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WINNING HEARTS IN NEPAL
India extends a healing hand for the trauma stricken in Nepal. PM @narendramodi & PM Koirala inaugurate Trauma Centre

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PM inaugurated the Nepal Bharat Maitri Emergency and Trauma Centre in Kathmandu, built at an estimated cost of Rs 100 crores through MOU signed between GoI and GoN.
Grant assistance of Rs. 550 crores to Nepal for opening a new Police Academy at Panauti.

Supply of one Dhruv Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH) Mark III to the Nepalese Army.
The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi visited Nepal from 25–27 November 2014. This was his second visit to Nepal since assuming office.

Apart from participating in the SAARC Summit, on 25th November; PM also conducted several bilateral engagements with the Nepalese side; including call-ons/meetings with:

- President Dr. Ram Baran Yadav
- Prime Minister Mr. Sushil Koirala.
- Leaders of Nepali Congress
- Leaders of CPN-UML
- Leaders of UCPN (M) [including Prachanda and Baburam Bhattarai];
- Madhesi Leadership

In all these meetings, one of the main themes that PM highlighted was a renewed emphasis of the need for all political forces in Nepal to come together and work towards a new Constitution which “all of them can own”.

On 25 November; the PM also presided over three highly symbolic ceremonies depicting the depth and richness of India–Nepal relations:

- Inauguration of Rs. 100 crore Emergency and Trauma Centre facility with 200 beds in Kathmandu.
- Handing over of Advanced Light Helicopters ‘Dhruv’ to Nepalese Army;
- Flagging off the Kathmandu-Delhi Bus service.
OUTCOMES

During the course of this visit; there were several notable achievements; namely:

- Signing of the bilateral Memorandum of Understanding on the Motor Vehicles Agreement. This agreement simplifies the procedure for movement of private and non-regular vehicles across the India–Nepal border.

- The flagging off of the Kathmandu–Delhi Bus Service—called the ‘Pashupatinath Express’. The Kathmandu–Varanasi and the Pokhara–New Delhi routes will also will be operationalised soon.
• In hydel power; Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam and the Investment Board of Nepal signed the Project Development Agreement on the 900 MW Arun-III project.

• The two countries also signed an agreement for operationalising a US $ 1 billion line of credit. The focus areas for this agreement have been identified as hydel power, irrigation and infrastructure.

• The two countries also signed an MoU on cooperation in the field of traditional medicine; including mutual recognition of educational qualifications.

• Focusing on agriculture, a mobile soil-testing van was gifted to the Nepalese side aby M/s PPL, as a follow up to PM’s announcement to support ‘Soil Health Card’ scheme in Nepal.
• As regards the sister-city arrangements, the two countries signed three highly symbolic MoUs. These were between Ayodhya and Janakpur, between Lumbini and Bodh Gaya, as well as between Kathmandu ‘Pashupatinath’ and Varanasi ‘Kashi Vishwanath’.

• The two countries also signed an MoU on tourism providing for a framework for developing not only the Buddhist Circuit but also other circuits including other pilgrimage routes as well as linking India’s North-East with Nepal.