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1. RELATIONSHIP TO GOVERNMENT:

Nepal National Library is under the Ministry of Education, Government of Nepal. All the library activities are reported through the Planning and Monitoring Division, Ministry of Education. The budgetary and administrative rules, regulations and norms are based on the Government rules and regulations. NNL is also implementing one school one Library policy of the Government of Nepal.

NNL is playing an active role in close collaboration with the professional organizations such as Nepal Library Association, Central Department of Library and Information Science, Tribhuvan University, Tribhuvan University Central Library (TUCL) Room to Read, READ Nepal, Nepal Community Library Association, Lions Manaram Foundation 2005, Nepal Library Foundation etc. for the establishment and operation of public libraries.

Nepal has just received the new constitution in 2015. For the first time library and information service is recognized by the constitution. According to the Article no 51. (h) (4) the nation policy will be focused to establish and promotes the community information centres and libraries to enhance the personalities of the citizens. The constitution has also guaranteed to make the policies for the National Library, State libraries and the Local level libraries.

2. FACTS AND FIGURES:

Nepal National Library (NNL) was established according to the decision of the Government of Nepal on the date of 2nd January, 1957. It is located at Hariharbhawan, Lalitpur. Currently the library has more than 105000 books and documents in its collection.

We are aware about the paradigm change of the library management as well as its services due to the advent of the Information and Communication Technology and its application and trying our best to adopt and adapt the challenges and opportunities as our best. The Library is using Koha Open Source Software for creating bibliographic records. We have also initiated to create digital library using Dspace. NNL has released an android based App "NNL Catalogue" it is available in play.google.com

NNL has started to digitize the Ph. D. dissertations submitted to the Ministry of Education to receive the Nepal Vidya Bhushan award from Nepali citizens and also started develop the Institutional Repository of NNL publications and valuable documents.

The annual budget for the fiscal year 2015/16 (2072/73BS) is 9007 thousand Nepalese Rupees. The amount is very few in comparison to the total education budget. It is around 0.009 percent of the total education budget.

There are 23 total staff in the library. The chief Librarian is responsible for overall management, supervision and reporting followed by five officers (Four Library Officer and one administrative officer. All having Master's Degree in the related subject. Seven Non Gazetted First Class and four Non Gazetted Second Class Personals. There are four Office Assistants and one light vehicle driver.

Before earthquake there were more than 100 visitors per day now a days the number has decreased due the lack of space.

NNL is also playing the role of National Centre for ISSN since 2009. At the end of the December, 2015 around 510 ISSN has been distributed to the Nepalese serial publications.

3. A BRIEF GENERAL OVERVIEW OF RECENT MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS:

Due to the April 25th 7.6 magnitude earthquake and continuous aftershocks (The aftershock has not stopped yet) the 100 year old library building has completely damaged. All the books and reading materials were successfully evacuated from the cracked building and put around 5000 plastic sacks in two rooms of Mahendra Bhawan Higher Secondary School.

Due to the lack of land, we are not being able to construct the library building. We have requested to the Government through the Ministry of Education to acquire the land for the National Library. We are hopeful that the Government will soon provide the land.

4. NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN BUILDING AND MANAGING COLLECTIONS:

As mentioned in the point no. 3, the main collection is not in operation. Government of Nepal has allocated 15 million Nepalese Rupees for immediate response. We are searching appropriate land for to construct new building. After the restoration of the books, NNL has planned to digitize the rare and valuable books.

5. NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN PROVIDING ACCESS TO COLLECTIONS:

NNL has developed a mobile application called "NNL Catalogue" to facilitate the mobile users to search the bibliographic database and Dspace for the digital library. Unfortunately the April 25th Earthquake the App is not in operation. Soon, it will be come on full function.

6. NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN OTHER SERVICES:

Due to the Financial and Human Resources constrains, the library has not make significant change in creating and building collections but the library has initiated to collect digital copies of the books and the documents. This initiation will help to build the digital library and increase the visibility of the library.

7. NOTES ON YOUR COLLABORATION WITH OTHER LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES AND MUSEUMS IN YOUR COUNTRY:

We have close relation between the other libraries such as Kaiser Library, Dillhi Raman Kalyani Regmi Library, Tribhuvan University Central Library, Madan Puraskar Library and other organizations such as Room to Read, Read Nepal, Lions Manaram Foundation and the Asia foundation. These organizations are dedicated to the development of Public and Academic libraries across the country.

NNL also collects books and other reading materials from the donor and distributes to the School as well as the public Libraries across the countries as per their need and interest. We have also a close relation between the National Archive and museums.

8. NOTES ON INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION:

NNL is responsible for the exchange of documents in the international level. Based on the IFLA guidelines it provides documents upon the request of international users as

well as organization. It is an active member of the CDNLAO. Digital Library Network in South Asia (DELNetSA), Asia Pacific Information Network (APIN).