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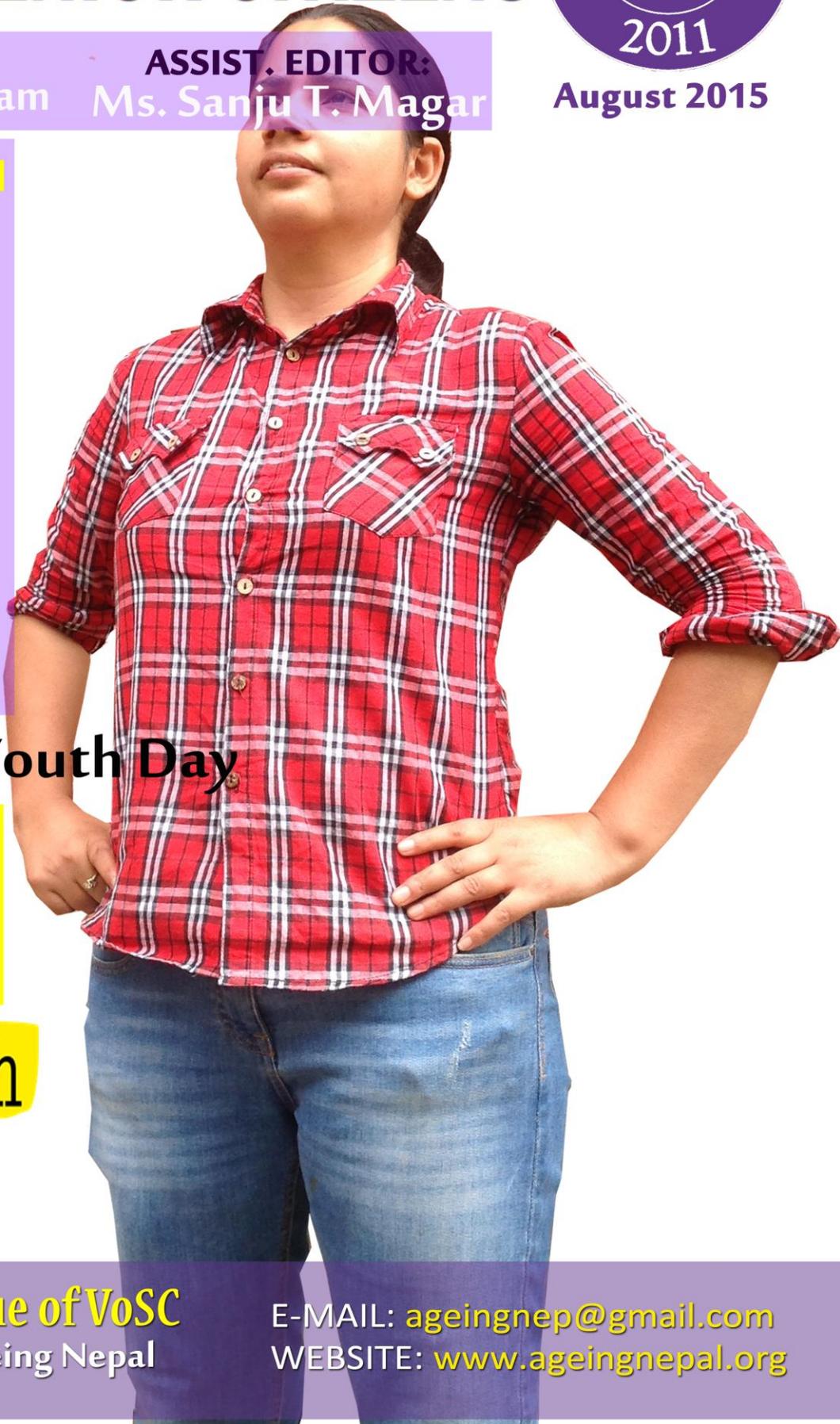
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AGEING IN NEPALI PRESS

(July 1 – 31, 2015)

ADVOCACY

Ageing Nepal participates in the campaign of action/2015, FfD

Ageing Nepal

Kathmandu, July, 2015

Ageing Nepal Team conducted a two weeks- long campaign promoting the proposed Seventeen Sustainable Goals (SDGs) that focus on reducing poverty, inequality and climate change in particular. Different programmes were launched in four different districts i.e. Kathmandu, Lalitpur, Kaski and Kavre to mark the beginning of action/2015 FfD programme. All campaign activities were focused to pressurize the government for active participation in the Financing for Development (FfD) Conference held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 10 to 13 July.



Team members

To conduct the campaign activities smoothly, a nine member core team was formulated under the Chairmanship of Mr. Krishna M. Gautam.

The following are the major achievements of the campaign.

Total people reached with media: 9 million reach, multiple reach with double counting

Total people reached with social media: 5,000

Produced Videos: 2

Interview with Government Authorities: 3

The report of campaign is available at: <http://ageingnepal.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/final-report.pdf>



SOCIAL SUPPORT

Senior citizens felicitation

Following programmes were organized in the month of July o felicitate senior citizens.

S.N.	No. of elders felicitated	Age	Sex	Address	By Whom	Where	When	Source
1.	NA	NA	Both	Kathmandu	Dhapasi Jagaran Samaj (CBO)	Kathmandu	4	Online Khabar
2.	17	85+	Both	Bhojpur	The Chief District Officer	Bhojpur	12	Annapurna

NA: Not Available, CBO: Community Based Organization



Honorable Minister of Law, Justice, Constituent Assembly and Parliamentary Affairs of Nepal, Mr. Narahari Acharya, felicitating an elderly in a Community based programme.

Support Provided

Following events took place in support of OAHs and the destitute elderly.

S.N.	Supporter	To Whom	Reason	What	How much	When (1-30 July)	Where	Source
1.	Ministry of Federal Affairs and Local Development	Elderly People	To ensure right to information	Radio	425	13	-	Gorkhapatra
2.	Bayodha hospital	Elderly People	Service	Health Card	-	27	Kathmandu	Nagarik

Relief package after 75 days

Kantipur

Nuwakot, July 13, 2015

Ms. Indra Kumari Rai, 66 of Nuwakot has been living under makeshift tent after her home turned into debris in earthquake of April 25. Though the government had declared to allocate Rs. 15,000 as a relief amount to each earthquake victim's family, she got it two and half month later. She said joyfully "I will spend this money to build my own house".

Shelter for earthquake victims

Gorkhapatra

Kathmandu, July 14, 2015

Mr. Ujjal Bikram Thapa has initiated a campaign to build shelter for the earthquake victims' particularly for the older people, single women, disabled and orphans. For this, he has a number of friends as his helping hands. Mr. Thapa said that blessing of the older people motivates him to dedicate his life in service to humanity. He further quoted "The person who has no respect for the older people, he/she is not the member of this society."

CG hands overs transitional home

Annapurna

Kathmandu, July 15, 2015

Charity Programme of Chaudhari Group (CG) has helped in healing the pain of earthquake victims. Mr. Rahul Chaudhari, Director of CG, handed over homes to the quake victims of Lalitpur district particularly for the older people, single women and differently able people. Eighty four years old Del Bahadur Bajgain, joyfully expressed his happiness after getting the home through that programme.

SOCIAL SECURITY

OAA amount increased

Annapurna

Kathmandu, July 15, 2015

Nepal government has declared to allocate Rs.1000 Old Age Allowance (OAA) to the senior citizens adding 500 rupees to its previous amount. The government made this announcement through its budget speech of Fiscal Year 2015/16. With this decision, 9, 12764 older people are expected to be benefitted.

ACTIVE AGEING

Unbelievable active ageing

Annapurna

Nuwakot, July 19, 2015

Batuli Lamichanne of Thansing, Nuwakot district is still living an active and healthy life although she is 113 years old. She is living with her youngest son, the only surviving of her children, who is also 78 years old. Her family claimed that she is the oldest woman in the world. She does not have any eyesight problem. Nor she has trouble in hearing. "All get astonished seeing her active life and come to take blessing with her" said Neighbour, Mr. Arjun Humagain.

RIGHTS

Agitating senior citizens halt traffic for an hour

Setopati

Kathmandu, July 5, 2015



Agitating elderly citizens enforced an hour-long transport halt in front of the Min Bhawan based Department of Transport Management in the capital to press government to address their demands.

A group of senior citizens are protesting since the past thirty months with their eight- point demand. Their demands includes an increment of monthly allowance, implementation of the 2011 Supreme Court mandamus which directs the government to ensure provisions of 50 per cent discount on transport fare and medical facilities for elderlies as mentioned in the Senior Citizens' Act- 2007, among others.

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Difficulty in getting OAA

Gorkhapatra

Deukhuri, July 6, 2015

The government has recently declared to distribute Old Age Allowance (OAA) through its Municipality office revising in its earlier policy of allocating it through banking system. But due to unmanaged system older people are again finding it difficult to receive allowance from Municipality office. So they are demanding the concerned authority to distribute the allowance through their respective wards. Assistant Accountant Mr. Hariram Rawat told that the office is unable to distribute the allowance in wards due to shortage of staffs.

Warning of mass suicide

Annapurna

Kathmandu, July 14, 2015

The senior citizens who have been staging protest for the last 31 months putting forth different demands have threatened the government to commit mass suicide if the government does not address the problems of older people in upcoming budget. The chairperson of Joint Struggling Committee Mr. Maha Prasad Parajuli claimed that the government has cheated the older people in terms of ensuring their rights.

Difficulty to get OAA

Kantipur

Okhaldhunga, July 29 2015

Tinima Rai, 82 had to queue for hours in the bank to get his old age allowance. The government has recently made a decision to distribute old age allowance through banking system citing the reason of improper service of the village secretary in distributing the allowance.

Elderly without citizenship

Gorkhapatra

Dhankuta, July 29 2015

Any person born in Nepal is eligible to get citizenship certificate after completing 16 years of life. However, Aetamaya Magrati is seeking it after her 70s as she came to know that the certificate is necessary to receive OAA. She is devoid of this right due to lack of necessary document. Now she is living with her nephew. But he does not heed to her continuous request for helping her with the process of obtaining citizenship.

CULTURE

Older people unwilling to leave village

Kantipur

Dhading, July 11, 2015

The older people of Jharlang VDC of Dhading are risking their life living in their own village. The whole village is in great risk of landslide after April 25th earthquake but the elderly people are unwilling to migrate to safer place leaving their ancestral property. The village land is thought to be much fertile and the climate too is suitable to them.

Elderly calling to preserve his language

Kantipur

Tanahu, July 19, 2015

The sole survivor of Kusunda community, Rajarama Kusunda, 70 of Dihigaun is requesting the government to preserve his language. Though he is living with his wife Indramaya Tamang and a daughter, he confessed "I cannot teach them my language with my single effort." He further added "Once some Kusunda from Dang district had come to visit me but they could not speak the language; so the state should preserve my dying out language."



EMERGENCY

OAH at risk

Gorkhapatra

Kathmandu, July 11, 2015

The earthquake of April 25 and subsequent aftershocks have damaged many historical buildings and structures including Pashupati OAH. Currently, 225 older people are taking shelter in the damaged OAH. The chief of OAH said" We are negotiating with the government to shift the OAH in Gothatar at the earliest."

Women, children, senior citizens and differently able people suffered the most in quake

INFO NEPAL

Kathmandu, July11, 2015

Women, children, senior citizens and differently-able people suffered the most due to the devastating 'Gorkha Earthquake', according to a UN body.

On the occasion of the World Population Day, Nepal Representative of United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), Julia Valisi, stated that a total of 8 million people in 14 districts were affected by the quake.

[See More...](#)

Plight of elderly

Setopati

Biratnagar July 12, 2015

Tika Kumari Adhikari, 90 of Kharpa VDC who spent her whole life in rearing her sister's children and grandchildren finally landed in Birateswor OAH. Ms. Adhikari said she got married at the early age of 9 and her husband died after the 22 days of her marriage. Likewise, Chandra Kumari Karki, 77 of Solukhumbu is also living in the same OAH. Her husband has been missing since last 50 years. After her daughters got married she is completely alone and has no other option than OAH. Now, there are 25 senior citizens taking shelter in Birateswor OAH. The

chairperson of the OAH Jagat Ajyal said" It seems modern society has lost its humanity. They have become so self-centered that they do not hesitate to send their old parents to the OAH."

Double blow to the lonely survivor

Nagarik

Kathmandu, July 5, 2015

There is a saying' it never rains but pours' which truly suits in the life of Tawasi Gurung, 65 of Singla, Gorkha. After his house was collapsed in the earthquake of April 25, he was living under a makeshift tent with his wife. The couple had collected their grain from their collapsed house. His wife breathed her last when she came to know that all her grain was stolen. Afterwards, he has been living with his daughter in Kathmandu.

Hard life under the tents

Himalayan Times

Dhading, July 31, 2015

Victims of the April tremor, who have been taking shelter under tents are facing hard times due to the soaring heat and ceaseless rainfall in Dhading District.

Dal Singh Tamang, 67 has no option but to shelter in the tent with seven members of his family after his house collapsed in the 25th April devastating earthquake. 'It is hard to stay inside the tent due to extreme heat and it is equally difficult to adjust outside for want of the shade "Lamented Dilmaya Tamang, 65 of Dhansarbeshi. Elderly and Children suffer the most in such emergency situation. They are also suffering from common flu, cough, diarrhoea and fever due to the lack of proper sanitation around the camp area.

ELDER ABUSE

A total of 4 elders faced abuse in May 2015.

S.N.	Name	Age	Sex	Address	Reason	Culprit	Form of abuse	Status	Date	Source
1.	GopalHamal	70	M	Bhaktapur	Dispute	NA	Physical	D	8	Kantipur
2.	DarsanMukhiya	60	M	Sarlahi	NA	Son	Physical	D	12	Police Report
3.	-	65	F	Rautahat	Witchcraft	Neighbour	Psychological	ND	25	Annapurna
4.	Maya Devi Mandal	60	F	Saptari	Witchcraft	Villagers	Physical	ND	28	Gorkhapatra

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NEGLECT

Unattended Death

Seven unattended dead bodies of senior citizens were found in July 2015.

S.N.	Name	Age	Sex	Address	Place of death	Date	Source
1.	LalBdr. Sunar	60	M	Udayapur	Udayapur	3	Police Report
2.	Krishna Aale Magar	80	M	Makwanpur Bhaise- 6	Makwanpur Bhaise -7	4	Police Report
3.	NA	65	M	-	Sarlahi	13	Police Report
4.	Dhowoni Sundas	80	M	Kavre	Bhaktapur	15	Police Report
5.	Sanu Kaji Basnet	66	M	Kavre	Kathmandu	17	Police Report
	Bhim Bhd. Shrestha	63	M	Kathmandu	Kathmandu	21	Himalaya Times
6.	NA	65	M	Unknown	Kavre	23	Police Report
7.	Laxman Baiba	65	M	Makwanpur	Makwanpur	23	Police Report

Neglected older people

Gorkhapatra

Kathmandu, July 12, 2015

The article written by Kamala Parajuli depicts the woes of older age and suggests way for old age management .She presents some examples to clarify her point. Bisnu Maya, 71 of Nuwakot is living with her daughter after her son neglected her. Likewise, Juneli Tamang, 80 of Dhading is also is taking shelter under makeshift tent with her daughter in Tundikhel, Kathmandu. Dil Bahadur Khatri, 79 of Sindhupalchok has also lost his house in the earthquake and staying in a rehabilitation camp in Kathmandu .The writer opines that the problems of older people are not solely linked with the older people. Rather the state should formulate the old age friendly policies that address the utilization of knowledge and skills inherent in elder people and implement strictly at the earliest.

ELDERLY IN CRIME

The following table presents senior citizens found involve in unlawful activities in July, 2015.

S.N.	Name	Age	Sex	Address	Crime involved	Date	Source
1.	Mata Safi Dhobi	70	M	Mahottari	Rape (minor)	1	Gorkhapatra
2.	Lal Bdr. Nagarkoti	86	M	kavrepalanchok	Rape (Minor)	4	Nagarik
3.	Hom Bahadur Ghale	64	M	Dharan	Forgery	8	Police Report
4.	Som Bahadur Rai	70	M	Sindhuli	Rape(Minor)	12	Police Report
5.	NA	73	M	Dolkha	Rape	14	Gorkhapatra
6.	Babu Kaji Basnet	76	M	Bhaktapur	Rape(Minor)	20	Police Report
7.	Jan Bahadur Chettri	60	M	Lalitpur	Forgery	23	Kantipur
8.	Nandalal Rai	80	M	Dhankuta	Murder	24	Police Report
9.	Krishan Bahadur Sarki	62	M	Dhanusha	Rape (Minor)	24	Police Report
10.	Lakhaman Tamang	61	M	Khotang	Rape	25	Annapurna



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UPCOMING EVENTS

S.N.	EVENTS	DETAILS
1.		<p>The conference “From Possibility to Practice in Aging: Shaping a Future for All” is going to held on 23rd to 25th October on Calgary, Alberta, Canada. Canadian Association on Gerontology is going to organize the conference.</p> <p>http://cag2015.ca/</p>
2.		<p>The International Academic Forum is organizing a seminar on AGen2015 - The IAFOR Asian Conference on Aging & Gerontology 2015 on 5th November 2015 at Kobe, Japan.</p> <p>http://iafor.org/conferences/agen2015/</p>
3.		<p>3rd International Conference on Alzheimer’s disease and Dementia is going to be held on 31st August to 2nd September 2015 in Toronto, Canada.</p> <p>http://alzheimersdementia.conferenceseries.com/index.php</p>
4.		<p>International Federation on Ageing 13th Global Conference is going to be held on 21-23 June 2016 at the Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre. The program will primarily focus on Disasters in an Ageing World, reflecting on both natural and man-made disasters.</p> <p>http://ifa2016.org.au/</p>

Nepal Calling

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”Yesterday night I was afraid to lose the small boy. He had fever and was unconscious. I should go to the hospital with him. But that’s not so easy for me.

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