

Foreword from the Chief of Nepal Police

Nepal Police has come a long way in making this institution professional, responsive and devoted to the community it serves. An array of new challenges are emerging along with rapid advancement in information technology, and access to and exploitation of technology by criminal elements. Peoples' aspirations from the police have also multiplied manifold, and more than ever before, police actions are being closely scrutinized by the public demanding greater police professionalism and accountability. More importantly, we are going through an extremely important phase in the history of police transition in line with the constitutional mandate of adapting federalism as enshrined in the Constitution of Nepal and implementation of the new General Criminal (Code) Act, 2017.

Restructuring of Nepal Police along federal lines has already commenced with reorganization and rightsizing of Police Headquarters, establishment/ readjustment of Police Units in the seven states, administrative reform, human resource management, and review of command, control and communication structure in the federal set up.

Effective from 17 August 2018, General Criminal/ Procedural (Code) Act, 2017 has replaced the over five-decade old General Act. This certainly is a distinct milestone in the realm of criminal justice system. Criminal Code Implementation Strategy (CCIS) was designed to build police capacities and systematically rolled-out throughout the country.

In the wake of twenty-first century global security challenges, policing is becoming increasingly complex and specialized. Today Nepal Police is not limited to domestic challenges alone. We have been developing dynamic police officers familiar with the impact of modernization, development of information technology and expansion of organized criminal network, and possess the capacity to identify and deal with multitude of security threats. This year also, through INTERPOL Channel and use of INTERPOL tools, we were able to locate and apprehend fugitives taking refuge in other countries and reciprocated by deporting foreign fugitives to their respective countries.

To counter threats posed by cyber-crime and to effectively deal with cyber security issues, establishment of the proposed specialized Nepal Police Cyber Bureau has been approved by the government. Similarly, recognizing an urgency to prevent and suppress trafficking and smuggling of human beings within and across borders, the government has also approved the establishment of proposed Human Trafficking Control Bureau. Necessary groundwork is currently being laid down to make the bureaus operational.

Communities are at the center of our societal interactions. Be it a community problem, crime, or a large-scale crisis, we deal with people. In fact, our essence is in serving the people, which is reflected in our communication, behaviour and response. *'Cordial interaction with people and tough approach towards the criminals'* is imperative to uphold the rule of law. And we strongly believe in it.

Publication of 'Police Mirror' is our genuine attempt to inform the readers about Nepal Police through compilation of year-round activities together with expression of our future commitments, in terms of strategies and priorities adopted by Nepal Police. Amidst the ongoing transformation of Police in sync with the Constitution of Nepal, I am certain that this issue of 'Police Mirror' will serve as a historical document and I would like to extend special appreciation to the editorial team and everyone involved in this publication.

As we mark the 63rd Anniversary of Nepal Police, I take this opportunity to remember all those who have contributed in the development and strengthening of Nepal Police and would like to pay tribute to the fallen heroes who made the ultimate sacrifices in the line of duty.