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Major Events and Current Affairs of National and International Importance

International Affairs

33rd World Population day 2022 marked

- World Population day 2022 is observed on July 11 every year.
- The theme of this population day is: A World of eight billion: Towards a resilient future for all-Harnessing opportunities and ensuring rights and choices for all".
- The first world population day was marked on July 11, 1989 A.D.

Former Japanese Prime Minister Shinjo Abe shot dead

- Former Japanese Prime Minister Shinjo Abe has died after being shot during a speech in Nara, Japan.
- Date died: 2022 July 08 (2079 Asar 24)
- He is the longest reigning prime minister of Japan.
- He represented Liberation Democratic Party.

14th BRICS Summit 2022:

- Date held: 2022 June 23-24
- Host nation: China (Beijing)
- BRICS: Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa
- The summit was addressed by the president of China XI Jing Ping.

Sri Lanka declares bankruptcy as country faces extreme economic crisis

- Sri Lankan Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe declared the country bankrupt as the financial crisis of the country deepened.
- Date declared : 2022 June 22
- The government has since run out of foreign currency to import critical items, with dire shortages of essentials and devastating power cuts fast becoming the norm, with schools closed and employees ordered to work from home.

An engineer from South Korea has built grave for internet explorer on June 16, 2022

- After the internet explorer browser was recently shut down by Microsoft, a South Korean engineer built a grave for it.
- An engineer Jun-Ki-Young establishes a "cemetery" for the "Explorer" browser to stop working with it.

Microsoft is officially shut down the Internet Explorer Browser

- Microsoft has officially shut down the Internet Explorer Browser after 27 years of operation on June 15, 2022.
- According to the company, the incremental improvements to Internet Explorer couldn't match the general improvements to the web at large

India introduces Agneepath Scheme:

- Date scheme launched: 2022 June 14
- It is a new scheme introduced by the Government of India for recruitment of soldiers below the rank of commissioned officers into the three services of the armed forces.
- The Agneepath Scheme will be the only route for recruitment into the military.
- All recruits will be hired only for a four year period.

- Personnel recruited under this system are to be called *Agniveers* (transl: Fire-Warriors), which will be a new military rank.
- The introduction of the scheme has been criticised for lack of consultation and public debate.
- The scheme is scheduled to be implemented from September 2022.
- This scheme will bypass many things including long tenures, pension and other benefits which were there in old system.

World environment day 2022

- World environment day is marked on June 05 every year.
- The theme of world environment day 2022 is Living sustainably in harmony with nature.

Turkey changes its official name to Türkiye

- Turkey changed its official name to Türkiye, pronounced tur-key-yay on 2022 June 03.
- The U.N. has also agreed to register Türkiye as the country's official name.
- The main reason why Turkey changed its name is to eliminate the association with the bird and the term turkey is used in colloquial language to denote failure.

PM Hasina opens Bangladesh's longest bridge over River Padma

- Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has inaugurated a landmark bridge over the turbulent Padma River on 2022 June 25.
- The construction of the 6.15km (3.82 miles) bridge began in November 2015 to connect 21 districts of the country's southwest with Dhaka via road and rail.
- Date of completion: 2022 June 30
- It is one of the national pride projects of Bangladesh.

UN selects five new members for UN temporary Security Council for 2023-2024

- UN selects five new countries to be the member of UN temporary security council from 2023 January 1 to 2024 December 31.
- The countries are: Mozambique, Japan, Malta, Switzerland, Ecuador

Indian PM Narendra Modi visits Nepal on the auspicious occasion of Budhha Jayanti

- Date visited: 2022 May 16 (2079 Jetha 02)

World Health Organization (WHO) director visits Nepal:

- World Health Organization (WHO) director Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus visited Nepal on 2022 April 21.
- Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, director general of WHO, declared COVID-19 a pandemic on 2020 March 11.

First person to receive genetically modified pig heart dies after 2 months of transplant:

- The first person in the world to get a heart transplant from a genetically-modified pig has died.
- David Bennett, who had terminal heart disease, survived for two months following the surgery in the US on 8th March, 2022.
- David Bennett is the first person in the world to get a heart transplant from a genetically-modified pig on 7th January, 2022.
- The operation was carried out by the doctors led by surgeon Bartley Griffiths at the University of Maryland Medical Center, USA.

Russia-Ukraine Crisis

- Russia's formal annexation of Russia: 2014 March 18
- Donetsk People's Republic and Luhansk People's Republic declared independence and were united under the Novorossiya confederation : 2014 May 11

- The two republics Donetsk People's Republic and Luhansk People's Republic, collectively known as Donbas were recognized as independent states by the Russian Federation : 2022 February 21
- USA imposes initial comprehensive sanctions on Russia and the Donetsk People's Republic ("DNR") and Luhansk People's Republic ("LNR") regions of Ukraine : 2022 February 21
- Russia declares war on Ukraine/Putin announces military operation in Ukraine: 2022 February 24
 - Russia launched a large scale military invasion of Ukraine.
- The United States and allies imposed more sanctions on February 24, 2022, after Russia launched its attack
- Russia vetoes a U.N. Security Council resolution calling on it to withdraw from Ukraine: 2022 February 25
- Russia and Ukraine met for talks on the Ukrainian Belarusian border after five days of Russian invasion on Ukraine: 2022 February 28
- Main goals
 - An immediate ceasefire and the withdrawal of Russian troops.
- FIFA, UEFA and IOC suspend Russian clubs and national teams from all competitions: 2022 February 28
- World's largest plane destroyed in Ukraine:
- The world's largest aircraft, the Antonov AN-225, has been destroyed during the Russian invasion of Ukraine: 2022 March 01
- The enormous aircraft, named "Mriya," or "dream" in Ukrainian, was parked at an airfield near Kyiv when it was attacked by "Russian"
- Nepal votes in favour of Ukraine call at UN for urgent debate on Russian invasion: 2022 March 01

Time magazine names vaccine scientists "Heroes of the Year 2021"

- Time Magazine has extended its "Person of the Year" brand to include "Hero of the Year," and has awarded the 2021 title to vaccine scientists who developed the COVID-19 vaccine.
- Time announced it had chosen vaccine developers as the "2021 Heroes of the Year" based on the work and science that went into researching and creating the COVID-19 vaccine.
- Four scientists, Kizzmekia Corbett, Barney Graham, Katalin Kariko, and Drew Weissman were chosen to represent vaccine researchers by Time.

Time person of the year 2021:

- Elon Musk has been named Time magazine's 2021 Person of the Year.
- The magazine's editors have chosen the billionaire entrepreneur as the person who has had the most influence over the last 12 months.
- The CEO of Tesla and SpaceX and the wealthiest person in the world has remained a central figure in news as he and his businesses continue to frame the future of automobiles and space travel.

Barbados declares Rihanna 'national hero' as it becomes newest republic of the world

- Rihanna has been declared a national hero of Barbados, as the country celebrates its transition to an independent republic.
- Barbados officially declared itself a republic on 30th November 2021.
- Barbados has officially removed British Monarch, Queen Elizabeth II as its head of state and become the world's newest republic.
- Dame Sandra Mason was sworn in as the new president replacing Queen Elizabeth II.

UNGA endorses proposal to graduate Nepal to middle-income developing country

- The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) has endorsed the proposal to graduate Nepal to the status of a middle-income developing nation from the category of least developed country (LDC) by 2026.
- The Economic and Social Council of the UN had presented the proposal in the UNGA at its 76th session for its endorsement. The UNGA passed the proposal on 21st November, 2021.
- The U.N. General Assembly has adopted resolution A/76/L.6/Rev.1, Graduation of Bangladesh, the Lao People's Democratic Republic along with Nepal from the least developed country category."
- Currently, there are 46 countries on the LDC list, according to the U.N. Committee for Development Policy (CDP). According to the U.N., per capita income of \$1,230 is one of the requirements for transitioning into a developing nation.
- Nepal was incorporated in the list of LDCs in 1971.
- Current Status of Nepal in 2021:

Index	Requirement for upgrade	Status of Nepal
Per capita Gross National Income (US Dollar)	>1222	1027
Human assets Index	>66	75
Economic Vulnerability Index	<32	24.2

Note: A country must achieve at least two of the three criteria at two consecutive triennial reviews to be considered for graduation.

Statue of Satya Mohan Joshi to be placed in France

- Mayor of Lalitpur Metropolitan City Chiribabu Maharjan has signed a memorandum of understanding to build a statue of Satya Mohan Joshi, a man of the century and cultural expert in a French city.

UN climate change conference (COP26)

- The 2021 United Nations Climate Change Conference, also known as COP26 (Conference of the Parties), is the 26th United Nations Climate Change conference.
- The 26th Conference of the Parties (COP26) took place in Glasgow (Scotland) from 31 October to 12 November 2021 under the presidency of the United Kingdom.
- Jointly organized by United Kingdom and Italy.
- Major agenda: commitments to tackle the climate emergency.
- Prime Minister Sher Bahadur Deuba participated in the conference representing Nepal.
- PM Deuba admitted that Nepal will soon organise Sagarmatha Sambad, a global dialogue on climate change and Nepal will achieve net-zero carbon emissions by 2045 A.D.
- Note: India committed to achieving net-zero carbon emission by 2070 A.D.
- COP 26 is also called United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.
- Goals of COP 26 are:
 - Accelerate the transition from coal to clean power.
 - Protect and restore nature for the benefit of people and climate.
 - Accelerate the transition to zero emission vehicles
- COP 25 was held in 2019 December 2-13 in Madrid (Spain).
- COP 27 is scheduled to be held in Egypt in 2022 A.D.

2021 February 19: U.S. Officially Rejoins Paris Climate Agreement

- The United States' short sojourn outside the Paris Climate Agreement is over.
- The U.S. formally re-enters the international pact of Paris Climate Agreement to help reduce carbon emissions.
- U.S. spent 107 days outside the Paris Agreement, after former President Donald Trump completed the three year withdrawal process one day after the November election.

- Joe Biden has set a deadline of April 22 to complete the pledge for 2030 emissions cuts ahead of his Earth Day Summit.

2020 November 04 : US formally exit Paris climate agreement

- The US has formally left the 2015 Paris climate agreement, becoming the first country in the world to withdraw from the international climate pact aimed at reining in greenhouse emissions.
- President Donald Trump's administration had notified the US withdrawal from the accord on November 05, 2020.

More about Paris Climate Agreement

- Paris Agreement is an agreement within the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, on climate change mitigation, adaptation and finance.
- To tackle climate change and its negative impacts, 197 countries adopted the Paris Agreement at the COP-21 in Paris on 12 December 2015.
- USA had signed this agreement on 22 April 2016.
- Paris Climate Agreement was brought into operation in 2016 November 04.
- There are 29 articles in this agreement.
- The first country to ratify this agreement is Maldives.
- Nepal ratified the Paris Climate Agreement on 24th October, 2016

US withdraws from Afghanistan, bringing an end to 20-year war

- The United States completed its withdrawal from Afghanistan on August 30, 2021.
- The last US military flight left Kabul airport, marking the end of a 20-year presence in Afghanistan and America's longest war.
- US President Joe Biden declares the end of war in Afghanistan.
- Taliban had given ultimatum to America to leave Afghanistan by August 31, 2021 but US army left Afghanistan a day earlier.
- The last soldier to leave Afghanistan is Major General Chris Donahue, commander of the U.S. Army 82nd Airborne Division, XVIII Airborne Corps.
- Ross L. Wilson is the last American diplomat to leave Afghanistan, who served as the acting United States Ambassador to Afghanistan.

Taliban declare victory in Afghanistan:

- Taliban leaders declared on August 16, 2021 "the war is over," after taking control of Afghanistan nearly 20 years on from the militant group fleeing a U.S.-led coalition march into Kabul.

Facebook changes parent company name to "Meta" as its new corporate name:

- Facebook changed its parent company name to "Meta" to move past being a scandal-plagued social network to its virtual reality vision for the future.
- Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg announced on 28th October that the corporate name of the social media platform will change to "Meta," to emphasize its "metaverse" vision.
- Following social media platforms will be under the name of meta:Facebook, Messenger, WhatsApp, Instagram

Nepal becomes 2nd largest troops-contributor to UN Peacekeeping missions:

- Nepal has become the second largest troops-contributing country in the United Nations Peacekeeping mission.
- Nepal rose to the 2nd position having sent 5,571 troops including 294 female peacekeepers.
- Bangladesh is the top contributor while Nepal is followed by India in third place.
- Nepal has been a consistent contributor to UN peacekeeping since 1958, three years after Nepal joined the UN.

El Salvador becomes first country to use bit coin as legal tender

- El Salvador on Tuesday became the first country to use bit coin as legal tender, alongside the US dollar.
- Nepal Rastra Bank has declared Bitcoin and other cryptocurrencies as illegal forms of financial tender on Shrawan 29, 2074

Abu Dhabi Dialogue 2021:

- Abu Dhabi Dialogue (ADD) was held in Dubai from 26 to 27 October, 2021.
- Ministers from Asian labour countries of origin and Gulf destination countries, together with Malaysia and Singapore, concluded the two-day Abu Dhabi Dialogue by adopting a forward-looking declaration that paves the way for the better management of temporary contractual labour mobility.
- Abu Dhabi Dialogue Concludes with Declaration Paving the Way for Better Management of Temporary Contractual Labour Mobility
- The Abu Dhabi Dialogue (ADD) was established in 2008 as a forum for dialogue and cooperation between Asian countries of labour origin and destination.

AUKUS Agreement:

- AUKUS, also called Aukus is a trilateral security pact signed between UK, USA and Australia to counter China
- The agreement was signed on 21st of September, 2021 for the Indo-Pacific region.
- Under the pact, the US and the UK will help Australia to acquire nuclear-powered submarines.
- It will let Australia build nuclear-powered submarines for the first time, using technology provided by the US.

Former U.S. president Donald Trump launches new social media platform

- Former U.S. president Donald Trump launches 'TRUTH' social media platform
- TRUTH Social will be created through a new company formed by a merger of the Trump Media and Technology Group and a special acquisition company (SPAC)

Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) Vice President visits Nepal:

- Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) Vice President of Compact Operations, Fatima Z. Sumar visits Nepal
- Date and duration of visit: 2021 September 09-12

About MCC:

- The Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) is an bilateral United States foreign aid Agency established by the U.S. Congress in January 2004 working to reduce poverty global poverty through economic growth.
- This is an innovative and independent agency separate from the State Department and USAID that helps developing countries to fight against poverty through economic development.
- Its headquarter is situated in Washington, D.C., United States of America.
- It provides grants to countries that have been determined to have good economic policies and potential for economic growth i.e, MCC forms partnerships with some of the world's poorest countries.
- MCC Board of Directors approved Nepal Compact program which includes USD 500 million grants in 2017 A.D.
- The compact signing was done on September 14, 2017 in Washington DC between Nepal and MCC.
- The compact signing was done by the then Finance Minister of Nepal Mr. Gyanendra Karki and MCC Acting CEO Mr. Jonathan Nash.

- The Ministry of Finance representing the Government of Nepal and the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) representing the United States Government Signed a Program Implementation Agreement on 29th September, 2019.
- Minister of Finance Dr. Yubaraj Khatiwoda on behalf of Government of Nepal and Anthony Welcher, vice president of the Department of Compact Operations signed the Program Implementation Agreement.

United Nations commission votes to remove marijuana from list of most dangerous drugs

- A United Nations panel has voted to remove medical cannabis from a list of dangerous drugs.
- On 12th February, 2020 the Commission for Narcotic Drugs voted on several World Health Organization (WHO) recommendations related to cannabis. Among them was a recommendation that the drug be stricken from Schedule IV of the 1961 Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs. The list currently puts cannabis alongside drugs like heroin, cocaine and fentanyl.
- 27 countries along with Nepal voted for the proposal

Lebanon becomes first Arab country to legalise cannabis farming

- Lebanon becomes first Arab country to legalise cannabis farming for medical use in bid to beat economic crisis.
- The legal status was provided on April 23, 2020.
- Note:** Uruguay is the first country in the world to fully legalize marijuana in 2013 for recreation purpose. After Uruguay, Canada legalized marijuana in 2018.

Local level election of Nepal 2022/2079:

- The government of Nepal on 2078 Magh 24 announced the date for the local level election.
- Date election held: 2079 Baishakh 30 (13 May, 2022).
- The election was held in 752 local levels
 - 460 rural municipalities
 - 275 municipalities (the election in Mahajugunj municipal, Kapilvastu was postponed due to the death of candidate)
 - 11 sub metropolitan cities
 - 6 metropolitan cities
- This was the second set of local-level elections to be held since the promulgation of the constitution of Nepal 2015.
- Total number of voters: 1,77,33,723
- Male voters: 89,92,010
- Female voters: 87,41,530
- Others: 183
 - Province with highest number of voters: Bagmati
 - Province with least number of voters: Karnali
 - District with highest number of voters: Morang
 - District with least number of voters: Manang
 - Local level with highest number of voters: Kathmandu metropolitan city
 - Local level with least number of voters: Narpa Bhumi Rural municipal (Manang)
- Election centres: 21,955
 - Province with highest number of election centres: Madhesh
 - Province with least number of election centres: Karnali
 - District with highest number of election centres: Morang
 - District with least number of election centres: Manang
- Voting spots: 10,756
- Political parties registered for local level election: 79

- Political parties participating in the election: 65
- Political parties to win at least a seat in any position in local level: 29
- Number of candidates: 1,45,011
 - Male candidates: 89,313
 - Female candidates: 55,698
- A total of 35, 221 representative of people have been elected from all local level that includes 293 mayors, 293 deputy mayors, 460 chairperson, 460 deputy chairperson of rural municipalities, 6743 ward chairpersons and the remaining are 4 ward members per ward.
- Percentage of vote casted: 68.7%
 - The highest percentage of vote was casted in Karnali Province (70%)
 - The least percentage of votes was casted in Bagmati Province (64.16%)
- Lokendra Bahadur Ghale, was the first elected representative in this local level election. He was elected the chairperson of Chame Rural municipal, Manang
- The oldest candidate elected: Ram Padarath Teli Shah, elected the chairperson of Bhramhapuri Rural Municipal, Sarlahi.
- The youngest candidate elected: Vashistha Kumar, elected the chairperson of Kalimai Rural municipal, Parsa
- Candidate elected with highest vote difference: Sunita Dangol (CPN UML), Deputy Mayor of Kathmandu district. She received 68,612 votes and her opponent Rameshwor Shrestha received 23,806 votes. The difference in the number of votes was 44, 806
- From the local election result Nepali Congress has become the single largest party of Nepal followed by CPN (UML) and Maoist Centre.
- Top five Political Parties in the local level election
 - Nepali congress: 329 seats (141 mayor+188 chairperson)
 - CPN UML: 205 seats (82 mayor+123 chairperson)
 - CPN Maoist center: 121 seats (25 mayor+96 chairperson)
 - Janata Samajbadi Party: 30 seats (9 mayor+21 chairperson)
 - CPN Unified Socialist (samajbadi) party: 20 seats (12 mayor+ 8 chairperson)
 - Independent: 13 (7 mayor+6 chairperson)

Note: The minimum age required to be the candidate of any position in local level is 21 years.

Note: The solution of Silver Nitrate is painted in nail after casting vote in the election.

National Affairs

19th National Paddy day 2022/2079 Observed in Nepal

- Every year, the 15th of Asar is celebrated as National Paddy Day.
- This year National Paddy Day and Plantation Festival, 2022 was celebrated under the slogan "Utilization of Biodiversity in Paddy Crops, Support to Import Substitution."
- The council of ministers on 2061 Mangsir 29 decided to observe national paddy day on Asar 15 every year.
- National Paddy day was first observed in 2062 Asar 15.

The youngest climber of the Mt. Everest dies at 70

- The youngest climber of the Mt. Everest Shambhu Tamang has died.
- Date died: 2079 Asar 23 (2022 July 07).
- On May 05, 1973, along with the Italian expedition team, he climbed Mt Everest becoming the youngest person to climb Mt Everest at the age of 17 years, 6 months and 15 days.
- Note:** Now the youngest climber in the world is American Citizen Jordan Romero. He climbed Everest on May 10, 2010 at the age of 13 years, 10 months and 10 days.

Real estate registration day to be observed in Nepal

- The council of minister on 2079 Asar 21 decided to observe Baishakh 1 as Real estate registration day.

Tehrathum district declared 'dhaka capital'

- Tehrathum district has been declared the 'capital of dhaka clothes'.
- The Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Supply, and Myanglung Municipality jointly made such announcement on 2079 Asar 20 (2022 July 04).
- The district was announced the 'capital of dhaka' in a bid to promote dhaka industry along with development of necessary skills, publicity, entrepreneurship, diversification and commercialization.

Palpa district declared capital of Dhaka fabric

- Palpa, known for producing Palpali Dhaka at home and at the international level, has been declared as the capital of the 'Dhaka' textile on 2078 Chaitra 12 (2022 March 26).
- Palpa district is very famous for the Nepali cap called Dhaka Topi. Palpali Dhaka is a famous brand in Nepal.
- Dhaka is the traditional handloom made the fabric of Nepal.

Jyoti KC Becomes First Nepali Analog Astronaut after Completing Training

- Jyoti KC has been officially certified as an analog astronaut, after finishing her analog astronaut training.
- She is the first Nepali-American to join the Lunars Research Station after a two-week training in Poland.
- KC is a resident of Rapti Village council-1.
- She recently completed Analog Astronaut training and was officially qualified as an Analog Astronaut.

Singer Raju Lama climbs Mt. Everest

- Popular singer Raju Lama has successfully climbed Sagarmatha (Mount Everest), the highest peak of the world on 2022 May 16 (2079 Jetha 02).
- Along with singer Lama, 27 people climbed Mt. Everest on behalf of Imagine Nepal Expedition.

First Nepali lady doctor summits Mt. Everest

- Dr. Preeti Bhusal, who works at Grande International Hospital, Dhapasi climbed Mt. Everest on 2079 Baishakh 29 (12th May, 2022)

Kami Rita Sherpa climbs Everest for 26th time, breaks his own record

- Kami Rita Sherpa created history by climbing the 8,848.86 metre tall peak 26th time on 2022 May 07 (2079 Baishakh 24).
- Kami Rita had scaled Everest for the first time on May 13, 1994. He also holds the record of "most climbs over 8000m"

MCC grant assistance ratified by the Parliament of Nepal

- Nepal parliament ratifies US govt's controversial \$500m MCC grant assistance with 'interpretative declaration'.
- Nepal's House of Representatives on has ratified 500 million US Dollar grant assistance-Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) pact along with "interpretative declaration".
- Date of ratification: 2022 February 27 (2078 Falgun 15).
- Parliament adopted a 12 point declaration called "interpretative declaration" which includes the government's answers on questions raised in the parliament regarding MCC.
- MCC Compact published in Nepal Gazette on 2079 Baishakh 15 (April 27, 2022)

Serbia opened up for foreign employment

- Serbia has become the last country for foreign employment for the Nepalese workers.

Gautam Buddha International Airport officially inaugurated

- Prime Minister of Nepal Sher Bahadur Deuba inaugurated Nepal's second international airport, the Gautam Buddha International Airport (GBIA) on May 16, 2022. (2079 Jetha 2)
- The airport has a 3,000-meter runway with aviation equipment ILS required for flight safety.

International commercial flights started at Gautam Buddha International Airport (GBIA)

- Jazeera Airways made a successful flight from Kuwait to Gautam Buddha International Airport on May 16, 2022. (2079 Jetha 2)
- Jazeera Airways Airbus A320 Flight J9 545 commenced the flight from Kuwait crossing air routes of Iran, Pakistan, New Delhi, and Lucknow and finally landed at Bhairahaawa Airport.
- 74 years after the beginning of air transportation in Nepal, GBIA Airport has been officially inaugurated on the occasion of the 2566th anniversary of Buddha, with Jazeera Airways becoming the first airline to operate international commercial flights.

Gautam Buddha International Airport brought into operation

- The Gautam Buddha International Airport, also a national pride project, in Rupandehi district of the Lumbini Province has formally come into operation from 2079/01/08 (2022/04/21).
- This is the second international airport in the country after the Tribhuvan International Airport (TIA).
- Nepal is operating the second international airport 74 years after the beginning of the operation of the first one.
- The private sector airlines company, Yeti Airlines, conducted the first flight from the new runway.
- The airport is built with the help of Asian Development Bank as a national pride project.
- The Bhairahawa airport was operated on 4 July 1958 as domestic airport.

Calibration flight at Bhairahawa's Gautam Buddha International Airport

- Mechanical Test Flight also called Calibration flight of Gautam Buddha Int'l Airport started from 18th February and completed on 24th February, 2022 (2078 Falgun 6)
- An aircraft from Thailand's Aerothaihas completed scheduled calibration flights at the Gautam Buddha International Airport.
- Gautam Buddha International Airport is the first of the 35 airports operating in Nepal to be able to land fully mechanically.
- Flight calibration is done to check the navigation system and ensure radar systems are working to ensure an aircraft passes an inspection and its equipment is up to date.

Ghodaghodi Declared Nepal's First Bird Sanctuary

- Ghodaghodi Wetland located in Kailali district of Sudurpaschim Province was declared the first bird sanctuary (Bird Sanctuary Area) of Nepal.
- There are 360 species of water and terrestrial birds in the Ghodaghodi wetland listed in the World Ramsar Area.
- Ghodaghodi has been declared a bird sanctuary with the objective of conserving the birds found there and promoting tourism.
- Ghodaghodi wetland spreads in an area of 10,570 hectares. However, the Ghodaghodi Bird Sanctuary has been created covering an area of more than 6,000 hectares where Ghodaghodi Lake is completely included. There are 24 lakes including Ghodaghodi in the wetland area.

PM Deuba inaugurates vaccination campaign against typhoid

- Prime Minister Sher Bahadur Deuba initiated the typhoid vaccination campaign during a function organised at the Durbar High School, Ranipokhari on 2022 April 7 (2078 Chaitra 24).

- The vaccination campaign rolled out throughout the country till May 1.
- The typhoid vaccination programme will also be included in the regular national immunization programme.
- Under the programme children between the ages of one year, three months to 15 years would be administered the vaccines against typhoid.

Nepal commits to net zero emissions by 2045

- On November 1st Nepal's prime minister, Sher Bahadur Deuba, announced a commitment to transition the country into a net zero carbon emitter by 2045.
- The announcement, made at the 26th UN Climate Change Conference (COP26), sets the target half a decade ahead of developed nations like the US and the UK.
- In addition Nepal aims to increase renewable energy capacity to cover 15% of the country's total energy demand and achieving 45% forest cover by 2030.

Nepal maintains diplomatic ties with 177 countries

- Nepal maintained diplomatic relation with Trinidad and Tobago on 2022 June 16.
- This is the 177th country to maintain diplomatic relation with Nepal.
- 176th country to maintain diplomatic ties with Nepal is Belize (2022 April 1)

Province number 2 named Madhesh and Janakpurdham declared the permanent capital

- Province number 2 has been named Madhesh and Janakpurdham has been declared the permanent capital on 2078 Magh 3

Judicial museum inaugurated in Supreme Court:

- The Judicial Museum has been established in the Supreme Court (SC).
- The museum developed to give an introduction of Nepal's judicial system and history was inaugurated on 2078 Bhadra 01
- Important legal decisions, historical assets used by justices and judiciary are kept in the museum.

Heart valve transplant without surgery for the first time in Nepal

- Heart valve transplant without surgery has been done for the first time in Nepal.
- Shaheed Ganga Lal Heart Center has successfully transplanted a valve in an 80 year old woman.
- The valve has been replaced by Transcatheter Eortic Valve Implementation (TAVI) method.
- The hospital team led by Indian cardiologist Dr. Shahi Satish successfully transplanted the valve on 16th Falgun, 2078 (2022 February 28)

Nirmal Purja Appointed As Global Goodwill Ambassador for Nepal's Tourism

- The Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Civil Aviation has appointed mountaineer Nirmal Purja as the World Goodwill Ambassador for Nepal's Tourism.
- Purja was also honoured at the event for his significant contribution to introducing Nepal to the world.
- Purja has set a world record by climbing all 14 mountains (all above 8,000 meters) of the world in a shortest span of time, including the highest peak, Mount Everest.

Current Public debt of Nepal:

- According to the Finance Ministry, debt of the country has reached 17 kharab 28 arba 93 crore 93 thousand and 671 in the first 6 months of the current fiscal year.
 - Outer debt: 9 kharab 48 arba 98 crore
 - Internal debt: 7 kharab 79 arba 94 crore
- Public debt per people has reached 59 thousand 225 rupees.

Nepal manufactures anti-cancer drug for the very first time

- The distribution of first-ever domestically manufactured anti-cancer drugs has started in Nepal from 2022 February 08

- The Tizig Pharma has initiated the manufacture and distribution of anti-cancer drug.
- Tizig Pharma has now become the first pharmaceutical company to manufacture anti-cancer drug in Nepal.
- Tigiz Pharma said it has obtained approval for 27 molecules from the Department of Drug Administration for manufacturing of anti-cancer drugs.

NMB wins Bank of the Year 2021 Asia and Bank of the Year 2021 Nepal

- The bank has been awarded "The Bank of The Year Asia 2021" by The Banker magazine, London UK, the first of its kind recognition to any financial institutions in Nepal.
- Along with this, the bank has also been conferred with "The Bank of The Year 2021 Nepal" by The Banker Magazine, London.

Government provides first e-passport to Satya Mohan Joshi

- The government has provided first e-passport to 102-year-old historian Satya Mohan Joshi on 1st Mangsir, 2078 (November 17, 2021).
- Minister for Foreign Affairs Narayan Khadka handed over the biometric passport to Joshi.
- The old passport of Joshi will be preserved in the museum.
- The Department of Passports on December 20, 2020 had made an agreement with French firm IDEMIA and Security for the printing of e-passports at a cost of Rs 2.48 billion.
- The Government of Nepal had started issuing Machine Readable Passport since 26 December 2010 (2067 Poush 11).
- Passport system in Nepal was introduced by Muktiyar Bhimsen Thapa.

Nepal introduces digital visa system

- Nepal on 14th Asar, 2078 (28th June, 2021) launched a digital visa system to replace its 45-year-old hand-written visa regime.
- Deputy Prime Minister and Home Minister Bishnu Prasad Paudel inaugurated the new system under which visas are produced digitally from the integrated information system of the Department of Immigration.
- Nepalese born Portuguese citizen Tenzing Norbu Lama is the first to receive such visa.

Sindhuligadi War museum, Nepal's first war museum inaugurated:

- Date of Inauguration: 2078 Shrawan 13 by president Bidhya Bhandari
- The Nepal Army has constructed a 6-room museum building of 6,281 square feet at a cost of Rs 65 million.
- The names of Bansha Raj, Bir Bhadra, Sri Harsha and Bansha Gurung who defeated the enemy in October 1768 are inscribed in the museum.
- This war museum is considered to be the first of its type in Nepal.
- Captain Kinloch was the commander of British East India Company in Sindhuligadhi during Nepal-Anglo war.

Health insurance scheme reaches all 77 districts

- Social Health Insurance Scheme of the government has been implemented in all 77 districts.
- Mustang becomes the last district to implement Health Insurance program in 2078 Jetha 01.
- The program, launched in 2015 (2072 B.S.), has now been implemented across the country in all 77 districts.
- In FY 2071/72, the Government of Nepal had announced to roll out the scheme in three districts (Kailali, Baglung and Ilam) but the enrollment process at Kailali was started only from 2 Chaitra 2072 (07 April 2016) and at Baglung and Ilam from 15 Asar 2073 (29 June 2016).

- The scheme hopes to provide an important contribution for helping Nepal shift from the list of Least Developed Countries to Middle Income Developing Countries by the end of 2022. The Social Health Security Development Committee aims to expand this program to all districts by 2020.
- Under the scheme, a family having up to five members has to pay Rs 3,500 to get medical treatment including medicines worth Rs 100,000 in total.
- The service is available in those health facilities fixed by the government.
- A family that has more than five members has to add Rs 700 per member to be entitled the insurance coverage from Rs 20,000 to Rs 200 thousand.
- The government has listed 375 health facilities: the government and the private across the country to render the services under the programmes.

Nepal aims to achieve full digital transformation by 2030

- Digital Nepal is a broad conception of the Government of Nepal.
- The Government's big plan Digital Nepal is designed to facilitate Nepal to connect its driving socioeconomic growth of citizens which will help and support to achieve the sustainable development goal 2030.
- The government of Nepal aims to turn all public services technology friendly to help citizens to promote good governance.

Nepal faces 'Budget Holiday' for the very first time

- The country faced a 'budget holiday' from Wednesday mid-night (2078 Bhadra 30/2021 September 15) with the government undergoing a logjam to spend money from the state coffers for being unable to get the ordinance budget endorsed by parliament within the deadline.
- This is the first time in Nepal that government expenditures are suspended/the country faced a financial deadlock.
- Budget Holiday means the Government of Nepal is unable to spend from the State treasury.

Why did this happen?

- Bishnu Poudel, the then Finance Minister of the KP Oli-led government, announced the annual budget for 2021/22 on May 29 through an ordinance. According to the law, the government needs to endorse an ordinance from parliament within 60 days, which is ending on September 15.
- UML led by KP Sharma Oli was removed from the government after the Supreme Court on 12 July ordered that Sher Bahadur Deuba be appointed Prime minister.
- Targeting to revise the ordinance budget, Finance Minister Janardan Sharma tabled a substitution bill at parliament on September 10 but the UML party, which is in the main Opposition, is refusing to endorse the Bill and has been obstructing the House since its commencement on 8 September. Due to this reason the budget failed to receive parliament's approval and the government faced budget holiday.
- This is the first time that the country is facing a budget holiday after Nepal adopted the federal system.

Rajendra Pandey appointed chief minister of Bagmati province

- Rajendra Pandey, the parliamentary party leader of the CPN (Unified Socialist) of Bagmati provincial assembly, has been appointed as the new chief minister of the province.
- He is the third chief minister of Bagmati Province.
- The first chief minister of Nepal is Dor Mani Poudyal (Bagmati Province).
- The first female chief minister of Nepal is Ashta Laxmi Shakya (Bagmati Province).

Gandaki Pradesh Declared Fully Literate Province

- Date declared: 2078 Ashwin 24
- Declared by Prime Minister Sher Bahadur Deuba.

- All 85 municipalities and 11 districts of the province have been declared literate.
- In Gandaki, the average literacy rate in the age group of 15 to 60 years is 96.57 percent.
- Bagmati Province has been declared literate on 11th Ashwin, 2078.
- Bagmati Province was declared literate Province since the literacy rate among the people from 15 to 60 years in the Province stood at 95 percent.
- Nepal has passed a policy to declare literacy in the regions, districts, provinces, or nations where more than 95 percent of the citizens in the age group of 15 to 60 years are ensured to be literate.

Literacy:

- First literate district of Nepal: Sindhupalchowk, declared literate district on 2071 Asar 02
- First fully literate district of Nepal: Lalitpur, declared fully literate district on 2071 Asar 09
- First literate municipality: Tansen (Palpa)
- First literate V.D.C: Hemja (Kaski)
- Last five literate districts are (until 2079 Asar):
 - 61th: Banke, declared literate on 2079 Asar 32
 - 60th: Bajura, declared literate on 2079 Asar 30
 - 59th: Kailali, declared literate on 2079 Asar 29
 - 58th: Solukhumbu, declared literate on 2079 Asar 26, literacy rate : 96.73%
 - 57th: Bajhang, declared literate on 2079 Asar 07
- 56th: Taplejung, declared literate on 2078 Chaitra 23
- 55th: Kathmandu, declared literate on 2078 Ashwin 04

More about literacy campaign

- The government of Nepal launched literacy declaration campaign from 2065/66
- The Literate Nepal campaign aims to educate as many as people between 15 and 60 years in the country and declares the district fully literate once it comes up with over 95 percent literacy rate.
- Madhesh is the only province without any literate districts.

Kathmandu becomes 55th fully literate district

- Kathmandu district has achieved a full literacy rate becoming the 55th fully literate district among the country's 77 districts on 2078 Ashwin 04.
- 54th literate district of Nepal is Achham declared on 2078 Asar 21.
- After all the municipalities and rural municipalities were declared achieving full literacy, the district was declared a fully literate district after achieving a 96.88 percent literacy rate.

Sher Bahadur Deuba elected the new prime minister of Nepal for fifth time:

- President Bidya Devi Bhandari appointed Nepali Congress President Sher Bahadur Deuba as Prime Minister.
- This is the fifth time that 74-year-old Deuba is returning to power as the Prime Minister of Nepal.
- Bhandari appointed Deuba as PM in accordance with Article 76(5) of the Constitution in 2078 Asar 29 (2021 July 13).

Jaya Prithvi Bahadur Singh honoured new/18th national dignitary of Nepal.

- The government has declared Jaya Prithvi Bahadur Singh a national hero.
- Jaya Prithvi Bahadur Singh has been recognised for his contribution to the development of Nepal's education sector and for promoting Nepal in the world.
- He was the king of Bajhang.

- He published Gorkhpatria in 1901/1857 B.S.
- His book Aksharank Shiksha is considered to be the first textbook in the Nepali language; along with it, he also wrote another book Prakrit Byakaran.
- He is considered the 2nd Gautam Buddha in the education sector of Nepal.
- He passed away on June 20, 1940.

Sardar Bhakti Thapa declared the national luminary/hero of Nepal

- The government has declared martyr Bir Bhakti Thapa as national luminary.
- He was declared the national hero on 28 June 2021.
- With this, the number of national heroes has reached 17
- At the age of 73, Thapa, who had fought with a Khukuri against the then East India Company (British) at Deutthal, died in the same battle.

Bharatmani Paudel bags title of Comedy Champion season 2

- The second season of the Comedy Champion has come to an end with Bharatmani Paudel of Tehrathum bagging the title.
- Paudel beat Bikki Agrawal and Santosh Thapa, who finished second and third respectively.
- Along with the title, Paudel won a car and Rs 2.5 million.

Inauguration of Upper Tamakoshi Hydro Project:

- The then Prime Minister KP Sharma Oli inaugurated Upper Tamakoshi Hydropower Project on Asar 21, 2078 (5th July, 2021) through virtual program.
- Of the total 456-megawatt power, the first unit of the project generated 76 megawatt of electricity.
- It is a Nepal national pride project. When it is operated at full capacity, it is the largest hydroelectric plant in Nepal.

First dissolution and reinstatement of House of Representatives of Nepal in 2020-21:

- President Bidya Devi Bhandari dissolved the House of Representatives as per advice of the prime minister KP Sharma Oli on 20 December 2020
- Nepal's Supreme Court overturned Prime Minister K.P. Sharma Oli's decision to dissolve Parliament as it was unconstitutional.
- The Supreme Court reinstated the House on 22 February 2021.

Second dissolution and reinstatement of House of Representatives of Nepal in 2020-21

- President Bidya Devi Bhandari on 21 May, 2021 dissolved the House of Representatives for the secend time.
- The Supreme Court, by the order of certiorari, reinstated the House for the second time on 12 July 2021.

2077 Falgun 20 (2021 March 04): PM KP Oli Lays Foundation Stone for Multi-objective Sunkoshi Marin Diversion Project

- Prime Minister KP Oli laid the foundation stone for the construction of national pride project Sunkoshi Marin Diversion Project in Kamalamai Municipality, Kusumtar (Sindhuli District).
- This national project is aimed at generating 28 megawatt electricity and providing irrigation facility to 120,000 hectares of land to the people in the Central Terai.
- The government had announced the Sunkoshi Marin Diversion Project as the national pride project in the fiscal budget of 2019/2020.

- Rs 2.5 billion had been allocated for the project.
- This project will operate in five districts of Terai (Province 2) which are Bara, Rautahat, Mahottari, Sarlahi and Dhanusha.
- The project is expected to get completed by 2080/81

2077 Magh 02: Government of Nepal launches "Nagarik App" for e-Governance in Nepal

- The government of Nepal has finally launched the Nagarik Mobile App to deliver their services online.
- The Nagarik App is now ready to be used for e-governance.
- The app plans to provide all the government services digitally so that the people need not to visit the Government Offices to get those services.
- We can now apply online from home to get government services like driving license. All we need to do is enter the identification for which they are going to use the mobile number.

2077 Mangsir 23 (2020 December 08): Nepal, China announces revised height of Mt. Everest

- The World's highest mountain peak is now officially a little higher.
- After years of debate China and Nepal finally agreed on a précis elevation for Mt. Qomolangma/Mt. Everest.
- The new agreed height of 8848.86 meters (29031.69 feet) was jointly announced at a virtual ceremony.
- Both Nepali Foreign Minister Pradeep Gyawali and Chinese Foreign minister Wang Yi were present on the occasion.
- This is 86 centimeters higher than the measurement previously recognized by Nepal.
- It is more than 4 meters above China's official figure.
- In 2005 china conducted several surveys and came up with a measurement of 8844.43 meters.
- A joint team from Nepal had undertaken the task. A team of five led by the Chief Survey Officer Khim Lal Gautam reached at the top of Mt. Everest on May 22 to measure the height.
- The team used a Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) that sent readings about its height to their colleagues who remained at the base camp.
- The team conducted four sets of surveys: Precise levelling, Trigonometric levelling, Gravity Survey and GNSS survey.
- 5G communication technologies were used, with China's telecom giant China mobile and Huawei providing end-to-end solutions during their ascent.
- Measured in 1954 by Survey of India, 8848 meters is the widely accepted and recognized height of Mount Everest, while new estimates by China and Nepal increase it by 0.86 meters.

2077 Mangsir 06 (2020 November 21): Ratna Park renamed now "Shankhadhar Udyahan"

- Ratna Park, a park which is situated between Rani Pokhari and Tundikhel in the heart of Kathmandu has been renamed to Shankhadar Udyan by Kathmandu Metropolitan City.
- Minister Krishna Gopal Shrestha and Mayor Bidya Sundar Shakya jointly unveiled the statues of Shankhadhar Shakhwa and Padma Ratna Tuladhar at Ratnapark (now Shankhadar Udyan).
- The statue of Shankhadhar Shakhwa was designed by Mahesh Tuladhar.
- The Government of Nepal on 3rd Mangsir, 2056 (Nepal Samvat 1120) had declared Shankhadhar Shakhwa as the National Dignitary of Nepal.

2077 Kartik 07 (2020 October 23): Clean Feed Policy implemented in Nepal.

- The government of Nepal has implemented a clean feed policy.
- The clean feed is a strategy to make TV channels free from foreign advertisements of all kinds.
- Now that this policy is in action, no foreign advertisements will appear on our TV screen.

2077 Kartik 05 (2020 October 21): Reconstructed Rani Pokhari inaugurated.

- President Bidhya Devi Bhandari inaugurated the reconstructed "Rani Pokhari" or the "Queen's Pond" during a ceremony despite the rise in coronavirus cases across the Country.

2077 shrawan 30 (2020 August 14):

- English version of Nepal's updated map approved, to be sent to the International Community.
- The map was approved by the Ministry of land management, cooperatives and poverty Alleviation.
- The map was prepared by the Department of Survey.

2077 Asar 04 (2020 June 18): Second amendment of the present constitution of Nepal.

- The Constitution of Nepal (Second Amendment 2077) seeks to give legal status to a new map of Nepal to be used in the country's national emblem by amending schedule 3 (Coat of arms) in the constitution of Nepal.
- The constitution of Nepal (Second Amendment), 2077 B.S. was published in the Nepal Gazette on 18 June, 2020 which came into force immediately from this date.
- The provision relating to schedule 3 is mentioned in Part 1 and Article 9 (2) of the present constitution of Nepal.

2077 Jetha 09 (2020 May 22):

- New political map of Nepal published in gazette.

2077 Jetha 07 (2020 May 20): Cabinet endorses/unveils new political map of Nepal.

- Date of endorsement: 2020 May 20 (2077 Jetha 07).
- The government has endorsed an updated political map of Nepal that includes contested lands on the northwestern edge of the country (Kalapani, Lipulekh and Limpiyadhura).
- Minister of land management Padma Aryal had tabled the updated political map in the cabinet meeting on 2020 May 18, which was approved by the cabinet.
- The endorsement of the new political map follows India's inauguration of a road link via Lipulekh, a territory that Nepal has long claimed as its own.
- It is supposed that Nepal have acquired 335 km land area including Limpiyadhura in the Nepalese territory. With the addition of 335 sq.km in the current geographical area of Nepal, the new area becomes 1, 47,516 Sq.km. but is yet to be verified. This is not the official geographical area of Nepal.
- The new map has been brought in use in all the government offices and agencies from May 20.
- Priyoti, Nepal was using the map that was endorsed in 2032 B.S..

2077 Jetha 05 (2020 May 18):

- New political map of Nepal passed by the Council of Minister that includes Kalapani, Lipulekh and Limpiyadhura encroached by India.

2076 Falgun 08 (2020 February 20): Inauguration of Tourism Angel robot "Paryatan Pari" at Tribhuvan International Airport (TIA).

- Robot service "Paryatan Pari" has started at Tribhuvan International Airport from Thursday with the aim of greeting the passengers. It can also transmit information in Nepali, English and Chinese languages.
- Minister of Culture, Tourism and Civil Aviation Yogesh Bhattarai launched the robot service at TIA.
- The robot has been named as Tourism Angel (Paryatan Pari).

2019 September 30 (2076 Ashwin 13): Nepal has been declared "Open Defecation Free" Country

- Nepal has been declared open-defecation free (ODF) country.
- Prime Minister K.P.Oli made the declaration on this notable achievement.
- The declaration was made in recognition of all 753 local units of 77 districts that had declared themselves ODF.

Note:

- 1st open defecation free district is Kaski, declared in 2068 Ashar 10.
- 2nd open defecation free district is Chitwan, declared in 2068 Ashwin 06.
- 3rd open defecation free district is Tanahun, declared in 2069 Shrawan 03.
- 1st open defecation free zone is Dhaulagiri.
- 1st open defecation free VDC is Bandipur (Tanahun).

Current Affairs from Demography

Preliminary results of National Census 2021/2078 released

- The preliminary results of the first census in the country after the promulgation of the Constitution of Nepal, in 2072 BS was made public in 2078 magh 12.
- Total population of Nepal: 29,192,480
- Average annual population growth rate: 0.93 percent (The population growth is lowest in 80 years.)
- Note: population growth rate in Nepal is less than the average growth rate of the population globally.
- The global average annual growth rate is 1.01 percent, according to World Bank data.
- Nepalese living abroad: 2,169,478 (out of this 81.28 percent are male)
- Population density: 198

Note: Details of the preliminary result of 12th National Census is mentioned in section 1.2 under the topic demography of Nepal.

More about 12th National Census conducted in Nepal:

- The national census, which is conducted every 10 years, began in Nepal from 11th November 2021.
- The Central Bureau of Statistics (CBS) had mobilised 8,500 supervisors for collecting population related data from across the country for the 12th national population census programme with questionnaire that contains 80 questions.
- Under the first phase of census, households were enlisted across the country from September 15 to October 4, 2021.
- The actual population data were collected from door to door under the second phase of the census starting from November 11-25.
- The Central Bureau of Statistics (CBS) has established 87 census offices across the country.
- The theme of this 12th census is "My Census, My Participation".
- The first census was held in Nepal in 1968 B.S.
- The National Census of 2021 is the 12th census of Nepal and the first census of the federal system.

Nepal's population crosses 30 million:

- Nepal's population has crossed 30 million marks on Asar 12, 2077 (2020 June 26).
- As per the estimates of the Central Bureau of the Statistics (CBS), an agency under the National Planning Commission, Nepal's population reached 30,000,634.
- According to the demographic size, Nepal ranks 49th in the world in terms of population density. The size of population is quite high considering the area of the country as it ranks 91st in terms of area.

- The estimates were made as per the statistics of vital information like birth, death and migration rate based on the census of 2011.

Rana Tharu included in the list of Indigenous Caste:

- The Government of Nepal added Rana Tharu as the 60th Indigenous caste.
- The decision of Government of Nepal to place Rana Tharu residing in Kailali and Kanchanpur district in the list of Indigenous caste on 5th Jetha, 2077 by publishing in the gazette.

Six new languages added to the list of languages spoken in Nepal in 2075/76:

- The newly discovered languages spoken in Nepal include:
 - Rana Tharu discovered in Kanchanpur,
 - Nar Phu discovered in Manang,
 - Chum (Syaar) discovered in Gorkha
 - Nurn (Larka) discovered in Gorkha
 - Poike discovered in Dolpa,
 - Serake discovered in Mustang
- The annual report the language commission of Nepal submitted to President Bidhya Bhandari has formally recognized these languages and enlisted them.
- With the new six languages, the number of languages spoken in Nepal has reached 129.

The number of languages spoken in Nepal now reaches 131

- Marekh Yakkha spoken in Dhankuta and Nawa Sherpa spoken in Sankhuwasabha have been added to the list of new languages spoken in Nepal in 2076/77.
- Now the number of languages in Nepal has reached 131.

Language Commission recommends province-wise official languages before government

- The Language Commission has recommended different languages for province-wise use for official works.
- Official languages were recommended in different provinces by the chairman of language commission Dr Lavadev Awasthi on 21st of Bhadra, 2078 to the Prime Minister Sher Bahadur Deuba.

Recommended official languages in different Provinces:

- Province Number 1: Maithili and Limbu
- Province Number 2: Maithili, Bhojpuri and Bajjika
- Bagmati Province: Tamang and Newar
- Gandaki Province: Magar, Gurung and Bhojpuri
- Lumbini Province: Tharu and Abadhi
- Karnali Province: Magar
- Sudur Paschim Province: Dotyali and Tharu
- According to Article 7 (2) of the Constitution, a Province may, by a province law, determine one or more than one language of the nation spoken by a majority of people within the province as its official language(s), in addition to the Nepali language and other matters relating to language shall be as decided by the Government of Nepal, on the recommendation of the Language Commission.

6th Rhino census 2021 report released

- The National Rhino Count 2021 has updated Nepal's latest one-horned rhinoceros population to 752 individuals. The number rose by an encouraging 16.5%.

- Out of 752 rhinos,
 - 694 are in Chitwan,
 - 38 in Bardia,
 - 17 in Shuklaphanta, and
 - 3 in Parsa National Parks
- Of them,
 - 146 are male,
 - 198 are female,
 - 408 have not been identified sex-wise.
- Based on the age, there are
 - 520 adult rhinos,
 - 96 semi-adults and
 - 136 calves
- Compared to the previous census in 2015, that had counted 645 rhinos; this is an increase by 107 rhinos.
- Nepal undertook its national rhino count to determine the existing population of its one-horned rhinos from March 22 to April 10.
- Of the total number of rhinos, more than 90% live in the Chitwan National Park, which is also home to tigers, elephants, leopards and Gangetic gharials (fish-eating crocodiles).

National Tiger Census 2021 begins in Nepal

- National Tiger Census, which is conducted every four years in Nepal began from December 5, 2021.
- Five parks across the country currently serve as habitats for this endangered animal.
- The census will cover Chitwan, Bardia, Parsa, Shuklaphanta and Banke National Parks and adjoining forests.
- The previous 2018 tiger census put the population of adult tigers at 235.
- The highest number (93) was counted in the CNP followed by 87 in Bardia, 21 in Banke, 18 in Parsa and 16 in Shuklaphanta.
- The 2010 Global Conference participated by 13 countries (where tigers are found) held in St Petersburg, Russia, had pledged to double the population of tigers by 2022 and Nepal also vowed to increase its number from 121 to 250.
- Nepal conducts the tiger census every four years.

Sports Affairs

FIFA World Cup football Tournament 2022

- Host nation: Qatar
- Scheduled date for the tournament: 21 November to 18 December
- Participating nations: 32
- Venues: 8 (in 5 host cities)
- Vivo becomes the official sponsor of this World Cup football tournament.
- Qatar is the first nation to qualify for the 2022 World Cup automatically as host.
- The last country to qualify for this world cup is Costa Rica.
- The opening game will be played between Qatar and Ecuador.

International Cricket Council (ICC) lifts all bans imposed on CAN

- The International Cricket Council (ICC) has lifted all sanctions against Cricket Association of Nepal (CAN) on 2079 Jetha 30

Nepal to host 2022 SAFF Women's championship

- Nepal will host the SAFF Women's Championship 2022 from August 29 to September 10 (2079 Bhadra 13-25) after the South Asian Football Federation (SAFF) approved Nepal's proposal to hold the regional football competition in Kathmandu.

Ninth National Games' logo and 'mascot' released in public

- The 'logo' and 'mascot' of the Ninth National Games-2022 have been made public.
- The logo and mascot designed by Bholanath Poudel were selected.
- The logo depicts Pokhara, the capital of Gandaki province, and Machhapuchchhe.
- The blue line in the sky reflects the dove, a symbol of peace. The dove's legs are shown in four red stripes.
- The four lines represent the trek of the playground as well as the 4th province of Gandaki.
- The moon and sun on the trek reflect the national flag and represent all the participating teams.
- The 'Muscat' of the Ninth Games includes the figure of the endangered and protected system musk deer found in Gandaki.
- The Ninth National Games, which was halted due to the Corona epidemic, is being held in Pokhara, the capital of Gandaki, from June 5 to 11. The cabinet meeting on April 13 had decided to hold the ninth national sports competition in Pokhara, Gandaki.

44th Qatar Airways Sahid Smarak 'A' Division League 2021-22

- Date held: 19 November 2021-26 February 2022
- Total number of teams: 14
- Champions: Machhindra FC
- Runner up: Nepal Army Club
- Relegated football clubs: Chyasal Fotball club and Brigade Boys
- The winner received a sum of Nrs 75 lakhs and runner up received Nrs 50 lakhs.
- Matches played: 91
- Total goals scored: 190 (2.09 per match)
- Best Player: Sunil Bal (Machhindra FC)
- Best goalkeeper: Bishal Shrestha (Machhindra FC)
- Machhindra FC is the defending champion.
- Fair Play award: Satdobato Youth Club

XXIV Olympic Winter Games 2022 (commonly known as Beijing 2022)

- Date held: 2022 February 4- 20
- Host: Beijing (China)
- Motto: Together for a shared future
- Participating Nations: 91
- Number of games: 15 disciplines in 7 games
- Mascot: Bing Dwen Dwen (Bing means ice in Chinese, and was meant to suggest purity and strength and Dwen Dwen was meant to suggest robustness, liveliness, and youth).
- The game was organized for 109 gold, 109 silver and 109 bronze medals with a total of 327 medals.
- The opening ceremony of the 2022 Winter Olympics was held on 4 February 2022 at Beijing National Stadium.
- The closing ceremony of the 2022 Winter Olympics was held at Beijing National Stadium on 20 February 2022.
- Nepal did not participate in this winter Olympic game.
- Beijing has become the first city in the world to host both summer and Winter Olympics.

Final Medal table:

Rank	Countries	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	Norway	16	8	13	37
2	Germany	12	10	5	27
3	China	9	4	2	15
4	USA	8	10	7	25
5	Sweden	8	5	5	18
	Nepal	0	0	0	0

- 2026 winter Olympics will be hosted by Milan and Cortina d'Ampezzo (Italy).

Sita Rana Magar becomes the first Nepalese Woman to be selected for International franchise cricket

- Nepali cricketer Sita Rana Magar is set to play Fair Break Invitational 2022, a women's cricket tournament in Hong Kong.
- Rana Magar, who is also the vice-captain of the Nepali national women's cricket team, will play the tournament in Hong Kong and she is the first player to play in International league.

Four Countries decide to boycott Winter Olympics 2022:

- USA, Australia, UK and Canada boycott Winter Olympics in 2022 that is scheduled to be held in China in 2022 due to alleged human rights abuses in China.

Ballon d'Or football awards:

- The Ballon d'Or is an annual football award presented by French news magazine France Football.
- It has been awarded since 1956, although between 2010 and 2015, an agreement was made with FIFA, and the award was temporarily merged with the FIFA World Player of the Year (founded in 1991) and known as the FIFA Ballon d'Or. However, the partnership ended in 2016, and the award reverted to the Ballon d'Or, while FIFA also reverted to its own separate annual award The Best FIFA Men's Player.
- Winners of 2021**
 - Winner (Male): Lionel Messi (Argentina and Paris Saint-Germain), 7th time
 - Winner (Female): Alexia Putellas (Spain and FC Barcelona)
 - Kopa Trophy (Best U21 player): Pedri (Sapin and FC Barcelona)
 - Yashin Trophy (Best Goalkeeper): Gianluigi Donnarumma (Italy and PSG)
 - Inaugural Striker of the Year: Robert Lewandowski (Poland and Bayern Munich)
 - Club of the year award: Chelsea (European Champion club, UK)

ICC confirmed host countries for upcoming ICC cricket events

- 2024 T20 World Cup: USA and West Indies
- 2025 Champions Trophy: Pakistan
- 2026 T20 World Cup: India and Sri Lanka
- 2027 ODI World Cup: Namibia, Zimbabwe and South Africa
- 2028 T20 World Cup: Australia and New Zealand
- 2029 Champions Trophy: India
- 2030 T20 World Cup: England, Ireland and Scotland
- 2031 ODI World Cup: India and Bangladesh

Seventh ICC Men's T20 Cricket World Cup tournament 2021 October 17 to November 14

- Host nations: UAE and Oman (The preliminary rounds of the tournament were played in the UAE and Oman).
- Participating nations: 16

- Winner: Australia
- Runner up: New Zealand
- Player of the series: David Warner (Australia)
- Most runs: Babar Azam, Pakistan (303 runs)
- Most wickets: Wanindu Hasaranga, Sri Lanka (16)

13th SAFF Football Championship 2021

- Host nation: Maldives
- Date held: 2021 October 1- 16
- India defeats Nepal 3-0 to lift title for the eighth time.
- Nepal had reached the final for the very first time.
- Nepal had defeated Maldives and Sri Lanka to reach the final for the first time.
- Highest goal scorer: Sunil Chhetri (5 goals).
- Best player: Sunil Chhetri.
- Fair play award: Maldives.
- The South Asian Football Federation (SAFF) Championship kicked off in Lahore in 1993.
- Coach of Nepalese Football team is Abdullah Almutairi (Qatar).

4th Everest Premier League T-20 Cricketing Tournament 2021:

- Winner: Chitwan Tigers
- Runner up: Pokhara Rhinos
- Chitwan won the title by defeating Pokhara Rhinos by 4 wickets in the final at the Tribhuwan Cricket Ground in Kirtipur.
- Chitwan won a cash prize of Rs 5 million and Pokhara the runner-up received Rs 1.5 million.
- Highest run scorer: Mohammad Sehzad, Chitwan Tigers. 207 run.
- Most number of wickets: Sagar Dhakal, Chitwan Tigers, 14 wickets.
- Emerging Player: Bhum Sarki, Chitwan Tigers, received motorcycle
- Player of the Series: Sagar Dhakal, Chitwan Tigers, received NPR 51 thousand
- Lalitpur Patriots had won the third edition of Everest Premier league

15th Indian Premier League (IPL) T-20 Cricketing Tournament 2022:

- Date held: 26 March - 29 May, 2022
- Champions: Gujarat Titans (1st Title)
- Runner-up: Rajasthan Royals
- Player of the series: Josh Butler (Rajasthan Royals)
- Most runs: Josh Butler (Rajasthan Royals, 863 runs)
- Most wickets: Yuzvendra Chahal (Rajasthan Royals), 27 wickets
- The winner of 14th edition of IPL is Chennai Super Kings

32nd Summer Olympics 2020:

- Date held: 2020 July 23- August 08
- Host nation: Japan (Tokyo City)
- Motto: United by emotion
- Mascot: Miraitowa
- Theme: United by emotion
- Place of inauguration: National Stadium (Tokyo)
- Participating nations: 205 (plus one refugee team), total 206
- Number of sports: 33

- Opening ceremony: 23 July 2021
- Closing ceremony: 8 August 2021
- Inaugurated by Emperor Naruhito
- Newly added games in this Olympic: Karate, Surfing, Skateboarding, Sports climbing, Baseball/Softball
- The players from different countries fought for 340 gold, 338 silver medal and 402 bronze medal

Medal table (Top 3 countries):

Rank	Team	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	United States (USA)	39	41	33	113
2	China (CHN)	38	32	18	88
3	Japan (JPN)	27	14	17	58

- 93 nations won at least a medal in this Olympic.
- The first player to win gold medal in this Olympic is Yang Qian (China), 10 meter air rifle.
- The youngest recipient of Gold medal in this Olympic is Nishiya Momiji of Japan, street skateboarding event. At just 13 years old, she is now one of the youngest gold medal winners in Olympic history.
- Indian Javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra has won India's first and only Gold Medal for India in this Olympic.
- Brazil won gold medal in men's Olympic football and Canada won gold medal in women's Olympic football tournament.
- Nepalese Context:**
 - Five players from Nepal participated in four sports.
 - Flag bearers from Nepal: Gaurika Singh and Alexander Shah.
 - Players to participate in this Olympic game: Gaurika Singh (Swimming), Alexander Shah (Swimming), Kalpana Pariyar (Shooting), Soniya Bhatta (Judo) and Saraswati Chaudhary (Athletics).
 - Nepal did not win any medal in the participated events.
- 2016 summer Olympic was held in Rio de Janeiro (Brazil).
- 2024 summer Olympic will be hosted by Paris (France).

47th COPA America Football Tournament 2021:

- Host: Brazil
- Winner: Argentina
- Runner-up: Brazil
- Best Player: Lionel Messi
- Fair play award: Brazil

UEFA Euro 2020 football Tournament:

- Host: 11 different cities of Europe
- Champions: Italy
- Runner Up: England
- Best Player: Gianluigi Donnarumma (Italy)
- Best Young Player: Pedri (Spain)
- Top Scorers: Cristiano Ronaldo (Portugal) and Patrick Schick (Czech Republic)

2020/21 European Champions League football Tournament:

- Winner: Chelsea Football Club (UK)
- Runner up: Manchester City football club (UK)

Grand Slam Tennis Tournaments:

Current Winners

Winners	Venue	Male	Female
Australian Open 2022	Melbourne park	Rafael Nadal (Spain)	Ashleigh Barty (Australia)
French Open 2022	Roland Garros Stadium	Rafael Nadal (Spain)	Iga Świątek (Poland)
Wimbledon 2022	All England Lawn tennis&croquet club	Novak Djokovic (Serbia)	Elena Rybakina (Kazakhstan)
US Open 2021	USTA Billie Jean king national tennis center	Daniil Medvedev (Russia)	Emma Raducanu (UK)

Facts and figures on Grand slam Tennis:

- The Player to win most no. of Grand Slam Titles (Male): Rafael Nadal, Spain, 22 Titles
- The player to win most no. of Grand Slam Titles (Female): Margaret Court, Germany, 24 Titles

UEFA Nations League 2020-21:

- The UEFA Nations League is a biennial international football competition contested by the senior men's national teams of the member associations of UEFA, the sport's European governing body.
- Champions: French National Football Team
- Runner-up: Spanish National Football Team

European Golden Shoe awards 2021:

- Bayern Munich's Robert Lewandowski has been presented with the 2021 European Golden Shoe.
- With 41 goals in 29 Bundesliga appearances, Lewandowski comfortably outscored the likes of Lionel Messi (30) and Cristiano Ronaldo (29) in 2020/21.

Christiano Ronaldo Becomes Highest Goal Scorer in Football History, Sets New World Record

- Christiano Ronaldo scored his 110th and 111th goals for Portugal, thus surpassing former Iran striker Ali Daei as the all-time highest goal scorer in the history of international football.

Paras Khadka, the face of Nepali cricket, announces his international retirement

- Former Nepal captain Paras Khadka, the face of Nepali cricket, has announced his retirement from international cricket.
- He declared his retirement on 19th Shrawan, 2078 (3rd August, 2021).
- He left the captaincy of Nepalese cricket team on 28th Ashwin, 2076.

2020 August 15: MS Dhoni announces retirement from International Cricket.

- Former Indian Skipper Mahendra Singh Dhoni retires from all form of International cricket.
- Mahendra Singh Dhoni former Indian Cricket Captain who led team India to Victories in the ICC World T-20 (2007), ICC Cricket World Cup (2011) and ICC Champions Trophy (2013), has announced his retirement from International Cricket.
- Dhoni had retired from Test Cricket at the end of 2014.

Upcoming Games and their Host Countries:

- Olympic Games (summer) 2024 Paris (France)
- Olympic games (summer) 2028 Los Angeles (USA)

- Olympic Games (Summer) 2030: New York (USA)
- Olympic Games (winter) 2024: Milan-Cortina (Italy)
- FIFA World Cup football 2026: USA, Canada and Mexico
- Euro cup Football 2024: Germany
- Commonwealth Games 2022: England
- ICC World Cup Cricket 2023: India
- Asian Games 2022: Hangzhou (China)
- Asian Games 2026: Aichi-Nagoya (Japan)
- Asian Games 2030: Qatar
- Asian Games 2036: Saudi Arabia

Different games first and last held in different countries

Games	1 st Edition (A.D.)	Last edition
COPA America Football Tournament	1916, Argentina	2021, Brazil
Asian Games	1951, New Delhi	2018, Indonesia
South Asian Games	1984, Nepal	2019, Nepal (13 th)
SAAF	1993, Pakistan	2021, Maldives (13 th)
Asia Cup Football Tournament	1956, Hongkong	2019, UAE
Asia Cup Cricket Tournament	1984, UAE	2018, UAE
Summer Olympic	1896, Greece	2021, Japan
Winter Olympic	1924, France	2018, South Korea
World Cup Football	1930, Uruguay	2018, Russia
World Cup Cricket	1975, England	2019, England & Wales
Women's Cricket World Cup	1973, England	2017, England
Men's T-20 Cricket World Cup	2007, South Africa	2021, UAE and Oman
Europcup Football	1960, France	2021, 11 countries
Commonwealth Games	1930, Canada	2018, Australia

Awards and Prize

Nepali Film 'Lori' wins Special Mention Award at Cannes Film festival (France)

- The Nepali film 'Lori' (Melancholy of My Mother's Lullabies) directed by Abinash Bikram Shah has won the "Special Mention" Award in the short film category at the 75th Cannes Film Festival.
- The film has become the first Nepali film to be officially screened at Cannes and it has been successful in winning an award in the main competition category.
- The main competition award 'Palm de'Or' was won by Ruben Ostlund, a Swedish director for "Triangle of Sadness".

Surakshya Panta becomes the first Nepali to walk on the Cannes Film Festival red carpet

- Actress Surakshya Panta has become the first Nepali actress to walk on the red carpet of The Cannes Film Festival.
- She went to France to attend the premiere of the French film, The Eight Mountains shot in Nepal and Italy. This is the first foreign film she has acted in.

International Sagarmatha Award 2022:

- Recipient: Nirmal Purja Magar

Mountaineer Nirmal Purja bags four Guinness book of World Records (GWR) awards:

- The Guinness World Records has awarded four awards to Nepali mountaineer and adventurer Nirmal Purja or 'Nims Dai'.
- Guinness had welcomed Nims Dai in London for an interview and certificate presentation.
- Nims is also the star of the hit Netflix documentary '14 Peaks: Nothing Is Impossible'.
- Nims now holds the record for the fastest ascent of all mountains over 8,000 meters in 189 days and the fastest time to climb the top five 8,000ers and the fastest time to climb 8,000ers without bottled oxygen in 70 days and the fastest triple-header of the Higher 8,000ers in 5 days, three hours, and 35 minutes.
- Similarly, Mingma Gyabu "David" Sherpa, a member of Nims' project possible team also became the youngest person to climb all 8,000m mountains, aged 30 years and 166 days.
- Mr Purja was also accorded high honors by the Eastleigh Borough Council of the United Kingdom.

Adhikavi Bhanubhakta Puraskar 2079

- Recipient: Chittaranjan Nepal
- The prize was first awarded in 2052BS.

Euromoney Award for Excellence 2022

- Global IME Bank received "Euromoney Award for Excellence-Nepal Best Bank 2022"

Chhinnalata Geet Puraskar

- Chhinnalata Geet Puraskar Guthi (CGPG) has honoured various personalities from the music fraternity for the years 2076, 2077 and 2078 BS.

For 2078

- Basant Chaudhary, famous lyricist and poet, awarded 'Chhinnalata Geet Puraskar' in the lyrics writing field.
- Music composer Anand Rai and vocalist Pabitra Subba have also been honoured with Chhinnalata Puraskar
- Eleena Chauhan honoured with the 'Popular Youth Talent' award.
- Senior musician Karma Yonjan has been picked for special honour.

For 2077

- Lyricist Anand Adhikari, musician Shantiram Rai and singer Shambhu Rai honoured with Chhinnalata Puraskar.
- Milan Newar has been honoured with 'Popular Youth talent' award.

For 2076

- Lyricist Jas Yonjan Pyasi, musician Hari Lamsal and singer Sunita Subba honoured with Chhinalata Puraskar.
- Singer Asmita Adhikari honoured with 'Popular Youth Talent' award.

Bhagat Sarbajit Maryada National Awards 2021/2078

- Honoured by the Government of Nepal, Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Civil Aviation
- Recipients:**

1. Lal Bahadur Bishwokarma, Kanchanpur:

Honoured for his Dalit social movements and struggle in Nepal.

2. Khagendra Sangraula, Kathmandu

Honoured for his contribution in raising awareness through his writings among the general public.

3. Dr. Govinda Nepali, Jumla

Honoured for his contribution in arts, literature, education and research.

Madan Puraskar awarded to Bhagiraj Ingnam 2077

- The Madan Puraskar this year is awarded to Bhagiraj Ingnam for his book 'Collection of Historical Documents of Limbuwan'.
- In his book, Ingnam explores the subject of subhangi practice in the Limbuwan region of eastern Nepal during the Rana, Panchayat, and Shah eras.
- Prize money: NPR 4 lacs

Jagdamba-Shree award 2077

- Choreographer Bhairav Bahadur Thapa is honoured with the Jagdamba-Shree award this year.
- Thapa has been involved in the development of this field for a long time through study, research, and experimental knowledge of the dance genre.
- Prize money: NPR 4 lacs

Padmashree Sahitya Puraskar and Padma Shree Sadhana samman 2077 announced

- This year's Padmashree Sahitya Puraskar is conferred upon novelist Keshab Dahal for his novel "Mokshabhumi".
- Padmashree Sadhana Samman is conferred to Bhajan Shiromani "Bhakta Raj Acharya".
- The award is presented by the Khemlal-Harikala Lamichhane Samaj Kalyan Pratisthan.
- Prize money for both the awards is NPR 3 lacs.

Eminent writer of Nepali language Lil Bahadur Chhetri conferred Padma Shri

- Eminent writer of Nepali language Lil Bahadur Chhetri was conferred with the Padma Shri for Literature and Education by President of India Ram Nath Kovind.
- Government of India awarded him Padma Shri, the fourth highest civilian award of India for his contributions in 2020.
- In 2016 he was honoured with Jagadamba Shree Purasakar (Nepal) for his contribution to the Nepali literature and language.
- Some of his major works include Basain (1957), Brahmaputra Ko Chheu Chhao (Banks of Brahmaputra), Atripta (Unfulfilled), Dobato (Crossroads).
- His novel, Basain, is also included in the curriculum of the Tribhuvan University.

Rolex Conservation Award 2021:

- Ecologist Rinzin Phunjok Lama has been honoured with the Rolex Conservation Award 2021.
- He was recognized with the international award for promoting local initiatives for biodiversity conservation in Nepal's Trans-Himalaya region.
- Lama has been working with the local people in the mountainous Himalaya region of Humla to rescue dwindling wild animal populations from snow leopards to wild yaks.
- He is the youngest recipient as well as the second Asian to receive this award.
- The award is provided by Rolex (Switzerland) from 1976 A.D.
- Prize money: \$200,000 Swiss Francs (CHF) and a Rolex chronometer

The World Book of Records Awards Chandragiri GM Abhishek Bikram Shah with an international award:

- The UK based World Book of Record has honoured Abhishek Bikram Shah the General Manager of Chandragiri Hills Ltd for his Significant contribution to tourism and service sector in Nepal.

Rights activist Muskan Khatun wins 2021 International Women of Courage award:

- The United States Embassy in Nepal awarded the prestigious International Women of Courage (IWOC) Award for her work to end acid attacks.
- In 2019, at the age of 15, Muskan became the victim of an acid attack for rejecting a boy's advances. She suffered severe burns on her face, chest, and hands.

Japanese Government Honors Himalaya Sumsher Rana Conferring "The Order Of The Rising Sun Medal 2021"

- The Government of Japan announced the foreign recipients of the 2021 Autumn Imperial Decorations naming Himalaya Shumsher Jung Bahadur Rana as one of the recipients.
- Founding Governor of Nepal Rastra Bank (Central Bank) and Former Finance Secretary Rana was awarded the Order of Japan (The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star) among foreign nationals among this year's 2021 Imperial Decorations conferred by the Government of Japan.
- Rana was recognized for his efforts to initiate economic ties between Japan and Nepal after he had visited Japan and witnessed Japan's rapid economic recovery from World War II devastation.

26th Miss Nepal 2022

- Priya Rani Joshi has been crowned Miss Nepal World 2022.
- Suresha Shrestha has been crowned Miss Nepal Earth 2022 (first Runner up) and Nancy Khadka has been crowned Miss Nepal International 2022 (Second Runner up) in the event.
- Organizer The Hidden Treasure

58th Femina Miss India 2022

- The winner of Femina Miss India 2022 is Sini Shetty from Karnataka (India).

Miss Universe Nepal 2021

- Miss Universe Nepal 2021, the 2nd annual Miss Universe Nepal beauty pageant, was held on 30 October 2021.
- Sujita Basnet was crowned Miss Universe Nepal to represent Nepal in Miss Universe 2021.
- The winner of Miss Universe Nepal 2021 received Rs. 1,000,000 as prize for winning the title.
- Nina Karna Mandal was the first runner up and Rakshya Upreti was the second runner up of the event.

International

Nobel Prize 2021

The Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine 2021

- The Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine is jointly awarded to David Julius and Ardem Patapoutian for their discoveries of receptors for temperature and touch

The Nobel Prize in Physics 2021

- The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences has awarded the Nobel Prize in Physics to Syukuro Manabe, Klaus Hasselmann and Giorgio Parisi "for groundbreaking contributions to our understanding of complex physical systems"

The Nobel Prize in Chemistry 2021

- German Benjamin List and Scottish-born David MacMillan won the 2021 Nobel Prize in Chemistry
- They are awarded for developing new tools for building molecules that have helped make new drugs and are more environmentally friendly

The Nobel Prize in Literature 2021

- Nobel Prize for Literature 2021 is awarded to Tanzanian novelist Abdulrazak Gurnah.
- The prestigious prize is awarded by the Swedish Academy, which cited Gurnah's "uncompromising and compassionate penetration of the effects of colonialism and the fate of the refugee in the gulf between cultures and continents".
- He is best known for his 1994 novel "Paradise", set in colonial East Africa during World War I, which was shortlisted for the Booker Prize for Fiction.

The Nobel Prize in Peace 2021

- Maria Ressa (Philippines) and Dmitry Muratov (Russia) win 2021 Nobel Peace Prize
- The two journalists were given the award "for their courageous fight for freedom of expression in the Philippines and Russia."
- They are awarded by the Norwegian Nobel Committee.

The Nobel Prize in Economics 2021

- The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences has decided to award the Sveriges Riksbank prize in Economic Sciences in memory of Alfred Nobel 2021 with one half to
- David Card, University of California, Berkeley, USA for his empirical contributions to labour economics and the other half jointly to Joshua D. Angrist, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, USA and Guido W. Imbens, Stanford University, USA for their methodological contributions to the analysis of causal relationships.
- The Ramon Magsaysay Award is an annual award established to perpetuate the third president of Republic of Philippines president Ramon Magsaysay's example of integrity in governance, courageous service to the people, and pragmatic idealism within a democratic society.
- The prize was established in April 1958 by the trustees of the Rockefeller Brothers Fund based in New York City with the concurrence of the Philippine Government.
- The Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation gives the prize to Asian individuals and organizations achieving excellence in their respective field.
- This award is known as the Asian equivalent of the Nobel Prize.
- Awardees are presented with a certificate and a medallion with an embossed image of Ramon Magsaysay facing right in profile.

Ramon Magsaysay Award 2021 Winners

- Dr. Firdausi Qadri - Vaccine scientist from Bangladesh
- Muhammad Amjad Saqib - Microfinance pioneer from Pakistan
- Roberto Balloón - Filipino fisher and community environmentalist
- Steven Muncie - Humanitarian worker from the United States
- Watchdoc - Indonesian torch bearer for investigative journalism

Man Booker Prize 2021

- The 2021 Booker Prize for Fiction was awarded to Damon Galgut for his novel "Promise".
- Prize money: £50,000
- The Booker Prize is awarded every year to the best book written in English and published in either the UK or Ireland.
- The 2020 Booker Prize for Fiction was awarded to Douglas Stuart for his debut novel, Shuggie Bain.

The 2021 International Booker Prize

- The 2021 International Booker Prize winner is "At Night All Blood Is Black" by David Díaz, a propulsive novel that explores a Senegalese man's search for vengeance and forgiveness after he fails to commit a mercy killing for a gravely injured friend during World War I.
- The book's translator, the poet and novelist Anna Moschovakis.
- Prize money: £50,000
- prize money is divided equally between the author and translator
- The introduction of the International Prize to complement the Man Booker Prize was announced in June 2004 sponsored by the Man Group.
- Awarded to a living author of any nationality for a body of work published in English or generally available in English translation.
- The Man Booker International Prize 2020 was awarded to "The Discomfort of Evening" by Maneke Lucas Rijneveld (Dutch-Netherlands), translated by Michele Hutchison, and published by Faber & Faber.

30th Blue Planet Prize 2021**Recipients:**

- 1 Prof. Veerabhadran Ramanathan, USA. Edward A. Frieman Endowed Presidential Chair in Climate Sustainability....
- 2 Prof. Mohan Munasinghe, Sri Lanka. Founder Chairman, Munasinghe Institute for Development (MIND)

About Blue Planet Prize

- This prize was established during Rio Earth Summit in 1992 A.D.
- Founded by Asahi Glass foundation (Japan).
- Since 1992, the foundation has awarded the prize to two winners every year.
- This prize recognizes outstanding efforts in scientific research or applications of science that contribute to solving global environmental problems.
- Prize money: 50 million Japanese yen

63rd Grammy Award 2021:

- The 63rd Annual Grammy Awards ceremony was held in and around the Los Angeles Convention Center in Los Angeles on March 14, 2021.
- The award is distributed in 86 different categories.
- Record of the year: "Everything I Wanted" by Billie Eilish
- Album of the year: "Folklore" by Taylor Swift
- Song of the year: "I Can't Breathe" by Demnt Emile II, H.E.R. and Tiara Thomas
- Best pop solo performance: "Watermelon" by Harry Styles
- Best pop duo/group performance: "Rain on Me" by Lady Gaga and Ariana Grande
- Best R&B album: "Bigger Love" by John Legend
- Best R&B performance: "Black Parade" by Beyoncé
- Best traditional R&B performance: "Anything For You" by Ledisi
- Best progressive R&B album: "It is what it is" by Thundercat
- Best R&B song: "Better Than I Imagined" by Robert Glasper, Meshell Ndegeocello & Gabrielle Wilson
- Best new artist: Megan Thee Stallion
- Best rap performance: "Savage" by Megan Thee Stallion featuring Beyoncé

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- Best rap album: "King's Disease" by Nas
- Best melodic rap performance: "Lockdown" by Anderson .Paak

COVID -19 virus and vaccine facts and figures:**Coronavirus**

- Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) is an infectious disease caused by a coronavirus.
- Coronavirus was first identified in 1964 by Virologist Dr. Almeida at her laboratory in St. Thomas's Hospital in London.
- The COVID-19 pandemic, also known as the coronavirus pandemic, is an ongoing pandemic of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) caused by the transmission of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2).
- The International Committee on Taxonomy of Viruses (ICTV) announced "Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2)" as the name of the new virus on 11 February 2020.
- **COVID-19 stands for:**
 - ❖ 'CO' stands for Corona,
 - ❖ 'VI' for Virus, and
 - ❖ 'D' for Disease.
- Formerly, this disease was referred to as '2019 novel coronavirus' or '2019-nCoV'.
- **2019 December 31:**
 - ❖ The first case of COVID-19 was reported in Wuhan (Hubei province, China).
- **2020 January 11:**
 - ❖ China reported its first known death from an illness caused by the new coronavirus.
- **2020 January 23 (2076 Magh 09):**
 - ❖ The first 2019 novel coronavirus case confirmed in Nepal.
- **2020 January 30:**
 - ❖ The director General of WHO Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus (Ethiopia) declared the novel coronavirus outbreak a Public Health Emergency of international concern (PHEIC).
- **2020 March 11:**
 - ❖ World Health Organization (WHO) declared the global outbreak of COVID-19 a pandemic.
- **2020 March 15:**
 - ❖ Formation of SAARC COvid-19 emergency fund
 - ❖ Nepal contributed 10 crores in the fund.
- **2020 March 24 (2076 Chaitra 11):**
 - ❖ A country wide lockdown came into effect in Nepal.
- **2020 May 16 (2077 Jetha 3):**
 - ❖ Nepal reports its first Covid-19 death.
- **2020 July 21 (2077 Shrawan 06):**
 - ❖ Lockdown ended in Nepal. Country-wide lockdown ended after 120 days.
- **2020 August 11: Russia approves its first Coronavirus vaccine**
 - ❖ Russia becomes the first country in the world to approve a vaccine for the coronavirus.
 - ❖ The Gamaleya Scientific Research Institute of Epidemiology and Microbiology developed the Russian vaccine.

- Russia named the vaccine "Sputnik V" after the world's first satellite, called Sputnik, launched by Soviet Union on October 4, 1957.
- 2021 January 15 (2077/10/02):**
 - Nepal's drug regulator granted emergency use approval for "COVISHIELD".
- 2021 January 21 (2077 Magh 08):**
 - India's gift of one million Covishield vaccines to Nepal, under the Vaccine Maitri initiative arrives in Nepal
 - Nepal receives free of cost Indian vaccines; putting neighbors first, putting people first.
- 2021 January 27 (2077 Magh 14):**
 - Nepal starts vaccination drive against COVID-19
 - The first person to receive the first jab of vaccine was Dr. Sagar Rajbhandari, the director of Sukraraj Tropical and Infectious Disease.

Nepal reports first two cases of Omicron variant, COVID-19 new variant

- First two cases of people infected with the Omicron variant have been detected in Nepal.
- A Nepali and a foreigner - have been found to have contracted the new variant of the coronavirus on 20th Mangsir, 2078 (6th December, 2021)

COVID-19 new variant "Omicron" spotted in South Africa

- The new coronavirus variant Omicron has now become dominant in South Africa.
- The new variant was identified in 2021 November 24
- The name of the new variant is SARS-CoV-2 variant, B.1.1.529

Vax declared Oxford English Dictionary's word of the year

- Vax has been chosen as the word of the year by lexicographers at the Oxford English Dictionary (OED).
- Words related to vaccines have spiked in frequency in 2021 due to Covid, with double-vaxed, unvaxed and anti-vaxxer all seeing a surge in use
- Oxford English Dictionary definitions for vax:
 - vax n. A vaccine or vaccination
 - vax v. Treat (someone) with a vaccine to produce immunity against a disease; vaccinate
 - Vaxsie n. A photograph of oneself taken during or immediately before or after a vaccination, especially one against Covid-19, and typically shared on social media; a vaccination selfie
 - anti-vax adj. Opposed to vaccination
 - Anti-vaxxer n. A person who is opposed to vaccination
 - Double-vaxxed adj. Having received two doses of a vaccine

Different Variants of Covid-19 seen in different countries:

Covid Variant	First seen in	Date seen first
Alpha (B.1.1.7)	United Kingdom	18-December-2020
Beta (B.1.351)	South Africa	18-December-2020
Gamma (P.1)	Brazil	11-January-2021
Delta (B.1.617.2)	India	VOC: 4-April-2021 VOC: 11-May-2021
Omicron (B.1.1.529)	South Africa	24-November-2021

Covid-19 Vaccines Approved for Use in Nepal

S. No	Name of Vaccine	Manufacturer	Country	Approval date In Nepal
1	Covishield	Serum Institute of India	India	2077 Magh 02
2	BIBIP-CorV (Vero Cells)	Sinopharm, Beijing	China	2077 Falgun 04
3	Covaxin	Bharat Biotech	India	2077 Chaitra 06
4	Sputnik V	Gamaleya	Russia	2078 Baishakh 07
5	CoronaVac	Sinovac life science	China	2078 Jetha 21
6	Janssen	Johnson & Johnson	Belgium	2078 Asar 16

Position of Nepal in different Index:

- Country with high corona infection in per hundred thousand population in 2021: 112th (Countries with high corona infections in proportion to their total population include Andorra, Montenegro, and the Czech Republic in 1st, 2nd and 3rd respectively).
- The United States is the most affected country by Covid-19 infection in terms of the population followed by France, Spain, Brazil, and Italy in 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th respectively.
- Corruption Perception Index 2021: 117th
- Human Development Index (HDI) 2020: 142nd (HDI of Nepal is 0.602), report published by UNDP
- Doing Business Index 2020: 94th
- Rule of Law index 2021: 70th
- Global Peace Index 2022: 73rd
- Global Climate Risk Index 2021: 10th
- The Legatum Prosperity Index 2021: 115th
- Global Innovation Indicator 2021: 111th
- World Happiness Index 2022: 84th
- Global Gender Gap Index 2021: 106th
- World Economic Freedom Index 2021: 157th
- World Press Freedom Index 2022: 76th
- Sustainable Development Report 2021: 96th

GLOBAL HUNGER INDEX SCORES BY 2021 GHI RANK

- The report is jointly published by US-based International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), Germany-based Welthungerhilfe and Irish NGO Concern Worldwide.
- The Global Hunger Index (GHI) is a tool designed to comprehensively measure and track hunger at the global, regional, and country levels.
- IFPRI calculates GHI scores each year to assess progress, or the lack thereof, in combating hunger.
- For the 2021 GHI report, data were assessed for 135 countries (data compared among 116 countries).
- 18 countries Belarus, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Brazil, Chile, China, Croatia, Cuba, Estonia, Kuwait, Latvia, Lithuania, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Turkey and Uruguay are placed in the same rank.
- The 18 countries with 2021 GHI scores of less than 5 are not assigned individual ranks, but rather are collectively ranked 1–18. Differences between their scores are minimal.
- Nepal is ranked 73rd in the list with GHI score of 19.1
- Sri Lanka is ranked 65th in the list (the highest rank in South Asia).
- Somalia is ranked 116th in the list. This indicates the highest level of food scarcity in the world.

Global Food Security Index 2021:

- The Global Food Security Index (GFSI) considers the issues of food affordability, availability, quality and safety, and natural resources and resilience across a set of 113 countries.
- The 2021 GFSI is the tenth edition of the index. Economist Impact updates the model annually, to capture year-on-year changes in structural factors impacting food security.
- Performance of countries based on their 2021 food security score:
 - Ireland (Score: 84.100)
 - Austria (Score: 81.3100)
 - United Kingdom (81.0100)
- Nepal is ranked 79th in the list with a score of 53.7
- Burundi is ranked last (113th) in the list with a score of 34.7

Earth's most Biodiverse Countries in 2021:

- The report is published by MONGABAY.
- The rankings were updated on September 26, 2021.
- Nepal is ranked 48th in the list with Biodiversity index of 0.1666
- Indonesia is the most Biodiverse country in Asia with Biodiversity index of 0.614
- India is the most Biodiverse country in SAARC with Biodiversity index of 0.442
- Top 10 Biodiverse countries in 2021.

Rank	Countries	Biodiversity index
1	Brazil	0.772
2	Indonesia	0.614
3	Colombia	0.576
4	China	0.543
5	Peru	0.509
6	Mexico	0.508
7	Australia	0.486
8	Ecuador	0.444
9	India	0.442
10	United States	0.406

- May 22 has been designated as the "International Day for Biological Diversity" by the United Nations to "increase understanding and awareness of biodiversity issues"

The Henley Passport Index 2022

- The Henley Passport Index is the original, authoritative ranking of all the world's passports according to the number of destinations their holders can access without a prior visa.
- The index is based on exclusive data from the International Air Transport Association (IATA) - the largest, most accurate travel information database - and enhanced by Henley & Partners' research team.
- Countries involved in the survey: 116
- The index showed that the passport of Japan and Singapore is the most powerful passport and the passport of Afghanistan is the least powerful passport in the list.
- The passport of Japan and Singapore is ranked 1st in the list with access to 193 countries without a prior visa.
- The passport of Nepal is ranked 106th in the list with access to 37 Countries without a prior visa.
- The passport of Afghanistan is ranked 116th in the list.

Mercer's 2021 Cost of living city ranking

- The most expensive city of the world is Ashgabat (Turkmenistan) followed by Hong Kong in the 2nd and Beirut (Lebanon) in the 3rd position.

Elon Musk has again become the richest person in the World

- CEO of Tesla & Space X, Elon Musk has again become the richest person in the World with net worth of more than \$214.8 Billion, according to Forbes.
- Elon Musk also becomes first person to have net worth of more than \$300 billion with 315 billion USD.

Major deaths:**Lata Mangeshkar, India's Nightingale dies at 92**

- Veteran singer Lata Mangeshkar died on February 06, 2022.
- She was called Swar Kokila.

Veteran environmentalist Sundarlal Bahuguna dies of COVID

- Veteran environmentalist and architect of the Chipko movement Sundarlal Bahuguna passed away at 94, in Rishikesh, Uttarakhand on May 21, 2021.

India's top army general dies in helicopter crash

- Chief of Defence Staff Gen Bipin Rawat, his wife and 11 others travelling in the Mi-17V5 helicopter died in the crash in hills near Coonoor city (Tamil Nadu, India) on 8th December, 2021.

Milkha Singh: India's 'Flying Sikh' dies from Covid

- Popularly known as "the Flying Sikh", Singh won four Asian gold medals and finished fourth in the 400m final at the 1960 Rome Olympics.
- In 2013, his story was turned into the Bollywood film Bhaag Milkha Bhaag - Run Milkha Run.

Professional American basketball player Kobe Bryant passed away

- On January 26, 2020, a helicopter carrying former pro basketball player Kobe Bryant, his 13-year-old daughter Gianna and seven others crashes in Calabasas, California.

Legendary Argentinian footballer Diego Maradona Passes away:

- The former Argentina captain died of a heart attack at the age of 60 on 25th November, 2020.
- Maradona is regarded as one of the greatest footballers of all time, helped Argentina win the World Cup in 1986.
- Maradona was responsible for the infamous 'Hand of God' that eliminated England from the 1986 tournament. Replays showed that Maradona fisted, rather than headed, the ball into the net. The Argentine No. 10 dedicated the goal to the "Hand of God".

Rashtrakavi (National Poet) Madhav Prasad Ghimire passes away:

- Madhav Prasad Ghimire, the Rastra Kavi, dies at 101
- Ghimire died at his residence on Bhadra 02, 2077 (
- Known for his literary works such as Gauri (epic), Kinnar Kinnari (lyrical anthology), Charu Charcha (essay collection) and Shakuntala (epic), the poet of late was working on Ritambhara.
- One of his most popular works is Malati Mangale, the musical drama.

**Facts and Figures regarding Mountain peaks ascension and related affairs****'Snow leopard' / "Hero of Himalaya" Angrita Sherpa passes away at 72**

- Ang Rita Sherpa, popularly known as the 'snow leopard' in the mountaineering community, has passed away.
- The legendary climber breathed his last on 5th Ashwin, 2077 (21st September, 2020).
- Sherpa was awarded with a Guinness World Record certificate for making the most number of successful ascents on Mt Everest without using the supplemental oxygen. Sherpa made it to the top of world for 10th time in 1996 without using the bottled oxygen.
- Ang Rita has received two Guinness World Records for the most climbs of Mt Everest without supplementary oxygen i.e. 10 times and the His first winter climb of Mt Everest without supplementary oxygen was in 1987.

Purnima Becomes Nepal's First Woman to Scale Mt. Dhaulagiri

- Nepal's Purnima Shrestha has become the first woman mountaineer to successfully ascend the world's eighth tallest peak, Mount Dhaulagiri.
- Purnima, along with 19 team members, scaled the 8,167-meter peak located at Dhaulagiri Rural Municipality-4 in Myagdi district on 15th Ashwin 2078.

Kami Rita Sherpa scales Mt. Everest for record 25th time

- Nepalese climber Kami Rita Sherpa scaled Mount Everest for the 25th time on 7th May, 2021 (2078 Baishakh 24).
- He holds the record for most ascents to the summit of Mount Everest.
- He first ascended Mount Everest in 1994 A.D.

Hong Kong woman breaks record for fastest ascent of Everest

- Hong Kong mountaineer Tsang Yin-hung has recorded the world's fastest ascent of Everest by a woman.
- Tsang, 44, scaled the 8,848.86-metre (29,031 feet) mountain in a record time of 25 hours and 50 minutes

Nirmal Purja makes history by climbing all 14 peaks above 8,000 meters in 190 days

- Nirmal 'Nims' Purja stepped onto the summit of Shishapangma on Tuesday and made history in mountaineering by scaling all 8,000-metre peaks in the shortest span of time—190 days.
- Shishapangma, at 8,027m, in China was the last among the world's 14 eight-thousanders in Purja's list. With this ascent he snatched away the record from South Korean climber Kim Chang-ho.
- Kim Chang-ho, the first South Korean to climb all eight-thousanders without using supplemental oxygen, accomplished the feat in 2013, taking seven years, 10 months and six days. He was killed in a snowstorm at the base camp of Mt Gurja in Myagdi district in western Nepal in October 2018.
- Polish Jerzy Kukuczka is the first mountaineer to climb all 14 eight-thousanders, a feat he achieved in seven years, 11 months and 14 days in 1987.
- He named this mission as "Project Possible".
- He started his mission by climbing Mount Annapurna on April 23, 2019 and ended on 29th October, 2019 with the ascent of Shisa Pangma of Tibet.
- This record was previously set by Kim Chang-Ho (South Korea) in 7 years and 310 days.

2021 January 16 (2077 Magh 3): Nirmal Purja and Nepalese team make first winter summit of K2

- A team of Nepalese Mountaineers has climbed one of climbing's last great prize by becoming the first to reach the top of K2 in winter.
- The 10 strong team reached the peak of the world's second tallest mountain on January 16 after hours of slogging through the mountain high altitude 'death zone'.
- The winter ascent of the 8,611 meter summit on Pakistan's border with China represented the conquest of a peak so renowned for its dangers that it has been renamed Savage Mountain.
- Mount K2 is also called Godwin Austen which lies in Karakoram range.
- Among 10 team members, Mingma G Sherpa reached the top of K2 without oxygen.
- The addition of winter temperatures as low as -50 degree Celsius and hurricanes force winds makes it extremely difficult to ascent.

Science and Technology:**Elon Musk's SpaceX Ship Reaches Space Station for the fourth time.**

- A Space X vessel carrying a crew of astronauts arrived at the International Space Station on 21st of November, 2021
- SpaceX was founded in 2002 by Elon Musk with the goal of reducing space transportation costs to enable the colonization of Mars.

The founder of Amazon, Jeff Bezos travels to space

- Amazon.com Inc. founder Jeff Bezos and three others landed after Blue Origin's first flight to space with passengers aboard.
- Date of travel: 2021 July 20
- Name of his space company: Blue origin
- Rocket used to travel/Launch vehicle: New Shepard
- Travel duration: 10 minutes and 10 seconds.
- Bezos is the second billionaire to reach the edge of space. Richard Branson rocketed to space on 11th July, 2021 through his own rocket Virgin Galactic.

2020 December 04: China has planted its flag on the surface of moon.

- China has made history in becoming only the second country after USA to plant a flag on the surface of moon, with the help from Chang'e-5 lander.
- Earlier, the USA planted the first flag on the Moon during the manned Apollo-11 mission in 1969. Five further US flags were planted on the lunar surface during subsequent missions up until 1972.

Robot obtained citizenship

- Saudi Arabia becomes the first country to provide citizenship to Robot
- The name given to the robot is Sofia
- This was presented in the public in 2017 October 25
- This robot was designed by David Hanson of Hanson Robotics
- Sofia was brought in Nepal in 2018 March 21 (2074 Chaitra 7)

Name and Permanent Capital of different provinces:

Province no	Name of Province	Permanent Capital	Chief Minister
1	Not named yet	Biratnagar	Rajendra Rai
2	Not named yet	Janakpur (Temporary)	Lal Babu Raut

3	Bagmati	Hetauda	Rajendra Pandey
4	Gandaki	Pokhara	Krishna Chandra Nepali Pokhrel
5	Lumbini	Butwal	Kul Prasad K.C.
6	Karnali	Birendra Nagar	Jeevan Bahadur Shahi
7	Sudur Paschim	Dhangadhi	Trilochan Bhatta

Projects of National Pride/Glory

- The concept of National Pride Project was first introduced in 2012 in a bid to expedite construction of projects considered crucial for the country's overall development.
- The projects which will enhance the common identity of people along with their quality of life in terms of social, economic, cultural and environmental aspects and are completed within a particular interval of time in particular places can be referred as National Pride Projects. Such projects are selected on the basis of development strategies, economy of the country, technology and its availability etc.
- The number of National Pride Projects has reached 25. They are:

Sikta Irrigation Project

- This project lies in Banke district with an ambition to provide irrigation facilities to 42 thousand and 776 Hectare Area.
- The length of the main canal of this project is 50 km.
- The project was started in fiscal year 2005/06 is expected to be completed in current fiscal year.
- This project was inaugurated in 2063 Magh 2 by the minister of irrigation Gyanendra Bahadur Karki.
- Construction of head works and main canal is completed.
- A sum of Rs 15.51 billion has been spent so far.
- Construction works of Sindhaniya branch is 80.0 percent completed whereas construction works of 16 kilometers eastern main canal is near completion.

Babai Irrigation project:

- This project aims to irrigate 40 thousand Hectare agricultural land in Banke and Bardiya district.
- This project was started in fiscal year 1988/89 which is expected to be completed in fiscal year 2021/22 (based on revised work schedule).
- The project aims at providing irrigation facility to 36,000 hectare land of Bardiya district. Construction of head works, main and branch canal of the project are completed and 29,50% hectares of land gets irrigation facility from the project.
- So far a sum of Rs 7.65 billion has already spent in the project.

Rani-Jamariya-Kulariya Irrigation project:

- This project is being implemented in Kailali District and aims to complete in 2023/24 fiscal year which was started in fiscal year 2011/12.
- The objective of the project to provide systematic irrigation facilities to 20,300 hectares of land in Kailali district.
- So far Rs 11.54 billion has already been spent in the project and intake facility of the project has already constructed.
- Likewise, 90.0 percent of the structures of the project and 95.0 percent of the works of the main canal have already been constructed.
- All tasks related to the modernization of feeder canal have already completed.
- This project is funded by World Bank.

Bheri-Babai Diversion Multipurpose project:

- This national pride project is aimed to transfer 40 cubic meter/sec water from Bheri river to Babai river under the head of 150 m to provide round the year irrigation to 51,000 Hectare cultivable land in Bardiya and Banke district and to generate 48 megawatt of electricity.
- This project includes three major components as:
 - About 12.34 km long and 4.2 m diameter tunnel,
 - Headwork and descanting basin to be constructed in Bheri river end and
 - Fore bay, penstock, power house and electro mechanical parts in Babai river end
- For tunneling purpose, Tunnel Boring Machine (TBM) is being used in this project for the first time in Nepal.
- The project was started in fiscal year 2011/12 and aims to be completed in fiscal year 2022/23 (based on revised work schedule).
- The project was inaugurated in 2015 February 10.
- The project has spent Rs.10.34 billion so far and 12.2kilometers long tunnel work breakthrough is achieved.

Bheri Babai Tunnel completed

- Tunnel construction of the Bheri Babai Multipurpose Diversion project, a multi billion rupees National Glory Project based in Surkhet, has been completed
- Bheri Babai Diversion Multipurpose Project's TBM Tunnel Breakthrough Ceremony was held in 2019 April 16 (2076 Baishakh 3)
- At the breakthrough ceremony, Prime Minister Oli pressed a button on a remote control and the tunnel boring machine emerged from the tunnel after 20 minutes.

Upper Tamakoshi Hydropower Project:

- This project aims to produce 456 Mega Watt electricity and is located in Tamakoshi river of Dolakha District.
- It is run of river type of hydroelectric project.
- The construction of this project started from 2067/68 and is estimated to complete by 2077/78.

Budhigandaki Hydroelectric project:

- Geographically lies in Dhading and Gorkha district with a production capacity of 600 Megawatt electricity (works have been carried out to increase its production capacity from 600 Megawatt to 1200 Megawatt).
- The construction of this project started from 2069/70.
- This project is expected to complete by 2022 A.D.

Paschim Seti Hydropower project:

- This project lies in Doti, Dadeldhura, Baitadi and Bajhang districts with a production capacity of 750 Megawatt electricity in Seti River.
- This is being constructed by Three Gorges Company of China.
- This project falls under the ministry of Energy and Irrigation.

Gautam Buddha Regional International Airport (Rupandehi):

- Gautam Buddha airport was upgraded into a Regional International Airport in 2015 A.D.
- Its runway will be upgraded from 1500x30 meter to 3000x45 meter
- The project is funded by Asian Development Bank.
- The construction of this project started from 2072/73 and is estimated to complete by 2077/78.

Pokhara Regional International Airport:

- This airport was inaugurated by Prime Minister Khadga Prasad Sharma Oli in April 13, 2016 (2073 Baisakh 1).
- This airport is being constructed by CMC Engineering Company of China. This airport has an area of 3735 ropances.
- The construction of this project started from 2073/74 and is estimated to complete by 2079/80.

Nijgadh International Airport, Bara

- It is located in Bara district and has two parallel runways capable to handle 15 million passengers annually.
- The construction of this project started from 2071/72 and is estimated to complete by 2085/86.

Pashupati Area Development Project:

- The main objective of this project is to plan and execute a development programme for the Pashupati area in order to preserve this great world heritage site.
- The construction of this project started from 2070/71 and is estimated to complete by 2078/79.

Lumbini Area Development Project:

- Lumbini is the birth place of Gautam Buddha, the light of Asia and the founder of Buddhism.
- This project was founded for the purpose of restoring the Lumbini garden under the master plan of government of Nepal.
- The construction of this project started from 2069/70 and is estimated to complete by 2078/79.

Madhya Pahadi (Mid Hilly) Highway/Puspal Highway:

- The highway runs through Mid Hill Region of Nepal starting from Chiyobhanjyang of Panchthar district and ending at Jhulaghat of Baitadi district with a length of 1879 Km.
- This highway is also named Pushpal highway.
- This highway connects 24 districts and 19 district headquarters and 215 villages.
- The central point of this highway is Pati Bhanjyang (Nuwakot).
- This highway is somewhat parallel to Mahendra highway.
- The construction of this project started from 2064/65 and is estimated to complete by 2079/80.
- Construction of 140 kilometers of blacktop, 186 kilometers of gravel roads has been completed in fiscal year 2019/20. Whereas a total of 802 kilometers blacktop road of the High Way has been upgraded during this period.
- Out of the total 129 bridges of the highway, construction of 67 bridges has been completed.

- 10 model cities will be established under this highway, which are listed below:
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|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| ♦ Phidim (Panchthar) | Basantapur (Terhathum) |
| ♦ Khurkot (Sindhuli) | Baireni Galchhi (Dhading) |
| ♦ Durure Bhansar (Tanahun) | Burtiwang (Baglung) |
| ♦ Chaurjahan (Rukum) | Rakam Karnali (Dailekh) |
| ♦ Sute Bagar (Acchham) | Patan (Baitadi) |

Electronic East west Railway/Mechi Mahakali Railway:

- This project extends from Mechi in the east to Gaddachauki, Mahakali in the west with a length of 945 km.
- There will be ten stations in this electronic railway.
- The estimated cost of this project is 6 kharab 54 Arabs 14 crore.
- This project is being constructed under ministry of physical infrastructure and transportation

Terai Postal Highway/Hulaki Marga:

- Extends from Bhadrapur, Mechi in the East to Dodhara, Mahakali in the West with a total length of 1792.4 Km.
- This connects 21 districts of Terai.
- The construction of this project started from 2066/67 and is estimated to complete by 2079/80.
- By the first eight months of the current fiscal year 2019/20, construction works of 142.5 km of blacktop, 200 kilometers of gravel has been completed.
- Since the inception of the Postal Road Project, as of yet, 270 km of blacktop road, 325 km of gravel roads and 85 bridges has been completed.

Kathmandu –Terai Expressway/Fast Track:

- This track connects Kathmandu and Terai.
- This project starts from Khokana, Lalitpur to Nijgadh, Bara with a length of 76.4 km.
- The decision was made to reduce this fast track to 72.5 km on 05 Bhadra 2075.
- The responsibility to construct this project has been assigned to Nepalese Army.
- The government of Nepal decided to provide this project to Nepal Army in 2074 Baisakh 20.
- This project was officially inaugurated by Prime Minister Pushpa Kamal Dahal in 2074 Jesta 20.
- Detailed Project Report (DPR report) was approved by the government on 28 September 2019.
- This expressway connects four districts of Nepal:
 - ♦ Lalitpur :about 7.9km
 - ♦ Kathmandu: about 4.0 km
 - ♦ Makwanpur: about 56.7 km and
 - ♦ Bara: about 7.6 km
- Among 72.5 km length;
 - ♦ 55.489km will be road length,
 - ♦ 10.596 km will be the length of 87 bridges (71 by Nepal and 16 by foreign assistance),
 - ♦ 6.451km will be the length of tunnel (3 tunnels will be constructed)
- Tunnels:
 - ♦ Mahadev Danda tunnel of length 3.355 km,
 - ♦ Dhendre danda tunnel of length 1.630km and
 - ♦ Len Danda tunnel of length 1.430 km.
- The width of 2 lane way will be 11 meters and
- The width of 4 lane way will be 22 meters
- The width will be 25 meters in hilly area and 27 meter in Terain Area.
- The estimated time to cross this track is one hour and two minutes.
- The estimated cost is 175 billion.
- The local levels connected to this expressway are
 - ♦ Khokana, Lalitpur (Karyabinayak Municipality),
 - ♦ Chalnakhel, Dakshinkali, Kathmandu (Dakshinkali Municipality),
 - ♦ Sishneri, Makwanpur (Indrasarovar Rural Municipality),
 - ♦ Ipa Gadhi, Makwanpur (Bhimphedi Rural Municipality),
 - ♦ Chhattibani, Dhiyal, Makwanpur (Bakaiya Rural Municipality),
 - ♦ Rathapuri, Lal Gaun, Nijgadh, Bara (Nijgadh Municipality)

North - South (Koshi Corridor) Highway:

- Extends from Morang to Sankhuwasava (Kimathanka) to the border of China.
- It is north - south highway of length 162 km which is known to be the shortest highway that connects India and China across the Himalayan Mountains in Nepal.
- The construction of this project started from 2065/66 and is estimated to complete by 2080/81.
- By the end of fiscal year 2018/19, construction of 9 km track and 9 km gravel road was completed under Koshi Corridor (162 km), while by mid-March of the current fiscal year, An additional 2.7 km of gravel and 12 km of widening works has completed under the Corridor.

North - South (Kali Gandaki Corridor) Highway:

- Kaligandaki Corridor is a strategic project of length 435 km which links Chinese border in north via Korala with Indian border in south via Bhairahawa.
- It includes Nawalparasi, Palpa, Tanahun, Syangja, Gulmi, Baglung, Parbat and Myagdi districts.
- The construction of this project started from 2065/66 and is estimated to complete by 2080/81.
- By the end of first eight months of the current fiscal year 2019/20, construction of 41 km double lane gravel road and 2 bridges has been completed.
- Of the total 435 km road section, all tracks opening works has been completed.
- By the end of first eight months of the current fiscal year 2019/20, construction of Beni Jomsom - Korala 58 km and Gaidakot - Ramdi - Maldhunga 11 km gravel road and 5 bridges of this corridor have been completed.

North South (Karnali Corridor) highway:

- It is divided in two parts i.e Khulalu - Simikot (196km) and Humla - Simikot (88km) connecting Khulalu in Kalikot to Hilsa in Humla.
- The total length of Karnali Corridor is 450km.
- The construction of this project started from 2065/66 and is estimated to complete by 2079/80.
- By the end of fiscal year 2018/19, construction of 9 km track and widening and improvement of 14 km road was completed under Karnali Corridor (280 km).
- Under this corridor, track construction of Hilsa - Simikot section has been completed.

Melamchi Drinking Water Project:

- Located at Sindhupalchowk with a total length of 27 km.
- This ambitious project aims to distribute 17 crore litres (170 Liters) of fresh water in Kathmandu valley per day from Melamchi river.
- To accomplish this project Drinking water development committee was formed in 2055 B.S. The total estimated cost of this project is 8 Arabs.
- This project is being conducted under the supervision of ministry of drinking water.
- The construction of this project started from 205/56 and is estimated to complete by 2077/78. Unfortunately it is still not in operation.
- In 2001, an agreement was struck with the Asian Development Bank to implement the project. After an Italian Company left the project midway citing its economic bankruptcy, a Chinese company was awarded the contract to complete the remaining works.
- Two workers at a construction site of Melamchi water supply project in died when they were swept away by high velocity water released through one of the tunnels as a part of routine test on July 14, 2020.
- The ministry of water supply has time and again set the date but without results.

President Chure Terai Madhesh Conservation Area Program:

- This project is being conducted in 36 districts of Nepal from Ilam in the east and Kanchanpur in the west.
- The Government of Nepal has launched Rastrapati Chure Terai Madhesh Conservation Program in 2010 A.D.
- The construction of this project started from 2071/72 and is estimated to complete by 2080/81.
- The Project is funded by Germany.

Lapsifedi- Galchhi- Ratamate broadcasting Line project:

- The Government of Nepal on 2075 Ashwin 05 decided to add Lapsifedi- Galchhi- Ratamate Transmission Line in the list of National Pride Project.
- This project is expected to complete through the grant of USA provided through MCC.

Damauli-Bharatpur-Butwal broadcasting Line project:

- The Government of Nepal on 2075 Ashwin 05 decided to add Damauli-Bharatpur-Butwal Transmission Line.
- This project is expected to complete through the grant of USA provided through MCC.

Nagdhunga-Naubise Tunnel Construction Project:

- This is the first tunnel project of Nepal.
- This extends from Basnet chhap (Nagdhunga) to Sisne Khola (Naubise).
- Funding Agency: JICA
- The construction of this project started from March, 2017 and is estimated to complete by June 2022.
- This project was inaugurated in 2076 Kartik 04 (2019 October 22) by Prime Minister KP Sharma Oli.
- The tunnel will be 2.45 km long and have two 3.5 metre lanes and carriageway width of 9.5 metres.
- Japanese company Hazama-Ando Corporation will build the tunnel that will pass under the western rim of the Kathmandu Valley, allowing motorists to avoid the winding mountain highway.

Public enterprises:

- The number of public enterprises including full ownership and majority ownership of the government is 44
- Nepal Food Corporation and National Trading Limited are merged and have become Food Management and Trading Company Limited.
- Likewise, National Seeds Company Limited is merged with Agriculture Implement Company Limited.
- Nepal Forest Corporation Limited is established with the merger of the Timber Corporation of Nepal and Forest Products Development Committee.
- Dhauvadi Iron Company Limited (Nawalpur east, Hupseket Rural Municipal) and Nepal Infrastructure Construction Company Limited are established in this year.
- Of total Public enterprises,
 - 36 enterprises are in operation
 - 24 enterprises are running in profit,
 - enterprises have been newly established.
- Three Enterprises in maximum profit:
 - Nepal Oil Corporation,
 - Nepal Electricity Authority,
 - Nepal Tele-Communication Company limited

Current Affairs Practice Questions

1. The upcoming BIMSTEC summit is going to be held in
 a. Dhaka b. Srilanka c. Kathmandu d. New Delhi
2. Which is the last specialized agency of United Nations?
 a. WIPO b. WTO c. IAEA d. UNWTO
3. Which of the following is not the component of World Bank?
 a. IBRD b. MIGA c. ICSID d. AIIB
4. Three finger salute- symbol adapted by Myanmar protestors against military coup indicates:
 a. Peace b. Solidarity c. Non-violence d. protest
5. Which movie won the best picture award in 93rd Academy awards?
 a. Green book b. Parasite c. Nomadland d. The Father
6. When is world Labor day observed?
 a. February 13 b. August 11 c. April 22 d. May 01
7. Which of the following statement is/are wrong about 93rd Academy Awards?
 a. Chloe Zhao is the first Asian women movie director to win Oscar award.
 b. Anthony Hopkins wins the best actor for the movie "The Father".
 c. The movie "Mank" was nominated for most number of categories.
 d. Nomadland won the most no of awards in 6 categories including best film, best director and best actress.
8. Who is the founder of cloud-based video conferencing service "Zoom"?
 a. Eric Yuan b. Yucatan jones c. chad gable d. Jack ma
9. Who is the founder of drone camera?
 a. Abraham Karem b. George
 c. Devol D. Herbert Televox d. Wendy Roberts
10. Who chaired 76th UN General Assembly in New York?
 a. Volkon Bozkir b. Maria Fernanda c. Abdulla Sahid d. Antonio Guterres
11. Who led the delegation from Nepal to attend the 'world leaders climate summit' on climate change to be held at Glasgow of the United Kingdom (UK)?
 a. K.P Sharma Oli b. Sher Bahadur Deuba
 c. Dr. Narayan Khadka d. Health Minister Birodh Khatiwada
12. What is the theme of World Human Rights day 2021 that is observed in December 10 every year?
 a. Recover better b. Equality
 c. All human, all equal d. None
13. The number of Projects of national glory/national pride projects is
 a. 23 b. 24 c. 25 d. 26
14. The new variant of Corona virus "Omicron" was first spotted in which country?
 a. India b. Nepal c. South Africa d. Congo
15. When did China adopt Three Child Policy?
 a. 2021 May 31 b. 2021 June 31 c. 2021 July 31 d. 2021 August 31
16. When was upper Tamakoshi Hydropower project inaugurated by the PM K.P. Oli?
 a. July 5, 2021 b. July 06, 2021 c. July 07, 2021 d. July 08, 2021
17. When did the rebel group of Afghanistan, Taliban declare the end of war and victory over USA in Afghanistan?
 a. 2021 August 15 b. 2021 August 16
 c. 2021 August 17 d. 2021 August 18

18. What was the name of the first satellite launched by Nepal?
 a. Nepali Romeo b. Nepali Satellite -II
 c. Nepali Sat-I d. Rastrya Chakra
19. Who has been appointed the new secretary general of UNO?
 a. Amrit Kumar Rai b. Abdulla Sahid c. Robert Perez d. Antonio Guterres
20. When did Nepal telecommunication implement Mobile Device Management System (MDMS) to crack down on the sale of phones imported through the unofficial channel or to control the Grey phone market?
 a. 2078 Jetha 1 b. 2078 Asar 1 c. 2078 Shrawan 1 d. 2078 Bhadra 1
21. Who of the following is awarded with "Rashtriya Pratibha Puraskar 2078" by the government of Nepal?
 a. Hari Bansha Acharya b. Madan Krishna Shrestha
 c. Shitaram Kattel (Dhurmusr) d. Satya Mohan Joshi
22. Which Nepalese bank has been awarded with Euro money award for excellence 2021?
 a. Nabil bank b. NMB Bank c. NIBL Bank d. Mega Bank
23. When did the chief of Amazon, Jeff Bezos travel to space?
 a. 2021 July 20 b. 2021 July 21 c. 2021 July 22 d. 2021 July 23
24. The pilot of first lunar mission (Apollo 11) died in 2021 April 28 at the age of 90. Who was he?
 a. Neil Armstrong b. Michael Collins c. Dmitriy Putizer d. Gregory Gmemier
25. The first female Artificial Intelligence (AI) powered news anchor robot is
 a. Xin Xiaomeng b. Sophia c. Nuri d. Xongji Robotics
26. Nepal is ranked..... In sustainable development report 2021
 a. 95th b. 96th c. 97th d. 98th
27. Which book received International business book of the year 2021?
 a. Transformation in time of crisis b. Covid and Global Economy
 c. Manipulating economy in times of crisis d. The effect of index in global economy
28. Who won Abel Prize 2021, the prize considered equivalent to nobel prize given in the area of mathematics?
 a. Wigderson and Lovász b. Furstenberg and Gregory Marguli
 c. Daneil weibr and Hontige daneil d. Carl weistener and gerard payale
29. Which Nepalese football club won the first ever "Nepal Super League Football Tournament"?
 a. Dhangadhi Football Club b. Biratnagar United F.C.
 c. Kathmandu Rangers d. Manang Maryangdi Club
30. Which country won the Eurocup Football tournament 2021?
 a. Italy b. Spain c. England d. Portugal
31. What is the theme of 12th census of Nepal?
 a. My participation, my attribution b. No one shall be repeated
 c. My census, my participation d. my census, my name
32. Which country won the the Olympic gold medal in football in 32nd summer Olympic held in Japan?
 a. Spain b. Brazil c. England d. Japan
33. Who has been declared the Time person of the year 2021?
 a. Jeff Bezos b. Elon Musk c. Joe Biden d. K. P Oli
34. Who participated in 2020 Summer Olympics (Japan) from Nepal representing Athletics sports?
 a. Gaurika Singh b. Saraswan Chaudhary
 c. Sonya Bhatta d. Kalpana Pariyar
35. The 2022 FIFA World Cup Football tournament will be hosted by
 a. Russia b. USA c. Canada d. Qatar
36. Who won the fourth Everest Premier league T-20 cricket tournament 2021?
 a. Pokhara Rhinos b. Bhairabha Gladiators
 c. Chitwan Tigers d. Dhangadi blues

37. When had the president of China Xi Jing Ping visited Nepal?
 a. 2019 October 12 b. 2019 October 14
 c. 2019 October 16 d. 2019 October 18
38. What is the deadline to achieve sustainable goals set by UN?
 a. 2025 b. 2030 c. 2035 d. 2040
39. The 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development adopted by world leaders in September 2015 at a historic UN Summit officially came into force from
 a. 2015 December 30 b. 2015 December 31
 c. 2015 January 1 d. 2016 January 1
40. Which UN General Assembly passed 17 sustainable development goals (SDGs)?
 a. 70th b. 71st c. 72nd d. 73rd
41. Which is the host country of 13th SAFF Football Tournament?
 a. Maldives b. Nepal c. Bangladesh d. India
42. When is world Tourism day observed in Nepal?
 a. September 27 b. September 28 c. September 29 d. September 30
43. Which of the following pair is incorrect?
 a. Madan Puraskar 2077- Bhagiraj Ingnam
 b. Padmashree Sahitya puraskar 2077- Keshab Dahal
 c. Jagadamba Puraskar- Bhairab Thapa
 d. Lil Bahadur Bista- Pragya Puraskar
44. Who of the following is the recipient of Padma Shree prize awarded by the government of India in 2021?
 a. Dr. Sanduk Ruit b. Lila Bahadur Chhetri
 c. Mahabir Pun d. Bharat Jangam
45. Who of the following received Nobel peace prize in 2021?
 a. Maria Ressa b. WFP c. Dmitry Muratov d. Both a and c
46. The Quadrilateral Security Dialogue (QSD, also known as the QUAD) is a strategic dialogue between the following countries established in 2017 with revised agreement.
 a. USA, Australia, India, Japan b. USA, UK, France, Germany
 c. UK, Russia, China, Australia d. France, Spain, Russia and Germany
47. According to the Economic Survey of the fiscal year 2077/78 published by the ministry of finance, what is the per capita gross national income of Nepal?
 a. 1090 US Dollar b. 1109 US Dollar
 c. 1188 US Dollar d. 1196 US Dollar
48. Which district of Nepal is postulated to have the probability of petroleum minerals?
 a. Pyuthan b. Chitwan c. Dang d. Bhaktapur
49. Which country has initiated "One Belt one Road Initiative"?
 a. China b. USA c. UK d. Japan
50. When was ALUKS pact, a trilateral security pact signed between UK, USA and Australia counter China
 a. 21 September 2021 b. 22 September 2021
 c. 23 September 2021 d. 24 September 2021
51. The current 15th five year has planned to reduce poverty of Nepal to..... by the end of this plan
 a. 18.7 b. 9.5% c. 5.5% d. 0%
52. Digital Nepal Framework, 2019 (2076), has identified different..... sectors
 a. 8 b. 9 c. 10 d. 11
53. Among 17 sustainable development goals, which goal is not considered to be related with Nepal?
 a. Goal 8 b. Goal 10 c. Goal 12 d. Goal 14
54. When was Covid-19 Spotted in Nepal for the first time?
 a. 2019 December 31 b. 2020 January 23 c. 2020 February 11 d. 2021 May 2
55. What percentage of contribution is projected from agriculture sector on Nepal's Gross Domestic Product in Fiscal year 2077/78?
 a. 23.8 % b. 24.8% c. 25.8% d. 26.8%
56. How many public enterprises are there in Nepal?
 a. 42 b. 44 c. 46 d. 48
57. Who is the first female chief minister of Nepal?
 a. Dwarika Devi Thakurani b. Anuradha Koirala
 c. Ashta Laxmi Shakya d. Sahana Pradhan
58. When did Paras khadka retire from International Cricket?
 a. 2078 Asar 19 b. 2078 Shrawan 19
 c. 2078 Bhadra 19 d. 2078 Jeth 19
59. According to the latest data, the debt per Nepalese has become after the public debt of government reached 17 kharab 29 arab.
 a. NPR 55 thousand b. NPR 57 thousand
 c. NPR 59 thousand d. NPR 50 thousand
60. What was the position of Nepal in Human Development index report 2020?
 a. 142nd b. 143rd c. 144th d. 145th
61. Where did COVID-19 evolve from?
 a. Wuhan (China) b. Rome (Italy) c. New York (USA) d. Kathmandu (Nepal)
62. When was the new/revised height of Mt. Everest revealed?
 a. 2007 Mangsir 23 b. 2077 Asar 12 c. 2077 Mangsir 23 d. 2077 Asar 5
63. When did Sher Bahadur Deuba take his oath of office as the new Prime Minister of Nepal?
 a. 2078 Asar 26 b. 2078 Asar 27 c. 2078 Asar 28 d. 2078 Asar 29
64. When was the first economic census held in Nepal?
 a. 2075 B.S. b. 2076 B.S. c. 2077 B.S. d. 2078 B.S.
65. Which is the first country to formulate law for the personal use of Marizuna?
 a. Portugal b. Malta c. Estonia d. Hungary
66. The last country/40th Country to sign Bilateral Air Service Agreement with Nepal is
 a. Austria b. Australia c. Turkey d. Finland
67. Nepal aims to achieve zero carbon emission by.....
 a. 2040 A.D. b. 2043 A.D. c. 2045 A.D. d. 2047 A.D.
68. Nepal has set a target to get upgraded to developing country from underdeveloped country by.....
 a. 2025 A.D. b. 2026 A.D. c. 2027 A.D. d. 2028 A.D.
69. Nepal is only responsible for /.....greenhouse gas emission.
 a. 0.025 b. 0.026% c. 0.027% d. 0.028%
70. Which of the following women has 'world's most beautiful face' according to science?
 a. Lindsay Lohan b. Angelina Jolie c. Amber Heard d. Britney Spears
71. Who is elected the new president of All Nepal Football Association (ANFA)?
 a. Karma Chhiring Sherpa b. Ganesh Thapa
 c. Yubaraj Lama d. Pankaj Nembang

72. SPP (State Partnership Program) is a program of
 a. USA b. UK c. China d. Russia
73. When was MCC agreement published in Nepal gazette?
 a. 2079 Baishakh 05 b. 2079 Baishakh 10
 c. 2079 Baishakh 15 d. 2079 Baishakh 20
74. When did India introduce Agneepath Scheme for military recruitment?
 a. 2022 June 12 b. 2022 June 14 c. 2022 June 16 d. 2022 June 18
75. What was the per capita income of Nepalese in the fiscal year 2077/78?
 a. 1500 US\$ b. 1355 US\$ c. 1246 US\$ d. 1185 US\$
76. In which International tournament held in 2021 had Nepal athlete won a gold medal?
 a. Bangabandhu Dhaka marathon b. Asian games c. Winter Olympic
 d. Regional weightlifting
77. What is the expected economic growth rate of Nepal according to the budget of Fiscal year 2079/80?
 a. 5% b. 6% c. 7% d. 8%
78. Who has set the record of climbing Mt. Everest for the 26th time?
 a. Aangma Sherpa b. Kamirita Sherpa
 c. Dawa Phuti Sherpa d. Chhangdawa Sherpa
79. Who is the first Nepalese actress to walk in the red carpet of Cannes Film Festival France?
 a. Surakshya Bhattarai b. Surakshya Suwal
 c. Surakshya Maskey d. Surakshya Panta
80. Who was the chairperson from Nepalese side of eminent persons group formed for Nepal India relations?
 a. Dr. Bhesh Bahadur Thapa b. Amrit Rai
 c. Gyan Chandra Acharya d. Jaya Raj Acharya
81. Which of the following match is incorrect?
 a. Secretary General of SAARC - H. Esala Ruwan Veerakun (Sri Lanka)
 b. Secretary General of BIMSTEC - Tenzin Lekphell (Bhutan)
 c. Secretary General of UNO - Antonio Gutierrez (Spain)
 d. Director General of World Trade Organization (WTO) - Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala (Nigeria)
82. When was the former prime minister of Japan Shinzo Abe shot dead?
 a. 2022 June 8 b. 2022 July 8 c. 2021 July 8 d. 2022 July 22
83. When Jay Prithvi Bahadur Singh was declared the national dignitary of Nepal?
 a. 2022 June 16 b. 2022 June 18 c. 2022 June 20 d. 2022 June 22
84. What is the rank of Nepal in Global Peace index 2022?
 a. 70th b. 71st c. 72nd d. 73rd
85. Nobel peace prize 2021 was jointly conferred to
 a. Dmitry Muratov and Maria Ressa b. Maria Ressa and Fernanda Espinosa
 c. Mohammad Moshin and Shahana Khan d. Pliska zonea and Dsoji
86. The 15th plan of Nepal has targeted to achieve Good governance Index to
 a. 0.55 b. 0.56 c. 0.57 d. 0.58
87. Which country is going to host 2024 summer Olympic Games?
 a. France (Paris) b. USA (Los Angeles)
 c. Canada (Ottawa) d. Italy (Milan)
88. When was the second amendment of the present constitution made?
 a. 2077 Asar 2 b. 2077 Asar 4 c. 2077 Asar 6 d. 2077 Asar 8

88. 9th National sports event is scheduled to be held at province?
 a. Bagmati b. Gandaki c. Karnali d. Sudur Paschim
89. Who has been nominated the Inspector General of Police (IGP) on 2079 Baishakh 18?
 a. Dheeraj Pratap Shah b. Nawaraj Silawal
 c. Vishworaj Pokhrel d. Dheeraj Pratap Singh
90. When did the name of province number 2 declared as Madhesh Pradesh?
 a. 2078 Poush 23 b. 2078 Magh 03 c. 2078 magh 13 d. 2078 magh 23
91. The 27th COP Summit will be held in
 a. Egypt b. Ghana c. Nigeria d. Niger
92. What is the theme for World Wetland day 2022?
 a. Wetland and Biodiversity b. Wetland and climate change
 c. Wetlands for sustainable development d. Wetland action for people and nature
93. When was the calibration flight at Gautam Buddha International Airport performed?
 a. 2078 Falgun 4 b. 2078 Falgun 6 c. 2078 Falgun 8 d. 2078 Falgun 10
94. What is the current population density of Nepal?
 a. 195/Sq.km b. 196/Sq.km c. 197/Sq.km d. 198/Sq.km
95. What is the current population growth rate of Nepal according to the 12th national population census of 2078/2021?
 a. 1.35% b. 1.03% c. 0.93% d. 0.15%

Answer Sheet									
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1	b	20	c	39	d	58	b	77	b
2	d	21	b	40	a	59	b	78	d
3	d	22	c	41	a	60	a	79	a
4	b	23	a	42	a	61	a	80	a
5	c	24	b	43	d	62	c	81	c
6	d	25	a	44	b	63	d	82	c
7	c	26	b	45	d	64	a	83	d
8	a	27	a	46	a	65	b	84	a
9	a	28	a	47	d	66	b	85	d
10	c	29	c	48	c	67	c	86	a
11	b	30	a	49	a	68	b	87	b
12	b	31	c	50	a	69	c	88	b
13	c	32	b	51	b	70	c	89	d
14	c	33		52	a	71	d	90	b
15	a	34	b	53	d	72	a	91	a
16	a	35	d	54	b	73	c	92	d
17	b	36	c	55	c	74	b	93	b
18	c	37	a	56	b	75	c	94	b
19	d	38	b	57	c	76	a	95	c