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## Education and Sports Secretary Inaugurates New Children's Section at Nepal National Library

**M**r Chuman Singh Basnet acting secretary at the Ministry of Education and Sports inaugurated a new library section for the children at Nepal National Library (NNL) on April 7, 2003.

The Children's library section established in August 1995 at NNL was shifted to ground floor in the northern part of the Ministry of General Administration with expansion, recently.

On the occasion a week-long children's book exhibition was held at the library premises. Other institutions

thanks to JICA for providing assistance to NNL to open this extended section.

Speaking during the programme the Unesco Regional Advisor Dr. Susanne Ornager said the exhibition is very useful and attractive for all. The Director of JICA Eitaro Mitoma expressed his happiness having the opportunity to help NNL for the expansion of its children's section.

Speaking at the programme Nobue Yamada, a senior volunteer of JICA working with NNL, said library plays an important role in the overall development of children. Children can widen their knowledge by habitual reading of



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like Balsansar, Balkoseli, Room to Read and Centre for Child Studies and Development had given some publications to display at the exhibition.

Inaugurating the inaugural function secretary Basnet highlighted the importance of children's library in the country and offered

books and to increase the reading habit on them more such libraries should be open in the country, she added.

In his welcome speech Chief of NNL Dasharath Thapa said children should be well educated since their early childhood. In this matter library played a very pivotal role. But unfortunately, in Nepal, we have no enough libraries for the children. This new extended section will try

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to render more services to the children. He added that NNL is planning to keep this section open on Saturday to provide additional services to the children.

Prior to the extension the children's section had 1200 books, now, it has more than 2900 books in English, Nepali,



and Hindi languages. The section has some books in Japanese languages. The section comprises fiction and non-fiction books and books on general knowledge. It also includes junior novels and books containing poems.

NNL is conducting various programmes for the children through this section and requests the guardians and school teachers to encourage the children to visit the library. Channel Nepal telecast the inauguration programme in the same evening.

It is believed that the section will create awareness among the children who are unaware of the libraries to use it more.

Bhola Shrestha of NNL was the master of ceremony.

**Tshering Denka**, a librarian from Bhutan came to Nepal National Library (NNL) for the attachment training for the period of three weeks on April 9, 2003.

She is working with the Department of Geology and Mines of Bhutan as a librarian.

She left NNL on May 5, 2003.

*Do you have news of community libraries or resource centres? If so we would like to hear from you. Send us by post, by fax or e-mail.*

## Unesco Regional Advisor in Kathmandu

Dr. Susanne Ornager, Unesco Regional Advisor for Asia and Pacific arrived Kathmandu on April 7, 2003. She made a short visit to Nepal National Library (NNL) to discuss with the officials about the future support of Unesco for its development.

During her visit she met the Secretary General of the Secretariat of National Education Commission for Unesco of the Ministry of Education and Sports and the Director of Unesco Representative Office of Kathmandu. She also met Nirmala Shrestha Chief of Library and Information Science Department of Tribhuvan University. She left Kathmandu on 10<sup>th</sup> April 2003.

## Interaction Programme on Library System

Nepal National Library (NNL) and Nepal Library Association jointly organised an interaction programme at NNL in March 2003.

The topic of the programme was library system in Japan. Associate Professor of Dokkyo University of Japan



Ms. Inouye Yasuyo familiarised the participants of the programme to the library system of Japan.

Participants raised many questions to know more about the system and they were satisfied with the answers given by Ms. Inouye. There were 30 participants at the programme representing various government and non-government organisations along with the students and teacher of the Department of Library and Information Science of Tribhuvan University.





## National Reading Campaign 2003

On the auspicious day of Saraswati Puja 5<sup>th</sup> National Reading Campaign (NRC) was inaugurated at the central level by Director General of Education Department of His Majesty's Government Satya Bahadur Shrestha at a colourful function at the Open Air Theatre in Kathmandu on 6<sup>th</sup> February, 2003. The theme of the campaign was **Read and Spread the Light of Knowledge.**

Society organized Dohori Songs Competition on the theme of education at the event.



The signature campaign coordinated by Aama Milan Kendra was initiated in the campaign.

In the central event wide range of children literature were on display for free distribution and sale. This exhibition of the reading materials (literatures) made familiar to the visitors of the new publications of different publishers of Nepal.

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Nepal National Library (NNL) is the member of steering committee formed to celebrate the campaign. NNL will organise audio visual show related to education on the request of the schools and coordinating organisation CWS in the days to come. In the programme, participating institutions pressurized the government to declare Shree Panchami as the National Reading Day.

Different Government agencies, media, educational institutions, publishing firms, non-governmental organisations working in Nepal have been celebrating NRCampaign since 1999 throughout the country.

## National Reading Campaign in the Regions Children's Book Exhibition

The **Sarbjanik Vidya Bhawan Library** of Dharan celebrated 5<sup>th</sup> National Reading Campaign (NRC) by organising exhibition of books and newspapers on 6<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2003. On the occasion the library screened educational cartoon show for the children.

In **Mahendra Library** of Nepalganj the National Reading Campaign was launched for 3 days, February 6-8 organising different programmes. A programme of worshipping goddess Saraswati and recital of religious verses were organised. The library organised exhibition of books and fine arts to observe the campaign.

On the occasion Krishna Gopal Tandan, international president of World Hindu Federation gave away

prize and certificate rewarded by Shree Mahabir Prasad Gupta Memorial Hindi Literature Reward Committee to librarian Sachchidananda Chaube of Mahendra Library.

While in Jhapa National Reading Campaign was observed for two days with exhibition of books and newspapers at the **Trifala National Library**. About 25 thousand books were displayed in the exhibition. On the same occasion women and children who are not literate at all were taught to learn and write.

A calender printed with first 36 letters of Nepali alphabet published by TNL were distributed to the children and guests of the programme.





## Annual Conference of NLA Concluded

The annual conference of Nepal Library Association concluded in Pokhara on May 4, 2003.



The conference was inaugurated by the Chief guest, Pokhara University Vice-chancellor Purushottam Banskota at the Pokhara Chamber of Commerce Auditorium.

Inaugurating the programme Banskota said this type of programme will help the libraries in its development. He said it is the need of the hour to develop the libraries as information centres and Pokhara Chamber of Commerce will render help to Pokhara Public Library (PPL) in this task.

On the programme chairman of PPL Sarubhakta Shrestha expressed his pleasure having opportunity to hold the conference first time, in Pokhara.

Speaking at the programme Dasharath Thapa, Chief of NNL spoke highly of the services given by PPL and hope such gathering will help the library policy to be formulated in the country.

Chairperson of the conference Bhola Shrestha, President of NLA, said library development is lagging behind due to less attention of the government. Ninety percent of the government schools are running without libraries in Nepal, he pointed out. In the programme Dr. Madhusudhan Karki, first Doctorate degree holder in Nepal in Library and Information Science was also felicitated.

Senior educationist George John, Senior Volunteer of Japan Nobue Yamada, Nirmala Shrestha Chief of Library and Information Science Department of Tribhuvan University (TU), president of TU Library Science Students' Alumni Association Chet Bahadur Airy (Salman) were other speakers at the programme.

In the second session Dr. Karki presented working paper and Murari Binod Pokharel and Jujubhai Dangol commented the paper.

In the conference organised jointly by NLA and PPL 76 librarians from government and other institutions along with senior volunteer Nobue Yamada and her librarian friend of Japan Yukako Iwasaki and T. Denka, a librarian from Bhutan having attachment training at NNL participated.

On this occasion a book exhibition was organised at PPL.

## Education and Book Fair 2003

Dr. Swami Prapannacharya, member of Raj Parishad Standing Committee inaugurated a Education and Book Fair at Bhrikutimandap in Kathmandu on May 9, 2003.

The aim of the fair is to inform the people about the publication of books and educational activities of Nepal side by side to encourage the publication of books in Nepal.

The books published by more than 50 renowned publishers from Nepal, India, United Kingdom, United States and Russia were on display and on sale in the Fair.

The Fair organized by GEMS Pvt. Ltd. in cooperation with National Book Sellers and Publishers Association of Nepal concluded on 17<sup>th</sup> May, 2003.

## Annual Book Exhibition of Sajha Prakashan

Sajha Prakashan (a books publisher) organised a 12-day exhibition of its publications in Kathmandu on March 13, 2003.

In the exhibition books written by Laxmi Prasad Devkota, Balkrishna Sama, B.P. Koirala, Madav Ghimire and Parijat were sold greater in number.

The exhibition was organised in 26 places of the kingdom.

Sajha Prakashan is organising the exhibition every year in different places of the kingdom since 2029 B.S., the organisar said.





## New Libraries in the Kingdom

### Children's Libraries in Kathmandu, Myagdi

Mr. Devi Prasad Ojha, then Minister for Education and Sports inaugurated a library and entertainment hall for mentally challenged children here in Kathmandu on February 25, 2003 at a function.

Patan Rotary Club had provided a computer, books, sports goods and entertainment materials along with a bus to the institution. The institution has run well a secondary school at Naxal, Kathmandu for the deaf children.

Likewise, Balgyan Bhandar Pustakalaya established at Bal Jagriti Primary School, Pula Bagukhola in Myagdi district of western Nepal to develop the reading habit on children.

Nepal Bal Sangathan and Room to Read have given books as assistance to open the library.

### Nepal Art Council Opens Library

A library of Nepal Art Council (NAC) opened here on May 30, 2003. The library was jointly inaugurated by Indian Ambassador to Nepal Shyam Sharan and former Prime Minister and Chairman of NAC Kirtinidhi Bista. The library has more than 150 books on different subjects like music, dance, fiction, painting, sculpture, photography etc.

The library is established and furnished with the grant assistance of one million Nepali rupees of the government of India.

The general secretary of NAC said in future the library will be developed as a referral library of all kinds of arts. The library has put an end the condition of going elsewhere to the lovers of arts of Nepal in search of books related to arts.

### Karki, Pradhan Get Ph. D. Degree

Mr. Madhusudan Karki and Mohan Pradhan of Tribhuvan University Department of Library and Information Science obtained Ph. D. Degree in Library and Information Science from Indian university.

Lecturer Karki is the person to have this degree for the first time in Nepal. Nepal National Library congratulates both of them.

### Library Computerised

Madan Puraskar Library of Patan Dhoka, Lalitpur is collecting books printed in Nepali language since 50 years. Out of the total collection 19,125 books are computerised recently and can be searched in its website. This was disclosed by the chairman of the library Kamal Mani Dixit at a function held at Patan Dhoka on May 18, 2003. His new essay collection "Madan Gatha Uttar Ranakalin Parivesh" and rare photographs are also put in the website.

The readers can search the books from the title or authors of the books through its website [mpp.org.np](http://mpp.org.np)

### NNL Library Officer Receives Education Award

On the occasion of 28<sup>th</sup> Education Day Pashupati Nath Adhikari, Library Officer of Nepal National Library received Education Award of 2059 B.S.

The Award is given to the persons on the ground of their contributions in the field of education every year.

### TULSSAA Activities

**Certificates Distribution and General Assembly** - Ms Nirmala Shrestha, Chief of Library and Information Science Department of Tribhuvan University gave away certificates to the trainees of a 5-week, third level Library and Information Science (LIS) training conducted by TULSSAA.

The general assembly session elected new 11-member executive committee headed by Chet Bahadur Airy for two years.

**Level 3<sup>rd</sup> Library and Information Science Training** - TULSSAA has conduct a 3<sup>rd</sup> level LIS training from April 21, 2003. The individuals from different institutions have participated in the training.





## People and Events

### Seminar on IPRs, WIPO National Seminar on Copyright and Related Rights NNL Chief Attends

A seminar on "Intellectual Property Rights" organised here in Kathmandu on April 8, 2003.

Addressing the inaugural session of the seminar then Minister for Culture, Tourism and Civil Aviation Kuber Prasad Sharma said efficient legal mechanism was essential to protect Intellectual Property Rights of the creators. This mechanism would help to foreign investment in the country, he added.

President of National Intellectual Property Law Institute, USA, Prof. James P. Chandler said that India and China were exercising intellectual property rights including copyrights well. For a country like Nepal the effective implementation of the IPRs is a must for the economic growth.

The legal experts said the existing Patent and Trademark Act 1965 and new Copyright Act 2002 are not sufficient to protect IPRs of the individuals.

Earlier a two-day WIPO National Seminar on Enforcement of Copyright and Related Rights was held from 26-27 February 2003 in Kathmandu.

The seminar was inaugurated by then Minister for Culture, Tourism and Civil Aviation Kuber Prasad Sharma.

Presenting his paper on the enforcement provisions of the new Copyright Act of 2002 Dr. Ram Krishna Timilsina, joint secretary at the Supreme Court of Nepal, said that there was a need of making the proposed copyright regulations sound and compliant with all international conventions and treaties.

Senior counselor at the WIPO Ranjana Abeysekera, Secretary at the Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Civil Aviation, Mrs. R. B. Pradhan, Santosh Sharma, General Secretary of Copyright Protection Society of Nepal, Khadga Man Shrestha and Mitsue Dairaku, a national and professor of Law, at Hokuriku University of Japan spoke on the occasion.

NNL Chief Dasharath Thapa attended the seminar and gained experience and knowledge useful to NNL.

### Participation of NNL in National Seminar on CLCs in Nepal

Then Assistant Minister for Education and Sports Rabintra Khanal inaugurated a two-day workshop cum seminar on "Prospects and Challenges of Community Learning Centres (CLCs) for the promotion of Culture, religion and tradition of Nepal on April 21, 2003.

Chief of Nepal National Library Dasharath Thapa attended the inaugural session of the seminar.

Library Officer of NNL Pashupati N. Adhikari participated the other two-day's sessions.

Speaking in the inaugural session of the seminar then Minister Khanal stressed the need to promote the CLCs for the promotion of culture, religion and tradition of Nepal.

On the occasion Representative of Unesco for Nepal Yosiyaki Kitamura stressed to expand such CLCs established aiming to serve those children and adults who have not get opportunity to go school in all over the country.

Speaking at the seminar, Mr. Chuman Singh Basnet acting secretary at the Ministry of Education and Sports said CLCs should move forward to fulfil the set target of Education for All by 2015.

In course of implementation of the provision of the agreement reach between Unesco and Ministry of Education and Sports, Unesco will provide financial aid to open and run additional 10 CLCs and 40 sub-CLCs in two districts of Far Western Development Region. For this Unesco will donate 4,76,000 rupees.

Mr. Jaya Ram Giri, former secretary at the Ministry of Education and Sports and Rohit Pradhan a programme officer of NFEC presented papers in the seminar.

Now, 55 CLCs running in the country are imparting education and different income generating trainings to the community people who are deprived of learning any skill and having no basic education.





## Publications... Resources

**Nepal National Library: an introduction and first annual report 2059 (2002/03).** Kathmandu: Nepal National Library, 2003.

The annual report has two parts. First part comprises the introduction of the library. The second part carries the annual report containing the activities of the library performed in the year 2059 (2002/03).



It will be useful for other libraries, institutions and all those who want to know about the activities of this library.

The annual report will be published every year.

**TULSSAA: a journal of library and information science/** published by Tribhuvan University Library Science Students Alumni Association. – Kathmandu, 2002 Rs. 30.

This issue volume 2, No. 2 of the journal contains 9 articles and some quotations related to library science. The journal comprises interview of those senior personalities who were engaged in Nepal Library Association of 2010 B.S.

**Everest from the Air/** Written by Bed Upreti. – Kathmandu: Bed Upreti, 2003.

Captain Bed Upreti has written this book with photographs of Himalayan range taken by him from the cockpit. The book contains every thing about Mt. Everest. It contains the information about the peak and the precaution needed in climbing. It includes the information about the summiteers of the Everest.

The book describes the situation of the mountain and will be very useful to the climbers. It helps the tourism industry of Nepal positively in promotion. The book has published in English, Japanese and French languages. In near future the book will be published in Italian, Spanish and German languages, the publisher said.

## NNL Publishes Book-marks

Nepal National Library (NNL) has published 20 sets containing three thousand pieces of book-marks with the financial assistance of Japan International Cooperation Agency.

The book-marks of different colour and design have slogans related to library. It will help the readers for the short break in their continuous reading. Children will feel pleasure in using the mark and it will help to increase the reading habit on them.

## Documents of Regmi Library in Website

More than one thousand books (documents) of Dr. Dilliraman Regmi Kalyani Regmi Memorial Library are available in website. Readers can visit the website [www.drkrmlibrary.org](http://www.drkrmlibrary.org), the library sources informed recently.

Thirteen thousand books of the library is housed in three buildings built in one ropani and 10 aanas of land. A scholar and former minister Dr. Dilliraman Regmi made an agreement with the government on July 23, 1980 mentioning that the library would be handed over to the government after his demise. He passed away on August 30, 2001.

Education and Sports Ministry has provided 300 thousand rupees for the library each year.

## Mobilisation of Local Bodies to Build Library Building

A meeting was held recently by Trifala National Library (TNL) in Bhadrapur, Jhapa in the presence of Chief District Officer and District Education Officer of the same district to make efforts to have possible assistance to construct library building of TNL. Caritas Nepal has provided 100 thousand rupees to the library for this purpose.

According to the library sources resources from 3 Municipalities and 47 Village Development Committees and other institutions will be mobilized to construct the building of pagoda style. A local social worker Debendra Nemwang has donated 10 dhur of land to the library for the construction of the building.

Earlier with the support of Nepal National Library Lalitpur of Kathmandu Valley, Trifala National Library (TNL) Dhulabari, Jhapa organised a colloquium in January 2003 to develop the library in the country at its premises.





## News in Brief

### IT Conference

His Royal Highness Crown Prince Paras Bir Bikram Shah Dev inaugurated an international conference "Information Technology: Prospects and Challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century in Kathmandu on 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 2003.

About 200 IT experts, entrepreneurs and academicians participated the conference from more than nine countries of the world.

The aim of the conference was: to support the government's efforts of poverty alleviation, to facilitate and accomplish the services given by the government to the society, and to create a knowledge-based society in the country.

Altogether 123 papers were presented in the conference. Out of these 5 papers were from Nepal.

### Scientific Publications to be Accessed Soon

International Network for the Availability of Scientific Publications (INASP), a programme under the International Council of Science (ICS) has appointed Tribhuvan University Central Library (TUCL) as its coordinating institution in Nepal recently.

A Programme for Enhancement of Research Information (PERI) will provide free access to the Nepali scientists, researchers, scholars and students the scientific magazines and research publications for 2003–2005, TUCL Chief said.

The operations of PERI begins from July, 2003 and other libraries can buy its services through TUCL, the Chief added. The services of PERI costs 2.4 million a year for the libraries in Europe and America.

Now, DANIDA and DFID has supported INASP to implement PERI in Nepal.

### Books on Law Handed Over

Ambassador of the United States of America to Nepal Mikhail Malinoski and V.R. Stolingar attorney general of New York city hand over 50 boxes of books on American Law to the dean of Law Faculty of Tribhuvan University as a donation to law library.

### Tele Centres to Be Set-up to Implement NTRP

Under the pilot project "Information Communication Technology (ICTs) for Development" 15 tele centres will be set-up in 15 village development committees in nine districts of the country within next two years to give effect to National Tele Centre Roll Out Programme (NTRP).

The project manager of ICTs Adarsha Tuladhar said the objective of the project is to make the basis for NTRP to fulfill its target to setup 1,500 tele centres within the period of next four years. ICTs will provide information to the poor and economically deprived people of the society, he added.

He said the tele centres will inform the people about the education (distant learning), agriculture, health (outbreak of epidemic), environment and natural calamity and economic activities.

The Ministry of Science and Technology is implementing the project funded by United Nations Development Programme.

### Forthcoming Conference

**IASL Conference** - 32nd International Association of School Librarianship (IASL) Conference will be organised from July 7 - 11, 2003, in Durban, South Africa. The Theme of the conference is "School Libraries: Breaking Down Barriers". For more information visit website: [www.iasl-slo.org/conference2003-call.html](http://www.iasl-slo.org/conference2003-call.html)

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