

## Press Release

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### 10 High-Level Sessions, 60 Speakers and 65 Exhibition Stalls at Indo–Nepal Trade Festival 2026

The second edition of the Indo–Nepal Trade Festival 2026 will be held from 20–22 February in India’s capital, New Delhi. Organized under the theme “Connecting People, Enhancing Bilateral Trade” the inaugural session will be attended by Nepal’s Ambassador to India, Shankar Prasad Sharma; Chief Guest Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Minister of Tourism, Government of India; Jyotiraditya Scindia, Union Minister for Communications, Government of India; and Chandra Prasad Dhakal, President of the Federation of Nepalese Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FNCCI), among other distinguished participants.

Following the notable success of its first edition, the festival has established itself as a key bilateral platform to strengthen economic cooperation, tourism integration, cultural exchange, and investment partnerships between India and Nepal. This year’s festival will feature more than ten high-level sessions and policy dialogues with over 60 experts. Key themes include hydropower and energy partnerships; cross-border trade and connectivity; tourism integration including the Ramayana and Buddhist Circuits; banking, fintech and digital economy collaboration; media and cultural diplomacy; youth engagement; education and innovation partnerships; the startup ecosystem; and the Indo–Nepal Cooperation “Vision 2030.”

In addition, business networking programs and B2B and B2G meetings will be organized among policymakers, ministers, diplomats, industrialists, investors, and entrepreneurs. The organizers believe these sessions will bring together experts, policymakers, and industry stakeholders from both countries on a single platform to explore new opportunities for shared growth and sustainable regional cooperation.

The festival will be held at the PHD Chamber building in New Delhi. Alongside business and policy discussions, Nepal’s rich cultural heritage will be showcased through musical performances, film screenings, traditional arts, and authentic Nepali

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**cuisine, offering participants a unique cultural experience of both Nepal and India. More than 60 exhibition stalls from India and Nepal will participate in the festival. The organizers estimate that more than 25,000 people will visit the festival.**

**Speaking at a press conference held at the Press Club in New Delhi on Tuesday, President of Everest Chamber of Commerce and Industries (ECCI), Yubaraj Baral, stated that the Indo–Nepal Trade Festival is envisioned as a transformative platform to strengthen bilateral cooperation through trade, tourism, culture, and innovation. He said, “The festival will further support the expansion of investment opportunities, foster meaningful partnerships across various sectors between Nepal and India, and deepen the historic friendship between the two nations. This landmark bilateral event will further reinforce India–Nepal economic diplomacy and promote long-term regional cooperation.”**

**Similarly, Dr. Mohan Karki, General Secretary of ECCI, informed that the opening session of the trade fair will be held on 20 February, while exhibitions showcasing the art, culture, and Nepali products of Nepal and India will take place on 21 and 22 February.**

**He stated that the festival is being organized with the objective of promoting historical, economic, social, cultural, and tourism-related cooperation between the two countries.**

**He said, “More than ten sessions on diverse themes will feature business and policy-level discussions. Additionally, Nepal’s rich art and culture will be presented through musical programs, film screenings, traditional arts, and authentic Nepali cuisine, offering participants a unique experience of both Nepal and India.”**

**The festival is being organized primarily by the Everest Chamber of Commerce and Industries (ECCI), an umbrella organization of Nepali entrepreneurs in India, in collaboration with the Embassy of Nepal, the Nepal Tourism Board, and the Trade and Export Promotion Centre. Established in 2008, ECCI has more than 800 entrepreneur members from various sectors across India.**

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