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Welcome of Secretary Mr. Gopinath Mainali

Mr. Gopinath Mainali joined Ministry of Education, Science and Technology (MoEST) as Secretary on 21st September, 2020. He was transferred from Financial Comptroller General Office to the MoEST by the decision of Government of Nepal dated 14th September, 2020. On 21st September 2020, welcome program was organized at MoEST to welcome secretary Mr. Mainali. In the event, Joint secretary (Administration Division) Mr. Yubraj Subedi delivered the welcome speech on behalf of MoEST and employees of MoEST.

Secretary Mainali highlighted on the essential role of all divisions and sections



on achievement oriented administration from the team work. In his speech secretary Mr. Mainali thanked all the employees of MoEST for organizing welcome program.

Appeal

The building that housed Nepal National Library at Hariharbhawan, Lalitpur was damaged and marked with red sticker after 2015 Gorkha earthquake. As the building was found to be unsuitable for library operations, effort to get own land to construct building began once again. After long exercise and continuous struggle of library professionals finally, the dream came true with the decision of Council of Ministers dated 14th September, 2018 which allocated land for constructing new NNL building at Jamal, Kathmandu. After owning the land ownership certificate of land at Jamal, NNL proceeded and completed many essential preliminaries for constructing modern library building representing arts, culture and architecture of Nepal. Unfortunately, after reaching last phase (e tendering) to construct the library building, Council of Ministers decided not to continue any activities for library building on 20th July, 2020. Many organization and stakeholders requested government

to withdraw the decision through social media and various other print and online medias. Similarly, a group of renowned 59 intellectual groups appealed to Right Honorable Prime Minister and Council of Ministers to clear the path to continue the construction of previously decided library building. The original translated appeal is as follows:

Libraries and museums are prominent place where the glorious saga of history are preserved and conserved. Most of the countries of the world have recognized such bodies as the guardians of civilization and culture as institutions of national interest. Unfortunately, the fact that the Nepal National Library, established in 2013 B.S., does not have its own building which can be taken as proof that the state has not paid enough attention to the protection and promotion of such institutions in Nepal. Harihar Bhawan, which inhabited library for very long, got collapsed after the 2015 earthquake

however, the important documents has been preserved with the special interest of the Right Honorable Prime Minister that important documents including books should not be stored in a closed room for a long time. The people of the country expressed their gratitude to the Right Honorable Prime Minister for receiving the news that it has reached the final stage to build the 21st century library building as the Government of Nepal provided almost 8-ropani land at Jamal to the Nepal National Library with Land ownership certificate through the decision of Council of Ministers on 14th September, 2018. Though the drawing design, detailed project report, initial environmental examination, drawing design approval and dismantling of old buildings at Jamal were completed the meeting of the Council of Ministers dated 20th July, 2020 decided not to construct the library building. In response to the news, various sections of the civil society have demanded Prime Minister to

rectify the decision to suspend the construction of the library building and we intellectuals heartily appeal to pave the way for the construction of the library building, which is the pride of the country.

We are concerned about the government's earlier decision to suspend the construction of the Nepal National Library and have raised suspicion to the negative attitude of the government towards intellectual activity and development. We believe that this has had a negative impact on the public as well. Therefore, it is very important to correct it. For the national identity of Nepal, it is appropriate to build the Nepal National Library at Jamal as most of the countries have national library buildings in the middle of the city. Jamal the heart of the capital is good with transport facilities and is easily accessible to children, elderly, women and specially abled. Such a place in Tundikhel, Ratna Park, which can kill even a moment's tiredness, is very good for the Nepal National Library. Even if a comprehensive Tundikhel plan is made, the construction of a Nepal National Library here will make that plan more dignified. We also strongly appeal to the Right Honorable Prime Minister and the entire Council of Ministers to decide immediately to expedite all the remaining work activities to start the construction of the Nepal National Library at Jamal as there are more than 50 educational institutions around the place and the library is essential for all educational institutions.

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- ☛ Honorable Minister, Ministry of Education, Science and Technology, Singha Durbar, Kathmandu
- ☛ Honorable Chairman, Education and Health Committee, Federal Parliament Secretariat, Singha Durbar, Kathmandu
- ☛ Mr. Secretary, Ministry of Education, Science and Technology, Singha Durbar, Kathmandu
- ☛ Mr. Chief Executive Officer, National Reconstruction Authority, Singha Durbar, Kathmandu.

Appellants:

1. Prof. Dr. Arjun Karki
2. Ms. Anjana Shakya
3. Dr. Aruna Upreti
4. Mr. Ashesh Malla
5. Prof. Krishna Khanal
6. Prof. Kedarbhakta Mathema
7. Prof. Dr. Govindaraj Bhattarai
8. Ms. Ganga Kasaju
9. Prof. Dr. Chudamani Bandhu
10. Dr. Chaitanya Mishra
11. Dr. Jayaraj Acharya
12. Prof. Dr. Jiban Shrestha
13. Dr. Tulshi Prasad Bhattarai
14. Mr. Tejprakash Shrestha
15. Mr. Dinesh Hari Adhikari
16. Mr. Dipendra Chaulagain
17. Mr. Dipendra Bahadur Chhetri
18. Mr. Dilbhusan Pathak
19. Dr. Dwarikanath Dhungel
20. Prof. Dr. Dhruba Ghimire

21. Mr. Naresh Koirala
22. Mr. Ninu Chapagain
23. Prof. Dr. Nirmalman Tuladhar
24. Dr. Pitambar Sharma
25. Mr. Prakash A Raj
26. Mr. Pramod Pradhan
27. Priti Raman
28. Mr. Balram Sapkota
29. Mr. Basanta Basnet
30. Dr. Bimal Prasad Koirala
31. Mr. Bimal Niva
32. Mr. Bishnubibhu Ghimire
33. Dr. Bharat Pradhan
34. Prof. Dr. Mathura Prasad Shrestha
35. Mr. Manish Jha
36. Mr. Matrika Pokherel
37. Dr. Mahesh Maske
38. Prof. Dr. Yubaraj Sangraula
39. Mr. Rabindra Puri
40. Mr. Lav Mainali
41. Mr. Likhat Pandey
42. Prof. Dr. Sharad Raj Wonta
43. Ms. Shantalaxmi Shrestha
44. Ms. Shushila Karki
45. Ms. Shushila Shrestha
46. Ms. Sneha Sayami
47. Dr. Shankar Sharma
48. Mr. Shyam Shrestha
49. Mr. Satyamohan Joshi
50. Ms. Saloni Pradhan Singh
51. Mr. Sunil Manandhar
52. Mr. Sureshdhoj Shrestha
53. Mr. Sworup Raj Bhandari
54. Ms. Swostika Shrestha
55. Mr. Swagat Nepal
56. Mr. Harigovinda Luitel
57. Mr. Hari Roka
58. Mr. Hari Sharma
59. Mr. Hariram Joshi

On the behalf of intellectual, by Bholanath Sharma Lamsal.

ISBN Collection Database Being Created

TUCL has started creating an International Standard Book Number (ISBN) database of the books received from the writers/publishers as repository collection. The library has been maintaining 'ISBN repository collection' in which two copies of each newly published title are collected and maintained as ISBN collection for this purpose. To create the ISBN collection database since November 2019, ten professional librarians have been deployed for cataloguing, data-entry and other necessary procedures. There are more than fifty thousand books in this collection.

13th Library Day Celebrated

Library day is organized as a day for celebrating libraries, highlighting their importance in today's society. The 13th library day was celebrated on 31st August, 2020 (15th Bhadra, 2077 BS) conducting various online programs due to the pandemic situations of COVID-19. Library day is celebrated throughout the country since 31st August, 2008 (15th Bhadra, 2065 BS) to mark the historical day (establishment of Nepal's first library when decree was promulgated on 15th Bhadra, 1869 BS by then His Majesty King Giribanyuddha Bir Bikram Shah). The main objectives of the celebration are to promote reading habit, foster interest in library use, build knowledge based society, develop habit of using library in teaching-learning process, raise the public awareness on need and importance of library, encourage the establishment of public and community library at local level, help government to formulate various rules and regulations for sustainable functioning of library and library service with international standard, initiate construction and reconstruction of libraries damaged by earthquake and to promote and advocate role and importance of all kinds of libraries, academic institutions and stakeholders.

For preparation and planning for library day celebration, various online meetings were conducted where library lovers participated from countries and abroad. A ministerial level decision formed the main organizing committee under the convenership of Mr. Sanjay Sharma, Secretary of Ministry of Education, Science and Technology (MoEST) for the library day celebration; Mr. Yadab Chandra Niraula, Under Secretary of Library Coordination and Documentation Section of MoEST was the Member Secretary and Nepal National Library, various libraries, library associations, NGOs, INGOs were members of the committee. The meeting selected the theme "Library for Social Transformation" (समाज रुपान्तरणको लागि पुस्तकालय) from suggested themes for this year. Due to the outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic, only few subcommittees were formed to help and coordinate the main committee.

Publication Subcommittee

Mr. Yadab Chandra Niraula, Under Secretary of Library Coordination and Documentation Section, MoEST and Member-Secretary of Main Organizing Committee was Coordinator. Mr. I.P. Adhikari, Former Chief Librarian of TUCL; Mr. Rajendra Neupane, Librarian of Army Command & Staff College; Ms. Chandra Kiran Shrestha, Senior Program Officer of Resource Centre for Primary Health Care and Mr. Prabeen Poudel, Director of Madan Puraskar Pustakalaya were the members.

Facilitation and Prize Distribution Subcommittee

Mr. Deepak Sharma, joint secretary of Chief of School Education Division, MoEST and Vice-President of Main Organizing Committee was Coordinator for this subcommittee. Likewise, Ms. Lila Nyaichai, Lecturer of Central Department of Library and Information Science and Mr. Bhola Nath Sharma, Founder Member of Nepal Community Library Association were the members of this

subcommittee.

The MoEST and Ministry of Federal Affairs & General Administration (MoFAGA) requested all 77 Education Development and Coordination Unit and 753 local units to celebrate library day by organizing various activities. Various educational and creative programs were organized for celebration of 13th Library day at various online platforms due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Library Day Celebrated Inside the Kathmandu Valley

- Nepal National Library, Lalitpur and Jugal English Medium School (JEMS), Kathmandu jointly organized interschool online conversation competition.
- Nepal Library Association conducted book review program on "Taraṅgakā tareliharū" (तरङ्गका तरेलीहरु)
- Tribhuvan University Library Science Students' Alumni Association organized discussion program on "Effect of Library day".
- The Nepalese Association of School Librarians (NASL) conducted "Importance of School Library in Teaching-Learning process and Role of Stakeholders."
- Kaiser Library, Kathmandu, conducted a webinar on "Library Service and Protocols : A COVID-19 Context".
- Resource Centre for Primary Health Care (RECPHEC) conducted interaction program on "Traditional/ Ayurveda Health System and Home Remedies in the context of COVID-19"
- Nepal Library and Information Consortium (NeLIC) organized a literary program.
- Central Department of Library and Information Science organized a orientation program on "Global Online Courses for Librarians "
- Nepal Open University conducted a program on "Library and Information Education in Open and Distance Mode".
- READ Nepal organized a discussion program on "Role of Community Library to Transform the Community".

Library Day Celebrated Outside the Kathmandu Valley

- American Corner, Pokhara organized international discussion program on "Celebrating American Spaces and Public Libraries".
- Pokhara Public Library and American Corner, Pokhara jointly organized inter school poem recitation program.
- Chitwan Library Association conducted discussion program on "Library for Community Transformation".
- Mechi Campus, Bhadrapur, Jhapa greeted the day by lighting lamps.
- Moti Public Library conducted radio discussion and honor program

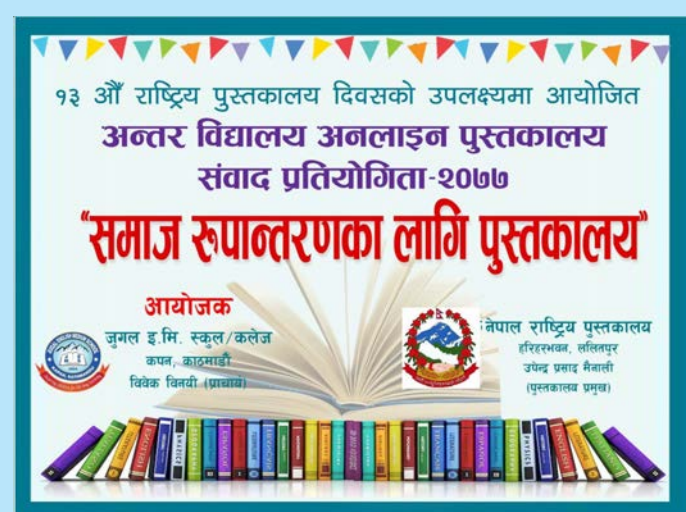


Library day Main Organizing Committee organized concluding ceremony on 31st August, 2020 through Zoom. Mr. Sanjay Sharma, Secretary of Ministry of Education, Science and Technology (MoEST) chaired the program and the chief guest of the program was Honorable Mr. Giriraj Mani Pokhrel, Minister of MoEST. Vice-President of Main Organizing Committee, Mr. Sharma delivered the welcome speech. Founder President of Nepal Library Association, Mr. Murari Binod Pokhrel was awarded with Library Reformer Award. Likewise, Ms. Chandra Kiran Shrestha, Senior Program Officer of Resource Centre for Primary Health Care, Trifala Rastriya Pustakalaya, Jhapa and Ms. Sugisma Kandel, Nuwakot were awarded with Best Librarian Award, Best Library Award and Best Reader Award respectively. The souvenir of 13th Library day 2020 was also released.

Master of Ceremony for the event was Mr. Yadab Chandra Niraula. Honorable Minister highlighted on the government interest on establishment and reconstruction of public library and national library. He further added that the recent decision of Council of Minister not to continue the construction of new building of Nepal National Library may affect all related stakeholders. He assured that the government will clear the obstructed path for construction. He also showed keen interest on formulating the essentials laws and legislations for sustainable development of libraries. Secretary of MoEST, Mr. Sharma stressed on recent status of schools, college and universities which are closed due to the pandemic and the students are unable to read their textbooks and other reference materials. He further added that the libraries should play vital role through their effective services (Digital/Electronic/Online). The Ex-Minister Mr. Ganesh Shah, Mr. Murari Binod Pokhrel, Ms. Chandra Kiran Shrestha, Ms. Indira Dali were the speakers of the program.

Online Dialogue Competition

Nepal National Library (NNL), Lalitpur and Jugal English Medium School (JEMS), Kathmandu jointly organized interschool online dialogue competition on library on 30th August, 2020 at Zoom platform. The main objectives of the program are to create awareness on library and to enhance the self-study. Mr. Dor Mani Acharya, President of School Management Committee, JEMS, chaired the program. Mr. Sanjay Sharma, Secretary of Ministry of Education, Science and Technology (MoEST) was the chief guest whereas ex.Secretary Mr. Dinesh Hari Adhikari, Joint secretary Mr. Deepak Sharma were special guests & Thakin Kumar Gurung, President of PABSON, Bagmati Province; Mr. Upendra Prasad Mainali, Chief Librarian of NNL; Ms. Indira Dali, Library Advocator were the guests. Dr. Namrata Pandey and Dr. Bishnu K. C. were the panel of judges. Hundreds of participants participated in the program. They were students, teachers, principals from different schools and colleges, educationalists,



library professionals, library lovers and so on. Twenty competitors (Students) participated for the competition from Kathmandu valley. For each competitor two different questions were given on the spot on the topics of library and they should answer it within 5 minutes. Ms. Supriya Chalise from Gokarneshwor Light Academy, Ms. Smarika Dahal from Pioneer Public School, Mr. Arpan Nepal from The Celebration Co-Ed School and Mr. Pasang Thikpa from Baluddar Secondary School obtained the first, second, third and fourth position respectively. During the program, JEMS also demonstrated the old cultural program videos.



Nepal National Library day Observed

Nepal National Library celebrated its 63rd anniversary amidst a decent demonstration of proposed building interior and exterior design on 3rd January 2020. Library professionals and library lovers participated and

suggested on the proposed building. Likewise, sanitation and cleanliness program was held on 4th January, 2020 in library premises in active participation of all employees of library.

CNKI Team Visit to Nepal National Library

After the personal visit of Mr. Upendra Prasad Mainali, Chief of Nepal National Library with Elin Tang, General Manager of Global Public Service Business Unit, International Publishing and Distribution Company, Tongfang Knowledge Network Tech. Co., Ltd (Beijing) – CNKI, in China, Nepal National Library and CNKI were in continuous touch through emails for helping on digitizing NNL collection. As a result, the CNKI team proposed to visit Nepal and NNL team. Three members from the CNKI team visited Nepal National Library on 18th December, 2019. Members in the visiting team were Wang Changzheng, Deputy General Manager of Sanxi Tongfang Knowledge Network Digital Publishing Co., Ltd. (Taiyuan); Elin Tang, General Manager of Global Public Service Business Unit, Tongfang Knowledge Network Tech. Co., Ltd (Beijing)-CNKI; and Caroline Zhou, General Manager of Global Government and Research Institute Unit, Tongfang Knowledge Network Tech. Co., Ltd (Beijing) – CNKI. Next day on 19th December, 2019 the CNKI team and NNL team including Mr. Upendra Prasad Mainali, Mr. Basanta Raj Pantha and Ms. Anju Shakya had appointment with Secretary of MoEST Mr Mahesh Prasad Dahal. The meeting focused on the process of digitization and its fruitfulness. Mr. Wang highlighted on the phases of the digitization where firstly, the information materials are identified and they are digitized. Later, the platform for the digitized e-resources is built to disseminate the knowledge to public. He further emphasized on the need of digitization as the NNL holds very unique and important documents which are not in good condition after earthquake that needs quick and proper attention. CNKI is the knowledge infrastructure and works in publishing and disseminating information. The cooperation between CNKI and Nepal National Library would be very meaningful he added. Mr. Mainali and Mr. Pantha facilitated Mr Dahal to understand the background of growing collaboration between CNKI and NNL. Mr. Dahal supported the project with few suggestions.



Kathmandu Valley Public Library Marks 16th Anniversary

Kathmandu Valley Public Library (KVPL) celebrated its 16th anniversary on 3rd October, 2019. The chief guest for the program was President of KVPL Mr. Narayan Khadka. Similarly, Mr. Ganesh Shah, former minister and member of executive committee of library; Mr. Yadab Chandra Niraula, Under Secretary of Library Coordination and Documentation Section, Ministry of Education, Science and Technology (MoEST); Mr. Upendra Prasad Mainali, Chief Librarian of Nepal National Library; Mr. Dashrath Mishra, Chief Librarian of Kaiser Library; Ms. Indira Dali, President of Dilliraman Kalyani Regmi Memorial Library and Mr. Bal Bahadur Balayar, former member of parliament were the guests.



Mr. Khadka emphasized on the visit of almost all former and existing Prime Ministers' in the library and his continuous request for a piece of land for the library with the government since long however, unfortunately they never succeeded. He was anxious on the problems faced by the library due to the lack of library's own land and

building. Mr. Shah likewise stressed on recent status of library and its activities. Similarly, Mr. Niraula highlighted on role of government in the operation and management of public libraries and importance of it. In the event, certificates were distributed to the trainees of 3 months basic library management training and life time member of the library and former Ambassador Prof. Dr. Mohanraj Lohani was honored.

Celebration of National Peace Day

DKRML celebrated National Peace Day and 107th birth anniversary of late Dr. Dilliraman Regmi in a splendid way on 19th December, 2019. President of DKRML Development Board Ms. Indira Dali chaired the program where Culture Expert and Archaeologist Mr. Hariram Joshi was chief guest. Likewise, Chancellor of Nepal Academy of Fine Arts Mr. KK Karmacharya; Joint Secretary of Ministry of Education, Science and Technology Mr. Krishna Prasad Kapri; Former President of DKRML Development Board Mr. Bishnuhari Nepal and Mr. Tulashi Prasad Bhattarai were the guest. Chief Librarian Mr. Bhola Kumar Shrestha delivered the welcome speech and chief guest Mr. Joshi inaugurated the program by lighting the peace lamp. On the same occasion Mr. Joshi highlighted on the late Dr.



Regmi's lifetime contribution on peace, truth and non-violence. The speakers of the program highlighted on the Regmi's personality and his contribution. Master of ceremony was Mr. Yadab Chandra Niraula, Under Secretary of MoEST. Ms.

Dali thanked all the participants and hoped for the support to development and extension of libraries in future as well. On same occasion, blood donation program was also conducted where 25 donors donated the blood.



Dr Dilliraman Regmi National and International Peace Award

DKRML organized award ceremony on 13th July, 2020. President of DKRML Development Board, Ms. Indira Dali chaired the program whereas Honorable Minister for Ministry of Education, Science and Technology (MoEST), Mr. Giriraj Mani Pokhrel was the chief guest. DKRML Development Board honored Mr. Mahabir Pun with 'Dr Dilliraman Regmi National Peace Award-2076' for his regular contribution on research, innovation and information technology to make prosperous Nepal by establishing National Innovation Center Nepal. Likewise Dr. Antonia "Toni" Neubauer, Founder of READ Nepal and READ Global was

awarded with 'Dr Dilliraman Regmi International Peace Award-2076' for her contribution on establishment of community libraries in Nepal and other countries and for social, economic, educational and cultural development with the help of promotion of tourism. Mr. Chinkaji Shrestha, READ Nepal, took the awards on behalf of Dr. Neubauer.

Mr. Pun stressed that we can make prosperous Nepal by allocating at least 1% government budget to research and innovation. He further emphasized that concentration of local government for research and innovation is most essential

for its development. Dr. Neubauer memorized the establishment of READ Nepal on 1991 AD and thanked the organizer for evaluation of her work. She further added that information and knowledge in each citizen is essential to strengthen the democracy.

Honorable Minister congratulated the award winners. He further added that the construction of Nepal National Library will re-start soon by stone laying ceremony. Ms. Dali also congratulated the award winners and highlighted on their contributions

Dilliraman-Kalyani Regmi Memorial Library (DKRML)

Discussion Program on Uses and Needs of Electronic Study Materials

DKRML and The Asia Foundation jointly conducted a discussion program on 'Uses and needs of electronic study materials' on 30th September, 2019. More than 50 schools and public libraries participated on the program. Chief Administrator of The Asia Foundation and Books for Asia, Ms. Samira Shrestha intensified the use and needs of 'Let's Read' where the electronic materials can be found. Let's Read is the platform for Books for Asia. Similarly, Mr. Netra Ghimire from Open Learning Exchange Nepal (OLE Nepal) highlighted on OLE Nepal's E-pustakalya (e-library portal). He stated that study materials which are specially focused on the community schools can be downloaded free of cost from the portal. He further stressed that the E-pustakalya can be used without internet with the help of supportive devices. In the event The Asia Foundation distributed their publications to schools and libraries.

Orientations of New Students

As in the previous years, TUCL conducted User Education Programme ('Library Orientation') for the new students of Ph.D. and Master's degree enrolled in the Central Departments of T.U. Kirtipur under Humanities and Social Sciences. In this academic year 2019, three groups of Ph.D. students and 1st semester students of Master's degree in Library and Information Science (MLIS) were imparted user education on library resources and making the effective use of it. The programs were held on 16th December, 2019, for MLIS and 10th January & 23rd February, 2020 for Ph.D. students. The program could not be continued for students of other department due to the outbreak of COVID-19 and immediate lockdowns thereafter.



China Polytechnic University's Chancellor visits TUCL



The Chancellor of Henan Polytechnic University, Henan, China Prof. Dr. Zou Youfeng, along with other officials and professors paid an official visit to TUCL on the 27th December, 2019. Chief of TUCL, Mr. Adhikari briefed the

Chancellor about the library's collection, services and took the Chancellors delegation to the various sections of the library and had a short meeting in the seminar hall. Chancellor Dr. Zou Youfeng was led and escorted to the library by Prof. Dr. Bhupa Pd. Dhamala, the Director of International Relations Centre, Tribhuvan University, Kirtipur.

Visit by German Prof. Dr. Michael and Dr. Biddle

On 9th February, 2020, the Director of Centre for the Study of Manuscript Cultures (CSMC), University of Hamburg, Germany Prof. Dr. Michael Friedrich paid a visit to TUCL. On his visit, Prof. Dr. Michael took keen interest in the collection of old manuscripts preserved in the library. On the occasion, Chief Librarian Mr. I.P. Adhikari took Prof. Dr. Michael to various sections of the library. Dr. Michael apprised him about the contents, languages and varieties of the manuscripts kept in the library. After the meeting Dr. Michael was escorted to T.U. International Relations Centre by Mr. Adhikari to



have a meeting with the Director of the Centre Prof. Bhupa Pd. Dhamala, where they talked about the possibilities of having a project to conserve and preserve the manuscripts of TU Central Library. Similarly, on 19th February Dr. Michael Biddle, a preservation specialist working in the same German University paid an inspection visit to the Central Library and had talks with Mr. Adhikari. On both occasions, the visitors were accompanied by Dr. Bidur Bhattarai, Research Associate of CSMC.

TUCL's New Building Design Improved and Approved

Tribhuvan University has approved the final design of TUCL's new building as submitted by The National Reconstruction Authority, GoN. A letter of approval was sent to the authority on 26th January, 2020. The building design was drawn after several meetings and consultations of the senior officials/architects of the authority with the then Registrar of T.U. Prof. DilliRam Uprety and the Chief Librarian Mr. I.P. Adhikari. It is now three storied building with necessary provisions and amenities inside it as per the modern library trend in the world. The construction of the new library building is likely to be started by the end of 2020.



Digital Library Wall Installed

TUCL got its first ever Digital Library board installed on one of its walls near the entrance door of the library in collaboration with the British Council Nepal. The installation was completed on 23rd February, 2020. The digital wall consists of active QR codes along with high speed Wi-Fi system and two I-pads to access the databases provided by the British Council. A set of furniture (computer table and stools) was also provided along with the necessary equipment. The digital library wall will allow the library members to access international databases consisting of thousands of world famous e-magazines, e-journals and e-books through the I-Pads, laptops and mobile phones. Earlier on 12th September, 2019, MoU was signed by the Chief Librarian Mr. I.P. Adhikari, on behalf of the library and by Dr. Jovan Ilic, Country Director British Council Nepal on behalf of the British Council to establish a Digital Library Wall at TUCL. All these facilities from the digital wall will be provided free of cost and no expenses shall have to be borne by TUCL and its users. Handover ceremony of the digital wall got postponed due to COVID-19 pandemic induced lockdowns.





AGM of Nepal Library Foundation

Nepal Library Foundation (NLF) conducted its 6th annual general meeting on 29th November, 2019. The main objective of the NLF is to develop and extend e-library. The program was inaugurated lighting the ceremonial lamp by the chief guests Mr Kapildev Thapa, President of NLF and Founder President of NLF Mr. Naresh Koirala. Province Assembly Member of Bagmati and Vice-President of NLF Mr. Maniram Phuyal delivered the welcome speech. Similarly, Advisor of NLF and President of Dilliraman-Kalyani Regmi Memorial Library Ms. Indira Dali, Mr. Bholanath Sharma and Mr. Gangaram Kandel spread lights on status of library and reading culture in Nepal. Likewise, Secretary General of NLF Mr. Dhankumar Shrestha presented annual progress report and upcoming programs. On behalf of the Treasurer Mr. Shrestha presented an economic report as well and the presented reports were passed unanimously. The meeting also passed the proposal on construction of offline electronic library coordinating with Library Development Forum. The meeting also passed the proposal on construction of online electronic library coordinating with Library Development Forum. The meeting also nominated country coordinator for different countries which are listed below:

S.N.	Name	Country/Continent
1	Shivaji Shrestha	Europe
2	Chhabilal B.K.	Bahrain
3	Thamkumar Giri	Qatar
4	Raju K.C.	UAE
5	Dinesh Baniya	Spain
6	Babukaji Oli	Ireland
7	Khemprasad Sapkota	Holland
8	Ramhari Ghimire	Belgium
9	Govinda Sapkota	Portugal
10	Sunesh Khatri Kshetri	South Korea
11	Suk Ghale	New Zealand
12	Hari Ramjali	Australia
13	Maheshwor Risal	Japan
14	Om Chhetri	Canada
15	Purna B.K. Pahadi	Oman
16	Prem Biswakarma	Kuwait
17	Tilak Pun Magar	Saudi Arab
18	Indra LG Thapa Magar	Hongkong
19	Ram Chhetri	UK
20	Gopal Biswakarma	USA
21	Bhimlal Sharma	Malaysia

MoU with CSMC, Germany for Manuscript Preservation



TUCL has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the University of Hamburg, Centre for the Study of Manuscript Cultures (CSMC), Germany on 4th March, 2020. The purpose of this MoU is to establish an academic collaboration for the preservation and conservation of the manuscript collection held by TUCL in order to protect them from man-made and other natural disasters. The MoU was signed by the Chief Librarian Mr. I.P. Adhikari on behalf of TUCL and Research Associate of CSMC Dr. Bidur Bhattarai on behalf of CSMC.



Retirement and New Appointment of TUCL Chief

Chief Librarian of TUCL Mr. I.P. Adhikari got retirement on the 4th May, 2020. Mr. Adhikari served TUCL as its chief for the last 3 years (June 2017-May 2020) and 36 years in total as a professional librarian at various colleges. Mr. Adhikari has written 2 books on Library management, 1 CTEVT training manual, 17 books for children and more than 110 articles on his subject of expertise. Similarly, Mr. Purna Lal Shrestha, Associate Librarian of TUCL got appointment as the new Chief of TUCL on the following day of Mr. Adhikari's retirement. A grand program was organized in honor of the both.

Online ISBN Service Launched

TUCL has succeeded in making the library has been working for the by assigning the job to a software

Due to the vast number of data than previously expected. The service on 9th July, 2020. Rectorb the online ISBN distribution service a forthcoming new book entitled Education'. On the occasion, Rector International Relations Centre President of Nepal Booksellers' and Likhat Pandey and former chiefs of TUCL Mr. I.P. Adhikari and Mr. Janardan Dhungana spoke about the significance of online ISBN registration in the present context. Finally, TUCL chief Mr. Purna Lal Shrestha shed light on the procedure of online ISBN system and thanked all the guests of the program. Mr. Bijay Sharma, a library officer of TUCL, facilitated the program.



ISSN registration service online. The last one and half year to this effort engineer to make it happen.

to be managed, it took much time Rector of T.U. launched the online Prof. Dr. Shiva Lal Bhusal initiated by allocating an ISBN number to 'A Text Book of Higher Secondary Prof. Dr. Bhusal, Director of T.U. Prof. Dr. Bhupa Prasad Dhamala, Publishers' Association (NBPAN) Mr.

Research Centre for Primary Health Care (RECPHEC) Virtual Training workshop on Research4Life (R4L)

RECPHEC organized 2 days training titled “Virtual Training Workshop on Research4Life” on 18-19 September 2020. The objectives of the training were to build up capacity, searching skills and enhance knowledge. Total 17 participants were participated in the program including Ayurveda medical registrar /doctors, intern, medical students. Due to time constraint of trainees, the organizer

Open University and Ms. Chandra Kiran Shrestha, Senior Program Officer, RECPHEC and Coordinator of the Program.

The Objectives/goals of Research4Life (R4L) :

1. To connect developing world researchers with the international scientific community

Mr. Shanta Lal Mulmi, Executive Director of RECPHEC welcomed all participants and resource person and highlighted the objectives of the training. He expressed the role of information, importance of digital library and added that searching technique skills is essential in this super high way of information era otherwise we will be lost. After the opening remarks Ms. Chandra Kiran Shrestha, Senior Program Officer, RECPHEC facilitated the training for 2 days. The sessions were conducted with practical in an interactive way.

At the end, 3 trainees gave their feedbacks and expressed that the program was wonderful. Similarly, Ms. Gita Thapa and Mr. Jagdish Aryal also expressed their views that they were very impressed with the program, trainees were very enthusiastic to learn and they really enjoyed sharing their knowledge.

The Chairperson of RECPHEC Prof. Dr. Sharad Raj Onta concluded the training program. As requested by trainees he gave a special lecture on literature search and fitting it for their research, research modality along with public health perspective.



only focused on health literature: HINARI searching, via different databases, reference management (refer schedule). The training was conducted by Ms. Gita Thapa Giri, Former Associate Librarian, Maharagunj Nursing Campus; Mr. Jagdish Aryal, Chief Librarian, Social Science Baha and Lecturer of Nepal

2. To reduce the ‘publishing gap’ and improve the quality of locally produced articles and journals
3. Ultimately – improve health, food security environment, and development in relation to U.N.’s 2015 – 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)

Zoom Meetings Held

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic and the subsequent lockdowns imposed by the Government, the library members as well as other stakeholders were in desperate need of current relevant information regarding the library service. Keeping this in view, TUCL arranged a virtual meeting on Zoom platform on the 2nd May, 2020. This second online meeting was arranged by TUCL for the executive members of National Booksellers and Publishers Association Nepal (NBPAN) to discuss about the current situation of ISBN service and future plans. The Chief of

TUCL Mr. I.P. Adhikari apprised the NBPAN members for all progress being made by the library regarding obtaining ISBN numbers online for the convenience of authors and their publishers. TUCL, president of NeLIC (Nepal Library and Information Consortium), held a zoom online meeting on 24th April, 2020 to discuss the NeLIC's subscribed databases, new members, free databases that might be provided by some international organizations etc., other issues and the possible ways to move forward for the progress of NeLIC and its member organizations.

Online Interaction program on "Traditional/Ayurveda Health System and Home Remedies in the Context of COVID-19"

Considering COVID-19 pandemic RECPHEC organized an "Interaction program on traditional/ ayurveda health system and home remedies in the context of COVID-19" on 5th September, 2020 in association with 13th Library day 2020 Main Organizing Committee, Ministry of Education, Science and Technology (MoEST) and technical support of Nepal Research and Education Network (NREN). Firstly, Ms. Chandra Kiran Shrestha, Senior Program Officer, RECPHEC started program giving brief information of RECPHEC solidarity of library days and the problem created by COVID-19. She welcomed all participants, senior experts, Senior/Librarian, Library activists/lovers and different stakeholders and resource persons. A total of 104 participants joined the interaction program through zoom. She highlighted the objectives of the program. The main objectives of the program were:

1. to gain knowledge and preventive method using Ayurveda and indigenous health system
2. to know the situation of COVID-19, treatment and health service management
3. using traditional discipline, diet and spices to enhance immunity system

The papers were presented by Senior Ayurveda doctors and Indigenous Health Practitioners in different five topics as :

1. Contribution from Ayurveda sector in management and prevention in COVID-19; a situation of Nepal by Dr. Nirmal Bhusal.
2. Role of Ayurveda with the lens of public health sector by Dr. Prakash Gyawali.
3. Importance of traditional diet

**Prevent and Combat Corona Virus Through
Traditional/Ayurveda System & Home Remedies**

Hear from the experts

<p>Dr. Sarita Shrestha</p> <p>Dr. Prakash Gyawali</p> <p>Dr. Buddhi P Paudel</p>	<p>Dr. Nirmal Bhusal</p> <p>Mr. Sumir K Rimal</p> <p>Mr. Manjib Shakya</p>	<p>Moderator Ms. Chandra Kiran Shrestha</p>
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Virtual interaction program on the occasion of 13th Library Day 2020

Date: Bhadra 20, 2077, Saturday (September 5, 2020)	Time: 2 pm (Nepali time)	Zoom meeting ID: 634 2048 6054 Password: 791243
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and spices to maintain and resume health by Dr. Sarita Shrestha

4. Traditional practice and its role to prevent COVID-19 in community by Mr. Sumir K. Rimal and Mr. Manjib Shakya.
5. Ayurveda approach to enhance immunity to prevent COVID-19 by Dr Buddhi P Paudel.

After the presentation, the floor was opened for questions and presenters responded the questions. Many participants expressed that the program was worthwhile in this COVID-19 pandemic situation and the information provided are very useful in their daily lives. On behalf of all librarian Ms. Indira Dali, Library Expert and Chairperson of Dilliraman Kalyani Regmi Memorial Library Development Board and Mr. Yadab Chandra Niraula, Chief of Library Coordination and Documentation Section, MoEST and Member Secretary of 13th library day 2020, organizing main committee gave their opinion that this program was very timely and very essential in this fatal time. Executive Director of RECPHEC Mr. Shanta Lal Mulmi concluded the program expressing that this program gave some

orientation to people to prevent COVID-19 and provided information on home remedies. He thanked all participants and acknowledged resource persons for providing their precious time.

Similarly, RECPHEC organized extension program on traditional/ ayurveda health system and home remedies in the context of COVID-19 on 26th September, 2020 as Webinar on health and social development series 2. Ms. Chandra Kiran Shrestha started program welcoming resource persons and participants informing that program was organized as per the request and interest of participants from province no. 5 to combat COVID-19 via Ayurveda health services and prevention from traditional treatment system. Total 44 participants participated and the zoom hosting was technically supported by NREN.

The main objectives of the program were:

- to know the situation of COVID-19 and health service management of Province no. 5
- to know uses of traditional Ayurveda treatment herbal medicines

Dr. Pushpa Raj Poudel, Ayurveda Medical Officer & Information Officer, Hospital Development & Medical Services Division Ministry of Social Development, Province no. 5, Butwal presented paper titled *"Public Health Approach Ayurveda and Yoga for the Prevention and Control of COVID-19 Pandemic"*. He shared primarily, how they monitored the corona patients, quarantine and isolation places in different districts & places from the beginning of the lockdown. They worked in a team with Ayurveda medical experts, did research and started treatment including orientation for prevention. The outcome was satisfying and it was felt necessary to prepare treatment guideline for rational use of medicine for COVID-19 treatment

from Province no. 5 and handed to government. The second paper entitled *"Traditional Medicinal Practices in terms of COVID-19 in Nepal"* was presented by Mr. Sumir Kumar Rimal, Vice Chairperson, NTAPS & Managing Director, Suri Herbal Product Industry Pvt. Ltd. He started the paper providing the information of indigenous health practitioners. He provided the indigenous knowledge and treatment system. He provided the list of herbal medicine and medicinal plants available in Himalayan, Mountain and Tarai regions, treatment and prevention for COVID-19. Full program can be viewed at <https://youtu.be/hd4TuF1qL5s>

Mr. Mulmi concluded program

giving his remarks that this program helped to enrich the knowledge of treatment and preventive methods on Ayurveda and Indigenous Health Practitioner's contribution on traditional ayurvedic treatment system. He also informed that RECPHEC has developed IEC materials on COVID-19 and distributed to Lalitpur Metropolitan City, Lalitpur police and more than 200 women groups. He thanked all participants and acknowledge resource person providing precise information and their precious time.

NeLIC Conducted Webinar on e-Resources

Nepal Library and Information Consortium organized a webinar in a topic *"Availability of e-Resources in Nepal during Lockdown"* on 24th April, 2020. About 40 participants representing the member institutions participated in the webinar. The webinar focused on the difficulties teachers, students and research scholars were facing to access resources due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Most of them who were working from home could have benefitted from easy access to e-resources online however, the scholars could not access such resources due to high subscription cost and those subscribed e-resources were also not accessible due to limited IP based access where users need to be in the office or college and it was not feasible during the lockdown.

The webinar was proved to be fruitful in the sense that presenter Mr. Jagadish Aryal, Secretary of NeLIC offered a solution. He suggested them to create username and password for the users which could be an alternate to IP based access. NeLIC has negotiated to different publishers in that matter and many publishers agreed to provide such provision. Some of them have offered free and open access to their contents for this limited period of global pandemic. To list few of them Cambridge University Press, Oxford University Press, Institute of Physics (IOP), JSTOR have agreed to provide remote access to their content for their users while Duke University Press, Ohio State University Press, University of Michigan Press, John Hopkins University Press, University of Nebraska Press, University of North Carolina Press, Temple University Press and Vanderbilt University Press have provided their contents free.

Press Union Established the Library in the Jail

Nepal Press Union, Dadeldhura established the library in the Dadeldhura district Jail with aim of promoting law literacy.

President of Press Union, Dadeldhura branch said that the Union has separated five thousands five hundred fifty five rupees for establishment of library highlighting on the collection, especially related to law which would help make prisoners gain information/knowledge about laws, rules and regulations. He further stressed on the benefit of such libraries in eradicating the misconceptions of prisoners regarding lawyers as they may think that they have been trapped due to the lawyers' ill-faith. Similarly, Chief of District Government Attorney Office Mr. Prakash Bahadur Bhandari emphasized on need of legal knowledge for prisoners to identify on which fault they are imprisoned and the timespan of their imprisonment. He further stated that the jail is also a kind of rehabilitation centre where they can change their lifestyle. To change the lifestyle library plays the vital role and it is everyone's fundamental right to know the legal information.

52nd Kiran Library's Annual General Meeting

Kiran Library held its 52nd annual general meeting on 12th October, 2019 in Tamghas, Gulmi. President of the library Mr. Narprasad Shrestha was the chairperson of the program and Former Campus Chief of Resunga Multiple Campus Mr. Dhundiraj Pokhrel was the Chief guest. Mr. Pokhrel during the program said that Kiran Library is the pride of the Gulmi district. He also emphasized on the need of development of reading habits and library modernization. Ward Chairmen Mr. Akhileshwor Pandey and Padam Prasad Aryal discussed on the contribution of libraries in literary

field. Treasurer of the library Mr. Chanak Bahadur Kuwar delivered the budget speech for 2076/077 about Rs.1,850,000 separated for various titles. The meeting passed the report unanimously. Vice-President Mr. Shashi Panthi delivered the welcome speech whereas Joint Secretary Mr. Gopal Panthi was the Master of Ceremony. In the event, they further declared that they are going to build 4-storey information technology friendly building with modern facilities costing approximately 55484881.79 rupees at the same place.

AGM of NASL

Nepalese Association of School Librarians (NASL) held its annual general meeting (AGM) on 24th November, 2019. President of NASL, Ms. Sharada Pandey (Shiwakoti) was the Chairperson and Dr. Hari Lamsal, Member Secretary of Medical Education Commission was the chief guest for the program. Inaugurating the program, Dr. Lamsal highlighted the importance of library in quality education and wished for successful AGM. Likewise, Chief of Library Coordination and Documentation Section, Ministry of Education, Science and Technology (MoEST), Mr. Yadab Chandra Niraula; Chief of Nepal National Library, Mr. Upendra Prasad Mainali; Chief of Tribhuvan University Central Library, Mr. Indra Prasad Adhikari; Chief of Kaiser Library, Mr. Dashrath Mishra; Chief of The Asia Foundation's Administration and Books for Asia Ms. Samira Shrestha; Chief of Helping Hands Hospital, Dr. Gupta Bahadur Shrestha and the

Coordinator of NASL, Gorkha and Lalitpur extended their best wishes. Similarly, Treasurer of NASL, Ms. Sunita Joshi presented the economic report of the fiscal year 2075/076 and Secretary General of NASL Mr. Bijay Kumar Pokhrel presented the annual progress report. Various dignitaries and institutions were honored and awarded in the event. Dr. Madhusudan Karki, Megha Secondary School of Bhaktapur, Ms. Ganga Dhungana from Shree Janakalyan Secondary School of Kathmandu and Mr. Ram Kumar Mandal from Shree Siddheswor Fundamental School of Lalitpur were honored and awarded with the NASL Life Time Achievement Award, the Best School Library Award, the Best Librarian Award and the Best Reader Award respectively. Likewise, Dr. Shrestha and Ms. Shiwakoti were also honored for their contribution on revolving fund. Furthermore, former Secretary General of NASL

and former Coordinator of NASL, Bhaktapur were also honored for their active contribution.

The annual general meeting nominated nine members' new executive committee and revised their Legislation Ms. Sharada Pandey (Shiwakoti), Ms. Narbada Pokhrel, Mr. Haribhakta Shrestha, Ms. Sunita Joshi, Mr. Tulshi Siwakoti were nominated as President, Vice-President, Secretary General, Secretary and Treasurer respectively. Mr. Kapil Shrestha, Mr. Arjun Khadka, Mr. Pragya Thapa and Gehendraraj Bista were nominated as Members.

Ms. Shiwakoti in the event informed that they have established the revolving fund aiming to reach worth ten million with contributing one hundred thousand from herself, Dr. Shrestha, Mr. Khadka and foreign citizen Mr Ian Young for the sustainable development of the organization.

Tribhuvan University Central Library (TUCL)

MoU with China Hubei Zongtu Media:

TUCL and China Hubei Zongtu Changjiang Culture Media Co.Ltd have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). According to this, under the "Jingchu Bookshelf" project, the Hubei Zongtu Culture Media will provide 500 Chinese new books in donation to TUCL and 200 kinds of new books will be additionally provided each year. The books will cover local literatures and publications of Hubei Province on the subjects: Philosophy, History,



Media on behalf of the media. The books shall arrive by October 2020.

Literature, Architecture, Traditional medicine etc. The MoU was exchanged amidst a grand programme held at the Hyatt Regency hotel Kathmandu on 18th November, 2019. The MoU was signed by Mr. I.P. Adhikari, the Chief of TUCL on behalf of the library and Ms. Mandy Fang, Representative of Hubei Zongtu Culture

NepJOL Editors' Grand Meeting:

TUCL, on 5th February, 2020, conducted a grand meeting of the editors of the respective journals associated with NepJOL (Nepal Journals Online). NepJOL is a



database of journals published in Nepal, covering the full range of academic disciplines. Established by INASP in 2007, NepJOL is managed by TUCL and now being hosted by Ubiquity Press, UK., (www.nepjol.info). The meeting was convened by TUCL to disseminate information regarding the progress of the NepJOL, its ever-growing number and to seek and gather collaborative efforts for its perpetual sustenance. Mr. I.P. Adhikari, the Chief Librarian welcomed all the editors and guests and made a short slide presentation about the progress made so far by NepJOL. He also tabled an agenda after his presentation. All the editors who attended the meeting actively opined their views on the agenda and unequivocally agreed upon for the collaborative measures to be taken for the sustenance of NepJOL. The grand meeting also formed a small steering committee comprising 9 members from among the editors. The director of TU International Relations Centre Prof. Dr. Bhupa Pd. Dhamala and the Director of TU Research Division, Prof. Dr. Umesh Mandal also opined their views on the significance of NepJOL and collaborative sustenance. The meeting was attended by 55 editors of various diverse journals along with the senior librarians.

Chief Librarian Mr. I.P.

Adhikari Gets Promoted

The Chief Librarian of TUCL Mr. I.P. Adhikari, who had been working in the capacity of an Associate Librarian, got promoted to the post of 'Librarian' thus becoming the only working librarian in the T.U. employees' hierarchy system to ascend to that position. In T.U., a librarian's post equals to that of the post of a professor. At present, under Tribhuvan University, there are 62 constituent colleges scattered all over the country and almost each of the colleges has its own library and (junior) librarian viz. Assistant Librarian, Deputy Librarian and Associate Librarian to look after the libraries. The University Service Commission promoted Mr. Adhikari on the 1st March, 2020 because of his academic qualification, seniority in service years, publications and the confidential evaluation report submitted to the Service Commission by the University's authorities.



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