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AGEING IN NEPALI PRESS

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DEVELOPMENT

The Government issued directives for establishment and operation of geriatric wards

Ageing Nepal

Kathmandu, December 30, 2013

The government of Nepal for the first time issued a Directive on "Establishment and Operation of Geriatric Wards". Details of the Directives were discussed in a two days' workshop organized by Ministry of Health and Population (MOHP), Kathmandu. The government has allocated resources for the establishment and operation of Geriatric Wards in Patan Hospital, Bharatpur Hospital, Kirtipur Aayurvedic Hospital and the regional hospitals of the Eastern and Western Development Regions, in the year 2014. It has plan to extend the program to the Mid-West and Far-West Development region in 2015. Concerned personnel of the Ministry, hospitals where geriatric wards are to be established in 2014 and the NGOs participated in the two-days' workshop.

SOCIAL SUPPORT

Senior citizens felicitated

Nepali press in December 2013 reported four programs where elders were felicitated.

SN	No. of elders felicitated	Age	Gender	Address	By whom	Where	When (date)	Source
1.	500	60+	NA	Bhaktapur	Civil society	Bhaktapur	8	Annapurna Post
2.	3	60+	3F	Makwanpur	NGO (women empowerment)	Makwanpur	8	Nepal Samacharpatra
3.	2	60+	1F+1M	Ithari	Cooperative	Ithari	11	Gorkhapatra
4.	14	60+	NA	Bhaktapur	Cooperative	Bhaktapur	16	Nepal Samacharpatra

Note: F= female, M=male, NA= Not available

Support provided

Support provided to OAH and destitute elderly in December 2013.

S.N.	Supporter	To whom	Reason	What	How much	When	Where	Source
1.	NGO	Elderly	Social service	Blankets	700 pcs	20	Siraha	Gorkhapatra
2.	Corporate house	AamaGhar OAH	CSR	Cash	Rs 700,000	26	Kathmandu	Gorkhapatra

Note: Not Available= NA, CSR= Corporate Social Responsibility

Old age home looking for senior citizens

Nepal Samacharpatra

Bhaktapur, December 9, 2013

Om Old Age Home of Madhaypur, Thimi has been searching senior citizens as only a very few senior citizens are taking shelter in the home. The OAH has capacity to accommodate 20 senior citizens, but currently only four senior citizens are there.

Manikarnikadham to have an OAH with a hospital

Nepal Samacharpatra

Bhaktapur, December 9, 2013

An old age home with a hospital is going to be constructed at Bageshwori based Manikarnikadham. The Dham (a senior citizens community) was developed by a sage Baba KalyanPuri who came here from Kashi, India in 1988. According to Puri, a committee led by women has been constituted for the construction of a hospital along with an old age home.

CA members express solidarity with senior citizens' struggle

Gorkhapatra

Kathmandu, December 19, 2013

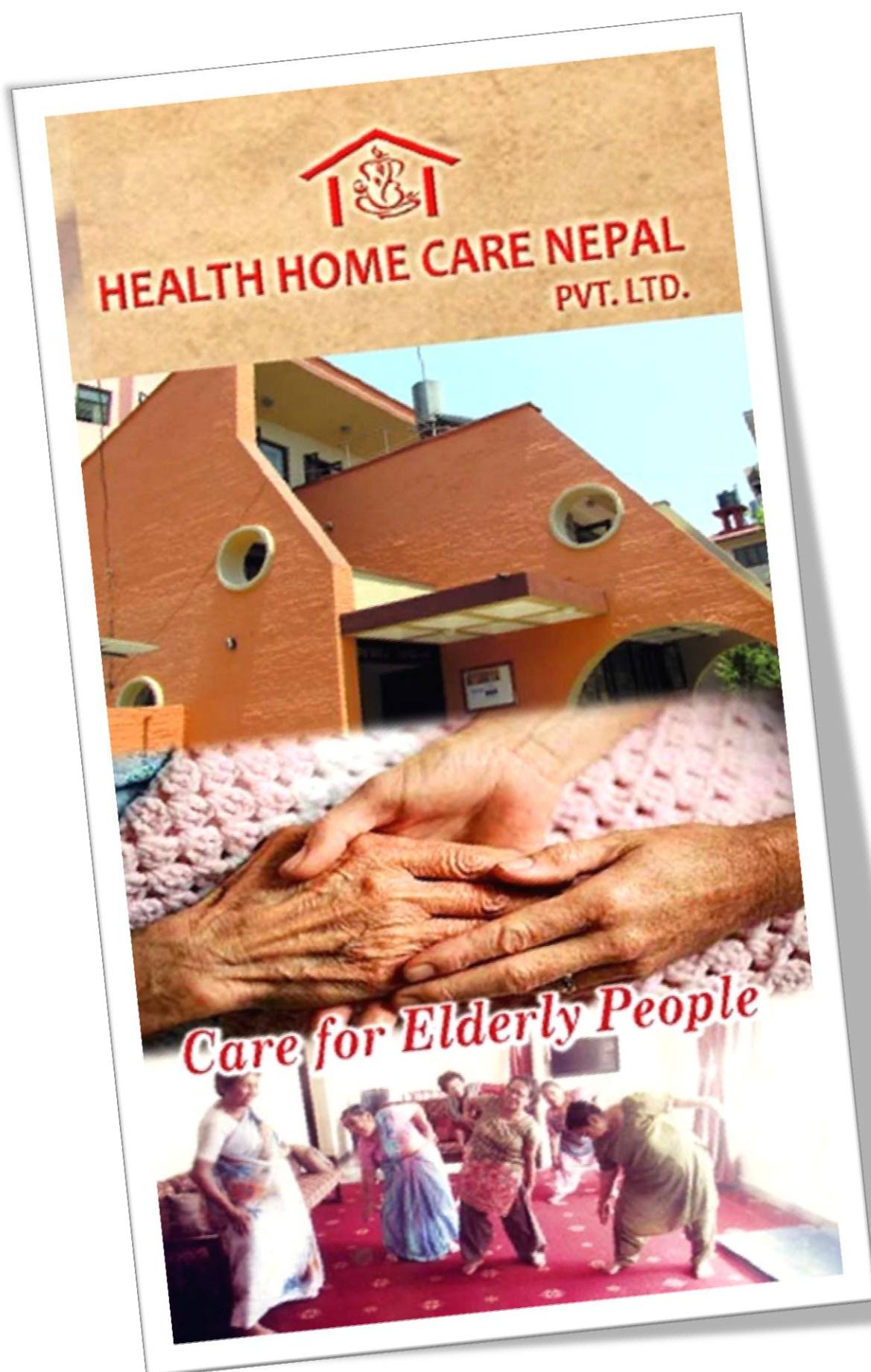
Newly elected Constituent Assembly members Rameshwor Dhungel, Ram Bir Manandhar and Rameshwor Phuyal have expressed their solidarity with the agitation launched by the senior citizens that has been going on since the last 10 months. They have assured that they would raise the issue of senior citizens' demand in the first CA meeting.

Serving the old on holidays

Nepal Samacharpatra

Makwanpur, December 30, 2013

A group of students from Adhunik Rastriya Higher Secondary School here have been doing social services during their holidays. These students save their tiffin money so as to provide food for senior citizens living in the old age home. They feel happy doing services like cutting nails of senior citizens, bathe them and wash their clothes and other items.



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SOCIAL SECURITY

Senior Citizens do not get Social Security Allowance

Kantipur

Rajbiraj, December 3, 2013

Senior citizens including differently able persons and widows of 57 Village Development Committees in Saptari district have not received their social security allowance since October 2013 due to the negligence of VDC secretaries. Secretaries of 45 VDCs have not visited the District Development Committee to distribute the allowance, while 12 VDC secretaries have not presented the details of the allowance they distributed last year.

RIGHTS

Decision to give concession to the elderly is not enforced

Gorkhapatra

Kathmandu, December 9, 2013

The government's decision to give 50 percent discount for two senior citizens in public vehicle has not been implemented due to conflict between the National Association of Transportation Entrepreneurs and the Department of Transport. The government has decided to provide the concession from October 15.

Senior citizens demand for their representation in CA

Nepal Samachrapatra

Bhaktapur, December 18, 2013

The senior citizens who have been struggling for welfare of all 60+ population have demanded for their representation in the Constitutional Assembly. Dr. Gauri Shankar Lal Das, Chairman of National Senior Citizens Federation reported that at least five senior citizens should be nominated in the CA. A total of 26 CA members will be nominated by the government.

Senior citizens continue their sit-in

Kantipur

Kathmandu, December 23, 2013

Goma Tiwari, 65, of Lokanthali, Bhakpatpur, walks to Min Bhawan every day to attend the sit-in staged by the senior citizens. She prefers to walk braving the shivering winter cold as she could not get seats in the public vehicles and they charge exorbitant fares.

Senior citizens have been agitating at the Min Bhawan-based Department of Transportation officer demanding 50 percent discount in fare in the public vehicles and in medical service in the government hospitals.

ELDERLY IN DEVELOPMENT

Old couple build Chautaro

Gorkhapatra

Solukhumbu, December 11, 2013

An old couple of Gabbar Singh Thapa Magar, 75, and his wife Bishnu Maya Thapa Magar built a Chautaro (a resting/waiting place on hills) at Piringding, Kerung -1, at the cost of Rs. 1,50,000 from their saving.

OAH comes into operation in Panchthar

Gorkhapatra/Annapurna Post

Panchthar, December 13, 2013

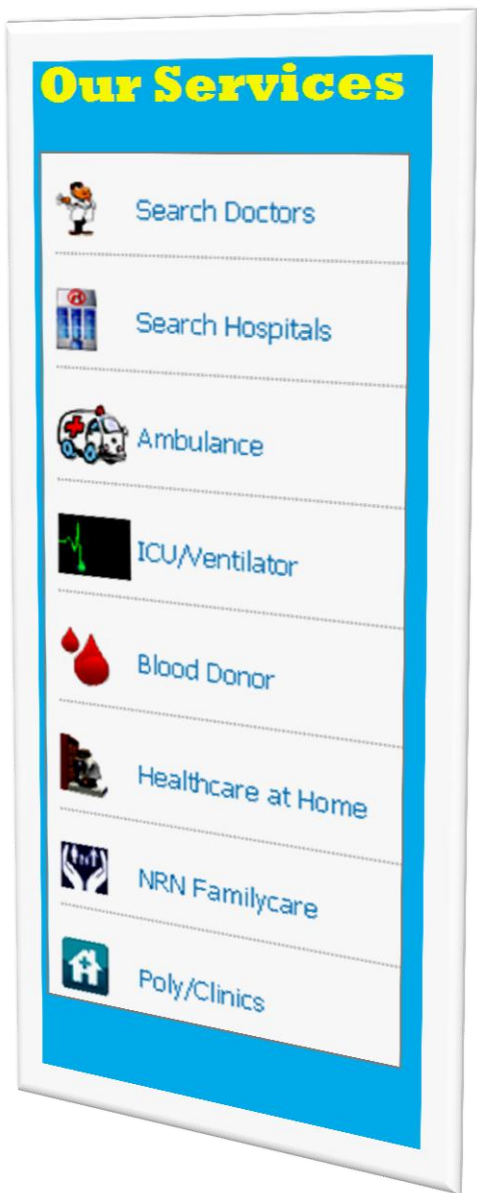
An old age home built at the premises of Siddhapokhari Sewasadan temple has come into operation. The OAH with capacity to accommodate eight senior citizens was constructed by District Development Committee with support from local businessmen.

Two old women build a museum

Annapurna Post

Kaski, December 31, 2013

Two old women, Misri Gurung and LokKumari Gurung, have built a Gurung Museum in Bhachowk village in Kaski at their personal cost of Rs. 300,000 in the memory of their late husband Jog Bahadur Gurung.



ACTIVE AGEING

Love of working with iron continues at the age 77

Gorkhapatra

Nawalparasi, December 13, 2013

DhanBahdur Bishwokarma, a resident of Arghala-2 is 77 years old. He is still continuing with his ancestral occupation of making farm tools. He is always busy making and repairing spade, sickles and other agricultural tools. He said he would continue to work as a blacksmith till he lives.

Elderlys unite to preserve tradition

Gorkhapatra

Palpa, December 26, 2013

Senior citizens of Palpa district have united to preserve the traditional songs. They say that youths today are not interested in preserving the cultures. The old men of district headquarters Tansen have formed a committee that includes some local youths for the preservation of traditions and cultures.

A brick-kiln worker septuagenarian receives life-long salary

Kantipur

Kathmandu, December 30, 2013

A 72-year-old Bel Kumari Pun, a resident of Majhdanda, Salyan came to Kathmandu in search of a job in the brick kilns, when she was unable to feed her differently able son due to poverty. Few days after publication of this news by Kantipur national daily, the National Unemployed Youth Protection Forum reacted upon the situation. The forum has decided to provide Rs. 5,000 monthly salary to Pun tills she lives.

Solo poetry recitation of Sharma

Gorkhapatra

Dang, December 31, 2013

Eighty-two-year old Narayan Prasad Sharma recited poems at a solo poetry recitation In Ghorahi. The old poet narrated the social situation of Nepal six decades back in his poems in the function organized by local Akshar Group.

HEALTH

When Ram Maya regained eyesight

Annapurna Post

Ramechhap, December 22, 2013

Eighty-year-old Ram Maya Tamang of Ramechhap VDC-6 was extremely happy when she could see clearly after undergoing eye surgery in an eye camp here. She lost her eye sight five years ago due to cataract. She had arrived in the free eye camp organized at Manthali walking for a whole day from her home.

EMERGENCY

Two senior citizens lost their lives in emergency situation during December, 2013.							
SN	Name	Age	Gender	Address	Cause (detail)	Date	Source
1.	Nageshwore Shah	60	M	Rajbiraj	Burnt	29	Annapurna Post
2.	GovindaGiri	65	M	Rautahat	Attacked by wild elephant	30	Police

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NEPAL DEMENTIA CARE PLAN

Objective 1: Advocacy and Awareness-raising measures

Objective 2: Human Resource Development (HRD) for dementia care

Objective 3: Establishment of Regional and Zonal Memory Services

Objective 4: Access to affordable medication for dementia

Objective 5: Dementia care in the community

Objective 6: Inpatient care for people with dementia

Objective 7: Establish a National Dementia research and training Centre

ELDER ABUSE

Cases of attempted murder

Eleven senior citizens faced attempted murder in the month of December 2013.

S.N.	Name	Age	Gender	Address	Reason	Culprit	Form of abuse	Status	Date	Source
1.	RatnamayaTamang	80	F	Bhojpur	Burglary assumed	Unknown	Physical	D	6	Police
2.	BhimBahadurSarki	84	M	Parbat	Family affair	Daughter-in-law	Physical	D	9	Nepal Samacharpatra
3.	JhageruKhanal	69	M	Dang	Family affair	Son	Physical	D	15	Police
4.	DhanlalTamang	70	M	Khotang	Family affair	Daughter-in-law	Physical	ND	17	Police
5.	Gajuri Devi	68	F	Mahottari	Unknown	Unknown	Physical	D	19	Kantipur daily
6.	HasudeviKhadka	64	F	Doti	Family affair	Son	Physical	D	20	Police
7.	Jhagaru Prasad	69	M	Dang	Property (land) dispute	Son	Physical	D	21	Kantipur daily
8.	Differently able women. Name not disclosed	65	F	Sankhuwasabha	Unknown	Unknown	Sexual (rape)	ND	25	Gorkhapatra
9.	PremBahadurBomjan	70	M	Kathmandu	Family affair	Son	Physical	ND	29	Police
10.	SuntaliBomjan	70	F	Kathmandu	Family affair	Son	Physical	ND	29	Police
11.	Sukadev Das	70	M	Rautahat	Family affair	Son	Physical	D	31	Kantipur daily

Note: ND=not dead, D=dead

NEGLECT

Unattended death

Ten unattended dead bodies of senior citizens were found in December 2013.

S.N.	Name	Age	Gender	Address	Place of death	Date	Source
1.	SumitraDarji	60	F	Parbat	Parbat	2	Police
2.	Maya Tamang	60	F	Kathmandu	Kathmandu	3	Police
3.	Unidentified	60+	F	Unidentified	Lamjung	3	Police
4.	Unidentified	60+	M	Unidentified	Unidentified	10	Police
5.	Garaje Lama	65	M	Ramechhap	Kathmandu	12	Police
6.	Jayadev Bhatt	62	M	Dharchula	Dharchula	13	Police
7.	Unidentified	60+	M	Unidentified	Makwanpur	14	Police
8.	PadamBahadurRai	70	M	Morang	Morang	18	Police
9.	GajurideviKuswaha	68	F	Mahottari	Mahottari	19	Police
10.	Unidentified	60+	M	Unidentified	Kathmandu	20	Police



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ELDERLY IN CRIME

Following table presents senior citizens found involved in unlawful activities during December 2013.

S.N	Name	Age	Gender	Adderss	Crime involved	Date	Source
1.	BaburamBhatre Om Narayan Pyakurel	60	M	Jhapa	Rape	15	Police
2.	Man Prasad Yadav	65	M	Bara	Smuggling hashish	16	Police
3.	DurpattaRajkptiMagar	65	M	Rolpa	Smuggling hashish	18	Police

WINTER WOES

Altogether 3 elderly died of cold in the month of December 2013. Details are given below:

S.N	Name	Age	Gender	Where	When	Source
1.	Laxminiya Patel	80	F	Rautahat	29	Kantipur daily
2.	BilatChaudhary	78	M	Saptari	29	Police
3.	KisundevKhanga	60	M	Saptari	30	Police

(NOTE: Death toll from the cold wave increased to eight in Saptari district, most of them were the elderly but the details were not available.)

UPCOMING EVENTS

SN	EVENT	DETAILS
1.	 <p>The poster for the 12th Global Conference on Ageing features a yellow background. At the top, it says '12TH GLOBAL CONFERENCE ON AGEING' with an illustration of a temple. Below that, it reads 'Health, Security and Community' and '10 – 13 June 2014, HICC Hyderabad, India'. At the bottom, there are logos for the 'Heritage Foundation' (a hand holding a heart) and the 'IFA' (International Federation on Ageing, Global Forum on Ageing).</p>	<p>“12th Global Conference on Ageing” will be held on 10 -13 June 2014 at HICC Hyderabad, India. The theme of this conference is “Health, Security and Community”. The Heritage Foundation and the International Federation on Ageing (IFA) are the host organisations. For more details, visit:http://www.ifa2014.in/</p>