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Milestone Achievement in Power Trade: Nepal-Bangladesh Agreement

The successful signing of the Tripartite Power Sales Agreement (TPSA) between NEA of Nepal, BPDB of Bangladesh, and NVVN of India is announced with great pleasure. This landmark agreement facilitates power trade between Nepal and Bangladesh through the Indian grid, marking a significant milestone in the region's power trade journey.

For the first time, Nepal is participating in cross-border power trade, setting a precedent for future collaborations. Under this agreement, 40 MW of hydroelectricity will be exported from Nepal to Bangladesh from June to November. This initiative not only strengthens bilateral relations but also creates opportunities for expanded power trade in the future.

Gratitude is extended to all teams for their dedication and hard work in making this agreement a reality. This achievement represents an important step toward realizing Nepal's hydroelectric potential and advancing regional cooperation. It paves the way for greater energy security and economic growth across South Asia. This agreement is expected to open new avenues for regional energy integration and collaboration.



Celebrating Dashain with Unity, Gratitude, and Hope for Nepal's Utmost Progress

Today, the Nawalparasi (Bardaghat Susta West) region saw the inauguration of the Triveni-Maheshpur Suspension Bridge alongside an integrated national electricity supply system. The ceremony was attended by Honorable President Ram Chandra Poudel, Acting Prime Minister and Urban Development Minister Prakash Man Singh, among other officials.

The inauguration introduced a new electricity system designed to alleviate power issues for approximately 350 households by connecting them to the national grid and a solar mini-grid developed by the Alternative Energy Promotion Centre. To aid these households, a one-year exemption from minimum electricity charges has been declared. This effort is part of a national strategy aiming to ensure complete electrification and generate 28,500 MW of electricity by 2035, thereby expanding electricity trade capabilities. This initiative is expected to boost local economic activities, improve living standards, and promote sustainable development in the region. It marks a significant step towards energy self-sufficiency.



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Engagement with the Community: Minister's Visit to the Home District

A heartfelt thank you is extended to everyone for the warm welcome during the Minister's visit to the home district. The visit provided an opportunity to reconnect with the community, understand their needs, and focus on identifying solutions.

Accompanied by a team of experts, including the Secretaries of the Water and Energy Commission Secretariat, Energy, and senior officials from the Electricity, Irrigation, and Hydrology departments, the goal was to assess development efforts and gather feedback for future improvements. Several key projects have been initiated, including the establishment of emergency electricity services in Bhotkhola for disaster response and the launch of district-level planning, monitoring, and development activities with teams from the Energy, Irrigation, and Water Resources departments.

Additional initiatives are in the pipeline to ensure sustained progress in the district. The commitment to achieving shared goals remains strong, and appreciation is expressed for the community's warm reception and continued support.



'समृद्धिका लागि जलस्रोत उपयोग गरौं'

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Former Energy Ministers Guide Strategic Path for National Hydro Projects

It was a profound honor to host all former Ministers of Energy, Water Resources, and Irrigation, who shared their invaluable experiences and insights. Their contributions have provided us with a clear roadmap to tackle existing challenges in our national pride projects. These discussions have enriched our strategies for enhancing the generation, transmission, and distribution of 28,500 MW by 2035.

The primary aim of conducting the meeting with the former Minister of Energy, Water Resources, and Irrigation is to foster 'Rastrya Yekata' (national unity) and collective collaboration to work towards the common goal of formulating and implementing the 'Energy Development Roadmap and Action Plan, 2081'. Their collective wisdom has given us a deeper understanding of our energy system's complexities and helped identify viable solutions. I am personally thankful to each former minister who made time to guide us with their perspectives. Their insights have strengthened our resolve and capabilities to advance our energy projects effectively.



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Gratitude to the Ministry of Power, Government of India, and Special Thanks to Honorable Foreign Minister

We express our profound gratitude to the Ministry of Power, Government of India, for their decisive role in approving the export of an additional 251 MW of electricity from Nepal. This substantial allocation includes 125 MW to Bihar through PTC India Limited and 126 MW to Haryana via NTPC Vidyut Vyapar Nigam. With this latest approval, the Government of India has now authorized the export of a cumulative 941.44 MW of electricity from 28 hydropower projects within Nepal, a testament to the growing energy partnership between our two countries.

Special thanks are extended to Honorable Foreign Minister Dr. Arzu Deuba, whose dedicated efforts have notably enhanced the energy trade relations between Nepal and India. The recent bilateral approval for a 251 MW electricity trade during Minister Deuba's visit to India is a significant milestone. This achievement not only fosters increased cooperation between our nations but also marks a positive development in Nepal's energy sector, promising greater stability and prosperity through enhanced cross-border energy exchange.



Strengthening Disaster Mitigation and Enhancing Hydropower Resiliency in Sankhuwasabha

Upon taking charge at the Ministry of Energy, Water Resources, and Irrigation, prioritizing disaster risk reduction has become my immediate focus. I am committed to swiftly implementing robust disaster risk reduction measures, supporting river training initiatives to mitigate future risks, and ensuring quick restoration of electricity to areas affected by natural disasters.

As a Member of Parliament for Sankhuwasabha, my dedication extends to localized efforts as well. I am actively involved in the repair and restoration of the small hydropower plant in Bhotkhola, which is vital for our community's energy needs. Additionally, I am addressing the infrastructure challenges posed by recent floods and landslides, aiming to reduce their disruptive impacts on our community. These efforts are crucial for enhancing our region's resilience and ensuring the safety and sustainability of our natural and energy resources. Together, these initiatives will strengthen our preparedness and build a safer, more resilient future for all. Committed to a disaster-resilient community.



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Resilience Amid Crisis: Swift
Recovery Efforts Underway at Upper
Tamakoshi Hydropower Project

In a devastating blow to Nepal's energy sector, unprecedented rainfall has crippled our flagship Upper Tamakoshi Hydropower Project. The torrential downpour on Ashoj 11-12 wreaked havoc on this crucial 456 MW facility, triggering landslides that have dealt a staggering NPR 850.6 million setback to our national power infrastructure.

However, hope rises amid the ruins. I witnessed firsthand the determination of our teams during today's inspection with top energy officials. While the sight of damaged dam sites and blocked access roads is heartbreaking, our ministry's unwavering commitment to restoration is stronger than ever. We're not just rebuilding infrastructure – we're fighting to restore the lifeline of countless communities.

In these challenging times, we've secured the full attention of our top leadership. Through collaborative efforts with the Prime Minister's office and key ministries, we're fast-tracking reconstruction efforts. Rest assured, we won't rest until Upper Tamakoshi roars back to life at full capacity.



Strategic Discussion on Disaster
Response with Provincial Line
Ministers

A meeting was recently convened with provincial line ministers and secretaries to address the pressing issues of recent floods and landslides. The focus was placed on the assessment of disaster preparedness across provinces and the enhancement of coordination between provincial and federal government levels. The collection of compensation data was reviewed to identify current gaps, and strategies for future interventions were devised to improve disaster response.

The main goal of this session was to have detailed updates on the impacts of floods and landslides, as categorized by province, relayed to us to better guide our reconstruction efforts. These efforts are particularly focused on areas critical to infrastructure resilience, such as hydropower and irrigation projects.

Consequently, a committee has been established under the Joint Secretary to compile a comprehensive report, which will be discussed further with the Ministry of Finance and the Prime Minister's Office to ensure that our strategies are implemented swiftly and effectively.



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Advancing Nepal's Energy Development: U.S. Partnership in MCC-Funded Projects

During a recent visit to the United States, high-level discussions were conducted with U.S. Trade Representative Katherine Tai at the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) to deepen cooperation on critical energy infrastructure in Nepal. The focus remained on expediting the 400 kV New Damauli Substation construction and associated transmission lines, pivotal components within Nepal's Energy Development Roadmap 2081, which aims to generate 28,500 MW by 2035. Daily oversight is being conducted to ensure strict adherence to project timelines, underscoring Nepal's commitment to achieving these ambitious energy targets.

A major step forward was the successful signing of the agreement for the 400 kV New Damauli Substation project between the Nepal Electricity Authority and a distinguished Indian construction firm, marking an essential milestone in the MCA Nepal Project. These collaborative efforts reflect a strong commitment to energy development, with sincere appreciation extended to U.S. Ambassador Dean Thompson and Katherine Tai for their strong support of Nepal's energy goals.



Strengthening Nepal's Future: Initiatives for Sustainable Energy and Water Resource Development

The Government of Nepal has introduced key initiatives to enhance the energy and water resource sectors, aligning with a vision to boost economic growth and sustainable development. A central focus is the Energy Development Roadmap and Action Plan 2081, a comprehensive strategy for 2023 to 2035 that emphasizes maximizing domestic energy resources to drive the national economy. This roadmap proposes increasing domestic electricity consumption, leveraging cross-border electricity trade, and ensuring structured, time-bound growth within the energy sector, currently awaiting approval from the Council of Ministers. Additionally, standards for research, studies, and construction in water resources and irrigation have been developed and submitted for approval, aiming to strengthen infrastructure in these sectors. The Water and Meteorology Policy 2081 has also been implemented following government approval, establishing a foundation for efficient water management and accurate meteorological forecasting. These initiatives reflect Nepal's commitment to sustainable growth.