

CELEBRATING THE 79TH INDEPENDENCE DAY OF INDIA

AMBASSADOR'S MESSAGE



On the occasion of India's 79th Independence Day, I extend my warm greetings to fellow Indians and friends of India.

India's journey to become a developed nation in the 'Amrit Kaal' is also manifested in a more dynamic Neighbourhood First policy with the guiding philosophy of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Prayas. This is underlined in our relationship with Nepal where the millennia old civilizational links are being transformed into a modern partnership for mutual benefit.

High-level exchanges between the leaders of India and Nepal—including the meeting of our Prime Ministers on the sidelines of the 6th BIMSTEC Summit in Bangkok in April 2025; the meetings between our Foreign Ministers on the sidelines of the Indian Ocean Conference in Oman in February 2025 and the Raisina Dialogue in New Delhi in March 2025; and several ministerial visits from both nations in the last few months stand as a testament to the strong bonds of friendship between our two countries. These exchanges have led to successful outcomes in relation to meetings of important bilateral mechanisms between India and Nepal.

As Nepal's largest trading partner and largest source of foreign investment and tourism, India has been and continues to remain a privileged partner in Nepal's journey towards economic development.

The construction of roads, bridges and rail-links has facilitated mobility and transport; interoperability between India's UPI and Nepal's FonePay has facilitated digital payments which also aids bilateral tourism; cooperation in the energy sector specially trade in power development of new hydropower projects and inauguration of new transmission lines has helped support sustainable energy growth on both sides. The export of power from Nepal to India and to Bangladesh via the Indian grid has been a landmark in regional energy cooperation. The export of power has been beneficial for Nepal as it has earned revenue of more than NPR 17 billion.

India's enduring commitment to Nepal's development is reflected in the swift progress and sustained momentum of numerous infrastructure and development projects, thoughtfully aligned with Nepal's priorities and supported by India's assistance. Several development projects including schools, hospitals and health posts were inaugurated in the last one year.

Both our Governments are working

to ensure early completion of various other ongoing infrastructure and connectivity projects, including new cross border railway links, additional Integrated Check Posts and petroleum pipelines.

India also has been at the forefront of providing assistance whenever natural disasters have struck Nepal, such as the 2023 Jajarkot Earthquake or the floods in September 2024.

We are working with our Nepali friends to further expand our cooperation in areas such as agriculture, health, capacity building, education, start-up sector, space and sports particularly cricket. In this direction, MoUs have been signed in recent times for cooperation in the fields of Energy, Agriculture, Water Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) sector.

The Indian community in Nepal has played a vital and commendable role in this endeavor. I wish to express my heartfelt appreciation to the community for its unwavering support of the Embassy's initiatives aimed at deepening the bonds between our two nations.

I extend my heartfelt wishes to you all for a joyous and memorable 79th Independence Day.

Jai Hind.

(Naveen Srivastava)

STRENGTHENING INDIA-NEPAL RELATIONSHIP



Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi met Rt. Hon'ble Prime Minister of Nepal, Mr. K P Sharma Oli, on the sidelines of the 6th BIMSTEC Summit in Bangkok on 04 April 2025. PM K P Sharma Oli, in a telephonic conversation with PM Narendra Modi on 23 April 2025 strongly condemned the heinous terror attack in Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir, and offered his sincere condolences on the loss of precious lives.



Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture, Farmers Welfare and Rural Development of India, Shri Shivraj Singh Chauhan visited Nepal from 8-10 April 2025 to participate in 3rd BIMSTEC Agriculture Ministers Meeting. During the visit, the Hon'ble Minister also called on Rt. Hon'ble PM of Nepal, Mr. K P Sharma Oli. An MoU on Agriculture Cooperation was also signed between the two countries on 9 April 2025.



Hon'ble Minister of Power and Housing & Urban Affairs of India, Shri Manohar Lal visited Nepal from 22-23 April 2025. During the visit, Hon'ble Minister held talks with Hon'ble Minister for Energy, Water Resources and Irrigation of Nepal, Mr. Dipak Khadka; reviewed progress of 900 MW Arun-III Hydropower Project. During the visit, the Hon'ble Minister also called on Rt. Hon'ble PM of Nepal, Mr. K P Sharma Oli.



Hon'ble Minister for Foreign Affairs of Nepal, Dr. Arzu Rana Deuba met Hon'ble External Affairs Minister, Dr. S. Jaishankar on the sidelines of Indian Ocean Conference (IOC)-2025 in Oman on 16 February 2025 and on the sidelines of Raisina Dialogue in New Delhi in March 2025.



Hon'ble Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change of India, Shri Bhopender Yadav, visited Nepal to participate in the 'Sagarmatha Sambaad' Dialogue 2025, held in Kathmandu from 15-17 May 2025. During the visit, the Hon'ble Minister also called on Rt. Hon'ble PM of Nepal, Mr. K P Sharma Oli.



A delegation led by Hon'ble Chief Minister of Sudurpaschim province of Nepal, Mr. Kamal Bahadur Shah visited India from 29 April to 5 May 2025. During the visit, he met with Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh Shri Yogi Adityanath, Chief Minister of Uttarakhand Shri Pushkar Singh Dhami and Minister of State for External Affairs and Environment, Forest and Climate Change of India, Shri Kirti Vardhan Singh.



Hon'ble Minister for Water Supply of Nepal, Shri Pradeep Yadav visited India in March 2025. During his visit, an MoU was signed between India and Nepal for strengthening cooperation in Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) sector including Waste Management.

DEFENCE COOPERATION



The 16th meeting of the India-Nepal Bilateral Consultative Group on Security Issues (INBCGSI) was held on 23-24 June 2025 in Pune, India, where a range of defence cooperation issues were discussed. All matters related to defence cooperation between the two countries are addressed under the framework of INBCGSI.



Joint Indo-Nepal Mountaineering Expedition to Mount Kanchenjunga was successfully conducted from 9 April - 2 June 2025. The team comprised of 10 members each from both the Armies. The Indian Army Expedition Team was led by Colonel Safraz Singh, VSM and the Nepali Army Expedition Team was led by Maj Gajendra Deuba.

CULTURAL ENGAGEMENTS



To mark ICCR's 75th anniversary, the Indian Embassy in Kathmandu hosted a cultural evening and alumni meet on 4 May 2025 with former President Dr. Ram Baran Yadav as the chief guest. On the Occasion, Dr. Yadav planted a Taki tree and the event featured performances by ICCR students and alumni.



To celebrate the 11th International Day of Yoga, Embassy of India in Nepal organised a series of engaging events across 10 cities in Nepal including Kathmandu, Pokhara, Lamjung, Lumbini, Janakpur, Chitwan, Birgunj, Hetauda, Rautahat and Bariyarpur. The overall participation was more than 12,000 people across Nepal.



On Buddha Purnima (11 May 2025), The Embassy of India and Lumbini Development Trust held a painting exhibition on Lord Buddha's life at the Maya Devi Temple, with sacred chantings by monks from India & Nepal. On Ashadha Purnima (10 July 2025), the Embassy also organized a prayer ceremony with monks and monastery representatives from across Nepal.

CRICKET PARTNERSHIP



Cricket Cooperation has added a new dimension to the deep rooted and age-old historical ties between India and Nepal. As part of the cooperation, supported by Government of India, BCCI Center of Excellence in Bengaluru hosted the Nepal's Men National Cricket Team for a professional training camp from 21 July - 3 August 2025. Embassy of India, Kathmandu also supported 3 promising Under-19 Nepali Cricketers for a month-long high level training in Bhopal from 15 July - 14 August 2025.



Hon'ble Minister of Power and Housing & Urban Affairs of India, Shri Manohar Lal, undertook a significant visit to Nepal during 22-23 April 2025, marking a new chapter in India-Nepal energy cooperation. Accompanied by Nepal's Minister of Energy, Water Resources & Irrigation, Shri Dipak Khadka, and senior officials from both nations, the Hon'ble Minister reviewed key bilateral energy initiatives aimed at enhancing regional connectivity and sustainable power development. During the visit, a MoU was signed between POWERGRID, a Maharatna Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE) of India, and the Nepal Electricity Authority (NEA).

ENERGY COOPERATION



EDUCATION & CAPACITY BUILDING

500 Seats under the Mahatma Gandhi Scholarship Scheme (MGSS) for studying in XI & XII in Nepal

200 Seats under Golden Jubilee Scholarship Scheme (GJSS) for various undergraduate courses in Nepal



In last one year, about 1500 scholarships were provided by India for Nepali nationals for various courses in India as well as in Nepal.

700 Seats for various Undergraduate, Postgraduate and PhD courses in India

33 Seats for studying in Army Public Schools in India



In last one year, 508 Nepalese officials and professionals underwent training in around 60 different courses in 30 institutes of India including IITs, IIMs, NLU and MANAGE, under ITEC programme of Government of India.

DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP

High Impact Community Development Projects (HICDPs) Activity

- Projects since 2003
- o Total Projects: 574 HICDPs
 - o Completed: 496 projects
 - o Ongoing: 78 projects
 - o Total Cost: NPR 1367 Cr

- Projects (August 2024 - July 2025):
- o Inaugurated: 14 projects
 - o Initiated/MoU Signed: 27 projects
 - o Foundation Stones Laid: 12 projects



- Ambulances and Electric Cars Gifted in 2025:
- o Ambulances: 40
 - o Electric Cars: 15
 - o Total so far: 1049 ambulances, 300 school buses and 15 electric Cars

RELIEF AND SUPPLIES



Government of India delivered vaccines/medicines worth USD 2 million for the management of sickle cell anemia and thalassemia to the Government of Nepal. Ambassador Shri Naveen Srivastava handed over vaccines and medicines to Hon'ble Minister for Health and Population Shri Pradip Paudel in Kathmandu on 25 April 2025.



DPI



A four-member delegation from Kathmandu University visited India from 18-23 May 2025. The visit was focused on witnessing the successful implementation of Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) in India and replicating the same in Nepal.

STARTUP CONNECT



Nepali startups showcasing their innovations across various sectors like space science, IT, AI, climate tech, edtech, and agro- processing. Ten budding Nepali startup founders were sponsored by the Indian Embassy in Kathmandu to attend the event.