

# Nepal National Library Country Report

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# General background

- Often called as the country of Gurkhas, Mount Everest (Sagarmatha in Nepali name) and Himalayan state, the birthplace of Lord Buddha.
- Capital city: Kathmandu (DoI, 2012).
- Having great physical and climate diversity 60 meters to the 8,848.
- Divided into Mountain, Hilly, and the Tarai region.

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- Federal Democratic Republican and Secular State situated in south Asia.
- Land locked country surrounded by India on three sides and by China to the north.
- Occupies 0.3 percent land of the Asian continent and 0.03 percent land of the world. Very mountainous and hilly country roughly rectangular,
- About 885 kilometers long and about 193 kilometers wide,
- Total area 147,181 Sq KM.

# Population

- Total population 26.6 million (2,64,94,504)
- Female (51.50%)
- Male population (48.50 %).
- Urban population 17 %
- Rural Population 83 %
- Nine Universities, 1000 Colleges, 4200 Higher secondary schools, 34000 schools.
- Literacy rate

# Administration & Political Division

- Five development regions, 14 Zones, 75 Districts, 58 Municipalities and 3915 Village Development Committees
- 240 constituency, 325 proportional representation system and 26 members nominated by council of Ministers for CA.
- Three layers of court system: Supreme, appeal and district courts.
- Local bodies: District Development Council (DDCs), Municipalities and Village Development Committee (VDCs)

# Education

- Nine universities, two deemed universities,
- Around 1000 colleges,
- 4000 Higher Secondary Schools popularly known as +2,
- 34000 Schools including Basic (Nursury to 8<sup>th</sup> grade), and Secondary (Nursury to 10<sup>th</sup> grade) are providing education in Nepal.
- Literacy rate 65.9% (75.1 % men and 57.4% women) (CBS; 2011)

# History and development of libraries

- The history and the development of libraries in Nepal can be described below:
  - The early period (Ancient period)
  - Pre- modern period (1869-2007) B. S
  - The modern period ( 2007- up to now) B. S





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The Royal Priest Hem Raj Pandey

# Nepal National Library

- GoN purchased the personal collection of Rajguru (The Royal priest) Hem Raj Pandey in three laks Indian Rupees in 1956.
- The collection of the Central Secretariat Library also merged and NNL was established in the date of 2nd January 1957 (2013 Poush 19 Bikram Sambat) in Sikri Dhoka, a building within the Premises of Singha Durbar.
- It was moved to its present location, Harihar Bhawan, Pulchowk, Lalitpur, in 1961.

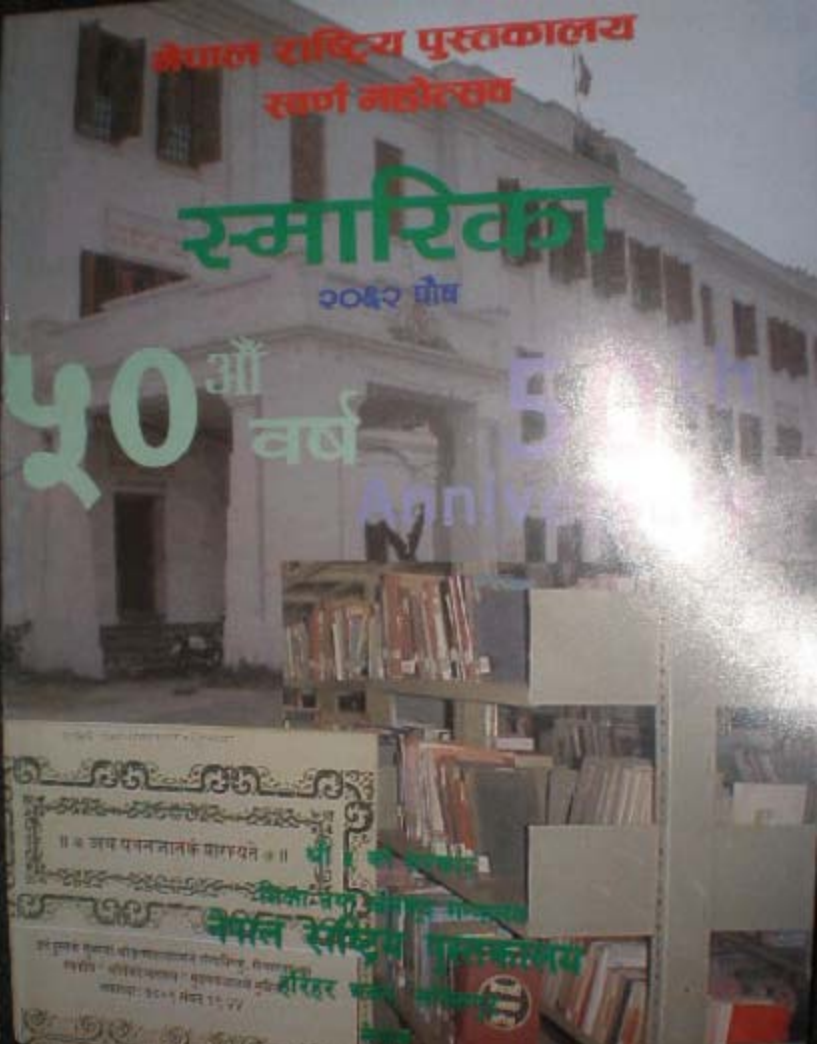
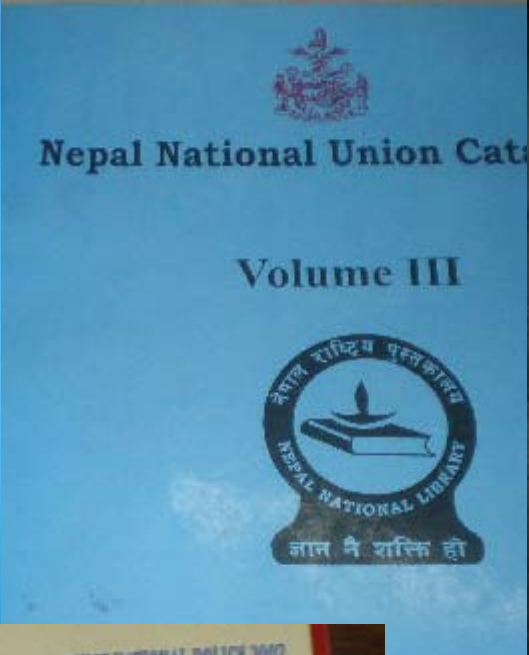
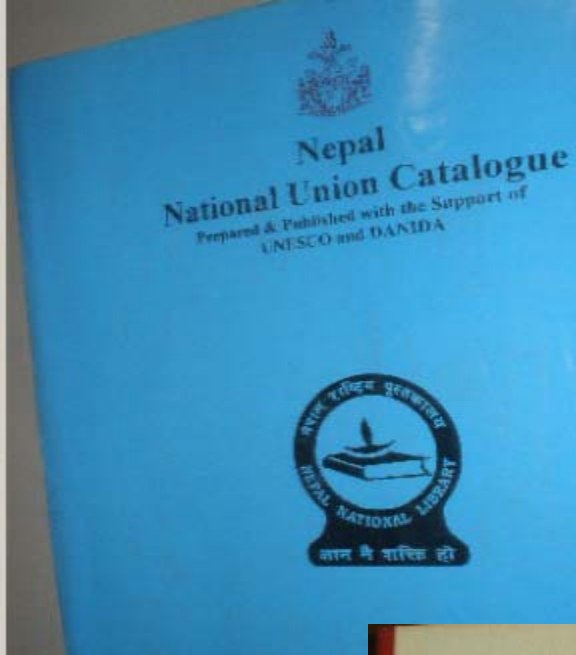
# NNL...

## sections

- Administration section,
- Nepali section,
- Sanskrit section,
- Hindi section,
- Child section,
- English section,
- Journals and periodicals section.
- Micrographic section.

# Recent major developments

- Using KOHA ILMIS for creating bibliographic records.
- Using GSDL to create Digital Library.
- Some of the data are still in the WIN/ISIS and Nepali Nux.
- 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.
- Trying to develop Institutional Repository of NNL publications and valuable documents in Sanskrit language.



Some publications of NNL

**CATALOGUE**  
The author, title and subject card catalogues of the books in English, Nepali and Hindi languages are available in the catalogue cabinet near the entrance of the library. There are separate cabinets for different languages. The users can consult either the card catalogues or local inhouse online catalogue. There is also the facility of **Online Public Access Catalogue (OPAC)**.

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- जनआन्दोलन २०४६ वि. स. सत्तिय पक्षको रणनिति
- निम्न माध्यमिक तह पूरा गरेका विधार्थीहरूको आधारभूत नेपाली शब्दवलीको अध्ययन
- नेपाली नारी- समस्यामूलक नाटक
- नेपाली बाल- साहित्यको अध्ययन
- नेपालीमा पदवलि व्यवस्था
- नेपाली र संस्कृत भाषाका कालको तुलनात्मक अध्ययन
- पाल्पा गैँडाको प्रशासनिक, सामाजिक तथा आर्थिक अवस्थाको ऐतिहसिक अध्ययन
- प्रगतिवादी नेपाली कवितामा अभिव्यञ्जित यथार्थ
- प्राथमिक तह ( कक्षा १- ३ ) का विधार्थीहरूको आधारभूत नेपाली शब्दभण्डारको निरूपण
- भवानी भिक्षुका कथामा मनोविज्ञान
- राप्ती अञ्चलका लोकगीतको विश्लेषण
- लक्ष्मीप्रसाद देवकोटाका निबन्धमा व्यङ्ग्य – चेतना
- विश्वेश्वरप्रसाद कोइरालाका उपन्यासमा अस्तित्ववाद



# Relationship to the Government

- NNL 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 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, Room to Read, READ Nepal, Nepal Community Library Association etc. to establish and operation of public libraries.

# Key fact and figures

- **Total Collection:** 94, 000
- **Eight sections:** Nepali, English, Hindi, Sanskrit, Administration and accounting, Children Journals & periodicals and Micrographic section.
- **Total staff:** 23
- NNL is directed by a senior librarian and assisted by a Bibliographic Officer and a Library Officer.
- NNL is also the National Center for ISSN since 2009. At the end of the January, 2013 around 300 ISSN has been distributed to the Nepalese serial publications.

# New developments in creating and building collections

- Initiated to collect digital copies of the books and the documents.
- Started to create Institutional Repository
- Started to build the digital library to increase the visibility

# New developments in managing collections

- started to create a digital library using GSDL
- The response of the user is encouraging.
- NNL has requested to the Ministry of Education to provide minimum budget for 24 hour power back up and other minimum resources.

# New developments in providing access to collections

- NNL is aware about the paradigm change of the library services.
- The users can access our Online Public Access Catalogue in any time.
- NNL digital library and ISSN form also can be retrieved in any time.

# Collaboration...

- Have close relation between the other libraries and related professional organizations.
- Collects books and other reading materials from the donor and distribute to the school as well as the public Libraries across the countries as per their need and interest.
- Have close relation between the National Archive and museums.



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