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Press Release

Foreign Secretary of Nepal Mr. Bharat Raj Paudyal arrived in New Delhi on an official visit this afternoon at the cordial invitation of the Foreign Secretary of India Shri Vinay Mohan Kwatra.

The two Foreign Secretaries held bilateral meeting today at the Hyderabad House, New Delhi.

They discussed multiple areas of cooperation between Nepal and India covering trade, transit, connectivity, infrastructure, power sector, irrigation and inundation, agriculture, investment, development cooperation, health sector cooperation, culture, and people to people relations, among others.

They reviewed the progress on the discussions held during the high-level visits of the Prime Minister of Nepal Rt. Hon. Sher Bahadur Deuba to India on 1-3 April 2022; and of the Prime Minister of India Hon. Shri Narendra Modi to Lumbini, Nepal on 16 May 2022. The two Foreign Secretaries discussed the ways and means to build on momentum generated by those visits. They also discussed cooperation in multilateral forums.

They expressed satisfaction at the progress made in different areas including power sector, construction of transmission line, railway connectivity, construction of ICPs, motorable bridge and other important infrastructures. They also discussed early conclusion of Transit Treaty including its Protocol and the Memorandum to the Protocol and expediting the review of the Treaty of Trade. Matters related to fertilizers supply, waiver of export restrictions in wheat, sugar, paddy, and rice were discussed as well.

Recalling the outcome of high-level visits, both sides discussed seamless power trade under mutually beneficial arrangement.

They also discussed the boundary matters. In this regard, they exchanged views on completing the boundary works in remaining segments through established bilateral mechanisms.

The meeting was held in an atmosphere of utmost cordiality and friendship.

The Foreign Secretary of India hosted a dinner in honour of the visiting Foreign Secretary of Nepal and the members of his delegation.

The Foreign Secretary of Nepal is scheduled to call on the External Affairs Minister of India H.E. Dr. S. Jaishankar tomorrow.

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