Journal of Indian Ex-Servicemen Welfare Organisation in Nepal
The OIC PPO Pokhara plays an instrumental role in looking after the interest of the pensioners from West Nepal.

Remembering them all, we continue to fulfill the commitment towards ESM...

following the footsteps...

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Major Inder Singh
15 Dec 60-27 Apr 63

Maj D. B. Hattaray
19 Nov 73-18 Jan 77

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21 Aug 89-25 Jun 92

Lt Col Atul Kausik
26 May 2001-25 Jun 2004

Lt Col Milan Mathur, SM

Lt Col V. K. Chawla
26 Jun 2007-25 Jun 2010

Lt Col Kishan Singh
26 Jun 92-20 Apr 95

Lt Col Ravi Thodge
21 Apr 95-09 May 98

Lt Col Y. V. K. Mohan
10 May 98-25 May 2001

Maj L. D. Nautiyal
19 Jan 77-09 Apr 80

Lt Col T. P. S. Rawat
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Lt Col R. S. Khanna, vSM
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MOBILITY EQUIPMENT FOR THE DISABLED WAR VETERANS

The valour of a Gorkha Soldier is recognized well beyond his terms of service. Pursuing the cause of looking after the pensioner, the mobility equipments for the war veterans, who lost their limbs during combat, was distributed by His Excellency, Shri Jayant Prasad, Ambassador of India to Nepal on 24 Jul while he visited Bharatpur to review the ongoing Pension Camp at District Soldier Board, Bharatpur.

ABBREVIATIONS

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<tr>
<td>AFFDF</td>
<td>Armed Forces Flag Day Fund</td>
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<td>AMA(W,P,R,ECHS)</td>
<td>Assistant Military Attache (Welfare, Pension, Record, ECHS)</td>
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<td>ARESM</td>
<td>Assam Rifles Ex-servicemen</td>
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<td>Bhu Puu</td>
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<td>CDO</td>
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<td>Chief of Army Staff</td>
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<td>DA</td>
<td>Defence Attaché</td>
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<td>District Soldiers Board</td>
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<td>Drinking Water Project</td>
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<td>Ex-servicemen</td>
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<td>Government of India</td>
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<td>Government of Nepal</td>
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<td>Gorkha Recruiting Depot</td>
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<td>Indian Army</td>
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<td>IEWON</td>
<td>Indian Ex-servicemen Welfare Organisation in Nepal</td>
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<td>Medicine Pack Scheme</td>
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<td>Nepalese Army</td>
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<td>NDG</td>
<td>Nepal Domiciled Gorkhas</td>
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<td>PPO</td>
<td>Pension Paying Office</td>
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<td>ROIE</td>
<td>Record Office Indian Embassy</td>
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<td>SPPC</td>
<td>Seasonal Pension Paying Camp</td>
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MESSAGE FROM THE AMBASSADOR

I have great pleasure in extending my very best wishes to all our pensioners and their families on the auspicious occasion of India’s 66th Independence Day.

We are cognisant of the dedicated services rendered by the Ex-Servicemen (ESM) and their continuing attachment to India. I have felt this first-hand during the course of my visits to remote locations in Nepal. We are committed to ensuring the welfare of ESMs. The Defence Wing of the Embassy is fully engaged in paying pension, maintaining service records and providing welfare assistance. Its officers and staff members have made a commendable contribution in performing these tasks.

It is heartening to see our bright and smart ‘Burhos’ active both in looking after themselves and contributing to their communities.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Government of Nepal for their active co-operation in facilitating our work in every way.

Jai Hind, Jai Nepal, and Jai Nepal-Bharat Maitri.

(Jayant Prasad)
Ambassador of India
And Chairman IEWON

15 Aug 2012
MESSAGE FROM THE DEFENCE ATTACHE

On the occasion of 65th Anniversary of India’s Independence Day, I convey my heartfelt felicitations and best wishes to all Nepal domiciled Government of India pensioners, their families and dependants.

In our continuing effort to ensure the best for our ‘Burhos’, we held the IEWON conference after a gap of three years. All the ongoing welfare projects were discussed and new projects were proposed to be introduced. The delegation was lead by Mr. Samirendra Chatterjee, Secretary Exservicemen Welfare, MoD, GoI. The Delegation promised to resolve all the pending issues of the ESM.

The long outstanding request of our Bhu Puus of having similar medical facilities as exist in India has been finally fulfilled by the establishment of ECHS in Nepal. The ESM in Nepal will soon be able to avail the cashless treatment facility in hospitals across Nepal.

All our welfare schemes continue to be implemented enthusiastically for which I compliment the entire team of the Defence Wing for the continuous hard work and dedication.

I would like to thank the Government of Nepal, without whose active co-operation, our contribution for improving the life of our beloved Bhu Puus would not be possible.

I would like to convey my greetings and best wishes to our pensioners and their families. May Lord Pashupatinath bring peace, prosperity and joy to them.

Jai Hind – Jai Gorakh

(Ajay Pasbola)
Colonel
Defence Attaché
and Secretary IEWON

15 Aug 2012
EDITOR’s DESK

On the occasion of 65th Anniversary of India’s Independence Day, it is with sense of pride that we bring out the 28th edition of Bhu Puu Journal.

This edition highlights various activities undertaken for our well deserving ESM and pensioners. It includes the details of new and old schemes, community development projects and a photo gallery. A brief on India’s economic cooperation programme has also been covered. We earnestly look forward to your valuable suggestions, views and contributions to improve the quality.

Continuing our agenda to provide the best services to our Bhu Puu we achieved tremendous feats last year - various officials looking after the needs of the Nepalese ESM were brought together during the IEWON Conference; the ECHS Branch has been established and soon the ESM fraternity would be able to avail the cashless treatment in the hospitals across Nepal; one vacancy for MBBS course at Nepal Army Institute of Health Science can now be availed by wards of ESM.

We have achieved the recurring successes, as our efforts have been overtly supported by Government of Nepal, all wings in Embassy of India, AG’s Branch, Kendriya Sainik Board, Dept of ESW and MoD. I would like to convey our sincere thanks to all of them on behalf of the IEWON team.

Wishing peace, prosperity & progress and with a commitment to continue serving our Bhu Puus, I sign off - Happy Reading.

(Niraj Srivastava)
Major
AMA (Welfare) and Editor Bhu Puu Journal

15 Aug 2012
COAS VISIT

GEN BIKRAM SINGH, PVSM, UYSM, AVSM, SM, VSM, ADC

Gen Bikram Singh, PVSM, UYSM, AVSM, SM, VSM, ADC, Chief of the Army Staff alongwith Mrs Bubbles Singh, President AWWA visited Nepal from 10 to 14 July 2012. Visit of COAS has strengthened the relation between the two nations. The historic and friendly relations between the two countries and the Armies has been accentuated by this first foreign visit of the COAS on assuming appointment.

Continuing the military tradition, our COAS was conferred the Honorary rank of General of the Nepalese Army by Rt Hon'ble Dr Ram Baran Yadav, President of Nepal at an investiture ceremony held on 11 Jul 2012. After the ceremony, COAS had an audience with Rt Honourable President. He also paid courtesy visit to Right Hon'ble Dr Baburam Bhattarai, Prime Minister & Defence Minister and Gen Chhatra Man Singh Gurung, COAS, Nepalese Army.

During the visit, COAS agreed to continue the Indian assistance to Nepalese Army and further extend the co-operation between two nations and Armies. Due to the bad weather, he was not able to reach Pokhara to meet the ESM, but he addressed the 1200 ESM through the telephonic conversation.
WREATH LAYING CEREMONY

WITH THE PRESIDENT OF NEPAL

WITH THE PRIME MINISTER OF NEPAL

COAS WITH PRESIDENT AND THE INDIAN & NEPALESE OFFICERS

COAS WITNESSING A TRAINING ACTIVITY
Announcing his assent to construct a hostel at PPO Pokhara for wards of ESM studying at Nepal Bharat Maitri Vidyalaya, he assured the ESM of the resolution to continue to work for their welfare. The COAS complimented the Defence Attache and his team for the good work being undertaken. Mrs Bubbles Singh President AWWA attended program organised by NAWA and interacted with the members at various occassion.

Gen VK Singh, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, ADC, the then Chief of the Army Staff visited Nepal from 04 to 06 Apr 2012 and attended the Nepalese Army Exercise on Disaster Management. The Nepalese Army accorded a warm welcome to our Chief.

He called on the President Right Hon’ble Dr Ram Baran Yadav at Sheetal Niwas on 05 Apr 2012. He paid courtesy visit to Right Hon’ble Dr Baburam Bhattarai, Prime Minister, Mr Bijaya Kumar Gachhadar, Deputy PM & Defence Minister and Gen Chhatra Man Singh Gurung, COAS, Nepalese Army. The COAS interacted with Ambassador of India to Nepal HE Shri Jayant Prasad.

The visit has strengthened the cordial relation between two armies and has highlighted the committments of professional engagement to tackle the eventualities of disaster management.
After a gap of almost three years, 22nd Annual Welfare Meeting was successfully conducted from 21 to 25 Jan 2012 under chairmanship of HE Shri Jayant Prasad, Ambassador of India to Nepal who at the inaugural address highlighted the Nepalese Indian Pensioners as pillars of relation between the two countries. HE Shri Naveen Ghimire, Defence Secretary, Ministry of Defence, Government of Nepal, while his address was more than enthusiastic about the welfare activities implemented by the Govt. of India and committed full support to all our endeavours. This conference carried out review of all the welfare schemes executed under aegis of Defence Wing. Issues regarding various activities, schemes and hindrances, piled up for three years, were thoroughly discussed; suitable actions for multifarious welfare of ESM were sorted out. Delegation from India expressed their keen interest to extend more welfare activities to ESM fraternity and improve the existing schemes. Similarly, the Nepalese delegation heartily accepted to continue their cooperation and follow up the decisions taken in the meet.

Participation ......

● The delegation from India :-
  ● Shri Samirendra Chatterjee, Secretary (ESW), MoD, GoI
  ● Shri Ajay Mishra, Principal, Controller of Defence Accounts (Pension), Allahabad.
  ● Maj Gen Pramod Behl, Director General Resettlement, MoD.
  ● Maj Gen J George, MD (ECHS).
  ● Brig DS Chahal, SM, DDG (Welfare), AG’s Branch, IHQ of MoD.
  ● Brig BS Thakar, Commandant, GRD Kunraghat.
  ● Air Commodore Sanjay Sharma, Secretary, Kendriya Sainik Board, MoD.
  ● Col Kuldeep Ahlawat, Director Ceremonial & Welfare – 6 (CW- 6), AG’s Branch, IHQ of MoD.

● The delegation from GoN :-
  ● HE Shri Naveen Ghimire, Defence Secretary, MoD.
  ● Shri Devendra Pd Sitaula, Joint Secretary, MoD.
  ● Shri Hari Krishna Upadhaya, Under Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs.
  ● Shri Pradeep D Poudyal, Under Secretary, MoD.
  ● Shri Rishiram Ghimire, Under Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
  ● Shri Shankar Bahadur Thapa, Under Secretary, Ministry of Local Development.
  ● Shri Rajan Bahadur Khadka, Section Officer, Ministry of Finance.

● Representative from Embassy of India :-
  ● Colonel Ajay Pasbola, SC, Defence Attaché & Secretary IEWON.
  ● Shri PR Kundal, Counsellor (EC).
  ● Shri Anshuman Gaur, FS (Pol).
• Smt Apoorva Srivastava, FS (PIC).
• Lt Col Himanshu Bohra, Officer-in-Charge, PPO Pokhara.
• Major Rajesh Dogra, Officer-in-Charge, PPO Dharan.
• Major Niraj Srivastava, SM, AMA (W) & Executive Secretary, IEWON.
• Major Rahul Sankhyan, AMA (P).
• Major B Mohanty, AMA (R).
• 14 Zonal Members.
• 16 DSB Secys.
• ESM representatives.

The achievements and highlights of conference which will ensure furtherance of our cause of ESM were :-

• GoN positively responded on establishment of PPO Butwal and extending of CSD facilities to ESM.
• In view of peculiarities in Nepal, investigations by Record Office Indian Embassy has been considered final.
• Staffing norms for IEWON to be reviewed as per the Indian authorization and IEWON to be renamed to draw direct analogue with Rajya Sainik Boards in India.
• Immediate establishment of ECHS Branch under the aegis of Defence Wing in Nepal.

The Indian delegation led by Shri Samirendra Chatterjee, Secretary (ESW) stayed in Nepal from 21 to 25 Jan 2012. During the stay, the delegation visited PPO Pokhara where they participated ESM rally, interacted with the ‘Burhos’ and examined their problems.
VISITS

LT GEN NK SINGH, UYSM, AVSM, VSM, DCIDS (DOT) & COL 3 GR

Lt Gen NK Singh, UYSM, AVSM, VSM, DCIDS (DOT) & Col 3 GR visited Nepal from 03 to 09 Dec 2011. The Gen Officer addressed ex-servicemen rallies at PPO Pokhara and PPO Dharan. The Gen Officer reviewed welfare activities in Nepal and visited regimental recruitment areas. The Gen Officer discussed various matters related to the welfare of GoI pensioners and disbursed financial assistance to ESM and pensioners at Pokhara, Dharan and Kathmandu.

MAJ GEN PS PAUL, VSM, COL 4 GR & IG TRG (NSG)

Maj Gen PS Paul, VSM, Col of 4 Gorkha Rifles & IG TRG (NSG) visited Nepal from 09 to 15 May 2012. The Gen Officer addressed ex-servicemen rallies at PPO Pokhara. The visit of the Gen has given a new impetus to our welfare and allied activities in Nepal.

MAJ GEN K MAJUMDAR, ADG (C&W)

Maj Gen K Majumdar, ADG (C&W) visited Nepal from 21 to 27 Nov 2011 to familiarize with the functioning of Defence Wing at Kathmandu, Pension Paying Offices at Pokhara & Dharan and welfare activities undertaken for Indian Ex-servicemen in Nepal. The Gen Officer discussed various matters related to the welfare of GoI pensioners.

MAJ GEN KANWALJIT SINGH, VSM, ADG RTG

Maj Gen Kanwaljit Singh, VSM, ADG Rtg visited Nepal from 14 to 17 Oct 2011 and witnessed recruitment rally at Pokhara. During his visit, he interacted with large number of Ex-servicemen to analyse the nuances of recruitment in Nepal.
DEFENCE WING IN NEPAL

The legend of brave Gorkhas in Indian sub continent dates back to the eighteenth century when Maharaja Ranjit Singh had recruited the Gorkhas into his Army. India, till date, continues to recruit Nepalese Gorkhas into its Armed Forces as per the tripartite agreement of 1947. In order to maintain this connection and ensure that our ex-servicemen are well looked after in their twilight years, the Defence Wing under the Defence Attache is functional since Independence in Nepal.

All matter of welfare activities concerned to ESM are carried out by the Defence Wing. The ECHS Branch has started functioning from Kathmandu, now. The polyclinics will be established soon. The Defence Wing includes DA’s office, two PPOs at Pokhara and Dharan, Military Pension Branch, Record Office, ECHS Branch, Welfare Office, HQ IEWON and 22 DSBs.
BRIEF ON THE WING

WELFARE BRANCH AND HQ INDIAN EX-SERVICEMEN WELFARE ORGANISATION IN NEPAL (IEWON)

In 1942 Govt of India as a Welfare measure initiated a relief campaign, targeting war casualties, by affecting collection of Rs 2/- per Combatant and Rs 1/- per non Combatant of the Indian Army. This fund was raised for financing various Welfare Projects for the benefit of ex-servicemen. Proportionate to the strength of soldiers in various demographic regions, this fund was distributed. For proper management of fund earmarked for Nepal Domiciled Gorkha ESM, an organization was established in 1952 which is presently known as Welfare Branch and Indian Ex-servicemen Welfare Organisation in Nepal (IEWON).

DISTRICT SOLDIERS BOARD (DSB)

DSBs are the contact point for Bhu Puus to avail welfare schemes allotted by GoI. Till date 22 DSBs are functional from Mechi to Mahakali in Nepal. The newly appended six DSBs i.e. Diktel, Waling, Besisahar, Gorkha, Kohalpur and Tikapur, are now fully geared and at service of our pensioners and their dependants. The DSBs aim to benefit 125000 pensioners and their dependants. Efforts are taken to improve aesthetics and increase the facilities in DSBs for benefit of pensioners. The major welfare construction activities carried out are enumerated below :-

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<th>Repair of Guest House (i.e. replacement of windows glass of VIP Room, windows frame, door repair and roof ceiling of DSB Dang)</th>
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<td>Realignment of path from main gate to DSB office, repair of reservoir water tank &amp; repair of old building at DSB Gulmi</td>
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<td>(d)</td>
<td>Supply, delivery and installation of electric wiring works at DSB Butwal</td>
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<td>(e)</td>
<td>Construction of dining hall at DSB Bharatpur</td>
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<td>(f)</td>
<td>Construction of road (road head to DSB office) at DSB Tehrathum</td>
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<td>(g)</td>
<td>Painting of boundary wall and roof of CGI sheet of building at DSB Bharatpur</td>
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<td>Construction of toilet block at DSB Gulmi</td>
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![DSB BUTWAL](image1)

![REALIGNMENT OF PATH: DSB GULMI](image2)

![DINING HALL OF DSB BHARATPUR](image3)

![RETAINING WALL AT DSB PALPA](image4)
MEDICAL FACILITIES

‘Health is Wealth’. Medical assistance covers one of the most important welfare aspects for the Burhos. The ageing Bhu Puus are more prone to various ailments and the need for medical assistance increases manifold. Bhu Puus in far flung areas of Nepal are still isolated from proper and efficient medical care. Thus, GoI has been taking all possible steps to fulfill their requirement and assure quality medical care to our valiant Gorkhas and their dependants.

MI Room Facilities At Pokhara, Dharan And Kathmandu

MI Rooms stationed at PPO Pokhara, PPO Dharan and BGSN extend the medical services to ESM and their dependants which they avail while collecting the pension. At PPO Pokhara and Dharan, MI Room are functional under a Medical Officer (AMC) assisted by a qualified nursing assistant and a lady nurse. However, at BGSN, MI Room is functional under locally recruited General Practitioner accompanied by a nursing assistant. Each of these medical establishments is well stocked and fully geared to cater for the daily requirements of our pensioners. Annually 90,000 pensioners and their dependants are treated at these MI rooms. The serious cases are referred to the local hospitals and Military Hospitals in India for further treatment.

Medicine Pack Scheme (MPS)

This scheme has been in vogue since 60s and involves providing a “basic first aid kit” to our pensioners once a year. A packet of basic medicines with prescription in Nepali language is distributed to each pensioner every year. Popular with our pensioners, through this scheme we are able to provide assistance to the entire family of the pensioner. During F/Y 2011-12, medicine packets consisting of 17 basic first aid medicines costing IRs 1.14 crore was distributed to 124000 pensioners and their dependants.
Medical Welfare Teams

Medical Welfare Teams has been providing medical services to Bhu Puus and their dependants in Nepal since 1969. It all started during the visit of COAS in Nepal, the ESM requested him to dispatch Indian Dental and Eye treatment Specialists to Kathmandu and Pokahra. Seeing the success of the team’s effort, these visits were made an annual feature. Since then, Indian Army Medical Welfare Teams have been visiting Nepal annually to render Medical, Eye and Dental treatment by specialists. The serious cases are referred to the Military Hospital in India for further treatment.

Services rendered by the fifteen Medical Welfare teams in year 2011-12:-

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<th>Medical Treatment</th>
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<td><strong>Medical Team</strong></td>
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<td>Patients Consulted</td>
<td>12615</td>
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<td>ECG Done</td>
<td>775</td>
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<td>Laboratory Work Carried Out</td>
<td>869</td>
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<td>Stool/Urine/Blood/Sputum/Misc Investigations</td>
<td>2719</td>
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<td>Medical Emergencies</td>
<td>104</td>
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<td><strong>Eye</strong></td>
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<td>Total Patients Consulted</td>
<td>11470</td>
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<td>Total Operative Procedures Conducted</td>
<td>15</td>
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<td>Spectacles Provided</td>
<td>1435</td>
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<td><strong>Dental Team</strong></td>
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<td>Total Attendance</td>
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<td>Extraction Normal</td>
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<td>Complete/Partial Dentures</td>
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<td>Repair of Dentures</td>
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<td>Relining</td>
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<td>Gum Treatment</td>
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<td>Surgical Extractions</td>
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<td>Misc</td>
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Financial Assistance From Raksha Mantri’s Discretionary Fund (RMDF)

GoI reimburses the expenses incurred during medical treatment of Nepal domiciled Bhu Puu, widow and their dependants by providing financial assistance. The facility is in vogue since 1979 and aims to lessen the financial burden of pensioners incurred during medical treatment. As per the existing guidelines, Kendriya Sainik Board provides financial assistance from AFFD Fund towards the treatment of serious diseases.

In 2011-12, a sum of IRs 49.10 lakhs only for 93 ESM was distributed. The diseases/treatment and maximum amount admissible are as under :-

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<th>Disease</th>
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<td>Maximum upto 75% and 90% of the expenditure in r/o Officers and PBOR respectively.</td>
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<td>Angioplasty</td>
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<td>CABG</td>
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<td>Valve Replacement</td>
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<td>Pacemaker Implant</td>
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<td>Renal Transplant</td>
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<td>Prostrate Surgery</td>
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<td>Joint Replacement</td>
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<td>Cerebral Stroke</td>
<td>Maximum up to 75% of the expenditure - max amount IRs 75000/- per financial year.</td>
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<td>Dialysis</td>
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<td>Cancer</td>
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In case of emergency the villagers in remote areas are not able to move their patients to the hospital in absence of ambulance vehicles. Understanding the dismay of locals, ambulances are provided to the villagers to be run and managed by a responsible ESM organization.

To facilitate the Bhu Puus, Defence Wing in close coordination with the Economic Co-operation Wing of the Embassy presents Ambulance to ESM society to ensure saving of precious lives in interiors. This facility can be availed by our veterans by contacting the HQ IEWON, PPOs and DSBs. Till date 44 ambulances have been presented to our ESM. On request of the ESM, last year ambulances were gifted to:-

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<td>Nepal Red Cross Society, Bhojpur</td>
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<td>Chitwan</td>
<td>Bharatiya Bhutpurwa Sainik Sangh, Pithuwa, Chitwan</td>
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<td>Tanahun</td>
<td>Indian Nepal Ex-servicemen Committee, Bhanu, Tanahun</td>
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Following the declaration of Tripartite Agreement, signed between the representatives of Governments of UK, India and Nepal, the Gorkha recruitment in Indian Army still continues and with overwhelming response.

Presently, recruitment in Eastern Nepal is being carried out by GRD Ghoom and in Western Nepal recruitment is being carried out by GRD Kunraghat, Gorakhpur. Recruitment is carried out in two stages. In first stage physical check up of the candidates, documentation and medical examination is carried out and in second stage common entrance examination is carried out by recruitment teams after verification of the documents submitted by candidates.

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EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE

Education for wards of soldiers, ESM and widows has been one of the issue which has been drawing our attention for long. Every year we make an endeavour to increase the scope of such scholarships and grants. This year, an MBBS vacancy extended by Nepalese Army Institute of Health Sciences has been added.

Scholarship To The Children Of War Widows /Disabled Soldiers/Battle Casualties

A complete financial assistance is provided by Government of India to the children of Armed Forces personnel killed/declared missing/permanently disabled during war/operation including counter insurgency operations. Last year, a total of 248 claims amounting to IRs 1,15,21,545/- were made. The assistance includes :-

(a) Tuition Fees - Full amount
(b) Hostel Charges - Full amount
(c) Cost of Books & Stationery - NRs 400/-
(d) Cost of Uniform - NRs 1296/- for 1st year and NRs 560/- for subsequent years
(e) Clothing - NRs 400/- for the 1st year and NRs 240/- for the subsequent years

Education Assistance Out Of Ex-Servicemen Welfare Fund

Educational Scholarship out of the Ex-servicemen Welfare Fund commenced during the year 1970 with a purpose to impart quality and standard education to wards of veterans. This scholarship is funded from the interest accrued out of the corpus money of Ex-servicemen Welfare Fund and distributed on the basis of merit list.

Scholarship For General Education

In 1978 scholarship for general education was introduced and it aims to assist ex-servicemen in educating their deserving children who are studying from VI to Bachelor standard. A sum of IRs 4.38 Lakhs only was distributed to 252 beneficiaries.
Scholarship For Higher Studies

Under this scheme, scholarships are awarded to the children of ex-servicemen as one time assistance who secure admission into professional institutions in India/Nepal. The eligible students scoring above 60% are provided scholarship upto IRs. 12,500/-. 11 eligible students were awarded with this scholarship for which a sum of IRs 1,37,500/- was disbursed.

Education Assistance To Handicapped, Deaf & Dumb And Blind Children Of Pensioners

The scheme was introduced in 1992 and it aims at providing education assistance to deaf & dumb, handicapped and blind children of ex-servicemen. Under this scheme a scholarship of IRs 6,250/- per annum is provided. Seven wards of ex-servicemen were benefited and a sum of IRs. 43,750/- have been paid to the beneficiaries.

Scholarship For Teachers Training

In order to make our war widows and wards of our pensioners self reliant, as a welfare measure scholarships amounting to IRs 6,250/- per annum is granted to all who are undergoing B.Ed/M.Ed courses in Nepal/India.
**Education Assistance To Children Of Fatal Physical Casualties (Non Attributable Cases)**

This new Education Assistance scheme has been introduced since 15 Jan 2011, under which the education grant of IRs 400/- pm per child for a max of two children studying in classes I to XII for fatal Physical Casualties (Not attributable cases) is provided. The details of this scheme may be obtained from HQ IEWON, PPOs and DSBs.

**Education Assistance To Wards Of Soldiers who Die In Harness**

Rehabilitation & Welfare Section, CW Dte, AG’s Branch, IHQ of MoD (Army), Kashmir House, DHQ PO New Delhi grants the following scholarship on yearly basis for wards of soldiers who die in harness:

(a) Class I to XII - IRs.4,000/-
(b) Graduation - IRs.10,000/-
(c) Post Graduation - IRs.15,000/-
(d) Professional Courses - Tuition Fee+IRs.5,000/- (Subject to a maximum of IRs.25,000/-)

**Financial Assistance To Schools**

This scheme is extremely popular amongst our ex-servicemen as it benefits both our ex-servicemen as well as the local population in Nepal wherein, financial assistance is given to those schools where at least 40% wards of ex-servicemen are studying. Assistance is provided for expansion and repair of existing school building, purchase of furniture, books, sports equipment etc. In the reporting year, eight schools have been provided with financial assistance amounting to IRs 2,50,000/-. Details of the same are as under:

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<td>Shree Jana Adarsh Primary School Kotgaon, Myagdi</td>
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Scholarships Through The Embassy

Various educational scholarships, funded by GoI through Embassy, are being extended to deserving Nepalese students. Recognising the services of the Indian soldiers, quota seats have been allocated to provide scholarships for wards of ESM/serving soldiers. The salient aspects of the scholarships are given below:-

**Mahatma Gandhi Scholarships**
Under this scheme, a sum of IRs 6000/- is provided to 25 eligible students studying in class XI and XII. The cut off percentage is 75% for Kathmandu valley and 60% for other parts of Nepal.

**Golden Jubilee Scholarships**
It is a scheme for the students selected in Medical, Engineering, BSc, BA, BBS, BCom, BEd etc. Cut off percentage is 70% in 10+2 exam. Selected students in medical/engineering disciplines get a scholarship of NRs. 36,000/- per annum. The scholarship for students in other disciplines is NRs 24,000/- annually. Four wards of ESM have been provided this year.

**Bachelor of Engineering Scholarships**
Two scholarship vacancies in Bachelor Engineering for the deserving wards of ESM/serving soldiers of Indian Army is provided under this scheme.

- Mr Santosh Ghale  
  S/o Nk (Late) Budhi Ram Ghale
- Miss Rekha Devi Shrestha  
  D/o Ex Hav Mukti Bahadur Thapa (Subedi)
- Mr Bhisam Shahi  
  S/o Ex Nk Katak Bahadur Shahi
- Mr Kamal Bahadur Rana  
  S/o Ex Hav Chhetra Bahadur Rana
- Mr Top Bahadur Thapa  
  s/o Ex-Sub Tek Bahadur Thapa, 2/8 GR
- Mr Bhupendra Bahadur Chhetri  
  s/o Hav Kamal Bahadur Karki Chhetri, EME
Eligibility Criteria
- Wards of Nepal domiciled serving/retired soldier of Indian Army whose name and date of birth is recorded in the service documents.
- Candidates should be Nepalese Citizen.
- Candidates should have secured at least 60% marks or more in Physics (P), Chemistry (C) and Mathematics (M) each in 10+2 or equivalent examinations (Class XI marks are not to be included).

The assistance includes :-

- Hostel - Full amount.
- Tuition Fee - Full amount paid directly to the Institute.
- Scholarship - IRs 3600/- pm
- Fare - Economy Class Air Fare (for joining and return on completion)

Infact on recommendation of Defence Wing, the wards of our ESM have also been selected for :-

Mr Atanu Kumar Chhetri  
s/o Ex-Nk Arjun Kumar Chhetri, 5/9 GR  
BBA under General Cultural Scholarship Scheme

Mr Sabin Singh  
s/o Ex-LNk Bel Bahadur Singh, 1/1 GR  
BBA under General Cultural Scholarship Scheme

The advertisement for scholarship is published in National Dailies and on official website of Embassy of India - www.indianembassy.org.np

MBBS Seat at Nepalese Army Institute Of Health Sciences

Highlighting the special relations with the Indian Army, Nepalese Army has offered a vacancy for MBBS Course for wards of Nepal domiciled Indian Army pensioners at Nepalese Army Institute of Health Sciences (NAIHS), Kathmandu. Mr Narayan Thapa s/o Ex No 5040244 Ex Nk Uman Singh Thapa of 5/1 GR, also a Golden Jubilee Scholarship beneficiary, was sponsored for aforementioned scholarship.

Interested candidates may consult Welfare Branch for further information.
SOCIO ECONOMIC INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

The basic modern age facilities are unavailable to a large section of population living in the interiors of Nepal. Therefore, to develop the infrastructure and benefit ESM, the socio economic infrastructure development projects were designed so that basic requirements can be extended to the pensioner fraternity and populace living in the interiors of Nepal. These projects and schemes are executed under “Aid to Nepal Budget” of GoI.

Electrification Of Remote Villages In Nepal Using Solar Photo Voltaic (SPV) Technology

On the initiative of the Defence Wing, this scheme was commenced in the year 2002 wherein it aims at electrifying remote villages of Nepal using Solar Photo Voltaic Panels. This project is executed by the Welfare Branch and the project is funded by Ministry of Foreign Affairs (through EC Wing of the Indian Embassy). Till date 33.25 Crores has been expended and seventeen villages have been electrified using SPV technology benefiting over 50,000 individuals. Project for providing free of cost solar lighting system to a village in Eastern and Western Nepal is under progress.

Though, such projects after implementation are required to be managed and run by village committee, this year ten pre 2004-05 projects were supplemented by provisioning 2702 batteries for a cost of NRs 3,50,88,133/- as an one time measure.

The Indo-Nepal relations are strengthened by such initiatives. This has been aptly put to words by Shyam Kumar Tamang, son of Hony. Capt. Harka Bahadur Tamang, during inauguration ceremony of solar electrification project at village Helauncha, Bhojpur.

The poet welcoming the Indian guests, has articulately highlighted the relations we enjoy. He mentions that how a Gorkha soldier who is born in Nepal and have served all over in India strengthens this relation. He also states that our relation are too strong to be deterred by activities of any one else.
Creation Of Physical Infrastructure For Educational Institutions

This scheme has been effective since 2002. On the recommendation of Defence Wing, grant for construction of Nineteen Schools/Colleges under Aid to Nepal have been approved by Ministry of External Affairs. Out of which construction of ten Schools/Colleges have been completed and construction work of nine Schools/Colleges at Gorkha, Rukum, Nepalgunj, Jhapa, Mechi, Okhaldhunga, Chitwan and two at Nawalparasi are in progress. Every year 4-5 Small Development Projects are executed on recommendation of the Defence Wing, thereby benefitting the ESM community tremendously.

Construction/Maintenance Of Roads

Transportation is the fundamental necessity required for overall development of the area. On request of ESM, small projects regarding construction of roads, culverts are being undertaken on recommendation of Defence Wing. These low budget projects are immensely benefiting the ESM and local population in multifarious ways. Till date, on recommendation of Defence Wing, three roads/road sections have been constructed and two roads at Dharan and Gorkha are in progress.

Drinking Water Project (DWP)

The aim of this project is to provide potable, piped water to villages where majority of our ex-servicemen reside. All stores such as pipes, CGI sheets, pumps, taps and cement are provided for construction. These stores are transported up to the road head from where the ex-servicemen organise for onward carriage to the site and execute the project through voluntary service. This scheme involves close cooperation between Defence Wing and the locals wherein they participate from inception till completion. To date, a total of 1033 DWPs have been executed all over Nepal.

Sixteen DWPs amounting to IRs 2.275 crores entirely based on indigenous products from Nepal have been sanctioned during F/Y 2011-12 and handing over of stores for execution of projects have been completed.
MISCELLANEOUS

Vocational Training

Under this scheme, vocational training is being imparted to the ex-servicemen, war widows and their dependants. Classes on knitting and stitching are conducted at the eleven centres at:

- DSB Gulmi
- DSB Turture
- DSB Palpa
- VTC Gorkha
- DSB Baglung
- DSB Surkhet
- DSB Dang
- DSB Pokhara
- DSB Butwal
- DSB Ilam
- DSB Bharatpur

A total of 5126 ex-servicemen/widows/wives/wards of ex-servicemen have been trained to date. A sum of IRs 6,01,843.74 was expended this year. On a trial basis, VTC for poultry farming at DSB Bharatpur has been established.

Financial Assistance From Raksha Mantri’s Discretionary FUND (RMDF)

Numerous ‘Packages’ of welfare schemes for the ESM has been launched by Ministry of Defence, GoI, through Kendriya Sainik Board. Efforts have been made to ensure that our ESM are educated on the schemes so that they can avail all the facilities.

Financial Assistance Towards Marriage Grant (IRs 16,000/-)

This assistance is applicable for all Ex-servicemen/Widows/Dependants who are neither in receipt of any pensionary benefits nor re-employed.

The following documents are required to be submitted:-

- Detailed Financial Condition Report.
- Relationship Certificate.
- Marriage Registration Certificate.
- Marriage Joint photographs/Invitation Card.
- Photocopy of Discharge Certificate and I-Card.
Financial Assistance Towards House Repairs (IRs 10,000/-)

This assistance is applicable for all Ex-servicemen/Widows whose houses have collapsed/ got damaged due to natural causes like fire, earthquake, flood and cyclone etc and have not been provided with any assistance by the Govt or any other source for the purpose. The following documents are required to be submitted:

- Recommendation Letter from GVS.
- Photograph of Damage part of House.
- Police Verification Report.
- Photocopy of Discharge Certificate, Pension Patta and I-Card.

Financial Assistance Towards Monthly Grant (IRs 1,000/- p.m. Only For Two Years)

This assistance is applicable for all Ex-servicemen and widows who are non pensioners, old, destitute without any family support and who are not being provided financial assistance, old age/World War II veterans pension schemes from the Govt. The following documents are required to be submitted:

- Recommendation letter from GVS.
- Photocopy of Discharge Certificate and I-Card.

Financial Assistance Out Of Army Central Welfare Fund

This scheme is in vogue since 2004. Under this scheme two grant i.e. Demise grant and Distress grant, are disbursed. In the F/Y 2011-12, a sum of IRs 1,23,625/- as Distress grant was disbursed to the 52 pensioners/dependants who are in distress and face financial hardship. IRs 1,71,000/- was provided to 37 widows of ex-servicemen as demise grant.

Financial Assistance Out Of Ex-Servicemen Welfare Fund

Carriage Grant

This scheme was introduced in 2002 to provide financial assistance to needy ESM. The physically unfit ESM such as handicapped, paralyzed or elderly ESM who are not able to walk to pension camp are eligible for this grant. In FY 2011-12, a sum of IRs 50,000/- was distributed to 80 needy ESM as carriage grant.

Financial Assistance for Natural Calamities

A substantial number of ex-servicemen suffer heavy financial losses due to their property being destroyed by various natural disasters/calamities in Nepal every year. In the year 2011-12, a sum of IRs 1,31,250/- was distributed to 47 affected pensioners.
EX-SERVICEMEN CONTRIBUTORY HEALTH SCHEME (ECHS) IN NEPAL

ECHS is a medical scheme which was launched for Indian ESM with effect from 01 Apr 2003. Total 227 Polyclinics were sanctioned which were spread across the country to provide free medical treatment to the ex-servicemen & their dependants. All the patients requiring specialized medical treatment are referred to the empanelled hospitals for free of cost treatment. The scheme provides free allopathic treatment for all known diseases to the ESM and his dependants for life.

In order to ensure equal treatment to our Nepal Domiciled Gorkha ESM, the scheme with similar facilities has been extended to Nepal. To begin with, ECHS branch under AMA (ECHS) has been established.

Three ECHS Polyclinics at Kathmandu, Pokhara and Dharan have been sanctioned by Govt of India. To manage the Polyclinics, Doctors, Medical specialists, Gynaecologists, Dental Officers, Para Medical Staff and Non Medical Staff will be locally hired. The ECHS Polyclinic will be the first point of contact where the patient will be treated and provided with medicines. In case the patient requires to be provided specialized treatment, he will be referred to the empanelled hospitals in Nepal. For this, the major hospitals in Nepal will be empanelled. The ECHS beneficiaries will also have the option of availing free medical treatment in India. Once these Polyclinics are fully operationalised, one mobile clinic will be set up along with each Polyclinic. The mobile clinic consisting of a Doctor and a Para Medical staff will visit far flung areas of Nepal to provide free treatment to ECHS beneficiaries.

With respect to deposit of ECHS contribution, the ESM are no longer required to visit India for making MROs. The ESM pensioner will make the Demand Draft for the amount of contribution from any branch of Nepal SBI in favour of Regional Centre Lucknow and deposit the Demand Draft along with the ECHS application, with other requisite documents.
For the purpose of ECHS contribution, NDG ESM have been divided into three categories viz.

- Retired prior to 01 Jan 1996 - Free
- Retired on or after 01 Jan 1996 & before 01 Jun 2009 :-

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**WE CARE**

Continuing the ongoing effort of looking after the needs of Indian Army pensioners and their dependants, the Defence Wing in coordination with AG’s Branch took the responsibility of providing the best medical care and administrative support to a war widow whose husband has laid his life while soldiering for India. Smt Chham Kumari Bohara wife of Ex No 5847608 Late Lal Bahadur Bohara, 2/9 GR had been suffering from Follicular Neoplasm of Thyroid Gland, i.e. second most common form of thyroid cancer, for nine months. During her operation at one of the leading hospitals in Nepal, unfortunately, due to error in patient identification and exchange of patients chart, instead of thyroid her uterus was operated upon and removed. The patient along with an attendant from Bhairahawa was immediately flown to Delhi via Kathmandu under Government of India expenses for further medical treatment at Army Hospital (Research & Referral) New Delhi, India. There, the patient was successfully operated and saved from the trauma.
MILITARY PENSION BRANCH

Military Pension Branch is the nodal agency for co-ordination of pension disbursement to all categories of Government of India Pensioners in Nepal. Since independence, the pensioners’ strength has been increasing which as of now is approx 1.25 lakh. The annual pension budget for FY 2011-12 was NRs 1962.40 crores.

Military Pension Branch remained committed to its aim of ‘Speed and Accuracy’ thereby bringing in more satisfaction among our Bhu Puus. Number of special drives were initiated in the current year viz delivery of medals, payments of PL/OTP dues etc, to ensure that all the pending dues of our veterans are delivered to the legitimate beneficiaries.

As planned, SPPC at Kohalpur was conducted on trial basis in Sep 2011. Seeing the overwhelming response and apparent advantages it accrued to the pensioners of Mid western and Far western region, it’s now been planned to conduct it on regular basis.
Record Office, Indian Embassy (ROIE), Kathmandu was established in 1960 with the sole aim to attend to the queries of ex-servicemen of Indian Army in Nepal and deal with pension related matters.

Keeping in view the large scale dependency of Nepal domiciled Gorkha personnel of Indian Army and ever increasing post retirement entitlements, Record Office Indian Embassy (ROIE), Kathmandu was sanctioned in Dec 1959. ROIE has been exemplarily managing its functions. The workload has increased manifold with approx one lakh ex-Servicemen, widows and next of kins dependant on it.

ROIE carries out the following types of work to enable the ex-servicemen, NOK and dependant to get their entitlement in due time :-

- Investigation and processing of liberalised family pension (LFP), Special Family Pension(SFP) and Ordinary Family Pension (OFP).
- Investigation and processing of the division/disputed family pension.
- All types of revision cases (Naik Revision, Boys service revision, Ex-gratia revision, Restoration of SFP/LSFP, Disability/War Injury Pension(WIP) Revision, Enhanced rate of family pension revision and Medical allowance claims).
- Endorsement of Family Pension cases (Pre-89 retirees).
- Procurement and distribution of all PPOs.
- All types of payment from AGI Fund.
- All payments due after retirement including Credit Balance, AFPP Fund and DLIS.
- Verification of applications for grant of Educational Entitlement Card, ex-servicemen Iden Card and re-employment in DSC.
- Receipt and distribution of Medals, Badges of Sacrifice, Certificate of Honour and Retired Hony Officers Iden Card.
- Issue of Relationship certificate and service particulars.
- Verification of ECHS form.
- Investigation and preparation of family pension cases during Seasional Paying Camps (SPPCs).
- Publication of NE series Part II orders.
- Disposal of queries of ex-servicemen on help line.
- Disposal of queries of ex-servicemen on their visit to ROIE.
Accomplished task of ROIE during last one year :-

- Service PPO received and dispatched - 1332
- Corrigendum PPO received and dispatched - 4754
- Death in service cases finalised - 35
- OFP cases finalised - 288
- Pension for children finalised - 21
- Joint notification done - 259
- Restoration cases finalised - 20
- Naik Revision cases finalised - 52
- Service Pension Revision Cases - 14
- Publication of Part II Orders - 488
- Relationship certificates issued - 342
- Restoration of SFP/LFP - 07
- Education entitlement cards issued - 16
- AGI payment - 302 cases - Rs 6,96,82,782/
- Medical Benefit Scheme (MBS) - 1808 cases - Rs 96,28,800/
- Other than Pension (OTP) / Personal Ledger (PL) payment - 1751 cases - Rs 4,03,61,259/

ROIE TEAM
The year gone by saw the Pension Paying Office grow from strength to strength; thanks largely to its dedicated staff and excellent guidance by our seniors. The disbursement of Pensions, our primary task, including move out to rural areas for Seasonal Pension Paying Camps continued despite the unrest in the country caused by bandhs and chakka jams called by different casts/community.

Number of maintenance work has been carried out in the PPO complex and renovation of the Pension paying office/Guest House-North and South were also executed during this period.

Certain measures instituted at Pokhara are directed towards the special needs of old and infirm pensioners.

**ECHS:** On implementation of ECHS facilities extended to Nepal domiciled indian Ex-Servicemen and their next of kins, during SPPC as well as at PPO Pokhara all affected Ex-Servicemen and their wards are being briefed to become a member. They have also been informed about availability of ECHS membership forms with DSBs and were told to be the member of ECHS.

**Medical Camps:** A number of medical camps were organized at various places under the jurisdiction of PPO Pokhara for provisioning of medical, eye and dental treatment to the needy Ex-servicemen. A large number of Ex-servicemen, their wards and dependants were treated at these locations:
- Phedikhola GVS, Syangja on 06 Jan 2012: 480 patients.
- Syangja on 06 Feb 2012: 259 patients.
- Lekhnath Sainik Basti, Pokhara on 08 March 2012: 532 patients.
- Bhimad, Tanhun on 10 Mar 2012: 580 patients.
- Hemja, Kaski on 06 Jul 2012: 324 patients.
- Bhurjunkhola, Kaski on 07 Jul 2012: 380 patients.

**Sick Room for ESM:** A sick room consisting six beds was established near the cash counter of Pension Paying Office for sick, old age and disabled pensioners and their wards. The facility is being extensively used and has been appreciated by the Ex-servicemen.

**Information Counter at SPPC:** In order to provide better and timely information about the pensioners query on various subject a separate information counter has now been extended/established at all SPPCs. The pensioners and their wards visiting from far flung areas are being benefited.

**Up-gradation of Guest Rooms:** Three guest rooms were upgraded in Guest House (South) to be allocated for JCOs/Hony commissioned officers and their families at very nominal charges.
Nepal Bharat Maitri Vidyalaya has established itself as a prestigious Ex-servicemen education institution. This school has also become popular amongst the locals of Pokhara.

The school is affiliated to CBSE and the students in class 10th and 12th board exam have performed extremely well with 100% result this year. Three students of class 10th have scored over 92% marks. We are hopeful to get the school under the aegis of Army Welfare Education Scheme. The COAS during his visit has also approved construction of hostel facility for the students.
Team Dharan remained focused towards ensuring a high standard of professionalism. Sustained efforts and commitment of the staff have further enhanced the satisfaction level among the Government of India Pensioners. Due emphasis has been given towards processing endorsement of Family Pension cases and ECHS applications. Biannual Seasonal Pension Paying Camps were conducted in the remote districts of East Nepal namely Okhaldunga, Diktel, Bhojpur, Tehrathum, Taplejung and Ilam to provide pension and medical services to the Pensioners close to their homes. Number of works as under were undertaken to provided more comfort to the Pensioners as also to improve the ambience of the PPO:-

- Installation of second solar water heater in the Pensioners Dormitory.
- Improvement in the seating facility for Pensioners at the Cashier Counter.
- Installation of Three Point Light Systems at vital locations for better security.
- Cement plastering and weather proof painting of stone paved retention wall in front of the Main Office.
- Conversion of chain barrier into decorative wrought iron gate on road leading to the Main Office.
- Overhead rain shelter on steps leading from the Main Office to Ashoka Guest House.
- Planting of 200 tree saplings in the western stretch of PPO Complex.
- Installation of water sprinkler system in the Rally Ground.

PPO Dharan is a symbol of the concern of the Government of India for Bhu Puus of East Nepal and its dedicated work for the welfare and upliftment of the Bhu Puus since 1958 is proof of this fact. The PPO will continue to put in sustained efforts to provide succour to the pensioners who served the Government of India with unparalleled loyalty and selflessness.
THE GORKHA HAT

The origin of Gorkha Hat date from the beginning of the 20th century when a substitute form of head dress was being actively sought to replace the Kilmarnock Hat for wear on field service. The Kilmarnock, which had been adopted during the second half of the 19th Century and had become the universal head dress of Gorkha Regiments, had very little to commend it when worn in the field. It neither gave protection from the burning sun nor the heavy monsoon rain. Over the years, a number of modifications had been made to it both by the authorities and individual battalions. In 1864, khaki covers for wear on field service along with Kilmarnock was sanctioned. Later a flap was hooked on to the cover at the back of the Kilmarnock to protect the neck from the sun. In 1900, a wired brim, narrow in front and wide at the back, was fitted over the Kilmarnock as protection from the sun.

Subsequently, the slouch hat became an increasingly popular form of head dress in the field. This may have influenced the introduction of a hat of similar design within Gorkha Regiments. In 1901, this hat consisted of a several layers of cloth covered on both sides with home spun tweed. It was criss-cross machine stitched, giving it a certain amount of stiffness to help maintain its shape. It was fitted with ventilating holes and a chin strap. The whole effect resembled a slouch hat, affording protection both from the sun and the rain. This hat was adopted for field service. Initially procured from unofficial sources, it was eventually sanctioned and issued through ordnance channels.

In the years following the 1st World War, the brim became flat and stiffened, as we know it today, and the hat was worn well tilted over one ear and a size or two smaller than necessary for effect leaving most of the skull bare and thereby defeating the original object of the hat to give protection from the sun and rain.
ASSAM RIFLES EX-SERVICEMEN ASSOCIATION (ARESA)

Assam Rifles Ex-servicemen Association (ARESA) was established in Mar 1978 at Assam Rifles HQ in Shillong. This is a purely Non-Govt voluntary organisation and all retired AR personnel are the members of this Association. ARESA Directorate has introduced certain schemes for the welfare of their ex-servicemen in India and Nepal. The ARESA center at Kathmandu with its branch offices at Pokhara and Dharan looks after approximately 19137 ARESM.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE OUT OF ASSAM RIFLES WELFARE FUND

- One Time Grant to ex servicemen and widows who are not in receipt of pension on extreme compassionate ground: 7,000/- fixed
- Financial Assistance for Natural Calamities: 8,000/- fixed
- Funeral Grant: 5,000/- fixed
- Marriage Grant: 15,000/- fixed
- Medical Aid (Surgical Case): 30,000/- each
- Medical Aid (Non- Surgical Case): 15,000/- each
- Denture Grant: 3,000/- fixed
- Spectacles Grant: 1,000/- fixed
- Education aid to school going children: 1,500/- fixed
- Education aid to College/University incl Medical and Engineering Students: 4,000/- fixed
- Education aid for MBBS/Engineering Student: 5,500/- fixed
- Constant Attendance Allowance to Paraplegic patients: 600/- pm fixed
- Orphan Grant: 600/- pm fixed
- Financial Assistance One Time Grant: 17,000/- fixed
- One Time Grant Old Age Grant on attaining the age of 75 Yrs to all AR ESM: 7,500/- fixed

One Time Grant

Both for pensioner and his wife only (ESM prior 1978 included)

Applicable for either one son or daughter of widow only

Both for pensioner and his wife only (ESM prior 1978 included)

Ex servicemen & Widow only (ESM prior 1978 included).

Ex servicemen, widow & wife only (ESM prior 1978 included).

Applicable for class IX to XII, yearly either one son or daughter

Applicable to either one son or daughter

Applicable to either one son or daughter AR ESM/widow for both surgical treatment as indoor patient of Govt Hospital or Govt authorized Hospital on case to case basis after approval of DGAR.

Applicable to all AR ESM on attaining the age of 75 Yrs.
The important activities carried out for the welfare of AR ESM during the year 2011-12 are:-

**Children Education Assistance**
This assistance is applicable to Children of AR pensioners studying from Grade IX to XII. Only one child of an AR pensioner is allowed to claim this scholarship and it amounts to maximum IRs 1500/- per year. A sum of IRs 49,900/- for 34 students has been received from DGAR, Shillong.

**Higher Education Assistance**
This assistance is applicable for under graduation courses and it amounts to maximum IRs 4,000/- per year. A sum of IRs 56,000/- for 14 students has been received from DGAR, Shillong.

**Re-Imbursement Of Medical Bills**
This assistance is applicable for AR pensioners and his wife only. Medical aid to the indoor patient upto IRs 30,000/- for surgical and IRs 15,000/- for non-surgical cases is entitled. A sum of IRs 8,91,206/- for 63 cases has been received from DGAR.

**Marriage Grant**
This grant is applicable for one child of a widow of AR pensioner and amounts to IRs 15,000/-. A marriage certificate is required to be submitted along with an application. A sum of IRs 90,000/- for six cases has been received from DGAR, Shillong.

**Funeral Grant**
In the event of death of an AR pensioner, IRs 5,000/- is given to the widow/NOK on producing of Death Certificate. A sum of IRs 8,65,000/- for 173 cases has been received from DGAR, Shillong.

**Old Age Grant**
One time old age grant of IRs 7,500/- is distributed to pensioners on attaining the age of 75 yrs to all ARESM who has served more than 20 yrs of qualifying service. A sum of IRs 2,47,500/- for 33 cases has been received from DGAR, Shillong.

**Constant Attendance Allowance to Paraplegic Patients**
This assistance is applicable for 80% Paraplegic ARESM and amounts to IRs 600/- pm. A sum of IRs 2,400/- for a case has been received from DGAR Shillong.
Decades have passed in evolution of BGSN. Since its establishment in 1950, BGSN has gone through various modifications and renovations to get into the present shape. The sole purpose of establishment of BGSN is to provide homely environment and transit facility to ESM at economic rate and save their hard earned pension. Over the years, substantial changes have been carried out and currently, BGSN has three Suites and 11 rooms for officers and can accommodate 72 JCOs and 240 OR. This year, the most awaited ECHS office has been established in BGSN complex on ad-hoc basis and the PBOR mess has been handed over to ESM on contractual basis. The existing welfare amenities such as MI Room, exclusive NSBI Extension Counter, ATM facilities, are still available in BGSN premises.

This year following works have been carried out to improve amenities:-
- Replacement of roof tiles
- Replacement of Drainage & Sewage system and upgradation of toilet/bathrooms
- Painting and maintenance work
- Maintenance of toilet/bathroom iron doors
The Basic Info

Nepal is one of the richest countries in the world in terms of bio-diversity due to its unique geographical position and altitudinal variation. The elevation of the country ranges from 60m above sea level to the highest point on earth, Mt. Everest at 8,848 m, all within a distance of 150 km resulting into climate conditions from sub-tropical to Artic.

What to wear: Light weight clothing is recommended from May through October. Warm garments are required in October-March. An umbrella or raincoat is a must for the rainy season.

Where to stay: At our own transit facilities available at Kathmandu, Pokhara and Dharan.

Access

By Air: By Indian Airlines (Delhi, Kolkata), Indigo Airlines (Delhi), Jet Airways (Delhi, Mumbai), Jet Lite (Delhi), Kingfisher Airlines (Delhi), Buddha Air (Varanasi), Nepal Airlines (New Delhi) and Druk Air (Delhi).

By Road: From the prominent bordering towns may enter through one of the entry point. (1) Siliguri (WB)-Kakarbhitta, (2) Raxaul (Bihar)-Birgunj, (3) Sunauli (UP)-Bhairahawa, (4) Rupendiya (UP)-Nepalgunj, (5) Lakhimpur Kheri (UP)-Dhangadi and (6) Banbasa (Uttarakhand)-Mahendranagar.

Foreign Exchange

The Nepalese currency is pegged at 1.6 times the Indian Currency. Visitors can exchange counter at the airport upon arrival. Indian currency Rs. 500/- and Rs. 1,000/- denomination are not allowed to be brought in Nepal. However, Rs 100/- is allowed and can be freely exchanged for transaction.
REGIMENTAL TREKKERS

The concept of Regimental Trekking dates back to 1970’s. Two officers per regiment visit their respective recruitment areas as a Trekking Team to understand the culture and living condition and interact with the ESM.

Following seven teams trekked in 2011-12:-

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<td>10 Sep to 09 Oct 2011</td>
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<td>Capt Luckey Dass</td>
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<td>Capt Sunil Kumar M</td>
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<td>Capt Vikram Singh</td>
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<td>Shri Samirendra Chatterji, Secretary (ESW), New Delhi</td>
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<td>Col V Ganapathy, Dir Coord, VCOAS Sectt</td>
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INDIA’S ECONOMIC COOPERATION PROGRAMME IN NEPAL

The programme of India-Nepal economic cooperation was launched in 1951. The objective of this programme was and remains to supplement the efforts of the Government of Nepal in the national development of the country. India’s assistance programme in Nepal is guided by the vision that alongside progress in political process in Nepal, it is equally important to ensure that economic deliverables, particularly in the areas of education, health and infrastructure, must reach the people without any pre-conditions in a smooth, quick and unencumbered manner. Towards this end, Government of India is providing technical and financial assistance for multi-sectoral development of Nepal.

The scope of India’s economic assistance programme has been expanding over the years. By now we have 411 small and 35 large and intermediate projects in Nepal.

Small Development Projects Scheme: The Small Development Projects are implemented on the basis of a MoU signed between GoI and GoN in November 2003 and renewed in June 2006, August 2008 and August 2011. The validity of the current MoU is until 5 August 2014. Projects costing less than NRs 5 Crores ($ 0.7 Million approximately i.e. IRs 3.125 crores) are undertaken with focus on areas of Education, Health and Community Development. The projects are implemented through local bodies of GoN viz. District Development Committee (DDC), Municipality, Divisional office of Department of Urban Development and Building Construction (DUDBC). Funds are released to the local body of GoN in the Districts concerned in four installments based on progress reports received from the local body. An overseeing committee consisting of executing agency (DDC etc.), concerned district office (education, health etc.), local community leaders, and beneficiary organizations is constituted to ensure quality and timely implementation of the projects. Implementation of the projects is closely monitored by EC Wing of the Embassy through periodical on-site inspections by the officials.

Education

School/College/Library buildings: Government of India focuses on the creation of infrastructure to provide good buildings, equipped with furniture, labs, computers etc. for providing proper education. Government of India is providing assistance to institutions of all levels, starting from primary schools to universities in Nepal. The total number of educational school projects undertaken by the Government of India in Nepal as SDPs covering nearly all Districts in the country comes to 213 at a cost of approximately IRs. 290 crores.

Manmohan Memorial Polytechnic: This is the first polytechnic of its kind in Nepal providing technical education in three engineering streams and several vocational courses to make the people of that area self reliant. The project was inaugurated by the Prime Minister of Nepal on 2nd November 2009. The fully residential institute has a capacity of providing education to almost 500 students at a time. Total cost of projects is IRs 26 crore.
Polytechnic at Hetauda: GoI has approved the proposal for the construction of a government polytechnic at Hetauda which will impart mid-level technical courses in four engineering fields. Land measuring 32 acre has been acquired by the GoN for the project. A Memorandum of Understand between the two countries for the implementation of the project was signed during the visit of president of Nepal to India in February 2010. The estimated cost of the project is expected to be IRs. 25 crores. Consultant for the project has already been appointed. GoI is currently engaged in processing the Environment Impact Assessment for the project before physical work on the project starts.

Establishment of a Science Learning Centre at Kathmandu: A Trilateral MoU for the implementation of the project was signed between GoI, GoN and Nepal Academy of Science and Technology (NAST), on 15th January 2010 during the visit of External Affairs Minister. The estimated cost of project is IRs 16 crore.

Health

Government of India had been providing support in this sector in line with the priorities of the Government of Nepal and has helped in the creation of physical infrastructure and training of medical personnel.

Bir Hospital: Five storied OPD complex of the Bir Hospital at Kathmandu was constructed with the GoI assistance in year 1984-85. It has the capacity to accommodate 2500 outpatients and is equipped with sophisticated facilities. A modern nuclear Imaging Medicine Centre as well as other equipment for use in the OPD were also provided by GoI, making this Hospital the premier Health Care Institution in Nepal.

Bharat-Nepal Maitri Emergency & Trauma Centre at in Kathmandu: The Centre being constructed with the assistance of GoI is being built on the lines of the Trauma Centre of the All India Institute of Medical Sciences in New Delhi for the treatment of Trauma patients. The Government of India, on the request of GoN decided to build this Centre fully equipped with modern medical equipments to save valuable lives. Civil works at the Centre have been completed. Arrangements are being made for the handing over the Centre to GoN for its early operationalization. Cost of the Project is about IRs. 100 Crores.

B.P Koirala Institute of Health Sciences: (BPKIHS) at Dharan is the biggest hospital-cum-medical College outside Kathmandu Valley which was constructed with GoI assistance of IRs. 120 crores. GoI is also providing medical faculty support to the medical college by deputing expert faculty from reputed institutes of India who are teaching the students and also helping the hospitals in treatment of patients and capacity development in the field of medicine and surgery. The institute is providing MBBS and Post Graduate Degrees in medical sciences thereby helping make Nepal self-reliant in the health sector. The Institute building was formally handed over to GoN in September 1999. On 2 December 2010, Ambassador
laid the foundation stone for the construction of a College Block at the hospital with the GoI contribution of IRs 6.86 Crores.

**Establishment of 100 bed Nepal Bharat Maitri Bakhtawari Hari Eye Hospital at Krishnanagara, Kapilvastu:** MoU for establishment of the hospital project was signed on April 27, 2007. Estimated cost of the project is IRs. 25 crore.

**Hospitals and Maternity Centers under the SDP Programme:** Several health posts, nursing campuses maternity centers, eye hospitals, naturopathy hospitals have been undertaken under our Small Development Project scheme. Infrastructure of 23 hospitals has been taken up in the country with GoI’s assistance of IRs. 33 crores in 17 Districts.

**Gifting of Ambulances/Buses:** In order to facilitate the movement of patients from rural, remote and far flung areas to medical centers in Nepal, GoI has gifted 342 ambulances since 1994 across 70 districts in Nepal. These vehicles provide a vital link for transporting patients to medical centers and hospitals. 66 buses have also been gifted to various health and educational institutions to facilitate the movement of teachers, students, doctors and nurses.

**Goitre Control Programme:** Iodine Deficiency Disorders (IDD) is a major micro-nutrient deficiency in Nepal. Starting from 1973, GoI has provided assistance of IRs. 41 crores for the programme of control of Goitre and other iodine deficiencies in Nepal. India has provided an amount of IRs 1.88 crore under this Programme for 2011-12. The programme has been very successful in controlling IDD in the country, which has been one of the health related success stories of GoN.

**Assistance to Nepal Netra Jyoti Sangh (NNJS) for Cataract and Trachoma surgeries programme**

Blindness due to cataract is a major health problem in Nepal. It is estimated that there are about 3.20 lakh blind people in Nepal, including about 1.29 lakh suffering from blindness due to cataract. About 20,000 people develop cataract in one or both eyes each year. Trachoma is the second leading causes of preventable blindness in Nepal. 29 out of 75 Districts in Nepal are affected by Trachoma. With the assistance of Government of India, Nepal Netra Jyoti Sangh (NNJS) organizes approx 400 Diagnostic Screening & Treatment (DST) camps and surgery camp for Cataract in 52 districts and for TT in 14 Districts in the country every year. These camps provide absolutely free medical service to the patients. More than 1,02,000 patients have been cured for cataract and about 5,100 patients have been cured of Trachoma under this programme. GoI has provided assistance of Rs. 10.38 crores to NNJS from 2001 to 2012 for holding diagnostic and surgical eye camps in Nepal.

**School Eye Health Care Programme:** Since 2007, GoI has been providing assistance to NNJS for holding eye camps in schools in remote areas and providing free of cost 9,000 optical dispensing devices to ‘Vision Impaired’ children and 300 Low Vision dispensing device to children in Nepal every year. India has provided a financial assistance of IRs. 2.32 crores
to NNJS for its School Eye Health Care Programme. A mobile eye care van costing IRs. 13.52 lakh has also been provided to NNJS for holding eye camps in schools.

**Telecommunications**

GoI provided an assistance of IRs. 74 crores to Nepal for the laying of 904 Kilometres Optical Fibre cable along the East-West Highway and setting up of 80 stations of Synchronous Digital Hierarchy (SDH) equipment. The fibre optic cable has formed the backbone of telecommunication network in Nepal and has transformed the lifestyle of Nepali citizens and made connectivity faster and reliable.

**Roads and Bridges**

GoI has constructed 807 kilometres out of the total road length of 1024 Kilometres of the East-West Highway from Mahendranagar to Mechi (Mahendra Raj Marg) which is today a life line of Nepal. Twenty two bridges were constructed by GoI on Kohalpur-Mahakali section of the East West Highway. Besides this, in recent times, eight villages and urban roads and one bridge have been constructed with GoI assistance of IRs. 12.83 crores under Small Development Projects Programme to provide easy access to the people of remote villages. Presently, work is ongoing for construction of nine roads and three bridges at a cost of IRs. 20.43 crores. GoI is also funding the upgradation of road from Dakshankali (Kathmandu) to Kulekhani (Makwanpur) and Gaur Municipality to Sukhdeo Chowk in Rautahat District at a cost approximately IRs. 10 crores.

**Terai Roads Projects:** During the visit of the External Affairs Minister of India to Nepal in January 2010, both the Governments signed a Memorandum of Understanding for the development and construction of roads in the Terai area of Nepal. Phase-I of the project covers development of 19 link/postal roads in Terai districts. These 19 roads with a total length of 605 km being constructed under phase-I with Indian assistance of approximately IRs. 700 crores will not only provide easy access to about 88 lakh people but will also help in promotion of trade and industry which will eventually contribute to overall economic development of Nepal. Phase-II will cover about 900 kilometres of roads. Physical work has already commenced on all the Packages of Phase I of the roads.

On 22 April 2011, Shri S.M. Krishna, Minister of External Affairs, laid the foundation stone of Postal Road No. 120 from Birjung to Thori covering 52.83 kms under Package III of Phase I of the Terai Roads Project.

**Electrification Projects**

GoI is trying to bring smile on the face of those villagers who do not have access to electricity and spend their nights either in darkness or have to burn kerosene lamps for lighting. In recent years, GoI has provided assistance of IRs. 10 crores for the electrification of 25 villages through Nepal Electricity Authority grid and approximately IRs. 17 crores for solar electrification of 17 villages. During the visit of External Affairs Minister of India to Nepal in January 2010, MoUs for the electrification of five VDCs in five different Districts at a cost of IRs. 6.25 crores were signed. The project is ongoing. Upgradation of Thame Khola Small Hydropower Plant in Solukhumbu District has been undertaken by GoI with a grant assistance of IRs. 2.76 crores.
Drinking Water

Government of India has launched a scheme of Drinking Water Projects for remote villages where people have to walk long distances to fetch drinking water. GoI has provided assistance of IRs. 13.75 crore for drinking water projects in more than 200 villages in recent years. An ambitious project to provide drinking water facility at the base camp of Mt. Everest in district Solokhumbu is being undertaken by Government of India at a cost of IRs. 2.46 crores. This is expected to contribute to promotion of tourism as also serve the needs of the local populace.

Strengthening of Cross-border linkages

Government of India has committed to provide assistance to Government of Nepal for the establishment of Integrated Check-Posts (ICPs) at four major points along the India-Nepal border. These are: Raxaul(India)- Birjung(Nepal), Sunauli(India)- Bhairahawa(Nepal), Jogbani(India)- Biratnagar(Nepal) and Nepalgunj Road (India)- Nepalgunj (Nepal). Both the Governments have decided with mutual consent to start work on the Raxaul-Birgunj and Jogbani-Biratnagar ICPs in the first phase. The estimated cost of Raxaul-Birgunj ICPs and Jogbani ICP is approximately IRs. 225 crores. The ICPs will have state-of-the-art infrastructure, facilitating integrated customs and immigration for smooth cross-border movement of people and goods. Construction work has started in Raxaul and Jogbani.

Cross-Border Railway Links

Government of India has accepted the request of Government of Nepal for establishment of cross-border railway links at five locations on the Indo-Nepal border. These are (i) Jaynagar in India to Bardibas in Nepal, (ii) Jogbani in India to Biratnagar in Nepal, (iii) Nautanwa in India to Bhairahawa in Nepal, (iv) Rupaidiha in India to Nepalgunj in Nepal, and (v) New Jalpaiguri in India to Kakarbhitta in Nepal. Work on the railway connectivity at Jaynagar- Bardibas involving conversion of 51 km railway line from Jaynagar to Bijalpur into broad-guage and its 17 km extension upto Bardibas is expected to start soon. Both the Governments have also decided to undertake work on the 17.65 km Jogbani- Biratnagar rail link in the first phase itself. Estimated cost of the two rail links proposed to be taken up in the first phase is more than IRs 650 crores.

Flood Control and River Training

India has been providing assistance to Nepal for strengthening and extension of embankments along Lalgakeya, Bagmati and Kamla rivers for flood protection in Nepal and India. With the present assistance, the total grant assistance already disbursed for embankment construction along these rivers stands at approximately NRs. 246.67 crores. India is also providing grant assistance for river training works along Gagan, Trjuga, Lakhandei, Sunsari, Kaligandaki and Kankai rivers in Nepal amounting to IRs. 14.05 crores. A project for river training works on Banganga River in Kapilvastu District has been initiated at a cost of IRs. 2.53 crores.
Culture

GoI has also contributed substantially towards the renovation and preservation of the unique cultural heritage of Nepal. Some of the important projects undertaken by GoI in past one year include the work on restoration of nine historical sites in District Lalitpur and restoration of Nepal Bhasha Parishad House in Naradevi, Kathmandu. Work has also been initiated for the restoration of two historical ponds i.e. Ganga Sagar and Dhanu Sagar at Janakpur as also the restoration and renovation of the Rang Bhumi Maidan in Janakpur. This renovation would provide improved facilities for the thousands of devotees who visit the religious and historical city of Janakpur. Over Rs. 16 crores has been committed by Government of India in this field.

Construction of Nepal Bharat Maitri Sabha Griha in Birgunj Sub Metropolitan area, district Parsa

The project envisages construction of Convention Hall (Sabha Griha) with seating capacity of 1000 persons in Birgunj Sub-Metropolitan City at BP Koirala Park, Birgunj in Parsa District. MoU for the project was signed during the visit of President of Nepal to India in February 2010. Process for the appointment of Consultant is underway. Tentative cost of the project will be Rs. 25 crore.

Training of GON officials in India

Government of India has sponsored study-cum-training programmes for more than 325 officials of the GoN since 2007. The total expenditure on these has been about Rs 4 crores. These programmes are aimed at capacity-building and improvement of skills of the senior officials of Government of Nepal.
YOU SAID IT (KUDOS AND BRICKBATS)

The journal is informative and worth reading not only for ex-servicemen but also for common men.

Archana Dutta (Mukhopadhyay)
OSD (PR) to the President
President’s Secretariat

The COAS conveys his thanks for your thoughtful gesture of sending him a copy of the news journal ‘Bhu Puu 2011’. The COAS perused it with interest.

Brig ST Upasani, SM, VSM
MA to COAS
IHQ MoD (Army)

The journal gives an excellent insight into the activities and projects being undertaken for the welfare of our veterans.

Lt Gen Dalbir Singh, AVSM, VSM
General Officer Commanding and
Colonel 5th Gorkha Rifles (FF)

The journal is informative, makes an interesting reading and aptly highlights the excellent work being done by the Defence Wing for the welfare of our Ex-servicemen in Nepal.

Lt Gen Sanjeev Madhok, VSM
Additional Director General Public Information

It is extremely informative piece of document.

Lt Gen Rameshwar Roy, UYSM, AVSM, YSM
Director General Assam Rifles

Bhu Puu 2011 made interesting reading. It is reassuring to learn of the excellent work Defence Wing and IEWON are doing in Nepal.

Lt Gen (Retd.) RK Nanavatty
Ex President Gorkha Brigade

Bhu Puu 2011 captures the spirit of the Gorkha in true perspective.

Maj Gen Bipin Rawat, YSM, SM, VSM
General Officer Commanding

It has been well laid out and highlights genuine commitment to our ESM in Nepal.

Brig YVK Mohan
HQ IDS
Ex OIC PPO Pokhara

It has come a long way both in content and presentation.

Brig DA Chaturvedi, SM
Force Commander
Ex OIC PPO Dharan
The journal has been very well conceptualized and is well laid out.
Col RK Singh
Offg Brig Adm
HQ Central Command

The journal has been well compiled and presented.
Col Upkar Chander
MA to GOC-in-C
HQ Western Command

The Army Commander has perused the News Journal ‘Bhu Puu 2011’, which provides information on multifarious activities taking place in the Indian Ex-servicemen Welfare Organisation in Nepal.
Col S Natarajan
MA to GOC-in-C
HQ Southern Command

It will go a long way in helping our troops from Nepal.
Col Anuraag Singh Rawat, SM
Commanding Officer
3 Mech Inf (I/8 GR)

AYO

We welcome to our fold and wish a successful tenure in Nepal:-
Wing Commander Ravi Sharma, Asst Balbir Singh, Asst Awanish Tiwari, Asst Naveen Singh, Asst Suresh Singh Routela, Asst Madan Mohan Rout, Asst Shinde Ramesh Maruti, Asst Katre UB, Asst Virendra Kumar, Asst Kavi Sankhyan, Asst Sanjay Kumar Thakur, Asst Vijay Kumar Singh, Asst Dilip Kumar D, Asst Mohan Singh, Asst Pradip Kumar

GAYO

We bid farewell to:-
Asst NK Mazumdar, Asst BN Behera, Asst Digvijay Tiwari, Asst JK Behera, Asst Subinder Singh, Asst Navin Kumar, Asst Sajiman P, Asst GSR Murthy, Asst Rathod Rajkumar Harishchandra, Asst PK Shukla, Asst Sanjeev Kumar, Smt Anjana Gurung

Smt Anjana Gurung, Nurse has served this organization for 23 years and 5 months (from 1989 - 2012). She is one of the pioneers to bring MI Room at PPO Pokhara to the present status. Her relentless and selfless service to our veterans is commendable. We wish her a blissful retired life.
PENSIONER’S HELPLINE

In order to provide real time information on various ongoing cases of pensioners, a Pensioner Helpline has been established at Record Office, Indian Embassy, Kathmandu. The helpline number 01-4416619 is functional on all working days. The helpline is intended to save time, money and effort of pensioners which is spent in travelling to Kathmandu.

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ESM AT SPCC
Hony Capt Sant Bahadur Khandka, 1/3 GR was enrolled in Indian Army on 17 Sep 1976. After serving 30 years in a Gorkha Paltan, he retired on 01 Nov 2005 and is still serving GoI as a Secy in DSB Gulmi, Nepal.

Lt Aashish Khandka, first child among three children of Hony Capt Sant Bahadur Khandka, is commissioned as Lieutenant in 1/3 GR, Indian Army on 08 Jan 2011. Following the footsteps of his father, the newly commissioned officer is dedicated towards the security of his 'Karma Bhumi' with love and passion which he learnt from his father.

Lt Aashish Khandka was born on 24 Mar 1989 in Jhirbas, Gulmi. He studied in Army School, Varanasi till 10th standard. Thereafter, he joined Kendriya Vidhyalaya where he completed his higher secondary in 2006 and passed BSc from Secundrabad in 2010.

Ex Nk Hem Bahadur Thapa has been serving Government of India for almost three decades. He served Indian Army with quality for 20 yrs and retired in 1998. After a gap of eight years, in 2006 he joined us at BGSN as a Quarter Master.

Mr Sandip Thapa, fourth child amongst five children of Nk Hem Bahadur Thapa is now undergoing training for Lieutenant in Nepal Army. Sandip has passed SLC from Jalkanya Secondary School, Gorkha and I.Sc. from Amrit Campus, Kathmandu. He was studying in BSc, 2nd year while he was commissioned.

It’s a dream come true for Hem to see his son get commissioned. Under the shades of Government of India, his son completed his education for which Nk Hem Bahadur expresses his gratitude.
The OIC PPO Pokhara plays an instrumental role in looking after the interest of the pensioners from West Nepal. Remembering them all, we continue to fulfill the commitment towards ESM...

following the footsteps...