

CG's Message

On behalf of the Consulate General of India in Nepal, I extend warm greetings and best wishes to Indian community on the auspicious occasion of 77th Independence Day of India. The Consulate organized various events under aegis of 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav' in the past two and half years. The Mahotsav which started on 12 March 2021 is culminating with "Meri Maati Mera Desh" which began on 09th August 2023 and will conclude on 30th August 2023. The country is entering into "Amrit Kaal" for the next 25 years. Consulate General of India urges the community to join us in the celebration of the upcoming events during the 'Amrit Kaal'.

To commemorate Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav notable events were organized by the Consulate viz., Cycle Rally, Blood Donation Camp, Cricket Match, Walkathon/ Marathon, International Women's Day, Badminton Tournament, Constitution Day, Ayurveda Day, Hindi Diwas, talk shows, interaction programs, workshops, webinars, International Yoga Day at Chitwan, Birgunj and Janakpur, Indian Cultural evenings at Birgunj and Janakpur, Quiz Competitions, Essay Competitions, Photography Competitions, Poetry Competitions, Sketch Competitions. The Consulate also observed important days viz: Martyr's Day (January 30), World Epilepsy Day (Feb 13), International Women's Day (March 08), World Tuberculosis Day (March 24), World Brain Tumor Day (June 08), International Day of Yoga (June 21), etc. under the AKAM. The Consulate also organized a special week on Mission LiFE (July 20-27, 2023) to create awareness on Healthy LifeStyle, Reduction of e-Waste, Reduction of Single Use Plastic, Sustainable Food System, Reduction of Waste, Saving of Energy & Water. With an objective to felicitate the veteran Ex- Servicemen of Nepal of the age 75 & above who had served Indian Army, Assam Rifles and Central Armed Police Forces of India, the Consulate organized "Varistha Yoddha Samman" ceremony at Bharatpur, Chitwan on August 05, 2023.

India has launched a Global Pravasi Rishta Portal (<https://pravasirishta.gov.in/home>) with an objective to establish a network between the Indian diaspora and the Indian Missions/Posts abroad. The Portal would provide latest information on the existing and new government schemes launched for the benefits of the diaspora and for collecting opinion of the diaspora on important policy issues. All members of Indian diaspora are encouraged to register on the portal.

The Consulate organizes monthly open houses on consular services to redress the grievances of Indian citizens staying in its jurisdiction. Eighteen such open houses have been conducted so far. All Indians living in Parsa, Bara, Rautahat, Sarlahi, Mahottari and Dhanusha districts of Madhesh Pradesh and Makwanpur and Chitwan districts of Bagmati Pradesh are encouraged to register themselves with the Consulate General of India in Birgunj

The Consulate General of India is committed to support people of Nepal in the field of education, health, development of physical infrastructure, scholarships to students, provide ambulances/buses to credible organizations, besides constructing river embankments, Integrated Check Posts, Railway Links and act as a catalyst in bilateral trade between the two countries.

During the visit of Ambassador Shri Naveen Srivastava to Madhesh Pradesh on 02-04 February 2023, he interacted with the Governor, Chief Minister and other prominent political leaders of Madhesh Pradesh. He also interacted with other stakeholders and members of civil society. On 03 February 2023, he inaugurated three school buildings and two hospital buildings built with financial assistance from the Government of India in Siraha and Saptari districts. The inaugurated schools were, viz., (i) Shree Ram Janaki Secondary School, Chhajana, Sukhipur Municipality; (ii) Shree Narendra Memorial Public Secondary School, Rajbiraj Municipality; (iii) Shree Janata Rameshwar Memorial Secondary School, Dakneshwari Municipality and the inaugurated hospitals were (i) Shree Mahendra Genai Memorial Maternity & Child Welfare Hospital, Dhangadhimai Municipality; (ii) Gajendra Narayan Singh Sagarmatha Zonal Hospital, Rajbiraj Municipality. I inaugurated the school building of Shree Ramsakhi Mohit Singh Janta Secondary School in Balara Municipality of Sarlahi on 02 February 2023.

I along with Smt. Chanda Chaudhary, Hon'ble Member of House of Representatives and President of Nepal-India Women Friendship Society handed over 500 sets of LPG gas stoves and cylinders and other accessories to beneficiaries in Kaudena Rural Municipality of Sarlahi District on 19 April 2023 during the first phase of distribution. During the second phase, 275 LPG gas stoves, cylinders and other accessories were distributed to underprivileged families in Tirhut Rural Municipality of Saptari district on 03 June 2023. A total of 3000 sets of LPG stoves and 14.2 Kg cylinder and other accessories will be distributed by the Government of India in Saptari, Sarlahi and Rautahat districts in association with Nepal-India Women Friendship Society.

The operation of Bijalpur-Kurtha section of Rail line connecting Bijalpura to Jaynagar in India began on 16 July 2023 in a ceremony attended by Shri Prakash Jwala, Hon'ble Minister of Physical Infrastructure and Transport of Nepal and Shri Prasanna Shrivastava, Deputy Chief of Indian Embassy in Kathmandu. Kurth-Bijalpura line covers a total of 17.3 Kms. This is the second phase of 68.7 Kms Jaynagar-Bijalpura-Bardibas cross-border rail line. The first phase from Jyanagar to Kurtha was inaugurated in April 2022.

A total of 34 Ambulances and 50 buses were distributed by Shri Naveen Srivastava, Indian Ambassador to Nepal on 17 July 2023. Out of 34 Ambulances, 07 ambulances were given to beneficiaries of five districts of Madhesh Pradesh, viz. Siraha (02 ambulances); Dhanusha (02 ambulances); Mahottari (01 ambulance); Rautahat (01 ambulance) and Bara (01 ambulance). Out of 50 buses, 06 buses were given to beneficiaries of four districts of Madhesh Pradesh, viz. Saptari (01 bus); Dhanusha (02 buses); Sarlahi (02 buses) and Rautahat (01 bus). A bus and an ambulance each were distributed to beneficiaries of Chitwan.

The Consulate has been facilitating and participating in Border Coordination Meetings between district administrations of Nepal and India on issues of topical interests. The recent meetings were held at Birgunj, Raxaul & Madhubani for coordination among District Administration of bordering districts of both the countries. Last Border Coordination Meeting between district officials of Madhubani in India and Saptari, Siraha, Dhanusha and Mahottari of Nepal was held at Madhubani on August 05, 2023.

The Consulate facilitates smooth movement of vehicles across the border. It also mediates in case of trade disputes. The Consulate issues vehicle permits to various private and transport vehicles for their short term and long-term visits to India.

On 1 December 2022, India assumed the Presidency of the Group of 20 (G-20). The G-20 represents 19 major economies and the European Union, comprising 85% of global GDP, over 75% of global trade, and about two-thirds of the global population. The theme of India's G-20 Presidency is "One Earth, One Family, One Future", also encapsulated in Sanskrit by the phrase *Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam*. India's holistic interdependent approach to global issues emphasizes effective and equitable global cooperation. By the time the G-20 Summit is held in India on 9-10 September 2023, about 200 meetings of the G-20 would have been hosted in over 50 cities in India to carry forward the G-20 work plan across 32 different work streams. This provides a large canvas for global cooperation.

India's six declared priorities as the G-20 President are: climate change including climate action; inclusive and resilient growth; acceleration of progress on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs); technological transformation and digital public infrastructure; women-led development; and reformed multilateralism.

India has already outlined a vision of shaping a new paradigm of human-centric globalisation. According to Prime Minister Modi, this is to be achieved by encouraging sustainable and environment-friendly lifestyles, depoliticizing the global supply of food, fertilizers, and medical products to avoid humanitarian crises, and encouraging an honest conversation on mitigating risks posed by weapons of mass destruction which will contribute to global security. But most importantly, according to External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, India is emphasising the role of technology in deciding India's geopolitical positioning as it would play a key role in striking technological and strategic alliances in a multipolar world.

The visit of Prime Minister of Nepal The Right Hon'ble Mr. Pushpa Kamal Dahal Prachanda to India from 31 May to 03 June 2023 continued the tradition of high level visit and exchanges between the two countries, strengthening the age old ties between the two countries. The Government of India is happy to be associated with the projects which compliment efforts of Government of Nepal in augmenting infrastructure in Nepal. India attaches foremost importance to its relationship with Nepal as part of its "Neighborhood First" policy and will continue to support the people of Nepal through various initiatives.

Jai Hind!
