर्दा यसले भारतमा र सकिन्त्यो कुप्रो भारतका समय र रचना गर्न सकिन्त्यो (कुप्रो २००४: ४७)। नेपालमा पार्सी थिएटर जीवी हस्ताक्षीको आरम्भमा नै आएको थियो र यो भएको सन् १९५० सम्म नै रहित। यो नाट्यमुखको विद्वान र मौजूद रुपमा खास रहित नेपाली नाटको र मौजूद नेपाली नाटको केही अनुभव गर्न सकिन्त्यो।

एन.एस.डी गिरिजा पत्नी व्यक्ति नाट्यमुख सुनील पोखरेल हुन्। उनको प्रविष्ट चिन्ह सन् १९८४ देखि भएको हो। अर्को निर्देशक अनुसार यसलीको प्रविष्ट चिन्ह सन् १९९५ देखि भएको हुन्छ, पत्नी एन.एस.डी गिरिजा पत्नी नाटक निर्देशक समेत सुनील पोखरेल हुन् उनको प्रविष्ट चिन्ह २००२ वि.स. भएको ह। यी तीन जना निर्देशकहरूले एन.एस.डीको प्रविष्ट चिन्ह लाई नेपाल आएको नाटय क्षेत्रमा गरेको कामहरूको दूस्रो महत्त्व रहेछ। पिनेको समयमा नेपाली नाटकको क्षेत्रमा व्यापारी परिवर्तनहरूको सहित रूपमा यसरी समेत सकिन्त्यो गर्न सबैहरू।

नेपाली नाटकलाई इतिहास निकिए लामो छ। बासगरी नेपाली नाटकका महान व्यक्ति बालकुण सम (१९६०-१९८१) ले नेपाली रहगम्बर र नाटक लेखनमा पहिलो आभारिकताको प्रमोग गरेको कुरा नेपाली नाटक इतिहासमा एउटा महत्वपूर्ण विषय हो। समय नेपाली नाटकलाई राणा दरवारहरूका परिणामवार बाहिर व्यापिए। पहिलो पार्सी नाटकहरू मजबूत हुने चलन थियो। प्रायेखाली सबै दरवारहरूमा पार्सी नाटकहरू मजबूत हुने थिए। एन.एस.डी.की इमरिस्ट्रेटका प्राध्यापक र नाट्य विद्वान अनुराधा कुप्रोको भनाइमा पार्सी थिएको उन्नति भारतमा नै एको थियो र यसले जोडबाट प्रयोग पनि भारतका विभिन भाषामा लगभग ११५० देखि १९३० सम्म बिघी रहगम्बरीय रुपमा थियो। पार्सी ठेटर्लाई कुप्रो भारतको पहिलो व्यवसायी रहगम्बर भनिए। उनको विवाहमा यो थिएको कार्यकालिको धर्मिनगरशक्तिजनाले अनुभव गर्न सकिन्त्यो आफै यसले गर्दा यसले भारतमा र सकिन्त्यो कुप्रो भारतका समय र रचना गर्न सकिन्त्यो (कुप्रो २००४: ४७)। नेपालमा पार्सी थिएटर जीवी हस्ताक्षी हस्ताक्षीको आरम्भमा नै आएको थियो र यो भएको सन् १९५० सम्म नै रहित। यो नाट्यमुखको विद्वान र मौजूद रुपमा खास रहित नेपाली नाटको र मौजूद नेपाली नाटको केही अनुभव गर्न सकिन्त्यो।


Education Wing

- Result of the Scholarships under GJSS 2016-17 has been announced on January 24, 2017. The Golden Jubilee Scholarship Scheme was launched by Government of India in 2002 to commemorate 50 years of Economic Cooperation between India and Nepal.

- The second batch of training of 35 Nepalese customs officers was organized by the Government of India, through the Embassy of India in Kathmandu, at National Academy of Customs Excise and Narcotics (NACEN), Faridabad, from January 9 – 13, 2017.

Nepalese candidates intending to study MBBS/BDS in India under Self-Financing Scheme or through COMPEX conducted by the Indian Embassy, Kathmandu, beginning academic year 2017-18 would be required to attend the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET) which will be held on May 7, 2017. Indian citizens, including NRIs/OCIs/PIOs, are also covered by the NEET requirements.

NEET (UG) - 2017

As per regulations framed under the Indian Medical Council Act-1956 as amended in 2016 and the Dentists Act-1948 as amended in 2016, NATIONAL ELIGIBILITY CUM ENTRANCE TEST (UG) – 2017 [NEET(UG)-2017] will be conducted by the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), for admission to MBBS/BDS Courses in India in Medical/Dental Colleges run with the approval of Medical Council of India/Dental Council of India under the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India except for the institutions established through an Act of Parliament e.g. AIIMS and JIPMER Puducherry.

The NEET (UG)-2017 will be conducted on Sunday, the 7th May, 2017. The responsibility of the CBSE is limited to the conduct of the entrance examination, declaration of result and providing All India Rank to the Directorate General Health Services, Government of India for the conduct of counselling for 15% All India Quota Seats and for supplying the result to state/other Counselling Authorities.

[www.cbseneet.nic.in](http://www.cbseneet.nic.in)
B.P. Koirala India-Nepal Foundation (BPKF)

Photography workshop

B.P. Koirala India-Nepal Foundation organized a two-day photography workshop at Nepal-Bharat Library on 9th December 2017. Around 60 persons, including students of mass communication & photography, enthusiastically participated in this workshop. Noted photojournalist Mr. Bikas Karki, President of Photojournalist’ Club trained the participants.
Cinemandu: Screening of Nepali hit movie ‘Jatra’

The BP Koirala Foundation organized the screening of the recent Nepalese hit movie ‘Jatra’ at Nepal Tourism Board auditorium on 25th December 2017. The screening was followed by an interaction of the audience with the movie’s cast and crew including famous director Pradip Bhattarai and actors Rabindra Singh Baniya, Rabindra Jha and Barsha Raut.

Cinemandu: Screening of movie Kashi: the eternal city by Shri Jaggi Vasudev (Sadhguru)

B.P Koirala India-Nepal Foundation organized its next in series of ‘Cinemandu’ on 10th February 2017 at Nepal Bharat Library. This series of ‘Cinemandu’ featured a movie named Kashi: the eternal city by Shri Jaggi Vasudev (Sadhguru). More than 50 people attended the programme.

Kidmandu: A Painting Workshop with Mr. SC Suman

B.P Koirala India-Nepal Foundation organized a ‘Painting Workshop’ in its series of ‘Kidmandu’ programme on 18th February, 2017 at Nepal Bharat Library. Around 50 children from Grade 6 to Grade 10 participated in the workshop. Eminent Mithila Artist Mr. SC Suman taught the children about the basics of Mithila paintings. Techniques of Mithila Art including drawing sketches and filling colors were taught during the workshop. Children participated enthusiastically in learning painting techniques from Mr. SC Suman.
The Indian Culture Centre launched a mega event under the banner ‘Festival of North East India in Nepal’ which saw dance performances, musical events, food festival and art exhibitions over 2 weeks. The festival saw performances in 9 cities of Nepal. Apart from this, the ICC students also performed at the Pokhara International Street Festival at Lakeside in Pokhara from December 28, 2016 to January 1, 2017. The ICC, in association with Samir Sangeet Samaj, organized a Classical Hindustani Vocal Musical Concert based on Dhrupad Dhamar style of singing on December 29, 2016 at Nepal Music Centre Trust. The students also celebrated Vasant Panchami (Saraswati Puja) at the premises of ICC at Baluwatar on February 12, 2016.

**North-East Indian Cultural Festival – Namaste Nepal**

**January 14- 27 2017**

As a Curtain Raiser of the North-East Cultural Festival-Namaste Nepal, an Art Exhibition titled “North-East India: Mosaic of Art & Cultures” showcasing diversity of the North-Eastern States of India was organized on 14 January, 2017. The event was jointly inaugurated by the Hon’ble Minister of Culture, Transport and Civil Aviation Mr. Jiwan Bahadur Shahi and Ambassador of India Mr. Ranjit Rae.

To mark the closing ceremony of the Art Exhibition, the ICC organized a brief ‘Talk Show’ on the North-East States of India coinciding with North-East Food Fest titled “Banijyan: Flavors of the
North East States of India”. The event was jointly inaugurated by the Hon’ble Minister for Urban Development Sri Arjun Narasingh KC and Deputy Chief of Mission Sri Vinay Kumar. The event was organised at Hotel Radisson on January 19, 2017.

The second phase of this event included cultural performances by four prominent cultural troupes representing different genres from the North-Eastern States of India. The four cultural troupes presented cultural performances in different parts of Nepal i.e. Kathmandu, Patan, Pokhara, Birgunj, Biratnagar, Dharan, Janakpur, Sindhupalchowk and Dolakha in association with local cultural institutions of Nepal to showcase diverse cultural aspects and values of the two countries. All events witnessed houseful audiences and were immensely welcomed by the local Nepali people.

The artistes of Shillong Chamber Choir from Meghalaya performed at Nepal Army Auditorium Hall, Kathmandu on January 24, 2017 along with local artistes of Sur Sudha and Saraswati. The event was inaugurated by Rt. Hon’ble President of Nepal Smt. Bidya Devi Bhandari. The artists also performed at Pokhara Sabha Griha, Pokhara on January 22, 2017 along with local artistes of Pokhareli community. The event was inaugurated by Hon’ble Minister of Forest and Soil Conservation Mr. Shankar Bhandari. The event was organized in association Nepal -India Friendship Association.

The 15-member artistes of Lily Veng Cultural & Drama Club from Mizoram, India performed at Patan Durbar Square along with local artistes of Jyapu Samaj Yala and Aksheswar Mahabihar Preservation Committee who performed popular ethnic Newari and Buddhist Charya Dance forms. The event was inaugurated by Hon’ble Minister of Industry Sri Nabindra Raj Joshi. The event was organized in association with Nepal -India Friendship Association. Their another performance was at Birendra Sabha Griha, Biratnagar on January 23, 2017. At the same event, the local artistes of Jhor Hat Natya Kala Kendra also gave their performance of local dances. The event was inaugurated by Hon’ble Member of General Administration Sri Keshab Kumar Budhathoki. The event was organized in association with Nepal -India Friendship Association – Morang Branch.

The artistes of Thoibi Manipuri Dance & Cultural Research Institute from Manipur performed at Rastriya Sabha Griha, Kathmandu on January 21, 2017 along with local artistes of Kathmandu Metropolitan City. The event was inaugurated by Rt. Hon’ble Speaker Smt. Onsari Gharti Magar along with Ambassador Shri Ranjit Rae. The group also performed at Udhyog Baniyia Sangh Hall, Janakpur on January 23, 2017 along with popular local artistes of Janakpur. The event was inaugurated by Hon’ble Minister of Culture and Tourism Sri Jiban Bahadur Shahi. The event was organized in association with Consulate General of India, Birgunj and Nepal-India Women's Friendship Society. The artistes also performed at Town Hall, Birgunj on January 24, 2017 along with popular local artistes of Birgunj. The event was inaugurated by Hon’ble Minister of Peace and Reconstruction Smt. Sita Devi Yadav.
The artistes of **Tetseo Sisters along with Khasi Drummers from Nagaland** performed at Nepal Army Auditorium Hall, Kathmandu on January 22, 2017. At the same event, the local artistes of Shree Tara Band also gave their performance. The event was inaugurated by Rt. Hon’ble Vice President of Nepal Mr. Nanda Bahadur Pun along with Ambassador Rae. The artistes of Tetseo Sisters along with Khasi Drummers from Nagaland performed at Jiri, Dolakha on January 25, 2017. At the same event, the local artistes of Jirel and Sherpa community from Jiri Municipality also gave their performance. The event was inaugurated by Hon’ble Minister of Commerce Sri Romi Gauchan Thakali. The event was organized in association with Nepal-India Human Development & Friendship Association and Jiri Municipality, Government of Nepal. The artistes of Tetseo Sisters along with Khasi Drummers from Nagaland again performed at Jiri, Dolakha on January 27, 2017. At the same event, the local artistes of Tamang and Sherpa community from Sindhupalchowk also gave their performance. The event was inaugurated by Hon’ble Minister of Labor and Employment Sri Surya Man Gurung along with Ambassador Rae. The event was organized in association with Nepal-India Human Development & Friendship Association and Chautara Multiple Campus.
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भारत सरकारले नेपालका लगभग सबै जिल्लाहरूमा लागू भएका वा भएको र ५५१ वटा ठुला र साला विकास आयोजनाहरूले लागि सन् १९५१ देखि वित्तीय सहयोग प्रदान गर्न आइरहेको हुनुहुन्छ।

विकास साहित्यकारी विभागले सम्पन्न गरिरहेका आयोजनाहरू

१. भारत नेपाल समाजवादी एक्सङ्कूट चेक पोस्ट (आईसीपी) निर्माण गर्नको लागि १५ डिसेम्बर २०१६ मा काठमाडौंमा प्रोजेक्ट स्टार्ट मा साती बैठक आयोजना गरिएको। बैठकको उपस्थितिका नेपालका तत्त्वज्ञात सहरी विकास मन्त्रालयले सन्ता श्री दिपेंद्रनाथ शर्मा नेपाल विद्युत ब्याजको भर्ने भएका लागि तत्त्वज्ञान प्राप्त निर्माणमा सहभागिता गर्ने दल र साझेदारी गर्ने दलको लागि विकास मन्त्रालयले सन्ता श्री दिपेंद्रनाथ शर्माले गरेका थिए।

२. भारतीय विदेश मन्त्रालयका जेएस (डिपिए-५५५०) तथा बुधवार र १३-१५ डिसेम्बर २०१६ मा नेपालमा लागू भएका भारतीय लगानीका विभिन्न आयोजनाहरूले संगठन गरिएको। सन्ताहरूले नै भएका विभिन्न चाहु आयोजनाहरूले (बौद्ध-बौद्ध, बौद्ध-बौद्ध, बौद्ध-बौद्ध) आयोजनाहरूले संगठन गरिएको।

उस्पत्ती समारोहमा राजदूतको सम्बोधन:

"मन्त्रालय दूढ़ विकास छै। छनौती राज्यामार्ग आयोजनालाई सम्बन्ध र नेपाल-भारत व्यापार व्यवसाय गर्न एकता जतायो र विभिन्न सम्पदाका अधिक प्रतियोगिता व्यवसाय सुधार ल्याउनुहोस्।"
4. गत दूसरे महिनों में राज्य की श्रीमान्त रायने नेपालका विभिन्न जिल्लाहरूको भ्रमण गरी विविध आयोजनाहरूको उद्घाटन गरियो। उद्घाटन गरिएको आयोजनाहरूको बारेमा तल विवरण गरिएको हुँ।

1. नेपाल भारत मैत्री सिमिचाइ आयोजना -सप्टें, सन्ताली, शिमेट, बागा, पस्ता, चित्तवन, नववतपरी, रुपान्देशी, कैपलबसु, दाङ, केलाई र कठनपुर गरि तराइका १२ बटा जिल्लाहरूमा २००० घाटो टपुव बेल सिमिचाइ प्रणालीहरू जटान गरिए।

2. हुलाकी परम्परागत अन्नगृह-भजनीया-साती सडक र लम्बी-टिकापुर-खाकोला सडक खण्डहरूको निर्माण सम्पन्न भएको।

3. सिमुपात्नोक झिल्लीको छोटामारा चौतामा वासुकी क्षेत्र।

4. कठनपुरको भिक्षुदत्ता श्री महेन्द्रनगर उत्था माध्यमिक विद्यालय भवन।

5. कठनपुरको परसानमा श्री बामिन्नी उत्थान माध्यमिक विद्यालयको लागि दुईघरे पुत्रकारण र एउटा लेबोरेटरी भवन निर्माण गरिएको।

6. हर्केवास गाविकमा श्री जन्मा माध्यमिक विद्यालय भवनको निर्माण।

भारत सरकारको शैक्षिक श्रेणिको प्रतिवर्तनालाई अदालत लिएको जन्मा र नेपालका विभिन्न जिल्लाहरूमा शिक्षा हरूमा पहुँच तथा गुप्तस्त्रीय शैक्षिक पुरवाहको उपलब्धता सुनिश्चित गरिएको लागि हालसाले नेत्र १८५ मिलियन ब्राह्मणको सम्बन्धी पत्रमा हस्ताक्षर भएको।

क्र.सं. सम्बन्धी पत्र हस्ताक्षर भएको मिति हस्ताक्षर गर्न अधिकारीहरू
1. श्री बाबु गोविन्द जन्मा उत्था माध्यमिक विद्यालय, पिपिरामा भवन निर्माणको लागि २६ डिसेम्बर, २०१६ श्री जानबीयर सिंह, दित्यस सचिव र जन्नला विकास समिति, सलाहकार
2. टिकापुरमा श्री सरकारी माध्यमिक विद्यालय र अन्नगृहिया श्रीमान प्रहरी माध्यमिक विद्यालय निम्नांका लागि दुईघरे सम्बन्धी पत्रमा हस्ताक्षर ३० डिसेम्बर, २०१६ श्री जानबीयर सिंह, दित्यस सचिव र जन्नला विकास समिति, केलाई
3. कठनपुरमा झिल्लीमा श्री पतन्त हिषा मान्द्रविद्यालय भवन निर्माणको लागि ५ जनवरी, २०१७ श्री जानबीयर सिंह, दित्यस सचिव र जन्नला विकास समिति, कठनपुर
4. दादूला झिल्लीमा श्री लस्तानाथ माध्यमिक विद्यालय भवन निर्माणको लागि २० जनवरी, २०१७ श्री जानबीयर सिंह, दित्यस सचिव र जन्नला विकास समिति, दादुला
5. निम्नलीलमा नेत्र ४४ मिलियन अदालत सहयोगमा ६९ कोटापुक्त, कम्प्युटर र इंटरनेट लाई, पहले कोटा लागुवाका वृलि सामन्त तीनले भवन निर्माणको लागि शैक्षिक सम्बन्धी पत्रमा हस्ताक्षर १६ फेब्रुअरी, २०१७ राजदुन राजको उपविधालोमा श्री जानबीयर सिंह, श्री शिव हुमागाई, स्थानीय विकास अधिकारी, निम्नली र निम्नली सामाजिक टेक्निकल इन्फुस्ट्रक्चर प्रमिनेंस।
६. २४ जनवरी, २०१७ मा भारतीय राज्यातवासले निर्माणाधिक पन्ने-भारत सैनिक पश्चिम धर्मशालाको दोस्रो चरणको परिचालनका लागि अभियान नेप. ९.०६,४०,३५० प्रस्ताव गरिएको हो ।

७. २५ जनवरी, २०१७ मा ६४ लाई रिपोर्ट विवरणको अर्थरीय विविधता लागि भारत सरकार को प्रतिबद्धता दुनियाबाट नेपालका लागि दूर तवासले नेपालका निर्माण जिल्लाको अस्थायी, गैरनामामुक्त संस्थाहरू र शैक्षिक संस्थाहरूलाई २० बटा एक्स्क्लुसिव र ४ बटा बस उपहारस्वरूप प्रदान गरिएको हो ।

८. ३० जनवरी, २०१७ का दिन काठमाडौंमा सिक्स जेथर राज्य समितिले नेपालको लागि भारतीय राज्यको श्री रणजीत रायले ने.र. २४ करोड ९७ लाखको रोदाको मानको मौलिक वृद्धार तथा यातायातमन्त्री श्री रघु अलका रेखबाई हस्तांतरण गरिएको हो । हुनाली ब्यापारको अन्तर्गत निर्माण सुरु हुने लागेको बिरनवनागर-मोहनिदार-जनकपुर-वुकुबा, मनमात-कलैखा-माधवा निर्माणको लागि टेंडर स्वीकृत भएको अनुसार २४ प्रतिशत रकम ५० प्रतिशत मोबाइलजेसन एडमान्समेंट निकासा गरिएको हो । भारत सरकारको ने.र. ५००० मिलियन अन्दान सहयोगमा निर्माण सुरु हुने हुनाली ब्यापारको यो पहिलो किस्ता निकासा हो ।

९. २०१७ फरवरी २ र ३ मा नेपालको पूर्वांचल धर्मशालाको क्रममा भारतीय राज्यको रणजीत रायले भारत-नेपाल आर्थिक सहयोग कार्यक्रम अन्तर्गत सम्बन्धित सांस्कृतिक परियोजनाको लागि भारतको ९७ मिलियन सहयोगमा भावा र धनकटोमा निमित्त पार्च्याटा विवाहलय भवनको उद्घाटन गरिएको हो ।

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१. भारत-नेपाल लोक शिल्पी महोत्सव तथा खादी फेसन सो

भारतीय दलित ईश्वर प्रतिस्थापन, दलित ईश्वर प्रतिस्थापन नेपाल, हस्तशिल्प विकास संस्थान परिषद तथा भारतको टेक्सटाइल मन्त्रालयको हस्तशिल्प विकास आयोगले संयुक्तरूपमा यही २०१६ डिसेम्बर ९५-४३ सम्म काठमाडौंको भूकम्पीयमण्डलमा भारत नेपाल लोक शिल्पी महोत्सवको आयोजना गर्न। निधा महमद, सवाह नेपाल र अस्तित्व शरणको पुलचोक स्कोट डिजाइनमा काठमाडौं क्षेत्रमा पार्क मिले र रिजर्म जून ९५ डिसेम्बर २०१७ मा खादी फेसन सो पनि आयोजना गरिरह्न

शिल्पीकला महोत्सव कला शिल्पी क्षेत्रमा फिर्ता उद्यमीय सांस्कृतिक तथा अन्य भाग अभिवृद्धि गर्न सफल हुनको साथै उनै देशका कलाकृतिहरू तथा कलासौद्य विद्वान गर्ने राइट गरिरहेको छ।

२. १९ जनवरी २०१७ मा भारतीय राजदूत श्री रणकीत रायलको नेपालका मानिसकै सिंचाईमन्त्री श्री दीपक मिरीलाई लालत्रैको, बागमती र कमला नदीमा वाण्ड निर्माणको लागि नेइ.स. ६१९.८३ मिलियनको चेक हस्तांतरण गरि बनाउनुहोस्। हालसम्म उक्त नदीहरूमा वाण्ड निर्माणको लागि प्रदान गरिएको सहयोग नेइ.स. ४.५ अर्थमन्त्र बढी बढी मिल्ने छ।
2. भारत-नेपाल दोस्तों अनुमस्त्र संयुक्त बैठक 30 जनवरी 2017 मा काठमाडौँमा सम्पन्न भयो।

बैठकका मुख्य विषयवस्तुहरू बेहायबोधिजम थिए:
क. कच्छपनपरस्थित महाकाली पुल परियोजना,
ख. सीमापार विस्थूत प्रशासन लाइन,
ग. कोशी उत्तर बाँध परियोजना,
घ. माथिल्लो कणाली जलविद्युत परियोजना,
ड. अरुण-२ जलविद्युत परियोजना,
च. पन्चेवन जलविद्युत परियोजना,
छ. भारतको सहयोग सहयोग २ मा सहयोगिता परियोजनाहरू,
ज. सप्तकोशी उत्तर बाँध तथा सुनकोशी डाइमन्सन रस्किम।

4. विस्थूत सहकार्य श्रेणी जेडल्लुजी तथा जेएससी बैठक:

विस्थूत सहकार्यको लागि भारत-नेपाल संयुक्त कायदलको चीयो बैठक फरवरी ९३, २०१७ मा काठमाडौँमा सम्पन्न भयो। केन्द्रीय विस्थूत प्राधिकरणका अध्यक्ष भी आरको बर्माले भारतीय पश्चिमको नेतृत्व गरेका थिए भने नेपाल सरकार ऊर्जामन्त्रालयका सहस्वतस्वरूप ध्यानमयी रहेका नेपाल पश्चिमको नेतृत्व गरेका थिए।

नेपालमा हाल भारतवाट २८५ मेघवाट आपूर्ति गर्नेको कुरा बैठकमा अवगत गराउनको साथे यस विस्थूती ल्याउने वारामा पनि छलफल भयो। मुजफ्फरपुर-हल्केवर, कंदवा-कुशाह, रक्सोल-परबाहीपुर तथा नवाब बुटबल-गोरखपुर प्रशासन लाइनका वारेमा समिष्टता गरिएको थिए। हालाँकि भएका, प्रस्तावित तथा नयाँ जलविद्युत व्यापार वारेमा छलफल गरियो। नेपालका इलेक्ट्रिकल लाइम, विभिन्न जलविद्युत परियोजनाका विकास तथा बैठक चिम आपूर्ति जस्ता विकासमा पनि छलफल भयो। फरवरी १४, २०१७ मा काठमाडौँमा सम्पन्न जेएससी बैठकमा जेडल्लुजीका नियामक हरू समिष्टता गरियो। भारत सरकारको विस्थूत सहचर भी प्रेमपुरमा पुजारी तथा नेपाल सरकारको ऊर्जामन्त्री भी अनुपक्षार उपाध्यायबन्ध आ-आफ्नो प्रतिनिधिमण्डलको नेतृत्व गरुन्छ एकै थियो।