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Chhauni, Kathmandu: National Museum, 2022

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206gm.

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Biography/Memoirs

Impressions and Expressions : Vignettes of Ideas and Issues from Personal Vantage / Subas KC

Publication Series: 184

Kavre: Shabdayatra Prakashan Banepa, 2022

288p.

9789937653480

\$ 25.00 / PB

286gm.

My Dream for Nepal is: Beautiful Nepal, and Dutiful Nepali (coexisting at the same time!!!). Nepal in itself or by itself cannot be beautiful, Nepali must make it. If Nepali become dutiful, Nepal will be beautiful. Undeniably, we face a leadership crisis across society in the shape of the diminution of leadership or its absence altogether in many cases. Lesser leaders with constipated – vision, self-centric values, misunderstanding of roles, punctured moral grounds, and unprofessional practices rule the roost. We have suffered lesser leadership. Largeness is the identity and character of those who lead, but this is in short supply in our case. Hence, making larger leaders should be our aspiration and action. Sadly, what we are witnessing is the powerlessness of knowledge and the knowledgelessness of ‘power’ in our society. Thinking and sharing thoughts are two core processes that give deeper meaning to life as a higher existential experience, elevating us from sub-existence. At this difficult existential juncture of our life – both individually and collectively – such life-enhancing processes are even more critical to fighting for keeping life from sinking below conscious existence, a way to refuse to under-exist. Most of us choose not to create courses – and even not to correct the wrong courses – being happy with complying with the courses already set. It is particularly painful to see the youth falling into this cultural trap. My hope is. our youth will invest themselves more in creating courses for themselves. Courses are for creation.

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Economics

Global Transformation and Nepal / Chandi Prasad Chapagain

Kathmandu: Appreciative Learning and Development Management (ALDM), Pvt. Ltd., 2022

xxv, 198p

Includes Bibliography

9789937127271

\$ 25.00 / PB

296gm.

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History

Nepal-India Border Disputes : Mahakali and Susta / Dwarika Nath Dhungel (et al.) (Ed & Intro)

Pitamber Sharma

Kathmandu: Mandala Book Point, 2022

x, 192p.
9789993342595
\$ 50.00 / PB
616gm.

In November 2019, India published a new political map including Kalapani, Lipulekh and Limpiyadhura within its territory. Nepal's response was to publish its own map showing these areas within Nepal and amend the Constitution to reflect the same in the national emblem. India has so far ignored Nepal's subsequent entreaties for a dialogue.

The contributions in this book seek to objectively explore and analyse the genesis of Nepal-India border disputes dating back to the Sugauli Treaty of 1816, and shift through the documents, maps and strategic motivations bearing on the Mahakali and Susta disputes.

The issue involved are identified – historical, political, geographical, hydrological, cartographic, and legal, to provide a nuanced appreciation of the position of Nepal vis-à-vis India in the belief that reasoned discussions based on history, documents, facts and evidence outweigh considerations of size and power.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=834803>

Nepal, A Shangri-La? : Narratives of Culture, Contact and Memory / (Eds) Deepak Shimkhada (et al.)

Kathmandu: Mandala Book Point, 2022

xxviii, 460p.

Includes Index

9789993342588

\$ 40.00 / PB

572gm.

Nepal, a Shangri-La? Narratives of Culture, Contact, and Memory is a collection of salient personal narratives representing diverse aspects of Nepal and Nepali life of the last 70 years. Combining description and reflection, contributors—both Nepalis who have lived abroad and non-Nepalis with significant experience in Nepal—relate their most remarkable observations and memories of various facets of Nepali life for this unique volume. Divided into eight sections, these pieces deal with such diverse themes as art, culture, faith, superstition, language, gender, politics, disease and displacement, rural-urban divide, local-global interconnectedness, and issues of identities along lines of geography, gender, and caste or ethnicity. Noted writer, Abhi Subedi's foreword contextualizes the evocative construct of Shangri-La, and the editors' introduction shows how the narratives both embed and challenge the concept in the shaping of a national imaginary.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=834804>

Studies in Nepali History and Society, Vol. 27 No. 1 June 2022 : Reflexivity and Research / (Ed) Pratyoush Onta (et al.)

Kathmandu: Mandala Book Point, 2022

246p.

ISSN: 1025-5109

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Hanumandhoka : Doorway to Nepal's History and Culture / Hanumandhoka Durbar Museum Development Committee

Kathmandu: Hanumandhoka Durbar Museum, 2022

300p.

Includes Bibliography

9789937123341

\$ 45.00 / HB

908gm.

All the effort that has gone into preserving the built, cultural and natural heritage of the Hanumandhoka museum complex and all the adjoining areas are bearing fruit because they serve as a time travelling machine for us all to understand Nepal, Hanumandhoka is a door (dhoka) to our common future; and many of the critical political and cultural events that have shaped present day Nepal to continue to be played out in the beautiful buildings, temples, courtyards, ponds and monuments. Each has a story to tell about our past and give us insights for our future.

Once more and more people understand the true value of Hanumandhoka, it will become easier to manage, conserve and protect this World Heritage Site. This is also a good time to recognize and thank all the people who built, managed preserved and continue to take care of this unique piece of Nepali history. From coronations to massacres, from water systems to building techniques, from government institutions to traditional festivals, Hanumandhoka is witness to all.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=834806>

The Story of Nepali Money

Chhauni, Kathmandu: National Numismatic Museum, 2022

64p.

Includes Bibliography

9789937123822

\$ 25.00 / PB

216gm.

The story of Nepali Money is the story of Nepal. The Numismatic Museum at Chhauni is a great location to be able to piece together and narrate the story of Nepal using money as the means. The wonderful collection is an end in itself and a huge asset that will help future generations to dig even deeper into our fascinating past. We all have coins and currency lying around the house, in our pockets and bags. Let us begin to take a closer look at them and begin to understand our past and hence our future. This publication will help make a start.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=834807>

Corner of a Foreign Field : The British Cemetery at Kathmandu / Mark F. Watson & Andrew R. Hall
Kathmandu: Vajra Publications Inc. Pvt. Ltd., 2022

xx, 268p.

Includes Index ; Bibliography

9789937624145

\$ 58.00 / PB

802gm.

This history of the British Cemetery in Kathmandu encompasses the entire story of Western involvement in Nepal. In the nineteenth century British diplomats in the remote Himalayan outpost of Kathmandu Valley had no choice but to bury their dead in the corner of a farmer's field close to their embassy. Its memorials to colleagues, wives and children – some grand, some humble – are a poignant reminder of the long interaction between Britain and Nepal. When other foreigners arrived in the 1950s, demand for burial space grew. This tranquil graveyard now houses the mortal remains of a hundred or so individuals from two centuries – mountaineers, missionaries, soldiers, tourism entrepreneurs, development workers, writers, poets and artists. This is their epitaph.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=834808>

Politics

National Security and the State : A Focus on Nepal / Keshar Bahadur Bhandari
Kathmandu: Nepa-Laya, 2022
436p.
9789937953023
\$ 45.00 / PB
388gm.

Brigadier General (Retd.) Keshar Bahadur Bhandari PhD, is a Defense & Security Analyst. He is credited for drafting the first ever national security policy document of Nepal while serving in the National Security Council Secretariat. He was Military Advisor in the UN mission in Afghanistan & Pakistan. He is a visiting scholar in various universities and security institutions. His writings appear regularly in journals and newspapers.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=834809>

Reading Nepali Transition (2006-2015) / (Ed) Pranab Kharel
Kathmandu: Martin Chautari, 2022
xii, 500p.
9789937594301
\$ 35.00 / PB
562gm.

As a result of the People's Movement II's 2006 victory over an autocratic ruler, Nepal is now a federated secular republic. 2015 saw the promulgation of a new constitution following the tenure of two Constituent Assemblies. The greater political transformation that took place between those two years is the main topic of this book.

Reading Nepali Transition is divided into three sections. The first portion explores the claims made against the state during the drafting of the new constitution by the major social groupings and the state's response to those accusations. The second portion discusses the complex procedures of the two Constituent Assemblies and demonstrates how the nation's leading political figures were not committed to holding discussions there but instead engaged in political negotiations elsewhere. The final segment addresses the question of transitional justice for people who went missing during the ten-year conflict. It examines difficulties associated with the difficult process of disarming and reintegrating former Maoist fighters. All readers who desire to comprehend contemporary Nepal will find this book to be a helpful resource.

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Religion - Buddhism

Fortunate to Behold : A History of the Birth of the Blessed One Sakyamuni Buddha at Lumbini / Chogye Trichen Rinpoche (Translator) David P. Jackson
Kathmandu: Vajra Publications Inc. Pvt. Ltd., 2022
xx, 110p.
9789937624169
\$ 35.00 / PB
260gm.

Fortunate to Behold is one highly knowledgeable Tibetan lama's brief history of Buddha Shakyamuni's birth in the Lumbini garden, told in a way meant to amaze and inspire readers. Later chapters tell about the author's founding of new temples in Lumbini and Bouddhanath. This corrected version gives a visually enriched version of an original and still very relevant contribution.

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Words of a Gentle Sage : Collected Teachings of Khenchen Appey Rinpoche, Vol. 2 / (Ed) Christian Bennett (Foreword) His Holiness the 42nd Sakya Trizin
Kathmandu: Vajra Publications Inc. Pvt. Ltd., 2022

xxx, 456p.

Includes Bibliography

9789937624176

Buddhist Path Series

\$ 40.00/ PB

664gm.

Volume Two of this collection expands on Volume One with a series of longer, in-depth teachings by Khenchen Appey Rinpoche on five essential subjects: 1) a commentary to inspire faith, based on verses in praise of the Buddha's immeasurable qualities from Sakya Pandita's *Clarifying the Sages Intent*; 2) oral instructions based on Candrakirti's *Entering the Middle Way*, offering a practical understanding of the Mahayana path as a whole; 3) a commentary on the first three chapters of Santideva's *The Way of the Bodhisattva*, which includes an explanation of the ritual for the bodhicitta vow; 4) a rarely given explanation of Gorampa's profound teaching on dependent arising according to the four philosophical schools of Indian Buddhism, entitled *Illumination of Samsara and Nirvana*; and 5) a detailed commentary on Samantabhadra's *Noble Aspirations to Sublime Conduct*, as the supreme means of dedication.

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(Manuscript / Religion-Buddhism / Sanskrit Text / Tibetan Translation)

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『金剛阿闍梨最上理趣』の究竟次第 = Niṣpannakrama of the Vajrācāryanayottama : Introduction,

Romanized Sanskrit text and Related Studies/ Kimiaki Tanaka

Tokyo, Japan: Watanabe Publishing Co. Ltd., 2021

106p. ; 21cm.

English, Japanese & Sanskrit Languages

9784902119350

\$ 60.00 / PB

220gm.

A Japanese-English bilingual research book on Esoteric Buddhism texts in Sanskrit. Dr. Keikyo Ejima's memorial essay collection "The sky and reality" Contributed to the book "Esoteric Buddhism

who called themselves Chukan school = 'Esoteric Buddhism Assembly' Seija-ryu thought and practice system", which was greatly enlarged and revised and published.

(Manuscript / Religion-Buddhism / Tibetan Text / Translation)

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=778293>

敦煌出土忿怒五十八尊儀軌 = A Ritual Manual of the Fifty-Eight Wrathful Deities from Dunhuang : Introduction, Tibetan Text and Related Studies / Kimiaki Tanaka

Tokyo, Japan: Watanabe Publishing Co. Ltd., 2020

116p.

English, Japanese & Tibetan Languages

9784902119329

\$ 60.00 / PB

240gm.

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藏漢对照「大悲心陀羅尼經」 = The Sahasrabhuja-Sutra : Introduction, Tibetan/Chinese Text and Related Studies / Kimiaki Tanaka

Tokyo, Japan: Watanabe Publishing Co. Ltd., 2022

144p.

English, Japanese, Chinese & Tibetan Languages

9784902119367

\$ 60.00 / PB

282gm.

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