



President's Report II

During my visit to Nepal in the month of November, 2019 I; along with the delegates of NRNA, met with the following government Ministers and officials to brief them on the activities of NRNA and seek their support and cooperation in meeting our goals and objectives.

- On 21st November, 2019 we met with the Foreign Minister, Honorable Pradeep Gyawali and discussed with him; specially on promulgation of Act for NRN Citizenship, 100 million dollars Emerging Nepal Fund and contribution of certain fixed amount from the Central Bank based on the total amount of remittance received to the Foreign Employment Welfare Fund established by NRNA. The minister expressed full support of the ministry and the Nepal Government to the initiatives taken by NRNA.



- We also met with the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Sankar Bairagi, where we briefed him on the issues related to NRN Citizenship, 100 million dollars Emerging Nepal Fund, Nepal Government's contribution to Foreign Employment Welfare Fund based on remittance received, organizing second NRN Global Knowledge Convention and NRNA's response to the encroachment of Nepalese territory by India. The secretary expressed solidarity of the ministry to the activities undertaken by NRNA and added that the ministry was ready to work together with NRNA.



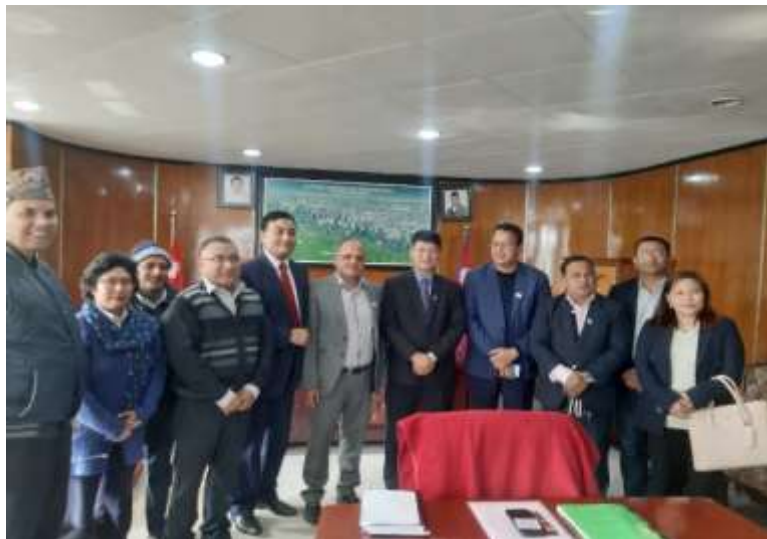
- On 23rd November, 2019 we met with concerned government officials of Gorkha District to inform them on the developments taking place at Laprak and requested their support and cooperation in finalizing the official handover of the project within the month of Mangshir. The officials expressed their full cooperation and agreed to expedite the supply of timber. We also took the opportunity to thank the Nepalese Army for their continued support.



- We also visited the project site to get primary information on the developments taking place and held discussion with the beneficiaries and the local authorities in the presence of the Chair of Darche Gaunpalika, Mr. Santosh Gurung. We mutually agreed to take necessary actions to complete the official handover of the project by the end of Mangshir.



- On 25th November, 2019 we met with the Mayor of Kathmandu Metropolitan City, Mr. Bidhya Sundar Sakhya, to brief and discuss with him on Visit Nepal 2020 campaign and activities undertaken by NRNA, construction of public toilets, street library and international conference hall. The mayor thanked NRNA for its initiatives, promised all cooperation and support; informing that the construction of international conference hall was underway and request for possible supported from NRNA.



After discussion with the Mayor on constructing public toilets at different prime locations in Kathmandu, we visited some sites. Along with the ward 14 chairperson, Ms. Sova Sapkota, we visited different sites in Kalanki.



- On 26th November, 2019 we met with the Finance Minister, Honorable Dr. Yubraj Khatiwada, to brief him on the developments of 100 million dollars Emerging Nepal Fund. The minister praised the concept and promised all support and cooperation of the ministry.



- On 26th November, 2019 we met with the Director General of the Foreign Employment Department, Dr. Bhisma Raj Bhusal, to submit a memorandum highlighting the initiations taken by NRNA for the welfare of the migrant workers, reminding the department to implement policies already approved by the government and possible cooperation between the department and NRNA. We also informed him on the Foreign Employment Relief Fund established by NRNA and our concept of contribution from the government based on the amount of remittance received. The DG was very positive to this concept of contribution based on the amount of remittance received and informed that he would also lobby for the

concept. He also reminded and requested NRNs to hold dialog and encourage the diplomatic missions in their respective countries of residence to request the government to allocate them funds that the government had provisioned for the welfare of the migrant workers with concrete action plans.



- On 27th November, 2019 we met with the President of FNCCI, Ms. Bhabani Rana, to discuss on various issues related to the economic development of the nation. We agreed to cooperate in developing the human resources, organizing investment summit at the provincial levels and establishing linkage between the local network of FNCCI and global network of NRNA. We also agreed to work jointly for the promotion and implementation of the Emerging Nepal Fund and organizing the 2nd NRN Global Knowledge Conference. Finally, we thanked FNCCI for their undaunted support for the NRN movement.



- On 28th November, 2019 we met with the Agriculture and Livestock Minister, Honorable Ghanashyam Bhusal, to congratulate him on being nominated as minister and to discuss with him on the possible avenues where the NRNs could support for the development of agriculture; as it is the backbone of the Nepalese economy. On this occasion we also briefed him on the activities of the NRNA Agriculture Committee.



- On 29th November, 2019 we met with the Home Minister, Honorable Ram Bahadur Thapa (Badal), where we briefed him on the development of Laprak Model Settlement Development Project, requested his support for the promulgation of Act for NRN Citizenship and establishing a police post in Laprak. The minister promised to provide all support required and highlighted on the developments of the Citizenship Act.



- We also participated in the 5th main organizing committee meeting of Visit Nepal 2020 chaired by Tourism, Culture and Civil Aviation Minister, Honorable Yogesh Bhattarai, where we discussed on the achievements, initiations, programs to be conducted in making Visit Nepal 2020 a success and on ways and means to officially beginning the campaign from January, 2020. The minister highlighted that NRNA's role and support would be crucial in making this campaign successful.

I emphasised that NRNA and its affiliations would provide every possible support and participate in officially beginning the campaign all over the world by organising cycle and car rallies in close coordination of the Nepalese mission where possible.



- We met with the Director of Blood Bank Nepal, Dr. Manita Raj Karnikar, to discuss on how the Blood Transfusion System (Technology Transfer) program being implemented by NRNA could be made more effective and seek avenues of collaboration with Blood Bank Nepal.



- The ANFA president, Mr. Karma Tsering Sherpa, also visited us at the NRNA secretariat and we held discussions on how NRNA and ANFA could work together for the betterment

of Nepalese football and it could attract and accommodate second generation NRNs. We agreed to support each other, where possible, on activities undertaken by each institution.



- We also held repeated rounds of meeting with the Emerging Nepal Fund adviser and expert, Mr. Anal Bhattarai, to discuss on how we could best implement this concept.

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