

# India unlikely ...

caught between a rock and a hard place, due to its own inability to take serious diplomatic initiatives but also due to India's intransigence in sitting for talks. Even if talks with India may not be possible immediately, Nepal can utilise this time to do its homework and prepare its ground, say analysts.

Ramesh Nath Pandey, a former foreign minister, believes that Nepal needs to abandon politics and embrace diplomacy.

"It is unfortunate to say that diplomacy has been bypassed when it should be in the driver's seat," said Pandey. "We have a serious trust deficit with both neighbours and this can be restored by serious talks. There is no alternative to talks, but I do not see a proper environment at this moment."

India's disputes with Nepal are small when compared to its border issues with China or Pakistan, say analysts, which is why it needs to work on resolving them sooner and preventing them from turning into bigger headaches. If India allows the dispute with China to overshadow talks with Nepal then it will only cement the perception that India is not interested in speaking to Nepal, said Indra Adhikari, a research fellow at the Policy Research Institute.

"India should realise that small irritants with its neighbours are not favourable to its peaceful rise as a global power," said Adhikari. "India's dispute, engagement, disagreement and conflict with China is different from ours. So as a responsible nation and an aspiring global power, India should resolve its small frictions with its neighbours and move ahead."

Gautam is airing his views through the Subedi, who was also critical of Oli's style of governance.

"A collective reaction is expected soon against the non-implementation of the party's decisions," Subedi said.

entire municipality. For the time being, we are preparing to collect swab samples of one individual from every household," said Shah.

Sitaram Joshi, mayor of the municipality, said people's representatives

the test results came back. However, they did not listen to me. They left the facility on June 12," said Jora. As of Wednesday, the number of people infected with Covid-19 in Doti has reached 33.

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**Amendment on REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (REOI)**

In reference to REOI Notice published for Consultancy Service of Detailed Design for Upgradation and Environment and Social Impact Assessment Study (ESIA) of the Kamala-Dhalkebar-Pathlaiya Section with associated Bridges of the Mahendra Highway; Following Amendment has been made;

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