NEPAL

INTRODUCTION
During the late 18th and 19th centuries, the principality of Gorkha united many other principalities and states of the sub-Himalayan region into a Nepali Kingdom. Nepal retained its independence following the Anglo-Nepalese War of 1814-16 and the subsequent peace treaty laid the foundations for two centuries of amicable relations between Britain and Nepal. In 1990 a multiparty democracy within the framework of a constitutional monarchy was established.

GOVERNMENT
Chief of State
President Bidhya Devi BHANDARI
Head of Government
Prime Minister Sher Bahadur DEUBA
Government Type
federal parliamentary republic
Capital
Kathmandu
Legislature
bicameral Federal Parliament consists of National Assembly (59 seats) and House of Representatives (275 seats)

GEOGRAPHY
Area
Total: 147,181 sq km
Land: 143,351 sq km
Water: 3,830 sq km
Climate
varies from cool summers and severe winters in north to subtropical summers and mild winters in south
Natural Resources
quartz, water, timber, hydropower, scenic beauty, small deposits of lignite, copper, cobalt, iron ore

ECONOMY
Economic Overview
low-income South Asian economy; post-conflict fiscal federalism increasing stability; COVID-19 hurt trade and tourism; widening current account deficits; environmentally fragile economy from earthquakes; growing Chinese relations and investments
GDP (Purchasing Power Parity) $110.7 billion (2020 est.)
GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity) $3,800 (2020 est.)
Industries - tourism, carpets, textiles, small rice, jute, sugar, oilseed mills, cigarettes, cement and brick production
Agricultural products - rice, vegetables, sugarcane, potatoes, maize, wheat, buffalo milk, milk, fruit, mangoes/guavas
Exports $1.79 billion (2020 est.)
- palm oil, clothing, apparel, carpets, soybean oil, flavored water (2019)
- partners: India 68%, US10% (2019)
Imports $10.68 billion (2020 est.)
- refined petroleum, iron, broadcasting equipment, natural gas, rice (2019)
- partners: India 70%, China 15% (2019)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY
Population
30.4 million (July 2021 est.)
Population Growth
0.81% (2021 est.)
Ethnicity
Chhettri 16.6%, Brahman-Hill 12.2%, Magar 7.1%, Tharu 6.6%, Tamang 5.8%, Newar 5%, Kami 4.8%, Muslim 4.4%, Yadav 4%, Rai 2.3%, Gurung 2%, Damai/Dholi 1.8%, Thakuri 1.6%, Limbu 1.5%, Sarki 1.4%, Teli 1.4%, Chamar/Harijan/Ram 1.3%, Koiri/Kushwaha 1.2%, other 19% (2011 est.)
Language
Nepali (official) 44.6%, Maithali 11.7%, Bhojpuri 6%, Tharu 5.8%, Tamang 5.1%, Newar 3.2%, Bajikka 3%, Magar 3%, Doteli 3%, Urdu 2.6%, Avadh 1.9%, Limbu 1.3%, Gurung 1.2%, Baitadieli 1%, other 6.4%, unspecified 0.2% (2011 est.)
Religion
Hindu 81.3%, Buddhist 9%, Muslim 4.4%, Kirant 3.1%, Christian 1.4%, other 0.5%, unspecified 0.2% (2011 est.)
as of October 2021