### **NEWS DIGEST**

### **Authorities alert** people against scrub typhus

**KHOTANG:** The District Public Health Office has requested people to remain alert against the spreading of scrub typhus disease in the district. According to health officials, the disease has already claimed the lives of some children in the eastern region. Dr Madhav Prasad Lamsal of the office said they have requested people to maintain sanitation and control mice. (PR)

### Man creates camp of 'fake quake victims'

**DHADING:** Police arrested Rojan Tamang, chairman of a quake victims' Camp Management Committee in Darkha-5, on the charge of creating fake earthquake victim's camp and raising fund to "help" them. Tamang had reportedly collected donations and enjoyed a picnic in district headquarters. He is accused of collecting around Rs 75,000 from 135 displaced households. Police said they will file a case against Tamang at court. (PR)

### **Students protest** graft in school

**KHOTANG:** Students at **Durchhim Higher** Secondary School in the district have staged protests against alleged irregularities in the school. They also padlocked the school demanding that their nine-point demand, which also includes transparency and fairness in scholarships, be implemented. The school resumed on Friday only after an investigation committee was formed to look into the matter and submit a report within a

### Man murders wife **DHANKUTA:** A man has

killed his post-natal wife blaming that she gave birth to three daughters continuously. Police said Rasta Bahadur Rai, 36, of Dhankuta-8 killed his 32-year-old wife, Shanti Limbu Rai, on Thursday night. Shanti's 9-year-old daughter, Ritu, said her father thrashed her mother with a baton. (PR)

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## Govt declares 26 new municipalities

KATHMANDU, SEPT 18

The government on Friday created 26 new municipalities and one sub-metropolitan city in the country in what officials say will help in planned urbanisation and development in those areas.

Dhangadhi became the first sub-metropolitan city in the Far-West after government upgraded it from municipality status and incorporated Fulbari and Urma VDCs. Local residents have welcomed the decision and believe this would open doors for development.

The 11th Municipal Council meeting of Dhangadhi had decided to fulfil all prerequisites for becoming a sub-metro. Last July, the former municipality and district-level political mechanism had endorsed the proposal for forming a sub-metro. Kailali District Administration Office had in turn endorsed the proposal and forwarded it to the Ministry of Federal Affairs and Development.

Similarly, other municipalities declared by the government are Gauradaha in Jhapa district, Laligurans in Tehrathum district, Hanumannagar Yoginimai in Saptari district, Sukhipur and Dhangadhimai in Siraha district, Bajrabarahi in Lalitpur, Kalika and Rapti in Chitwan, Barahathawa in Sarlahi, Bhanu and Abukhaireni in Tanahu, Madhyabindu in Nawalparasi and Bhrikuti in

Chairman of Municipal Association Nepal says the new cities face challenges alongside opportunities

Kapilbastu. In addition, Bhirkot in Syangja district, Karaputar and Madhya Nepal in Lamjung, Bherimalika in Jajarkot, Chaurjahari in Rukum, Salyan, Bagchaur Subhaghat Gangamala in Kamalbajar in Surkhet, Achham, Beldandi, Bedkot Krishnapur Kanchanpur and Babai in Bardia have also been declared municipalities.

"The government declared new municipalities after these areas fulfilled requirements of population, income and market places," Municipality Environment Management Division chief at MoFALD Gopi Krishna Khanal said. "It will ease development activities and implementation of laws like building codes," he added.

In December last year, the government had formed a technical committee to study the status of 28 possible municipalities. Apart from Galyang in Syangja and Bhimad in Tanahu, the remaining 26 were found to meet all criteria. An administrative area is declared a municipality if it has a population of 20,000 in Tarai, or 10,000 in hills and mountains, and can generate a minimum annual income of Rs500,000.

among others. With the recent decision, the total number of municipalities in the country has reached 217. In May last year, the government had added 72 new municipalities and 61 in December after a break of 18 years. Before that, Baglung was the last declared municipality in 1996.

Chairman of Municipal Association of Nepal Dormani Poudel said there are challenges alongside opportunities in the new municipalities. "Residents of a municipality have a higher expectation," he said. However, Poudel welcomed the decision saying that the country needs to move up from rural context. Decision making is more efficient in municipalities than in VDCs, while citizens are entitled to more services, he added.

Meanwhile, with Friday's decision, there are now more municipalities in Kanchanpur district than VDCs. Along with the three new municipalities formed by incorporating five VDCs, there are a total of eight municipalities in the district while there are only four VDCs.

Elsewhere, in Tehrathum, people in Basantapur and nearby areas celebrated the government decision after their area was declared Laligurans municipality. Locals said their city will now benefit from more budget allocated from the centre and wave of infrastructure development

(With inputs from local

### the royal gift



 Danish Crown Prince Frederick André Henrik receives a khukuri as souvenir from a local woman of Pachok village in Lamjung on Friday. Prince Frederick, who is on four-day Nepal visit, and a team from Danish Red Cross visited earthquake-hit villages in Lamjung and met the

## Metro FM marks 16th anniversary

Sixteen years after its establishment, Metro FM 94.6 is finally going to upgrade its transmission from 500 to 1000 watt to cover wider areas.

The FM radio is the first station run by a metropolitan city in South Asia, disseminating the development related information of heritage conservation, environment

and water and air conservation along with various entertaining and informative programmes. "We played a vital role during the great earthquake and we are more focused on being more competitive and credible in the market," said Rudra Singh Tamang, KMC chief executive officer. The FM on Friday celebrated the 16th anniversary. The Then Prime Minister Krishna Prasad Bhattarai had

inaugurated the station on September 18, 1999 in a bid to give general information of the Kathmandu valley to its residents and the FM used to run for seven hours in the morning and evening.

According to Tamang, the upgradation is the demand of time. The Ministry of Information and Communication figure shows that there are currently 36 FM radio stattions in the Valley. Addressing the programme Deputy Prime Minister and Local Development Minister Prakash Man Singh said the KMC should develop it as a model radio station in the Valley. "The FM should reach locals as it is a powerful tool to bring positive changes in the society," he said.

Mahendra Bista, president of the Federation of Nepali Journalists, highlighted the

## Bid to save kids during disasters

KATHMANDU, SEPT 18

Disaster management centres from Saarc and Unicef have joined hands create a new framework to reduce child casualties during disasters in South Asia.

A two-day regional meeting of Saarc member states and Unicef, which kicked off in Kathmandu on Friday, decided to form the new framework that will focus on making the future generation safe by strengthening accountability mechanisms among children, parents, communities, service providers and governments by 2020.

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नामः सोमबार तामाङ्ग

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Around 1.1 million children were affected by the April 25 earthquake in Nepal

"Children are the most vulnerable group in terms of coping with disaster. They have different needs and this framework aims to keep children at the centre of all the activities," said Santosh Kumar, director of Saarc Disaster Management.

He said the framework will be in line with the international child right conventions which have been ratified by all nations in the region.

The framework is based on

four pillars. The first pillar states that Saarc members will use child-centred risk assessments as the basis for designing and implementing all sectoral and cross sectoral programmes. The second is to adopt and activate comprehensive school safety through policy revisions, implementation arrangements and capacity enchantment.

Similarly, the next two pillars include implementing policies and mechanisms to ensure participation of children in decision making process as well as strengthening child protection systems and mechanism with mandates, resources and capacities.

"Child-centred disaster risk reduction is a long-term investment. Raising awareness of children and youths on disaster risk will ensure better disaster-prepared generations across this region and contribute to save and improve many lives," said Philippe Cori, Unicef deputy regional director.

As per Unicef, South Asia has faced more than 350 disaster events annually, affecting 264 million people per year out of which more than 60 percent of those killed or affected are children.

In Nepal, 1.1 million children have been affected by the April 25 earthquake.

# BIG 3, MJF-L DEAL STUCK

>> CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1 The two sides have also agreed

to assign a commission with the task of drawing the federal boundaries. It was not immediately clear whether the two sides had reached an agreement to address the demand for Tharu and Madhesi pertaining to state demarcation.

Though the MJF-L has been demanding the revision of the proposed federal set-up, the major parties have so far pledged to announce Tharu stronghold from Nawalparasi to Kanchanpur as autonomous or special region.

On the margins of the meeting at Baluwatar on Friday, MJF-L Chairman Bijay arate meeting with PM.

Talking to media after the meeting, NC Vice-president Ramchandra Poudel said they were closer to consensus but confusions over some technical matters had stalled the agreement. "Almost all matters have been sorted out, we will reach a conclusion soon,'

MJF-L Chair Gachhadar said the agreement could not be reached as the major parties remained reluctant to address the demands of Tharus and Madhesis for making the constitution "more meaningful".

He said he had stood for agreement despite threats from some of his colleagues to quit the party. "I don't what kind of constitution are three parties trying to bring keeping 13.5 million people dissatisfied." he said

## 'Utilise time before statute promulgation'

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Following the meeting with Oli, Jaishankar had a lunch meeting with Samyukta Loktantrik Madhesi Morcha, an alliance of four Madhesi parties, that has been protesting in the southern plains.

During the meeting, the Madhesi leaders urged for India's support, while briefing Jaishankar on the protest in Tarai and state's response. Laxman Lal Karna, a leader

of the front, said Madhesi leaders had collectively oppression of the ongoing protest centered in Madhes'. "We put forth our differences with major parties regarding the draft Constitution. We clarified that we will continue our protest against the constitution as it curtails rights of Madhesi people," said Karna.

In his meeting with UCPN (Maoist) Chairman Pushpa Kamal Dahal, Jaishankar had said that the protest in Tarai had security implications for India. In response, Dahal urged

him to look at the interest of India as a whole. The Maoist chairman expressed his concern over the timing of Jaishankar's visit as special envoy. "It should have been either prior to the endorsement of the constitution bill or on the day of promulgation," Dahal was quoted as saving by an aide.

UCPN (M) Chairman Dahal expresses concerns over the timing of Jaishankar's visit as a special envoy

"On Madhes, we as Nepalis are more concerned than

Prime Minister Sushil Koirala told Jaishankar that the parties are trying to accommodate Madhesi concerns. "But no one should say aide quoted Koirala as saying. "We are trying to find a winwin solution.'

A statement issued by Prime Minister's Office said that Prime Minister Koirala expressed his gratitude to Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi for attaching significance relations with Nepal and dispatching a special envoy. Jaishankar said India wished to see a sustainable peace, stability and development in Nepal and that the constitution have to be based on these goals, the PMO statement

Before meeting PM Koirala, Secretary Jaishankar met President Yadav and reiterated India's concerns. President Yadav's Rajendra Dahal said the

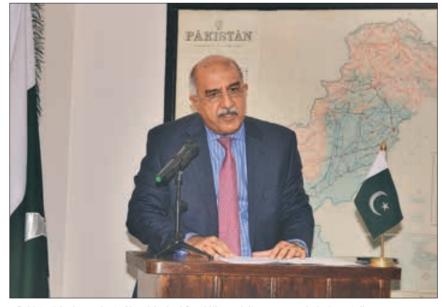
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defence day speech



Pakistani Ambassador to Nepal Arshad Saud Khosa delivers a speech during a talk programme held at Pakistani Embassy in Kathmandu on the occasion of golden jubilee of Pakistan's POST PHOTO: KESHAV THAPA

### Government of Nepal

Ministry of Physical Infrastructure and Transport

**Department of Roads Road Improvement Project** Suryabikram Gyawali Marga, Baneshwor, Kathmandu

### **Letter of Intent for Approval of Proposal**

Date of Publication: 2072/06/02 (2015/09/19)

This is to notify to all concerned Consultants (as per section 27 (2) of the Public Procurement Act, 2063 (BS), that, it is our intention to approve the proposal for consulting services to the following Consultant, which has secured highest Combined weighted score in the Technical and Financial proposal and selected for award of

Request for Proposal (RFP) was issued to the shortlisted consultants on 23 February 2015 and Proposal are received on March 25, 2015

Kathmandu, Nepal

**Description of Works and Contract** Identification No. Consulting Services for Construction Supervision of Package -G Lamosangu-Charikot Section of Lamosangu-Tamakoshi-Jiri Road (55 Km) Contract ID No: RIP/3371334/CS-001/071/72

**Consultant Name and Address** M/S Joint Venture of ITECO Nepal

(P) Ltd-Total Management Services

Pvt. Ltd.- North Star Engineering

Consultant (P) Ltd., Min Bhawan,

**Evaluated Financial** Proposal Price(Excluding VAT),

NRs.40,082,000.00

**Project Coordinator** 

## **DDC** seizes illegally extracted sand

HARIHAR SINGH RATHAUR DHADING, SEPT 18

The District Development Committee (DDC) in Dhading has started taking action against people involved in illegal sand mining in the district. DDC officials and security personnel seized two heavy equipment and sand worth around Rs 9.6 million which was being smuggled from various locations along the Trishuli river.

Though political activists exerted pressure on the District Administration Office to release the confiscated sand, DDC officials said they are auctioning the sand till September 23. Local sourcsaid five UCPN (M)-affiliated entrepreneurs, including Hari Dallakoti and Ram Prasad Dallakoti, who are involved in the business, have been pressing local



Illegally extracted sand in Dhading.

authorities to return the sand. Meanwhile, Development Officer Laxman Bikram Thapa has been transferred to Makwanpur just six months of his arrival in the district. Sources said sand

smugglers were involved in sending Thapa away to perpetuate their illegal trade. Extraction of sand and gravel was going rampant along the river after the April 25 earthquake. Meanwhile, the DDC

has published a notices in national dailies to initiate the sand auction process

The DDC has collected around Rs 190 million in revenue from sand exported out of the district last year.