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Nepal's Newly Formed Government Sets Course for Good Governance and Digital Reform!

Nepal has formed a new government under 35-year-old Prime Minister Balendra Shah, widely known as Balen on 27 March 2026. Following the Rastriya Swatantra Party's nearly two-thirds majority in the 2026 House of Representatives elections, this youth-led administration has set an ambitious agenda to modernize governance, strengthen public service delivery, and promote citizen-centered reforms.

In its first 14-ministerial cabinet meeting on 27 March, the government issued a comprehensive roadmap of [100 tasks](#) spanning economic reform, legal and institutional restructuring, digital governance, social protection, and investment promotion.

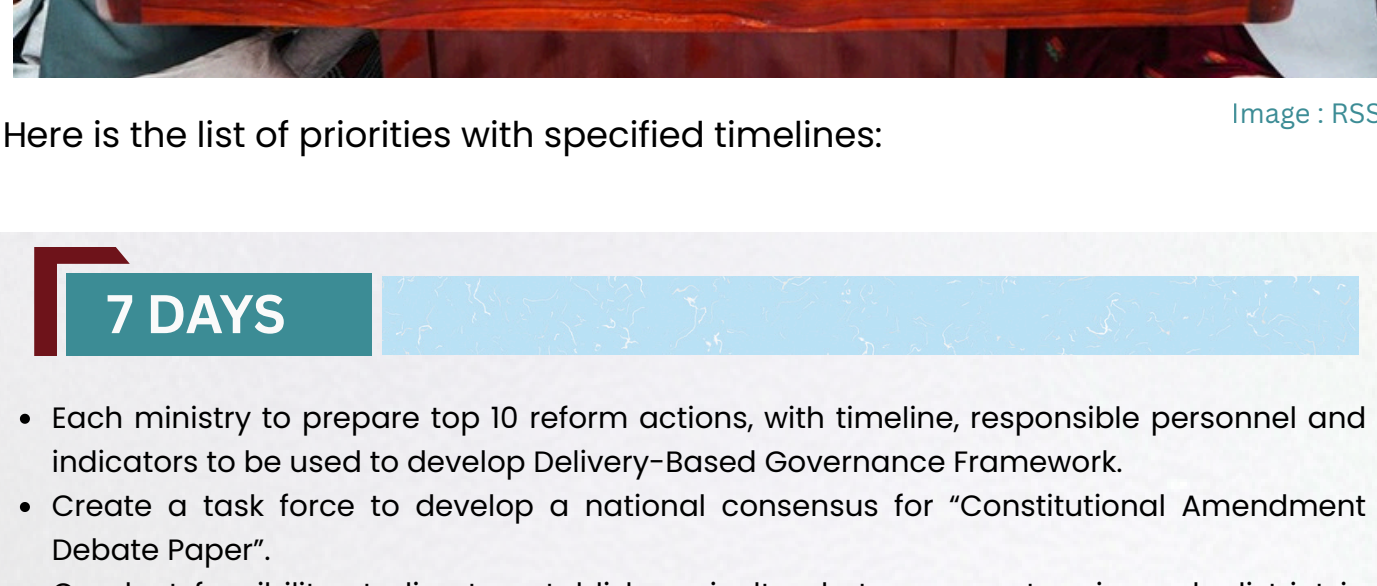


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Here is the list of priorities with specified timelines:

7 DAYS

- Each ministry to prepare top 10 reform actions, with timeline, responsible personnel and indicators to be used to develop Delivery-Based Governance Framework.
- Create a task force to develop a national consensus for "Constitutional Amendment Debate Paper".
- Conduct feasibility studies to establish agricultural storage centers in each district in partnership with private sector actors.
- Establish a high-level inter-ministerial study committee to assess short, medium, and long-term economic, legal, and social impacts of ongoing regional crises and recommend immediate actions.

15 DAYS

- Announce formal apologies and reform-oriented programs as corrective actions targeting communities who have faced systemic oppression and injustice.
- Initiate necessary legal, administrative and operational processes to enforce recommendations provided by various committees formed by the government in the past.
- Review existing processes of public institutions and remove procedures that make service delivery cumbersome and ineffective; and implement "Business Process Re-engineering (BPR)" to make services more results-oriented.
- Finalise and approve organizational and management standards of the federal, provincial, and local level.
- Each public institution provides orientation on all available services to front desk employees and notify the Ministry of Federal Affairs of their training needs, with the Ministry delivering the required training within 6 months.
- Prepare a list of first-desk officials from all public institutions and suggest training and orientation on the types of services they require.
- Enable citizens to access and download certificates issued by authorities via the Citizen Mobile App, Nagarik App, or email.
- Establish a free consultation service desk facility for company and industry registration and import/export services.
- Collect, verify, and review the assets of current senior political officeholders and high-level officials from 2062/63-2082/83 in the first phase; and of former officials and employees from 2048-2061/62 in the second phase.
- Issue the Second "National Anti-Corruption Strategy".
- Issue the "National Integrity Policy" and initiate the related law enactment and amendment process.
- Issue a "Wellness Tourism Strategy" for positioning Nepal as a hub for wellness tourism including Eastern philosophy, meditation, yoga, and natural medicine .
- Immediately approve and implement the "Private Sector Protection and Promotion Strategy" to restore economic confidence.
- Strictly enforce a 10% free bed quota for underprivileged patients in both public and private hospitals.
- Launch digital systems to eliminate middlemen in company registration and set up free consultation desks.
- Establish a digital land record system to protect government land, strengthen monitoring, and prevent new encroachments; and launch a special campaign.
- Implement the High-Level Investigation Board's recommendations to review land encroachment and misuse related to Bal Mandir.

30 DAYS

- Establish a "One Door Approval System" under National Investment Board to provide an integrated and timely service system for domestic and foreign investors.
- Reduce the number of ministries into 17, ensuring that the service delivery is not disrupted and staffing and management are adjusted. Establish a Restructuring Management Directorate with a Transition Roadmap to prepare for this.
- Develop a rapid response mechanism under the Ministry of Home Affairs for industrial and business security.
- Conduct a Time and Motion study of each government office to prepare a restructuring plan to make public service processes centralized, trackable, and transparent.
- Restructure and operationalize the National Vigilance Center
- Amend the Public Procurement Act to tackle delays, inefficiency, and corruption, introducing value for money, life cycle costing, e-gov marketplace, and performance-based contracting; and make the process digital.
- Review long-delayed or underperforming projects and form a study team to assess their relevance and feasibility
- Enact a law to enable direct implementation of delayed or failed high-priority projects and provide necessary resources and support to responsible agencies or companies.
- Maintain an integrated institutional structure for merging functions of the Investment Board, Trade Centre, and Department of Industry and conduct a detailed Organization and Management (O&M) survey immediately.
- Implement a unified office management system to track file movement and automatically alert higher authorities when files exceed the allotted time.
- Prepare an actionable tourism blueprint for areas such as Udayapur (Koshi River), Achham (Ramaroshan), Bajura (Badimalika), and the Api Himal and Dordi Himal trekking routes.
- Develop an "Energy Export Strategy"
- Establish an "Integrated Drinking Water Coordination Task Force" comprising Kathmandu Upatyaka Khanepani Limited (KUKL), Nepal Water Supply Corporation (NWSC), and the Department of Water Supply and Sewerage Management to develop proposals for an integrated structure.
- Large businesses to mandatorily implement e-billing systems.
- Launch a nationwide "Free Health Portal" for real-time monitoring of free service beneficiaries.
- Establishment of "Burn Ward" establishments in major hospitals.
- Establish a minimum support price mechanism for major crops to protect farmers from losses due to unregulated market fluctuations.
- Form inter-ministerial task forces to study the impact of national and regional crises and prepare necessary policies and regulations under the ministry's coordination.
- Install CCTV/Dashcam in all public transport and integrate SOS buttons in ride-share apps to instantly alert police.

45 DAYS

- Establish a "One Door Business Platform" to provide digital, transparent, and trackable services for business and tax registration, banking, and related processes.
- Abolish party-based trade unions and informal pressures in the civil administration, with necessary legal arrangements, particularly under the Federal Civil Service Act.
- Public institutions to develop job performance indicators for each position to link employee performance with defined job responsibilities and results.
- Develop quality certification standards under the Ministry of Federal Affairs for services delivered by local governments to incentivize high-performing institutions.
- Enable citizens to apply for police clearance, passports, and driving licenses via mobile apps that auto-fill forms using locally stored or other system data.
- Establish immediate project management mechanisms and conduct a study on high-priority road and highway sections to ensure timely completion.
- Industries with capital of up to NPR 250 million to be registered solely through the Cottage and Small Industries Office under an integrated system, with registration fees waived.
- The Ministry of Finance to formulate and implement an action plan to automate tax administration, control revenue leakage, and provide simple services to taxpayers.

60 DAYS

- Implement auto-fill systems in all government offices to integrate citizens' personal information across all government agencies.
- To develop a system ensuring automatic data exchange (interoperability) among the Office of the Company Registrar, the Department of Industry, and the Department of Commerce, Supplies and Consumer Protection.
- Enact necessary laws and institutional arrangements to establish an Independent Regulatory Authority for information technology and digital governance.
- Enact the Federal Project and Performance Governance Act.
- Develop a Federal Project Pipeline to prioritize all major development projects based on economic, social, and regional criteria, specifying suitable investment modalities (government, PPP, foreign) for each project.
- Draft a Project Facilitation Law to address multi-year delays caused by overlapping legal, approval, and procedural issues in project implementation.
- Complete a nationwide uniform digital registration and verification of landless individuals and informal settlers.
- Establish an integrated framework to consolidate funds of similar nature and develop a strategic channel to redirect scattered, redundant, or underperforming funds into high-yield projects.
- To prepare a strategy to mobilize Large bail/security deposits (Dharauti) remaining idle in courts and government offices for development projects .
- Removal of political student organization structures from educational premises.
- Simplify, streamline, and standardize the process for managing criminal assets (seizure, confiscation, and forfeiture) through policy amendment.

90 DAYS

- The National Planning Commission, Investment Board Nepal, and the Ministry of Finance to jointly mandate an "Investment Modality" for all ongoing National Pride Projects in Nepal as well as for projects registered with the Office of the Investment Board.
- Performance-based accountability and review system to be implemented in the public institution to ensure that good and poor performance are evaluated differently.
- Ministry of Federal Affairs and General Administration to develop the architecture of the Personnel Management Information System (PMIS) within three months to make employees' digital profiles; including appointments, transfers, postings, promotions, and retirements accurate, automated, and reliable.
- Prepare "National Enterprise Architecture Framework".
- Establish a unified, secure, efficient, and results-oriented digital governance system under the PM' office to address fragmentation, lack of integration, weak standards, institutional gaps, and deficiencies in skilled personnel and technical capacity; dissolve existing IT-related agencies and delegate operational authority to this office.
- Implement a data-based end-to-end e-procurement monitoring system to resolve delays caused by lack of tracking and misuse of diversion orders.
- All projects shall be categorized under government financing, public-private partnerships (PPP), private investment, or blended investment models and "National Structured Project Pipeline" detailing capital mobilization strategies, risk allocation, implementation frameworks, and timelines shall be developed.
- CSR funds from industrial establishments to be centralized and mobilized into priority sectors through a government-designated fund.
- Begin anti-encroachment and restoration efforts in Phewa Protected Watershed Area in Pokhara.
- Identify bank accounts inactive for 10+ years and in completion of legal processes for unclaimed funds, the assets transferred to the state treasury.
- Inactive licenses in the mines and minerals Act, 1985 (2042 BS) and related regulations amended to be investment-friendly and transparent, and modern testing equipment installed in departmental laboratories.
- Develop a digital, integrated "Patient Record System" for treatment history and referral tracking.
- Development of the "Student Council/Voice of Student" mechanism.
- Provide "Soil Health Card" to farmers who are professional agricultural farm.

100 DAYS

- Collect and verify information of Gen-Z martyrs' families and the injured. Engage them according to their eligibility in government, public, and private sector jobs, skills development and provide psychosocial counseling, and rehabilitation support.
- The Ministry of Urban Development to formulate and implement minimum standards for the physical infrastructure and standard layout of government offices within two months.
- Modernize the postal services into "Government Courier Service," for the direct delivery of passports, citizenship documents, licenses, and other government-related work.
- Strengthen the GIOMS system and make it fully operational across federal, provincial, and local government agencies; and simplify government apps and portals for accessibility
- Establish the "Unified Digital Governance Platform" to fully digitize, streamline, and integrate public service delivery, and launch the National Data Exchange Platform.
- Establish an Integrated Digital Asset Registry covering bank accounts, digital wallets, share investments, and other financial assets, with a risk-based red-flag system to automatically detect suspicious transactions and strengthen oversight.
- Operate safe "Blue Bus" services for women across all provinces by launching 25 buses in the first phase.
- Commence the process of reimbursement of small savings to victims of cooperative fraud.



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Beyond 100 days (and commitments with unspecified timelines)

- Prepare “National Commitments”, a compilation of manifestos, commitment papers and promises made by all political parties. Establish an institution/structure within the PM office to incorporate this in annual policies and program, budget and development agendas.
- Form a high-level investigation committee to study the Bhadra 24 incident, collect and analyse information and identify responsible persons.
- Form a high-level task force to review unproductive, duplicative, and financially burdensome boards, committees, projects, and institutions, and submit clear recommendations for abolition, merger, or restructuring.
- Immediately effect the “Private Sector Protection and Promotion Strategy (PSPP)” for strengthening the investment climate, restoring the confidence of the private sector to attain economic stability of the country.
- Establish integrated citizen service centers in major cities to streamline procedures, reduce multiple visits, and provide 12-hour daily access to government services.
- Integrate all citizen services, including ID and passport, digitally to allow faceless, time-bound, and trackable access from any office using a single ID system.
- Citizen complaints, inquiries, and service requests will be addressed more efficiently, effectively, and result-oriented through a 24-hour citizen assistance and complaint management system.
- “Hello Government” system to be upgraded as a platform for citizen engagement, with an integrated dashboard enabling all ministries to directly coordinate and monitor complaint resolution in real time.
- Services such as passports, citizenship, and driving licenses to be delivered to citizens via introducing faceless, time-bound, and centralized digital systems.
- Implement a “Fast-Track Mechanism” for large-scale and high-priority projects to expedite approvals for land acquisition, budget allocation, tree cutting, and environmental impact assessments, coordinate all relevant agencies through an integrated and automated approval system, and remove unnecessary delays and duplicate processes while ensuring direct oversight and facilitation PM office.
- Immediate removal of obstacles in electricity production, transmission, distribution, and export and decisions on pending Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) and licenses are finalized within 180 days.
- Launch “One Farmer, One Storage Center” and provide daily market prices via SMS/digital channels.
- Conduct household surveys via local governments to resolve landless and informal settlements, create a digital GIS-based database, identify beneficiaries, and provide land or integrated housing through transparent, monitored processes under government oversight.
- Establish a digital land record system to protect government land, strengthen monitoring, remove illegal occupations and prevent new encroachments, and launch a specified campaign for the same purpose.
- Immediately allocate NPR 100 million budget to strengthen the Central Investigation Bureau (CIB) of Nepal Police.
- Immediately implement a system for collecting, managing, or auctioning abandoned vehicles in depots.

Meanwhile, new commitments and promises have also come from individual Ministers for sectoral reforms within their ministries.

- **Finance:** Prepare an economic situation report by Chaitra 18, 2082; prepare and implement 100-day, half-yearly, annual action plans; abolish 15 outdated laws, including those related to the Revenue Investigation Department; and propose legislation to protect private enterprises and facilitate major development projects. [Read more](#)
- **Labor, Employment & Social Security:** Abolish token system for labor approval ensuring same-day approval; fully implement minimum wage; internalize Labor Helpline and improve Helpline call center; make Pre-Departure Orientation Training (PDOT) for laborers fully online. [Read more](#)
- **Ministry of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs:** Identify gaps and obstacles in the Muluki Criminal Code, 2074 BS and other related laws; and prepare and submit proposed amendments to Parliament to reform these laws to ensure stronger deterrence, clearer definitions, and faster justice delivery.
- **Education, Science, Technology and Sports:** Ban all entrance preparation and bridge courses in educational institutions from April 14, 2026; remove student unions in universities; remove existing grading system until class 5. [Read more](#)

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