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Seventh Library Day Celebration

Library day is being celebrated throughout the country since 2008, in the remembrance of the historic day when the King Grivanyuddha Vikram Shah had promulgated the decree to establish a library named 'Pustak Chitai Tahbil' in 1869 Bhadra 15.

The main objective of the library day celebration is to foster reading habit, advocate the role and importance of libraries and information centers and to help to create knowledge based society.

A main organizing committee was formed under the chairmanship of Education Secretary Mr. Bishwa Prakash Pandit on 21st August to celebrate the seventh library day. Joint Secretary Dr. Hari Prasad Lamsal, Mr. Dashrath Mishra, Undersecretary of the Library Coordination Section were Vice-chair and the Member Secretary of the main organizing committee respectively. The meeting decided to celebrate a week long library related activities and finalized the main slogan of the seventh library day as "Expansion library: base of the civilized society".

The main organizing committee has circulated to all the Regional Educational Directors and District Education Offices requesting to celebrate the seventh library day to the district and local level. Likewise, Read Nepal and the library and information related Non Government Orgalizations had circulated to their networked Community Libraries and Resource Centers respectively. The meeting also formed the following sub-committees:

1. Library day management	Mr. Dasharath Mishra
2. Economic management	Mr. Suddep Dhakal
3. Publicity	Mr. Govindaraj Dahal
4. Publication	Mr. Ashok Thapa
5. Social and creative activity	Mrs. Anita Bhndari
6. Academic activities	Mrs.Sharada Shivakoti
7. Coordination and follow up	Mr. Juju Bhai Dangol
8. Felicitation and prize	Mr.Purnalal Shrestha
9. Talk programme	Mr. Ganesh Shah
10. International coordination	Mr.Ganesh Prasad Neupane

A brief datewise news carried out by the various library and information related organizations are given below:

9th Bhadra (21st August)

A week long library day celebration began from the 24th August. Nepal Library Foundation (NLF) had organized a talk programme on "ICT in Education". Mr. Sagun Dhungana, a certified trainer of Google apps for education and ICT in education has presented paper on the topic. He had covered the general background, some examples of other developed and developing countries where the Nepalese scenario and what may be the best solution to cope with the problem.

The programme was chaired by Mr. Ganesh Shah, president of the NLF. Various personalities such as former parliamentarian, former ambassadors, former secretaries, library lovers, library & information professionals and journalists were present on the occasion.

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Mr. Bholanath Sharma welcomed to all the participants on behalf of NLF. Mrs. Brinda Pandey, former parliamentarian and Central Committee Member of the Communist Party of Nepal (Unified Marxist and Leninist, CPN-UML) and vice chair of NLF, said that the CPN-UML is planning to establish a well equipped library in its every district committees. She also said that promotion of reading habit is the primary concern of today.

Journalist Sudharshan Sigdel said that the Nepalese libraries are unable to provide real reference service to the users. He also expected that the community library would be able to cater the needs of the general people such as farmers. Member Secretary of the Diliraman Kalyani Regmi Memorial Library (DKRML), Mr. Bhola Kumar Shrestha said that the library should be the place of self study and it is the place where knowledge, skill and information can be disseminated in nominal cost.

Mr. Ganesh Shah thanked all the participants for the participation and said that it is an advocacy programme in school education system in Nepal.

10th Bhadra (25th August)

The publicity subcommittee has organized "Press conference" at Kathmandu Valley Public Library (KVPL). Member secretary of the main organizing committee, Mr. Dashrath Mishra dissiminated the list of activities to be carried out and co-ordinator of the subcommittee. Mr. Govinda Raj Dahal, responded the questions raised by the journalists.

Likewise, Nepal National Library (NNL) organized an interaction programme on "Libraries in Nepal: Challenges and Opportunities". Mr. Chandrika Pandit welcomed to all the guests requested to Mr. Jujubhai Dangol, Chief Librarian of KVPL to presented paper focusing the challenges and opportunities of Public and Community libraries of Nepal. Mr. Niraula presented paper focusing on NNL: its challenges and opportunities.

On the occasion, parliamentarian Mrs. Asha Yadav thanked to the organizer on the behalf of CPN-UML giving opportunity to speak about the role and importance of library in Nepal. She also said that being a member of parliament, they are also facing the problems of collection of information regarding the various parliamentary as well as constitutional issues.

Likewise, the other Parliamentarian Mr. Madan Man Amatya shared his experiences of the abroad study. He focused on the need of the Community Library in each wards of the Municipality and the Village Development Committee and also shared his experience on his childhood. That time, he was one of the young artists and regular user of the National Library. He also made his commitment that he would facilitate to bring all the members of parliament, representing from the Kathmandu Valley to cope with the current challenges of the NNL's financial constraints.

Chief Guest Mr. Ganesh Shaha highlighted the need and importance of National Library. He also suggested that library should organize various talk programmes and bring the attention of the policy makers. At the end, he thanked to the member of parliaments for their commitments and hoped that the library and information related issue will get the priority of the members of parliaments.

Likewise, Russian Centre of Science and Culture, the Russian library in collaboration with Nepal Library Association (NLA) has organized an interaction programme entitled "The role of library to develop bilateral relationship". On the occasion, former minister of science and technology and president of NLF, Mr. Ganesh Shah, Janardan Dhungana, Mrs. Shanti Mishra, Dasharath Mishra, Dr. Bishnuhari Nepal, Ganesh Prasad Neupane, Ashok Thapa, Saroja Shrestha and other guests expressed their views on the topic.

Bhadra 11th 2071 (27th August)

NLA and Nepalese Academy of science and technology had organized a half day talk programme on "Research in Digital Era". On the ocassion, various personalities expressed their views.

Tribhuwan University Central Department of Library and Information Science has organized a **workshop on "Reference Management Tools" [Mendeely]. Prof. Gunanidhi Neaupane, Rector of Tribhuvan University was the chief guest. The closing ceremony was chaired by Mr. Bhim Dhoj Shrestha.**

The social and creative subcommittee organized 'one day health camp' in collaboration with Alka Hospital, Lalitpur in the hall of Ministry of Education, Singhadurbar. Around 100 persons got benefit from the camp.

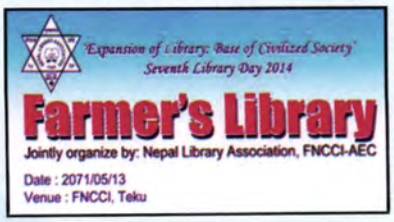
12th Bhadra (28th August)

Civil Service Library Society Nepal has organized cleaning/sanitation programme in the premises of the Parliament Secretariat. Likewise, Healthnet Nepal, had organized a half day training programme on the use of **"Reference Management Tools [Mendeely]".**

Kathmandu Valley Public Library has organized a discussion programme among the library stakeholders and the regular library users. The users gave important feedback to the library management to improve the library services.

13th Bhadra (29th August)

Nepalese Association of School Library has organized bicycle rally in Kathmandu. Likewise, NLA and Federation of Nepalese Chambers of Commerce and Industries (FNCCI), jointly, organized a talk programme on 'Farmers Library'. In the same line, Central Forestry Library has organized a talk programme about Research on Forestry Library.



Tribhuwan University Central Library has organized a talk programme and book distribution ceremony of selected Campus and Institutions. On the occasion, Mr. Purna Lal Shrestha, Mr. Janardan Dhungana, Mr. Yadab Chandra Niraula, Mrs. Janki Karmacharya expressed their views and suggested the role to be played by Central Library to foster higher education in the Tribhuwan University System.

14th Bhadra (30th August)

Social and creative sub-committee has organized blood donation programme in the premises of blood Bank Building Exhibition Road. Around 19 persons had donated blood on the occasion.

Likewise, Bhaktapur Library Association (BLA) had organized its' third annual general meeting in Basu College, Vyashi Bhaktapur. **Member of Parliament, Mr. Prem Suwal inagurated the programme. On the occasion, he said that the library should try to collect the books which can contribute to the overall development of the society. The Library should also foster the scientifically proved themes and subject metters. He also expressd that now a days crime and corruption are connecting to the politics which is not the good indicator.** On the occasion, former presidents of Nepal Library Association, Chief Librarian of NNL, TUCL, and many other library and information professionals were present.

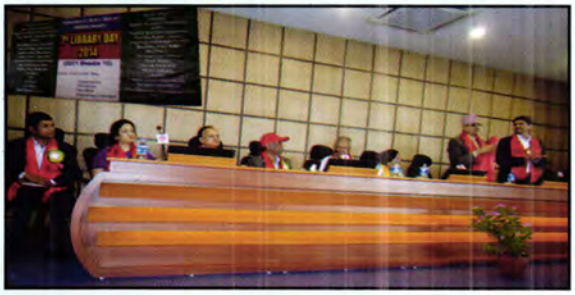
Secretary of BLA, Mr. Jeevan Suwal had presented the annual report and treasurer Mr. Laxmi Prasad gaiju had presented Financial report on the occasion. In the same day, Satsanga Library Bhaktapur had organized a talk programme.

Likewise, Read Information and Resource Center (RIRC) organized an interaction programme with the senior citizens of Badikhel, Lalitpur. They had shared their experiences on the value of life. The programme was chaired by the RIRC president Mr. Bhola Kumar Shrestha. Mr. Narayan Prasad Banskota, Champus Chief of the Kitini College was Chief Guest on the occasion.

Bhadra 15th (31st August)

The main day programme was began with a really from the Dasharath Stadium. The ralley was changed into the closing ceremony by reaching the FNCCI Hall, Teku. Chief Guest Minister for Education, Mrs. Chitra Lekha Yadav said that the library plays a pivotal role in making a civilized society by providing quality education. She also expressed that the society as well as the nation

can't be civilized without library. Library is not only important for gaining knowledge but also helps to form a civilized society. It is essential for students to develop



as a regular library user. Minister Yadav also expressed that the Ministry of Education is ready to take initiation in coordination with the other line Ministries and stakeholders to upgrade the existing libraries and make them accessible to all.

On the occasion, Minister Yadav distributed the certificate to the blood doners, winner of the poem compestition and also felicitated to the best librarians namely Mr. Ram Bhadur Shrestha, founder of the Lions Manarama Foundation 2005, Former Librarian Mr. Krishnamani Bhandari and Mr. Shreenarayan Jha for their contribution in the field of libraries in Nepal. Likewise, Mr. Amit Rijal received the best reader award.

Dr. Hari Prasad Lamsal Joint Secretary, Ministry of Education and the Vice Chair of the Library Day Main Organizing Committee welcomed to all the guests. Secretary and Chair of Committee expressed

his happiness and made commitment to implement the library related issues as per the given mendate. On the occasion, representative of the Asia Foundation decleared that the foundation is distributing around 3000 books to the school libraries and some other libraries. on the occasion, Lions Manarama Foundation also expressed their views.

The same day "Gyan Bikas Community Library and Resource Center's new building was inagurated by the Deputy Prime Minister, Mr. Prakash Man Singh. The library building was constructed by the money collected from a campaign "Nepali le Sakchhaun". The campaign was initiated by READ Nepal staff in 2012.

Library day outside the capital

Pokhara

The seventh library day was marked with various programmes in Pokhara. Regional Administrator Mr. Dinesh Kumar Thapalia was the Chief Guest of the ceremony. On the occasion, Mr. Dhan Bhadur Nepali and Mr. Shurya Chhettri were facilitated for their contribution in the field of library development in western region.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Thapalia expressed the need of seperate budget to operate the library properly. He also said that he is ready to contribute for the development of libraries and also directed to submit the report within 15 days.

On the occasion, District Education Officer, Mr. Ambika Prasad Acharya, Chief District Officer, Mr. Krishna Bhadur Raut, Local Develompment Officer, Mr. Taranath Adhikari, Library and Information Professionals, Mr.

Surya Chhetri, Durga Prasad Acharya and Arjun Shrestha also expressed their views.

Chitwan

A talk programme was organized based on the main slogan of the seventh library day in Chitawan. The programme was chaired by the president of Chitwan Library Association, Mr. Eknarayan Paudel. Mr Tek Bahadur Malla, Western Regional director of the Council of Technical and Vocational Training.

Likewise, seventh library day was observed in Jhapa. Morang, Siraha, Kailali and Rupendehi district with various programs. Likewise, Jhuwani Community library has ogranized poetry and drawing program among school students.

News in Brief

Basic Library Management Training Concluded

NNL, District Education Office Arghakhachi and the Library Development Forum have jointly organized a week long Basic Library Management training from June 8thth to 13th 2014 at the premises of Jana Jyoti Higher Secondary School Chutrabensi Sandikharka. Representatives of 20 Community Schools and two Community Libraries were participated in the training.

The opening ceremoney was chaired by Resource Person Mr. Hari Prasad Bhushal. On the occasion, Mr. Bhushal said that such type of training is going to conduct first time in the district. He also added that the situation of the school libraries in the district is very poor and hoped that the training will be able to uplift the current situation of the school libraries. Mr. Ramesh Prasad Bhushal, Vice-chair of Nepal Community Library Association said that the face and shape of the library is changing. The library can play the role of change agent to uplift the socio-economic condition of the community people. He hoped that the training would be helpful to gain knowledge and skills on library management. Chief Librarian of NNL and the Resource Person, Mr. Yadab Chandra Niraula highlighted the need and importance of the library management skills and the course content to be covered during the training period.

Mr. Hari Prasad Aryal, District Education Officer was the Chief Guest of the closing ceremony. Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Aryal requested to all the participants to use the knowledge and skills learned during the training and thanked to the NNL for organizing such type of training in Arghakhanchi.

Participant, Mr. Bishnu Prasad Khanal said that his preconception about the library managemet was totally changed after the training. He also added that library management deserved specialized knowledge and skills and he would try to use the knowledge and skills learned during the training in behaviour. The other participant, Mrs Deepali Jaisi Bhushal expressed her happiness for getting the opportunity to the library enhanced with the modern Information and Communication Technology.

Participation in Training

Mrs. Anupama Upadhyaya, Library Assistant from NNL was selected for advanced certificate course on "Modern Library Practices" from 30th July to 23rd September 2014. The course was conducted by the National Institute of Technical Teachers' Training and Research (NITTTR), Chennai, India under the ITEC Colombo plan.

There were 23 participants across the countries like Tanzania, Zimbabwe, Gambia, Ethiopia, Mauritius, Fiji, Sudan, Uganda, Zanzibar, Bhutan, Afghanistan and Bangladesh.

This training was focused on library management, ICT application in libraries, collection development, digital resource management, open source software for library management system, Koha overview, installation and configuration, customization, open source software for digital library, installation and configuration of green stone, customization of green stone, information literacy, types and formats of information sources, web page design and deployment, web resources, metadata MARC, web OPAC, soft skills, creativity and assertiveness training, stress management, preservation of library resources, lamination techniques and study tour with conducting seminar on "Acquisition and resource sharing with the ICT" at Pollachi, PA College of Engineering Tamilnadu, India.

In this period Indian Institute of Technology, Madras Library; British Council Library; Anna University MIT Campus Library, Tamilnadu Archives; Anna Centenary Library; University of Madras was visited with course coordinator and senior librarian Dr. R. Ravinchandran.

Likewise Assistant Librarian Mr. Amulya Narayan Kantha and Mausam Dahal, Assiatant Librarian, Kaiser Library has selected to participate in the Fluid Control Research Institute to participate in the Digital Library development training going to be held in November 20 to January 05, 2015 in Kanjikode, Kerala, India.

Transfer

Senior book binder Mrs. Bhagirathi Adhikari has transferred to Department of Printing as per the decision of the Ministry of Education. Likewise Mr. Achut Ram Parajuli has replaced to Mrs. Adhikari.

Kasier Library News

On August 4, 2014, approximately 40 students of History of Religion, Anthropology and South Asian Studies of Summer University, Denmark along with some research scholars from the UK visited Kaiser Library.

In the leadership of Mr. Bjarne Wernicke Olesen, Research Fellow of Oxford Centre for Hindu Studies, the research students primarily focused their study on *Susrutasamhita* and *Netrajnanarnava Mahatantra* manuscripts.

- Computer Officer Sunil Kumar Shrestha was transferred from Examination Control Office to the Kaiser Library.
- Section Officer Sabitri Hada was transferred from District Court Office of Udaypur to Kaiser Library.
- Senior Book Binder Krishna Prasad Ghimire got promotin and transferred to Department of Information.
- Senior Book Binder Nisha Kiran Shrestha transferred from Department of Information to Kaiser Library.
- Accountant Janardan Neupane was transferred from Department of Irrigation to Kaiser Library.
- Asst. Library Ganesh Baitha awarded with Education Prize 2070.
- Koha Integrated Library Automatioin System started to use for keeping database of Kaiser Library.

DKRML News

Dilliraman Kalyani Regmi Memorial library has started to conduct women literacy classes since April 2014 in collaboration with READ Nepal.

DKRML has handed over the Dilliraman Regmi National Peace Award 2070 to the well known culture expert Mr. Satya Mohan Joshi on june 24 2014. The prize was handed over by the Deputy Prime Minister Mr. Prakash Man Singh.

Digital Library Training image A/V Editing

Resource Center for Primary Health Care (RECPHEC) has organized two day Digital Library Training on Image Audio Video Editing 2014 July 17-18. Mr. Arun Kumar Rai Library officer of Curriculum Development Center was the lead trainer followed by the other experts in the training. The training was based on the Adobe Primer Pro video editing software.

Library Management Training news

Kathmandu Valley Public Library has conducted "Library and Information Science Level 3" training based on the updated curriculum developed by the Council of Technical Education and Vocational Training. There were 24 participants in the training. The training was coordinated by the former reader of TUCDLIS, Mr. Rudra Prasad Dulal.

Likewise, Nepal Civil Service Society for Libraries has conducted same type of training in collaboration with Kathmandu. There were nine participants in the training.

Library and Information Service Center has also conducted same type of training in Madan Bhandari Memorial College Anamnagar Kathmandu from June 21st to 18th Septmber. There were 35 participants in the training. Likewise, Healthnet Nepal also conducted same training in its primeses.

35 days training

Nepalese Association of School Libraries and Era soft Solution have jointly organized 35 days Library Management Training in Barsa College Tinkune Kathmandu. There were 24 participants in the training was coordinated by Mrs Sarada Shiwakoti. Likewise Tribhuvan University Central Library has conducted 35 days Library Management Training in its premises Kirtipur. According to the organizer there were 55 participants in the training.

Lions Manaram Foundation 2005 Nepal activities

Lions Manaram Foundation, 2005 was established as a Nongovernmental Organization. It is registerded according to the Institutions Regristration Act 2034 B.S. in District Administration Office, Kathmandu in 2011.

The main objectives of the Foundation are to help to promote education, health & sanitation and environmental issues of Nepal. Currently, the Foundation has focused

on education. Since the establishment, the foundation has helped to establish 87 Community School libraries of 75 disricts of Nepal. The foundation donates 90,000 Rupees and the local school authorities have to generate 10,000 Rupees. The Total sum of 1,00, 000 is deposited to the bank in a fixed account. The school authority can use only the interest of the money. Besides this, the foundation conducts three days School Library Management Training to develop the capacity of the teacher looking for the library or going to lookafter the school library. It also provides books of Rs.35000 on the basis of the demand of the schools. It had distributed computer set for some schools in the past.

The foundation has planned to establish Manaram Library to all the 63 community Secondary and Higher Secondary Schools of the Shankhuwashava district in coming year. It has also planned to support the "Literate Nepal Campaign" in Shankhuwashava district in close collaboration with Government and other stakeholdedrs.

Recently the Foundation has organized a three day School Library Management Training in the capital. Former Prime Minister and senior leader of the CPN-UML Mr. Madhab kumar Nepal gave away certificates and distributed the books to the selected schools. Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Nepal said that the misconception about the politics and the political leaders should be corrected by all the stakeholders. He also thanked to the founders for their help to the nation.

Book Review

"Pustakalaya Darpan

A book entitled "Pustakalaya Darpan" is written about library education and its related features along with Nepalese Scenario. This book has covered more than 112 articles selected and compiled from the monthly library magazine "Pustakalya Awaj". Profoundly, this has covered articles written in Nepali language. Mr. Bishnu Aryal is the editor to whom Durga Prasad Acharya, Prabin Dhakal and Baburam Dahal have cooperated. It has been published by Library Development Forum, Kathmandu, Nepal. Mostly, librarians from the Kathmandu Valley and few from the other parts of Nepal are the major contributors. This book is paperback edition having colorful cover. Its size is 21 x 14 cm with 510 pages. Paper quality is of moderate level with clear print.

The text and subject matters of this book have been divided into six parts. The first portion includes 10 articles about the history and development of libraries in Nepal. Initial

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development of library, 'Library Parva'-an event of Rana Regim, Saraswati Award, library related provision in different education commissions of Nepal and library day celebration in Nepal are the major attraction of this part. The second section deals with library and its relation with society. Role of library in society, education and research, status and challenges of public library, representative status of libraries of different district of Nepal, Nepalese librarianship, copyright, Library and Information Management Directives, 2069 B.S. and National Policy, 2007 are the major focus of this part. The third part has covered philosophy of librarianship, laws of library and information, organization of library and technical activities of library organization viz. classification and cataloguing. The fourth part is concerned with application and use of information communication technology (ICT) in library, library software such as WINISIS, LIBRA, Koha, MEMOLAS etc. The fifth portion has articles dealing with major libraries of Nepal viz. Nepal National Library, Kaisher Library, National Archives, etc. The last part has discussed major personalities of Nepal who has contributed for development of libraries in Nepal. Library & Information Service Policy, Directory of Library & Information Service, curriculum designed by CTEVT for Library Assistant have been attached at the last.

This book has covered different six dimensions of library education/science at a single interface. Therefore, those requiring knowledge, information & experiences for library organization and management can take great advantage and benefit from it. In addition it is also useful for exam preparation of Public Service Commission, Tribhuwan University Service Commission, Library Students and other exams related to library. Regardless of this all efforts, it lacks research articles, related to library. Few articles are seemed to lose proper citation. All in all, this book is useful for career development in library field and to develop library professionalism. It can be suggested to read this book once to younger librarians.

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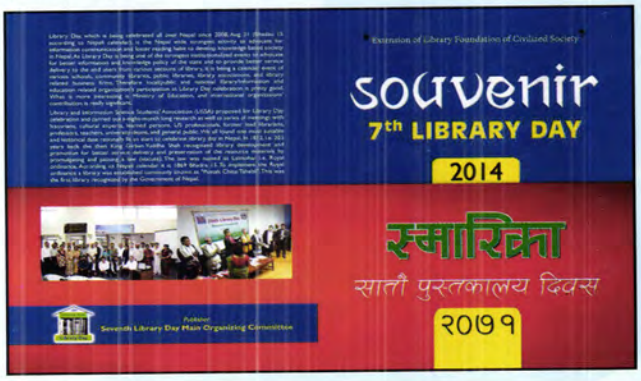
Seventh Library Day Souvenier

Library day which is being celebrated all over Nepal since 2008 August 31 Bhadra is BS Among the other activities library day has stanted to publish souvenir since the fifth library day 2012



In course of the seventh library day celebration, a six member publication subcommittee has formed under the coordinationship of Mr. Ashok Thapa

The subcommittee brought out the 87 pages souvenir The souvenir has covered 16 short and long activities three poems, and three interviews some of the articles are very interesting and research based. On the other hand, some have not such depth coverage. It seems that articles are written in a very short time without much preparation. The publication subcommittee may be obliged to publish all the articles because there was a very short time and notice given to submit the articles. Besides many shortcomings, it is a praiseworthy work. The souvenir will be able to disseminate the seventh library day related activities to the researchers and library & information related stakeholders.

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