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Embassy of India  
Kathmandu, Nepal

# Newsletter – February 2024

## India in Nepal Highlights



### Official Visit of Nepali Parliamentary Delegation to India



A Nepali parliamentary delegation comprising members from the Parliamentary Committee on International Relations and Tourism, led by Chairman Shri Raj Kishor Yadav, visited India from 30 Jan - 6 Feb 2024. During the Delhi leg of the visit, the delegation called on Lok Sabha Speaker Shri Om Birla, Hon'ble External Affairs Minister, Dr. S. Jaishankar, Minister of State for External Affairs Shri V. Muraleedharan and Minister of State for Tourism, Shri Shripad Y. Nayak. The delegation visited . The delegation visit Aguada Fort in Goa and called on Tourism Minister Shri Rohan Khaunte. The delegation also visited renowned Wankhade Cricket Stadium in Mumbai. During the UP leg of the visit, the delegation called on Chief Minister Shri Yogi Adityanath, Hon'ble Governor and Hon'ble Speaker of UP Legislative Assembly.





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## Inauguration of School Building of Shree Naharpur Secondary School, Rupandehi



Ambassador of India to Nepal, Shri Naveen Srivastava & Former Deputy PM & Finance Minister of Nepal, Shri Bishnu Prasad Paudel jointly inaugurated school building of Shree Naharpur Secondary School, Rupandehi, built under High Impact Community Development Projects (HICDP) Program on 25 February 2024. The school caters to more than 1350 students, with over 60% girl students. Ambassador Srivastava, along with District Coordination Committee Chief Umakant Chapae & Tilottama Municipality Mayor Ramkrishna Khand also inaugurated Campus building of Shree Rammani Multiple Campus, Rupandehi, built as part of HICDP. These projects under HICDP highlight India's commitment to strengthen Nepal's education sector.

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## Inauguration of School Buildings of Shree Bhadrakali Secondary School, Pokhara



School buildings of Shree Bhadrakali Secondary School, Pokhara built with Government of India's financial assistance of NR 20.94 million under India-Nepal Development Cooperation were formally inaugurated on 14 February 2024 by Pokhara Metropolitan City Mayor Mr Dhana Raj Acharya and Deputy Chief of Mission Mr Prasanna Shrivastava. The inauguration coincided with the auspicious occasion of the 72nd anniversary of the School.

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## MoUs for three projects to be implemented under GoI Grant Assistance in Nepal



Embassy of India, Kathmandu and Nepal's Ministry of Federal Affairs and General Administration signed MoUs on 01 February 2024 for providing Government of India's grant assistance for undertaking 3 projects in Nepal, one each in Education, Health and Culture Sector, in the districts of Pyuthan, Terhathum and Kathmandu, with estimated cost of NRs 122.52 million.

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## 9th Nepal Buildcon International Expo



Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) led an Indian business delegation of 98 exporters to the 9th Nepal Buildcon International Expo organized in Kathmandu from 1-4 February 2024. The Indian pavilion was inaugurated by Hon'ble Finance Minister of Nepal Dr Prakash Sharan Mahat. Deputy Chief of Mission Mr Prasanna Shrivastava visited the exhibition and interacted with exporters from India.

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## Celebration of Indian Army Day



Embassy of India, Kathmandu celebrated the 76th Indian Army Day on 06 February 2024. Chief of Army Staff, Nepali Army and Honorary General of Indian Army, General Prabhu Ram Sharma paid tribute to the professionalism of the Indian Army. Ambassador of India to Nepal, Shri Naveen Srivastava recalled the invaluable contributions of the brave Gorkha soldiers, and noted that they are a strong link in the unwavering kinship between both the armies and countries.

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## Multi Lingual Poetry Recitation Programme



Embassy of India, Kathmandu organized a Multi Lingual Poetry Recitation Programme for the youth of Nepal on 27 February 2024 at the 'Nepal-Bharat Library'. The purpose of the program was to give an opportunity and platform for talented young poets and poetesses to recite self-composed poetry in their mother tongue. The promising youngsters recited excellent poems in Nepali, Hindi Sanskrit, Urdu, Awadhi, Newari, Maithili, Bhojpuri, Tharu and Kevarat and enthralled the audience.



## Musical Evening ‘Kala Samvad- A Melody of Esraj’



As a part of ‘Kala Samvad’ monthly series, Swamy Vivekananda Cultural Centre, Embassy of India, Kathmandu presented Esraj recitals by renowned Nepali instrumentalist Shri Santosh Bhakta Shrestha at the Nepal-Bharat Library on 27 February 2024. Mr Shrestha was accompanied by Pandit Samir Dey on Tabla and other artists. The musical event was well attended by a house full audience. Esraj is an Indian stringed instrument found in two forms throughout the Indian subcontinent. The Esraj is a modern variant of the dilruba, differing slightly in structure.





## Workshop on Vedic Mathematics



A five day workshop on Vedic Mathematics was organised by Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre from 19 - 23 February 2024 at the Embassy of India. The workshop was conducted by renowned mathematician Prof. Jayant Acharya and witnessed enthusiastic participation of Mathematics teachers from different schools across Kathmandu. Deputy Chief of Mission Shri Prasanna Shrivastava graced the closing ceremony of the workshop which was attended by math teachers from 18 different schools.





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# Did you miss out!

## Visit of Foreign Secretary of Nepal, Ms. Sewa Lamsal to India (27 February-01 March 2024)



Foreign Secretary of Nepal, Ms. Sewa Lamsal was on a visit to India to participate in the 8th Asia Economic Dialogue 2024, jointly convened by the Ministry of External Affairs and Pune International Centre on 29 February in Pune. This was the first visit of Foreign Secretary Lamsal to India since she assumed charge. During the meeting with Foreign Secretary of India, Shri Vinay Mohan Kwatra, the two Foreign Secretaries held discussions on the entire range of multifaceted cooperation between India and Nepal and also followed up on the 7th India-Nepal Joint Commission Meeting which was co-chaired by the External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar and the Foreign Minister of Nepal H.E. Mr. N. P. Saud in Kathmandu last month. The visit is in keeping with the tradition of regular high-level exchanges between the two countries and the priority India attaches to its relations with Nepal under its 'Neighbourhood First' policy, and will provide an opportunity to further advance bilateral ties.

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## Raisina Dialogue 2024



The 9th edition of the Raisina Dialogue was held from 21-23 February, 2024. The Raisina Dialogue is India's flagship conference on geopolitics and geo-economics, committed to addressing the most challenging issues facing the international community. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated the Dialogue on 21 February 2024. Foreign Minister of Nepal Mr NP Saud attended the opening ceremony of Raisina Dialogue in New Delhi. Mr. Saud addressed the forum on 23 February 2024 under the theme "Development Deficit: Towards a Post 2023 Agenda".

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## Prime Minister's visit to the United Arab Emirates (February 13-14, 2024)



Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi was on an official visit to the United Arab Emirates (UAE) from 13-14 February 2024. During the visit, Prime Minister held bilateral meetings with His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, the President of the UAE. PM Modi also inaugurated the BAPS Mandir, the first Hindu temple in Abu Dhabi.

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## Poetry in motion: Guinness World Record by Kathak Dancers



On 20 February 2024, a Guinness World Record was created when 1484 Kathak exponents danced on the rhythm of Raga Basant at the Khajuraho dance festival. The event was organised in Khajuraho, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The rhythm of the ancient musical instruments and the chimes of the ghungroos of the dancers made the historic achievement of the 50th Khajuraho Dance Festival memorable.

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# Did you visit!

## Sudarshan Setu : India's Longest Cable Stayed Bridge



The stunning bridge spanning 2.32 kilometers is India's longest cable-stayed bridge. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated the Sudarshan Setu in Gujarat on 25 February 2024. The breathtaking bridge will provide seamless connectivity to pilgrims travelling to Beyt Dwarka. Beyt Dwarka, located near the Okha port, lies approximately 30 km from Dwarka town and is home to the renowned Dwarkadhish temple of Lord Krishna.

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