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Bilateral Exchanges

Call on the Minister for Power, Energy and Mineral Resources

On 1 April, Ambassador Mr. Ghanshyam Bhandari called on the Minister for Power, Energy, and Mineral Resources H.E. Mr. Iqbal Hasan Mahmood, and the State Minister H.E. Mr. Aninda Islam. Power Secretary Ms. Farzana Mamtaz was also present at the meeting.



(Ambassador Mr. Bhandari with the Minister and the State Minister for Power, Energy and Mineral Resources)

Recalling his stint as the Minister two decades ago, the Minister emphasized that he looks forward to advancing the unfinished task of enhancing regional energy partnership. He further highlighted Nepal's vast hydropower potential and underscored that energy connectivity can serve as a unifying force for all countries in the region.

In response, the Ambassador referred to the trilateral cooperation signed in October 2024 in Kathmandu under which 40 MW of hydroelectricity from Nepal is being exported to Bangladesh through the Indian grid and noted the regular power flow from Nepal to Bangladesh from mid-June to mid-November each year. He also recalled the decision to further advance energy partnership taken during the 7th Energy Secretary-level Joint Steering Committee (JSC) meeting held in Dhaka in November 2025. The State Minister welcomed the decision and underscored the need

for both parties to engage constructively with the relevant stakeholders for the materialization of the decision reached at the JSC meeting.

Call on the Finance Minister

On 22 April, Ambassador Mr. Bhandari called on the Minister for Finance and Planning H.E. Mr. Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury. During the meeting, they exchanged views on enhancing Nepal–Bangladesh cooperation, particularly in the areas of trade, investment, energy, and connectivity. The discussions placed special emphasis on practical measures to further strengthen bilateral trade and energy partnership between the two countries, including addressing existing barriers to trade.



(Ambassador with the Minister for Finance)

The Ambassador underscored the smooth political transition in both countries, with the formation of new governments with strong mandates and emphasized the need to work closely to further strengthen economic partnership.

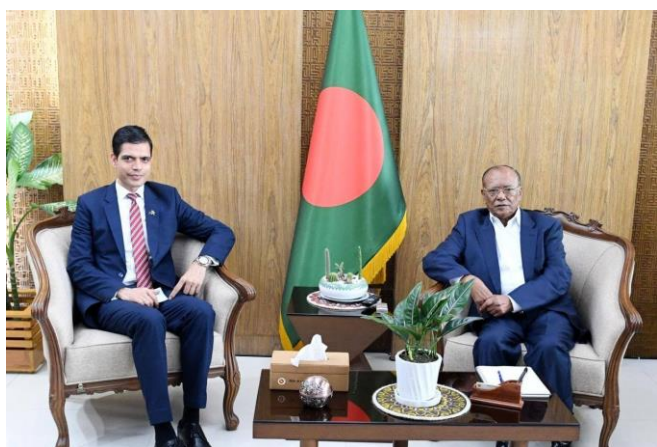
Referring to the five types of other duties and charges imposed on Nepali products, the Ambassador requested the Minister to consider their reduction or elimination to enable Nepali products to access the Bangladeshi market on a more competitive basis.

The Minister stated that the BNP-led government has prioritized neighbourhood relations and it was time Nepal and Bangladesh seized this opportunity

to further enhance cooperation in trade and energy, as well as to promote connectivity at the sub-regional level. He also expressed his willingness to take up the pending matters with priority in order to provide fresh momentum to Nepal-Bangladesh economic cooperation.

Call on the Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change

Ambassador Mr. Bhandari called on the Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change of Bangladesh H.E. Mr. Abdul Awal Mintoo on 01 April. They highlighted the longstanding relationship between Nepal and Bangladesh and deliberated on the ongoing and potential collaboration between the two countries in the fields of environment, forest, and climate change.



(Ambassador Mr. Bhandari with the Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change H.E. Mr. Mintoo)

The Minister shared ‘his long and continued relationship with Nepal’ and expressed his commitment to do his part to strengthen cooperation between the two countries. He acknowledged that strong goodwill is yet to be fully translated into trade relations and underscored that both countries need to work more closely to enhance economic engagement. He welcomed the proposals from the Nepali side for enhanced cooperation in the area of environment and climate change and expressed his willingness to engage further, including through discussions at the highest

political level.



(Ambassador Mr. Bhandari during the meeting with the Minister)

Secretary for the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change of Bangladesh H.E. Mr. Mohammed Rayhan Kaosar, also present during the meeting, highlighted that as climate-vulnerable countries, Nepal and Bangladesh have been collaborating on disaster risk reduction and environmental protection. He acknowledged the active engagement of both countries in various climate-related forums and noted that they share common concerns in global climate discussions.

The Ambassador also outlined key environmental initiatives undertaken by Nepal, including community forests, early warning systems, and notable achievements in tiger conservation. He emphasized the potential for both countries to benefit from sharing experiences and best practices in these areas. He also highlighted the role of the Climate Parliamentarians Forum in South Asia, recalling the successful regional conference held in Dhaka and the Forum’s active engagement. He reiterated his readiness to work to further deepen bilateral and regional collaboration.

Call on the Minister for Commerce and Industries

Ambassador Mr. Ghanshyam Bhandari called on the Minister for Commerce, Industries, and Textiles and Jute H.E. Mr. Khandaker Abdul Muktadir on 22 April.



(Ambassador with the Minister for Commerce, Industries, and Textiles and Jute)

While highlighting the exemplary relations between the two countries, the Ambassador underscored that the overall bilateral trade volume remains at a modest level. Referring to the ongoing PTA negotiations between Nepal and Bangladesh, he recalled the proposal of the Nepali side to hold the next TNC meeting in Nepal in August 2026 to discuss the product list and rules of origin.

The Minister stated that Bangladesh values its economic relations with Nepal and would like to conclude the PTA at the earliest. He also underlined the need to work together in regional and multilateral forums. Referring to the deteriorating fiscal health of LDCs like Nepal and Bangladesh, he reiterated the importance of extension of preparatory period for LDC graduation by three years.

Call on the Minister for Education

On 8 April, Ambassador Mr. Bhandari called on the Minister for Education of Bangladesh H.E. Dr. A N M Ehsanul Hoque Milon.

During the meeting, they exchanged views on the recent political developments in both Nepal and Bangladesh, noting the similarities and differences in the political processes, including the electoral outcomes in the two countries.

They discussed the growing bilateral cooperation between Nepal and Bangladesh, emphasizing the

close ties at both political and people-to-people levels, particularly in the field of education. The Minister expressed hope that the formation of new governments in both countries and their proactive engagements in the neighbourhood would further enhance cooperation and bring renewed momentum to bilateral relations.



(Ambassador with the Minister for Education)

The Ambassador also shared views on further deepening cooperation between the Ministries of Education of the two countries. He highlighted the significant role played by Nepali students in strengthening people-to-people ties between the two countries. He informed that there are approximately 2,500 Nepali students in Bangladesh, making them the second-largest group of foreign students in the country. The Minister acknowledged the contributions made by Nepali students and pledged to extend all possible support to them in the future.

Call on the Minister for Cultural Affairs

Ambassador Mr. Bhandari called on the Minister for Cultural Affairs of Bangladesh H.E. Mr. Nitai Roy Chowdhury on 03 May. Secretary, Ministry of Cultural Affairs Ms. Kaniz Moula was also present in the meeting. During the meeting, they exchanged views on strengthening cultural cooperation between Nepal and Bangladesh, including through collaboration and exchanges in areas of art, literature, and culture.



(Ambassador with the Minister for Cultural Affairs)

Minister Chowdhury underscored the excellent state of bilateral relations between the two countries, characterized by mutual respect, understanding, and immense goodwill at both the political and people-to-people levels. He also emphasized the role of student exchanges to further strengthen the cultural cooperation between the two countries.



(Ambassador Mr. Bhandari and DCM Ms. Lalita Silwal with the Minister and Ministry officials)

Emphasizing the close cultural, historic, and civilizational linkages between the two societies that predate the emergence of independent Bangladesh, the Ambassador reflected on the shared cultural and linguistic heritage between the two countries. He also referred to around 2500 students pursuing their higher studies in Bangladesh, mostly in the medical field, and highlighted their role as ‘cultural ambassadors’ in

further promoting cultural bonds between the two countries.

Culture Secretary Ms. Moula referred to the Cultural Agreement signed between the two countries in January 1978 and stressed the importance of developing a regular calendar of cultural exchange activities between the two sides to further enhance and sustain cultural cooperation.

Participation in Buddha Purnima Celebrations

Ambassador Mr. Bhandari attended the reception hosted by Hon. President of Bangladesh H.E. Mohammed Shahabuddin on the occasion of Buddha Purnima on 01 May 2026. On the occasion, the Ambassador exchanged greetings with the President and conveyed to him the greetings and best wishes from Rt. Hon. President of Nepal.

The event was attended by Buddhist religious leaders, representatives of Buddhist communities, government officials and ambassadors of various countries.

Meeting with MOFA Secretary

On 1 April, Ambassador Mr. Bhandari had a meeting with the Secretary of International Organizations and Consular Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bangladesh H.E. Mr. M. Forhadul Islam. During the meeting, they discussed a range of issues concerning Nepali students studying in Bangladesh.

Ambassador Mr. Bhandari brought up various issues facing Nepali students pursuing post-graduate courses at Bangladesh Medical University (BMU) as well as those studying MBBS, BDS and other courses in Bangladesh. The Secretary stated that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs would take the issues with the relevant authorities and try to resolve them.

Participation in Eid Celebrations

On 28 May, Ambassador Mr. Ghanshyam Bhandari attended a reception hosted by the Hon. President of Bangladesh to exchange Eid greetings on the occasion of Eid-ul-Adha 2026. The reception was attended by political leaders, senior government officials, high-level dignitaries of Bangladesh, and heads of diplomatic missions based in Dhaka.



(Ambassador Mr. Bhandari and DCM Ms. Silwal with the President of the People's Republic of Bangladesh)

On the occasion, Ambassador Bhandari had the opportunity to greet the President of Bangladesh and convey Eid greetings on behalf of the Rt. Hon. President of Nepal.

Meeting with the Chairman and the MD and CEO of Biman Bangladesh Airlines

On 3 June, Ambassador Mr. Bhandari had a meeting with the Chairman of Biman Bangladesh Airlines Ltd. Mr. Rume Hossain and the Managing Director and CEO Mr. Kaizer Sohail Ahmed. Ambassador Mr. Bhandari congratulated Mr. Hossain on his appointment as the Chairman of Biman Bangladesh Airlines.

During the meeting, they discussed ways to enhance air connectivity between the two countries, including the possibility of expanding Biman's

flights to new international airports of Nepal in Pokhara and Bhairahawa.



(Ambassador with the Chairman and the MD and CEO of Biman Bangladesh Airlines)

They also exchanged views on making Biman Bangladesh airfares on the Dhaka–Kathmandu route more affordable for travelers. Mr. Hossain assured that he would look into the airfare structure and examine the possibility of operating direct flights to other international airports in Nepal.

Economic Diplomacy/Public Diplomacy Programmes

‘Nepal Festival-2026’ in Dhaka

On 15 May, the Embassy, in collaboration with the Bangladesh-Nepal Friendship Society, organized “Nepal Festival-2026” at the Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy in Dhaka. The Festival featured a ‘Food Fest’ as well as a ‘Cultural Programme’ aimed at showcasing Nepal’s diverse culinary and cultural traditions.



(Visitors during the Food Fest)

Chief Guest H.E. Mr. Chowdhury, accompanied by other guests present on the occasion, visited the stalls of the 'Food Fest'. A variety of authentic Nepali delicacies were served across eight different stalls, set up primarily with the contribution of Nepali students studying in Bangladesh.



(Chief Guest Hon. Minister for Cultural Affairs and the Ambassador visiting the food stalls)

Speaking at the inaugural session, Ambassador Mr. Ghanshyam Bhandari stated that the Festival aimed not only to promote the richness and diversity of Nepal's culture and cuisine, but also to celebrate the artistic, musical, and culinary affinities between Nepal and Bangladesh. He emphasized that these shared cultural heritages constitute a strong foundation for the multifaceted relationship between the two countries and continue to reinforce enduring people-to-people ties and mutual understanding.



(Ambassador Mr. Bhandari speaking during the event)

In his remarks, Chief Guest Hon. Minister for Cultural Affairs of Bangladesh H.E. Mr. Nitai Roy Chowdhury appreciated the initiative and expressed confidence that the event would play a crucial role in bringing the peoples of the two countries closer. He also highlighted the importance of promoting cultural and people-to-people exchanges to consolidate the bonds of friendship and explore further avenues of collaboration.



(Hon. Minister for Cultural Affairs addressing the gathering)

Director General of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy Mr. SK Rezauddin Ahmed, Chancellor of Pokhara Academy Mr. Padma Raj Dhakal, and President of Bangladesh-Nepal Friendship Society Mr. Moshir Ahmed also spoke during the inaugural session.



(Ambassador, Embassy officials, BNFS team, and visiting Nepali Artists with the Chief Guest)

The Cultural Programme featured 14 artistic performances, including traditional dances, folk songs and musical presentations by visiting artists of Pokhara Academy, artists from the Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy, and Nepali students studying in Bangladesh.



(Nepali artists performing Nepali folk songs and traditional dance forms)

Nepali artists showcased traditional music and cultural dance forms, including Sorathi, Sakhiya, Lathi, Salaijo Jhyaure, and Kaura, among others. Bangladeshi artists also presented a Nepali dance and a Nepali gazal, alongside Bangladeshi folk dances and musical performances.



(Audience during the cultural programme)



(Bangladeshi artists presenting Nepali cultural performances)

The Festival brought together representatives from government and non-government agencies, cultural and culinary enthusiasts, friends of Nepal, media persons, and members of the Nepali community in Bangladesh.

Nepal Cultural Evening' in Manikganj

The Embassy, in collaboration with the Bangladesh-Nepal Friendship Society, organized a “Nepal Cultural Evening” at the District Shilpakala Academy, Manikganj, on 16 May 2026.



(Ambassador, BNFS team, and visiting Nepali Artists with the Hon. Minister)

In his welcome remarks, Ambassador Mr. Ghanshyam Bhandari highlighted the deep-rooted connections between Nepal and Bangladesh in the

fields of art, culture, and language and underscored the importance of strong people-to-people contacts as a cornerstone of bilateral relations. He noted that the programme was organized to celebrate and further deepen the close cultural and artistic links between Nepal and Bangladesh.



(Ambassador Mr. Bhandari delivering his remarks)

The Chief Guest of the event, Hon. Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism of Bangladesh H.E. Ms. Afroza Khanam commended the Embassy and the Friendship Society for their efforts in strengthening the longstanding historical and cultural bonds between Nepal and Bangladesh. Reflecting on the shared linguistic and artistic heritage, the Minister stressed the importance of cultural and people-to-people exchanges to further deepen friendship and cooperation between the two countries.



(Hon. Minister delivering her remarks)

Deputy Commissioner of Manikganj Ms. Nazmun

Ara Sultana, Superintendent of Police Manikganj Mr. Mohammad Sarwar Alam, BPM, Chancellor of Pokhara Academy Mr. Padma Raj Dhakal, District Child Officer of Manikganj Mr. Dewan Hafizur Rahman, President of Bangladesh-Nepal Friendship Society Mr. Moshir Ahmed, and General Secretary Mr. Salahuddin Kutu also spoke during the programme.



(Nepali artists showcasing Nepali traditional cultural performances)

The Cultural Programme featured fourteen artistic performances, including traditional dances, folk songs and musical presentations by visiting artists of Pokhara Academy, artists from the District Shilpakala Academy, and Shishu Academy, Manikganj. Nepali artists showcased traditional music and dance forms, including Sorathi, Sakhiya, Lathi, Salaijo, and Kaura, among others. Bangladeshi artists also presented a Nepali dance alongside Bangladeshi folk dances and musical performances.



(Bangladeshi artists presenting a Nepali dance as well as Bangladeshi musical performances)

The programme brought together representatives from government and non-government agencies, cultural enthusiasts, civil society leaders, friends of Nepal, media persons, and Nepali students studying in Manikganj.



(Audience during the Nepal Cultural Evening)

Celebration of International Wellness Day

On 15 April, the Embassy organized a 'Wellness Walk' programme in Dhaka to mark 'International Wellness Day-2026'.

The event, aimed at raising awareness of the Wellness Day and promoting the importance of balance and harmony within ourselves and with nature, was held under the theme 'Harmony with

Mind, Body, and Nature'. It featured a 45-minute walk, followed by a brief formal session and a Nepali 'wellness breakfast'.



(Ambassadors, High Commissioners and HoMs inaugurating the event)

Speaking during the formal session, Ambassador Mr. Ghanshyam Bhandari underscored the relevance of wellness in today's world, marked by multiple challenges, including wars and armed conflicts, economic inequality, social fragmentation, and the escalating climate crisis. Highlighting wellness practices as living heritage deeply rooted in Nepal's history and civilization, he shed light on centuries-old Hindu, Buddhist, yogic, and indigenous practices that embrace self-discipline, ethical living, and harmony with nature.



(Ambassador Mr. Bhandari delivering his remarks)

The Ambassador noted the plan of the Government of Nepal to observe 2027 as 'Nepal Wellness Year' as part of its broader vision to promote wellness tourism as a transformative driver of sustainable economic development. He further stressed

Nepal's aspiration to become a global hub for wellness and reiterated its firm commitment to advancing the wellness agenda.



(Participants during the formal session of the programme)

The guests were served a selection of Nepali organic breakfast items, including millet pancakes, black lentil pancakes, buckwheat momos, and roasted grain flour smoothie (satuko sarbat), among others, reflecting Nepal's tradition of wholesome and nourishing cuisine.



(Guests being served a wholesome Nepali 'wellness breakfast')

The United Nations General Assembly adopted a resolution, on 10 March 2026, proclaiming 15 April as International Wellness Day. Nepal was the penholder of the resolution, co-sponsored by 40 and endorsed by 143 Member States.

Several ambassadors, high commissioners, heads of mission, members of the diplomatic corps, government officials, business and civil society leaders, representatives of Nepali community, and members of the media participated in the event.



(Participants during a 45-minute walk in nature)

Ambassador Delivers Lecture at NDC

Ambassador Mr. Ghanashyam Bhandari delivered a lecture on 'Contemporary Nepal: Its Foreign Policy, Security and Development Dimensions, and Nepal-Bangladesh Relations' to the participants of NDC-2026 course at the National Defence College, Dhaka, on 30 June.



(Ambassador delivering a lecture at NDC)

In his lecture, the Ambassador shed light on the evolution of Nepal's foreign policy, its diplomatic engagements, and national security policy. He also highlighted Nepal's development priorities and ongoing initiatives aimed at advancing socio-economic transformation and sustainable development.



(Participants of the lecture at NDC)

He further shared his reflections on the strong and steadily evolving Nepal-Bangladesh relations, characterizing it as an exemplary neighbourly friendship built on mutual trust, goodwill, and cooperation.



(Ambassador Mr. Bhandari with the Commandant of NDC)

The lecture was followed by an interactive Q&A session, during which the Ambassador addressed a wide range of questions from the participants.

‘Expedition Video Contest’ Held to Mark the International Sagarmatha Day

To commemorate the 73rd International Sagarmatha (Mount Everest) Day, the Embassy organized an ‘Expedition Video Contest’ under the theme ‘Mountains, Milestones, and Memories’, with the support of Bangla Mountaineering and Trekking

Club (BMTC), in Dhaka on 5 June.



(Screening of the videos selected for the Expedition Video Contest)

A total of 16 expeditioners representing various mountaineering and trekking clubs across Bangladesh participated in the Expedition Video Contest, sharing inspiring stories and experiences through their short videos.

The programme also featured the screening of the documentary ‘Pasang: In the Shadow of Everest’, which tells the inspiring story of Pasang Lhamu Sherpa, the first Nepali woman to summit Mount Everest.



(Screening of the documentary ‘Pasang: In the Shadow of Everest’)

Formal session of the programme commenced with a video message from the Hon. Minister for Foreign Affairs of Nepal Mr. Shisir Khanal, who highlighted Sagarmatha as an embodiment hope, strength, and resilience and underscored the need to protect fragile mountain ecosystems in the face of climate change.



(Screening of the Video Message from the Hon. Minister for Foreign Affairs of Nepal)

Speaking on the occasion, Ambassador Mr. Ghanshyam Bhandari stressed the significance of International Sagarmatha Day as a commemoration of the first successful ascent of the highest peak and a reflection on humanity's close relationship with nature. He underscored Nepal's commitment to preserving the mountain ecosystems and promoting sustainable mountain tourism. Expressing satisfaction over the growing number of Bangladeshi mountaineers and adventure enthusiasts, he commended their role in further strengthening people-to-people relations between the two countries.



(Ambassador Mr. Bhandari delivering his remarks)

The Chief Guest of the event, Hon. Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change of Bangladesh H.E. Mr. Abdul Awal Mintoo emphasized the need to work together to address the impacts of climate change on mountains and

communities dependent on them and called for regional cooperation for climate action. He also commended the role of mountaineers in promoting environmental awareness, building friendship, and strengthening people-to-people ties between Bangladesh and Nepal.



(Chief Guest H.E. Mr. Mintoo delivering his remarks)

Chairperson of BRAC Dr. Hossain Zillur Rahman, nature enthusiast and founder of Bangla Mountaineering and Trekking Club (BMTCL) Mr. Enam Ul-Haque, and Judge of the Contest Mr. Kha Ma Harum also spoke during the event.



(From Left: Chairperson of BRAC Dr. Rahman, Judge Mr. Harum and Founder of BMTCL Mr. Haque delivering their remarks)

The Chief Guest and the Ambassador felicitated Mount Everest summiteer Ms. Nurunnahar Nimni, who successfully climbed the world's highest peak on 27 May 2026, becoming the third Bangladeshi woman to achieve the feat.



(Felicitation of Summiteers of Nepal's peaks above 6000 meters in 2025/26)

Likewise, 23 mountaineers who summited Nepal's peaks above 6,000 metres during 2025/26 were also honoured with certificates of appreciation during the event.



(Felicitation of Winners of the Expedition Video Contest)

The top three videos of the Contest —“Sea to Summit” by Mr. Ikramul Hasan Shakil, “Everest and Lhotse” by Dr. Babar Ali, and “Summit is a Woman” by Ms. Nishat Majumder and Mr. Muntasir Mamun—were awarded with crests and certificates by the Chief Guest H.E. Mr. Mintoo and Ambassador Mr. Bhandari.



(Participants during the event)

The event brought together government officials, diplomats, mountaineers, trekkers, adventure enthusiasts, nature photographers, civil society leaders, and media persons.

Programme on ‘Nepal-Bangladesh Relations: Advancing Economic Cooperation’

The Embassy organized a programme on ‘Nepal-Bangladesh Relations: Advancing Economic Cooperation’ in Rangpur on 24 April.



(Ambassador Mr. Bhandari delivering his remarks)

Ambassador Mr. Bhandari, in his address, underscored the wide-ranging opportunities for bilateral cooperation in areas such as trade, transit, energy, connectivity, education, and tourism. He also emphasized the importance of strengthening business connections to foster a more robust economic partnership between the two countries. In this context, he commended the Rangpur business community for their contributions to promoting private sector engagement between Nepal and Bangladesh.

First Secretary Ms. Yojana Bamjan made a presentation outlining the main areas of economic cooperation with particular emphasis on trade, transit and connectivity, energy, and tourism, among others. She highlighted the progress achieved so far in these sectors and noted the prospects for further collaboration.



(First Secretary Ms. Bamjan making a presentation)

The presentation was followed by an interactive session, during which participants focused on ways to further advance Nepal-Bangladesh economic partnership.



(Ambassador Mr. Bhandari being felicitated by the Rangpur Chamber of Commerce and Industry)

Additional District Magistrate of Rangpur Mr. Christopher Himal Ritchil, President of Rangpur Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Industry Mr. Md. Ghulam Zakaria, Acting President of Rangpur Chamber of Commerce and Industry Mr. Manjur Ahmed, President of Rangpur Women Chamber of Commerce and Industry Ms. Shahnaz Parvin Shahin, also spoke at the event, stressing the need to strengthen linkages between business communities of the two countries.



(Participants during the event)

Participants including representatives of various Chambers of Commerce and Industries and business organizations, prominent business leaders, travel and tour entrepreneurs and media persons based in Rangpur attended the programme.

Programme on 'Enhancing Nepal-Bangladesh Economic Partnership' in Sylhet

On 10 April, the Embassy organized an interaction programme on 'Enhancing Nepal-Bangladesh Economic Partnership' in Sylhet, Bangladesh.



(DCM Ms. Silwal speaking during the event)

Speaking on the occasion, Deputy Chief of Mission Ms. Lalita Silwal shed light on the growing economic engagements between Nepal and Bangladesh and emphasized the notable progress made in the areas of trade, connectivity, energy and tourism. She also underscored the crucial role of business community in Sylhet in promoting trade and tourism linkages and encouraged them to

explore opportunities in Nepal while building meaningful partnerships with their Nepali counterparts.



(First Secretary Ms. Bamjan making a presentation)

First Secretary Ms. Yojana Bamjan made a presentation highlighting key areas of economic partnership, underscoring the prospects of enhancing collaboration between the two countries.



(The Embassy team with the participants of the event)

Deputy Commissioner of Sylhet Mr. Md. Sarwoer Alam stressed the importance of connectivity in enhancing trade and commercial ties between Nepal and Bangladesh. The programme also featured remarks by the Administrator of Sylhet Chamber of Commerce and Industry, President of Tour Operators Association of Sylhet, and representatives of business associations based in Sylhet.

Participants including prominent business leaders, travel and tour entrepreneurs, and media persons based in Sylhet attended the programme.



(Participants during the event)

Programme to Mark the Commencement of the New Season of Power Flow from Nepal to Bangladesh.

On 19 June, the Embassy organized a programme to mark the commencement of the new season of power flow from Nepal to Bangladesh. The programme was aimed at highlighting the significance of cross-border electricity trade and deliberating on the growing potential of energy cooperation between Nepal and Bangladesh.



(Ambassador Mr. Bhandari delivering his remarks)

In his welcome remarks, Ambassador Mr. Ghanashyam Bhandari highlighted the multifaceted relationship between Nepal and Bangladesh and noted that the commencement of power flow represents not only an economic opportunity but also a shared commitment to a greener and more sustainable future for the two countries. Referring to Bangladesh's growing energy demand and Nepal's hydropower potential,

the Ambassador emphasized that the enhanced energy partnership is both natural and mutually beneficial.



(Screening of the video message by Hon. Minister Mr. Biraj Bhakta Shrestha)

In his video message, Hon. Minister for Energy, Water Resources and Irrigation of Nepal Mr. Biraj Bhakta Shrestha, recalled the historic commencement of power flow in 2024 and expressed confidence that energy collaboration would continue to expand in the near future. He also called for greater collective efforts to build a robust and long-term energy partnership.

Speaking on the occasion, Member of Parliament of Bangladesh H.E. Mr. Abdul Moyeen Khan expressed his satisfaction over the resumption of power flow in 2026. He stated that Bangladesh looks forward to expanding cooperation with Nepal in the energy sector. He also expressed hope that energy partnership initiatives would continue to grow, paving the way for a coordinated regional

energy strategy and unhindered power cooperation in the future.



(MP Mr. Abdul Moyeen Khan delivering his remarks)

Additional Secretary of the Power Division of the Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources of Bangladesh, Mr. KM Ali Reza, stated that the occasion symbolized the growing partnership between Nepal and Bangladesh and demonstrated the immense potential of regional cooperation in the energy sector. He reaffirmed Bangladesh's commitment to working closely with Nepal and other regional partners to advance this shared vision.



(Participants during the reception)

The programme brought together key stakeholders from the energy and power sectors of Bangladesh, including politicians, senior government officials, prominent business leaders, media representatives and friends of the Embassy.

Reception for Bangladeshi Journalists and Media Professionals

On 14 June, the Embassy hosted a reception in the honour of the Bangladeshi journalists and media professionals. The event was organized in recognition of the contributions and cooperation of the journalists and correspondents associated with various media houses in Bangladesh towards enhancing Nepal-Bangladesh relationship.



(Ambassador Mr. Bhandari delivering his remarks)

Speaking on the occasion, Ambassador Mr. Bhandari commended journalists and media professionals for their valuable contribution to strengthening people-to-people ties and promoting closer relations between the two countries. The Ambassador also expressed his sincere appreciation for the support and cooperation extended by the media fraternity to the Embassy in its various initiatives and outreach activities.

The Ambassador highlighted the recent strides made in bilateral cooperation across areas such as trade, connectivity, energy, education, tourism, and people-to-people contacts. Referring to the formation of new governments in both Nepal and Bangladesh, he noted that the changing political landscape presents renewed opportunities to further enhance bilateral engagement and cooperation. He expressed confidence that the two countries would continue to work closely together to advance their shared interests and urged media professionals to

remain supportive in promoting Nepal-Bangladesh relations.



(participants during the event)

The event brought together journalists and professionals from media outlets, including prominent daily newspapers, television channels, and magazines.

Embassy's Other Engagements

Celebration of the Republic Day of Nepal

On 29 May, the Embassy hosted a programme to observe the 19th Republic Day of Nepal.



(Hoisting of the flag at the Embassy premises)

On the occasion, Ambassador Mr. Bhandari hoisted Nepal's national flag at the Embassy premises. He extended warm greetings to all Nepali citizens residing in Bangladesh, emphasizing Nepal's significant democratic achievements, including the promulgation of Constitution in 2015. Highlighting the sacrifice made by the Nepali people, he paid heartfelt tribute to those martyrs who sacrificed

their lives for the establishment of a democratic republic.



(Ambassador Mr. Bhandari delivering his remarks)

The Ambassador expressed confidence that the Republic Day would be a reminder for building a civilized and prosperous society by further strengthening territorial integrity, sovereignty, independence and national unity and achieving equitable economic prosperity.



(Ambassador Mr. Bhandari and Mountaineer Ms. Nimni during the event)

He also highlighted the deep bonds of friendship between Nepal and Bangladesh and underscored the role of mountains and the spirit of mountaineering in bringing the two countries and peoples closer. The programme was organized by the Bangla Mountaineering and Trekking Club (BMTC) in Dhaka.

Celebration of the 29th Anniversary of BIMSTEC

On 8 June, the Embassy participated in the reception hosted by the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) Secretariat in Dhaka to commemorate the 29th Anniversary of BIMSTEC. The event brought together high-level dignitaries, ambassadors/high commissioners, government officials, and representatives from various sectors of all seven member countries.

Secretary General of BIMSTEC H.E. Mr. Indra Mani Pandey, delivered opening remarks highlighting BIMSTEC's institutional evolution, adoption of its Charter, and the BIMSTEC Vision 2030.



(Embassy team with the members of the Nepali community)

Flag-Off Ceremony for Bangladeshi Everest Expedition

On 10 April, Ambassador Mr. Bhandari participated in a Flag-off Ceremony organized to send off a team of Bangladeshi mountaineers led by Ms. Nurunnahar Nimni for the Mount Everest Expedition. He extended his best wishes to the team for a successful expedition.



(Ambassadors/Head of Missions of BIMSTEC member states join Hon. State Minister and the Secretary General during cake cutting ceremony)

Chief Guest of the event, State Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Government of Bangladesh H.E. Ms. Shama Obaed Islam, MP, congratulated BIMSTEC and its member States on the auspicious occasion and reaffirmed Bangladesh's strong commitment to regional cooperation. She highlighted BIMSTEC's role as a unique bridge connecting South and Southeast Asia.



(Nepali stall representation at BIMSTEC Anniversary ceremony)

As part of the celebrations, the event comprised of various elements showcasing the cultural 'unity in diversity' of the Bay of Bengal region through display of artefacts and diverse cultural symbols of the member states, including handicrafts at the country specific stalls. It also featured a march of participants from the member states dressed in national/traditional attire, cultural performances

and display of the culinary diversity of the member states integrated into the menu of the reception/dinner.



(Nepali students showcasing cultural performance at the programme)

Accordingly, the Embassy of Nepal maintained a separate stall displaying the traditional Nepali handicrafts including wooden peacock windows, pashminas, Dhaka topis, Thangka paintings, and several other Nepali products. The Embassy also shared recipes of Nepali food items such as Momo and Chicken Choila, to be served during reception. The Embassy family, dressed in various Nepali ethnic attires, joined the participants of other member states in the march past. Similarly, for the cultural segment, the Embassy showcased a traditional Nepali dance which was performed by a group of Nepali students studying in Dhaka.

Towards the end of the event, Ambassador Mr. Bhandari joined other Ambassadors and High Commissioners of BIMSTEC member states, the Secretary General and the State Minister on the stage for a cake cutting ceremony.

Deputy Chief of Mission Attends Flag-in Ceremony

On 12 June, Deputy Chief of Mission Ms. Lalita Silwal attended the Flag-in Ceremony organized by the Bangladesh Mountaineering and Trekking Club

(BMTTC) to honour Bangladeshi mountaineer Ms. Nurunnaher Nimni on her successful ascent of Mt. Everest on 27 May 2026. Ms. Nimni is the third Bangladeshi woman to have achieved the feat.



(DCM Ms. Silwal delivering her remarks)

Speaking on the occasion, Ms. Silwal congratulated Ms. Nimni on her remarkable achievement. She also noted the growing enthusiasm for mountaineering, trekking, and adventure tourism among Bangladeshi youth in recent years and highlighted the contribution of mountaineers and trekkers in strengthening people-to-people ties between Nepal and Bangladesh.



(DCM Ms. Silwal and Mountaineer Ms. Nimni during the event)

Consular/Students Affairs

Interaction with Nepali Students in Sylhet

On 10 April, the Embassy held an interaction with Nepali students studying in different universities and colleges in Sylhet, Bangladesh, including Sylhet MAG Osmani Medical College, Parkview Medical College, and Sylhet Agricultural University.



(The Embassy team with Nepali Students from different universities and colleges in Sylhet)

During the interaction, Nepali students raised several concerns and challenges facing them. Deputy Chief of Mission Ms. Silwal responded to the students' concerns and provided guidance on the matters raised. She also acknowledged their request for regular visits to their institutions and assured them that the Embassy remains committed to prioritizing the concerns of Nepali students across Bangladesh. First Secretary Ms. Bamjan encouraged the students to stay in close contact with the Embassy throughout their time in Bangladesh and to reach out whenever needed.

Visit to Medical Colleges in Sylhet

On 11 April, the Embassy team comprising Deputy Chief of Mission Ms. Silwal and First Secretary Ms. Bamjan visited North East Medical College, Jalalabad Ragib Rabeya Medical College and Sylhet Women's Medical College in Sylhet. They had separate interactions with Nepali students

studying at these colleges. They also met with the respective college authorities and discussed matters related to the welfare of Nepali students.



(The Embassy team with Nepali students at North East Medical College)

During interactions with Nepali students, DCM Ms. Silwal addressed their concerns and informed them of the Embassy's engagements and activities in Bangladesh. She also appreciated the role of Nepali students in further strengthening people-to-people relations between the two countries.



(The Embassy team with college authorities and Nepali students at JRRMC)

The students also expressed their appreciation for the Embassy's efforts in coordinating with the concerned authorities of Bangladesh to ensure the safe evacuation of Nepali students during July/August protests in 2024. First Secretary Ms. Bamjan also highlighted the services and engagements of the Embassy.



(The Embassy team with college authorities and Nepali students at SWMC)

Interaction with Nepali Students in Rangpur

On 24 April, Ambassador Mr. Bhandari held an interaction with Nepali students studying in different universities and colleges in Rangpur, Bangladesh, including Rangpur Medical College and Prime Medical College.



(Ambassador with Nepali Students from different colleges in Rangpur)

Addressing the students, Ambassador Mr. Bhandari responded to their concerns and provided guidance on the matters raised. He also acknowledged their request for regular visits to their institutions and assured them that the Embassy remains committed to prioritizing the concerns of Nepali students across Bangladesh. He encouraged the students to stay in close contact with the Embassy throughout their time in Bangladesh and to reach out whenever needed.

Visit to Rangpur Community Medical College and Rangpur Dental College

Ambassador Mr. Bhandari visited Rangpur Community Medical College and Rangpur Community Dental College on 25 April. He met with the college authorities and discussed matters concerning the well-being of the Nepali students.

During a separate interaction with Nepali students studying at both colleges, the students requested the Embassy's support in addressing various challenges they were facing. The Ambassador assured the students that the Embassy would take up those issues with the concerned authorities.



(The Embassy team with Nepali students at Rangpur Community Medical College)

First Secretary Ms. Bamjan briefed the students on the Embassy's ongoing efforts to respond promptly to their concerns and address their issues. She encouraged them to reach out to the Embassy in times of need. She also encouraged them to stay informed about the Embassy's activities including through its social media platforms.



Links to Videos of the Events

International Sagarmatha Day-2026



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Nepal Festival-2026



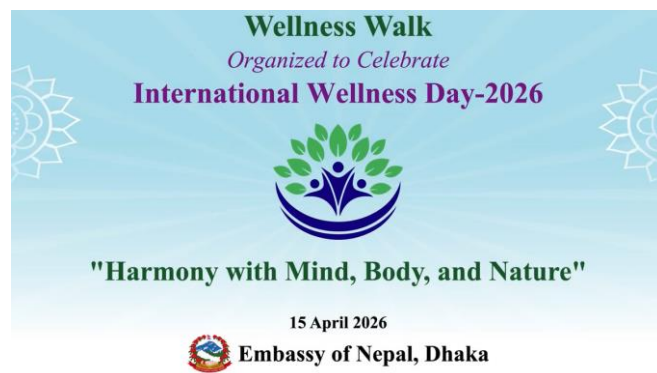
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Interaction on Nepal-Bangladesh Relations: Advancing Economic Cooperation, Rangpur



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Wellness Walk Organized on International Wellness Day-2026



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