



HAN Promotes Wedding Destination and B2B Networking in New Delhi



Hotel Association Nepal in support of Nepal Tourism Board and Embassy of Nepal in New Delhi, organized Nepal Destination Wedding and OTAs Connect on April 28, 2026, as part of a strategic push to position Nepal as a premier destination for Indian wedding tourists.

At a time when global tourism is facing growing instability and international air routes are being disrupted due to escalating tensions in the Middle East, HAN has launched targeted promotional efforts in India, which have been well received in Nepal's largest source market for tourism. The two-day event brought together key stakeholders from Nepal's and India's tourism and wedding industries. Participating Nepali hotels and resorts showcased high-end facilities and specialized services tailored for destination weddings, while prominent Indian wedding planners explored collaborative opportunities. At the program, 24 leading premier hotels and resorts from Nepal presented their world class facilities to more than 40 Indian Wedding planners.

Speaking at the event, HAN President Mr. Binayak Shah said the program had laid a strong foundation for expanding Nepal-India cooperation in wedding tourism. He expressed confidence that such initiatives would not only boost tourist arrivals but also encourage high-value tourism, contributing meaningfully to the national economy and allied sectors.

HAN Senior Vice-President Mr. Prabin B Panday described wedding tourism as a high-potential segment for Nepal, adding that HAN intends to build on this initiative in a more structured manner in the years ahead.

Mr. Niraj Dhawan, President of the Indian Weddings Industry Association (IWIA), who attended as a special guest, noted that the growing popularity of destination weddings among Indian couples presents a significant opportunity for Nepal's hospitality sector and affirmed that his association will extend its full support to this initiative.

Dr. Surendra Thapa, Deputy Chief of Mission at the Embassy of Nepal in New Delhi, who attended the event as the chief guest, expressed confidence that events of this nature would strengthen bilateral tourism cooperation between Nepal and India.



B2B Networking Session and Nepal Tourism Promotion Program

Following this, an inclusive B2B Networking Session and Nepal Tourism Promotion Program was hosted on April 29, 2026. The program featured an extended B2B networking session, where over 65 delegates from Nepal engaged with more than 100 invited buyers from the Indian side.

Upon the successful completion of the networking session, a special Nepal Promotion Program/Nepal Night was organized which was attended by representatives from Hotel Association of India (HAI), the Federation of Hotel and Restaurant Associations of India (FHRAI), leading Indian tour operators and media representatives.

The program featured distinguished speakers including Ms. Ankita Jaiswal, chair of Responsible and Sustainable Tourism Committee Member of Hotel & Restaurant Association of Northern India (HRANI) and Uttar Pradesh Hotel and Restaurant Association (UPHRA) and Mr. M.P. Bezbaruah, General Secretary of Hotel Association of India (HAI).

Mr. Ambika Joshi, Minister Counsellor at the Embassy of Nepal in New Delhi, graced the occasion as the special guest. NTB Director Mr. Laxman Gautam delivered a special Nepal Tourism Presentation during the session.

HAN Secretary General Sajan Shakya, reaffirming partnerships with Indian tourism fraternity, concluded the event by extending gratitude to all participants.





HAN Half-Yearly General Meeting Concludes in Delhi

Hotel Association Nepal (HAN) has successfully concluded its Half-Yearly General Meeting in The LaliT, New Delhi on April 29, 2026. General members who had travelled to Delhi as part of HAN's Sales Mission and Tourism Promotion Program participated in the meeting.

Presiding over the meeting, HAN President Mr. Binayak Shah briefed members on the current state of the hospitality sector, including prevailing opportunities and challenges. He also outlined HAN's plans and programs to address the evolving situation.

Secretary General Mr. Sajan Shakya presented his report, detailing HAN's activities conducted till this period. Vice President Mr. Dinesh Tuladhar presented the financial report on behalf of the Treasurer.

The representatives from member hotels across all seven provinces participated in the open discussion session, raising concerns about challenges currently facing the sector and urging HAN to take timely action.

Senior Vice President Mr. Prabin B Panday, who coordinates HAN's internal subcommittees, stressed the need to make these bodies more effective and proactive.



Responding to questions raised by delegates, President Mr. Shah assured members that HAN would carefully examine the issues raised and coordinate with relevant agencies and stakeholders. He called upon members for their active participation, constructive suggestions and timely engagement.

President Mr. Shah with a note of gratitude to all participants, concluded the formal session of the Half-Yearly General Meeting.



HAN Training of the Month

* **Biratnagar:** Bartender in support of ENSSURE Project on 21-30 April 2026

Activities

- President Mr. Binayak Shah attended meetings at various ministries and departments to lobby for the demands of the hospitality industry.
- Treasurer Mr. Youb Raj Shrestha presented the suggestions prepared by HAN at the "Agriculture, Energy and Tourism Sector Sub-committee" formed under the Revenue Advisory Committee of the Ministry of Finance.
- Hotel Association Nepal called on Mr. Khadak Raj Poudel (Ganesh) at the Ministry for Culture, Tourism and Civil Aviation and submitted memorandums comprising issues and agendas collected from member hotels.
- HAN also met with Dr. Swornim Wagle, Finance Minister and presented recommendations to be incorporated into the upcoming national budget of F/Y 2083/084 BS. The long-pending issue of electricity tariff revision at par with the manufacturing industry for the hotel industry was also raised with the Ministry of Energy, Water Resources and Irrigation.

HAN-HAI Leadership Meeting Held

On the sidelines of the Half-Yearly General Meeting and Sales Mission in Delhi, Hotel Association Nepal (HAN) and Hotel Association of India (HAI) held a bilateral meeting at THE LaliT Hotel in New Delhi.

The meeting was attended by HAN President Mr. Binayak Shah, Senior Vice President Mr. Prabin B Panday, Vice President Mr. Dinesh Tuladhar and Secretary General Mr. Sajan Shakya. Likewise, Secretary General Mr. MP Bezbaruah and Deputy Secretary General Ms. Charulata Sukhija representes HAI.

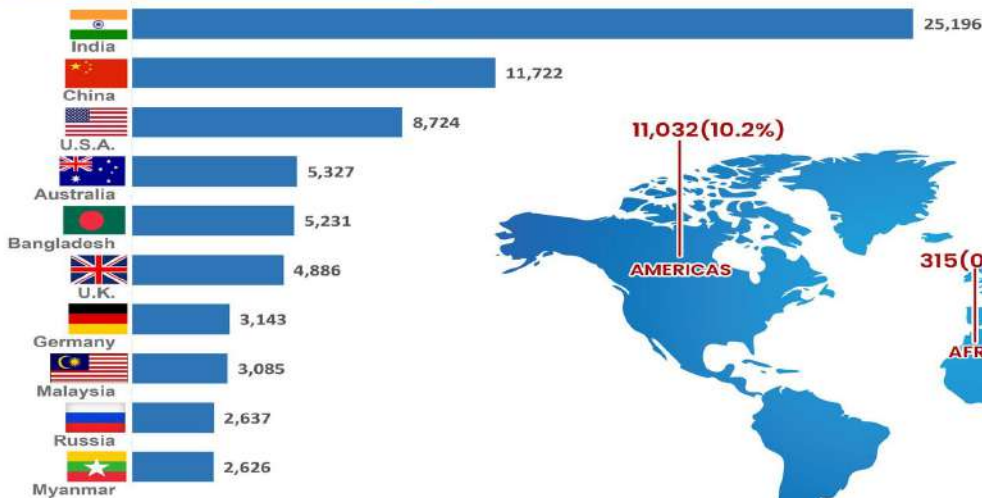


The meeting discussed various issues related to bilateral tourism promotion, hotel standardization, human resource development, as well as upcoming collaborations on workshops and conferences.

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