

BILATERAL EXCHANGES



Prime Minister of India met Prime Minister of Nepal on the sidelines of the BIMSTEC Summit, Bangkok

Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi met Rt. Hon'ble Prime Minister of Nepal, Mr. K.P. Sharma Oli on 04 April 2025 on the sidelines of the 6th BIMSTEC Summit in Bangkok. The two leaders reviewed the unique and close relationship between India and Nepal.

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Visit of Shri Manohar Lal, Hon'ble Minister of Power and Housing & Urban Affairs, to Nepal (22-23 April 2025)

Hon'ble Minister of Power and Housing & Urban Affairs of India, Shri Manohar Lal visited Nepal from 22-23 April 2025. The visit aimed at discussing key power sector projects of mutual interest and strengthening bilateral cooperation between India and Nepal, and also witnessed an MoU signing between PowerGrid Corporation of India Ltd. and Nepal Electricity Authority for two 400 kV corridors.

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Visit of Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture, Farmers Welfare & Rural Development, to Nepal (08-10 April 2025)

Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture, Farmers Welfare and Rural Development of India, Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan, visited Nepal from 08-10 April 2025 to participate in the 3rd Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) Ministerial Meeting on Agriculture (3rd BAMB) hosted by Nepal on 09 April 2025, in Kathmandu.

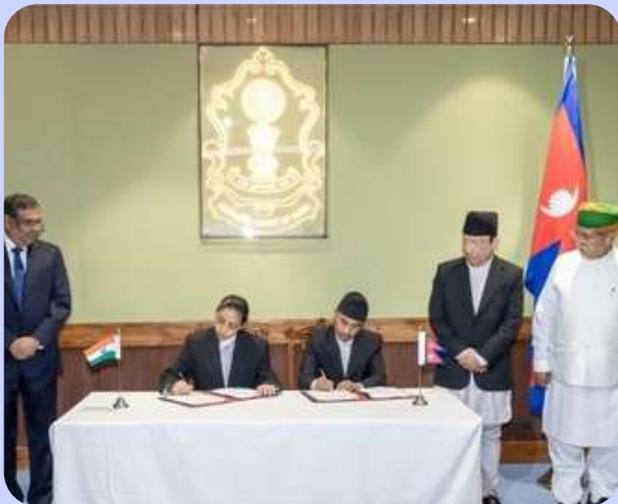
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Joint Indo-Nepal expedition to Mount Kangchenjunga

Hon'ble Raksha Mantri of India, Shri Rajnath Singh flagged off the joint expedition by Indian and Nepal Armies to ascent Mount Kanchenjunga on 03 April 2025. Maj Gen Dhruba Prakash Shah, DGMT, Nepali Army also participated in the flag off ceremony. The joint Indo-Nepal expedition, which aims to scale Mount Kangchenjunga, will feature 12 mountaineers from the Indian Army and 06 from the Nepali Army.

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Memorandum of Understanding in the field of Judicial Cooperation

On 07 April 2025, an MoU on Judicial Cooperation was signed by the Supreme Court of India and the Supreme Court of Nepal in the presence of Hon'ble Chief Justice of India, Justice Sanjiv Khanna, the Rt. Hon'ble Chief Justice of Nepal, Justice Prakash Man Singh Raut and Hon'ble Minister of State, Ministry of Law and Justice (Independent Charge), Government of India, Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal.

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Director General level talks between India and Nepal on Customs Cooperation

The 21st Director General level talks between India and Nepal on Customs Cooperation were held in Kathmandu from 10-11 April 2025. The talks were aimed at strengthening bilateral cooperation to facilitate cross border trade as well as to prevent and counter smuggling.

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Second bilateral talks between Narcotics Control Authorities of India and Nepal

The 2nd bilateral talks between Narcotics Control Authorities of India and Nepal on “Drug Demand Reduction and Prevention of Illicit Trafficking in Narcotic Drugs, Psychotropic Substances and Precursor Chemicals and Related Matters” concluded successfully on 29 April 2025 in Kathmandu.

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Visit of delegation led by Hon'ble Chief Minister of Sudurpaschim Mr. Kamal Bahadur Shah to India (29 April - 05 May 2025)

The delegation led by Hon'ble Chief Minister of Sudurpaschim Mr. Kamal Bahadur Shah visited India on an official visit from 29 April - 05 May 2025. As part of their programme, the delegation also visited Indian states of Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh which share close cultural and economic ties with the neighbouring Sudurpaschim Province of Nepal.

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DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP



Signing Ceremony of MoUs of 10 HICDPs Projects in Education, Health and Culture Sectors

On 01 April 2025, Embassy of India, Kathmandu; Ministry of Federal Affairs and General Administration, Government of Nepal and Project Implementing Agencies of Government of Nepal signed Memorandum of Understandings (MoUs) for undertaking 10 High Impact Community Development Projects (HICDPs) in Nepal under the grant assistance of Government of India in Education, Health, and Culture Sectors at a total cost of NRs.625 million.

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Placement of Deity Seto Machhindranath upon their new and beautifully crafted 'Silver Asan'

On 10 April 2025, First Secretary (Development Partnership), Embassy of India, Kathmandu attended the auspicious placement of Deity Seto Machhindranath upon their new and beautifully crafted 'Silver Asan'. The support for new Asan was provided as part of the reconstruction efforts of Seto Macchindranath Temple being undertaken by Government of India in the wake of 2015 earthquake.

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Laying of foundation stone for the construction of Shree Panchayat Secondary School Building, Sundarharaicha Municipality, Morang District, Nepal

Foundation stone for the construction of Shree Panchayat Secondary School Building at Sundarharaicha Municipality, Morang was laid jointly on 18 April 2025 by representatives from India and Nepal. This project is being built with Government of India's financial assistance at the project cost of NRs.28.10 million under 'Nepal-India Development Cooperation'.

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Government of India extends Healthcare Support to Nepal with Handover of Sickle Cell and Thalassemia Vaccines

In a significant demonstration of its ongoing commitment to supporting the health and well-being of the people of Nepal, Ambassador of India to Nepal, Shri Naveen Srivastava handed over the first consignment of vaccines for Sickle Cell Disease and Thalassemia to Honorable Minister of Health and Population, Government of Nepal, Mr. Pradip Paudel on 25 April 2025.

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Nepal pavillion at Startup Mahakumbh

Additional Secretary (North), Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi and Ambassador of Nepal to India inaugurated the Nepal pavillion at Startup Mahakumbh on 03 April 2025. 19 Nepali startups from sectors ranging from space, IT, AI climate tech, Edtech to agro-processing showcased their products at the pavillion. Embassy of India, Kathmandu had supported 10 young startup founders from Nepal to attend the 3 day event.

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CULTURAL AND PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE ENGAGEMENTS



Welcome ceremony for newly arrived students at various educational institutions in Nepal

On 05 April 2025, Embassy of India, Kathmandu held a welcome ceremony for the newly arrived Indian students at various educational institutions, including Medical Colleges in Nepal. Young women members of Indian Diaspora were also invited to the event.

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Curtain raiser Yoga session at the iconic Pashupatinath Temple Complex

In the 75-day lead-up to the 11th International Day of Yoga, Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre, Embassy of India, Kathmandu in partnership with the Pashupati Area Development Trust, organized a Yoga session at the iconic Pashupatinath Temple Complex on 07 April 2025. The event saw an inspiring turnout of yoga enthusiasts.

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Feedback session for Nepali startups that participated in Startup Mahakumbh 2025

On 29 April 2025, Embassy of India, Kathmandu organized a feedback session for Nepali startups that participated in the Startup Mahakumbh 2025 and key startup ecosystem participants in Nepal.

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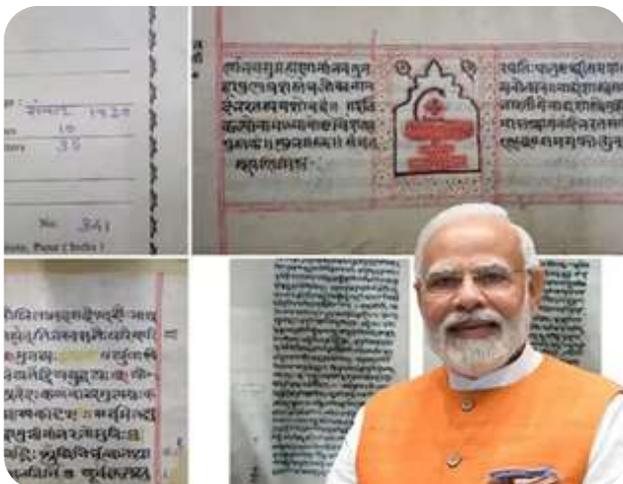
DEVELOPMENTS IN INDIA



World Audio Visual & Entertainment Summit (WAVES)(01-04 May 2025)

First WAVES Summit was hosted by Government of India in Mumbai from 01-04 May 2025. 19 senior representatives from Nepal, spanning government, media, film, social media influencers & animation industry participated in the Summit.

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Inclusion of the Gita and Natyashastra in UNESCO's Memory of the World Register

The Shrimad Bhagavad Gita & Bharat Muni's Natyashastra are now inscribed in UNESCO's Memory of the World Register. This global honour celebrates India's eternal wisdom & artistic genius. With this, India now has 14 inscriptions on UNESCO's international register.

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75th anniversary of Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR)

On 09 April 2025, ICCR celebrated 75 years of bridging cultures, fostering artistic exchange, and connecting people worldwide, with Hon'ble External Affairs Minister of India, Dr. S. Jaishankar as the esteemed chief guest.

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COMING UP

11th International Day of Yoga



The 11th International Day of Yoga 2025 will be celebrated worldwide on 21 June. The theme for International Yoga Day 2025 is 'Yoga for One Earth, One Health'.

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