

**Nepal, China ink mega hydropower agreement**

**International News**

Nepal has signed an agreement with a Chinese company to build the largest hydroelectric plant in the impoverished landlocked country, which suffers from a chronic energy shortage.

Nepal's Energy Minister Janardan Sharma on Sunday signed the agreement for the China Gezhouba Group Corporation to build the long-mooted 1,200 megawatt Budhi-Gandaki hydroelectric project.

The agreement was signed at the Prime Minister's residence, in the presence of outgoing Prime Minister of Nepal Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda' and Chinese Ambassador to Nepal Yu Hong, The Kathmandu Post reported.

*taciturn*

**Unspoken, silent**

*tantalize*

**Raise hopes that cannot be realized**

**Business News**

**Services sector 'gains momentum in May'**

Business activity in the services sector picked up pace in May, driven mainly by an increase in new business and an easing of input costs, according to a survey.

The Nikkei India Services Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) rose to 52.2 in May from 50.2 in April. A reading above 50 indicates expansion in business activity while one below 50 denotes a contraction.

"The pick-up in service sector growth seen mid-way through the first quarter suggests that GDP could expand at a faster rate should growth momentum be maintained in June, though there are downside perils to this," said Pollyanna De Lima, economist, IHS Markit and the report's author.

It said service providers hired additional staff in May to cope with the greater workload and that the rate of jobs growth accelerated to the fastest in almost four years in that month.

*tentative*

**Uncertain, probable**

*torpid*

**Dull and slow**

**National News**

**22 killed in Bareilly accident**

At least 22 people were burnt to death and more than a dozen seriously injured when a U.P. State transport bus collided with a truck and caught fire in Bareilly on Sunday night.

The bus of the Uttar Pradesh State Road Transport Corporation carrying 41 passengers, started from Delhi and was on its way to Gonda when the accident occurred near Invertis University in the Bithari Chainpur police station limits on Sunday night. The authorities have not been able to identify any of the bodies.

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**Not to be trusted, perfidious**

*tremor*

**Thrill**