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Nepal Losing Foothold on Balanced Diplomatic Relations

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The Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) has been a hot topic recently. Division of thoughts among parties, leaders, and media play a huge role in prompting whether MCC could have passed or not. Even though the major political parties and leaders agreed to pass MCC from the parliament at some point, the government is falling behind in forwarding its process.

Any verdict from the parliament will make way for other crucial issues (for example, the stand-off parliament failed to pass the ordinance on regulating acid attacks) to be tabled and end the unnecessary stretch of the MCC debate. Parliament needs to continue its course to serve national interests, hold the government accountable, and ensure the civic rights of all citizens.

The current deadlock on parliament is not only halting passing laws but the indecisiveness is further jeopardizing the foreign policy and diplomacy of Nepal.

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Governance Issues of the Week

1. The committee formed by the government reports the information on 2.4 million missing vaccines to be untrue. But the report still claims that nearly 56 thousand doses supplied to the local level and district have been wasted due to expiry or mishandling.
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2. The former Chief Justice, Cholendra Shumsher JB Rana is found to have amassed 100 times more wealth than his statutory income. Rana should have earned 10 million as salary since joining the appellate court in 1997, but his investment in land alone seems to be 120 million. An impeachment motion was filed against him on Feb 13.
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3. The populist and unrealistic inclusion of plans and projects, in the beginning, has resulted in trimming the annual budget from 1.63 trillion NRs to 1.54 trillion NRs by the government, 5 months before the fiscal year ends. This had also happened in the past two years. This news coincided with the Auditor General report on lack of government efficiency in public expenditure, impacting on liquidity crunch and inflation (NRB).
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4. The 24 National Pride Projects are struggling with a lack of resources and ignorance from the government. There are mechanisms set in place for their effective implementation and yet, crucial projects like West Seti Hydropower had to stop their operations after failing to receive a budget from the government.
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5. Any individual with personal arrears or advances will not be eligible to run for the upcoming local level elections. Prospective candidates need to submit a form citing they have no such liabilities, as required by the election commission.
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6. 4,157 government schools across Nepal have been selected for the President Education Reform Program. The program will be focused on constructing sufficient study rooms, setting up ICT labs, science laboratories, etc. 7.85 billion NRS has been allocated for the program.
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