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# Dharmendra Pradhan Visits Nepal

**MoU On Petroleum Product Pipeline Signed**

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**USPA NEWS -** The Minister of State for Petroleum and Natural Gas (Independent Charge), Mr. Dharmendra Pradhan meeting the Prime Minister of Nepal, Mr. Sushil Koirala, in Khatmandu on August 25, 2015. MoU On Petroleum Products Pipeline Signed.

The Minister of State for Petroleum & Natural Gas Mr. Dharmendra Pradhan met the Minister of Commerce and Supplies of Nepal Mr. Sunil Bahadur Thapa in Kathmandu on August 24. The two Ministers reviewed bilateral cooperation in the petroleum sector. They agreed that the two sides can work to expand cooperation in oil and gas to several other areas.

The two Ministers signed an MoU on a Petroleum Product Pipeline which will be built from Raxaul in India to Amlekhgunj in Nepal.

It may be recalled that Mr. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, during his 1st official visit to Nepal in an address to the Constituent Assembly of Nepal on 4 August 2014, had announced the building of the petroleum pipeline to Nepal. This is a major step in the direction of fulfilment of the announcement made by the Prime Minister. Recently Indian Cabinet had approved this MoU.

It may also be noted that this would be the first transnational petroleum pipeline in South Asia and will be a significant step towards the Prime Minister´s vision of improved regional connectivity among SAARC countries.

Mr. Pradhan was accompanied by Ambassador of India, senior officials from MoPNG, MEA and Chairman, IOC.

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