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Embassy of India
Kathmandu, Nepal

Newsletter – December 2023

India in Nepal Highlights

Projects Portfolio Performance Review Meeting



Embassy of India, Kathmandu and Ministry of Finance, Government of Nepal (GoN) held Projects Portfolio Performance Review Meeting on 01 December 2023. The Indian side was led by Ambassador of India to Nepal, H.E. Shri Naveen Srivastava and Nepali side was led by Finance Minister of Nepal, H.E. Dr. Prakash Sharan Mahat. During the meeting, Ambassador Srivastava highlighted India's robust development cooperation with Nepal and reiterated Government of India's (GoI) commitment and support towards working with GoN in the future towards development cooperation. Finance Minister Dr. Mahat appreciated the GoI's development support and expressed GoN's commitment to further enhance this cooperation in other potential sectors as well.



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India- Nepal Cultural Festival at Lumbini & Chitwan



The Embassy of India in Nepal, in collaboration with Lumbini Development Trust and Lumbini Buddhist University organized the inaugural edition of India-Nepal Cultural Festival in Lumbini on 08 December 2023. The artists from India and Nepal performed Cham Dance, Bharatnatyam, and Tharu Dance. Sukarma Band of Nepal performed a Sitar recital. A large number of audience including school children as well as tourists and pilgrims enjoyed the cultural ensemble. A Street Food Festival at Lumbini World Peace and Harmony Visitor Center was also organized as part of the Festival. A cultural evening was also organised at Narayani Kala Mandir, Bharatpur, Chitwan on 09 December 2023 featuring performances by artists from both the countries.

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Laying of foundation stone to build High Impact Community Development Projects in Udayapur District



Dr. Narayan Khadka, Hon'ble MP and Former Minister, Government of Nepal and Shri Prasanna Shrivastava, Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of India, Kathmandu laid the foundation stone for the construction of school building of Shree Janata Belaka Secondary School, Belaka Municipality, Udayapur District on 13 December 2023.

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Laying of Foundation Stone for the construction of Maalagiri Shanti Yogashram in Ramechhap Municipality



Shri Purna Bahadur Tamang, Hon'ble MP, Ramechhap; Shri Labashree Neupane, Mayor, Ramechhap Municipality and Shri Prashant Kumar Sona, Second Secretary, Embassy of India laid the foundation stone on 20 December 2023 for the construction of Maalagiri Shanti Yogashram in Ramechhap Municipality. The Yogashram is being built with Government of India's financial assistance under 'India-Nepal Development Cooperation'.

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India-Nepal Joint Military Exercise “SURYA KIRAN”



India-Nepal Joint Military Exercise “SURYA KIRAN-XVII” was held on 07 December 2023, during which various battle drills in Counter Insurgency and Counter Terrorism operations were implemented with precision in a simulated exercise setting with the use of the latest tech simulators. The joint exercise has been successful in enhancing interoperability and understanding between both the Armies.



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Visit of Young Leaders' Delegation from Nepal to India



A delegation led by Shri Chandan Singh , Hon. Minister of Labour and Transport, Madhesh Province, Nepal visited India from 10-20 December 2023 to learn about the Automatic Driving Licence Examination System in Delhi. The delegation visited Electrical Vehicle depot in Delhi, VIF India, NITI Aayog, Naptha-Jhakri Hydropower Project site of SJVN Ltd. During the Mumbai-leg of the visit, the Young Leaders' Delegation interacted with officials of BMC Mumbai, visited National Stock Exchange, Mumbai Metro, ATLAS SkillTech University and National Commodity and Derivatives Exchange Limited. The Nepali delegates also interacted with members of IMC Chamber of Commerce and Industry (IMC India) and Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI).



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Visit of 26 member delegation of Society of Economic Journalists Nepal (SEJON) to India



A 26 member delegation of Society of Economic Journalists Nepal (SEJON) visited Delhi to undergo training at Indian Institute of Mass Communication (IIMC) in New Delhi. A Training Course on Emerging Technologies & Trends was organized for the delegation from 4-15 December 2023.



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Mushaira 'Jashn-e-Ghalib' as part of India-Nepal Literature Festival



As a part of 'India-Nepal Literature Festival', Mushaira 'Jashn-e-Ghalib' was jointly organized by Embassy of India, Kathmandu, Nepal Academy and Urdu Academy on 27 December 2023 to mark the 226th Birth anniversary of Mirza Ghalib. Mr. Bhupal Rai, Chancellor, Nepal Academy graced the occasion as Chief Guest. Mr. Imtiaz Wafa, President of Urdu Academy, Nepal was the Guest of Honour and his compilation of Urdu Ghazals 'Ramz-e-Wafa' was also released during the program. Eminent poets recited their poems and Ghazals in Urdu, Nepali and Hindi languages.



Participation in 25th Pokhara Street Festival



Students and artists of Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre (SVCC), Embassy of India, Kathmandu performed folk dance and Vocal music on the inaugural evening of 25th Pokhara Street Festival on 28 December 2023. The enthralling performance by the students and artists of SVCC was witnessed by hundreds of audience. The street festival which is one of the biggest tourism events in Nepal is organized on a three-kilometer area in Lakeside with an objective of promoting Pokhara as the English New Year holiday destination for domestic and foreign tourists.



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Seminar on Digital Public Infrastructure: Innovating towards India-Nepal digital bridges



Embassy of India, Kathmandu organized a seminar on Digital Public Infrastructure: Innovating together towards India-Nepal digital bridges on 12 December 2023 to explore the transformative potential of Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) for driving innovation in the digital economy with a special emphasis on India-Nepal digital connectivity. The seminar was organized in association with UNDP Nepal and Institute for Integrated Development Studies (IIDS) with the support of Nepal Rastra Bank (NRB). Ms. Rekha Sharma, Hon'ble Minister for Communication and Information Technology, Government of Nepal was the Chief Guest at the event. The Confederation of Nepalese Industries (CNI) partnered with the Embassy and represented industry at the event.

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Startup Fest 2023 in collaboration with IITM Pravartak Technologies



The Confederation of Nepalese Industries Young Entrepreneurs Forum (CNIYEF) organised a Startup Fest on 23 December 2023 aimed to foster innovation, investment and policy discussions to boost Nepal's startup ecosystem. CNIYEF organised the Startup Fest 2023 in collaboration with IITM Pravartak Technologies Foundation. Deputy Chief of Mission Mr. Prasanna Shrivastava represented Embassy of India, Kathmandu at the event and spoke on potential for collaboration between startups of India and Nepal leveraging the DPI approach.



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Interaction session with Officials of Armed Police Force, Nepal



Embassy of India, Kathmandu hosted the second group of officials of Armed Police Force who will be trained by the National Security Guard (NSG), commonly known as Black Cats a counter-terrorism unit of India under the Ministry of Home Affairs. This training programme will be under the Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation Programme (ITEC) which is the leading capacity building platform of the Ministry Of External Affairs, Government of India. The interactive session was held in the Embassy on 08 December 2023.



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Interactive session with ITEC Alumni 2023



Alumni of the Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation Programme (ITEC) 2023 of Nepal from prominent Indian institutions such as MANAGE, National Institute of Plant Health Management, Central Institute of Fisheries etc visited Embassy of India, Kathmandu for an experience sharing session on 26 December 2023. The Alumni shared their insights gained in India on startup ecosystem, cooperative movement in business, enhancing production cycle, waste management etc. in fields of agriculture, aquaculture and allied sectors.



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Consular Camp in Bhairahawa



Embassy of India, Kathmandu organized a two day Consular Camp on 02 and 03 December 2023 in Bhairhawa for the registration of Indian citizens in Nepal. A large number of Indian citizens resident in Bhairahawa and surrounding areas were provided consular services at the camp.



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Prime Minister's participation at the High level segment of the 'World Climate Action Summit' of COP-28



Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi participated in the COP-28 Presidency's Session on "Transforming Climate Finance" on 01 December 2023 in Dubai, UAE. The event focussed on making climate finance more available, accessible, and affordable to developing countries.

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Visit of External Affairs Minister to Russia (December 25- 29, 2023)



External Affairs Minister, Dr. S. Jaishankar visited Russia on 25-29 December 2023. In Moscow, External Affairs Minister called on President H. E. Vladimir Putin and held discussions with Deputy Prime Minister and the Minister of Industry and Trade, H.E. Denis Manturov, as well as the Minister of Foreign Affairs, H.E. Sergey Lavrov. EAM had comprehensive exchange of views on bilateral cooperation in trade and economic, energy, defence, connectivity, cultural and people to people exchanges, and cooperation between regions of the two countries. He also shared perspectives on global and regional developments including multilateral cooperation.

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Largest tabla ensemble Guinness record set at Gwalior Tansen festival



Around 1,300 musicians performed on tabla in tandem to enter the Guinness World Record for the “largest Tabla ensemble” during the International Tansen Mahotsav in Gwalior on an eventful day on 25 December 2023. The feat comes just a month after Gwalior was designated as the Creative City of Music in the UNESCO Creative Cities Network (UCCN) in November. On the historic occasion, Chief Minister Dr Mohan Yadav received the certificate from the Guinness World Records organization.

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Did you visit?

Rani Ki Vav in Gujarat, India



Rani Ki Vav is an intricately constructed stepwell situated in the town of Patan in Gujarat, India. It is located on the banks of Saraswati River. Rani ki Vav was built as a memorial to an 11th-century AD King Bhimdev - I . It was added to the list of UNESCO's World Heritage Sites in June 2014. Rani ki Vav is a single-component, water management system divided into seven levels of stairs and sculptural panels of high artistic and aesthetic quality.

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