

REPORT ON BHARAT-NEPAL FRIENDSHIP SUMMIT HELD AT KATHMANDU, NEPAL FROM 26- 30 OCTOBER 2023.

As part of the series of Conferences and Summits conducted by Global Leadership Foundation (GLF), New Delhi, the 28th in the series the “Bharat-Nepal Friendship Summit” was conducted from 26th to 30th October 2023 at Kathmandu, Nepal, which included a one-day full academic session on 27th October 2023 with the theme “Globalisation and Socio-economic Development” at Siddharta Boutique Hotel, Boudha, Simaltar, Kathmandu. All the delegates arrived at the hotel around afternoon of 26th October and received well by the hotel staff. The delegates then discussed about the whole program under the leadership of Mr. Ramesh Tripathi, Chairman, GLF which was announced days back and confirmed the route map. Dr. Dil Prasad Shrestha, noted academician of Nepal who was coordinating the Summit also attended the discussion. They also visited the Bagmati hall the venue of the Summit with in the hotel and impressed by the arrangements. In the evening the delegates visited Kathmandu town for familiarizing the place and for shopping and Boudhanath Stupa.

The Summit started at 10.30 AM on 27th October. Before that registration of delegates were completed as per program schedule, the GLF Life Membership badge was also distributed by the Chairman, GLF to all Life Members present. The Summit began with lighting the traditional lamp by Chairman, GLF and dignitaries from Bharat and Nepal viz. Dr. Rajendra K.C., Founder Chairperson, University of Three Generation, Mr. Surendra Subedi, Chief of Kathmandu Model College, Dr. Dil Prasad Shrestha, Executive Director, Management innovation Training and Research Pvt. Ltd, Kathmandu, Mr. Dhruva Nepal, President, Returned United Nations Volunteers Association Nepal (RUNVAN) and Dr. Niranjana Devkota, RMC Head. This was followed by exchange of traditional Nepali cap and Bharatiya shawls between dignitaries from Bharat and Nepal on the dais. Mr. Ramesh Tripathi, Chairman, GLF then welcomed the dignitaries on the dais, off the dais and all delegates attending and gave a background of the Summit. He stressed the need for strengthening the relation and cooperation between Bharat and Nepal for bringing peace and socio-economic development of both the nations. Moreover, Bharat and Nepal are like brothers and follow a unique culture. He praised the dignitaries, Nepali and Bharat delegates who are attending the conference inspite of Dashain Pooja and Mahanavami holidays. He exuded confidence that the Summit will further strengthen the friendship between Bharat and Nepal and initiate exchange programs in all spheres. The dignitaries from Nepal totally agree with the views of GLF Chairman Mr. Ramesh Tripathi and each one of them extended their hearty welcome to the delegates from Bharat and wish the Summit a great success. After the the inaugural function GLF signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU's) with four prestigious organizations present in Education, Research and Exchange programs. This was followed by the release of Summit Abstract by a joint team of GLF and dignitaries of Nepal. All those present appreciated the Abstract which was brought out in international style and presentable before any individual or organization. Incidentally it was the first Abstract book released by GLF.

After tea break paper presentations on various subjects started. It was an excellent session in which the authors presented their views in the time limit provided. The papers were of high quality and interactions were exemplary. A total of 26 Papers were presented of which 15 were from Bharat and 11 from Nepal. After lunch break paper presentations continued till tea time followed by distribution of South Asian Inspirational Leadership Awards 2023. A total of 20 Awards were distributed (Annexure-1) to selected delegates which included certificates and mementos which was followed by Photo session. The Summit concluded at 5:00 PM with vote of thanks by Dr. Sudhir Kumar Mishra. To summarize, the summit was a grand success due to the increase in delegates, quality of presentations and positive interactions. The motivational speeches of dignitaries, signing of MoU's, release of abstract, excellent presentations and interactions, distribution of awards and timing maintained throughout had made the Summit a memorable one which had impressed every participant from Bharat and Nepal. In fact, after the Summit Mr. Surendra Subedi, Chief of Kathmandu Model College invited all the delegates to visit their College to know about the activities going on there.

On 28th October the delegates visited Swoyambhu Mahachaitya (A Buddhist Temple) and then Chandragiri Hills in Kathmandu valley situated at an elevation of 2551m. Enjoyed the cable car ride through the hills and also visited Baleswor Mahadev Temple situated at the top. Good amenities are provided. It was a memorable experience for the delegates. At evening time delegates visited Thamel Bazar for local shopping & enjoy the night life.

On 29th October the delegation visited the famous UNESCO heritage site Pashupatinath Temple, where the delegates observed the rites going on there. Traditional items were there in plenty especially adornments made of "Rudraksh". The delegates enjoyed the age old customs prevailing there still. At lunch time delegates visited Darbar Square & Hanuman Dhoka. After the visit the delegates move on to Kathmandu Model College (KMC) as per the invitation of KMC officials at 4:00 PM. The delegates were warmly received at the college with traditional shawls by the team led by Mr. Surendra Subedi. The delegates were taken in and around the college and showed various departments and the activities going on there followed by a meeting with faculty. The meeting discussed various points on cooperation with GLF on the basis of MoU signed, including exchange programs in future. The delegates were served high tea and there was also a photo session. Mr. Ramesh Tripathi, Chairman, GLF and the delegates thanked Mr. Subedi and team for their kind hospitality and assured mutual cooperation in future endeavors. At the hotel there was a discussion on the overall conduct of the Summit and recreational activities. The delegates were well impressed by the conduct of the summit, recreational activities, accommodation and food. They thanked the Chairman and GLF for perfectly conducting the whole program.

On 30th October the delegates started their return journey with good memories and positive thought to meet in the next GLF program.

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