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## Bilateral Exchanges

### Deputy Speaker Calls on the Chief Adviser

Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Federal Parliament of Nepal Hon. Ms. Indira Rana called on the Chief Adviser of the Interim Government of Bangladesh H.E. Professor Dr. Muhammad Yunus on 12 May 2025.



*(Deputy Speaker Hon. Ms. Indira Rana with Chief Adviser H.E. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Yunus)*

Matters of mutual interest, including trade, investment, energy, connectivity, tourism, and cooperation at regional and multilateral forums were discussed in the meeting.

The Deputy Speaker expressed her satisfaction over the growing cooperation between Nepal and Bangladesh, with reference to advances made recently in the power sector and an enhanced level of educational, touristic, and people-to-people linkages. She also underlined the need to further leverage the transformative potential of friendship and solidarity with specific goals and targets set for boosting economic ties.

Hon. Chief Adviser Dr. Yunus noted that Nepal is among the countries with a significant number of 'Three-Zero Clubs' inspired by his vision. He stressed the importance of harnessing Nepal's hydropower potential to meet the growing energy needs of Bangladesh and the whole sub-region and contribute towards achieving the goal of net-zero

emissions. He also called for concerted efforts to boost economic cooperation with a particular focus on trade, connectivity, healthcare, and tourism.



*(Deputy Speaker, Ambassador and other officials with the Chief Adviser)*

The two leaders reflected on the similar development challenges facing Nepal and Bangladesh. They discussed the associated opportunities and also laid emphasis on working together in both traditional and emerging areas of mutual concern for the benefit of both countries and peoples.

The Deputy Speaker was accompanied by Ambassador Mr. Ghanshyam Bhandari and Deputy Chief of Mission Ms. Lalita Silwal. Principal Coordinator for SDGs Affairs Ms. Lamiya Morshed and Director General at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bangladesh Ms. Ishrat Jahan were also present on the occasion.

### Participation in Eid Celebrations

On 7 June 2025, Ambassador Bhandari attended a reception hosted by the Hon'ble President of Bangladesh at *Bangabhaban* to exchange Eid greetings on the occasion of Eid-ul-Adha 2025.

The reception was attended by political leaders, senior government officials, high-level dignitaries of Bangladesh, and heads of diplomatic missions based in Dhaka.





*(Ambassador Bhandari with the Hon. President)*

On the occasion, Ambassador Bhandari had the opportunity to greet the President of Bangladesh and exchange Eid greetings.

### **Ambassador's Meeting with the Social Welfare Adviser of Bangladesh**

Ambassador Bhandari called on Hon. Adviser for the Ministry of Social Welfare and the Ministry of Women and Children Affairs of Bangladesh H.E. Ms. Sharmeen Soneya Murshid on 14 May 2025.



*(Ambassador Bhandari with Adviser for Social Affairs)*

As he handed over the invitation from Nepal's Environment Minister extending her participation in the first edition of the 'Sagarmatha Sambaad' to be held in Kathmandu on 16–18 May 2025, he shared with her both substantive and logistical details about the *Sambaad*. He further underscored that it was a flagship initiative of the Government of Nepal, established to deliberate on pressing regional and global issues.



*(Adviser, Ambassador, and officials from both sides)*

The Adviser thanked the Government of Nepal for the invitation and said she looked forward to participating in the event. She recalled her past visits to Nepal and appreciated the warmth and goodwill shown by the Nepali people towards Bangladeshi people. She also commended Nepal for its strides in advancing women's empowerment, noting that she often cites Nepal as an example of inclusive representation.

### **Meeting with the Foreign Secretary of Bangladesh**

On 30 June 2025, Ambassador Mr. Ghanshyam Bhandari called on the newly appointed Foreign Secretary of Bangladesh H.E. Mr. Asad Alam Siam on 30 June 2025. The Ambassador congratulated the Foreign Secretary on the assumption of his new responsibility and wished him a successful tenure.

During the meeting, Ambassador Bhandari expressed satisfaction over the excellent state of bilateral relations between Nepal and Bangladesh and the continued strides made across various areas of cooperation. He particularly pointed out the progress made in bilateral energy cooperation. He also emphasized the growing momentum of engagements in sectors such as trade, tourism, connectivity, education, and people-to-people connections.



*(Ambassador with the Foreign Secretary)*

Referring to the tripartite power sales agreement for the export of 40 MW of electricity from Nepal to Bangladesh through the Indian grid, the Foreign Secretary acknowledged that the agreement was a significant and symbolic milestone, laying the foundation for future energy cooperation.

The Foreign Secretary also noted the increasing number of Bangladeshi tourists visiting Nepal over the past years. He stated that there was huge potential for further growth in tourism cooperation with improved connectivity.



*(Ambassador, Foreign Secretary, and officials from both sides)*

With regard to regional and multilateral cooperation, the Foreign Secretary emphasized that the Interim Government of Bangladesh accorded high priority to regional and multilateral processes, including SAARC and BIMSTEC. The Ambassador also reiterated Nepal's strong

commitment to working closely with the Government of Bangladesh in the regional and multilateral frameworks.

### **Celebration of the Republic Day of Nepal**

On 29 May 2025, the Embassy hosted a programme to observe the 18<sup>th</sup> Republic Day of Nepal.



*(Ambassador Bhandari hoisting the Nepali flag)*

On the occasion, Ambassador Bhandari hoisted Nepal's national flag at the Embassy premises. He extended warm greetings to all Nepali citizens residing in Bangladesh, underscoring Nepal's significant democratic achievements, including the promulgation of the Constitution in 2015.



*(Nepali nationals during Republic Day Celebration)*

Highlighting the sacrifice made by the Nepali people, he paid heartfelt tribute to those immortal martyrs who sacrificed their lives for the establishment of a democratic republic. He also appreciated the contribution made by the political activists, civil society leaders and the common



people in the movement.

The programme was attended by Nepali nationals working in various UN agencies and international organizations in Dhaka, representatives of Nepali diaspora in Bangladesh and the Embassy families.

## Economic Diplomacy Programmes

### Celebration of the International Mount Everest Day

On 30 May 2025, the Embassy hosted a special programme titled ‘Stories from the Summit: Mountains through the Bangladeshi Eyes’ to commemorate the 72<sup>nd</sup> International Sagarmatha (Mount Everest) Day. The event brought together mountaineers, trekkers, adventure enthusiasts, and nature photographers, celebrating Bangladesh’s connection with mountains.



*(Ambassador Bhandari delivering his remarks)*

Speaking on the occasion, Ambassador Bhandari highlighted the enduring appeal of Sagarmatha and the majestic mountains of Nepal among Bangladeshi people. He commended mountaineers, trekkers, and adventure lovers for their contributions to strengthening the people-to-people ties between the two countries. Emphasizing the vulnerabilities of mountain ecosystems to the adverse impacts of climate change, he stressed the need to place the mountain agenda at the forefront of global climate negotiations.

Chief Guest of the event, Hon. Adviser to the

Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change of Bangladesh H.E. Ms. Syeda Rizwana Hasan appreciated the courage and determination of Bangladeshi mountaineers in scaling some of the world’s most challenging peaks, including Mt. Everest.



*(Hon. Adviser Ms. Syeda Rizwana Hasan addressing the event)*

The Adviser underscored the importance of preserving mountain and river ecosystems in the face of accelerating climate change and called for concerted efforts to protect the Himalayas, not only for their natural appeal and rich biodiversity but also for the well-being of millions of people living in both mountain and downstream regions.

The programme featured an experience-sharing panel of Bangladeshi Everest summiteers — Mr. MA Mohit, Ms. Nishat Mazumder, Mr. Mohad Babar Ali, and Mr. Ikramul Hasan Shakil — who shared their inspiring stories of courage, resilience, and profound connection with the mountains. The panel was moderated by nature enthusiast and author Mr. Enam Ul-Haque.



*(Mount Everest Summiteers posing with Embassy team)*

Ambassador Mr. Bhandari and the Chief Guest

H.E. Ms. Hasan felicitated Mr. Ikramul Hasan Shakil for his successful ascent of Mt. Everest on 19 May 2025, after a 1372 KM ‘sea to summit’ journey on foot, from Cox’s Bazar to the summit of the world’s highest peak.

Likewise, the members of the first all-women expedition team of Bangladesh — Ms. Nishat Mazumder, Ms. Yasmin Lisa, Ms. Arpita Debnath, Ms. Mousumi Aktar Ap, and Ms. Tahura Sultana Rekha — were also honoured for scaling three peaks in Nepal’s Langtang region in December 2024.



(Participants in the programme)

During an interactive session, mountaineers and trekkers shared stories of their unforgettable journey across the Himalayas and the trekking routes of Nepal.

### Nepal-Bangladesh Tourism Meet in Dhaka

The Embassy and the Nepal Tourism Board (NTB) jointly organized a ‘Nepal-Bangladesh Tourism Meet’ in Dhaka under the theme *Neighbourly Nepal: Land of Lifetime Experiences* on 20 June 2025.

Speaking on the occasion, Ambassador Mr. Ghanshyam Bhandari underscored Nepal’s growing appeal among Bangladeshi travellers, highlighting its unique blend of natural beauty, cultural richness, and adventure opportunities.



(Ambassador addressing the Nepal-Bangladesh Tourism Meet)

Dubbing tourism and people-to-people exchanges between Nepal and Bangladesh as a celebration of shared heritage and friendship, he urged tour and travel entrepreneurs to deepen B2B ties and further contribute to strengthening the relationship between the two countries.



(Officiating Director Mr. Rohini Prasad Khanal delivering his remarks)

Mr. Rohini Prasad Khanal, Officiating Director at the NTB, delivered a comprehensive presentation showcasing Nepal’s diverse tourism products and activities — from thrilling adventures such as trekking, mountaineering, paragliding, and bungee jumping, to serene experiences like spiritual retreat and wellness escape, as well as emerging sectors such as medical tourism.

Joint Secretary at the Ministry of Civil Aviation and Tourism of Bangladesh Mr. AKM Moniruzzaman underlined the role of travel and tourism in



consolidating Nepal-Bangladesh relations. He emphasized the need to develop joint tourism packages positioning the two countries as complementary travel destinations to regional and international travelers alike.



*(Embassy team with dignitaries of the programme)*

In her welcome remarks, Deputy Chief of Mission Ms. Lalita Silwal noted that the event reflected Nepal's firm commitment to deepening tourism cooperation with Bangladesh and helping unlock the full potential of the sector.



*(DCM Ms. Silwal delivering her remarks)*

Bangladeshi mountaineer Mr. Ikramul Hassan Shakil shared the inspiring story of his recent 1372 KM 'Sea to Summit' journey, which culminated in his successful ascent of Mt. Everest on 19 May 2025. President of the Association of Travel Agents of Bangladesh (ATAB) Mr. Abdus Salam Aref and Chairman of Asian Tourism Fair Mr. Mohiuddin Helal also spoke on the occasion.



*(Participants during the programme)*

Nepali folk cultural performances were presented during the event. Additionally, a raffle draw was held, offering prizes including round-trip air tickets for the Dhaka-Kathmandu sector sponsored by Himalaya Airlines and Biman Bangladesh Airlines, and exclusive holiday packages sponsored by participating tour and travel agencies of Nepal.



*(Nepali students showcasing cultural performance)*

Prior to the formal ceremony, B2B and networking sessions were held between travel and tour entrepreneurs from the two countries.



*(Participants at the B2B session)*

The visiting delegation from Nepal included officials of the NTB and representatives of 13 travel and tour companies. Participants in the programme included government officials, travel agency

representatives, tour operators, hoteliers, airline representatives, and key stakeholders from Bangladesh's tourism and hospitality sectors.

### Nepal-Bangladesh Tourism Meet in Chittagong

The Embassy, in collaboration with the Nepal Tourism Board, hosted a Nepal-Bangladesh Tourism Meet under the theme *Destination Nepal: From the Bay of Bengal to the Himalayas* in Chattogram, Bangladesh on 18 June 2025.

Speaking on the occasion, Ambassador Mr. Ghanshyam Bhandari emphasized the vital role tourism and people-to-people connections play in Nepal-Bangladesh relations. He shed light on the growing ties between the two countries and called for greater efforts to 'truly connect the heights of the Himalayas with the depths of the Bay of Bengal'.



(Ambassador Bhandari delivering his remarks)

As he highlighted the ongoing efforts of the Government of Nepal to improve tourism infrastructure, the Ambassador also appreciated the important contributions of travel and tour entrepreneurs in further positioning Nepal as a preferred tourist destination.

Mr. Rohini Prasad Khanal, Officiating Director of Tourism Marketing & Promotion Department at the Nepal Tourism Board, delivered a presentation on

Nepal's diverse tourism products and potential, urging the participating travel agents and tour operators to strengthen efforts towards building more robust tourism linkages between the two countries.



(Officiating Director of NTB Mr. Khanal making a presentation)

Highlighting Bangladesh as one of Nepal's major source markets, Mr. Khanal expressed optimism about an increased flow of Bangladeshi tourists in the days ahead.

Mount Everest Summiteer Mr. Babar Ali shared his experiences of the successful summit to Mount Everest in 2024 and his recent ascent to Mount Annapurna. The Presidents of Association of Travel Agents of Bangladesh (ATAB) and Tour Operators Association of Bangladesh (TOAB) of Chattogram also spoke, highlighting the strong tourism cooperation and growing business ties between Nepal and Bangladesh.



(Nepali students showcasing cultural performance in Chittagong)



Nepali students studying in Chattogram showcased Nepali folk cultural performances.

The programme also featured a raffle draw, with tour packages and round-trip air tickets for the Dhaka–Kathmandu sector sponsored by Nepali tour and travel agencies, Himalaya Airlines and Biman Bangladesh Airlines.



*(Participants during B2B session)*

Prior to the formal ceremony, B2B and networking sessions were held among Nepali and Bangladeshi travel and tour entrepreneurs.



*(Participants during the programme)*

The visiting delegation from Nepal included officials of the Nepal Tourism Board and representatives of 13 different tour and travel operators. The Programme was attended by participants including Chattogram-based representatives of ATAB, TOAB, hotels and airlines, and leading organizations from the tourism

and hospitality sector.

### **‘Nepal–Bangladesh Cooperation: Dynamics of Trade, Tourism, and Connectivity’**

The Embassy organized a programme on “Nepal–Bangladesh Cooperation: Dynamics of Trade, Tourism, and Connectivity” in Khulna, Bangladesh, on 9 May 2025. The event brought together representatives of various Chambers of Commerce and Industries, prominent business leaders, travel and tour entrepreneurs, and media persons.



*(Ambassador delivering his remarks at the event)*

Speaking on the occasion, Ambassador Mr. Ghanshyam Bhandari shed light on the growing momentum of economic cooperation between Nepal and Bangladesh, owing largely to the recently realized energy trade and the increasing tourism linkages. As he acknowledged the vital role of the business communities, the Ambassador urged the participants to build partnerships with their Nepali counterparts to strengthen cooperation in areas of trade, energy, tourism, and connectivity, among others.

Second Secretary Ms. Yojana Bamjan made a presentation highlighting key areas of bilateral

cooperation. Queries and concerns of the participants were addressed in an interactive session following the presentation.



*(Participants during the event)*

The programme also featured remarks by Police Commissioner of Khulna Mr. Md. Zulfikar Ali Haider, Additional Divisional Commissioner Mr. Debprosad Paul, Administrator of Khulna Chamber of Commerce and Industry Mr. Nurul Hai Mohammad Anas, and representatives of travel and tour entrepreneurs based in Khulna.

### **Programme on ‘From the Himalayas to the Bay of Bengal: Promoting Nepal-Bangladesh Economic Partnership’ in Cox’s Bazar**

The Embassy organized a programme on ‘From the Himalayas to the Bay of Bengal: Promoting Nepal-Bangladesh Economic Partnership’ on 01 May 2025. It was aimed at promoting connections with business community and travel and tour entrepreneurs based in Cox’s Bazar, Bangladesh.

Speaking on the occasion, Deputy Chief of Mission Ms. Lalita Silwal expressed her satisfaction over the increasing economic engagements between the two countries, particularly in areas of trade, investment, tourism, and transit and connectivity.

While she commended the crucial role of business community and tour and travel entrepreneurs in promoting trade and tourism exchanges between

the two countries, she also urged them to explore the opportunities and foster meaningful partnership with their Nepali counterparts.



*(DCM Ms. Silwal delivering her remarks)*

Second Secretary Ms. Yojana Bamjan made a presentation on economic cooperation between the two countries highlighting the potential in key areas such as trade, transit and connectivity, energy, and tourism. During an interactive session, queries and concerns of the participants were addressed.



*(Second Secretary Ms. Bamjan making a presentation)*

The programme also featured remarks by President of Cox's Bazar Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CBCCI) Mr. Abu Murshed Chowdhury Khoka, Chairman of Cox's Bazar Tour Operator Association of Bangladesh (ToAB) Mr. S. M. Kibria Khan, and Chairman and Founder President of Tour Operator Owners Association of Cox's bazar (TOAC) Mr. M Rezaul Karim Reza, President of Cox's Bazar Women Chamber of Commerce and Industry Ms. Zahanara Islam,



among others.



*(Participants at the event in Cox's Bazar)*

Participants of the event included representatives of business community, and travel and tour entrepreneurs based in Cox's Bazar.

### **An Interaction Programme on 'Promotion of Friendship and Cooperation between Women Journalists of Nepal and Bangladesh'**

On 11 May 2025, the Embassy hosted an interaction programme on 'Promotion of Friendship and Cooperation between Women Journalists of Nepal and Bangladesh' in collaboration with the Initiatives of Media Women (IMW) Nepal.



*(Deputy Speaker Hon. Indira Rana speaking at the event)*

Speaking as the Chief Guest of the event, Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives of Nepal Hon. Indira Rana highlighted the structural and societal hurdles that continue to impede women's meaningful participation in media.

As she shared her experiences of working as a politician and social worker, she underlined the need of concerted efforts to dismantle the barriers facing women journalists and promote an inclusive and women-friendly media landscape.

Ambassador Mr. Ghanshyam Bhandari emphasized the vital role media women play in uncovering unique and often untold stories that give voice to the voiceless and the disadvantaged communities. He commended the IMW for bringing together women journalists from both Nepal and Bangladesh and stressed the role of such events in further promoting people-to-people contacts.



*(Embassy team with Deputy Speaker and dignitaries)*

Ms. Laxmi Bhandari, President of the IMW, Dr. Husne-Ara Begum, Founder of Thengamara Mohila Sabuj Sangha (TMSS) and Mr. Msj Swopnil, Deputy Director of the Joint Council CC23, also spoke on the occasion.



*(Women journalists and guests participating in the interaction)*

Prior to the formal session, an informal interaction was held among women journalists of the two countries. The participants shared their personal and professional experiences and discussed common challenges and pathways for collaboration and meaningful partnership in the future.

### Celebrations of the 28<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of BIMSTEC

Ambassador Bhandari, along with the Embassy family, participated in the reception hosted by the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) Secretariat in Dhaka on 16 June 2025 to commemorate the 28<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of BIMSTEC.



*(Ambassadors from BIMSTEC Member States at the ceremony)*

Ambassador Bhandari joined the BIMSTEC Ambassadors and High Commissioners and the Secretary General, and the Chief Guest for a cake-cutting ceremony.



*(Embassy's stall featuring Nepali handicrafts and niche products)*

As part of the celebrations, the Embassy decorated

a country stall displaying the traditional Nepali handicrafts including wooden peacock windows, pashminas, Dhaka topis, Thanka paintings, and several other Nepali products. Nepali delicacies such as Momo and Chicken *Choila* were also included in the menu of the reception.



*(The Embassy family showcasing Nepal's cultural diversity)*

The Embassy family, dressed in various Nepali ethnic attire, 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.

The event brought together high-level dignitaries, diplomats, government officials, and representatives from various sectors of all seven member countries.

### Public Diplomacy Programmes

#### Ambassador Delivers a Country Lecture at BIIS

Ambassador Bhandari delivered a country lecture titled 'Bangladesh-Nepal Ties: Towards a New Height' at an event organized by the Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies (BIIS) on 20 April 2025.

In his remarks, Ambassador Bhandari highlighted four major aspects of Nepal-Bangladesh relations: spirit of friendship and true neighbourliness, growing economic partnership, vibrant cultural and



people-to-people exchanges, and the shared pursuit of common goals through regional and multilateral frameworks. He also shed light on the progress achieved so far while also suggesting an outline of future guideposts.



*(Ambassador Bhandari delivering lecture at BISS)*

As he recalled that Nepal was one of the first countries to recognize Bangladesh as an independent country, the Ambassador highlighted that the relations between the two countries have evolved across a diverse range of sectors over the last 53 years.

While he discussed the growing economic partnership, he stressed that energy trade has emerged as a new and promising chapter.

Recalling the historic power flow of 40 MW hydroelectricity from Nepal to Bangladesh via the Indian grid on 15 November 2024, he underlined that while this might be just a small step, it carries symbolic significance as it has the potential to generate new momentum for cooperation in the power sector at both bilateral and sub-regional levels.

The Ambassador also highlighted the civilizational and cultural linkages between the two countries and expressed satisfaction over the increasing number of tourism and people-to-people exchanges.



*(Participants at the lecture)*

Speaking on regional and multilateral cooperation, he underlined that Nepal and Bangladesh, as proponents of ambitious initiatives under SAARC and BIMSTEC, have always been advocating for enhanced regional connectivity, trade facilitation, energy cooperation, and people-to-people exchanges.

Ambassador Bhandari also highlighted the close partnership between Nepal and Bangladesh at the UN, WTO and other multilateral platforms on issues of shared interest, including climate change, LDC graduation, and contributions to UN peacekeeping operations.

During an interaction session, Ambassador Bhandari also responded to the queries of the participants.



*(Ambassador responding to questions after the lecture)*

The welcome address was delivered by Director General of BISS Major General Iftekhar Anis, and the Lecture was moderated by the Chairman of BISS Ambassador A F M Gousal Azam Sarker. Dr. Niloy Ranjan Biswas, Professor at the Department of International Relations at the University of Dhaka, set the tone for the Lecture, highlighting the growing economic engagements between the two countries.

### Ambassador's Interview in the Diplomatic Talk

On 26 April 2025, Ambassador Bhandari shared his views on multifaceted relationship between Nepal and Bangladesh at the 'Diplomatic Talk' hosted by Daily Sun media house.

The interview focused on significant aspects of Nepal-Bangladesh relations, including trade, connectivity, energy, tourism, education, people-to-people exchanges, and cooperation at regional and international forums.



(Ambassador Bhandari during interview with the Daily Sun)

(Link to the full interview:

<https://youtu.be/5misjiRDFKA?feature=shared>)

### Ambassador's Interview with the Diplomat Nepal Magazine

On 19 May 2025, Ambassador Bhandari spoke with *The Diplomat Nepal* magazine and shared his views on Nepal-Bangladesh energy cooperation, with a particular reference to the recently signed tripartite power trade agreement enabling the first-ever

power flow from Nepal to Bangladesh through the Indian grid.



(Ambassador Bhandari's interview published by the Diplomat Nepal Magazine)

The interview focused on the status of the energy deal to export electricity from Nepal to Bangladesh, the importance of trilateral cooperation in the energy sector, Bangladeshi perspective on Nepal's clean hydro energy, the projects being negotiated, and energy cooperation and broader economic partnership between the two countries in future.

(Link to the full interview:

<https://diplomatnepal.com/diplomacy/energy/five-questions-energy-ghanshyam-bhandari/>)

### Nepali Food Fest 2025

On 16 May 2025, the Embassy participated in the 'Nepali Food Fest 2025' organized by Nepali students studying in Bangladesh.



(Ambassador Bhandari delivering his remarks)



Speaking as the Chief Guest of the event, Ambassador Bhandari commended the Nepali students for their initiative in promoting Nepali culture and cuisine in Bangladesh and fostering closer ties between the peoples of two countries. He applauded the students' dedication and successful execution of the event.



*(Embassy officials attending the Nepali Food Fest)*

Ambassador Bhandari also appreciated the Nepali students' contributions as 'cultural ambassadors' of the country and encouraged them to keep promoting Nepali culture, cuisine and heritage in Bangladesh. He further emphasized the vital role of cultural exchanges in deepening Nepal-Bangladesh friendship and building stronger people-to-people ties.

A student-led initiative, the Nepali food festival featured various Nepali food stalls, including a stall of Nepali handicraft products.



*(Various Nepali food stalls at the Food Fest)*

The students also performed traditional Nepali

cultural performances on the occasion.

Attracting over 1500 Bangladeshi and Nepali visitors, the Nepali Food Fest was successful in effectively promoting Nepali culture and cuisine among the Bangladeshi audience.

### Flag-in Ceremony

On 20 June 2025, Ambassador Ghanshyam Bhandari participated in the Flag-in Ceremony hosted by the Bangla Mountaineering and Trekking Club to honour Mr. Ikramul Hasan Shakil on the successful completion of his 1,372 km 'Sea to Summit' journey on foot.



*(Ambassador Mr. Bhandari with Mt. Everest Summiteer Mr. Shakil during flag-in ceremony)*

Speaking as the Chief Guest, the Ambassador highlighted the vital role that mountaineers and adventure enthusiasts like Mr. Shakil play in fostering people-to-people connections between Nepal and Bangladesh.



*(Ambassador Bhandari delivering his remarks at ceremony)*



## Eid Reunion Programme

Ambassador Mr. Ghanshyam Bhandari and officials from the Embassy of Nepal attended an Eid Reunion Programme organized by the Bangladesh-Nepal Friendship Society (BNFS) on 11 April 2025.



*(Ambassador addressing the gathering at Eid Reunion Programme)*

Addressing the gathering as the Chief Guest, Ambassador Bhandari underscored the enduring ties between Nepal and Bangladesh, highlighting the vital role of people-to-people connections in strengthening bilateral cooperation.

The Ambassador also appreciated the contributions of BNFS in partnering with the Embassy to organize initiatives that promote cultural exchange and foster mutual understanding between the two nations.



*(Embassy family with members of BNFS)*

Established in 2016, BNFS has been supporting the Embassy in its public diplomacy outreach. Notable recent collaborations include a Painting Competition held in January 2025 and a Literary Exchange event in February 2025.

## Marathon 'Beautiful Bangladesh Run 2025'

Ambassador Mr. Bhandari, along with Embassy officials, participated in the marathon 'Beautiful Bangladesh Run 2025' organized by the Aviation and Tourism Journalists Forum of Bangladesh on 25 April 2025.



*(Participants at the 'Beautiful Bangladesh Run 2025' marathon)*

The marathon brought together over 700 participants, including professional athletes, government officials, heads of missions, diplomats, aviation and tourism professionals, and general enthusiasts.



*(Ambassador Bhandari delivering his remarks)*



The marathon featured two categories of race, one of 7.5 km and another of 2 km. Ambassador Mr. Bhandari, Second Secretary Ms. Yojana Bamjan and Attaché Mr. Suraj Amgain participated in the 7.5 km category and completed the marathon.

Speaking in the closing ceremony, Ambassador Bhandari congratulated the winners of the marathons and expressed his appreciation for the ATJFB's initiative in promoting tourism and people-to-people contacts. He also commended the Bangladesh Tourism Board's efforts in supporting such events and promoting Bangladesh's tourism potential globally.

### **'Children's Art Competition and Exhibition of Drama' in Khulna**

On 9 May 2025, Ambassador Mr. Bhandari attended, as the Chief Guest, the 'Children's Art Competition and Exhibition of Drama Titled *Sundarboner Kothokata*' organized to mark the Khulna Day-2025 at the Khulna District Shilpakala Academy.



*(Ambassador Bhandari delivering his remarks at the Children's Art Competition)*

In his remarks, he highlighted the deep-rooted cultural and civilizational linkages between Nepal and Bangladesh and underscored the role of artists and writers in promoting people-to-people contacts between the two countries. He encouraged the young artists to continue exploring and expressing

their creative talent through their artworks.



*(Participants of the Children's Art Competition and Drama Exhibition)*

### **International Day of Women in Diplomacy Celebrations**

Deputy Chief of Mission Ms. Lalita Silwal joined senior women diplomats in Dhaka in celebrating the International Day of Women in Diplomacy on 24 June 2025.

In a video message compiled by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Ms. Silwal highlighted the growing representation of women officers within Nepal's Ministry of Foreign Affairs. She also encouraged women and girls across South Asia to aspire for leadership roles and "break the glass ceiling" in the field of diplomacy.



*(DCM Ms. Silwal delivering her message)*

(Link to the full video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=90ra3cLoOMo>)

## Education/Student Affairs

### Interaction with Nepali Students

On 8 May 2025, the Embassy welcomed a 9-member delegation of Nepali students from Embark College, Lalitpur who were on an exposure visit to Bangladesh and were hosted by Daffodil International University in Dhaka.

Ambassador Mr. Ghanshyam Bhandari met with the visiting delegation of Nepali students and had a brief interaction with them during which he emphasized the importance of academic and youth exchanges in strengthening the people-to-people connections between Nepal and Bangladesh.



*(Ambassador Bhandari with Nepali students from Embark College)*

During the interaction, the students shared their experiences of attending various events at the university, exploring Bangladeshi cuisine and learning about Bangladeshi culture.

The Ambassador commended Embark College's efforts in enriching students' educational experience beyond the classroom.

### Interactions with Nepali Students in Khulna

On 10 May, during his visit to Khulna, Ambassador Bhandari had an interaction with Nepali students studying in various colleges of Khulna. During the interaction, various matters concerning Nepali students were addressed.



*(Ambassador with Nepali students in Khulna)*

Ambassador Mr. Bhandari noted the concerns of the students and pledged to take them up with the college authorities.



*(Embassy team during the interaction)*

A total of 31 students from Khulna University, Khulna Agricultural University, Gazi Medical College and Khulna City Medical College were present during the interaction.

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## Media Coverage and Important Links

### ‘Nepal: Travelers' Information’ Translated into Bangla language

(Link to the publication:

<https://bd.nepalembassy.gov.np/content/25/bangla-version-of-travelers--information-for-our/>)

### Hon. Deputy Speaker Calls on the Chief Adviser

- Chief Adviser's Office: Chief Adviser Calls for Regional Economic Integration and Hydro Power Collaboration with Nepal...
- Dhaka Tribune: CA calls for regional economic integration, hydro power collaboration with Nepal
- The Business Standard: CA Yunus calls for regional integrated economic strategy
- BSS News: CA calls for economic integration, hydro power collaboration with Nepal
- Bay of Bengal Post: Bangladesh-Nepal Ties Strengthen as Yunus Proposes Regional Integration Plan
- Daily Observer: CA calls for integrated economic strategy for BD, Nepal, Bhutan, 7 NE states of India
- Rising BD: CA for economic integration, hydro power collaboration with Nepal
- Nepal News: Deputy Speaker Magar calls on Bangladeshi govt's Chief Advisor Yunus
- Khaborer Kagoj.com: Prof Yunus calls for 'regional integrated economic strategy'

### Ambassador's Meeting with the Social Welfare Adviser of Bangladesh

- The Financial Express: Bangladesh Nepalese envoy calls on Sharmin Murshid, discuss bilateral issues
- BSS News: Nepalese envoy calls on Sharmin Murshid, discuss bilateral issues

### Meeting with the Foreign Secretary of Bangladesh

- The Dhaka Tribune: Foreign secretary: Bangladesh seeks to boost ties with Nepal
- United News of Bangladesh: Bangladesh seeks to boost ties with Nepal: Foreign Secretary
- BSS News: Dhaka, Kathmandu for deepening regional cooperation
- The Financial Express: Bangladesh seeks to boost ties with Nepal: Foreign Secretary
- The Business Standard: Bangladesh seeks to boost ties with Nepal: Foreign secretary
- Daily Sun: Bangladesh seeks to boost ties with Nepal: Foreign Secretary
- The Dhaka Diplomat: Bangladesh seeks to boost ties with Nepal: foreign secy
- The Asian Age: 'Bangladesh seeks to boost ties with Nepal'

### Celebration of the International Mount Everest Day

- Bangladesh Sangbad Sangstha (BSS): Nepal celebrates Bangladesh's mountaineering spirit on Sagarmatha Day
- Daily Sun: Nepal Embassy marks Everest Day, honours Bangladeshi mountaineers
- The Diplomat Nepal: Embassy in Dhaka Marks 72nd International Sagarmatha Day with Tribute to Bangladeshi Mountaineers

### Nepal-Bangladesh Tourism Meet in Dhaka



- **Dhaka Tribune:** [Bangladesh, Nepal keen to deepen bilateral travel ties](#)
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- **Bangladesh Sangbad Sangstha (BSS):** [Nepal eyes deeper trade with Bangladesh: envoy](#)
- **Untied News of Bangladesh:** [Nepal seeks partnerships with Bangladesh in key areas](#)
- **Business in Bangladesh:** [Nepal Embassy in Dhaka organized an event titled ‘Nepal–Bangladesh Cooperation: Trends in Trade, Tourism and Communication’ in Khulna.](#)

- **The Business Standard:** [Mongla port corridor can boost Bangladesh–Nepal trade, says envoy](#)

### An Interaction Programme on ‘Promotion of Friendship and Cooperation between Women Journalists of Nepal and Bangladesh’

- **The Financial Express:** [Work together to establish just society](#)
- **BSS News:** [Nepalese Deputy Speaker calls for dismantling barriers to women’s participation in media](#)
- **The Daily Sun:** [Collective efforts urged to break barriers for women journalists](#)
- **Ittefaq :** [Nepal Embassy hosts event to boost media ties](#)

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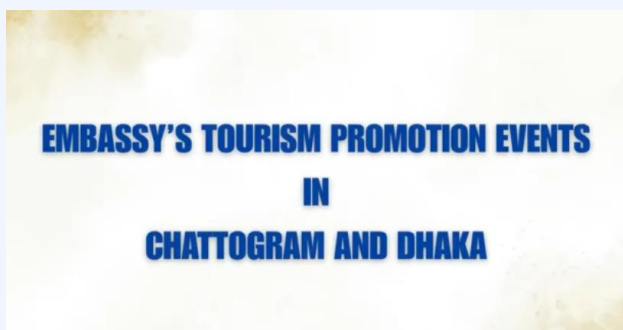
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## 4. Networking Event on Nepal- Bangladesh Cooperation: Dynamics of Trade, Tourism and Connectivity



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