

A Bibliography of Indian Contribution to the Infrastructure Development in Nepal

The Koshi Barrage and Tribhuvan Rajpath

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Introduction

Nepal has historically been dependent on foreign aid when it comes to the development of large infrastructures. The dependence is acute particularly in terms of mustering financial capital and imparting technical know-how for these mega-projects. Enquiries into the nature, reason and implications of such dependence to the Nepal's development trajectory will begin with critically assessing the stock of the available secondary literature on the subject. Such investigation can help lay out possible pathways for making optimum use of such dependence in the meanwhile enabling the country to create local resources and institutions to construct its infrastructure. This bibliography is aimed at helping scholars to begin undertaking such enquiries.

The first part of the bibliography, which is being presented here, covers multidimensional aspects of those development works in Nepal that have been constructed with the assistance from the Government of India only. The Indian contribution to Nepal's infrastructure is the oldest among the bilateral aids, and has been steadily growing since the 1950s. Specifically, the list of works by individual scholars, organizations and a variety of government agencies related to two of the oldest mega-projects of Nepal built with India's assistance, namely the Koshi Barrage and the Tribhuvan Highway, have been included here. This bibliography should also be referred to in conjunction with two other bibliographies on prepared by Martin Chautari, one that enumerates the works by the Nepali scholars on India and the other those by the Indian scholars on Nepal if one is interested in contextualizing the infrastructural development in the larger dynamics of the Nepal-India relations.

This bibliography covers the studies that are relevant in understanding the interests, scope and extent of the Indian assistance and its impact on the development of infrastructures in Nepal. In preparing the list, repositories such as the TU Central Library, Madan Puraskar Library, Kaiser Library, Kathmandu Valley Open Library, Nepal-Bharat Friendship Library, Dilli Raman-Kalyani Regmi Memorial Library, Martin Chautari Library have been searched. The on-line catalogues of the different libraries elsewhere have also been sifted to prepare it. This is the first version of the bibliography and contains books, theses, articles, unpublished reports and historical documents only. It does not contain the write-ups in the daily, weekly and monthly newspapers that are often significant in assessing the popular take on the Indian contribution. Any suggestion to improve the bibliography is welcome and will be duly acknowledged.

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Abbreviations

BGDWR	Bihar Government Department of Water Resources
BPKNIF	BP Koirala Nepal-India Foundation
CEDA	Center for Economic Development and Administration
CPWF	Citizens Poverty Watch Forum
FESC	Foundation for Economic and Social Change
GOI	Government of India
HMG/N	His Majesty Government of Nepal
ICIMOD	International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development
ICM	Indian Cooperation Mission
IIDS	Institute for Integrated Development Studies
IUCN	International Union for Conservation of Nature's
NWCF	Nepal Water Conservation Foundation
SASC	South Asian Studies Centre
TU	Tribhuvan University
UN	United Nation
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
WECS	Water and Energy Commission Secretariat

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