



GENERAL DHIRAJ SETH, CHIEF OF THE ARMY STAFF EMBARKS ON AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO NEPAL

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General Dhiraj Seth, Chief of the Army Staff (COAS), departed on an official visit to **Nepal** from **17 to 19 August 2026**. The visit aims to further strengthen the close defence cooperation and military-to-military ties between India and Nepal.

On 17 August 2026, the COAS will lay a wreath at the **Army Pavilion**, Tundikhel and receive a **Guard of Honour** at the **Nepali Army Headquarters**. He will interact with the Chief of the Army Staff, Nepali Army and will be briefed by the Director General Military Operations, Nepali Army on issues of mutual interest.

Thereafter, General Dhiraj Seth will attend the **Investiture Ceremony** at Rashtrapati Bhawan, where, in keeping with the unique tradition between the Indian and Nepali Armies, he will be conferred the **Honorary Rank of General of the Nepali Army** by **Shri Ram Chandra Paudel**, the Hon'ble President of Nepal.

On 18 August 2026, the COAS will address the student officers of the **Army Command and Staff Course** at Shivapuri and interact with instructors and foreign student officers. He will also be interacting with senior Dignitaries of Nepal on issues of mutual interest.

On 19 August 2026, General Dhiraj Seth will attend an **Ex-Servicemen Rally** at Pokhara, **felicitate Veer Naris and Gallantry Awardees** and interact with Indian Army Veterans. He will return to India on 19 August 2026.

India and Nepal are two nations with shared historical, social and cultural linkages which remain unparalleled in the world. Terms fondly referred to as the 'Roti Beti Ka Rishta', the Janakpur-Ayodhya and the Lumbini-Bodhgaya connect make our nations natural partners with symbiotic relations. The partnership between India and Nepal is defined by our democratic principles and shared interest in ensuring regional peace and stability.

The visit underscores the deep-rooted historical, cultural and military ties between India and Nepal and will provide an opportunity to explore new avenues of cooperation between the two Armies.

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