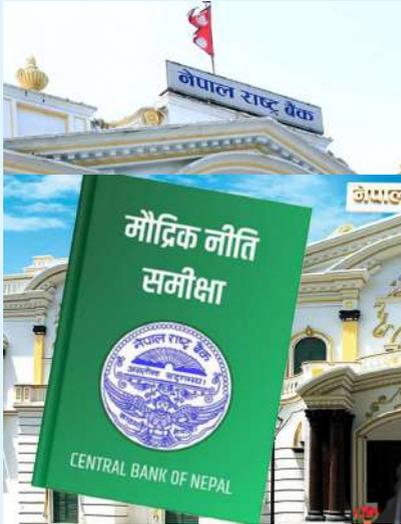




Tourism Industry Enlisted in Sectoral Credit Framework



Nepal Rastra Bank has decided to include tourism industry within the sectoral lending limit framework. Nepal Rastra Bank made this announcement while publishing the mid-term review of the Monetary Policy for Fiscal Year 2082/83, introducing a loan incentive policy for export-oriented industries. According to Nepal Rastra Bank, the current sectoral lending limit framework includes agriculture, energy, and cottage and small-scale enterprises. Under the same provision aimed at expanding credit to these sectors, tourism, IT, and export-oriented industries based on domestic raw materials will now also be incorporated. Currently, tourism is not included in the priority and sectoral lending categories for which banks must meet minimum credit quotas. The new policy measure proposes to include tourism within the sectoral credit limit framework. The tourism and hospitality industry will now be eligible for targeted, concessional credit. With this, the existing requirement for banks and financial institutions to maintain a minimum lending ratio in each such sector will be revised.

Orientation on Hospitality Industry Workplace-Based Training Conducted



Mr. Binayak Shah presided over the Hospitality Industry Workplace Based Orientation Program held on February 9, 2026 in Kathmandu. The orientation program was organized to promote Workplace-Based Training based on the syllabus developed under the leadership of Hotel Association Nepal. In his remarks, Mr. Shah encouraged all

participants to take full advantage of this pilot project. Executive Director of National Academy of Vocational Training Mr. Ramesh Kumar Bakhathi, shared his views highlighting the significance of this program. Representatives of Member Hotels who attended the program and appreciated HAN for initiating such program aimed to skill development.

HAN Attends Validation Workshop on Wellness Tourism Strategy and Action Plan



HAN President Mr. Binayak Shah presented his insights and suggestions on the Wellness Tourism Strategy and Action Plan at a validation workshop held in Kathmandu on February 10, 2026. Mr. Shah emphasized the need to develop an investment-friendly strategy and plan that can attract investors and encourage

operators to run this segment of product without unnecessary hurdles and frictions. He also highlighted the strong potential of the domestic market and further urged to effectively tap this growing segment. Government has prepared action plan to promote Wellness Tourism which is supported by Nepal in Business (NIB).

HAN Trainings of the Month

- * Bhaktapur: Hotel Technician in support of ENSSURE Project on 8th January 2026
- * Birtamod, Jhapa: Hotel Technician in support of ENSSURE Project on 1st February 2026
- * Kathmandu: Front Office Operations in support of ENSSURE Project on 6th February 2026
- * Sindhuli: Hotel Technician in support of ENSSURE Project on 7th February 2026
- * Kathmandu: Technology Driven Hospitality (AI) in support of Sustainable Tourism Project on 23rd February 2026

UPDATES

- National Election for the House of the Representatives on 5th March 2026
- Proposed Tourism Act is passed by Upper House of Parliament on 9th February 2026. This bill will be presented at House of Representatives.
- Amendments are presented on Nepal Tourism Board Act 2053 by Ministry of Culture, Tourism & Civil Aviation.
- Flights to and from Kathmandu to Middle East have been disrupted because of security situation there to Ariel attacks in several cities in the region.

Nepal Hotel Year Book 2026 and Cook Book Living Flavors Unveiled



On the occasion of its Diamond Jubilee Celebration, Hotel Association Nepal published Nepal Hotel Year Book 2026, which features perspectives from around 80 distinguished personalities representing various sectors on Nepal's tourism and hospitality industry, along with



insights on collaboration between Hotel Association Nepal, Gen Z, and industry leaders. The publication was officially unveiled by the Right Honourable Vice President of Nepal Mr Ram Sahaya Prasad Yadav. Additionally, a cookbook titled Living Flavors was launched on the same occasion, showcasing a

curated collection of authentic traditional dishes representing all seven provinces of Nepal. The cookbook aims to promote Nepal's rich culinary heritage as an integral component of the Nepal's tourism experience, especially food tourism. It also serves as a platform to preserve indigenous recipes from across Nepal.



President Mr. Binayak Shah attended as a panelist organized by Parisuchak Media in Kathmandu on the topic of "Zen Z, Human Capital and Tourism Innovation: Investing in Nepal's Tourism Future". He highlighted the critical role of youth-driven innovation and skills development in transforming Nepal's tourism sector for competitiveness. He also emphasized the need for stronger collaboration between industry, academia and policymakers for more dynamic tourism industry.



President Mr. Binayak Shah participated and raised concerns in the program on the "Economic Agenda in Political Party Manifestos" organized by the Nepal Economic Journalists' Association (NAFI) in Kathmandu. He stressed the importance of private sector's role to be incorporated in the national agenda from all quarters.

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