

## **Sushma Swaraj meets counterparts from Nepal, Sri Lanka**

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**New York:** External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj met with her counterparts from neighbours Sri Lanka and Nepal.

Sushma held bilateral talks with her Sri Lankan counterpart Mangala Samaraweera and with Nepal's Mahendra Pandey on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly here.

Earlier, she had met with Maldives Foreign Minister Dunya Maumoon and also attended a luncheon meeting of SAARC nations hosted by Nepal.

Her meeting with the Nepalese minister comes in the wake of tensions between the two neighbours over India's disapproval of the new constitution ignoring the rights of the plains people, or the Madhesi and Janjatis.

The supply of fuel and other essentials from India has also stopped at the border entry points to Nepal following large-scale incidents of violence by Madhesi protesters. Nepal has raised the matter with India.

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