

Media urged to play positive role in promoting Nepal-India relations

Kathmandu, 3rd April, 2017: Participants of a two-day international seminar here today have underscored the need for the media in both countries to play positive role in further strengthening the India-Nepal's political, social and economical ties.

The seminar with the theme 'Role of Media in Promoting India-Nepal Relation' is organized by the Makhanlal Chaturvedi National University of Journalism and Communications of India in collaboration with the Kathmandu University (KU), B.P. Koirala India-Nepal Foundation, Kathmandu (BPKF) and Media Action Nepal (MAN).

Inaugurating the event, Minister for Information and Communications Surendra Kumar Kakri remarked that the media should take interest in further consolidating political ties between Nepal and India and also at people-to-people level.

He argued, "There is no country in the world where economy boom is unbound by the political influence. Hence the communication sectors should support in enabling stable political climate."

Also speaking at the programme, parliamentarian and journalist from India, Tarun Vijay noted that they could learn a lot from Nepal known for the valour of brave Gurkhalis.

He commented that the Nepali media were not giving high priority to the news relating to India's stride in international development sector.

Similarly, diplomat Dr Jayaraj Acharya shared that the Indian public are keen to keep themselves on the major political development in Nepal. He cited the mounting concerns of the Indian public over declaration of Nepal as a secular country despite the majority of the public batting for reinstating Nepal as a Hindu nation.

Vice-Chancellor of the organizing University, B.K. Kuthaila shared that the event was organized as a part of the University's programme to conduct media related events in and outside of India.

The event will see deliberations on the issues of commonalities and differences between Nepal and India from the journalistic viewpoint, said professor of journalism at KU, Dr Nirmal Mani Adhikari.