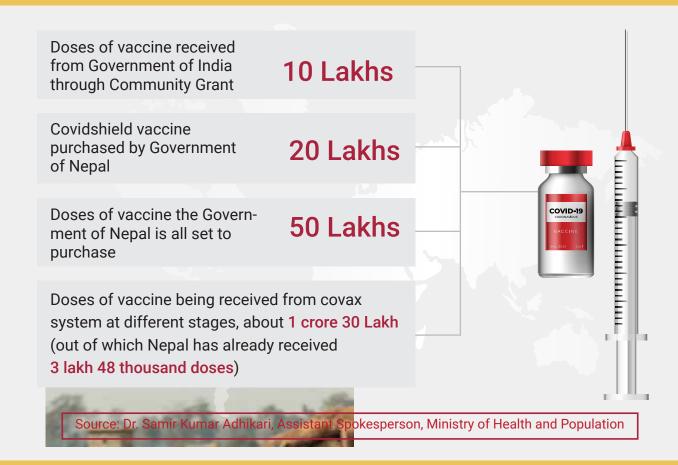


## Nepal Coronavirus CivActs Campaign



The Coronavirus CivActs Campaign (CCC) gathers rumours, concerns and questions from communities across Nepal to eliminate information gaps between the government, media, NGOs and citizens. By providing the public with facts, the CCC ensures a better understanding of needs regarding the coronavirus and debunks rumours before they can do more harm.

#### The second priority group to be vaccinated



### **Nepal Update**



### **Rumors & Facts**



We hear that different kinds of side effects are observed among those who were vaccinated against COVID-19. So, I am confused about whether to get vaccinated or not when my turn comes.

As of now, the data of the Health Ministry suggests that out of 4,29,709 individuals vaccinated in the first phase, normal side effects are observed in 1,911 individuals. The symptoms include pain, swelling and lumps in the vaccinated area, headaches, body aches, joint pains, colds, coughs (flu), moderate flu, nausea and vomiting. The ministry has also stated that although severe fever was seen in nine individuals, their condition has returned to normal. The data also shows that the vaccine is safe.

Source: https://cutt.ly/8zuvjzi



Earlier it was announced that people above 55 years will be getting a vaccine, but now only those above 65 years are getting vaccinated. Is it true?

In the second phase, although it was earlier mentioned in the criteria that people above the age of 55 will be vaccinated, the government now plans to vaccinate people above the age of 65 given the availability of vaccines in Nepal. The rest will be vaccinated after enough vaccines are available. However, in the Himalaya region and areas where it takes time to reach again, all people over the age of 55 will be vaccinated now.

Source: https://cutt.ly/8zuvjzi



It is heard that Nepali workers working in Malaysia will now be compensated by the government in case of an accident.

Nepali workers will get such facilities after joining Employment Injury for Foreign Worker (SOCSO) scheme of Malaysia. Under which, the workers will receive compensation if they face an accident in the workplace or get affected by any disease because of the workplace. The benefits under this scheme are categorized as Medical Benefit, Temporary Disablement Benefit, Dependants' Benefit, Constant Attendance Allowance, Funeral Benefit and Rehabilitation Benefit. For the benefit of the workers' families, SOCSO is updating the family's information.

Source: https://cutt.lv/SzpDMSt



Has the government said that Nepali workers won't be allowed to go to Turkey?

The government hasn't said that Nepali workers won't be allowed to go to Turkey. After complaints were received about the Nepali migrant workers being promised by Elit Tourism Investment Inc, a Turkey-based company, during agreement but deceiving them and not providing them with work and service facilities after reaching there, the Department of Foreign Employment (DEF) issued a notice to all the workers going to Turkey to be careful.

Source: https://dofe.gov.np/DetailPage.aspx/id/175/lan/ne-NP

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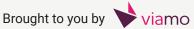
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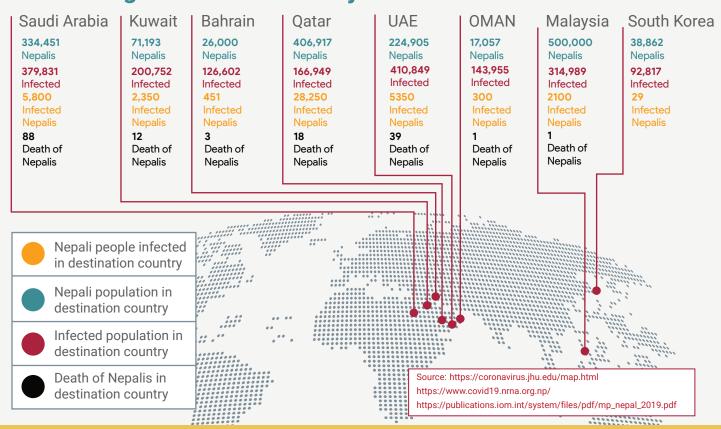
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## **Open Migration**

### Migrant workers in major destination countries





#### New rules of the UAE and Kuwait

#### Kuwait:

- A curfew has been imposed for one month from 5 pm to 5 am from March 2020. The failure
  to comply with the curfew can result in deportation. Only those working in 5 fields will get the
  curfew pass. The failure to do so could result in a six-month jail term or a fine of up to 5,000
  Kuwaiti Dinars.
- Change in Schedule of Civil Audi Service (PACI) Center: from 9 am to 1 pm for Kuwaiti citizens, and 1 pm to 4 pm for immigrants.
- · New rules regarding visa (sponsor) change has been introduced in Kuwait.
- Immigrants are barred from entering Kuwait until further notice.

#### **UAE**

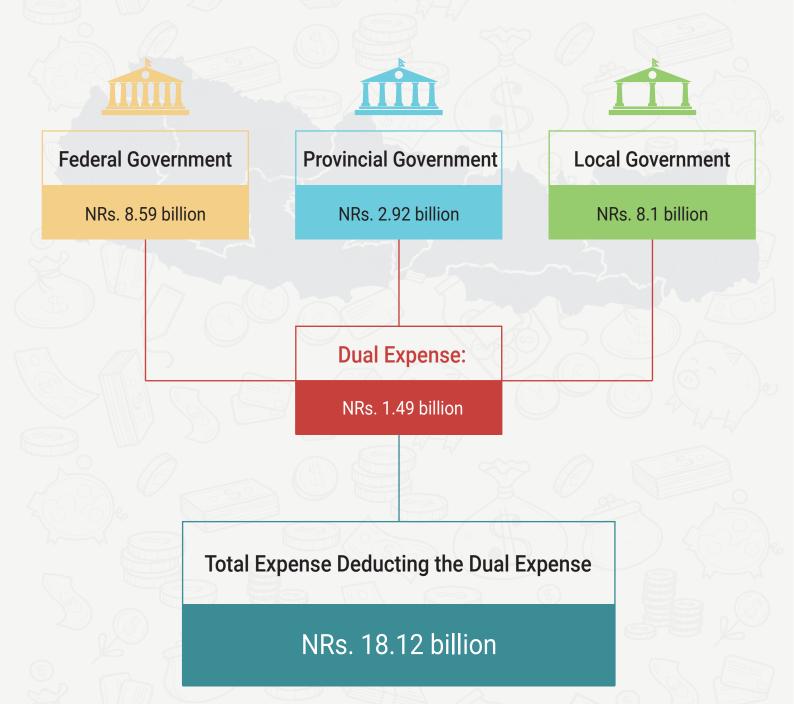
- The halls made to conduct weddings in Ras-al-Khaimah will be closed until 8 April. The seminars/conferences will not be allowed to conduct.
- Cinema halls have been reopened with 30% capacity in the country.
- The Dubai Municipality has closed four etheric sections.
- In Ajman, a free PCR Test Home Service has been introduced for the elderly, disabled and chronically ill.

You can listen to our Facebook live at www.facebook.com/shramik.sanjal every Sunday, Wednesday and Friday evening UAE time (8: 00 PM), Kuwait (7: 00 PM) and Malaysia (12 Midnight).



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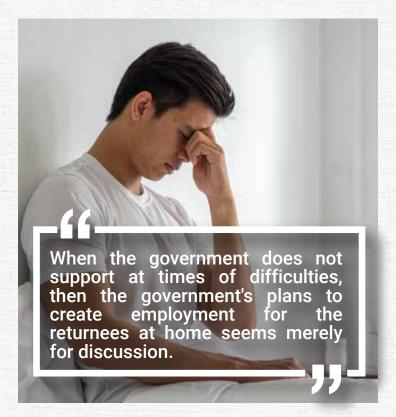
Fresh Update of the Expenses Made until Poush End 2077 for Corona Prevention, Control and Treatment



Source: https://cutt.ly/4lfYbPi



## I feel like the talk about the government's plan to provide job opportunity within a country is just for fame



The financial status of the Ratna Basnet of Kohalpur municipality, ward 8 was weak. It was hard for his family to survive through agriculture. Basnet who has studied up to class 10 did not have any kind of employment opportunity here, so he learnt the skill of plumbing through a 6 months training from Skill Development Office. He went to Saudi Arab in search of work to improve the condition of his family. There he worked very hard. He used to work in a company called Saudi Arshiroder. He had trouble the beginning as he did understand the language.

Basnet, who chose to exchange the foreign labour with the happiness of family in foreign employment, spent 10 years in Saudi Arabia. He got good results from his labor while working there. He felt lonely when he was working hard abroad. He loved and missed country and his family. Although he had a good income abroad, he wanted to live with his family. So, he thought he could run his own business with his family and resigned from the company he worked for. Friends and acquaintances, who did not care when the economic situation was weak before, also started looking at him with respect when he returned earning some money from abroad. They started sharing grievances with him. After returning from foreign employment, he started doing business in his own place. The income was also getting better.

Covid-19, on the other hand, badly affected his business. He went to the municipality and ward office to ask for help, but no one listened to him. He does not want to go for foreign employment. When the government does not support at times of difficulties, then the government's plans to create employment for the returnees at home seems merely for discussion.



The sources of rumors, information, and issues presented here are collected from a variety of organizations, government agencies, international organizations, news articles, social media, and Community Frontliners in all 7 provinces of Nepal, as well as the CivActs team based on their conversations with different people, directly and indirectly, over the past week. The issues highlighted are chosen based on prevalence, relevance, and its potential impact on society. The information presented here is correct at the time of the issue.



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