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Embassy of India
Kathmandu, Nepal



Newsletter - October 2023

India in Nepal Highlights



Handing Over Ceremony of Cricket Equipment to Nepal National Cricket Team



In a program organised on 26 October 2023 by the Embassy of India, Kathmandu, Ambassador of India to Nepal Shri Naveen Srivastava handed over professional cricket equipment to Nepal Cricket Team Captain Rohit Kumar Paudel. Cricket Association of Nepal-CAN also presented to Ambassador Srivastava a signed jersey of the Nepal Cricket Team. The event was attended by Cricket Association of Nepal President Mr. Chatur B. Chand and Secretary Mr. Paras Khadka. Cricket Association of Nepal conveyed its thanks to Embassy of India, Kathmandu and highlighted that handing over marked the start of the journey of cooperation between the Embassy and the Cricket Association of Nepal.



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Inauguration and Handing Over of School and Library buildings in Humla District



Ambassador of India to Nepal, Mr. Naveen Srivastava along with local government officials jointly inaugurated two projects built with Indian financial assistance in remote locations in Humla district on 17 October 2023. The two projects, Shree Saraswati Secondary School in Sarkegad Rural Municipality and Laboratory & Library Building of the Shree Mahadev Secondary School in Chankheli Rural Municipality, built with total Indian grant of NPR 55.23 million under 'Nepal-India Development Cooperation' framework, were formally handed over in the presence of representatives from various political parties, social workers, officials of Nepal Government, representatives of the School Management, teachers, parents, students and local community.





Inauguration of School building of Shree Mahendra Rastriya Secondary School, Baluwatar



School building of Shree Mahendra Rastriya Secondary School, Baluwatar, Kathmandu, built with Government of India's financial assistance of NRs. 19.20 million under 'Nepal-India Development Cooperation' was formally handed over and inaugurated jointly by Shri Prasanna Shrivastava, Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of India, Kathmandu and Mr. Santosh Budathoki, Chief, DCC Kathmandu on 11 October 2023. The political representatives, social workers, officials of Nepal Government, representatives of the School Management, teachers, parents and students were also present on the occasion.

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Launch of Swachhata Campaign in Embassy of India



As part of Swachhata Hi Seva 2023 and 'Ek Tareekh, Ek Ghanta, Ek Saath' campaign, Ambassador Naveen Srivastava steered a cleanliness drive by members of Embassy of India, Kathmandu on 01 October 2023. Ambassador Srivastava also administered the Swachhata pledge to all officials and members of the Embassy of India community.



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Gandhi Jayanti Celebrations



Embassy of India, Kathmandu celebrated 154th Gandhi Jayanti on 02 October 2023. Ambassador Shri Naveen Srivastava paid floral tribute to Mahatma Gandhi. On this occasion, Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre of the Embassy presented hymns and musical compositions dedicated to Mahatma. Representatives of Nepal Charkha Pracharak Gandhi Tulasi Smarak Mahaguthi also joined the celebrations at the Embassy.



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Meetings of Joint Project Monitoring Committee



Joint Secretary Shri Anurag Srivstava, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India and Mr. Padma Kumar Mainali, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Urban Development, Government of Nepal co-chaired the 4th Joint Project Monitoring Committee meeting on 07 October 2023 to review the progress of post-earthquake reconstruction projects in Nepal, being undertaken with Government of India's grant assistance. The 5th Joint Project Monitoring Committee meeting on Terai Road projects undertaken in Nepal with Indian grant assistance was convened on 07 October 2023 which was co-chaired by Joint Secretary Shri Anurag Srivstava Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India and Mr. Arjun Jung Thapa, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Physical Infrastructure & Transport, Government of Nepal.



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15th Meeting of the India-Nepal Bilateral Consultative Group on Security Issues (BCGSI)



The 15th Meeting of the India-Nepal Bilateral Consultative Group on Security Issues (BCGSI) was held at Pokhara in Nepal on 05-06 October 2023. The meeting discussed furthering of defence and security cooperation between India and Nepal.

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Dashain Mahotsav Celebrations



Embassy of India, Kathmandu celebrated the festive season as Dashain Mahotsav on 14 October 2023. The event witnessed captivating cultural performances from Nepali band 'Sonagi Blues' and Bharatnatyam dance students of Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre of the Embassy. People from all walks of life in Nepal joined the Mahotsav in the colourful evening.

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Official Tour of Lt Gen C Bansi Ponnappa, PVSM, AVSM, VSM, Adjt Gen, Indian Army to Nepal



Lt Gen C Bansi Ponnappa, PVSM, AVSM, VSM, Adjt Gen, Indian Army arrived at Nepal on an official visit on 30 October 2023 underlining the unwavering military to military connect between India and Nepal. Lt Gen Ponnappa called on Lt Gen Sita Ram Khadka, ACOAS & Offg COAS, Nepal Army to discuss furtherance in India – Nepal military relations & bolstering connect between two armies. The General also called on Ambassador Naveen Srivastava at the Embassy of India, Kathmandu. He visited DSB Butwal & ECHS Type-E Polyclinic Butwal and interacted with Indian Army veterans. He emphasized on furthering reach of ECHS Nepal in service of the valorous ex-servicemen. He also consecrated a grant towards construction of ‘Gorkha Memorial’ at Butwal.





Feedback and Interaction session for ITEC alumni



Feedback and interaction session for ITEC alumni of St Stephen's Young Leaders Neighbourhood First Fellowship 2023 was organised by Embassy of India Kathmandu on 18 October 2023. The alumni shared their experiences and ideas to utilize the programme's insights in their respective professions in Nepal.

Consular Camp in Dhangadi, Kailali District for Indian citizens in Nepal



Embassy of India, Kathmandu organized a Consular Camp from 17-18 October 2023 in Dhangadi, Kailali District for Indian citizens in Nepal. Close to one thousand Indian citizens resident in Dhangadi and surrounding areas were provided consular services at the camp.





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Culmination of Meri Maati Mera Desh campaign's Amrit Kalash Yatra



"Meri Maati Mera Desh", with the tagline 'Mitti ko naman, veeron ka vandan', is a nationwide and people led "Jan bhagidari" initiative to commemorate 75 years of India's independence. It is the finale of Azaadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav program. 'Meri Maati Mera Desh' celebrates the many achievements of the nation. The Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi participated in the programme marking the culmination of Meri Maati Mera Desh campaign's Amrit Kalash Yatra at Kartavya Path in New Delhi on 31 October 2023. The programme also marks the closing ceremony of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.



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Visit of External Affairs Minister to Vietnam & Singapore (October 15-20, 2023)



External Affairs Minister of India, Dr. S. Jaishankar paid an official visit to Vietnam and Singapore from 15-20 October, 2023. Dr. S. Jaishankar paid official visit to Vietnam from 15-18 October 2023 at the invitation of H.E. Mr. Bui Thanh Son, Foreign Minister of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam. EAM called on H.E. Mr. Pham Minh Chinh, Prime Minister of Vietnam. EAM called on H.E. Mr. Tharman Shanmugaratnam, President of Singapore and congratulated him on his recent election victory. EAM also paid a call on H.E. Mr. Lawrence Wong, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance.

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Historic achievement for India at the Hangzhou Asian Games



With an unprecedented haul of 107 medals (28 gold, 38 silvers and 41 bronze), India set a new benchmark at the 19th Asian Games 2023 in Hangzhou, the People's Republic of China.

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Kozhikode & Gwalior included in UNESCO List of Creative Cities Network



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**India's both the nominations have been included
in the **UNESCO's Creative Cities Network**
Gwalior for Music & Kozhikode for Literature**



Kozhikode



Gwalior

Kozhikode, Kerala was named the 'City of Literature' by the UNESCO Creative Cities Network making it the first such city in India. Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh, was declared the "City of Music" by UNESCO. This is a fitting honor for the city that produced the legendary musician Tansen and where the Scindia Gharana has preserved and propagated music for centuries.

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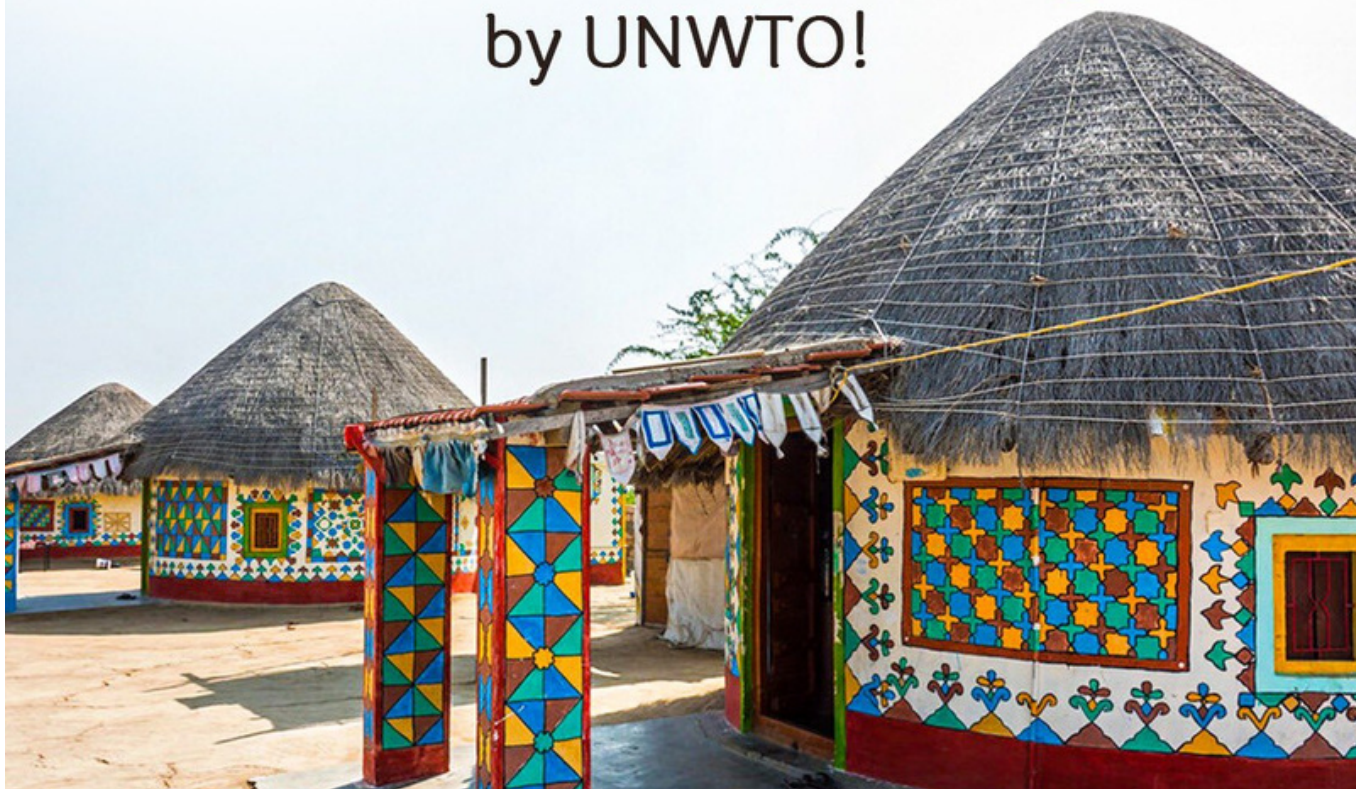
Dhordo village in Gujarat Awarded as Best Tourism Village

मेरी सरकार

Dhordo, Kutch

Where Culture Meets Conservation

Awarded as
Best Tourism Village
by UNWTO!



Dhordo in Gujarat has been honoured as the "Best Tourism Village" by the United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO). This accolade reflects the village's exemplary contribution to sustainable and responsible tourism.

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