Corruption and nepotism continue to plague Nepal, as evidenced by a recent scandal involving the creation of fake Bhutanese refugee identities. This practice is a clear example of kleptocracy, in which those in power use their authority to exploit the helplessness of individuals for their own profit. It also raises concerns about the integrity of the task force group established by the then-Home Minister, led by former Joint Secretary Balkrisha Rai, the former home minister’s secretary advisor, and his son. They have been implicated in the scheme.

According to the District Police Office in Kathmandu, 20 complaints have been filed involving the creation of fake Bhutanese refugee identities. The investigation has uncovered a wide nexus of corruption and nepotism involving the creation of fake refugees, and there is a possibility that other big names will be implicated in the process. Several high-profile individuals have been implicated in the scheme, including Nepal’s former home minister’s secretary advisor, and his son. They have been arrested for creating fake documents in the name of Bhutanese refugees eligible for third-country resettlement.

The Department of National Identity Card and Civil Registration is considering registering the births, deaths, and other vital events of the refugees eligible for third-country resettlement. The government’s current proposal only allows the birth registration of refugees. It will help them with essential tasks like school enrolment and opening bank accounts.

The Nepal government has recently passed a procedure to provide NRs. 200,000 to the former Maoist Combatants disqualified for integration into Nepal Army in 2007. As per the procedure, the government promises to allocate at least one percent of the annual development budget to research and innovation. It will help the government promises to allocate at least one percent of the annual development budget to research and innovation.