

Transport Connectivity including Transit Facilitation in Southern Asia



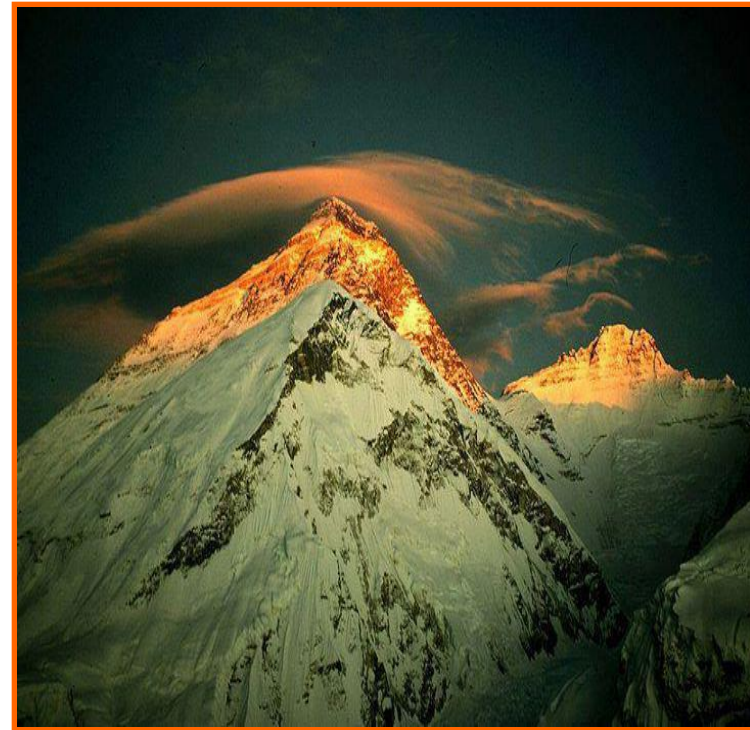
Country Presentation: Nepal

Nepal in South Asia



Nepal at a Glance

- Situated between China and India (Landlocked country)
- 147,181 sq km of area
- Population as per 2011 Census: 26.62 millions
- Birthplace of “Lord Buddha”
- A Himalayan *sangrila* where 8 of 14 highest peaks on globe lies (altitude more than 8000 m, including **Mt. EVEREST**)
- A mountainous country (only 17% of flat land)



National transport Policy Initiatives

the National Transport Policy, 1998 states

.....Cross border, regional and sub-regional transport and transit facilities shall be further developed and expanded.

.....New international airport as an International Hub shall be constructed with the arrangement of precision landing, landing and take-off entirely within own airspace, constructing of a parallel main runway, if necessary. Such airport shall act in the development of tourism and promotion of international air cargo services (trade).

.....Construction of existing rail services shall be expanded and developed in coordination with the Indian rail way service.





Cross- Border Transit Transport by Land

Background and Transit Issues

- Nepal sandwiched between India and China lacks the access of seaport.
- deprives the competitive global business (absence of sea port) the extra transit cost, is high up to 40% in Nepal's case that inflates the price of commodities in import and export.
- Afghanistan depends on the ports Pakistan and Iran for its overseas freight traffic whereas Nepal and Bhutan solely use Indian ports for their overseas trade:
- Nepal uses Kolkata port and Haldiya port and Bhutan uses Kolkata port.

Nepal's Trade Balance with Some South and South- West Asian Countries in 2011/12

(Rs. in millions)

Country	Export	Import	Trade Balance
Afghanistan	97.88	0.29	97.58
Bangladesh	2,578	1,502	1,075
Bhutan	543	249	294
India	50,933	321,346	-270,413
Pakistan	225	266	-40

* Estimated

Sources: Nepal Rastra bank

Legal instruments for Cross- Border trade and Transit Transport by Road

I. Bilateral Trade Agreement with:

- **Nepal – India Transit Treaty, 2006**
- **Trade and Transit Treaty between Nepal and China**
- **Nepal Bangladesh Transit Treaty, 1976**
- **Transit right of LDC related UN conventions 1980, 1991 and 2001,**
- **Trade and Transit right as managed in Law of Sea 1958, 1982**
- **WTO, BIMSTEC, SAFTA (Nepal's bilateral Trade Agreement between 17 countries and Nepal's accession to the WTO, April, 2004)**

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