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## Art

Art and Culture of Nepal : Selected Papers / Mary Shepherd Slusser [With contributions by Gautama V. Vajracharya and Manuela Fuller] Kathmandu : Mandala Publications, c2005 v. ; ill. ; 29 cm. 99946-55-02-7 \$ 60.00

[This volume brings together in one convenient format a selection of papers devoted to Nepalese culture published over several years in a variety of places. In one of them, for example, jointly authored and published in Artibus Asiae in 1973, the authors make one exciting discovery after another as they unravel various facets of Nepalese history. The so-called "Sleeping Vishnu" at Balaju turns out to be actually part Siva and to be a thousand years older than previously thought. In an astonishing reversal of the accepted relationship, it is shown to actually predate the image of which it was supposed to be a copy. With few exceptions, the papers have appeared in Western scholarly journals not readily available in Nepal. To make them easily accessible to Nepalese scholars and the interested public they have been brought together in this single volume. The chronological order of publication has been ignored in favor of grouping them under specific headings such as painting, sculpture and architecture. No changes have been made in the original texts but some articles are followed by a short commentary to include new information pertinent to that paper. One commentary, for example, takes into account the critical Jayadeva sculpture whose discovery postdated the planned 1997 publication of this volume. The present work is also fully illustrated with all the photographs included in the original publications.]

## Communication

Media Monitor : Nepal's Pioneer Mass Communication Journal – Press Freedom Special, Vol.1 November 2005 – Quarterly / Edited by Shubha Shankar Kandel Nepal : Media Monitor Nepal, 2005 148 p. ; 22 cm. \$ 10.00

## **Economics & Development Studies**

Constructive Dialogue on Dams and Development in Nepal / Edited by Ajaya Dixit [et.al] Nepal : The World Conservation Union Nepal [Nepal Water Conservation Foundation (NWCF)], c2004 xi, 107 p. ; 26 cm. 99933-795-2-2 \$ 15.00

NGOs in Livelihood Improvement : Nepalese Experience / Tek Nath Dhakal New Delhi : Adroit Publishers, c2006 280 p. ; 23 cm. Includes Index. 81-87392-69-X \$ 10.00

[The book is a revised version of the author's research work 'The Role of Nongovernmental Organizations in the improvement of Livelihood in Nepal." This book provides a comprehensive perspective the theoretical understanding on the role of NGOs to support the livelihood improvement of the people and particularly of the poor and the deprived communities. It reviews the overall socio-economic scenario of the country and assesses the efforts made for meeting the development needs. The book explores the development of NGOs in Nepal, policies adopted for involving them as development partners, and their contribution in the socio-economic development of the people. Besides, the book gives a clear picture of the target communities at the grassroots, and the effects on the livelihood situation after the NGOs intervention. It also assesses the NGOs strengths and weaknesses to work as development catalysts.]

Donors' Policies against Corruption in Nepal / Rabindra Khanal Kathmandu : Transparency International Nepal, c2005 115 p. ; 22 cm. Includes Bibliography. 99946-673-1-9 \$ 5.00

Listening to People Living in Poverty in Nepal : Bangalore : Books for Change [Prepared by New Era Ltd., Actionaid, Nepal]., c2004 xxiv, 178 p. ; 22 cm. Vol.1. – Collection of Life History Case Studies Vol.2. – analysis of Life History cases 81-8291-004-8 \$ 28.00 (Set)

[Poverty in Nepal is seen as product of unsatisfactory growth in aggregate output; unequal distribution of assets and social and economic status and inequities born of development efforts (Panday, 1999). The factors considered to be the major causes of poverty in Nepal are: low economic growth, low agricultural productivity, low levels of social and economic infrastructure, inefficient public expenditure, high population growth, inadequate access to employment, factors which are social, cultural and historical and weak governance. This book gives an analysis of overall life histories projecting common as well as specific issues faced by the poor. Broadly the analysis focused on governance issues, poverty processes, personal experiences, perceptions of being poor, attitude towards institutions and conditions of change as recorded from the people living in poverty. The basic concerns that emerge from the life histories encompass a number of governance issues and many of them transcend the ecological belts, i.e., the mountains/hills and plains of Nepal. The analysis has indicated that the poverty process and the perceptions of the poor flow across different ethnic groups and communities. Most of all, the common issues identified pertain to the delivery of basic services on the part of governance and include specifically the education and health facilities.]

Corporate Financial Reporting in Nepal : The Effect of Changes in Price Level / Khagendra P. Ojha and Ishwor Bhattarai Kathmandu : Asmita Books Publishers and Distributors, c2005 176 p. ; 22 cm. Includes Bibliography. 99946-45-26-9 \$ 10.00

National Integrity Systems in Nepal – Transparency International Country Study Report 2004 / Rama Krishna Regmee [et.al] Kathmandu : Transparency International Nepal, c2005 80 p. ; 22 cm. 99946-673-2-7 \$ 5.00

Developing Nepal's Trade Advantage in Competitive Markets / Edited Bishwa K. Maskay and John Adams Kathmandu : Centre for Development and Governance, 2005 177 p. ; 22 cm. Includes Index. 99933-974-7-4 \$ 13.00

[Economic development in general and trade competitiveness in particular depends to a large extent on the existence of a supportive legal, financial and institutional framework. For the efficient functioning of market and private sector enterprises, laws, regulations need to be clear, transparent and consistent. Similarly the financial sector needs to be efficient. In Nepal, there is a clear need to further deregulate the financial sector, while establishing clear and prudential supervision and regulation procedures to ensure efficiencies in trade and investment areas.]

Hydropower Pricing in Nepal : Developing A Perspective / Edited by Upendra Gautam, Ajoy Karki Kathmandu : Jalsrot Vikas Sanstha (JVS), c2004 xiv, 133 p. ; 22 cm. Includes Index. 99946-31-10-1 \$ 8.00

Societal Analysis : Politics of Poverty, Injustice and Inequity / Narbikram Thapa Kathmandu : Janautthan Pratisthan, c2005

323 p. ; 22 cm. 99946-57-09-7 \$ 10.00

[Contents: Chapter 1: Introduction Chapter 2: Tools of social analysis Chapter 3: Global key players Chapter 4: Key socio-political issues in Nepal Chapter 5: The Historico-Structural approach Chapter 6: The functioning of society Chapter 7: Types of society Chapter 8: Economic, political and social systems Chapter 9: Religion, culture and ideology Chapter 10: Organizing the people Chapter 11: Conclusion. \_\_\_\_\_ Farmers' Rights to Livelihood in the Hindu-Kush Himalayas / Edited by Ratnakar Adhikari, Kamalesh Adhikari Kathmandu : South Asia Watch on Trade, Economics and Environment (SAWTEE), c2003 xv, 201 p. ; 22 cm. 99933-817-0-5 \$ 10.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Nepal in the WTO : Livelihood and Food Security Perspectives / Hiramani Ghimire, Navin Dahal Kathmandu : South Asia Watch on Trade, Economics and Environment (SAWTEE) [ ActionAid Nepal (AAN)], c2004 iv, 67 p. ; 22 cm. 99933-817-6-4 \$ 5.00 [Contents: Introduction Nepalese agriculture sector and food security Agreement on agriculture Agreement on trade related aspects on intellectual Property rights Standards and technical regulations in the WTO.] \_\_\_\_\_ Reorienting the Distribution and Use of Hydropower Royalty to Promote Equity and Justice – January 2006 / Shyam K Upadhyaya Kathmandu : Winrock International, c2005 v, 36 p.; 25 cm. 99946-947-9-0 Equitable Hydro Working Paper 7 \$ 5.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Addressing Inequities and Injustices in Hydropower Development in Nepal : Lessons from Abroad – January 2006 / Shyam K. Upadhyaya Kathmandu : Winrock International, c2006 v, 31 p. ; 25 cm.

99946-861-0-0 Equitable Hydro Working Paper 8 \$ 5.00

[Contents:

1. Introduction

2. Benefit sharing with upstream watershed communities : Examples from Costa Rica and Columbia

3. Hydropower benefit sharing practices in Brazil

4. Making up for past injustices: Grand coulee Dam of the united states

5. Organizing for justice: Narmada Bachao Andolan (NBA) of India

6. Involuntary resettlement initiatives of the people's republic of China

7. Recommendations from the world commission on Dams (WCD)

8. Summing Up.]

### **Environmental Studies**

Linking Plant-Based Enterprises and Local Communities to Biodiversity Conservation in Nepal Himalaya / Bhishma Prasad Subedi New Delhi : Adroit Publishers, c2006 x, 244 p. : ill. ; 25 cm. Includes Index. 81-87392-70-3 \$ 13.75

[Nepal Himalaya harbors one of the globally significant biodiversity hotspots where poverty is acute and dependency of local communities on biodiversity high, with little alternatives for livelihoods. Is such a situation, is it possible to generate enough economic incentives to local communities for biodiversity conservation? the author digs into the concern and seeks solution through developing synergy among local communities, biodiversity and enterprises. The author identifies more practical ways of biodiversity conservation in the areas where local people are dependent on the use of biodiversity for day-to-day subsistence. In this book, he examines three key elements of the system-biodiversity, local communities and enterprises-and their interrelationships in view of local livelihoods and sustainable management of ecosystem. The author discovers that enterprise-oriented community forest management can generate positive outcomes on both conservation and local livelihoods. Within the framework of Participatory Action Research, the experimentation with 37 community forest user groups in 6 districts of Nepal Himalays (Humla, Jumla, Dolpa, Darchula, Bajhang in the west and Dolakha in the east) was made. The research makes extension exploration on biological diversity in Nepal, distribution, policy, regulatory environment, conservation approaches, economic use, enterprise potentials of biodiversity, threats to biodiversity, key stakeholders in biodiversity use and management and impacts of enterprise-oriented community forestry on local livelihood, equality and conservation.]

Ethnobotany and Conservation of Plant Diversity in Nepal : Status, Bibliography and Agenda for Sustainable Management / Ananda Raj Joshi, Kunjani Joshi Kathmandu : RubRick, c2005 159 p. ; 24 cm. Includes Index. 99946-34-78-X \$ 10.00

[Contents: Chapter 1: Introduction Chapter 2: Nepal : Environmental scenario Chapter 3: Botanical exploration and documentation Chapter 4: Trend of ethnobotanical research, conservation of useful species and bibliography Chapter 5: Initiatives for development of Ethnobotany and Conservation of Plant resources Chapter 6: Looking ahead: Agenda for sustainable management.] Wildlife and Protected Areas of Nepal : Resources and Management - (Most uptodate and correct description of Mammals of Nepal together with recent delineation of Wildlife Protected Areas, Conservation and Management) / Trilok Chandra Majupuria and Rohit Kumar (Majupuria) Saharanpur : S. Devi, c2006 549 p. ; 23 cm. Includes Index. 974-89833-5-8 \$ 22.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Evolving Sui Generis Options for the Hindu-Kush Himalayas / Edited by Ratnakar Adhikari, Kamalesh Adhikari Kathmandu : South Asia Watch on Trade, Economics and Environment (SAWTEE), c2004 ix, 230 p. ; 22 cm. 99933-817-2-1 \$ 10.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Important Bird Areas in Nepal : Key Sites for Conservation / Hem Sagar Baral and Carol Inskipp Kathmandu : Bird Conservation Nepal, c2005 242 p. : ill. ; 30 cm. 99933-792-2-0 \$ 33.50 \_\_\_\_\_ An Inventory and Assessment of Invasive Alien Plant Species of Nepal / Sagendra Tiwari [et.al] Kathmandu : IUCN Nepal, c2005 viii, 115 p. : ill. ; 28 cm. 99933-860-6-5 \$ 10.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Payments for Environmental Services : Sharing Hydropower Benefits with Upland Communities / Shyam K. Upadhyaya Kathmandu : Winrock International, c2005 27 p. : ill. ; 25 cm. 99946-947-8-2 Rupes Kulekhani Working Paper 1 \$ 5.00 \_\_\_\_\_

### Mountaineering

Destination Thimi / Subhash Ram Prajapati Bhaktapur : Chapacho Information Centre, c2005 58 p. ; 20 cm. 99946-35-50-6 \$ 3.00

The Restless Quest : Britain and Nepal on Collision Course and the Start of the British-Gurkha Connection 1746-1815 / J P Cross Kathmandu : Koselee Prakashan, c2004 ix, 430 p. ; 23 cm. Includes Index. 99946-50-09-2 \$ 25.00

[This is the story that shows how those four unrelated, unusual and, except for the actual persons involved, insignificant episodes were responsible for the India remaining British for the next 191 years. The Restless Quest is the sequel to The Throne on stone which relates how the same family that features in The Restless Quest started the current royal dynasty in today's Nepal.]

Nepalese Forts and The Royal Nepalese Army in Fort Battles / Prem Singh Basnyat Lalitpur : Sajha Prakashan, c2005 267 p. : ill. ; 22 cm. Includes Bibliography. 99933-2-439-6 \$ 10.00 [Contents: Chapter 1: The need for military forts and their architecture Chapter 2: Some northern forts and forts battles Chapter 3: Some southern forts and forts battles Chapter 4: Comparision of Nepalese forts with world military architecture Chapter 5: Conclusion Chapter 5: Conclusion Chapter 6: Original sketch of some other forts of Nepal Chapter 7: Some opinions about the Nepalese forts abbreviation, meaning and symbols Bibliography.]

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The Bon Notes on Notes of the Services of B.H. Hodgson – Collected by a Friend / Collected and Complied by Harihar Raj Joshi and Indu Joshi Kathmandu : The Nepal Studies : Past and Present, c2003 60 p. ; 22 cm. \$ 5.00

[Contents:

1. The world of dedication

2. The Bon notes

3. Sketch map of the then residency / Bipul Raj Joshi

4. Afterword / John Whelpton

5. Some words of an evening in Kathmandu : At the British ambassador's residence / Collected by a friend

6. The event : Caught in time (photographs) / Tushar Raj Joshi

7. The event in words / Dr. Abhi Subedi

8. A few words : Let us keep the ball rolling / Haribar Raj Joshi

9. The words just for your flashback / Collected by friends

10. A few lyrical words : The empire of ecstasy with a Pinch of Pain at times / Indu Joshi.]

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### Law

Future Of The Nepalese Constitution / (Ed) Surendra Bhandari and Budhi Karki Kathmandu : Law Associates Nepal (LAN), c2005 vi, 135 p. ; 19 cm. 99946-844-0-x \$ 10.00

Dalits' Rights Under Nepalese Legal System / Tek Tamrakar Nepal : Feminist Dalit Organization (FEDO), c2003 Xv, 204 p. ; 21 cm. Includes Bibliography 99933-835-0-3 \$ 12.00

Constitution and its Application (1990-2004 A. D.) : Ideas and Reflections / Mukti Rijal Kathmandu : Institute of Governance and Development (IGD), 2004 35 p. ; ill, 21 cm. \$ 5.00

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## Linguistics

English-Nepali Classified Subject Dictionary - (With Roman Transliteration) / KB Maharjan, Bal Ram Adhikari 2<sup>nd</sup> Revised Ed. [1<sup>st</sup> ed. 2003] Kathmandu : Apex Publication Nepal Pvt, Ltd., c2005 vi, 213 p. ; 19 cm. 99946-627-2-4 \$ 7.00 \_\_\_\_\_ The Roots of Nepali / Ralph Lilley Turner [Foreword by Keith Bloomfield] Kathmandu : The Nepal Studies : Past and Present, 2003 17 p.; 22 cm. Collected and presented with short notes by Harihar Raj Joshi, Mrs. Indu Joshi \$ 5.00 Contemporary Issues in Nepalese Linguistics / Edited by Yogendra Yadava [et.al] Kathmandu : Linguistic Society of Nepal, c2005 586 p.; 25 cm. 99946-57-69-0 \$ 20.00

[CINL is an attempt to incorporate recent papers from native and foreign linguists working on Nepalese languages and their related issues. This volume contains more than three of papers of wide ranging themes in Nepalese linguistics. These papers belong to diverse linguistic fields such as phonology, morphology, syntax, semantics, sociolinguistics, computational linguistics and natural language procession, orthography etc. We hope they can be of enormous help in understanding the different aspects of Nepalese languages in particular as well as in evaluating the empirical adequacy of typological and theoretical issues about language in general.]

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### Literature

Every Place : Every Person : A Himalayan Tale from Darjeeling / Peter J. Karthak Kathmandu : Vajra Books, c2004 263 p. ; 18 cm. 99946-644-9-0 \$ 10.00

A Journey To The Self / Luna Shrestha Thakar Nepal : Luna Shrestha Thakar, c2005 179 p.; 17 cm. 99946-636-1-5 \$ 8.00

[This book is must for all Nepal youths, particularly young girls, trying to find their space between a traditional patriarchal society and the need to venture into the

unknown and competitive world. The way the writer of such a young age, has drawn out valuable lessons through every relationship is indeed praiseworthy. I thoroughly enjoyed reading the book, which can be a great guide to anyone wishing to enhance their journey in life.]

Fragile Mountains / M. K. Limbu Kathmandu : Vajra Publications, c2005 536 p. ; 18 cm. 99946-644-5-x \$ 15.00

[Fragile Mountains is a story of three generations of a family who hope and dream and generally life as it comes until they find themselves trapped in the midst of a bloody Maoist rebellion. It's also about the tradition and culture of the Limbu people, an ancient and proud race of Mongoloid stock who have made the eastern hills of Nepal their home for countless centuries.]

Masan (Cremation ground) / Gopal Prasad Rimal [Translated by Sangita Rayamajhi Kathmandu : Ratna Pustak Bhandar, c2006 60 p. ; 21 cm. 99933-0-518-9 \$ 3.00

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Kham Magar's Legend / Rana Prasad Gharti Magar Nepal : Sirjana Gharti Magar, Dhan Maya Gharti Magar 57 p. ; 22 cm. \$ 5.00

The Prison (Original Title : Karagar, Fiction ) / Banira Giri [Edited and Translated from the Nepali with and Introduction by Ann Hunkins] Kathmandu : Jiba Lamichhane, c2005 215 p. ; ill, 21 cm. 99946-35-99-9 \$ 10.00

Echoes of Pain (Novel) / Ravi Thapaliya Nepal : Sajha Prakashan, c2005 338 p. ; 21 cm. 99933-2-432-9 \$ 10.00

[Echoes of Pain explores the morbid human instinct that pleases to see pain and suffering in others. It depicts the fact that the disintegration, however, is bilateral.]

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Nepalese Literature / Edited by Govinda Raj Bhattarai Kathmandu : The Royal Nepal Academy, 2005 263 p. ; 21 cm. 99933-50-69-9 \$ 8.00

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## **Official & Statistical Publications**

#### **Politics & International Relations**

Nepal : Quest For Participatory Democracy / Lok Raj Baral New Delhi : Adroit Publishers, c2006 271 p. ; 22 cm. Includes Bibliography and Index. 81-87392-71-1 \$ 12.00

[Participatory democracy is interpreted not merely as a representative process but also as an inclusive and substantive system of governance. Its mission is to enhance the overall interest and capacity of people living within a country. Accepting that electoral mechanism alone does not constitute democratic process, democracy is expected to empower ordinary people. The present book has tried to conceptualise participatory democracy by putting the people at the center of politics. And only the empowered people can share power through the democratic process and with the freedoms guaranteed by the democratic order. The papers included in this volume are of diverse nature contributed by the authors of various disciplines. Many articles also reveal the necessity of redefining democracy in order to contextualize it in accordance with the existing realities of the country.]

Monarchy vs. Democracy : The Epic Fight in Nepal / Baburam Bhattarai New Delhi : Samkaleen Teesari Duniya, c2005 xvi, 179 p. 21 cm. \$ 10.00

[The book Monarchy vs. Democracy : The Epic Fight in Nepal deals with the period after the infamous palace massacre of June 2001. The chain of events since then viz. declaration of national emergency and deployment of royal army since November 2001, dissolution of parliament in May 2002, dismissal of elected Prime Minister and assumption of executive powers by the king in October 2002 which culminated in the imposition of absolute monarchy on February 1, 2005, amply testifies the regressive intentions of the Monarchy. The main demand of Maoists, today, is that a Constituent Assembly should be elected for the new constitution. The process of polarization in favour of this demand has intensified since the autocratic step taken by the King on

February 1. But, surprisingly, the ruling elite of India and the US still consider Monarchy essential for the stability to Nepal.]

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The Nepali Dalit Social Movement / Yam Bahadur Kisan Nepal : Legal Rights Protection Society Nepal, c2005 Xiii, 199 p. ; 22 cm. 99946-35-19-0 \$ 8.00

Nepal-China Relations / Nishchal N. Pandey Nepal : Institute of Foreign Affairs, 2005 98 p. ; 20. cm. \$ 15.00

Wrong WE Do, Right We Don't (A hard Talk ) / Aditya Man Shrestha Kathmandu : Ekta Books Distributors Pvt. Ltd., c2005 342 p. ; 21 cm. 99933-1-625-3 Includes Bibliography. \$ 10.00

[Wrong we do, Right we don't is a frank and hard talk, atypical, uncharacteristic and unusual to our secretive social psyche. It has touched on common grounds of our concern, immediate and long-term, but with an uncommon and singular style and outlook. It opens up a new, challenging and revealing dimension of our traditionally held euphoria and familiarity.]

Under the Shadow of Violence / Kishore Nepal Kathmandu : C P J S, c2005 356 p. ; 19 cm. 99933-833-2-5 \$ 10.00

[Under the Shadow of Violence gives a graphic account of the daily difficulties and traumatic suffering of the Nepal people amidst the on-going violent conflict. It tells of a population 'sandwiched' between the guns of the Maoists and the government security forces whose daily lives are disrupted in every way. It tells a story that is beyond the reach of the Kathmandu-centric media and the people of Nepal's capital city.

Over the past two and a half years Kishore Nepal has traveled more than 200.000km by road, air and on foot across Nepal's hills, plains, and mountains, traversing 70 of Nepal's 75 districts to collect material for his popular television series Mata-Abhimat and for this book. In the course of his travels the author has interviewed hundreds of people from every walk of life and held dozens of group discussions. The first part of the book gives the author's impressions based on the views of a cross-section of the Nepali people whilst the second gives district-wise accounts of local people's experiences of the disruptions caused by the conflict. The final concluding part gives remarks about the distant prospect of peace and a commentary on the power shift that the author sees happening across Nepal as a result of the historical neglect of most of the country by the governing powers.]

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Cost Of Armed Conflict In Nepal / Edited by Ananda P. Srestha and Hari Uprety Kathmandu : Nepal Foundation for Advanced Studies (NEFAS), c2005

New Life within SAARC / Nishchal N. Pandey, Dev Raj Dan Nepal : IFA / FES, 2005 viii, 189 p. ; 21 cm. 99946-57-87-9 \$ 15.00

Nepalese Administration : A Historical Perspective / Tulsi Narayan Shrestha Kathmandu : Ratna Pustak Bhandar, c2005 264 p. ; 21 cm. Includes Bibliography 99933-0-478-6 \$ 10.00

[Nepal is one of few nations having a long recorded history stretching for more than 25

centuries. This book deals with the multidimensional aspects of the Kirata and Lichhavi administrative system of ancient Nepal, different facets of Malla administration of medieval Nepal and the various dimensions of administrative systems of pre-Rana and Rana period of modern Nepal. And it concludes with some tentatively alluded concepts from Nepal's invaluable past experiences.]

Nepal-India Relations : Nepal – China Relations : Documents 1947-June 2005 : Vol. 5 Volumes Set / Edited by Avtar Singh Bhasin New Delhi : Geetika Publishers, c2005 3584 p. ; 25 cm. 81-903150-0-5 (Set) \$ 150.00 (Set)

[Destinies of no other two countries in the world are so closely intertwined as that of India and Nepal. Geography more than any other factor is the most important determinant in their relations. Lying on the southern slopes of the Himalayan ranges. Nepal cannot escape from being part of the Indian subcontinent. It is no wonder that the leaders of the two countries are never third of swearing by age-old ties of history, geography, culture etc. However history of the last half-a century brings into sharp focus a mismatch in this relationship. Lack of appreciation of each other's concerns only created misunderstanding between them. This resulted in confidence deficit in their relations. If despite a liberalized trade and transit regime that New Delhi afforded to Nepal and a generous economic cooperation programme, Kathmandu was niggardly in sharing the security concerns of India and measly in extending cooperation in harnessing the water resources of the Himalayan rivers that would not only bring prosperity to Nepal but bring to an end India's search for energy security, then there must be something amiss in their understanding of each other's perceptions. The documents gathered here bring out the misperceptions of one about the other over the past five decades. Both need to engage in a serious exercise for confidence building to create a fund of trust. Trust cannot be bargained. It comes only by trust. Let the past not be the enemy of the future but the beckoning light. China-Nepal relations on the other hand present a picture in contrast. Nepal conveniently ignores the fact that China even though a contiguous neighbour is a distant neighbour as demonstrated by the events of last half-a century. No country can run away from the dictates of history and geography. It is time that Nepal makes peace with these facts and recognizes that its relations with India must be different if not special, vis-à-vis China.]

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### Religion – Buddhism

Modern Interpretation of Buddhism / Harischandra Lal Singh Kathmandu : Educational Publishing House, c2005 144 p. ; 17 cm. Includes Bibliography and Index. 99946-641-9-0 \$ 5.00

[Buddhism is still understood simply as a religion that opposes ritualism, ceremonialism, and orthodoxy. Not quite surprisingly enough, it is also called a didactic religion because of its emphasis on conscious, moral and ethical living devoid of any concern for human frailties. There are some who call it a savage, 'heathen' religion which disturbs the existing social norms and the normal thought-plane of the human beings. To understand Buddhism fully well is to get a key to peace and happiness and to open the gate of immortality. That is why Buddhism is called the most modern religion suited to the present generation of people. The author has attempted to interpret the teachings of the Buddha based on scholarly research. All the seekers of knowledge, thinkers, and scholars should read this book seriously.]

A Brief Encyclopaedia of Buddhism in Nepal / Harischandra Lal Singh Kathmandu : Ratna Pustak Bhandar, c2006 314 p. ; 21 cm. Includes Bibliography and Index. 99933-0-516-2 \$ 15.00

[Although the study of Buddhism obtaining in Nepal is becoming popular among the people of Nepal, and the foreigners and scholars, research on Buddhism in Nepal is still in the infant stage. Much remains to be done in this field to give a true picture. This book is a general survey from the angle of a journalist who is a dedicated Buddhist researcher. In short, this is an attempt to set a standard of writing a complete encyclopaedia of Nepalese Buddhism.]

Mountain Incantations / Thorong-La Kathmandu : Silent Himalaya, c2006 168 p. ; 21 cm. 99946-58-12-3 \$ 13.00

[Mountain Incantations explores the meaning of life; love and beauty, life and culture, God and religion, supernatural and the afterlife. That everything is in the state of flux: life, death and rabirth – it is a recurrent phenomenon: this is what Buddha calls the wheel of life. However, some of his stories reveal the account of nostalgia and the beautiful landscapes of Gorkha-near Chepe and Marsyangdi, and the majestic Himalayas: Manaslu and Hiunchuli.]

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Newar Buddhism: History Scholarship and Literature / Shanker Thapa Lalitpur : Nagarjuna Publication Pvt. Ltd., 2005 104 p.; 23 cm. Includes Bibliography 99946-853-0-9 \$ 10.00 [Contents : Chapter I : Trace of Buddhism in History / Shanker Thapa Chapter II : Buddhism Without Monks Newar Vajrayana Buddhism of Kathmandu Vallev / Michael Allen Chapter III : Newar Buddhism and the Context of History / Nivedita K. Mishra Chapter IV : Monasticism in Newar Buddhism / Min Bhadur Shakya Chapter V : Practice of Buddhist Tantra in Nepal / Acharya Shridhar Rana Chapter VI : Vihara in Newar Buddhism / indra K. Vajracharya Chapter VII: Atisa's impact on Newar Buddhism / Milan Shakva.] \_\_\_\_\_ Historical Context of Newar Buddhism : The Vairayana Tradition of Nepal / Edited by Shanker Thapa Nepal : Nagarjuna Publication Pvt. Ltd., c2005 150 p. ; 21 cm. 99946-57-52-6 \$ 10.00 [Contents : Publisher's Note Preface Chapter I: Buddhism in Ancient and Medieval Nepal Chapter II: Development of Newar Buddhist Scholarship Chapter III: Newar Scholars and the Tibetan Buddhists Chapter IV: Buddhist Manuscripts: The Glory of Newar Buddhism Chapter V: Conclusion Glossary Bibliography] \_\_\_\_\_ Pandit Amritananda Shakya (Bandya) / Harihar Raj Joshi and Indu Joshi Kathmadu : The Nepal Studies : Past and Present, 2003 viii, 52 p. ; 21 cm. 1991-01-01-05 \$ 5.00 \_\_\_\_\_

## Sociology

Working Against Child Sexual Abuse : Regional Meeting of Development Agencies / Report by Neha Bhandari Kathmandu : Save the Children Sweden, Regional Programme for South and Central Asia[Save the Children Norway Nepal], c2005 xii, 90 p. : ill. ; 24 cm. \$ 15.00 Nepal's Quest for Health : (The Heath Services of Nepal) / Hemang Dixit Third Edition 2005 (1<sup>st</sup> ed. 1995, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. 1998) Kathmandu : Educational Publishing House, 2005 244 p. ; 22 cm. Includes Bibliography and Index 99946-641-7-4 \$ 8.00

[Contents : 1.Medicine in the Beginning 2. Diseases and Control Attempts 3. Child and Maternal Health, Family Planning 4. HRH, Academics and Research 5. Development of Health Service 6. Plans, Policies and Their Implications Annexure-Health Legislation, Acts and Rules, Councils Index.] From Kin To Caste : The Role of Guthis In Newar Society And Culture / Gerard Toffin

Lalitpur : Social Science Baha, c2005 36 p. ; 21 cm. The Mahesh Chandra Regmi Lecture, 2005 99933-43-71-4 \$ 5.00

Issue of the World of Work in Nepal / Edited by Bishnu Rimal [et.al] Kathmandu : Gefont, c2005 X, 338 p. ; 21 cm. 99946-940-7-3 GEFONT Publication No. 89 \$ 10.00

[This is collection of and about the actors of the World of Work in Nepal, about the struggles for the dignity of working class peoples.

The publication tells the readers stories and issues of confrontations with odds and challenges and assimilations to ground realities in order to make the labour movement value based, practical and pro-workers. This publication represents the mood and mind of the Nepali labour movement.]

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The Arrow and the Spindle : Studies in History, Myths, Rituals and Beliefs in Tibet – Vol. II / Samten G. Karmay Kathmandu : Mandala Publications, c2005 237 p. ; 21 cm. Includes Bibliography 99946-55-01-9 \$ 15.00

[The first part of this book deals with historical matters especially the stereotyped notions of the king Lang Darma in Tibetan Buddist historical works. It is followed by a comparative study of the cult of local deities (yullha). The second part is mainly devoted to the Buddhist rites such as the ones institutes as state ceremonies by the

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Fifth Dalai Lama (1617-1682) as well as discussions about the mural painting in the Red Palace in the Potala that depicts the life of the Fifth Dalai Lama. The third part deals with the Bon religion and history of its monastic institution as well as its followers such as rebellious Thirty-nine Tribes of Hor.]

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[The policy dialogue stirred discussions on various aspects of women's rights to better health, including their right to reproductive health (RH). The review of government policies and programmes revealed that despite improvements and the innovative steps taken to address women's health issues, many socio-cultural and other non-health factors have yet to be incorporated into the health system. The existing policies, strategies and programmes have scantily addressed the key and broader issues related to gender and social inequalities, women's health and wellbeing, and their RH rights and roles. As women's health, in general, and reproductive health and rights, in particular, have drawn global, regional and national concerns, the issues that have surfaced call for the initiation of concerted efforts on multiple fronts to bring about the intended change in the people's perspective toward women's health and their right to reproductive health.]