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1. India will be able to take the unexpected recent developments in Nepal in its stride and can scale up bilateral cooperation.
Explain

Recent developments in Nepal shows shift from monarchy to secular republic - taking 'democratic roots'

Election in Nepal

Prachanda became new prime minister of Nepal, and newly formed government - 'communist-alliance'
Symbolises - strategic development for Beijing to capitalise on political instability - economic → societal.

India - Nepal relations - Challenges

1. Frequent changes in government - political instability - made leaders → anti-India ^(or) ~~and~~ pro-China
2. Public opinion in Nepal paying heed to China's intentions - due to risks of debt trap etc.
3. China's COVID situation currently is worrisome.

India is in better position, but it cannot be complacent provided - Issues in Friendship treaties border issues of 'kalayani'

How India can solve the issue!

1. India & Nepal - uniquely positioned - jointly rethink on Economic governance
2. Fresh rethinking - focussing on areas of bilateral, regional grouping, people to people contacts economic development, (hydropower project), energy needs etc. ^{people} help etc.
3. 'Mutual empathy' - ~~error~~ political will, Bureaucratic civil society across borders to focus on sustainable friendship ties

Way forward

Both India & Nepal must form strategic rethinking on past issues, create more awareness to understand present trends and Road map for future stable relations