



An IGC meet of content

The build up to the IGC meet that concluded early this week was a flurry of compiling, prioritizing, rationalizing and discussing the entire gamut of concerns & tonnes of paper work on all issues related to the trade, transit & commerce of the Nepal-India bilateral business relations! The midnight oil was burning in various offices, sure, but the most must have been in the good offices of our dear First Secretary Commerce, Ms Anju Ranjan of the EoI and Commerce Secretary Mr Purshottam Ojha of the GoN. Thanks to their efforts and focus the IGC meet has surely been one of content; and ofcourse with direction for further good things to come.

The scrap of the Duty Refund Procedure (DRP), the waiver of the 4% additional duty imposed on 162 Nepali products, opening of the Vizag port, simplified procedures at the Kolkata port and the speedy implementation of the Trade Treaty 2009 provisions were some of the highlights that brought a smile to Nepal. The duty scrap and the waiver of duty esp on the major agro and manufacturing products like ginger and tea will help Nepali products to become more competitive in the Indian market.

The promise and seriousness to address the issues of Agriculture Reform Fee (ARF) and Margin of Preference, by Nepal, brings a smile to the Indian side which for long had the request to scrap the ARF on Indian farm products as envisioned by the World Trade Organization.

Cars, Propane and more....

Nepal has promised India that it would end discrimination against car imports from the country and allow imports on the basis of self-certification by Indian government authorised manufacturers in response to India's grouse that Nepal permits all countries, other than India, to sell vehicles through self certified 'type approvals' or TAs, which was a confirmation of procedure commitment given by the manufacturer.

Nepal's request of waiving excise on propane and butane imported by Nepalese companies from third countries, which are mixed in India and exported to Nepal had to be refused as such mixing is considered as a production activity which is subject to excise.

Salient features of the e-News Flash

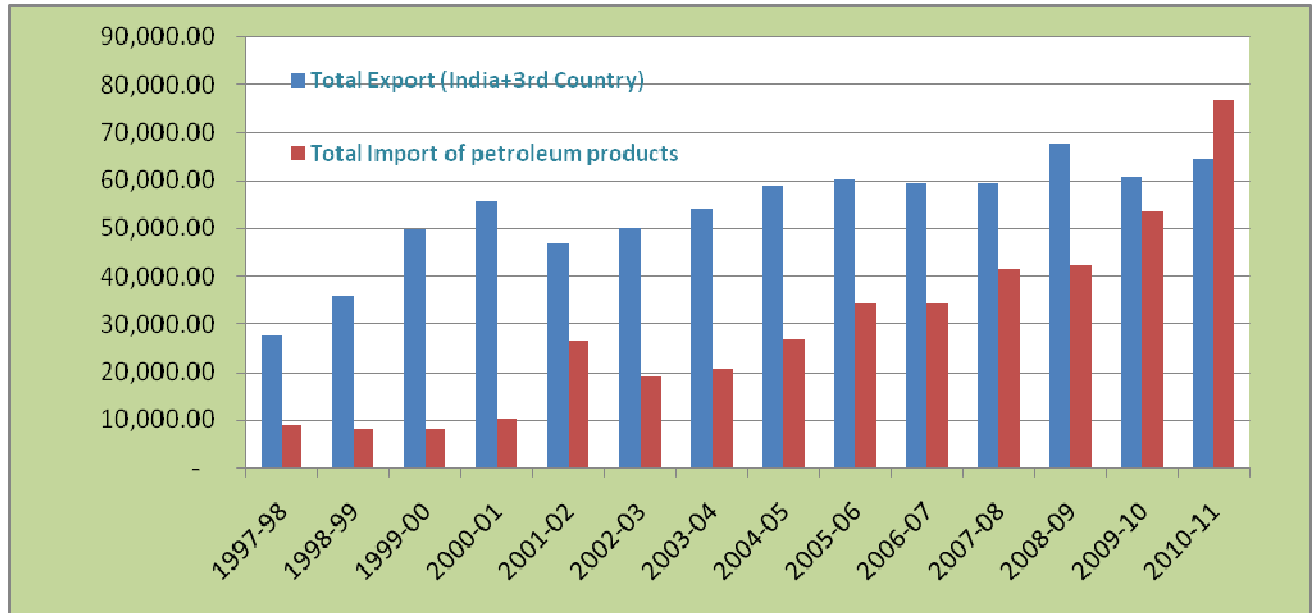
- *Compilation of interesting and relevant news, views and facts*
- *Well written, informed and authoritative sources*
- *A quick read*
- *A completely a-political and an a-industry selection*
- *Well edited, personal touch*

Trade Winds of Nepal : the first 3 months compared.....

Direction of Foreign Trade*					
Three Months					
				<i>(Rs. in million)</i>	
	2009/10	2010/11 ^R	2011/12 ^P	Percent Change	
				2010/11	2011/12
TOTAL EXPORTS	15893.3	16873.4	18037.4	6.2	6.9
To India	9222.1	10322.1	11572.4	11.9	12.1
To Other Countries	6671.2	6551.3	6465.0	-1.8	-1.3
TOTAL IMPORTS	88443.9	92981.5	100264.3	5.1	7.8
From India	47866.1	63515.7	63905.8	32.7	0.6
From Other Countries	40577.8	29465.8	36358.5	-27.4	23.4
TOTAL TRADE BALANCE	-72550.6	-76108.1	-82226.9	4.9	8.0
With India	-38644.0	-53193.6	-52333.4	37.7	-1.6
With Other Countries	-33906.6	-22914.5	-29893.5	-32.4	30.5
TOTAL FOREIGN TRADE	104337.2	109854.9	118301.7	5.3	7.7
With India	57088.2	73837.8	75478.2	29.3	2.2
With Other Countries	47249.0	36017.1	42823.5	-23.8	18.9
Source: NRB - Based on customs' data					
R= Revised, P=Provisional					



An interesting correlation of total exports vs total imports of Petroleum products of Nepal...
(over last 14 years)



Fiscal Year	Total Export of Nepal (India + 3rd Country)	Total Import of petroleum products (India + 3rd Country)
1997-98	27,513.50	8,833.50
1998-99	35,676.30	7,920.80
1999-00	49,822.70	7,856.50
2000-01	55,654.10	10,112.20
2001-02	46,944.80	26,264.00
2002-03	49,930.60	19,102.00
2003-04	53,910.70	20,460.60
2004-05	58,705.70	26,608.80
2005-06	60,234.10	34,206.00
2006-07	59,383.10	34,139.80
2007-08	59,266.50	41,338.70
2008-09	67,697.50	42,362.80
2009-10	60,824.00	53,304.00
2010-11	64,560.40	76,716.70



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- “Conclave of Foreign Policy” organized by the FICCI and MEA, India: A direct interaction with experts from the ISAS, Singapore, IDSA, Delhi, Social Science Baha, Kathmandu, Centre for South Asian Studies, Delhi and dignitaries of the Indian and Nepali bureaucracy will add spice to the NICCI efforts of research, consultancy, advocacy and networking. The NICCI Newsletter, November issue was distributed; it was not only well received but also spurred interest and questions of engagement with the Chamber.
- Godrej & Boyce, Mumbai: NICCI was the facilitator of the introduction of the International division of this Industrial house of India with an interested Business Group here. The sector of interest was the marketing & distribution of Godrej Locking Solutions
- PSA Group, Delhi: NICCI facilitated the introductions of this Business Group based out of Punjab & Delhi with interested business houses here. The sectors of interest were Pharma marketing and manufacturing capabilities, education and safety solutions manufacturing, esp fire extinguishers.
- Trade Comm, FNCCI meeting: the opportunity to interact with the Trade Committee members representing diverse sectors of Trade and Supplies .

