Press Release

Inauguration of Drinking Water Supply Project built under Government of India grant assistance in Solukhumbu

Drinking Water Supply Project in Khumjung and Kunde Villages of Khumjung VDC, Solukhumbu District, Nepal was jointly inaugurated today Mr. Sonam Gyalzen Sherpa, Hon'ble Member, National Assembly and Ms. Priyadharsini R, First Secretary, Embassy of India, Kathmandu and in the presence of officials from Solukhumbu District Coordination Committee, Khumbu Pasanlhamu Rural Municipality, Water User Committee Management as well as local government representatives.

- 2. This is one of the 75 projects being inaugurated this year in Nepal as part of "India@75 Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav" which celebrates 75 years of India's independence.
- 3. This project has been constructed at a cost of NRs. 42.39 million under India-Nepal Development Cooperation with Government of India's financial assistance. It is an important project for the Khumjung and Kunde Villages, Solukhumbu for serving clean & safe water nearly 600 households and schools, hospitals, government offices and tourists in this area. Mainly, this project will improve the quality of life for households and reduce the daily burden of water collection.
- 4. Since 2003, India has taken up over 523 HICDPs in Nepal and has completed 467 projects. Amongst these, 78 Projects have been undertaken in Provice-1 Nepal including 2 projects in Solukhumbu District. In addition to these, Government of India has gifted 3 ambulances for Solukhumbu District.
- 5. As close neighbors, India and Nepal enjoy a multi-sectoral and multi-faceted cooperation. The implementation of this project reflects the continued support of the Government of India in bolstering the efforts of the Government of Nepal in the water-management sector.
