

FOREX

US Dollar	120.43
Euro	139.99
Pound Sterling	165.86
Japanese Yen	10.59
Chinese Yuan	18.86
Qatari Riyal	33.08
Australian Dollar	90.22
Malaysian Ringgit	29.01
Saudi Arab Riyal	32.11

Exchange rates fixed by Nepal Rastra Bank

Shares

Nepse	
2,672.25	3.59%
HIGHEST GAINERS	
UPCL 10%	CFCL 10%
SFC 10%	BFC 10%
GLJL 10%	SADRI 10%
MODERATE GAINERS	
AKPL 10%	DHPL 10%
SSH 10%	HPPL 10%
GLH 10%	HDHPC 10%
MODERATE LOSERS	
NICAD283 -0.19%	SD87 -0.63%
KEF -0.73%	NICG -0.88%
HIGHEST LOSERS	
SMB -0.96%	LBLD88 -1.05%
LBLD86 -1.91%	UNL -2%
MERO -3.97%	SD87 -4%

BULLION

PRICE PER TOLA

Fine Gold	Rs 92,400
Silver	Rs 1,265

SOURCE: FENEGOSIDA

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Petrol (Per Litre)	Rs 130.00/-
Diesel (Per Litre)	Rs 113.00/-
Kerosene (Per Litre)	Rs 113.00/-
LPG (Per cylinder)	Rs 1450/-

Source: Nepal Oil Corporation

Hotel entrepreneur Shrestha passes away at 83

POST REPORT
KATHMANDU, OCT 25

Veteran hotel entrepreneur and former president of Hotel Association Nepal Gautam Das Shrestha died on Monday. He was 83.

According to the association, Shrestha passed away at Medicity Hospital in Lalitpur after a long battle with cancer.

Born in Tumbahal, Kathmandu to father Durga Das Shrestha and mother Haridevi Shrestha, Shrestha operated the Sherpa Hotel on Durbar Marg and the Safari Narayani Hotel in Chitwan.

Shrestha served as president of Hotel Association Nepal (HAN) from 1993 to 1998.

He is survived by his wife, two sons and two daughters.

The hotel association said Shrestha's death had caused irreparable damage to Nepal's tourism industry.

"Gautam Das Shrestha, the sixth HAN President, left us this morning at 2:30 AM for his heavenly abode," tweeted hotelier Yogendra Sakya.

"In spite of age and so many health issues, he was still so full of life and always wanting to entertain friends in his house. All your friends and family will always cherish those beautiful get-togethers in your Jamshikhel house, Gautam Dai!!!"

Singapore plans electricity imports to boost security, diversify supply

About 95 percent of Singapore's electricity is generated from natural gas.

REUTERS
SINGAPORE, OCT 25

Singapore plans to import up to 4 gigawatts (GW) of low-carbon electricity by 2035, or about 30 percent of its total supply, trade and industry Minister Gan Kim Yong said on Monday, to diversify supply and boost energy security.

The Asian city-state will start with trials to resolve technical and regulatory issues over cross-border power trading, he said, such as plans to import 100 megawatts (MW) of electricity from neighbouring Malaysia and 100 MW of solar-generated elec-

Nepal seeks deal with India for flight inspection services

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SANGAM PRASAIN
KATHMANDU, OCT 25

Nepal has asked the Airports Authority of India to provide periodic airport and flight inspection services for its airports.

On Monday, the Civil Aviation Authority of Nepal sent an official letter to the Indian state entity proposing to sign a long-term government-to-government deal as it wants to avoid being possibly forced into contracting unreliable companies amid the difficult times caused by Covid-19.

Raj Kumar Chhetri, officiating director general of the Civil Aviation Authority of Nepal, told the Post that they had officially written to the Airports Authority of India after its proposal was approved by the board on Thursday.

"We have proposed signing a three-year contract. Once the Indian authority sends its response, we will sign the agreement," said Chhetri, adding that they had planned to complete the periodic airport and flight inspection services of eight airports, including the upcoming international airport in Bhairahawa, by mid-December.

Radio communication infrastructure and air navigation aids of all airports need to be inspected after installation and before full operation. The air navigation aids that are in service need to be regularly inspected according to International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) standards and requirements to ensure safety and continuously accurate operational performance.

These inspections are done in flight by using flight inspection aircraft to analyse and assess the performance and efficiency of the aids to ensure the safety of the aircraft that rely on them for navigation and landing guidance.

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Chhetri said that the fee for the periodic airport and flight inspection services charged by the Indian state entity was lower than that charged by other companies. "If the government-to-government modality works well, the contract can be extended after three years."

On March 7, 2019, a Thai government-owned company Aeronautical Radio of Thailand won the \$4.83 million contract for the supply, delivery, installation and commissioning of Communication, Navigation and Surveillance/Air Traffic Management, including meteorological equipment and other related services, at Gautam Buddha International Airport.

The Thai company has completed the installation of the navigation and communication equipment but

informed the airport project that they would begin the calibration or testing of the equipment only after the Covid-19 situation in Nepal recedes to almost zero.

Chhetri said that they had to initiate the government-to-government deal with India because it was difficult to bring foreign experts under the existing coronavirus circumstances, and that could delay the periodic tests.

The civil aviation body had approached the South Korean and Indian governments and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) of the United States to conduct the tests, but only the southern neighbour responded positively.

The FAA, an agency of the US government responsible for the regulation of aircraft and airports, had conducted flight inspections of the

radar system at Bhatte Danda in Lalitpur in 2017.

"As the construction of Gautam Buddha International Airport has been completed, we have to urgently begin the flight test of the airport. The test, as per the proposal sent to India, will have to be completed by mid-December," Chhetri told the Post.

The civil aviation body had planned to conduct the test in September, but its board lacked a chairman for a long time as the newly formed government delayed appointing a tourism minister who heads it.

The government eventually named Prem Bahadur Ale as minister of culture, tourism and civil aviation on October 8. The first board meeting with the new chairman was held on Thursday.

According to the civil aviation body,

the international airport in Bhairahawa is fitted with the instrument landing system (ILS) and it needs to be tested every six months. "The deal will save us the hassle of conducting tenders at a time of crisis," said Chhetri.

Gautam Buddha International Airport in Bhairahawa in south central Nepal is the gateway to the international pilgrimage destination of Lumbini, the birthplace of Gautam Buddha. It has a 3,000-metre-long and 45-metre-wide runway, and is slated to be ready for commercial operation by the beginning of 2022.

The Civil Aviation Authority of Nepal had awarded the Rs6.22 billion civil works component, the first package, to China's Northwest Civil Aviation Airport Construction Group in November 2013.

Indonesian President calls for ASEAN travel corridor to revive tourism

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KUALA LUMPUR (MALAYSIA), OCT 25

Indonesian President Joko Widodo has urged Southeast Asian countries to speed up plans to create a regional travel corridor to help revive tourism and speed up a recovery from the economic damage of the pandemic.

Citing UN and World Trade Organisation data, Widodo said on Monday that the level of restrictions in Southeast Asia was the highest in the world. With coronavirus cases in the 10-member Association of Southeast Asian Nations now declining, those limits should be eased to allow people to travel more freely, he said.

Speaking at a regional business forum Widodo urged immediate adoption of a regional travel corridor, a concept initiated by Indonesia in 2020, that would include faster immigration lanes, recognition of vaccine certificates and standardized health measures for departure and arrival, among other things.

"After 20 months of facing the daunting Covid-19 pandemic, we now see a light of hope. In the past week, Covid-19 cases in ASEAN fell by 14 percent, far exceeding the global average, which fell by 1 percent," he told the forum organized ahead of a three-day ASEAN leaders summit, which starts Tuesday.

"With the Covid-19 situation getting more under control, these restrictions

could be eased, mobility could be relaxed, while also ensuring that it's safe from the risk of the pandemic," he said. "If all ASEAN countries immediately facilitate the safe mobility of people, the wheels of economy shall soon run again," he said.

Intra-ASEAN travel typically accounts for around 40 percent of travel in the region and is key to reviving tourism in the region.

Some countries, including Thailand, are cautiously moving to reopen to international tourism.

Indonesia re-opened its holiday resort island of Bali to foreign tourists this month after more than 80 percent of its population was fully vaccinated. Widodo said the government will gradually open up other areas in the country where vaccination rate exceeds 70 percent. Indonesia so far has fully vaccinated about a third of its people.

Widodo called for more equal distribution of vaccines to ensure that at least 70 percent of ASEAN's more than 600 million people are inoculated. Vaccination is uneven in the region, with Singapore, Malaysia and Cambodia moving the fastest with over 70 percent of their population inoculated and Myanmar at the bottom with less than 10 percent vaccinated.

Widodo said ASEAN, as the region with the fastest growth in internet use in the world, should also expand its digital economy for future growth.



CHAUTARA SANGCHOKGADHI MUNICIPALITY
Office Of The Municipal Executive
Chautara, Sindhupalchok

INVITATION FOR ELECTRONIC BIDS

Invitation of Bids for the Interior Designing Works for Chautara Sangachokgadhi Municipality Office, Chautara-5

Contract Identification No: CSGM/NCB/WORKS-10/078-79
First Date of publication: 2078/07/09(26th Oct, 2021)

- The Chautara Sangachokgadhi Municipality Office, Chautara, Sindhupalchok invites electronic bids from the Eligible Bidders for construction of the following works under NCB Procedures.

Contract Identification No	Description	Estimated Amount (Without VAT)	Bid Security Amount	Price of Bid Document	Bid Submission Last Date, Time	Bid Opening Date, Time
CSGM/NCB/WORKS-10/078-79	Interior Designing Works for Chautara Sangachokgadhi Municipality Office, Chautara-5	2,478,121.52	70,000.00	Rs.3,000	2078/08/09 (25 th Nov, 2021) at 12:00 hrs	2078/08/09 (25 th Nov, 2021) at 13:00 hrs

- Interested Eligible Bidders may obtain further information at the office of Chautara Sangachokgadhi Municipality, Office of the Municipal Executive, Chautara, Sindhupalchok, Contact no 011-620477 or may visit the website <http://www.chautaramun.gov.np> or may visit PPMO website www.bolpatra.gov.np/egp.
- Only eligible bidders with the following key qualification should participate in this bidding:
Minimum work experience: At least 1 (One) number of successful project of Interior Designing Works (not necessarily to amount).
- Bidder who chooses to submit their bid electronically may download the bidding documents for e-submission from PPMO's Web Site www.bolpatra.gov.np/egp. Bidders, submitting their bid electronically, should deposit the cost (as specified above) of bidding document in the office account no. as specified below and the scanned copy (.pdf format) of the Bank deposit voucher shall be uploaded by the bidder at the time of electronic submission of the bids. Information to deposit the cost of bidding document in Bank:
Name of the Bank: Nepal Bank Limited, Chautara Branch
Name of Office: Chautara Sangachokgadhi Municipality
Account Number (Aantarik Rajashwo Khata for bid document fee): 05703000001001000001
Dharauti Khata No. 05703000003000000001
Office Code No: 801032701
- Electronic bids must be submitted through PPMO website www.bolpatra.gov.np/egp on or before as mentioned above.
- Pre-bid meeting shall be held at Chautara Sangachokgadhi Municipality, office of the Municipal Executive, Chautara, Sindhupalchok at 2078/07/29 on 13:00 hrs.
- Bids must be valid for a period of 90 days after bid opening and must be accompanied by a scanned copy of the bid security in pdf format amounting to a minimum of NRs. 70,000.00 which shall be valid for 30 days beyond the validity period of the bid.
- Bids shall be opened in the presence of Bidders' representatives who choose to attend at above mentioned date and time at the office of Chautara Sangachokgadhi Municipality.
- If the last date of submission and opening falls on a government holiday then the next working day shall be considered the last day. In such case the validity period of the bid security shall remain the same as specified for the original last date of bid submission.
- Bidders are advised to visit the site and assess the actual site conditions prior to submit the bid in their own cost.
- The Employer reserves the right to accept or reject, wholly or partly any or all the Bids without assigning any reason, whatsoever.
- Any matter not covered by this notice shall be as per other mandatory information as per PPA and PPR. (With all amendments) of GON.
- If there are any changes or correction in notice or on Bid document, the notice will be published in Chautara Sangachokgadhi Municipality notice board, Municipality Official Website and in bid addendum.

Chief Administrative Officer
Chautara Sangachokgadhi Municipality