



Parties on Nepal's Digital Future

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Reader's Note

Why are we (Body & Data) breaking down manifestos to understand party stances on Nepal's digital future?

- As an organisation working to establish just, accessible and safe digital spaces, Body & Data is analysing the manifestos of political parties contesting the 2082 B.S. federal parliament elections to understand contemporary ideas about Nepal's digital future. This analysis of eight party manifestos helps us:
 - deduce convergences in party stances,
 - speculate on potential policies and executive decisions that these parties may adopt once they form the parliament,
 - gauge contemporary understanding of the digital/tech landscape and the corresponding needs of citizens,
 - identify shortcomings and pitfalls in their strategies, and
 - map required interventions to protect human rights on digital platforms.

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I. Overview

Since the September 2026 Gen-Z Movement, Nepalese politics has taken a sharp turn away from its traditional anchors and entered an era of sweeping digital reforms. Across every political party- left, right, and centre- digitalisation and digitisation appear as the catch-all that will solve all of our problems- from individual poverty to state-wide corruption. They also claim that digitally-led economic transformations, employment generation, increased productivity, and a surge in technical human resources will miraculously propel Nepal into economic prosperity. More commonly, parties seem to agree that reducing human interface will reduce corruption and improve accountability, establishing digital governance as the predominant policy proposal to solve corruption, resolve bureaucratic hurdles, and centralise regulatory mechanisms.

In particular, Artificial Intelligence (AI) appears as a symbol of “modernity” and global competitiveness. It has been mentioned in relation to employment, education reform, smart cities, traffic systems, corruption detection, manufacturing systems, fintech, health information management systems, and research centres. However, AI is not part of any clearly articulated regulatory or ethical framework, leaving out platform accountability completely.

The party manifestos reveal a shared understanding of digital transformation that is foundational to good governance, transparency, accountability, and economic reform. Parties generally propose to achieve this transformation predominantly through digitisation and digitalisation of essential services, critical information systems, and administrative processes. However, marginalisation, platform accountability, and corporate responsibility appear to have been sidelined in our run-up to a digitally transformed Nepal.

A. Convergences

Most parties seem to agree on the following aspects, which means that parties may be more likely to adopt them once in power:

- Paperless, faceless, and cashless public services through digital portals, integrations into the National ID, digitisation of public procurement, etc.
- Promotion of the Information Technology (IT) sector through tax incentives, start-up funds, etc to create jobs, encourage innovation, attract investments, and cater to the needs of the youth.

- Digitalisation of financial services to reduce financial crimes, encourage fintech growth, integrate public payments, and empower economically marginalised groups.
- Establishment of one-stop online platforms and databases for information management and service delivery.
- Integration of AI and digital services into public infrastructure, such as health, education, urban planning, etc, and
- Investment in infrastructure-heavy projects such as data centres, smart cities, and broadband expansion through public-private partnerships.

B. Divergences

Although there are many overlaps in party commitments, parties may have different opinions about the following:

- Digital violence, disability access, privacy, and digital inclusion were barely raised as issues to be regulated by only three parties, presenting a tension between parties in case there is a problem reconciling digital rights and unchecked digital growth.
- Parties have generally failed to raise issues of regulation, algorithmic accountability, cybersecurity, data privacy, and resource exhaustion-related concerns that accompany robust digital/AI integrations into national systems and the establishment of AI and data centres, and
- Parties have different ideas on the development of digital infrastructure, which could cause problems with resource allocation and project retention against political instability.

C. Policy Clusters

The eight political parties cluster differently across different levels of digital policy:

- **Digitisation:** Converting existing records into digital files seems to be a common stance across all parties, presenting it as the lowest conflict area.
- **Digitalisation:** While reorganising workflows, integrating digital processes into existing systems and centralising regulation through consolidated digital systems (through one-door portals, NIDs, Electronic Medical Records, etc) seems to be a common agenda across most parties, they may disagree on specific priorities, methods, and even resource allocation.

However, consensus is likely because e-governance is low-risk, popular, and more often than not, does not invite ideological differences.

- **Digital Transformation:** Proposals positioning digital systems as structural bases for Nepal's economic transformation (tax concessions, startup incentives, remote working etc) and adopting AI/IT as a national strategic industry could pose problems in implementation without effective inter-agency collaboration and sustained funding.

Similarly, large infrastructural projects such as AI and data centres, satellites, drone mapping services, sovereign cloud systems, and tech parks may be grounds for ideological disagreements and create human resource bottlenecks.

D. Way Forward

After the 2082 B.S. federal parliament elections, political parties will emphasise a digital future that emphasises efficiency, infrastructural development, and economic policy rather than social justice and human-rights-based considerations. Overall, party stances and commitments present a future where greed, favouritism, laziness, and power hoarding will be substituted by digital systems that are assumed to be neutral, transparent, and rule-bound. Leaving little space for human discretion and individualised treatment, all in all, Nepal's emerging digital landscape will probably be a leap into a wave of techno-optimism¹.

However, we have long known that technology is not neutral, and our unchecked march towards a sweeping digital transformation could potentially do more harm than good, particularly for marginalised communities. Therefore, there are openings for civil society organisations and activists to push for access, privacy, inclusion, anti-surveillance, cybersecurity, data sovereignty, platform accountability, human interventions in automated processes, impact assessments for digital infrastructure projects, and guardrails against all AI-integrated processes.

¹ Techno-optimism is the belief that complex social and environmental problems (such as climate change, poverty, social inequality) are best solved through technological advancements, instead of fundamental social restructuring.

II. PARTY MANIFESTOS

In this section, we have compiled party commitments related to digital transformation, digital governance, technological advancements, AI integrations, and online freedoms, among others.

A. Nepali Communist Party

Political Stability, Good Governance, and Result-Oriented Administration

- **E-Governance for Corruption Control and Good Governance**

An E-Governance Blueprint will be implemented to maintain good governance in public service delivery. A Faceless, Paperless, and Cashless administrative system will be developed to obtain services without influence peddling or recommendations.

New Phase of Economic Reform: Foundations for Socialism

- **New Phase of Economic Reform**

- Objectives:

- Achieve solid growth in production and employment in agriculture, industry, tourism, energy, IT, and service sectors.
- Lay the foundation for a green and digital economy.

- Priority Sectors:

- IT & Digital Economy: Digital infrastructure, E-commerce, IT industry.

- Major Programs

- Restructuring the Economy

- Digitise the economy for transparency and efficiency.

- Financial Sector Reform

- Fintech: Make banking, insurance, and payments simple and smart using digital means.

- **Sectoral Commitment**

- Agriculture and Rural Economic Transformation

- Marketing: Fix Minimum Support Price before production starts; implement advance purchase agreements. Digital apps for farm-to-market sales. Establish cold stores in 7 provinces.

- Industrial Development:

- Develop AI-based smart manufacturing.

- Focus on comparative advantage industries: agriculture, tourism, hydro, IT, and herbs.
- **Entrepreneurship Development and Labor Policy**
 - Provincial Hubs:
 - Bagmati: IT/Innovation/Digital Economy.
- **Tourism Development:**
 - Infrastructure: Tourism dashboards. GPS on trekking routes.
 - Policy: One-door digital portal for visas/permits.

Education, Health, and Employment

- Education, Health, Employment
 - Higher Education: Stop new affiliations for now. Digitally encrypted exam papers
- Public Health
 - Digital Health: Implement Electronic Medical Records (EMR).

Science and Technology

- STEM: Reform curriculum. "Youth-Leadership Innovation Program."
- Innovation Centres: Established in every province.
- Retention: Grants/Tax incentives to retain scientists/engineers in Nepal.
- Research: Establish a research centre in every province with 10-100 scientists

Information Technology and Communication

- Press Freedom: Zero tolerance for attacks on the media. Laws for press freedom.
- Media Rights: Minimum wage and insurance for journalists.
- Public Media: Make Radio Nepal/NTV independent public broadcasters.
- Internet: Broadband to local levels. Free internet in community schools.

Rural and Urban Development

- Smart Cities: 20 Smart Cities and 100 Smart Villages in 5 years.

Equality, Inclusion, Social Justice and Security

- **Women, Children, and Senior Citizens**

- Digital Violence: A national campaign and structure will be developed to eliminate all forms of digital violence and online harassment against women.

- **Strong Social Security System**

- Lifecycle Coverage: Mandatory affiliation of all citizens to the Social Security Fund will be ensured to provide life-cycle (birth to death) security, made effective through digital platforms.

B. Progressive Democratic Party

- **Basis of Socialism**

Additionally, by bringing in international capital, manpower, and technology, we will develop strong national industrial capital; destroy all historical discriminations including ethnic, regional, and gender-based ones; solve the environmental crisis; end the inequality between villages and cities; ensure social justice in production and distribution; and implement the policies and programs of a welfare state through private and collective production and cooperative distribution and management systems to prepare the basis for socialism.

Commitments

Independence, National Security, and International Relations

Our major policy will be to broaden the scope of the market for Nepali goods and services by establishing respectful relations with neighbours and other friendly nations, and to develop national industrial capital by introducing capital and technology. Therefore, national independence and freedom will be our fundamental goal. In this context, Pralopa's policy concepts will be as follows:

Constitution Amendment and Political Stability

- Economic Transparency: A law will be made wherein the state provides a certain amount to parties for election and party operation expenses, parties must maintain accounts based on actual transactions, and details of income and expenditure must be posted on the website monthly; otherwise, party registration will be cancelled.

State Restructuring and Strengthening of Federalism

Strengthening of Local Level:

- Administrative work of all local levels will be made technology-friendly (E-Governance), making service delivery people-friendly.
- Implementing the "One Municipality - One Specific Identity" concept, one ICT Hub will be developed by combining two municipalities.

Good Governance and Integrity

- The use of digital and blockchain technology will be expanded in all public services to minimise corruption and delays.

Transformation of the Judiciary

- Digital governance will be rapidly expanded to make justice delivery effective and create an environment of easy access for common citizens.

Transformation of the Electoral System

- An electronic system will be used to make the election process fast, lean, and reliable.
- Arrangements will be made for Nepalis living abroad to cast votes from abroad and from inter-election constituencies. Along with the adult franchise, arrangements will be made to allow them to be candidates.

Rapid Economic Growth through Employment

- **Preparation of Economic Revolution Strategy:**
 - **Investment Attraction Policy: Promoting Entrepreneurship**
 - The Copyright Act and Intellectual Property Rights Act will be amended to prevent copying and theft of intellectual property.
 - **Science-Technology and Research**
 - Information-communication, science, and technology will be fully utilised to increase productivity in all sectors of economic production. In this context, the following programs will be conducted:
 - **Strengthening of Research Centres:** Institutions like NAST, NARC, and National Research Centres will be strengthened. Priority will be given to the development of Nano, Blockchain, AI, Bio, and Space Technology. Investment in research, science, and technology development will be raised to 1, 2, and 3 per cent of GDP in the next 5, 15, and 25 years, respectively.
 - **Coordinated Research:** Arrangements will be made to conduct research in coordination between the industrial sector and research universities and research centres, and programs will be conducted to stop brain drain. Additionally, an environment will be created to conduct research in collaboration with Nepali scientists and technicians living abroad. Priority will be given to the work of Nepali scientists and technicians living abroad returning to Nepal and contributing.

- **Information and Technology:** While increasing access to information and technology for public service, the implementation of "E-Governance" and "Digital Nepal Framework" will be made effective. Information and technology will be developed and utilized as a means of knowledge creation, production increase, and easy service delivery.
- **Use of Social Media:** Considering the growing role of the information revolution, digital technology, and social media, an awareness campaign "I am a responsible citizen" will be continuously conducted between educational institutions and common citizens for its positive, dignified, and knowledge-enhancing use.
- **Social Infrastructure - Quality Technical Education:**
 - Establishment of Technical Institutes: One technical institute will be established in every province to produce skilled manpower. Similarly, a provincial agriculture and veterinary science university will be opened in every province.
- **Economic Infrastructure - Public Finance Management, Access to Banks and Financial Institutions:**
 - Online Government Transactions: A fully online system will be implemented in government transactions.

Social Development and Equitable Distribution

- **Education and Skill Development:**
 - Free internet (Free Wi-Fi) facilities will be given in educational institutions.
 - A Nepal National Digital Library will be operated to arrange free and easy access to e-books and published research works for all students.
 - At least one university, Engineering, Agriculture, Medical, Ayurvedic, Information-Technology, Tourism, Technical Institute, and polytechnic college will be established in every province.

C. Janata Samajwadi Party

Education

We express commitment to developing a uniform, technology-friendly, free, skill-oriented, and quality public education system from nursery to higher education. This will permanently reduce the discrimination between villages and cities, and between the rich and the poor:

- A research-centred, technology-enabled, skill-oriented education system will be developed.
- An Artificial Intelligence (AI) based modern technology study and research center will be established in every province.

Financial Sector

Nepal's financial system is at risk of corruption, inequality, and financial instability due to cash-centred transactions, excessive interest and profit-oriented banking, and weak regulation. JSP, Nepal, expresses commitment to building a financial system oriented towards transparency and zero corruption through a 100% cashless economy, transforming the banking sector from institutions earning excessive profits into service-oriented, secure, and public-interest structures.

- **Cashless Transactions** Cash-centred transactions have increased corruption, black money, and economic opacity. Therefore, Nepal will be transformed into a country that transacts without cash.

Corruption Control and Good Governance

- Through technology, policy, and institutional reform, all services provided by the state will be made digital, trackable, swift, and accountable, building a corruption-free, citizen-friendly, and modern digital state.

Scientific Land Use, Land Reform, and Land Management Policy

- Digital land records and a transparent land administration system will be expanded.

D. Ujyalo Nepal Party

Executive Summary

Towards good governance, measures have been advanced to ensure the right to receive public services on time, make the administration digital, transparent, and accountable, and establish a system for public officials and employees to submit and publish their annual property details online.

To improve services, a proposal has been put forward to make state operations result-oriented by emphasising a digital ecosystem, legal facilitation, a single-door system, and disaster risk reduction.

Main Priorities

Area	What will we do?	How will we do it?
Campaign Against Corruption	Online Disclosure of Assets	Arrangements to be made for online disclosure of assets for people's representatives, including current public officials and bureaucrats, annually
Health	Free Health Service Campaign	..for rural areas, mobile clinic and telemedicine services will be arranged
Education	Smart School Campaign	Each school is to have one digital classroom, internet, and digital libraries until class 10 for quality education
Agriculture	Direct grants to farmers	Direct transfer of grants into farmers' accounts through digital IDs, for irrigation, pesticide, seeds, and insurance
Infrastructural Development	One Province One Smart City	Under the National Planning Commission's Smart City Framework Vision 2040, study work will be

		moved forward to operate 13 cities, including Lumbini, Nijgadh, and Bharatpur, as full-fledged smart cities. For this, citizen-centric governance will be ensured through Internet of Things (IoT) and AI-based traffic management, real-time data monitoring, and climate-resilient regional development plans
Digital Innovation and Legal Convenience	Data Protection and Cyber Security	A policy will be adopted to increase transparency and control corruption by making the use of blockchain secure through the formulation of a Data Protection Act, Cyber Security Act, and AI Policy. Additionally, Mega Data centres will be established.
	Nepal IT Hub	A startup ecosystem will be developed by establishing a 10 billion NPR startup fund. Provisions will be made for tax exemptions to establish IT parks in all seven provinces.
	Digital Skills	Arrangements will be made to provide IT education, including coding, AI, and cybersecurity, to 600,000 youths over the next 5 years.
Employment for All	Employment Generation	Through the sectors of Hydro, Agriculture, Tourism, I.T., Industry, Infrastructure, Education, Health, and Sports, 900,000 jobs will be created annually, resulting in the creation of 4.5 million (45 Lakh) jobs in 5 years.

Electoral Pledge- 2082

Background

- **Promise of UNP**

Industrial innovation, IT, agricultural revolution, and tourism will be established as the backbone to transform Nepal into an upper-middle-income state.

- **The Calling of Ujjalo's Journey:**

The mission, potential and achievements of UNP				
Sector	Target 2030	Target 2035	Our Commitment to Fulfil Potential	Achievement
GDP	70 Billion USD	111 Billion USD	We will promote Hydropower, Herbs, Cement, Tourism, and IT.	We will increase GDP through production, exports, infrastructure, and remittances. By 2035, the country will be transformed into an upper-middle-income nation.
Exports	10 Billion USD	20 Billion USD	By 2035, we will generate 25,000 MW of electricity and export it abroad to increase annual income.	Through the appropriate use of labour-intensive technology, hydropower, herbs, and modern technology, the trade deficit will be reduced.
Employment Growth	9 Lakh per year	15 Lakh per year	Youth service and skills development will be conducted for youth under 40. A campaign will be launched to bring	An environment will be created to enjoy employment and production while staying with the family.

			investment in Crypto, Mining, and Data centres.	
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- **Ujyalo Nepal Party:**

Through a democratic socialism-oriented economy, the effective mobilisation of domestic and foreign capital will be used to target 10,000 youth startups, a 10-year infrastructure plan, free education and health, innovative technology, tourism promotion, hydropower development, and a focus on an agricultural revolution.

- **UNP's Ideological Perspective:**

- **UNP's Political Ideology:** Fundamental democratic norms: citizens' freedoms.....freedom of the press

- **Good Governance, Administrative Transformation, and Corruption Control**

- We want to form a government not to misuse power, but to serve. Through this commitment letter, we will end nepotism, corruption, and unnecessary structures, ensuring a small but capable government and a system with zero political interference to increase accountability. We are committed to creating a new governance system by providing efficient digital service delivery. Through constitutional and legal amendments, the following arrangements will be made:

- **Electronic and Transparent Processes in Elections:** To make the election process transparent, electronic voting and arrangements for voting from abroad will be implemented, and the financial transactions of political parties will be made transparent.

- **Governance Reforms & Public Service Delivery:**

- **Abolition of duplicate offices to operate integrated service delivery:** To operate service delivery in an integrated manner, duplicate offices will be abolished. Arrangements will be made so that the work of the Treasury and Accounts Controller Office, District Election Office, and District Post Office is performed from the local level through network governance.
- All government services will be provided through digital service delivery with inter-connectivity to ensure faceless and seamless service delivery

- **Administrative transformation: promises for behavioural reforms**

- In place of traditional administration, a technology-friendly modern administration will be adopted. The administration will be made effective by implementing a predictable promotion and transfer system in personnel management, and a performance evaluation system based on work. Additionally, a provision will be made for the automatic retirement of employees who receive a negative performance evaluation.
- To implement the concept of 'Technology in every person, service in every home,' digital citizen charters will be placed in local languages. To ensure timely service delivery, a citizen charter with compensation will be implemented.
- Digital and Governed Government Services: To provide the experience of a technology-friendly government, services will be made lean and effective through the use of human resources, software, hardware, and the internet. A single-door system will be fully implemented in all 753 local levels within 2 years, and at least 90% of government services will be digitalised to implement the Digital Nepal Framework.
- **Decade of Development for Prosperity**
 - Nepal's current GDP is approximately \$45 billion. To accelerate economic development, a 'Rapid Development Decade' will be declared, aiming for 9% annual growth to reach a GDP of \$70 billion by 2030. Subsequently, with 10% growth, the GDP will reach approximately \$111 billion by 2035, raising per capita income to about \$4,000 and promoting the country to middle-income status
 - **Youth Startup- demographic profit generation:** Artificial Intelligence (AI) will be made a vehicle for human welfare and prosperity by increasing AI literacy, establishing centres of Excellence at the provincial level, and building a digital ecosystem to simplify public service delivery.
 - **5 years, 10,000 youth startup opportunities:** opportunities will be created across sectors like hydropower, industry, technology, IT, tourism, and agriculture.
 - **Industrial Development**
 - **Engine of Rapid Economic Growth:** Industries will be transformed into Industry 4.0 (utilising automation and Artificial Intelligence) to create a research-friendly environment through the protection of intellectual property. Industrial zones, Special Economic Zones (SEZs), and industrial villages will be

established based on local potential. Through cooperation with the private sector, infrastructure will be developed, and business costs will be reduced by increasing air, land, and water connectivity via diplomatic initiatives.

- **Investment and Job Creation:** Land, finance, and environmental services for foreign investment in manufacturing industries will be simplified through a single-door system, and bilateral agreements will be made. Non-Resident Nepali (NRN) capital and skills will be linked to production by operating a "Return to Motherland" program to create jobs. Additionally, programs for innovative technology, access to finance, and capacity development will be conducted.
- **Tourism: The Bright Path to Prosperity**
 - One-Door Digital Service: online one-door solution for visa, trekking, mountain climbing-related permits' fees, costs, and royalties
- **Educational Revolution: From Problems to Solutions:**
 - **Infrastructure Improvement (Classrooms/Toilets):** To make teaching and learning experimental and creative, 'Smart Digital' [classrooms] will be developed through the maximum use of communication technology. By constructing infrastructure such as multi-disciplinary libraries, science laboratories, drinking water, and toilets, schools will be developed as clean and green schools equipped with smart technology and tree planting.
 - **Textbooks/Learning Materials:** Within five years, access will be expanded to 7 million students by arranging for 100% digital libraries.
 - **Use of Creative Study Methods:** To familiarise students with the latest technologies, including Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Information Technology (IT), a study method with a perspective on Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) will be adopted from the school level.
- **Digital Innovation, Legal Facilitation, and Disaster Risk Reduction**
 - **Digital Ecosystem and Governance Foundation:** To make public services prompt, transparent, and reliable, a comprehensive digital ecosystem will be built in the communication and information technology sector, ensuring inter-connectivity between various systems.

- **Integrated Digital Systems:** By keeping state and citizen details secure, a one-door digital system will manage data to make evidence-based decisions from planning to service delivery. An integrated office management system will be implemented in all three levels of government offices to ensure timely performance.
- **Expansion of E-commerce and Digital Entrepreneurship:** Social media will be made ethical, secure, and human-centric while promoting e-commerce. The Digital Nepal Framework will be linked with education, health, and tourism, and a nationwide Gen-Z startup program will be launched.
- **Cyber Security and Corruption Control:** Along with the expansion of IT infrastructure, high security for electronic data will be ensured. Strong legal and institutional structures will be created to control cybercrime and build a safe cyberspace. Technologies like blockchain will be used against corruption to bring Nepal into the top 50 of the global least corrupt index.
- **AI and Innovation Engine:** To make Artificial Intelligence (AI) a vehicle for prosperity, AI literacy will be increased, provincial centres of excellence will be established, and legal frameworks will be created. IT-skilled manpower will be produced to make a knowledge-based society and outsourcing/e-commerce a medium of employment. Nepal's natural and cultural heritage will be made a destination for filming, and security printing will be organised to provide services like citizenship and passports within the country.
- **Disaster Risk Reduction:** Considering all types of disasters, including earthquakes, a risk-informed development concept will be adopted with strict enforcement of building codes. Those who lose their homes due to disasters will be resettled as soon as possible. Early warning systems will be arranged to reach everyone on time. Disaster preparedness will be made effective through climate-friendly green infrastructure, and disaster insurance will be ensured for all citizens.
- **Industry & Business:**
 - Customs facilities will be expanded through Rasuwagadhi, Raxaul, and Bhairahawa. Tax exemptions, e-commerce, and export promotion will be utilised to revive loss-making industries through Public-Private Partnerships

(PPP), thereby creating employment. By making the industrial and trade sectors effective, a strong foundation for the economy will be built.

- Arrangements will be made to take Nepali products to the global market through e-commerce and export expos/fairs.

E. Rastriya Swatantra Party

Philosophy:

We will balance two pillars: a liberal economy that promotes private sector dynamism and innovation, and the equitable redistribution of national income through public education, health, transport, housing, and social security.

- **Digital Governance and Service Delivery**

Public services will be available online, not in physical queues. To strengthen national records and digital governance, we will provide National ID cards to all Nepalis residing in Nepal and create an integrated national database. By strengthening the national record system, we will make service delivery, social security, and public policy implementation data-driven, creating a reliable foundation for governance.

We will end the hassle of running from office to office, standing in lines, relying on middlemen, and unnecessary direct interactions with employees to obtain government services. To ensure transparency, access, and accountability, we will approve and strictly implement a time-bound action plan for 'Digital Service Delivery' in a phased manner.

- **Digital Governance and Process Reform**

We will completely end the traditional and cumbersome multi-layered "note-pushing" (*tippani*) system to make the decision-making process fast, agile, and technology-friendly. We will conduct a "Process Audit" to reduce the hassle of circulating files. We will set a fixed timeframe for every file; if a decision is not made within that period, we will implement a system where the file is automatically approved, or the responsible official is held accountable.

- **Phasing out Paper:** Paper-based administrative processes will be phased out.
 - **Official Portals:** Government decisions, notes, and approvals will be initiated through tippani.gov.np, while circulars and official instructions will be issued via paripatra.gov.np.
 - **Legalising Digital Signatures:** We will make the digital signature system legally mandatory.
 - **Streamlined Services:** We will create a system where services such as birth registration, social security, licenses, and business registration can be obtained easily, quickly, and transparently.
- **Judicial Transparency**

To provide citizens with a direct experience of judicial transparency, we will study options for the live broadcast of court hearings and make appropriate arrangements.

- **National Planning and Data**

We will transform the traditional form of the National Planning Commission into a Think Tank focused on policy research, statistics, and monitoring suitable for the new era. We will strengthen the National Statistics Office as a central and autonomous body for data production, making comprehensive improvements in its institutional capacity, technology, manpower, and research. Regular, reliable, and sufficient data will be made the basis for public policy-making and decision processes. Since it is inherently contradictory for the same agency to create its own policies/programs, operate its own budget, and then collect data to evaluate itself, in sectors like education and agriculture...in sectors like education and agriculture, we will arrange for data collection, analysis, and publication to be conducted through independent bodies. We will also restructure policy research institutes.

- **Economic Foundation and Productivity**

Continuous increase in productivity will be the primary basis of our economic development. We are clear that achieving high-quality, competitive, and sustainable production by maximising limited time, capital, and resources is the path to long-term prosperity. This goal is only possible through effective coordination between private investment willing to take risks and a capable, transparent, and facilitative public role.

We clarify that the private sector will play a leading role in job creation, supply of goods and services, revenue contribution, and investable capital flow, while the government's role will be that of a regulator and facilitator. Ending rent-seeking, policy exploitation, and artificial barriers while creating a business-friendly environment that encourages innovation, entrepreneurship, and healthy competition is our firm commitment. We are alert to the reality that if Nepal cannot achieve structural economic transformation within the next 10–15 years by turning its youth-centric demographic dividend into an opportunity, it will fall into a long-term low-income trap. Therefore, we will prioritise productivity growth, skill development, capital formation, and technology-based industrialisation as national priorities.

- **National Pride Projects and Diversification**

- A result-oriented, time-bound action plan will be implemented to mandatorily complete National Pride projects that have been stagnant for the past 12 years within the next 2 years.

- This will include performance agreements for project heads, special legal facilitation to remove obstacles in land acquisition and forest areas, and ensuring "digital tracking" in compensation distribution.
- **Capital Market Reforms**
 - To make the capital market transparent, secure, and investment-friendly, we will strengthen regulatory reforms, technology-based trading systems, and investor protection mechanisms.
 - The Securities Act, 2063, will be amended to restructure the Securities Board of Nepal (SEBON) with adequate manpower, enhanced capacity, and necessary autonomy.
 - The Nepal Stock Exchange (NEPSE) and CDS & Clearing Limited will be restructured to increase private sector share participation and develop competitive depository services.
 - We will introduce intra-day trading, short selling, and derivatives (futures and options) in a phased manner with clear legal structures to improve market liquidity and risk management.
- **National Economic Strategy and Digital Transformation**
 - Considering Nepal's unique geography, landlocked status, and high production costs compared to powerful neighbours, we will place the concepts of a "borderless economy" and "weightless trade" at the centre of our national economic strategy.
 - We will adopt long-term strategies to increase investment by linking with global value chains through the service sector.
 - The economy will be transformed from being dependent on labor exports to being service-export oriented and knowledge-based by making digital transformation a main pillar of the strategy.
 - A refined and expanded "Comprehensive Digital Nepal Framework" will be created to reform policies, develop infrastructure, and increase public-private investment.
- **IT as a Strategic Industry**
 - We will declare the Information Technology (IT) sector, which has the potential to become the second-largest pillar of Nepal's economy after remittances, as a "National Strategic Industry".
 - To reach the target of increasing current exports from \$1.5 billion to \$30 billion within the next 10 years, an autonomous "IT Promotion Board" will be formed.

- We will provide special income tax concessions, simplified policies for bringing in foreign investment and repatriating profits, and arrangements for concessional loans by keeping intellectual property as collateral.
- To make Nepal a "Global Tech Hub," we will ensure 500,000 direct jobs by constructing state-of-the-art "Digital Parks" in all seven provinces within 5 years.
- **Digital Ecosystem and Infrastructure**
 - Long-term goals will be set to develop the digital economy as a major sector for economic growth and high-quality job creation, with corresponding resource allocation and investment over the next 5 years.
 - We will prioritise investment in communications infrastructure, data centres, cloud services, cybersecurity, and high-speed connectivity.
 - A long-term strategy will be adopted to establish an independent, secure, and sovereign digital structure via satellites and other advanced technologies, gradually reducing external dependence.
 - We will encourage the development of necessary software and applications for government and public use within Nepal and reform public procurement policies accordingly.
 - The postal service will be transformed into an affordable, fast, and reliable multi-purpose centre.
- **Digital-First Nation and Cashless Society**
 - To link domestic startups with the global market, we will immediately remove legal and technical hurdles for an "International Payment Gateway".
 - Nepal will be recognised as a "Digital-First" nation, where technology forms the foundation of production, trade, and employment.
 - All economic transactions in the public and private sectors will be integrated into a digital platform to create a "cashless" society, controlling corruption and revenue leakage.
 - Automated cash incentives and full income tax exemptions for a few years will be provided for IT services and software exports.
- **AI, Data Centres, and Crypto Regulation**

- Within 5 years, Nepal will transform from a country that only exports raw electricity to one that exports "Artificial Intelligence" and "Computational Power".
- Nepal's cold Himalayan climate and stable geography are suitable for efficient "Data centres"; we will use abundant green energy to build server farms and cloud infrastructure.
- We will establish high-capacity data centres near hydropower projects to sell computational work to international clients.
- National policies will be introduced to allow data storage within Nepali jurisdiction with full legal security.
- Within the first year, we will bring a clear national policy on cryptocurrency regulation and consumer protection based on a global study.
- A pilot project for crypto mining will be implemented in the first year based on national interest and energy availability.
- **Remote Work and Digital Nomads**
 - Clear legal and policy arrangements will be made to allow citizens to work for foreign companies or employers while staying in Nepal.
 - Amendments to Labour Acts will grant legal recognition to remote work, digital employment, and cross-border service exports.
 - Banking and foreign exchange policies will be reformed to make the payment of salaries and foreign currency earnings for remote workers easy and transparent.
 - To attract "Digital Nomads," policies regarding appropriate visas, residency, and co-working centres will be established.
- **Import Substitution and Agrotech**
 - Trade agreements will be made to support import substitution in the agricultural sector.
 - Immediate policy reforms in acts, customs, and taxes will be made to ensure self-sufficiency in crops that can be produced within Nepal.
 - Special priority, tax exemptions, and investment incentives will be given to agro-processing and value-addition industries.

- "Fintech" and "Agri-tech" will be expanded to increase agricultural productivity through technology.
- **Increasing Internal Consumption and Industry Support**
 - The Nepal government will facilitate the availability of land for establishing industries and expanding transmission lines to increase internal electricity consumption.
 - Energy-intensive large industries like steel, cement, herb processing, data centres, and chemical fertiliser plants will be attracted.
- **Digital Tourism and Integrated Services**
 - We will implement a one-door digital tourism system to integrate the various processes for immigration, trekking permits, national park entries, tourism department clearances, and heritage site fees into a single platform.
 - This integrated digital platform will be designed to reduce the time, cost, and hassle for tourists.
 - We will provide guarantees for extensive improvements and safety in mountain tourism.
 - To manage climbing activities, the Himalayas will be classified into three categories ranging from 6,000 meters to 8,000 meters.
 - For peaks above 8,000 meters, climbers will be required to have prior experience at lower altitudes.
 - We will strengthen safety, search, and rescue systems through the use of modern technology, including the easy application of drones.
 - Utilising Nepal's geographical advantages, we will implement a "Hill Station Development Policy" in hilly areas located within 1.5 hours of the Nepal-India border.
- **Road Safety and Technology Integration**
 - By linking road safety with technology, we will install GPS tracking on all public transport and implement an AI-based traffic camera system.
- **National Open Space Standards**

- Without compromising security sensitivity or performance, a "co-management" and Smart Security System will be used to open areas from Narayanhiti to Lagankhel and large government compounds in all seven provinces for citizens' exercise, rest, and mental well-being.
- **Inclusive Education and "Right to Learn"**
 - We will ensure barrier-free learning and accessibility for children with disabilities through specialised teacher training, parent support programs, and large-scale laboratories using AI-powered "Assistive Technology".
- **Minimum Standards for Basic Healthcare**
 - We will implement an integrated model by maintaining "Minimum Standards" in the basic health sector nationwide, ensuring necessary human resources, adequate medicine supply, essential equipment, easy access, and basic infrastructure.
 - Clear standards for service expansion will be set based on geographical difficulty and population density, with a priority on expanding services in remote areas.
 - Virtual educational and social networks will be created to connect healthcare workers across the country, ensuring those serving in remote areas do not feel isolated or neglected.
- **Early Identification and Intervention**
 - The "Early Identification and Rapid Intervention" system for disability rehabilitation will be extended down to local-level health institutions.
 - Local-level health desks will be equipped with state-of-the-art "Early Screening" tools and skilled human resources for the timely identification of autism, hearing loss, vision problems, and other neuro-developmental issues in children.
- **Land Rights and Landless Settlement**
 - Learning from past failures, a high-powered "High-Level National Land Rights Authority" will be formed to scientifically identify real landless people and separate them from "fake" squatters who occupy government land through satellite mapping and digital biometric authentication.
 - For the truly landless, we will develop "Integrated Model Settlements" that are safe, well-equipped, and linked to production, ensuring permanent housing and land ownership (Lalpurja).

- **Redesigning Social Security**

- To make the entire social security program effective, transparent, and targeted, we will create a database and redesign the social security system.
- This will involve analysing priority criteria to place the most needy individuals first, while preventing double benefits and misuse of the system.

- **Forest Fire Prevention and Technology**

- A "Forest Fire High-Alert Centre" will be established to monitor and control forest fires in real-time using drone and satellite technology.

- **Border Security and Management**

- To keep geographical integrity intact, the Armed Police Force (APF) will be deployed as a specialised "Border Security Force" equipped with modern technology and high-capacity infrastructure.
- Night-vision cameras, drone monitoring, and Digital Entry-Exit Records will be implemented at border crossings to reduce smuggling and cross-border crime to zero.
- Border residents will be issued "Border Identity Cards" and provided with special subsidies for education, health, and livelihoods.
- Commercial gateways will be developed as "Economic Gates" with full digitisation of customs.

- **Performance-Based Diplomacy and Digital Consular Services**

- To end the need to stand in lines at embassies, a pilot project for "Digital Consular Services" will be launched to make passport renewals and document attestation fully online.

F. Unified Marxist Leninists

- **Part-2: 5 Fundamental declarations for development**

- **Nepal Facing the Era of Prosperity**

A poverty-free Nepal, a Nepal with expanded sufficient employment opportunities within the country, a Nepal with high economic growth rate, a Nepal implementing an education system that develops high-quality education, technical knowledge, and quality human resources, a Nepal with entrepreneurial citizens, a healthy Nepal with development and practice of public health awareness, a Nepal where effective health treatment services are available, a Nepal with a healthy and balanced environment, a Nepal equipped with physical infrastructure, energy infrastructure, and digital infrastructure, a Nepal practicing clean and effective good governance, a Nepal with protection for all- opportunity for all- respect for all- development for all, and not just the participation of all in nation-building, but a Nepal with ownership.

- **Part-5: We Will Do/Achieve!**

- **10 GB Internet Data**

We will provide 10 GB of free internet data every month for one year to youth in the age group of 18 to 28 years.

- **Dollar Card worth 10 Thousand for Youth and Entrepreneurs**

- To promote research, production, development, and export of IT/Tech products in the information technology sector, and to facilitate international online business through startups, we will provide a bank card equivalent to 10,000 US Dollars per person to youth.
- This facility will make it easier for youth who want to join startup enterprises to access training and services related to AI (Artificial Intelligence), content creation, digital marketing, app development, and other IT and online services, aiming to lead 1 million (10 lakh) youth toward self-employment.

- **Part-6: We Will Build! (25 Pillars of Prosperity)**

- **Our Economy: 100 Kharba in Half a Decade (10 trillion)- 200 Kharba in One Decade (20 trillion)**

- By leaping agricultural productivity, electricity generation capacity, mineral and industrial production, information technology, and physical infrastructure construction, we will

achieve an economic growth rate of 7% to 9%. Through this, we will increase the size of the economy to 100 Kharba (10 Trillion) Rupees in five years and 200 Kharba (20 Trillion) Rupees in ten years.

- **Dignified Labour: Employment in Nepal, Work in Nepal**

- Create employment opportunities through the expansion of the service industry due to the increasing use of IT and AI in the public and private sectors. Establish tech parks, innovation hubs, and encourage startups
- Encourage citizens to be employed and start businesses in Nepal in various sectors such as medicine, engineering, forestry, agriculture, environment, and information technology

- **Secure and dignified housing: modern and citizen-friendly living**

- The state will make arrangements for transportation, drinking water, drainage, electricity, communication, digital technology, education, health, and security in habitable areas. To provide these services, a "Citizen Housing Fund" will be established with contributions from the savings of institutions like the Employees' Provident Fund, Citizen Investment Trust, and Social Security Fund, as well as from social organisations and private housing developers.

- **Dynamic Villages, Modern Cities- A New Wave of Economic Development**

- We will initiate a national campaign for prosperity through the complementary development of villages and cities. This will be achieved by establishing cities as the foundation for capital, technology, services, and market expansion, while developing villages as centres for production and labour.
- Make national and international financial centres, industrial and business centres, innovation and intention centres, digital infrastructure centres, education and health service excellence centres, employment opportunity centres, and regional and international transportation hubs to transform sub/metropolises into mega cities
- Integrate modern technology and infrastructural development to make all municipalities into "centres of prosperity" with quality education, health, industry, business, production, and employment opportunities

- Establish developmental clusters with industry, business, education, health, tourism and information technology in the mid-hilly (pushpalal) highway, Koshi-Gandaki-Karnali corridor by establishing them as corridor cities
- To stop urban migration, access to fundamental physical infrastructure, health, education, skill development, digital services, employment opportunities, and administrative services
- **Expansion of Industrial Areas, Increase in Production- 20% contribution, national prosperity**
 - We will provide all services required for operating industries and businesses online through a Single Point Service Centre. We will make legal provisions giving the Single Point Service Centre the authority to make all final decisions required for this purpose. We will establish a system for real-time monitoring to immediately track whether entrepreneurs and businesspeople have received the necessary services and facilities.
- **Good governance and transparency in cooperatives- our promise, the interests of savers**
 - We will make cooperative registration, reporting, monitoring, and information systems fully digital. We will expand access to national and international markets through the professionalisation, branding, quality certification, and e-commerce of cooperatives. Through a long-term national cooperative policy, we will prepare the foundation for secure savings, a productive economy, and a prosperous Nepal.
 - We will ensure a leading role for cooperatives in agriculture, value chains, processing, storage, and market management. We will expand the use of digital technology in registration, reporting, monitoring, and information management. We will connect cooperative products to national and international markets through branding and e-commerce.
- **Quality Education, Advanced Technology- Knowledgeable Citizens, Assets of the Nation**
 - We will shift the education system away from being solely focused on enrollment and exams.
 - Instead, we will direct it toward developing human resources capable of contributing to patriotism, entrepreneurship, social responsibility, innovative thinking, and national capability.

- To achieve this, we will develop contemporary, practical, ethical, patriotic, and digital-friendly curricula and educational materials.
 - Based on national capacity, sectoral needs, and international trends, we will build human capital by balancing technical and general education. To integrate science, technology, research, and innovation, we will establish Science Parks, Technology Parks, Innovation centres, Incubation centres, and Rural Innovation Labs through cooperation between the government, universities, research institutions, and the private sector. We will create employment opportunities for youth within the country by strengthening the relationship between Education, Research, and Entrepreneurship.
 - We will implement plans focused on policy, infrastructure, investment, good governance, and innovation in Education, Science, and Technology. By adhering to the academic calendar, promoting job-oriented technical education, and implementing "Earn While You Learn" programs, we will reduce the trend of youth going abroad for higher education.
 - We will establish an inclusive and technology-friendly education system to produce quality citizens possessing technical skills, ethics, patriotism, responsibility, and social awareness.
- **Digital Infrastructure- Foundation for Development and Governance**
- We will bring about a radical transformation in governance by maximising the use of Information and Communication Technology (ICT).
 - We will establish Nepal's own satellite to ensure basic telecommunication services and digital connectivity in rural and remote areas.
 - We will create laws and structures to address existing challenges while utilising opportunities in the IT sector.
 - We will end situations that distort the truth and divide society through misinformation, fake news, deepfakes, and algorithmic bias, which disrupt public service, the financial sector, and national security.
 - We will give high priority to innovation based on Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Generative AI and will immediately implement AI technology in areas that can have a large impact in a short time through the development and testing of a Sovereign Large Language Model (LLM).

- We will revise the Digital Nepal Framework to be timely and implement it effectively.
- For the sustainable, holistic, and institutional development of the IT sector, we will establish integrated, autonomous, and capable structures.
- We will establish and operate all major digital infrastructure units, including the Nagarik (Citizen) App, Data centres, National ID system, AI centres, and the Digital Nepal Framework.
- We will develop the Nagarik App into a "Super App" to fully integrate all ministries and government services.
- We will advance strategies to attract Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in AI and hyperscale data centre infrastructure to maximise natural structural advantages.
- We will create and implement necessary legal, policy, regulatory, and institutional arrangements to ensure investment security, environmental sustainability, and long-term value creation.
- **Secure transportation, modern infrastructure- sustainable development as the basis for prosperity**
 - We will encourage the use of electric vehicles and develop and implement an integrated electronic fare system based on information technology. We will also arrange for long-distance vehicles to be available at fixed intervals, 24 hours a day.
- **Strengthened financial systems- productive investment**
 - We will make financial services fully digital. We will bring digital currency into operation. We will control cybercrime in the financial system. We will stop the tendency of deliberately not repaying loans. We will solve the problem of usury (predatory lending) by making small loans available through the formal financial system.
- **Innovative youth, new ideas- a strong basis for social transformation**
 - Technical, vocational, digital, and innovation-related skills will be enhanced to connect youth with national development. Internships, apprenticeships, and experience-based learning will be promoted through industry-academic partnerships.
 - Support for new businesses will be provided through simplified processes, tax concessions, and initial investment via startups, innovation hubs, and incubation centres.

- To increase youth productivity, a safe, flexible, and technology-friendly work environment will be developed, along with a result-based incentive system.
- **Clean hands, clean administration- quality service, popular governance**
 - By making good governance the fundamental basis of the country's administrative system, we will ensure a governance method that is lawful, accountable, transparent, corruption-free, and citizen-friendly.
 - We will launch a campaign for exemplary and effective legal action against corruption. We will strictly implement a "Zero Tolerance" policy through modern technology and powerful legal mechanisms.
 - Use "AI-based detection systems" for monitoring and investigation of corruption

G. Nepali Congress

Vision:

- **Hassle-free Nepal, Rule of Law-based Nepal**
 - Digital Nepal to be established to eliminate corruption and delays in all government services
 - Citizens to have access to government services from the comfort of their homes
- **A Nepal Extending to Prosperity**
 - Modernise and make competent the sectors of agriculture, tourism, IT, sports, and transportation, in addition to expedited development of basic infrastructure
 - Liberal, competitive, technology-friendly, and environment-friendly economy that encourages international investment and technology

Priorities/Action: Project Governance

- **For a hassle and corruption-free society, and an accountable government**

We will increase the capacity of state organs, effectively make and amend laws; facilitate institutional reforms and digital governance for corruption control and effective public service delivery; establish a new metric for good governance by making service delivery hassle-free and accountable to citizens.

- Except a few cases where physical presence is mandatory, all public services are to be made digital and available 24/7
- Rapid Help Centre for those without easy access through:
 - **Not office-centric but citizen-centric:** to provide NID, driver's license, passport-adjacent certificates within one week
 - **Consolidated/unified service; at-home service:** One-stop service centre: for all birth, citizenship, tax, and social security purposes- either digital or physical
 - **Digital public service:** digitisation of all govt services with a few exceptions
 - **Not file but mobile:** cashless transactions, faceless services, and paperless administration
 - Make nagarik app more functional and provide public service 24/7 through said app
 - Rapid Help Centre to provide access to such services to those who don't have access

- Digitalisation of all work exc citizenship, NID, skill testing, real estate, etc
- Connect social security allowance, agricultural subsidies, scholarships, grants, or other direct services with the bank accounts of citizens
- Institutionalise digital governance by integrating it into public services on all levels of the federal government
- **Liberal, Productive, and Equitable (Just) Economy**
 - **Entrepreneurship, Share Market, and Access to Finances:**
 - 90% agricultural insurance premiums will be given, and new technology (drone/satellite) will be used to determine the actual loss and transfer the amount directly into the accounts of farmers
 - In rural areas without access to the internet and BAFIA, online awareness and service centres will be established and offline digital services
 - **Business, Technology, and Green Economy:**
 - Modernisation and prosperity of Nepal and the balance between business and green development are synchronised:
 - To make IT a new pillar of the democracy, policy hurdles for online businesses run by youth will be removed to make way for the global market
 - To end the use of paper and consequent delays in the bank, customs, and transportation through digital customs and paperless trading
 - **Fiscal good governance and Accountable Government:**
 - Investment-friendly Taxation
 - Reduce institutional tax to 20%, export of goods and services to 10%, IT export to 5% and productive industries to 15%
 - Revenue administration to be made function, service-centric, autonomous, faceless and paperless through the maximum use of information technology
 - **Accountability and transparency**
 - Citizens should be able to easily access and understand public income and expenditure by making information technology open and transparent
 - Power of youth: the core power of the country

- **Digital freedoms and respect for creativity:**
 - Creating a digital ecosystem with zero tolerance against digital violence and cyberbullying of women, children, and youth through strict legal protections, while maintaining complete openness of the internet and protection of freedom of expression
 - **Skilled and Future-Ready Youth:**
 - Ready required human resources for the digital sector and prepare for the challenges posed by changing technology and AI through research grants for universities, and prepare skilled and trained youth in collaboration with industries
 - **Youth-friendly public services:**
 - Simplify bureaucratic language and operate tech-friendly young public servants
 - Income and tax to be simplified for digital nomads, independent consultants, and gig workers
 - **Support for Youth in the Digital Sector**
 - To encourage digital innovation and provide social security to informal workers:
 - Adopt appropriate laws and policies to establish IT as an industry
 - E-sports to be acknowledged and gamers formally recognised as professional athletes
 - Simplify payment and other procedures for content creators and launch skill-based programs
- **Employment, Skill, Labour**
 - Dignified labour in Nepal is the basis of Nepal's prosperity
 - **Policy improvements in priority areas:** additional employment opportunities: the IT sector
 - **Regulation of the labour market:** proven skill, protected future
 - Digital labour market information system (LMIS) and skill mapping to consolidate labour demand and supply
 - Local labour service centre to be made tech-friendly, and make an active labour market information system to provide actual demand and supply related statistics of the labour market

- **Foreign employment**
 - **Work Abroad, Innovate in the Country**
 - Rehabilitate returnee migrants and embed their capital into national development by fostering entrepreneurship, shares in investment, and social security, through:
 - A digital record of skills gained, experience, and technology from abroad, and integrate into national industries and establish them as collaborators for national development
- **Health: Health insurance for all: Effective Health System**
 - **Digital Health**
 - We will make payments fast, efficiently, and transparently through an automated Claim System and Fraud Control.
 - By implementing "One Citizen, One Digital Health Profile," we will maintain uniformity in the quality of service and fees across the country.
 - **Digital Health: Digital Profile**
 - We will end the hassle of patients having to carry physical files by implementing the concept of "One Citizen, One Digital Health Record".
 - We will establish the National ID number as the Electronic Medical Record (EMR) number in all hospitals, making patient prescriptions, reports, and history available online.
 - To make health services transparent, fast, and economical, we will gradually expand online OPD tickets, telemedicine, hub-and-spoke models, and digital prescriptions nationwide to end delays in the health sector.
- **Education: All to read, all to progress together**
 - Free and quality educational, integration of modern skills and technology to produce self-reliant and competent human resources that can compete with the world
 - **School Education**
 - **ECED Education:** to increase scientific thinking, factual analysis, problem solving, mathematical capacity, technological curiosity and practical learning through emphasis on STEAM and development of STEAM materials

- **Education in Mother-Tongue:** Tech-friendly school: considering the mental health of children, digital platforms and infrastructure must be used in a balanced way, digital learning materials, smart teaching-learning, and teacher-student relationships to develop digital competence
- **Technical and Vocational Education:**
 - **Expand technical and vocational education:** 2 institutions related to technical and vocational education to be established in each province
 - **Collaboration with Industry:** direct collaboration with industry, business and service sector for curriculum development, apprenticeship (OJT, apprenticeship)
 - **Modern Labs, Skilled Instructors:** all technical educational institutions to be equipped with necessary modern equipment and a sufficient number of labs, workshops, and digital vocational, such as physical infrastructure and competent instructors will be hired
 - **Law for New Technology:** to facilitate good governance and quality in technical and vocational education within one year
- **Life-long Learning:**
 - Build a tech-friendly and lifelong learning process for citizens of all ages:
 - Digital Learning Platform: Online curriculum, skill training, and certificates to be provided to citizens through such a platform
- **Agriculture: Respect for farmers; Modernisation of Agriculture**
 - Recognising the value and rights of the hardworking farmers, the foundation of the nation's prosperity, and making agriculture modern, attractive, and dignified through advanced technology, accessible loans, and guaranteed markets.
 - **Industrialisation and Commercialisation of the Agriculture Sector:**
 - Quality and market regulation, digital transactions, price stability, and supply-demand are to be consolidated through a system to increase the income of farmers and the sustainable development of agriculture
 - **Expansion of Investment and Financial Access**

- To expand access to agricultural training, technical knowledge, and modern technology at every local level; concession in loans, storage capacity to be developed; national production to be commercialized and farmer-based employment to be generated
- **Development of Innovation and Entrepreneurship in Agriculture**
 - Increase the use of modern technology and digitalisation to attract youth to agriculture
- **Dissemination of technology, inclusion, and women's empowerment**
 - To empower women and young farmers through appropriate technology, surplus grants, concessional loan processes, and digital innovation for sustainable agricultural development
- **Goal of Poverty Eradication**
 - **Higher education and employment for the children of the poor:** Compulsory training in IT, etc, and targeted scholarship opportunities and job placement after completion of education
 - **Productive employment generation and increase in income:** Productive employment is understood as the most effective means of poverty eradication; agriculture, tourism, IT, construction, and SMEs will thus be empowered through more investments and an increase in employment opportunities
- **Sustainable Physical Infrastructure:** Sustainable infrastructure, successful economy; protected future, developed Nepal
 - To support economic growth, uplift the living standard of citizens, and reduce regional imbalance, the Nepali Congress is committed to the overall development of the infrastructure sector for graduation from the least developed status and attainment of Sustainable Development Goals; by maintaining high quality and effective operation of projects including innovative financing in infrastructure construction, while establishing **digital connectivity** for effective service delivery, focusing on green infrastructure, climate and environment-friendly designs to reduce environmental risks, ensuring everyone's access to safe drinking water and sanitation, conservation of water sources, energy development, roads, transport, housing, and urban development to build modern and sustainable infrastructure.
 - **Reforms in public procurement:**
 - To make the procurement process transparent and accountable by making it completely digital, mandating public examination, clear deadlines, and monitoring
 - **Safe Roads: Safe Travels**

- By creating the National Road Information System (NRIS) app, we will make arrangements for passengers and vehicle drivers to receive information about the real-time status of every road, specifically regarding traffic congestion, accidents, natural disasters, obstructions caused by construction, and the time of resumption of operation.
- **Organised/Planned Villages and Cities**
 - Integrated Infrastructure Development: Not just roads, but a bridge
 - We will reduce transportation costs to a minimum by expanding a 'twelve-month operable' blacktopped road network connecting villages and cities. Not just roads, but along with roads, we will develop electricity, telecommunications, internet, and drinking water infrastructure in an integrated manner. By adopting data-driven and climate-resilient transport planning, we will integrate local knowledge and risk assessment. We will not limit infrastructure construction only to physical structures but will link it with the improvement of living standards.
 - **Digital Connectivity**
 - We will implement the concept of 'Digital Village' by connecting every village with high-speed internet (Broadband). The success of telecentres established in Bhimphedi, Khairani, Kohalpur, Dulgaun, and...Rangeli, where women entrepreneurs receive information about agricultural prices, will be expanded nationwide. While promoting the expansion of online services, e-governance, and e-commerce, we will take village products to urban and international markets. Through a digital literacy campaign, we will make every citizen technology-friendly.
 - **Sufficient Energy: Sustainable Infrastructure**
 - Not just brightness, but self-employment through economically profitable shares
 - **Access and local economy:** Provide tax breaks, reliable energy and internet to establish secure and reliable commercial green data centres
 - **Telecommunications, information dissemination, information technology, and digital transformation**
 - Putting the goal of Digital Nepal into practice, we will prioritise infrastructure expansion, fast internet, rural broadband, digital literacy, and inclusive services. While strengthening telecommunications and information technology through public-private partnerships, we have a clear commitment to providing equal

access to digital opportunities for all citizens from remote to urban areas by connecting radio, TV, online, post, and courier with digital systems, thereby reducing the distance between citizens, business, and governance.

- **Universal Access and Infrastructure Expansion**

- We will ensure minimum standards for mobile, internet, and broadcasting infrastructure at all local levels.
- We will expand fibre networks, towers, and transmission structures in rural and remote areas through state-private partnerships.
- By making high-speed internet access affordable in schools, health institutions, and public service centres, we will realise communication for all and opportunity for all.

- **Quality and Affordable Services**

- We will strictly implement a system for measuring the quality of telecommunication services and consumer protection.
- By adopting policies to reduce service costs and increase quality by promoting competition, we will expand services with special concessions to rural areas.

- **Institutional Strengthening of Communication Mediums**

- We will develop a sustainable economic model for the operation and professional use of FM, community and all radio, television, press, online media, and social networks.
- We will strengthen the concept of public service broadcasting.
- We will ensure the freedom, professionalism, and accountability of the communication media.

- **Connecting postal services to the digital age**

- We will integrate postal services with digital platforms, e-commerce, government service delivery, and citizen services.
- We will make postal services citizen-friendly down to the local level.
- We will make letters, parcels, and express mail services reliable for consumers in the state's authentic contact and operations with citizens.

- Since difficulties have arisen in law enforcement, economic activities, and social behaviour because the contact addresses of individuals and institutions are not available, we will prepare and bring into use a **global standard address system** within two years, with the slogan 'Connection with every house, access to every citizen.'
- We will develop the courier service as a competitive and accountable service to make deliveries fast and reliable.
- **Digital governance, cyber security, and literacy**
 - We will carry out legal and institutional reforms for cybersecurity, digital privacy, and information reliability.
 - We will expand the digital literacy program as a national campaign.
 - We will make the government information system secure, transparent, and citizen-oriented
- **Information Technology: Vision for Information Technology**
 - **Digital Prowess, Work in the Cloud: Nepali Youth's Name in the World**
 - Our clear goal is to transform Nepal into a world-class emerging 'Digital Hub' and make the Information Technology industry a strong foundation of the national economy.
 - We have a clear aim to lead the country toward a new direction of sustainable economic transformation by connecting the innovation and skills of Nepali youth with the global market through a knowledge-based digital economy.
 - **Equal right to information from villages to the world**
 - **From Nepal to the World Campaign:**
 - To make Nepali IT companies competitive in the world market, we will make simple, transparent, and hassle-free policy arrangements for branch expansion abroad and foreign currency management.
 - Digital Export and Employment: Within the next five years, we will increase the contribution of the Information Technology sector to five per cent of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP), exporting services worth up to four

hundred billion (4 Kharba) and creating at least 100,000 high-quality jobs in this sector.

- Digital 'Nomad' Destination: We will develop all digital infrastructure to international standards, create necessary policy structures and provide fee-free entry visas to develop Nepal as a 'Nomad' destination.
 - Attraction for Global-Level Investment: Adopt stable and investment-friendly FDI policies to encourage multilateral tech companies to establish innovation centres in Nepal
 - High-level coordination institution: under the leadership of the PM, an expert-composed high-level IT and digital economy committee will be established to consolidate and make effective scattered laws and policies
 - Investment in Digital Infrastructure: high-speed internet, secure national cloud systems, and reliable electricity supply will be prioritised as a public infrastructure and expanded to increase digital access and strengthen democracy
 - Prioritise national technology: local IT companies' participation and coordination to be ensured through reforms in public procurement processes in local-level digital plans
 - STEM Education for Human Capital: To develop human capital, we will prepare a skilled workforce by integrating subjects like coding, Artificial Intelligence (AI), and cybersecurity into the mainstream of STEM education, starting from the school level.
 - Diplomatic Initiative: By operating Nepali missions as digital trade promotion centres, we will expand the international market for Nepali digital services through government-to-government cooperation.
- **Digital Transformation:** Digital Transformation for Good Governance and Economic Growth
 - The Nepali Congress will establish digital transformation and digital governance as the core foundation for making citizens' lives easy, service delivery fast, and the state accountable.

- By integrating Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI), including national identity, electronic payments, national statistics, and government services, our clear vision is to build a transparent, business-friendly, and employment-oriented 'Digital Nepal'.
 - **National Identity Card as the Core Foundation:** Making the National Identity Card the core foundation of Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) for digital transformation and digital governance, we will make citizens' lives simple, service delivery fast, and the state accountable.
 - **Technology-Friendly Government Services:** We will implement a Government Data Exchange Platform to ensure effective inter-connectivity between the information systems of government bodies.
 - **'Once-Only' Principle:** A 'Once-Only' principle will be implemented, where no government body can ask a service seeker for information more than once, freeing citizens from the hassle of submitting the same details repeatedly.
 - **Trust in the System and Data Security:** While fully protecting the right to privacy of common citizens, we will implement a reliable data security law, considering the unauthorised use of collected sensitive personal data and information a serious crime.
 - **Sovereign Cloud Infrastructure:** We will build an integrated and secure 'Sovereign Cloud Infrastructure' based on the 'Zero Trust' principle to replace the current state where citizens' personal data and information are scattered across risky servers.
- **Tourism: sustainable tourism development: foundation for national economy (30 lakh tourists annually)**
 - To make Nepal a hub for peace, meditation, and health, as a healthy Nepal, we will implement:
 - Wellness and digital nomad visa for foreign tourists
 - To contemporaneous digital heritage and tourism in accordance with the needs of the twenty-first century

- We will implement a multilingual digital tourism platform to make tourism travel easy and hassle-free.
 - By digitalising tourism services, we will provide permits, information, complaints, and services in a one-stop manner through an integrated AI portal.
 - We will arrange for interactive apps, 5G connectivity, and digital archives to provide information about heritage sites.
 - We will establish a special fund to encourage youth in the digital branding of art and culture.
- **Cooperative- Microfinancing**
 - Secured savings and concessional loans
 - **Strict regulation and monitoring:**
 - Repugnancy in federal, provincial, and local levels to be removed, and regulations to be made effective through technical human resources and digital technology-based monitoring
 - **Fully digital cooperative:** all cooperative transactions and information technology to be mandated to keep digital records, and regulatory authorities to use a unified digital system to monitor their activities in real time
 - **Social Security, Inclusion and Inclusive Development:** Equal rights, right to justice; an inclusive society, the basis for a prosperous Nepal
 - **Upliftment and empowerment of PWD**
 - ...information communication systems will be made disability-friendly
 - **Mainstreaming and Development of Women**
 - Free Digital Skills Training (e-commerce, online business, freelancing)
 - **Child Rights and the Development of Children**

- Nursing and Technology-friendly Education: In each school, to establish One School, One Nurse program and ensure that there is at least one computer teacher in every school to ensure the right to health and access of digital education for children
- Digital secrets and protection mechanisms: required regulation for online misdemeanour, cyberbullying, and digital addiction

■ Inclusive Development

● Benefits of a Digital Nepal

- Making government services accessible through affordable and reliable internet, digital skills training, and e-governance
- As making information and communication technology inclusive is a fundamental requirement for inclusive development, we will end the digital divide and make digital services accessible for all

● Nepali Diaspora: Indestructible Bond, Expanded Nepal

- Ensuring the rights, interests, and obligations of citizens, including NRNs
 - Use of digital services to provide national services, information, and benefits to Nepalese abroad
- Knowledge, Skills, and Technology Transfer
 - To make a database with information of highly competent professionals in the Nepali diaspora for policy making, investigation, and development through the establishment of the Knowledge and Innovation Centre

● Our heritage, our culture: language, literature, art and culture: modern Nepal

- Protection and conservation of cultural heritage and strengthening of guthi
 - Festivals, cultural traditions, culture, traditional knowledge, etc, tangible and intangible heritage will be conserved through legal registration and digitisation

- **National art, culture, and intellectual property conservation**
 - AI, digital theft, imitation, and unauthorised use are to be stopped through laws, including licensing, rights management, etc
- **Establishment of National Digital Archive and Civilisation Study Centre**
 - We will conduct a national campaign to research Nepali civilisation, traditions, and intangible heritage to create a **National Digital Archive** and promote and disseminate them.
 - Through this campaign, we will establish culture not just as a ritual, but as social knowledge, a way of life, and a national identity.
 - We will establish the '**Nepal Civilisation Study Centre**' for the scientific study of history, philosophy, and culture.
 - We will preserve the alphabets, dictionaries, scripts, and oral histories of endangered languages on **digital platforms**.
 - We will promote the knowledge traditions that reflect the life philosophies of sages (**Rishi-muni**), scholars, and yogis.
 - We will take special initiatives to list Nepal's living traditions in the **UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage** list.
- **Sports: A Nepal that plays is a Nepal that is known**
 - Digital ground: By giving official recognition to e-sports, gamers will be identified as 'professional players. For this, investment will be made in digital infrastructure by making policy arrangements for tax structures, contract regulations, and international visa facilitation.
- Implementation Plan
 - Priorities will be implemented through evidence-based and data-driven processes

H. Rastriya Prajatantra Party

- **The Next Destination: A Strong, Prosperous, and Advanced Nepal- "Prithvi Path"**
 - **Long-term National Strategy:** Adopting sustainable economic growth, quality health and education, poverty reduction, development and expansion of technology, strategic infrastructure, development of smart cities and settlements, employment-oriented production and productivity growth, effective public service delivery, maximum utilisation and conservation of natural resources, and ensuring sustainable social security as national strategies.
- **Foundations of Nepal's Prosperity: 6 Major Pillars**
 - **Tourism:**
 - The cumbersome system of trekking permits will end, and a tourism-friendly single-door system will be established.
 - **Agriculture**
 - Agriculture will be kept as a high priority, and production capacity will be increased through modernisation and mechanisation. Nepal will be made self-reliant in vegetables, fruits, and food grains, and the agricultural profession will be established as a respected profession.
 - **Information, Technology:**
 - **Technology and Good Governance:**
 - The maximum use of developed information technology will be made to make citizen life easy and smooth. Service delivery will be made easy, fast, and citizen-friendly through the effective use of information technology.
 - Services such as citizenship, passports, taxes, land, licenses, and social security will be provided in an easy, transparent, and hassle-free manner through a one-door system (a single digital portal or app). Ending the days of having to carry paper, service delivery will be made fast, agile, and citizen-friendly. Arrangements will be made to complete all tasks, such as recommendations provided by ward offices, marriage,

birth-death registration, and social security, through an online system and SMS notification services.

- Within five years, all government services will be made fully paperless.
- The e-procurement system will be fully implemented and made effective.
- A Tracking Dashboard (Anugaman Pati) will be established for budget and project monitoring.
- All government expenditures will be published transparently through a public portal.
- Human intervention in the decision-making process will be minimised, and priority will be given to decisions based on rules and regulations.
- The "culture of knowing the right person, recommendations (bhansun), and under-the-table dealings" in government service will be completely ended.
- A transparent system will be ensured through the use of "app" technology, where irregularities such as delays in service and asking for bribes will be automatically monitored and cannot be suppressed.

■ **Business and Employment from Information Technology (IT):**

- There is immense potential for job creation in Nepal through Information Technology. Along with making citizen life easy and ensuring good governance, information technology can be used to create hundreds of thousands of jobs every year and become a major medium for earning foreign currency. Since the Information Technology sector does not require large capital or raw materials, does not require going abroad, and can transform "Brain Drain" into "Brain Gain," and specifically has the feature of employing women and youth at home, this sector will be declared as a national priority industry and pushed forward at a rapid pace.
- High long-term strategic priority will be given to the full implementation of e-governance in the Information and Technology

sector, expansion of digital public services, encouragement of startups, research, and IT outsourcing, strengthening of cybersecurity, as well as digital access and skill development in rural areas.

- Some major areas:
 - Software development, quality assurance, and testing.
 - Tax concessions will be arranged for income earned from IT service exports. Additionally, necessary cyber laws and tasks related to data protection will be implemented effectively and immediately.
 - Tax concessions will be provided to Information Technology (IT) companies, and foreign payment systems will be made simple and effective.
 - An environment will be created where one can work for foreign companies while staying in Nepal, and investment in digital skills will be increased through cooperation between government investment and the private sector.
 - Skills such as coding, data, Artificial Intelligence (AI), and cyber security will be included in the curriculum starting from the school level.
 - Employment-oriented IT training will be organised in cooperation with CTEVT, universities, and the private sector.
 - Digital literacy will be implemented as a compulsory subject up to Grade 12.
 - In the context where foreign companies are earning billions of rupees from Nepal through digital mediums by paying negligible or zero tax while the money is going abroad, necessary tax-related policies will be formulated and implemented immediately.
 - Priority will be given to Artificial Intelligence Training and Content Moderation.

- In this way, work will be done to make citizen life easy through information technology, maintain good governance, and create employment for hundreds of thousands.

- **Miscellaneous:**

- A central data system regarding manpower and employment will be established, and details of the economically active population will be updated.
- To organise services in sectors like transport, delivery, freelancers, sanitation, and care homes, the Gig Economy (temporary or short-term work rather than permanent jobs) will be expanded through policy and legal structures.
- Skills and resources necessary to transform the traditional occupations, knowledge, and skills of oppressed communities into modern businesses through the use of technology will be made available.



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