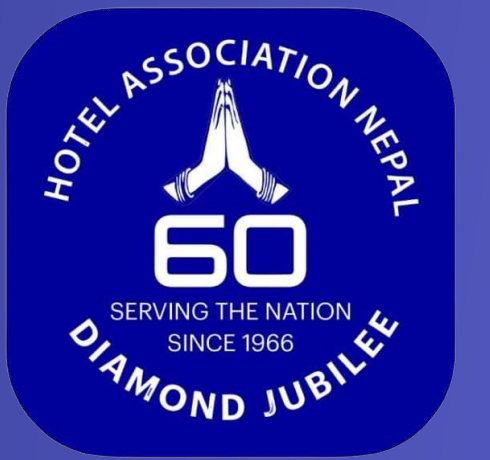




## HAN

### Calls for Financial and Material Support for Bhote Koshi Flood Victims



**Hotel Association Nepal** has appealed member hotels and resorts to extend maximum possible financial and material support to people affected by the devastating Bhote Koshi flood.

HAN has urged member hotels and resorts willing to provide financial assistance to deposit their contributions directly into the Prime Minister Disaster Relief Fund, as such donations are eligible to be recognized as allowable expenses in accordance with prevailing government provisions.

As part of its relief and coordination efforts, HAN has established a Tourist Help Desk to support tourists affected by the disaster. Also, HAN has established a Coordination Desk to facilitate coordination and communication with stakeholders in the affected districts and ensure that assistance reaches those in need.

Additionally, HAN has been coordinating with the families of tourists who remain missing following the disaster and has been providing necessary assistance and facilitating communication and coordination with the concerned authorities and stakeholders. For this, HAN has contributed logistics support to the Victim Family Counseling and Support Cell set up at NTB.

## HAN Presents Recommendations on Tourism Bill 2081

**HAN** has presented key recommendations on the proposed Tourism Bill 2081, focusing on the sustainable development, expansion, and promotion of Nepal's hotel and tourism industry. HAN submitted its suggestions during consultations with

the Hon. Minister for Culture, Tourism and Civil Aviation and discussions with the concerned Parliamentary Committee. The Association has emphasized that the Bill should be tourism-centric, business-friendly, investment-friendly, and forward-looking, creating a stable and conducive environment for the growth of the hospitality sector.

HAN has called for a clear and coordinated legal framework between federal and provincial governments, simplified licensing and regulatory procedures, and policies that encourage domestic and foreign investment. HAN remains committed to working with the Government, parliamentary committees, and other stakeholders to help formulate a comprehensive and progressive Tourism Act that strengthens Nepal's competitiveness and supports the country's long-term tourism growth.



## Government Should Implement Announced Programs and Policies: HAN President

### HAN President Mr Binayak

**Shah** has emphasized the need for effective implementation of the policies, regulations, laws, and budgetary programs announced by the government for the hotel and tourism sectors.

As a panelist at the Hotelier Summit held at Soaltee Hotel, President Mr Shah stated that

although the hotel sector has been recognized as an industry, the facilities and incentives that other industries are entitled to have not yet been fully realized in practice in the hospitality industry.

He pointed out that the prolonged government procedures and policy delays have extended the construction period of hotel projects, resulting in project costs increasing many times more.

He also asked the government to focus on implementing previously announced policies and programs rather than introducing new ones.

He mentioned that the effective implementation would help strengthen investor confidence and improve the overall business environment. He also stressed the need to immediately finalize and implement clear plans and programs for the "Nepal Wellness Year 2027."

He further painted the bitter reality in his remarks "Although investment and service capacity in Nepal's hotel sector have increased, tourist demand remains relatively weak".

He emphasized that tourism development should prioritize air and physical connectivity, effective operation of international airports, expansion of tourism markets, and promotion of domestic industries.

He urged the government to move beyond policy announcements and ensure that its policies and programs are implemented effectively.



# HAN Forms Lumbini Province Ad Hoc Committee

**HAN** has formed the Lumbini Province Ad Hoc Committee on August 7, 2026 to strengthen the hospitality sector and promote tourism development across the province.

The committee was formed during a special program held in Butwal in the presence of Lumbini Province Chief Minister Hon. Chet Narayan Acharya as the Chief Guest. Mr Ram Kumar Puri, Executive Committee Member of Hotel Association Nepal extended the best wishes to the newly formed committee on behalf of HAN.

Mr. C.P. Shrestha has been nominated President of the committee, with Prabin Pathak as Senior Vice President, Hari Bahadur Thapa as First Vice President, and Anil Prasad Shrestha as Vice President. Tek Nath Basyal will serve as Secretary General, while Dilip Gauchan and Sushant Gauchan have been appointed Secretary and Treasurer, respectively.

The committee also includes nine executive members and an Advisory Council comprising Gopal



Rana, Dipendra Baduwal and Mahendra Narayan Shrestha.

Speaking at the event, President Shrestha said the committee was established in line with HAN's organizational framework to expand its presence at the provincial level and promote tourism and hospitality development in Lumbini Province.

Mr. Ram Kumar Puri, Executive Committee Member of Hotel Association Nepal (HAN), extended his best wishes on the occasion of the provincial inauguration and expressed his commitment to providing full support and cooperation from the central HAN to the development and expansion of the hospitality and tourism sector in the

region.

Chief Minister Acharya emphasized the need for quality hospitality infrastructure to increase tourists' length of stay and encouraged private-sector investment in emerging destinations. He also expressed the provincial government's commitment to creating an investment-friendly environment through greater collaboration with the private sector.

The formation of the committee is expected to strengthen coordination among tourism stakeholders and contribute to the sustainable development and promotion of Lumbini Province as a major tourism destination.

Similarly, Hotel Association Nepal Sudurpashchim, Karnali and Koshi Provinces are also preparing to formally establish their respective provincial associations and undertake various programs aimed at strengthening their institutional development and promoting the overall growth of the hospitality and tourism sectors in their respective provinces.

# Hotel Association Nepal Forms HAN-Sudurpaschim



**Hotel Association Nepal (HAN)** has formed HAN-Sudurpaschim, a provincial chapter aimed at strengthening the hospitality and tourism sector in Sudurpaschim Province.

The program was graced by Chief Guest Hon. Khag Raj Bhatta, Chief Minister of Sudurpaschim Province, and Special Guest Mr. Binayak Shah, President of Hotel Association Nepal (HAN).

The formation of the provincial chapter was attended by HAN President Binayak Shah and Treasurer Youb Raj Shrestha. HAN province is expected to play a key role in promoting tourism, supporting the hospitality industry, and representing the interests of hoteliers and tourism stakeholders in the province.

The newly constituted office bearers of HAN-Sudurpaschim are:

- President: Prakash Chandra Bhatta
- Immediate Past President: Dinesh Raj Bhandari
- Senior Vice President: Jagadish Chandra Bhatta
- Vice President: Paramanda Bhandari
- Secretary General: Tharka Bdr. Shah

The Executive Committee members include Nagendra Khadka, Bhuwan C. Bhandari, Chandra Prakash Puri, Basanta Bhandari, Sharada Shah, Pashupati Kunwor, Nabaraj Joshi, Gyanendra Gupta, and Dipesh Shah.

HAN expressed confidence that the provincial chapter would contribute to the development of the hospitality and tourism industry in Sudurpaschim.

Likewise, the President of Hotel Association Nepal, along with the President and members of HAN Sudurpaschim, held a meeting with the Hon. Chief Minister of Sudurpaschim Province, Mr. Khag Raj Bhatta. The meeting focused on key issues and opportunities for the promotion and development of tourism in Sudurpaschim Province, including strengthening the region's tourism potential and enhancing collaboration between the provincial government and the hospitality sector.



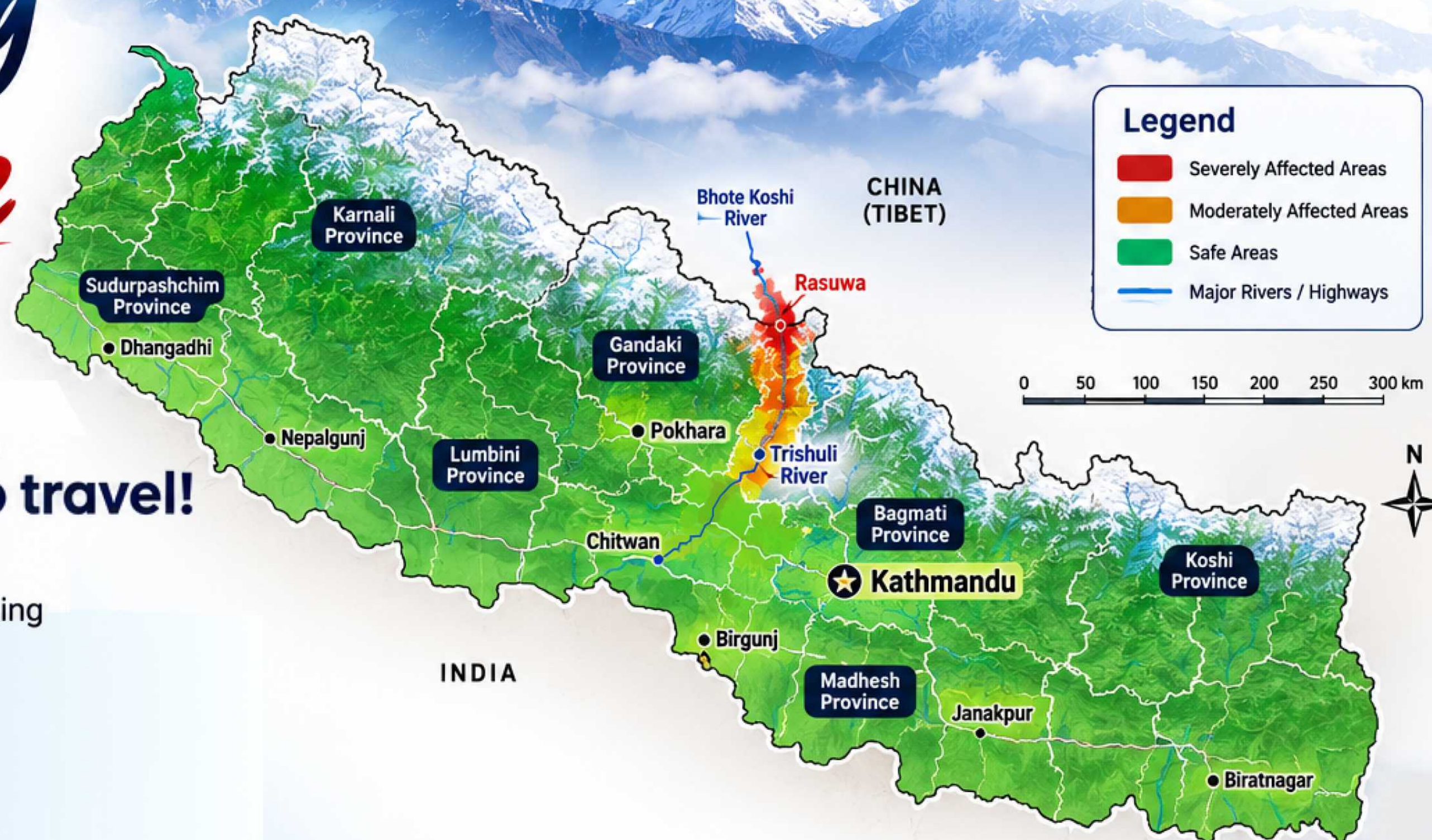
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