

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.

Some decisions regarding the domestic and international flights

1

All the regular domestic flights to be closed from 3rd May 2021, midnight.



2

A PCR report with a barcode to be made mandatory for every passenger arriving or leaving via international flights.

3

Air bubble arrangement that has been maintained with India to be held for certain time being starting from 3rd May 2021, midnight.



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Passengers from South Africa and Brazil not to be allowed to enter Nepal.

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Foreigners not to be allowed to enter through any international border checkpoints.



Source: https://ccmc.gov.np/key_decisions/key%20decision%2024.pdf

Nepal Update



The locals protesting against the isolation centre being established in Ward-4 of Panauti Municipality.

Photo : Keshav Raj Poudel

Tested

PCR Tested: 25,21,164

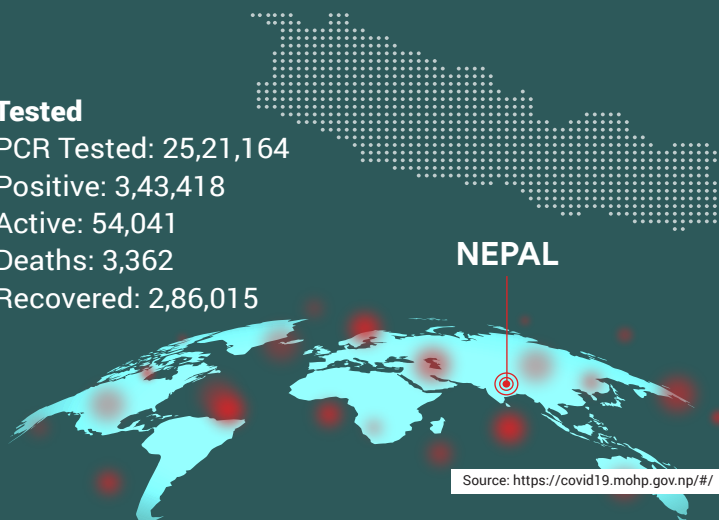
Positive: 3,43,418

Active: 54,041

Deaths: 3,362

Recovered: 2,86,015

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Source: <https://covid19.mohp.gov.np/#/>

Rumors & Facts



Some of the news sources have reported that the health workers are quitting their jobs as the government has failed to provide risk allowance?

Keeping this issue in mind, the government has decided to provide 50 percent more from their basic salary as risk allowance to the doctors, health workers, staff, sanitation workers and security personnel working directly in the identification, diagnosis and treatment of COVID-19, ambulance operation and dead body management.

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It is heard that because the government hasn't provided tax exemption on health items, there is a lack of necessary health items including oxygen in the treatment of COVID.

The government has already made a decision to waive customs duty, value added tax and excise duty on the health items - including oxygen required for the treatment of patients infected with COVID. Check the link below for details of the items subjected to discount under the decision.

Source: <https://cutt.ly/UbxTkTh>



It is heard that the PCR testing should only be done in the laboratory specified by the government now to go abroad.

Yes, the government has set the criteria for PCR testing in case of those going abroad. The individuals going abroad will now have to undergo PCR testing only in government PCR laboratories, the PCR laboratories under hospitals with 100-bed capacity, and the "A" grade laboratories.

Source: <https://cutt.ly/1bzmful>



With the arrival of the second COVID wave, the panic among the public has increased. Along with this, there are also rumors that the corona insurance service is shutting down.

Yes, corona insurance will be valid only till the end of Ashad. However, the individuals infected with COVID within the end of Ashad can claim for it. The government hasn't made any decision to continue corona insurance despite the increasing number of corona infections.


Source: <https://nib.gov.np/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Circular-6-2077.078.pdf>

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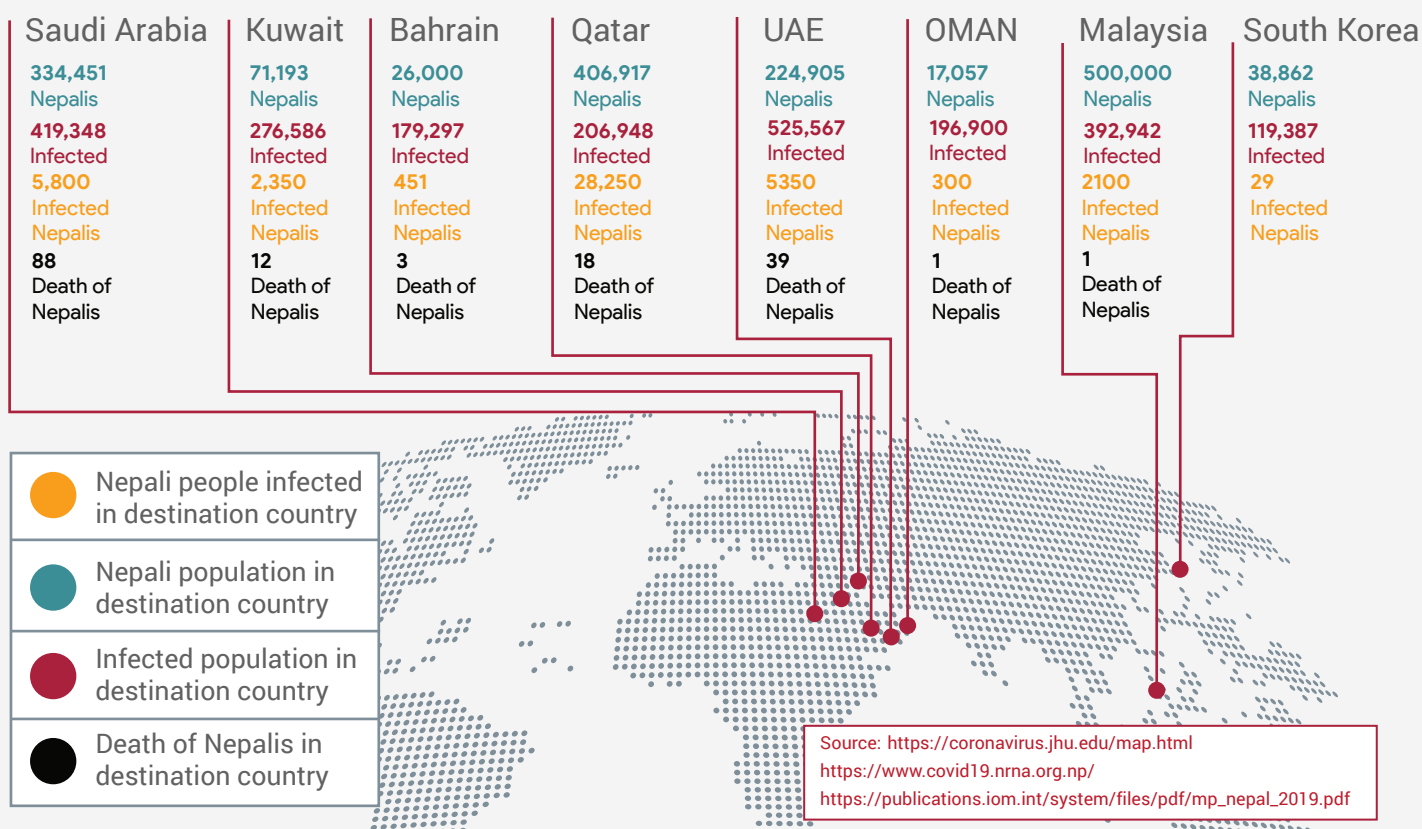
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Open Migration

Migrant workers in major destination countries



What is the latest news in Kuwait ?

1. Workers whose contract period on government project visas has expired can easily change their companies.
2. The Ministry of health has requested students, school staff and teachers to register their names for covid vaccine.
3. In 2020 alone, 1,51,990 work permits of immigrants have been cancelled. The reason for cancellation of these work permits is because some of them have died, some have changed their visas to dependent visas (family), and many have left Kuwait after losing their jobs due to covid.
4. Because of covid-19 as many as three lakh fifty thousand migrant workers who have valid visas have been stuck in their home countries.
5. The number of immigrants in Kuwait is 15,86,494 (till April 26, 2021). Looking at this number, at present, there is a shortage of 31 percent workers.
6. The IMMUNE app has been made mandatory for everyone for the Covid Vaccine Certificate. If you have been vaccinated against covid-19, please use this mobile app.

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\$ Follow the Money

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



Federal Government

NRs. 8.59 billion



Provincial Government

NRs. 2.92 billion



Local Government

NRs. 8.1 billion

Dual Expense:

NRs. 1.49 billion

Total Expense Deducting the Dual Expense

NRs. 18.12 billion

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



Sustainable sources are in the country, but young people are going abroad for employment



“If we do nothing and only blame the government, then we will never be employed. The government has resources. We haven't been able to utilize those because we lack understanding about the procedure. On the other hand, it is our responsibility to hold the government accountable. If the youths do entrepreneurship collectively, then there will be no shortage of resources to start enterprise inside the country.”

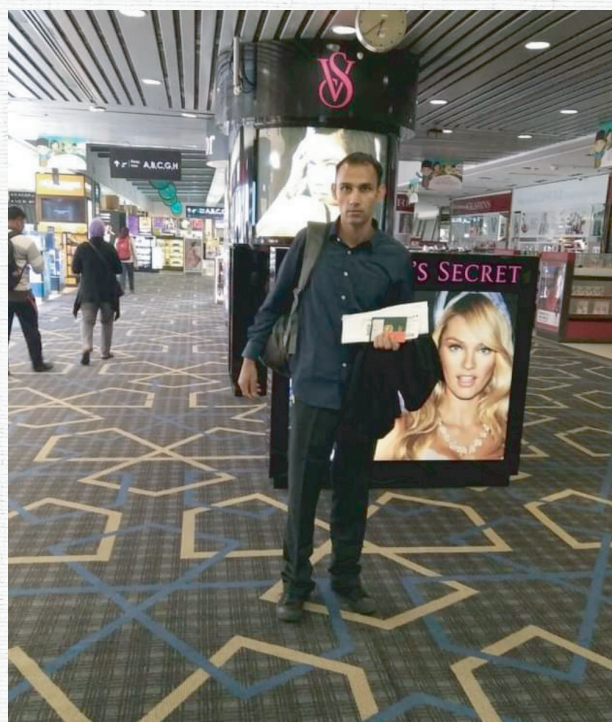
Maheshwor Dhital Sharma of Khajura-2, Banke spent 3 years in UAE and 6 years in Malaysia for foreign employment. Although he spent almost a decade in foreign employment, he didn't earn as much as he had hoped. Sharma, who thought that most of his dreams would be fulfilled after going abroad, didn't see any of it turning into reality. Amidst that, he planned to return to Nepal. But even when he returned to Nepal, the situation of unemployment was still the same. He initially felt that he could do nothing now. But he had the support of his family.

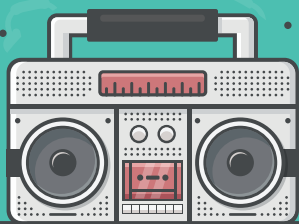
Interested in the social sector, Sharma, who was sort of worried about what could be done inside the country, participated in the interaction program between local representatives and youths who had returned from foreign employment. The Deputy Chief of the local unit suggested they register a group. Accordingly, a group of youths returning from foreign

employment was formed. Maheshwor was chosen the Deputy-Coordinator. The group gradually became active. Each member of the group started saving NRs. 100 per month. His own fund also started growing.

His group is now reaching out in every program of the municipality and demanding employment-oriented programs for the youths. Having received verbal commitments many times, the group gets disappointed when those commitments aren't implemented. His group is now participating in every agricultural training given by the municipality. Similarly, his group received seed subsidies for agriculture from the municipality. His group is making decent production from the support.

He says, “If we do nothing and only blame the government, then we will never be employed. The government has resources. We haven't been able to utilize those because we lack understanding about the procedure. On the other hand, it is our responsibility to hold the government accountable. If the youths do entrepreneurship collectively, then there will be no shortage of resources to start enterprise inside the country.” Maheshwor has now decided not to go for foreign employment. He wants the state to understand the needs of young people like him and make a plan.





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