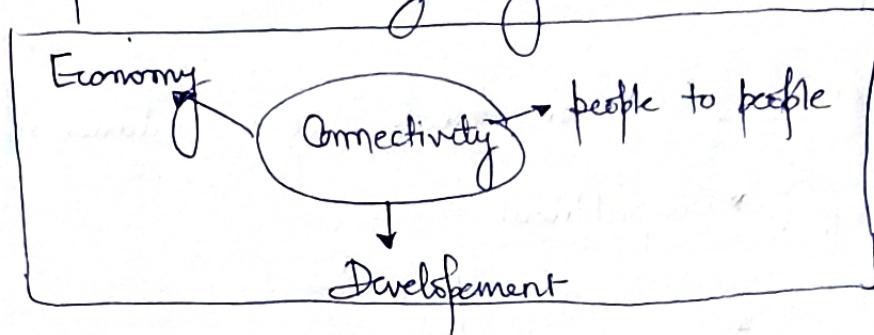


Indian help for Nepal → Connecting Sagarmatha (Mt. Everest) to Sagar



③ Developmental Assistance : India is the largest provider of D.A for creating 'infrastructure at grass root levels'
 { physical infrastructure
 education, health
 rural & community development
 water resources

④ Defense Cooperation

Assistance in modernization of Nepalese Army - { equipments
 training
 Gorkha regiment in Indian Army - from "Hill districts of Nepal"
 'Surya Kiran Exercise' - since 2011 b/w two militaries.

⑤ Cultural Cooperation

→ History / mythology
 → Art and Culture
 → academics
 → media

④ 3 sister cities agreements
 { Kathmandu - Varanasi
 Lumbini - Bodhi Gaya
 Janakpur - Ayodhya

⑥ Humanitarian Assistance - Nepal
 (Biggest recipient of India's Humanitarian Assistance)
 { earthquakes / ecologically fragile zone
 floods

⑦ Indian Community : Huge no. of Indians live in Nepal for various purposes

⑧ Multilateral Partnership : SAARC, BIMSTEC, BBIN, NAM etc

Challenges

① Internal Security : FICN, insurgent inter

② Trust deficit (↑) : India's delayed support / project works

③ Anti India feeling : certain ethnic group as they feel India encroaching upon Nepal's sovereignty

④ Chronic Political Instability in Nepal (↑) 10 yrs of violent revolution

⑤ China factor : ↑ ties - [RCEP strategic / BOP for China]

⑥ New map & territorial dispute

Way forward

→ ① morose of open borders
 → Alternative narrative of Indo-Nepal ties - more diversification & not only strategic angle

→ Hyderabad cooperation ;

① interest in internal affairs of Nepal