

Policies and Programs of Government of Nepal for the Fiscal Year 2011/12

Mr. Speaker,

1. In my capacity of the President of the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal, I am pleased to avail this opportunity to present to this august Session of the Legislature- Parliament the 2011/12 policies and programs of the Government of Nepal. On this occasion, first of all, I would like to offer my sincere tributes to all those martyrs, known and unknown, who offered to sacrifice their lives in order to realize the six- decade-old desire of the Nepalese people to have their constitution written by themselves.
2. Our country has been passing through a mix of major people's movements, people's war and people's revolution. In this connection, although the country has transformed into a federal democratic republic with the abolition of monarchy and unitary system of governance through the peaceful People's Revolution of 2006, our campaign to make all the Nepalese people happy, prosperous and self-reliant by fulfilling their earnest desire for peace and constitution and making the country prosper in economic, social as well as scientific fields, still remains incomplete. Despite the significant progress made in constitution writing during the past three years, after the Constituent Assembly election, the process has yet to complete. During the current phase of the three-month extension of the Constituent Assembly for the purpose of preparing the fundamental aspects of the peace process and the outline of the constitution, all the political parties need to work day and night focusing their entire attention to constitution making. For this, consensus, understanding and collaboration among all political parties is a must. I am confident that at this difficult hour of history of Nepal, we will soon reach a consensus as regards the future constitution by demonstrating our maturity and presenting ourselves in the most flexible manner in favour of the interests of the country and the people.
3. Appreciating the fact that durable peace, prosperity and socio-economic transformation are possible only through consensus and collaboration among all political parties, the present government is committed to bring the peace process to a logical conclusion thus also completing the task of constitution writing in order to maintain constitutional supremacy, guarantee the rule of law and good governance, protect and promote human rights, implement the past understandings and agreements and make service delivery effective on the basis of national consensus.
4. The country has remained independent all along with boundless courage and unflinching faith and commitment of her people towards freedom and independence. The sovereign people of Nepal have all stood in favour of forward movement and development. In order to proceed with the agenda of decentralization and balanced development with the objective of reaching the development benefits to the nooks and corners of Nepal, at the current phase of the country being transformed into a federal republic, the need of the hour is for us to make untiring efforts in common for the preservation and consolidation of these gains.

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5. The Government of Nepal is of the view that, while protecting national unity, integrity and sovereignty, all discriminations based on class, region and race must be brought to an end, all forms and remnants of feudalism must be eliminated in line with the objective of state restructuring, thus laying the foundation of a self-reliant, modern, just, inclusive and prosperous new Nepal through the adoption of popular and welfare-oriented economy with a socialist approach and the general people must be liberated from all kinds of inequalities, discriminations, exploitations, oppressions and injustices.
6. The current government stands firmly in favour of concluding the peace process, writing the constitution, transforming the socio-economic status and consolidating the national independence while appropriately managing the transition as per the aspirations of the entire population. I would like to express in front of this august session that the government is forging ahead with its priority agenda of establishing social justice in the country and leading the country towards economic growth.
7. The present government will give emphasis to increment in agricultural and industrial production, development of tourism and infrastructure, employment generation, creation of national capital, investment promotion and equitable distribution, social justice and just development for meeting the objectives of prosperous life, civilized society and independent nation-building. The government will direct its resources towards realizing the fundamental rights of the people relating to education, health and employment as per the constitutional provisions. A farsighted concept will be prepared to provide a long-term socio-economic development vision for the country.
8. Priority will be given to the implementation of the comprehensive peace accord as well as other understandings reached among various political parties and communities. Likewise, the integration and rehabilitation of the cantonment-based combatants of the Maoist army will be concluded in a speedy manner as per the provisions of the 5-point agreement.
9. Initiative will be taken for the resolution of all kinds of conflict and problem emerging in different parts of the country, including in Terai-Madhesh, on the basis of dialogue.
10. A commission to investigate the disappeared persons and a High Level Truth and Reconciliation Commission will be formed in order to make public the status of citizens who disappeared in course of the conflict, thereby guaranteeing transitional justice.
11. A National Martyrs' Memorial Park at Gokarna in Kathmandu as well as a Martyrs' Park in Terai-Madhes will be constructed to honor the immortal martyrs who have laid their lives for the establishment of democracy and the republic in the country at different periods,

12. In order to build sustainable peace, a program of "Peace Campaign at People's Initiative" will be launched thus reaching the local peace committees to the village and town levels so as to make the system of conflict resolution more effective and institutionalize peace, prosperity and change at the lowest levels.

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13. The three-pillar policy of better managing the economy, as provided in the Interim Constitution and spelt out in the current three-year plan, with the participation of public, cooperative and private sectors will be implemented with priority. The public sector will be promoted as an overall regulator and investor in basic infrastructure, the cooperatives as the means of employment generation and production enhancement and the private sector as the vector of economic growth.

14. The policy of ensuring participation of Dalits, Muslims, Madhesis, Janajatis and backward communities living below poverty line and not included in the national mainstream in programs related to production and expansion of economic activities will be accorded a high priority. Special arrangements will be made for the development of traditional skills of Dalit communities including the Gandharvas. Likewise, special programs targeted for women who constitute one half of the total population of the country will be undertaken.

15. Special economic and social programs will be carried out in the nine remote districts of Karnali and nearby areas. Additional programs will be conducted in the eleven districts including those in Terai-Madhes hard hit by the conflict. Special attention will be paid for the development of Himalayan region. Likewise, priority will be given to development works and service delivery in Seti-Mahakali area. A high powered Karnali Development Commission will be constituted for the overall development of Karnali and the works of the existing organizations, associations and committees will be subsumed under it.

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16. In order to maintain macro-economic stability, timely changes will be made in fiscal and monetary policies. Public policies will be formulated on the basis of processed statistics from the recently conducted national census.

17. Emphasis will be laid on the formulation of the budget based on policies, programs and expenditure plans and their result-oriented implementation. Stress will be given on attaining due returns from socio-economic development by effectively mobilizing capital expenditure within the specified time period.
18. Foreign aid will be mobilized only in areas of national priority as determined by the Government of Nepal. In this connection, all foreign aid will be channelized through the national system and mobilized for making the country self-reliant by enhancing ownership of utilization and mobilization of such assistance.
19. In all processes of auditing, budget and expenditure management, book-keeping and financial reporting, financial expertise, accountability and transparency will be improved. Registration and management of public property will be made effective.

Mr. Speaker,

20. In order to strengthen the financial system, measures such as mergers of financial institutions will be adopted together with the necessary policy framework for maintaining institutional good governance.
21. Necessary arrangements will be made for enhancing the institutional capacities of the regulatory bodies so as to make the acts of inspection and supervision of the financial system effective. The high level financial sector coordination committee constituted for the stability and development of the financial sector will be made more effective.
22. By promoting the use of modern information technology and expanding financial institutions in the rural areas, priority will be given to make financial services widely accessible. Micro-credit programs will be further expanded and arrangements will be made to make sure that large part of the credit to be lent by financial institutions flow to the productive sectors.
23. Financial reform programs will be carried forward, public sector banks will be additionally capitalized and necessary measures for their consolidation will be adopted. A mechanism will be created for bringing effectiveness in the regulation of new technology and equipment emerging in the financial and capital markets.
24. In order to secure the savings of small depositors in banks and financial institutions, deposit security scheme will be expanded. Stress will be laid on maintaining institutional good governance by making effective the monitoring of savings and credit cooperatives in the financial system.

25. Arrangement will be made to bring in most of the remittance through the banking channel. Remittance money will be encouraged to be invested in productive sectors including energy.
26. In order to attract savings from informal to the formal sectors, the existing system of obligatory declaration of income source in financial transactions will be amended. Additional laws will be enacted to make all financial transactions transparent as necessary in keeping with the international standards.
27. The acts of bringing willful defaulters of bank loans and those who divert loans to areas other than those for which they are sanctioned by banks and financial institutions within the scope of legal action will be effectively implemented.
28. Social security system will be gradually introduced to cover workers in the agricultural, industrial and vocational sectors as well as those in the informal sectors. Social security programs for the worker's security, safety and welfare promotion will be effectively implemented by means of contributory social security fund.
29. In order to promote investment friendly environment, maximum efforts will be made to gradually reduce the cost of business transaction. Appropriate policy will be promulgated to assure the domestic and foreign private investors of the protection of their investments. Policy of special incentives will be adopted for the investors who establish manufacturing industries.
30. Revenue policy will be reviewed with a view to helping increase investment and promoting exports. Revenue administration will be made simple, transparent and efficient by means of electronic service delivery. A Revenue Board will be constituted with a view to making the institutional framework of revenue administration more effective and professional.
31. In order to regulate and monitor economic crime control and money laundering, policy, legal and institutional arrangements consistent with international standards will be made, while also strengthening such mechanisms as Money Laundering Investigation Department and Fiscal Information Unit. Stringent legal actions will be taken against those involved in revenue leakage and revenue fraud through the use of duplicate VAT bills.
32. With the objective of increasing the effectiveness of services by enhancing the ownership of wider citizenry in the public enterprises, maximum possible shares of such enterprises will be gradually divested among the ordinary people. For the policy uniformity and effective supervision among the public enterprises, a High-Level Public Enterprise Management Board will be established.

Mr. Speaker,

33. In order to develop agriculture sector as an attractive profession by its modernization and commercialization, agriculture development programs that increase production and ensure food sovereignty and food security will be operated with the main slogan of "Let's Increase Production, Let's Become Self-reliant".
34. Access of agricultural and animal products will be expanded to regional and global markets by making these products competitive. For this, production of quality agricultural and animal products will be increased by enhancing the access of farmers into the means of production such as chemical and organic fertilizers, improved seeds, improved animal breed, irrigation, technology and agricultural implements. By means of production of high-value agro-products, efforts towards import substitution and export promotion will be made more effective. Crop and animal insurance programs will be expanded through micro insurance services.
35. Necessary policy and legal measures will be put in place in order to discourage the trend of using pesticides harmful to public health and environment in the production of food items.
36. While encouraging small farmers to run farms based on co-operative system, disadvantaged and poor people will be mobilized in the production, processing and marketing of products such as meat, milk, fruits, vegetables, tea, coffee, herbs as per the ideals of cooperatives. Cooperatives will be launched as a campaign in the fields of agricultural production, processing and market management. Special incentives will be provided to encourage cooperatives run by women and Dalits.

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37. With a view to increasing agricultural production and productivity, irrigation system's effectiveness will be enhanced by preserving and promoting the existing irrigation infrastructures. Special priority will be given to the construction of big irrigation projects such as Sikta and Ranijamara-Kulariya. Construction works of Bheri-Babai diversion will begin and detailed studies of multipurpose projects such as Tamor-Morang, Sunkoshi-Tawa, Sunkoshi-Marin, Trishuli-Chitwan, Kali Gandaki-Tinau and Seti-Kailali will be undertaken. Detailed study of Kankai high dam will also be carried out.
38. Feasibility studies will be carried out to develop irrigation, hydropower and water transport by constructing intra-river basins and diversions of big rivers such as Koshi, Gandaki and Karnali. Possibilities of mobilization of foreign aid and public private partnership in such multi-purpose projects will be explored.
39. Installation of shallow tube well will be expanded as a campaign on a priority basis. Study on the establishment of Irrigation Fund will be carried out. People's embankment program and watershed conservation as well as conservation program for townships, narrow mountain river valleys and other small bazaars will be made more effective.
40. By implementing scientific land reform for social justice, judicious distribution of means of production, food security, poverty reduction and sustainable economic growth, access of local landless tillers to agricultural land

will be promoted. Programs for scientific utilization of land will be made effective by discouraging the tendency of keeping agricultural land uncultivated.

41. Scientific land-use policy will be formulated and implemented from this fiscal year itself. By improving the existing land classification system, land will be classified, based on its use, into six types such as agricultural, forest, commercial, residential, public and industrial.
42. In order to make land acquisition simpler and easier for construction of public infrastructure such as hydro-power, road, water supply, irrigation, airport, timely improvement will be effected in the existing policies and laws.
43. Based on the verification and classification of available data, identity cards will be issued to the freed bonded labourers, bonded tillers, bonded cattle grazers and Badis. They will be rehabilitated and will be facilitated with employment and income generating programs based on specified procedures.

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44. Competent, competitive, transparent, self-confident and socially accountable private sector will be developed for the industrialization and modernization of the economy, boosting of economic growth, enhancement of employment opportunities, export promotion, import substitution and capital formation.
45. Special program will be introduced to revive and run sick industries.
46. Bills on Special Economic Zones and Investment Board will be endorsed by the Legislature-Parliament in order to expedite operation of the already established Special Economic Zones, while giving special emphasis on the establishment and operation of manufacturing and export-oriented industries.
47. Entrepreneurship and employment generation will be expanded through micro, cottage and small enterprises development programs. Handicraft Villages and Product Development Centers will be established for creating an environment for the development of micro, cottage, rural and small industries.
48. Women entrepreneurship development programs will be implemented in order to create environment for women to participate in business and industrial sectors and for women entrepreneurship development.
49. Feasibility studies will be undertaken in order to utilize natural gas available in the country. Special emphasis will be given for exploration and drilling of petroleum products as well as metallic and non-metallic minerals in potential areas.

Mr. Speaker,

50. Product specific programs will be implemented for the sustained development, value addition and export promotion of the products identified in the Trade Policy. Exportable products and services will be promoted as identified in Nepal Trade Integrated Strategy. Trade assistance available for the Least Developed Countries from external sources will be utilized to the fullest. Trade activities will be mainstreamed in sectoral policies and development programs and implemented in an integrated manner.
51. Trade diplomacy will be pursued effectively to promote Nepalese products and services. Incentives will be provided to commodity exports to encourage the exporters. Further efforts will be made for the increase in export of Nepalese produces to neighboring countries.
52. In accordance with Nepal's pursuit of economic and trade liberalization policy, while intensifying association with the World Trade Organization and the regional trading regimes, attempts will be made to play effective roles in the world trade regime.
53. For the protection of the fundamental rights of the consumers to purchase quality goods at reasonable price and to protect the consumer welfare, timely reform will be effected in relevant laws. While ensuring intensive market monitoring, policy will be followed to take stringent legal action against those involved in artificial price hike of goods and services, creating artificial shortage of goods by hoarding and obstructing the supply of essential consumer goods. Activities that go against healthy competition such as artificial shortage, cartelling, and syndicate will be discouraged.
54. A mechanism will be prepared and implemented for civil supply and distribution. The distribution system will be made more result oriented by reviewing the locations receiving subsidy in the shipment of food grains and salt.
55. Arrangements for food storage will be made with the involvement of private sector to ensure food security in the country so that immediate supply of food is made possible at times of crisis thus avoiding food shortages during natural disasters.
56. Necessary infrastructure will be created to ensure quality of petroleum products and for convenient and regular supply of such products. The recommendations by High Level Task Force regarding convenient and systematic supply of petroleum products will be implemented gradually. Laws regarding the trade of petroleum products will be formulated in order to involve private sector in the supply of petroleum products. Timely adjustment of petroleum prices will be made as per the international price.

Mr. Speaker,

57. A master plan will be prepared for the development of hydro power. In order to ascertain the total hydropower generation potential, a study will be commissioned this year itself and it will be updated every ten years. The process of granting license for hydro power projects will be made scientific and transparent. One door unit will be established for facilitating the implementation of projects and Nepal Electricity Authority, Electricity Development Department and Water and Energy Commission will be restructured in a timely manner.
58. Investment friendly environment will be created for attracting national and international investments in hydropower development and reliable security arrangements will be made for the construction of hydropower projects. A Hydropower Development and Investment Company will be established and brought under operation to ensure investment in hydro power. To minimize present energy crisis, special emphasis will be given on maximum generation from existing hydro power plants, demand management and leakage control.
59. To reduce the imbalance between demand and supply of hydroelectricity, more studies on projects with storage capacity like Budhi Gandaki, West Seti, Nausalgad, Upper Seti, Aandhi Khola, Uttar Ganga, Dudhkoshi, Tamor, Indrawati and Bagmati will be carried out and these projects will be forwarded for gradual implementation process. The construction of ongoing projects including Upper Tamakoshi, Chamelia, Kulekhani III, Upper Trishuli 3A and Rahughat will be intensified. Similarly, the construction of Modi A, Trishuli 3B, Sanjen, Upper Sanjen, Mid-Bhotekoshi and Rasuwagadhi projects will be expedited.
60. A master plan will be prepared for creating a nationwide network of electricity supply line. Feasibility studies will be carried on high capacity East-West, Mid-Hill and North-West supply line and constructions will be initiated. Construction of cross-border transmission line will be initiated this year. Necessary process will be initiated for wheeling charge while ensuring open entry in the transmission system.
61. Under the program of "Light for All", detailed master plan on electrification will be prepared and implemented. Likewise, by implementing "People's Desire, Bright City" program street lamps will be installed in Kathmandu valley and other major cities by using new technology. While maximizing utilization of renewable energies including solar power also in the urban areas, arrangement will be made for such power to be connected to the transmission system.
62. Community Electrification Program will be implemented with the partnership of community organizations by establishing a separate entity so as to effectively implement rural electrification. Electricity supply system will be improved by making arrangements to sell electricity in bulk to local bodies. To enhance the involvement of local

institutions and people, "People's Hydro Power Program" will be launched in an effective manner. Policy and legal arrangements will be made to ensure ownership of local people and institutions towards hydro power projects.

Mr. Speaker.

63. Climate Change Policy and national adaptation programs will be gradually implemented in order that the effect of climate change on various sectors can be minimized. A Climate change center will be established to address and minimize the challenges caused by global climate change and resource depletion trends.

64. Environment standards will be prepared for environmental pollution control and environment management. An environment friendly system will be developed for the preservation and sustainable use of natural.

65. To take maximum advantage out of carbon trade and to protect the environment, high priority will be accorded to promoting and expanding renewable energy technologies such as micro and small hydro project, solar energy, wind energy, bio-gas and bio-briquette in the rural and urban areas on the basis of feasibility.

66. Necessary procedure will be furthered to transform a municipality each from Eastern and Mid-Western Development Regions into a model green city.

67. While reinforcing and extending the network of water and weather centers, a system will be developed that can immediately supply relevant data. Pre warning system will be developed and strengthened for main rivers.

Mr. Speaker,

68. The task of reaching motorable roads to district headquarters that don't have ones will be prioritized. Construction of track roads for Kathmandu-Tarai fast track and Mid-Hill Lokmarga will be completed. The construction of postal highway and North-South Highways will be accelerated while emphasizing the construction of other roads that foster trade, tourism and economic activities. A schedule with fixed time-frame for regular maintenance of bridges along strategic highways will be prepared and put into action. All manual ropeways across rivers will be replaced by suspension bridges within a year.

69. Construction of tunnel route from the Oil Depot at Thankot to Jhapple River will be initiated in order to lessen the traffic congestion in Nagdhunga-Naubise portion of Tribhuwan Highway.

70. Necessary Organizational structure will be arranged for sustainable development of railway and waterway and related preliminary tasks will be initiated. A feasibility study on metro rail in Kathmandu Valley will be carried out.
71. Emphasizing integrated infrastructure development and management of regional, medium and small cities, policy will be adopted to manage scattered rural settlements through dense settlement program. People's Housing Program will be expanded. Necessary infrastructure will be developed for promoting modern cities along the Mid-Hill highway for commercial and residential purposes.
72. With the goal of making the financial and technical assistance for infrastructure development of municipalities efficient and effective, shares of Urban Development Fund will be diversified ensuring all Municipalities' share in it. National Urban Infrastructure Investment Policy will be formulated and subsequently implemented to make investment on urban infrastructure sector effective and sustainable. Legal provisions will be made regarding public-private partnership at local level in order to attract private sector investment in urban infrastructure.
73. Programs will be conducted in a coordinated way to solve the problems of roads, electricity, telephone, drinking water, waste management and traffic management in major cities including Kathmandu.
74. In order to encourage apartment housing, existing laws and policies will be amended, whereas construction of such sites will be effectively and regularly monitored by government agencies. Special attention will be paid to human, physical and natural security in such multi-storied buildings and befitting standards will be set and implemented accordingly.
75. Existing building code will be timely amended and effectively implemented so as to secure schools, hospitals, community buildings, and government and private buildings from earthquake threats.
76. While expediting the implementation of Melamchi Drinking Water Project for easy and efficient supply of drinking water in Kathmandu valley, the construction of the tunnel and the access road will be emphasized. A record of natural resources in Kathmandu valley will be prepared and appropriate policy on discouraging extraction of underground water and refilling underground resource by harvesting rain water will be undertaken.
77. Information Technology (IT) Department will be established to materialize the need of good e-governance by making timely amendments in science and technology policy. Policy for attracting local and foreign investment in IT Park will be introduced.

Mr. Speaker,

78. Participatory forest management system and employment-oriented programs will be prioritized, while emphasizing effective preservation and commercial, scientific and sustainable management of forest area. Green belt programs will be introduced in urban and suburban zones. The concept of community based green employment will be materialized.
79. The unhindered collection of rare expensive herbs will be stopped. Institutional efforts will be made for systematic farming of such herbs and their market promotion. Training and Technology Development Center will be established in the districts of Mid and Far-Western Development Regions for processing herbs.
80. To avoid the desertification of Tarai-Madhesh, the President Chure Preservation Program will be integrated with preservation of soil, water and forest as well as livelihood for preservation of Chure Bhawar area, and the integrated program will subsequently be implemented.

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81. Free basic education will be gradually made qualitative, useful and compulsory. In accordance with the objective of School Sector Reform Program, legal and structural improvements will be made and syllabus modified so as to improve the quality and extend equitable access to integrated secondary education comprising classes 9 to 12. Reforms will be introduced in teacher management for making teaching profession worth of respect while enhancement of professional skills of teachers will be a priority.
82. Integrated Higher Education Policy will be formulated after revising higher education policy, whereas universities will be restructured. Open University programs will be introduced to increase the access of target groups to higher education. The act of establishing polytechnic institutes will be extended in order to produce skilled technical human resource.
83. Physical infrastructure of public schools will be improved. The construction of girls' toilets in every school will be intensified. The scholarship in Nursing program awarded to the girls from disadvantaged, Muslim and Dalit Communities in ten Tarai districts will be continued. Academic quality will be improved through student friendly teaching methods to align target group and physical disability.

84. In pursuant of the concept of public-private partnership in education, “Model Academic Village” will be developed regionally. Effective regulation and facilitation will be meted out to improve the management of public academic institutions. The use of technology in education will be expanded to introduce effectiveness of teaching learning process, thereby improving academic service delivery. The concept of 'School, a Peace Zone' will be introduced while emphasizing peace and cooperation among school stakeholders. Observation, monitoring and supervision will be further consolidated to obtain desired results in return from investment in education.

85. Following the policy of establishing medical colleges in each development region, establishment of medical colleges in Western and Mid-Western Development Regions under the rubric of Tribhuvan University will be initiated.

86. While emphasizing on employment-oriented education, vocational and technical education will be expanded. Technical education conducted in public schools will be expanded in all districts.

Mr. Speaker,

87. With a view to ensuring constitutionally guaranteed people’s fundamental right to health, a new health policy will be formulated and implemented. Rural Community Public Health Program will be effectively launched streamlining door to door clinic programs run with people’s participation to make health service easily accessible and efficient.

88. Basic health services will be well defined. All Services of basic health will be rendered free of cost in the nine remote districts. Model Health Program, Integrated Women’s Health Improvement and Reproductive Health Program, Integrated Child Reform and Nutrition Program, Backward Area Health Reform Program, Marginalized and Senior Citizen Health Program will be effectively run.

89. National health insurance policy will be formulated in order to ensure people’s access to health services. Health workers, employees and volunteers will be encouraged in line with the slogan of “Healthy Manpower for Healthy Nepal”. Health workers will be encouraged to work in remote areas. Special mobile health services and integrated public health campaigns will be organized. The policy of training health professionals will be based on the condition that they work locally.

90. Preventive, promotional, remedial and rehabilitative services in allopathic, Ayurvedic and other alternative medicine will be further developed. Appropriate arrangements will be made for the treatment of martyrs' families and those injured during the people's war, people's movement and Terai-Madhesh movement.
91. Necessary standard will be determined for ensuring quality and uniformity in service fees and delivery of the hospitals run by the private, non governmental and community sectors, and a mechanism will be put in place for regular monitoring and control of the same.
92. New population policy and plan will be formulated on the basis of the outcome of the National Census-2011 and the perspective population plan and special program will be introduced for making the campaign of "Small Family, Healthy Life" meaningful. In order to realize the millennium development goals, necessary policy and legal reforms will be effected keeping in view the geographical situation and local needs.

Mr. Speaker,

93. National cultural policy will be effectively implemented for the preservation, utilization and mobilization of the cultural heritages in the country. Cultural heritages of different communities, ethnicities and caste groups will be preserved and promoted and national, ethnic and regional museums will be strengthened and developed for the preservation of their unique traditions and heritages.
94. A council will be established for the protection and promotion of the intangible cultural heritages, thus initiating the work of collecting and updating the details of cultural heritages throughout the country. Local bodies and communities will be encouraged to participate in the preservation and promotion of the important cultural and archeological locations listed as world heritage sites.
95. Strategy and program will be formulated in order to complete the work under Lumbini Development Master Plan. The concept of regional development covering Ramgram in Nawalparasi, Devdaha in Rupandehi and Tilaurakot in Kapilvastu will be brought into implementation, thus expanding the coverage of Lumbini Area.
96. Various programs will be launched for greater unity and harmony among different ethnicities, geographical locations and linguistic & cultural groups, thus consolidating national unity and integrity. Intra-regional visit programs will be launched to acquaint people of Terai, Mountain and Himalayan Regions with each other's areas.
97. Detailed Master Plan preparation will be initiated for the development of the birth place of lead Poet Bhanu Bhakta. Similarly, various activities, including the establishment of trusts in the name of Great Poet Laxmi Prasad Devkota, Poet Vidyapati, Falgunanda, Shiddhi Charan Shrestha, Bhimnidhi Tiwari, Bhawani Bhikshu and Gokul Joshi will be carried out and priority will be given to the physical works on Krishna Sen Academy.

98. In accordance with the national youth policy, youth empowerment action plan will be expedited for the creative development of the youth, while youth self employment program will be expanded. Youth force will be mobilized nation wide in the development works.
99. Youth targeted programs will be expanded into each village, and youth information centers will be strengthened in order to enhance the access of youth to the global information networks. National development volunteers program, youth intern program, youth self-employment program and other youth related programs will be integrated and effectively run.
100. Infrastructures of sports sector will be constructed, expanded and improved. Sports sector will be developed right from the school level. Emphasis will be put on the construction of multi-purpose sports complexes with the participation of private sector, while also improving legal framework as necessary for the implementation of the sports policy.
101. In order to enhance gender equality, the policy of gender mainstreaming will continue and women development programs for the economic, social and political empowerment of women will be gradually expanded to all village development committees. Discriminatory laws from gender perspective will be amended and improved upon.
102. Additional laws will be enacted to control gender-based violence, and necessary arrangement will be made to reduce gender violence. National women policy will be formulated for the overall development of women by addressing the concerns of single women as well. Special programs will be operated for the young girls from the districts sensitive from the perspective of human trafficking. "Women Against Poverty Campaign" will be conducted in fifteen districts that are lagging behind in term of gender development index.
103. In partnership with non-governmental organizations and the private sector, 'senior citizens village' will be established, and the management of the wellness homes will be improved. Special programs will be implemented for the community based rehabilitation and the production and management of support materials for individuals with disability. A national action plan on disability will be prepared and implemented.
104. With a view to integrating and operating programs of national and international non-governmental organizations into the nationally prioritized areas, necessary policy, legal and institutional improvements will be made. Local level programs of such organizations will be operated in coordination with the programs of local

bodies. Regulatory arrangement of national and international non-governmental organizations will be made effective.

Rt. Hon. Speaker,

105. An integrated information and communication policy will be formulated by reviewing the long-term policy of information and communication sector. In order to ensure timely flow of formation on the government works and activities at national and international levels, the Department of Information will be developed into an information dissemination center. Training programs will be conducted to enhance the capacity and expertise of media persons.

106. Information friendly environment will be created in government offices with a view to ensuring simple and convenient access of general public to information by making the works and activities of the state open and transparent in accordance with the democratic system. Work on preservation of vital information in public institutions will begin.

107. With the objective of managing the service, terms and benefits of working journalists, employees and labourers working in media houses, existing laws will be effectively implemented. Necessary policy and program will be formulated and implemented for institutionalizing insurance policy for the journalists who are active in the area of information and communication by making their main career in journalism.

108. Emphasis will be placed on the development of rural telecom infrastructure by making the role of Nepal Telecom Authority more effective. Appropriate measures will be adopted to upgrade the quality of telephone service.

109. The Department of Printing will be developed into a security press. Necessary law will be enacted and physical facilities arranged in order to undertake all works related to security printing domestically.

Mr. Speaker,

110. People will be given the experience of local good governance by directly getting them involved in development works and service delivery through the promotion of local self governance system based on democratic values. With the objective of enhancing the effectiveness of service delivery at local level through the consolidation of local self-governance system, sectoral devolution strategies and action plans of all ministries will be prepared and implemented in coordination with the National Planning Commission.

111. Special attention will be given to the capacity enhancement and security arrangement of employees working in local bodies to maintain local self-governance by means of local infrastructure development and strengthening of local service delivery. Necessary arrangement will be made to control the quality of construction works carried out at local level.
112. In order to make the distribution of social security allowance to senior citizens, single women, endangered groups among the indigenous people, Dalit and disabled, easy and transparent, distribution of such allowances through financial institutions will be expanded.
113. Appropriate arrangements will be made to run the local bodies effectively. Effective measures will be taken to allocate and mobilize the total resources available at local bodies in an integrated and coordinated manner, as well as, to reduce fiscal risk by promoting transparency and accountability. Monitoring system will be reinforced with a view to curbing misuse of such resources.
114. In Accordance with the policy of promoting gender equality and social inclusion in the processes of local self-governance and development works, access of targeted groups to available resources, means and opportunities by empowering the geographically, socially and economically backward and disadvantaged class, area, gender, castes and communities.
115. One model village program in each district will be run by developing basic areas such as social and development infrastructures including road, electricity, water supply, hospital and school.
116. As per the concept of public-private partnership for sustainable management, the private sector will be involved in reducing the complexities and problems of waste management in Kathmandu Valley. The same concept will be implemented in other cities as well.

Mr. Speaker,

117. In order to create employment opportunity at home and self-employment opportunities, skill enhancing and vocational training programs will be implemented, while developing the Employment Information Center as an Employment Exchange Center. Foreign employment administration will be modernized and institutionally strengthened in order to make it safe, systematic and dignified.
118. Laws relating to providing employment will be enacted for the eradication of poverty. In line with national and international commitment, programs will be implemented up to the local-level for abolition of child labor.

119. Transport sector will be made dependable, safe, widely available and service-oriented. Vehicle and transport policy will be prepared for the systematic operation of transport sector. Transport administration will be made scientific and preparations will be made to integrate all transport offices with information technology network.
120. Continuing the campaign of Nepal Tourism Year 2011, Nepal will be developed in the world as a model tourism destination in the next 15 years.
121. Places of historic, touristic and religious importance, namely Baraha Kshetra, Janakpur, Muktinath, Swargadwari, Khaptad and Dhorpatan will be developed as tourism centers. Construction of an international convention center will be started in the Western Development Region.
122. For the balanced development of tourism in all parts of the country, tourism zones will be established gradually. In each tourism zone, integrated community tourism service centers will be established and tourism infrastructure and human resources development programs will be carried out.
123. Timely changes will be made in Tourism and Aviation policies. International relations, access and influence in the aviation sector will be established by developing air services as a dependable, safe, easily available, regular, comfortable and efficient means of transport. In this context, national flag carrier Nepal Airlines will be strengthened.
124. In order to make air transport regular and accessible to the people in remote areas of the country including the Karnali zone, necessary airport infrastructure with modern technology will be developed.
125. The development and construction works on Gautam Buddha, Pokhara, Janakpur and Surkhet regional international airports and a second international airport in Nijgadh, Bara, will be initiated.

Mr. Speaker,

126. Appropriate programs will be formulated and implemented for the relief of martyrs of the conflict, children of the martyrs family, wounded, killed during the conflict, abducted citizen, legal heir to the disappeared citizen, children who have lost both parents because of the conflicts and those who became disabled during the conflict.
127. Structures under construction which were damaged during the conflict and therefore dilapidated and turned derelict because of being occupied by the parties to the conflict will be reconstructed.
128. Employment and self-employment training program will be conducted for the rehabilitation of those disabled by the conflict the displaced, families whose property has been seized forcefully, families of the forcefully disappeared persons, widows of the victims of the conflict. Emphasis will be given for undertaking rehabilitation

and assistance programs for conflict-rendered orphans below the age of 18 years as well as other conflict affected children.

129. Emphasis will be given for maintaining effective law and order situation, ending impunity and protection of human rights by making home administration more active so as to assure full security among the common people. A sense of effective administration and good governance will be given to the people by controlling activities such as smuggling, hooliganism, extortion and the like. By internalizing the concept of strong people-to-people relations and effective public security for strong national unity, the service of internal security agencies will be expanded and consolidated.
130. In keeping with the spirit of simple administration and easy and accessible service to the people, civil administration will be strengthened by making the district administration offices more resourceful and by enhancing their efficiency. In this respect, five district administration offices, one each from the five development regions, will be developed as model offices.
131. With a view to making all Nepalese citizens' national identity cards, work will be initiated to prepare biometric smart cards with photograph which can be used for various services and privileges. Necessary act will be promulgated for this purpose.
132. Disaster risk reduction, disaster preparedness, response and rehabilitation works will be carried out effectively. For this, a new act on disaster risk management will be enacted.
133. The distribution system of machine readable passports, adopted in an effort to make the Nepali passports timely and qualitative as per international standards, will be gradually extended to the district levels. For this, work will be initiated to extend ICT networking with Nepalese missions abroad and the district headquarters within the country.
134. Nepal will participate in international forums and the United Nations system in a more effective way. An effective role will be played by Nepal as chair of the group of the Least Developed Countries.
135. Economic diplomacy will be effectively conducted by carrying out promotional programs for trade diversification, tourism promotion, foreign employment promotion as well as mobilization of the Non Resident Nepalese.
136. Effective diplomatic initiatives will be undertaken through the Nepalese diplomatic missions for the relief and protection of interests of the Nepalese living abroad.

137. Continuity will be given to the task of modernizing the existing legal system in keeping with the rule of law, promotion of human rights and humanitarian law, end of impunity and the fundamental values and spirit of independent judiciary.
138. Quality, effectiveness and efficiency enhancement in respect of works related to indictment and defense in criminal cases involving the Government of Nepal will be carried out. Emphasis will be given to control and end the state of impunity by institutional strengthening of the relevant organizations in order to succeed in the proceedings of court cases with government in the defence.
139. In order to create a situation where people's access to justice is made easy and accessible and make them feel that they have got prompt, efficient and easy justice, the availability of free legal aid will be made effective for implementing decentralized judicial process. Law making process including civilian codes and criminal codes will be completed with priority and brought into implementation in order to make timely reforms in complex and outdated laws.
140. Effectiveness will be brought in the development of physical infrastructure of courts, capacity enhancement of judiciary manpower, appropriate incentive schemes for them and effectiveness in the implementation of verdicts. Stress will be laid on the effective implementation of measures projected by the strategic plans of the judiciary including reforms in court management.
141. Institutional enhancement of constitutional bodies will be stressed. Administrative and fiscal restructuring works conducive to the future federal setup of the country will be carried out on a priority basis. This will be coordinated by the office of the Prime Minister and Council of Ministers.
142. The ongoing compilation of voter's list with photo ID as being carried out by the election commission will be concluded. To modernize the election process & method, latest information technology will be put to use thus creating environment to make elections more credible.
143. All public servants including civil servants working in the public sector will be professionally enriched and policy as well as legal reform will be carried out in order to make them committed to service to citizens, motivated and enthused with high moral paid work culture.
144. E-Governance will be initiated in service delivery for enhancing access of ordinary people to public service. Studies and research activities will be carried out in collaboration with universities and academic institutions for

the development of public service delivery, work culture and working procedure. Governance reform program launched in the past will be made more effective.

145. Civil servant will be made more attractive and dedicated by reforming social security arrangements of the civil servants in tune with time. Arrangement will be made for introducing health insurance for civil servants.
146. Immediate legal reform will be effected for making promotion system and career development of civil servant scientific and predictable and for making civil service functional, attractive and result oriented. Arrangement of professional efficiency enhancement training will be made for all civil servants to raise their performance level.
147. A 10-yrs master plan will be prepared and implemented for the promotion and strengthening of Nepal army to secure vital installations and national heritage, including carrying out of general security responsibilities and effectively conducting rescue operations.
148. Professional competence of the Nepal Army will be enhanced thus raising its prestige as a strong, capable and disciplined national army. Management practices of the Nepal Army will be made transparent and objective.
149. The policy of creating reasonable physical infrastructure in places where security bases and army units are located will continue.
150. Efforts will be made to further expand Nepal's participation in world's conflict-ridden countries at the call of the United Nations, and emphasis will be given on the capacity enhancement of the troops to be deployed in these countries.
151. Capacity enhancement programs including training will be conducted to increase work efficiency of Nepal Police and Armed Police Force. Security agencies will be made resourceful, and security related public awareness programs will be conducted.
152. Regular and dependable information on corruption related activities will be collected while firmly implementing anti-corruption laws thereby maintaining good governance. Entities involved in corruption control such as Commission on Investigation of Abuse of Authority and National Vigilance Center will be strengthened.
153. Plan of action in line with the UN convention on corruption control will be effectively implemented also covering non-governmental and the private sector. Regular monitoring of the implementation of anti-corruption strategy will be carried out. Operational policy of mobilizing non-governmental sector and the civil society for corruption control will be adopted.
154. Investigation activities on the properties remained in the name of former Royal Families that has to come under Nepal Trust will be continued, while programs to properly utilize already obtained properties will be accelerated. Amount earned from principal property will be utilized for activities on education and health sectors.

Mr. Speaker,

155. In the backdrop of historical people's movement and decade-long people's war, we have started home grown peace process, and we must be sincere and effortful at any cost. Nepalese people have always taken our efforts positively and we have their unflinching cooperation and best wishes. In addition, the international community has equally showed its interest in the modalities and system of taking Nepal's peace process toward logical conclusion. Therefore, all sectors should be responsible to selflessly fulfill the aspirations of the Nepali people for peace by sincerely implementing the comprehensive peace accord as well as other consensus and understanding agreed among various groups and parties.
156. While thanking the United Nations as well as all other international communities for the assistance in Nepal's peace process and the country's overall development, the government of Nepal is confident of their continued cooperation in the days to come.
157. We are committed to continue constitution writing process despite various difficulties and complexities. For this, the concern expressed by the people of Nepal will always be the guideline for us. The government of Nepal expresses gratitude to all political parties, member of the Constituent Assembly, as well as civil society, the private sector and all Nepalese people for their support to our campaign for constitution writing and social-economic transformation of the country and look forward to even increased cooperation in the days ahead.

Thank you.