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Location: Southern Asia, between China and India
Capital: Kathmandu
Government Type: Federal Parliamentary Republic
Area:
  Total: 147,181 sq km
  Land: 143,351 sq km
  Water: 3,830 sq km
Population: 29,033,914 (July 2016 est.)
Population Density: (per sq KM) 199 (2015)
Population Growth Rate: 1.24% (2016 est.)
Population below Poverty Line: 25.2% (2011 est.)

Ethnic Groups: Chhetri 16.6%, Brahman-Hill 12.2%, Magar 7.1%, Tharu 6.6%, Tamang 5.8%, Newar 5%, Kami 4.8%, Muslim 4.4%, Yadav 4%, Rai 2.3%, Gurung 2%, Damai/Dholi 1.8%, Thakuri 1.6%, Limbu 1.5%, Sarki 1.4%, Teli 1.4%, Chamar/Harijan/Ram 1.3%, Koiri/Kushwaha 1.2%, other 19%

Climate: Varies from cool summers and severe winters in north to subtropical summers and mild winters in south

Natural Resources: Quartz, water, timber, hydropower, scenic beauty, small deposits of lignite, copper, cobalt, iron ore

Languages: Nepali (official) 44.6%, Maithali 11.7%, Bhojpuri 6%, Tharu 5.8%, Tamang 5.1%, Newar 3.2%, Magar 3%, Bajjika 3%, Urdu 2.6%, Avadhi 1.9%, Limbu 1.3%, Gurung 1.2%, other 10.4%, unspecified 0.2%

Religions: Hindu 81.3%, Buddhist 9%, Muslim 4.4%, Kirant 3.1%, Christian 1.4%, other 0.5%, unspecified 0.2% (2011 est.)

Land Use:
  Agricultural Land: 28.8% (arable land 15.1%; permanent crops 1.2%; permanent pasture 12.5%)
  Forest: 25.4%
  Other: 45.8% (2011 est.)

Natural Hazards: Severe thunderstorms; flooding; landslides; drought and famine depending on the timing, intensity, and duration of the summer monsoon

Literacy: 63.9%

GDP - Real Growth Rate: 0.6% (2016 est.)
GDP - Per Capita (PPP): $2,500 (2016 est.)
Exports: $898.4 million (2016 est.)
Export Commodities: Clothing, pulses, carpets, textiles, juice, jute goods

Improved Drinking Water Source: 91.6% of population
Improved Sanitation Facility Access: 45.8% of population