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# AGEING IN NEPALI PRESS

## (November: 1-30, 2017)

### ADVOCACY

#### Petition Handed Over

##### Ageing Nepal

Kathmandu, November 14, 2017

Ageing Nepal team handed over petition to the concerned authority of Ministry of Women, Children and social Welfare (MoWCSW) and National Human Rights Commission on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2017. The petition was delivered, urging appropriate policy and programmes for older persons in the context of International Day for Older Persons (IDOP) 2017.

### SOCIAL SUPPORT

#### Senior Citizens' Felicitations

110 Senior Citizens were publicly felicitated on the following events.

S.N.	No of elders felicitated	Age	Sex	Address (District)	By Whom	Where (District)	When	Source
1.	110	60+	Both	Jumla	District Senior Citizens Association	Jumla	1	Gorkhapatra Daily

#### Support Provided

Following events took place in November 2017 for supporting the elderly.

S.N.	Supporter	To Whom	Reason	What	How Much/Many	When	Where (District)	Source
1.	Deb Development Bank Limited	Rotary Karunal OAH	Corporate Social Responsibility	Cash	1,00,000	7	Kathmandu	Nagarik Daily

*OAH: Old Age Home*



## **Service for Elderly**

**Kantipur Daily**

**Kathmandu, November 10, 2017**

Mr. Rameshwor Bohora, Mayor of Tarakeshwar municipality inaugurated a campaign to provide free health checkup at the door step for the elderly of Ward number 1 who are 80+ yrs old. There are 67 elderly of 80+ age in the Ward.

## **SOCIAL SECURITY**

### **Difficulty in Receiving SSA**

**Gorkhapatra Daily**

**Sunsari, November 1, 2017**

Beneficiaries of Social Security Allowance (SSA) including older persons of Sunsari district expressed their difficulties in receiving SSA. Representatives of Senior Citizen organizations complained of irregular and late distribution of Old Age Allowance (OAA). The allowance is supposed to be distributed before *Dashain*- a national festival that usually falls in October, but many elders are still deprived of it.

### **Elderly Eager in Receiving OAA**

**Gorkhapatra Daily**

**Palpa, November 4, 2017**

Elderly of Rampur municipality are happy after the municipality started to distribute Old Age Allowance (OAA) through ward office. Before this, they were getting OAA from banks, which was inconvenient for them. One of many elderly, Liladevi Basiyal, 96, shared that she had to walk for 2 hours to reach bank and queue for hours in the bank. So, she is very satisfied with the decision of distributing OAA through local government.

## **SSA in Election Manifesto**

**Gorkhapatra Daily**

**Kathmandu, November 6, 2017**

The left alliance has committed to raise the amount of social security allowance (SSA) to Rs. 5,000 each month. Currently, the government has been providing Rs. 2,000 per month to the elderly above 70 years. Similarly, the manifesto mentioned to provide 25 percent subsidy to the senior citizens above 65 years in public transport and 50 per cent subsidy to those 80 plus.

## **Major Parties Pledge to Hike SSA**

**The Himalayan Times Daily**

**Kathmandu, November 14, 2017**

Increasing Social Security Allowance (SSA) has become a common agenda of major political parties for the elections. Election manifesto of the Nepali Congress promises to increase monthly allowance for senior citizens and differently-abled people. However, the manifesto fails to mention amount to be increased. Currently, senior citizens are getting Rs 2,000 per month and Dalit children get Rs. 1,000 per month. The government allocates over Rs 32.69 billion for social security allowance per year. Read more at:

<https://thehimalayantimes.com/kathmandu/major-parties-pledge-hike-social-security-allowance/>

## **ACTIVE AGEING**

### **Active Octogenarian**

**Kantipur Daily**

**Kathmandu, November 28, 2017**

Writer Nagendra Sharma Dhungana is still contributing in the field of Nepali literature at the age of 88. He is enjoying his old age in writing novel.

## DEVELOPMENT

### Geriatric Care Training

#### Gorkhapatra Daily

Kathmandu, November 5, 2017

Ageing Nepal in collaboration with Nursing Association of Nepal (NAN), with support from Ageing Nepal Switzerland and the Foundation Nelumbo, conducted a seven days Training for Nurses on Geriatric Care from 5th Nov. to 12th Nov. 2017 at Lazimpat, Kathmandu. Eighteen trainers from different areas of expertise including three from Switzerland worked as trainers in the training participated by thirty-six nurses from different government and non-governmental hospitals and health organizations. Chairperson of National Senior Citizens Fund handed over certificates to the participants on the last day of training.

#### Glimpses of the training



*Ms. Kabita Pandey, Training Coordinator taking class*

*Trainers from Switzerland; Ms. Theres Luder, Ms. Ursula Bucher and Ms. Lea Bucher taking demonstration session*



*Left: Ms. Tara Pokhrel, President of NAN; Mr. Dr. Phil. Beat Vonarburg, team member of Ageing Nepal Switzerland; Mr. Krishna M. Gautam, Chairperson at Ageing and Ms. Sanju T. Magar, Programme Officer at Ageing Nepal in panel discussion*



*Mr. Edi Frei, Chairperson Ageing Nepal Switzerland giving his vote of thanks on closing of the training programme*



*Left: Ms. Theres Luder, Ms. Lea Bucher and Ms. Ursula Bucher, Ageing Nepal Switzerland received Certificates of Honors by Ageing Nepal*



*Participants receiving certificate from Chairperson of National Senior Citizens Fund*



*Group photo*



### **Generous Elderly**

**Gorkhapatra Daily**

**Taplejung, November 10, 2017**

Nonagenarian Nandamaya Gurung donated a land of total worth Rs. 2000,000 for establishing a local club. The club will be named as Nandamaya Sporting Club said Mr. Ghanendra Kumar Gurung, Secretary of the club.

### **Senior Citizens ID Card Directive Issued**

**The Himalayan Times**

**Kathmandu, November 9, 2017**

The government issued Senior Citizens Identity Card Directives to provide senior citizens with protection and social security under the constitution. Every Nepali citizen of 60+ age is entitled to get the card. The main objectives of this directive are to identify and maintain inventory of senior citizens at the local level and to provide them with necessary public services.

### **Monthly Discussion Forum on Ageing Inaugurated**

**Ageing Nepal**

**Kathmandu, November 15, 2017**

Ageing Nepal in collaboration with National Senior Citizens Fund (NSCF) and Manchuka Memorial Fund started-Monthly Discussion Forum on Ageing (MDFA)-a *Common Platform for Sharing Ageing Issues* on 15<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2017. Mr. Krishna M. Gautam, Chairperson of Ageing Nepal presented on National and Global context of ageing population on the occasion. More than thirty two representatives of different government, non-government organizations, academicians, and journalists participated in the forum. The forum will be held on last Friday of every month at the office of NSCF, Kathmandu.

Glimpses of the programme:





*Ms. Sanju T. Magar, Programme Officer of Ageing Nepal facilitating in the programme*



*Representative of Social Welfare Council (SWC) giving short speech on importance of ADF*



*Mr. Krishna M. Gautam, speaker of the day presenting on National and Global context of Ageing Population*

## **Library for Elderly**

### **Kantipur Daily**

**Kathmandu, November 19, 2017**

Former Chief of Commission for the Investigation of Abuse of Authority (CIAA), Mr. Suryanath Upadhaya inaugurated a library for elderly in Budanilkantha Municipality-1. On the occasion, Mr. Upadhaya requested government to provide opportunity for utilization of skills and experience of older persons for societal development. The library was established by the municipality with support from local.

## EMERGENCY

### Expectation of Elderly Voters

Annapurna Post Daily

Ramechhap, November 18, 2017

Older persons of Ramechhap district are expecting for a dignified old age after this ongoing election. One of many such elders Mrs. Lila Maya Basnet casted her vote in expectations of getting more old age allowance, health services and care taker in old age.

## MONTHLY DISCUSSION FORUM ON AGEING

*A common platform for sharing Ageing Issues*

Bhrikuti Mandap, Kathmandu

*Every Last Friday of a Month*

Organized by: Ageing Nepal



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## ELDER ABUSE

A total of 6 elderly faced elder abuse in November 2017.

S.N.	Name	Age	Sex	Address (District)	Reason	Culprit	Form of abuse	Status	Date	Source
1.	Punya Bahadur Karki	74	M	Terhathum	Family Affair	Son	Physical	D	27	Police Report

*D: Dead ND: Not Dead*

## NEGLECT





### Unattended Death

12 unattended dead bodies of senior citizens were found in November 2017.

S.N.	Name	Age	Sex	Address	Place of death	Date	Source
1.	Nimachiri Sherpa	66	F	Solukhumbu	Solukhumbu	4	Police Report
2.	NA	60	M	NA	Kaski	8	Police Report
3.	NA	60	M	Solukhumbu	Solukhumbu	8	Police Report
4.	Hawi Maya Tamang	82	F	Bhojpur	Bhojpur	12	Police Report
5.	Bam Bahadur Rai	67	M	Sankhuwasabha	Sankhuwasabha	15	Police Report
6.	NA	65	M	NA	Mahottari	16	Police Report
7.	NA	65	M	NA	Rupendehi	16	Police Report
8.	Thaneswor Belbase	62	M	Arghakhanchi	Arghakhanchi	18	Police Report
9.	Yakar Tamang	70	M	Nuwakot	Nuwakot	20	Police Report
10.	NA	65	M	NA	Bara	25	Police Report
11.	Dawa Tamang	62	M	Solukhumbu	Solukhumbu	27	Police Report
12.	Hirakaji Shrestha	96	M	Bhaktapur	Bhaktapur	29	Police Report



# UPCOMING EVENTS

S.N.	EVENTS	DETAILS
1.		Ageing and Society is conducting Eight Interdisciplinary Conference on 18-19 September 2018. <a href="http://agingandsociety.com/2018-conference/call-for-papers">http://agingandsociety.com/2018-conference/call-for-papers</a>
2.		Agency for Integrated Care (AIC) is organizing Global Conference on Integrated Care in Singapore on 1 to 3 Feb. 2018. <a href="https://gcic2018.sg/">https://gcic2018.sg/</a>
3.	 <b>5TH NATIONAL ELDER ABUSE CONFERENCE</b>	5th National Elder Abuse Conference will be held on 19-20 February 2018 in Sidney, Australia. <a href="http://togethertakingchange.org.au/call-for-abstracts/">http://togethertakingchange.org.au/call-for-abstracts/</a>
4.		The IFA 14th Global Conference on Ageing is taking place in Toronto, Ontario, from August 8-10, 2018. The conference, "Toward a Decade of Healthy Ageing," is structured around four key themes aligned with the World Health Organization's 2016 Global Strategy and Action Plan. <a href="https://www.ifa2018.com/">https://www.ifa2018.com/</a>

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