



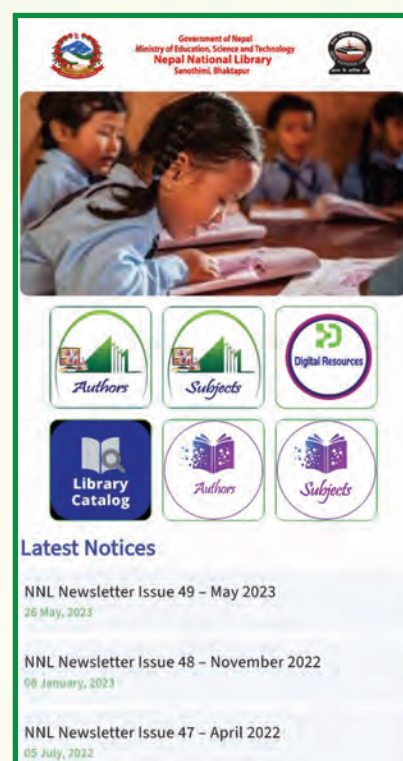
NEPAL NATIONAL LIBRARY AT YOUR FINGERTIPS: LIBRARY LAUNCHES EXCITING NEW MOBILE APP WITH ENHANCED CATALOGUE

The Nepal National Library recently launched its upgraded catalogue and new mobile app, taking a significant step forward in improving the user experience. This move signals a new chapter in the library's dedication to integrating technology for better service delivery.

The updated catalogue comes with a variety of new features and enhancements designed to meet the changing needs of library users. Central to these improvements is the introduction of smarter search capabilities. Thanks to improved filters and advanced search help, users can effortlessly sift through the library's extensive collection to find precisely what they need, hassle-free. The system upgrade also enhances the browsing experience by allowing users to view all formats of a title in a single record. Whether it's an audiobook, an e-book, or a traditional print version, all available formats are displayed together, simplifying the selection process. Furthermore, the catalogue now offers new ways for users to discover books, including the ability to explore new titles, award winners, and bestsellers and receive personalized recommendations for related titles and similar reads.

The innovation extends to community features in the catalogue, adding a social dimension to the library experience. Users can now rate and review titles, add custom tags for easier discovery, create and share lists of book recommendations. These interactive features not only enhance the user experience but also help to build a vibrant community of readers and learners. Another key highlight is the introduction of a new mobile app, available on

Google Play, designed to bring the library's resources directly to users' fingertips. The app mirrors the new features of the catalogue and introduces additional functionalities tailored for today's library users. With the app, users can use a digital library barcode for convenience, and utilize ISBN barcode searching for quick finds. Mr. Sanjib Kumar Chaudhary said that, the launch of the upgraded catalogue and mobile app marks a significant milestone in the Nepal National Library's journey towards digital transformation. By using technology to improve accessibility, convenience, and user engagement, the library is not only keeping pace with the digital age but also setting new benchmarks for what a library can achieve. As users start to explore all the features the new system offers, Nepal National Library is ready to transform the library experience for its community.



NEW LEADERSHIP IN NEPAL COMMUNITY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

The 13th annual general meeting and Fourth General Assembly of Nepal Community Library Association have elected a new leadership under the chairmanship of Santosh Rawal. Similarly, Bharat Khadka is the senior vice-president and Rajendra Prasad Pandeya is the general secretary of the newly elected executive committee. The executive committee was elected unanimously. Among the province vice-presidents include

Bhim Kumari Rawat (Province 1), Bharat Giri (Madhes province) Sujata Bista (Bagmati province), Lila Bhandari (Gandaki province), Chetkanta Bhattarai (Lumbini province) and Gyanu Raj Binadi (Sudurpaschim province). Balkrishna Thapaliya has been elected the secretary and Sagar Mishra the treasurer while the elected members are Lavahari Dahal, Khadga Narayan Chaudhary, Ganga Dhakal, Madhav Bhandari, Govinda Sharma, Pratikshya Chaudhary and Pushparaj Joshi.

The Association connects 50 community and public libraries in different districts of Nepal. It is a nongovernmental autonomous organization, formed in 2005 with the aim of federating and strengthening community libraries scattered across the country. NCLA provides a common platform for promotion and advocacy of community libraries in Nepal. It also works to strengthen networking and coordination between community libraries as well as other organizations.



NEPAL NATIONAL LIBRARY DISTRIBUTES MEDICAL AND REFERENCE BOOKS WITH SUPPORT FROM THE ASIA FOUNDATION

Nepal National Library has successfully launched a distribution initiative for medical and reference books, generously supported by The Asia Foundation. This initiative marks a key contribution to the educational and professional development of various institutions across Nepal. The initiative focuses on distributing a comprehensive collection of medical and reference books to a wide range of beneficiary organizations, including colleges and universities that use these resources to support academic research and teaching in medical and reference fields. Hospitals are benefited from up-to-date medical texts, aiding healthcare professionals in their practice and research. Its facilities engaged in research and now have access to specialized resources essential for advancing their work. This initiative has been made possible through the generous support of The Asia Foundation, an organization renowned for its commitment to

improving educational access and knowledge dissemination. Their contribution has enabled the acquisition and distribution of high-quality books critical for professional and academic advancement. The distributed collection includes a diverse range of titles, comprehensive guides and reference books covering various medical fields, including recent advancements and best practices. These are essential resources for academic and professional use, offering in-depth information across multiple disciplines. Nepal National Library remains committed to supporting education and professional development through impactful collaborations like this one. This distribution marks an important step forward in the library mission to expand access to essential knowledge and resources across Nepal.

THREE-DAY WORKSHOP ON "TU INTEGRATED WEBSITE"

The Information Technology Innovation Center at Tribhuvan University, Kirtipur, successfully organized a three-day workshop and training program focused on the implementation of the newly developed "TU Integrated Website". The event brought together participants from various departments. The workshop provided a platform for participants to engage with the latest digital innovations at the university, enhancing their technical skills and understanding of the integrated website's features. The attendees were particularly active throughout the sessions, contributing to discussions and collaborating in hands-on activities. The workshop was a productive and enjoyable experience. It has equipped the participants with the knowledge and tools to effectively utilize the TU Integrated Website for their academic and administrative needs.

INTERACTION PROGRAM WITH SENIOR LIBRARIANS AT TRIBHUVAN UNIVERSITY CENTRAL LIBRARY

An interaction program was held with senior librarians to discuss the policy arrangements for the newly constructed building of the Tribhuvan University Central Library. The focus of the discussions was on making reader services more systematic and effective, exploring easily accessible service facilities, and planning for the future of the library.

The program was attended by former librarians of the Central Library, including Dr. Janardhan Dhungana, Ms. Sita Sharma, Mr. Indra Prasad Adhikari, Mr. Poonlal Shrestha, Ms. Indira Dali, Ms. Bina Baidya, and Mr. Chiranjeevi Neupane. Also present were Dr. Lila Nyaichai, Department Head of the Central Department of Library and Information Science, and Mr. Bishnu Prasad Aryal.

During the discussions, the senior librarians emphasized the challenges of providing services from both the old and new buildings simultaneously. They highlighted the need for additional staff and proposed that the old building be preserved as a historical library. The new building should be developed into a modern, technology-friendly facility. It was also suggested that input from researchers should be sought to enhance the library's services and offerings. Mr. Sagar Raj Subedi, the Chief Librarian of the Central Library, expressed his sincere gratitude to the former heads and senior librarians for their valuable opinions and suggestions. He assured that the library would incorporate their insights into future planning to enhance services. Mr. Subedi also expressed hope for continued guidance and advice from the senior librarians in the future.

TRIBHUVAN UNIVERSITY SIGNS MOU FOR DIGITAL COOPERATION WITH CHINESE PARTNERS

Tribhuvan University has entered into a strategic partnership through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with China National Knowledge Infrastructure (CNKI), China Mobile Communications Group (MCC), and China Mobile International (CMI) to enhance its digital infrastructure and resources. The MOU outlines collaboration in areas such as the construction of dedicated data lines, the development of digital libraries, cooperation methods, technical support and training, as well as collaborative research and academic exchange. The MOU was signed by Tribhuvan University Rector, Prof. Dr. Khadga K.C., with representatives from CNKI, MCC, and CMI also present for the signing ceremony.

The cooperation will be implemented in three phases. In first phase a pilot project to establish a digital library for the TU Central Library, scheduled for completion by September 2024. In second phase, the development of a digital library and constituent campus network across Tribhuvan University, with a target completion date of June 2025. In the phase three, the creation of the Nepal Higher Education Teaching and Technology Network, which will link all higher education institutions and vocational colleges in Nepal to share digital library resources. This phase is expected to be completed by December 2025. This MOU represents a significant milestone in Tribhuvan University's journey towards advancing its digital capabilities, thereby fostering an environment conducive to cutting-edge learning and research.



NLA PUBLISHES NEPALI SUBJECT HEADINGS

Nepal Library Association has recently published a library technical tool entitled "नेपाली विषयशीर्षक सूची" (List of Nepali Subject Headings). The tool consists of more than five thousand Nepali controlled vocabulary and is considered to be very useful for assigning Subject Headings / Keywords to Nepali books while cataloguing. This library reference tool was compiled and edited

This library reference tool was compiled and edited by the veteran librarians of Nepal Mrs. Bina Vaidya and Mrs. Gita Thapa Giri and it got further edited by Mr. I.P. Adhikari, the current President of NLA himself to make the tool more authentic and comprehensive. The book was launched on the auspicious occasion of 16th library day i.e. 15th of Bhadra 2080 (1 Sept. 2023) amidst a grand programme organized by the Ministry of Education Sc. and Technology at the Russian house, Kamal Pokhari, Kathmandu.

BOOK DONATION AND PROGRAMME AT THE CENTRAL JAIL



On Jestha 12, 2080 (26 May 2023), Nepal Library Association (NLA), in collaboration with the organization "मञ्चविहीनहरूको मञ्च" (Voice of the voiceless), organized a literary and book donation programme in the women prisoners' wing courtyard of the Central Jail Tripureshwor, Kathmandu. In the programme, 15 women prisoners, including 3 foreigners, recited their literary creations. In the same programme, more than 60 books were handed over to the Chief Jailor, Mr. Lalit Kumar Basnet. The

books will be kept in the women's library located in the women's block of the Jail. Prior to the programme, all the three libraries of the jail were visited by the NLA president Mr. Adhikari and Nepal Library Foundation's General Secretary Mr. Dhan Kumar Shrestha. Two months earlier, i.e. on 26th and 30th of Jestha, the president of NLA had handed over 40 books to the Chief Jailor Mr. Rom Bahadur Basnet of Dillibazar jail for the Jail library.

NLA BRINGS OUT 2ND ISSUE OF ACCESS JOURNAL

Nepal Library Association (NLA) has brought out the second issue of its International Journal ACCESS, Vol 2; 2023. The journal was launched just before the Dashain festival i.e. on 25th Asoj 2080 (12th October 2023) amidst a special program held at Kathmandu Valley Public Library (KVPL), Mandap. On the occasion, The president of NLA Mr. I.P. Adhikari, the founding president of NLA Mr. Murari B. Pokharel, the chief of Nepal National Library Mr. Dashrath Mishra, Mr. Juju Bhai Dangol and Mr. Lila Bhattarai of KVPL, Joint secretary of MoEST Mr. Yadav Chandra Niraula, HOD of LIS department TU Ms. Nira Manandhar, the Chief of TU Central Library Mr. Sagar Raj Subedi highlighted the importance of library journal for professional development of librarians. The current journal contains 21 research articles out of which 12 articles are from foreign countries, viz. Australia, Germany, Nigeria,



Tanzania, Japan, France, Greece, Mexico, India and the USA. The journal contains articles by various prominent international writers, including the President of IFLA, Ms. Vicki McDonald, the Director General of ISSN, Ms. Gaelle Bequet and USA's Professor David Lankes etc. The 258-page journal's Editor-In-Chief is Mr. I.P. Adhikari and there are 5 associate editors and 8 advisors, out of which 7 are from other countries. The journal can also be found online under the URL: <https://www.nepjol.info/index.php/access>. The next issue of the Journal is due in July 2024.

SEMINAR ON SDGS AND THE ROLE OF LIBRARIES CONDUCTED



Upon the mutual interest of both sides, दिगो विकास तथा सुशासन समिति of Federal Parliament secretariat, Singha Durbar and Nepal Library Association (NLA), jointly organized a seminar entitled "SDGs 2030 and the Role of Libraries". The seminar was conducted in the conference hall of the secretariat on 03 Bhadra 2080 (20 Aug. 2023). More than 50 participants took part in the seminar comprising the honourable parliamentarians, secretariat's

senior officials and 21 librarians. On the occasion, the State Minister for Education Hon. Ms.Pramila Kumari highlighted the significance of United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 2030 in overall development of all the nations. She also thanked the concern bodies for organizing such a useful seminar to share information about UN SDGs 2030 and library's vital role in disseminating relevant information to the concerned. The programme was presided over by the president of Sustainable Development and Good Governance Committee Chairman Hon. Prakash Panth and was facilitated by secretary Dr. Roj Nath Pandey of the secretariate.

BASIC LIBRARY MANAGEMENT TRAINING WITH A FOCUS ON DIGITAL PLATFORMS COMPLETED IN CHITWAN



The Nepal National Library has completed a Basic Library Management Training program with a special emphasis on digital platforms. The training, which kicked off on June 23rd 2024. The training is being held at Shree Medical and Technical College in Bharatpur, Chitwan. The program

is designed to enhance participants' library management skills while keeping them updated with the latest digital trends in the library field. The training has involved participants from various colleges and schools across the region, reflecting a strong interest in integrating modern digital tools

into traditional library management practices. This initiative marks a significant step towards equipping library professionals with the necessary skills to effectively manage and digitize library resources, ensuring that libraries remain relevant and accessible in the digital age.



Orientation Program on Reading Culture and E-Libraries Successfully Concludes at Khwopa Engineering College

An orientation program focused on the development of reading culture, electronic libraries, and e-libraries was successfully completed at Khwopa Engineering College and Khwap College of Engineering. The event, organized by the Nepal National Library, aimed to raise awareness among students and faculty about the importance of cultivating a strong reading culture

and the integration of digital resources in modern educational environments. The program provided participants with insights into how electronic libraries (e-libraries) can enhance access to a vast array of resources, making it easier for students and educators to access up-to-date information and research materials. The sessions also

highlighted the role of e-libraries in promoting lifelong learning and adapting to the rapidly evolving digital landscape in education. By focusing on both traditional and digital approaches to library management, the orientation sought to equip attendees with the knowledge and tools necessary to support the development of a reading culture within the academic community. The event was part of Nepal National Library's broader initiative to modernize library services across the country, ensuring that students and educators are well-prepared to navigate and utilize digital resources effectively. The successful conclusion of the orientation program marks a significant step towards fostering a more engaged and informed academic community at Khwopa Engineering College and Khwopa College of Engineering, setting a precedent for similar initiatives in other educational institutions.

NEPAL NATIONAL LIBRARY: MILESTONES OF KNOWLEDGE CELEBRATED ON ANNIVERSARY



The Nepal National Library proudly marks its 67th anniversary, celebrating decades of dedication to preserving and promoting knowledge in Nepal. Established in 1957, the library has grown into a cornerstone of the nation's intellectual and cultural heritage, playing a vital role in supporting education, research, and community engagement. Over the years, the Nepal National Library has expanded its collections, services, and outreach programs to meet the evolving needs of its users. From traditional print resources to modern digital archives, the library has consistently adapted to the changing landscape of information access and dissemination. The Honorable Secretary of the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology Mr. Suresh Adhikari is the Chief Guest of this program. Representatives from various libraries and information centers, users, social workers, and journalists were participated in this program. This milestone event highlighted the library enduring commitment to preserving and promoting knowledge across Nepal.

The anniversary celebration featured historical exhibits, panel discussions on the future of libraries, and community engagement activities. The presence of participants from different sectors highlighted the library important role in the national educational and cultural landscape. The anniversary is not just a reflection on the past, but also a celebration of the future, as the library looks forward to many more years of enriching the lives of the people of Nepal through access to knowledge and information.

NNL LAUNCHES INTERNATIONAL STANDARD SERIAL NUMBER (ISSN) WEB PORTAL

Nepal National Library marked its 67th anniversary with a historic event, featuring the launch of the International Standard Serial Number (ISSN) Web Portal by the Honorable Secretary of the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology Suresh Adhikari. This launch signifies a pivotal advancement in the digital accessibility and global recognition of Nepalese serial publications. The introduction of the ISSN Web Portal marks a significant step in the library ongoing mission to modernize and expand the reach of its resources. The ISSN system, used worldwide to uniquely identify serial publications like journals and magazines. It is important in the standardization and accessibility of these materials.

In this program Honorable Secretary Adhikari highlighted the importance of this new platform in advancing Nepali presence in global academic and literary circles. The ISSN Web Portal, he noted, will streamline the process of cataloging Nepalese periodicals, making them more accessible to researchers, educators, and the general public both within the country and abroad. "This portal is a landmark achievement for Nepal, connecting our publications to a global audience and ensuring their longevity and accessibility," the Honorable Secretary stated during the launch. He emphasized that this initiative reflects the government's commitment to harnessing digital technology for the advancement of education and cultural preservation. As per Sanjib Kumar Chaudhary of NNL, the newly launched ISSN Web Portal provides several important features designed to benefit publishers, researchers, and readers.

The portal simplifies the process for Nepalese publishers to obtain ISSNs for their periodicals, ensuring that each publication is uniquely identified and easily traceable. By connecting to the international ISSN network, the portal ensures that Nepalese serials are recognized and accessible in academic and literary databases worldwide. The portal intuitive interface allows publishers to manage their ISSN applications and updates online, improving efficiency and accessibility.

ISSN NATIONAL CENTRE OF NEPAL

The International Standard Serial Number (ISSN) is indeed a critical identifier for serial publications, serving as a unique and internationally recognized code. It ensures accurate citation, efficient retrieval, and consistent referencing across various platforms and mediums.

- ➔ Global Recognition: ISSNs provide international visibility to serial publications, facilitating their identification and access across the world.
- ➔ Efficient Management: Libraries, publishers, and information systems use ISSNs for cataloging, subscription management, and inventory control.
- ➔ Consistency: It ensures that each serial title, regardless of its format (print, electronic, etc.), is consistently identified.

The Nepalese ISSN Centre, based at the National Library of Nepal in Kathmandu, plays a crucial role in this global system. Since 2008, it has been responsible for assigning ISSNs to serial publications originating in Nepal. This not only helps in the standardization and international recognition of Nepali serials but also contributes to the global ISSN Register, which is maintained by the ISSN International Centre in Paris. By ensuring that Nepali serials are registered in this international database, the Nepalese ISSN Centre enhances the global accessibility and visibility of publications from Nepal.

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MAJOR MILESTONE ACHIEVED: EXPANSION OF NEPAL NATIONAL LIBRARY CHILD SECTION COMPLETED

The Nepal National Library successful completion of its much-anticipated expansion project for the Child Section. The newly added prefabricated truss room enhances the library facilities and confirms its commitment to enriching the educational experiences of young readers throughout Nepal.

The new room have ample space for children to study. The section is designed to captivate young minds. It includes interactive zones where children can engage in educational games and activities that support their learning journey. With expanded shelving and storage, the library now provides a wider selection of books and resources tailored to various age groups and interests. The use of modern prefabricated truss technology not only delivers a sleek and contemporary design but also ensures a sustainable and efficient construction process. The separate section for children minimizing disruptions to the library ongoing services. This expansion is an evidence to the Nepal National Library dedication to promoting educational development and

community engagement. The upgraded facilities are expected to significantly benefit children and young readers. We offering a dynamic space for educational growth and enjoyment. As we celebrate this milestone, we extend our deepest gratitude to everyone who contributed to making this vision a reality. We invite the community to visit and experience the new Child Section, which stands as a beacon of our commitment to fostering a love for reading and lifelong learning, Said chief librarian Dasarath Mishra.



Announcement of Newly Elected Executive Members of Nepal Library Association

Nepal Library Association has announced the election of the following Executive Members during the Annual General Meeting held on May 28, 2024, at Nepal Law College, Exhibition Road, Kathmandu.

- Mr. Pushparaj Subedi - President
- Mr. Surendra Prasad Duwal - Vice-President
- Mr. Sanjib Kumar Chaudhary - General Secretary
- Mr. Kishor Subedi - Vice-General Secretary
- Ms. Karishma Tandan - Treasurer
- Ms. Ratna Shova Phaiju - Member
- Ms. Sakuntala Dhungana - Member
- Mr. Sanjib Singh - Member
- Ms. Puja Sharma - Member
- Mr. Arjun Thapa - Member
- Ms. Pratikshya Shakya - Member
- Mr. Anshu Kumari Jha - Member

Nepal National Library extend heartfelt congratulations to the newly elected members and eagerly anticipate their leadership in advancing the mission of the Nepal Library Association.

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