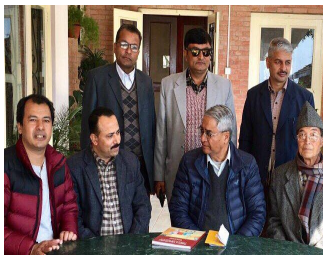




HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATION OF NEPAL

FISCAL YEAR 2015/16 -2016/17

ADCOVACY FOR MADHESHI MINORITIES - NIKASAH KASARI



President Mr. Indra Prasad Aryal and HURON team with Nepali Congress Chairman Sher Bahadur Deuba

On January 2, 2017 along with HURON President Indra Prasad Aryal, Mr Mahamunishor Acharya, General Secretary and Dr. Chirinjibi Bhatrai, CCM, and team met

Honorable President. HURON submitted the Memorandum to address and to provide solution to Madhesh Andolan without any further delay.

On March 14, 2017, HURON conducted a program at Hotel Himalaya in partnership with National Human Rights Commission of Nepal titled **“Nikash Kasari or How to Find Way Out to Resolve Present Political Deadlock in Nepal”**. The program was inaugurated by Mr. Anup Raj

Sharma, Chairperson of National Human Rights Commission. A paper presentation was done by Mr. Govinda Paudel, member of National Human Rights Commission.



Milestones

- **NOVEMBER 21, 2016-** SUBMISSION OF MEMORANDUM TO NC LEADER MR. RAMCHANDRA PAUDEL MADHESH ISSUE
- **DECEMBER 20, 2016-** SUBMISSION OF MEMORANDUM TO NC CHAIRMAN, MR. SHER BAHADUR DEUBA
- **JANUARY 2, 2017-** SUBMISSION OF MEMORANDUM TO HON. PRESIDENT MRS. BIDHYA BHANDARI
- **JUNE 9, 2017-** SUBMISSION OF MEMORANDUM TO UML CHAIRPERSON MR. K.P.OLI

SUBMISSION OF MEMORANDUMS





FIELD VISITS & LOBBYING DURING MADHESH AANDOLAN

From October 23 to October 27, 2015 HURON President Mr. Indra Prasad Aryal, General Secretary Mr. Mahamunishor Acharya and Senior Member Mr. Govinda Prasad Dhakal and team visited the andolan affected area (Bara, Parsa, Rautahat, Sarlahi, Mahottari, Dhanusha, Siraha and Saptari Districts). During the time of their visit Madhesh andolan was deteriorating and indefinite curfew was clamped. After the visit HURON publicized a report on November 28 2015 through Reporters Club Nepal.

On 4 February, 2016 HURON team met with Home Minister, Mr. Shakti Basnet to bring to his attention, the inhumane blockade and warned of humanitarian crisis. HURON also solicited for a political solution so people can work to mitigate the devastating impact of the economic crisis.



HURON President Mr. Indra Prasad Aryal with Home Minister Shakti Basnet

IMPACTS & CAUSES OF CONFLICT IN MADHESH

On 10 November, 2015 HURON organized a program in Hotel Orchid regarding country's present crisis and suggested its solution. The program focused on the impacts and causes of conflicts in Madhesh. The program was led by the President of HURON Advocate Indra Prasad Aryal along with different political personalities, including Mr. Mohan Baidhya, Mr. Subash Chandra Nembang, Mr. Pashupati Shumsher Rana, Hridayesh Pathak, Mahesh Acharya, Lal Karna, Ex. Minister Ganesh Shah, Deputy Prime Minister and Social Welfare Minister C.P Mainali, Yuba Neta Rabindra Adhikari, Dhanraj Gurung who offered their remarks on the Madhesh issue.



HURON Team President, Mr. Indra Prasad Aryal along with HURON team with Prime Minister Sushil Koirala

HIGH LEVEL MEETS

On January 11, 2016 HURON team met with the Chairman and the Prime Minister, Mr. Sushil Koirala and submitted the Letter of Memorandum imploring the solution to Madhesh Andolan.

On 15 April, 2016 HURON President Indra Prasad Aryal and General Secretary Mahamunishor Acharya met with BJP's senior leader Mr. Dinesh Upadhyaya to discuss the relationship between India and Nepal and the current Human Rights scenario of Nepal.



HURON Team along with Human Rights Activists in a peaceful protest, Solidarity for Justice

"It is a dark day in history of Nepal, for justice delayed is justice withheld"

-President,

Mr. Indra Prasad Aryal on June 7, 2017



HURON Team along with Human Rights Activists with then then Prime Minister, Mr. Pushpa Kamal Dahal

SAVE GANGA MAYA CAMPAIGN

HURON has been advocating the issue of Ganga Maya Adhikari since its inception. HURON has conducted more than a hundred activities" including case registration in Chitwan District Court for her

son Krisha Prasad Adhikari.

HURON has been advocating, lobbying, providing, legal sup-

port, assisting in case registration at Chitwan District Court, issuing Press Statements organizing sit-ins and even protesting on the streets for swift justice against the perpetrators of the murder.

On August 14, 2016, eleven Human Rights Activists were taken

into custody including a number of HURON members and President, Indra Prasad Aryal for protesting against the lack of promised implementation by the Government as part of "Save Ganga Maya" campaign.

SOLIDARITY FOR JUSTICE

On June 7, 2017, to commemorate the 13th Death Anniversary of Mr. Krishna Prasad Adhikari, HURON along with various civil society organizations organized a peaceful demonstration of solidarity with Gangamaya Adhikari, to

draw the attention of Government of Nepal. Mr. Adhikari - 17 years old was killed in 2061 BS in Chitwan by then Maoist during the decade-long civil-war.

HURON President, Mr. Indra Prasad Aryal & INSEC Chair-

person, Mr. Subodh Raj Pyakurel lighted lantern during the day time, wishing for the blind government to guide them to light so justice could be delivered.

BLACK HELMET DAY

On 2 February, 2017 hikari's life in front of PM's Office.

HURON opposed the government's indifference to Transitional Justice cases by wearing black helmet demanding protection of Gangamaya Ad-

hikari's life in front of PM's Office.

On 16 February, 2017 HURON presented a Letter of Memorandum to the Prime Minister, Mr. Puspha Kamal Dahal on the subject of justice

to Nanda Prasad and Gangamaya Adhikari, appealing to save her life and provide justice to the victims of war era cases.

CAPACITY BUILDING OF HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS

HURON has begun organizing One Day Educational Programs in district chapters for target groups of: Nepal Police, Armed Police Force, and individuals from Civil Societies, Political Party Members, HURON Human Rights Defenders, Youths and other interested participants. The Nepal

Police and Armed Police Forces are given special priorities in the bordering districts of China and India.

Till date, HURON has given such Human Rights Education to more than 3000 participants. Human Rights Experts have been facilitating these

programs. District Heads of Police and Administration Departments, and notable Political Leaders are invited to Chair the programs.



One Day Educational Program Organized by Lalitpur District Branch

EDUCATING HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS

The Capacity Building Programs have special focus on Human Rights in Law, Humanitarian Law, Human Rights and Fundamental Rights, Human Rights in Constitutions of Nepal, Refugee & Human Rights, Gentleman's Agreement and The Conven-

tion against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment.

These educational programs were conducted by Taplejung, Solukhumbhu, Rasuwa, Gorkha, Sindhupalchowk, Kaski, Mustang, Humla, Kaila-

li, Banke, Rupendehi, Parsa, Morang, Jhapa, Kathmandu, Lalitpur, Bhaktapur and Mugu District Chapters.

"It is vital that people should be educated in the matters of human rights. Human rights are also moral rights"

-General Secretary, Mr. Mahamunishwor Acharya



HUMAN RIGHTS EDUCATION PROGRAM & AGM



President Mr. Indra Prasad Aryal donating computer and utilities to Gorkha District Chapter.

As part of Human Rights Education Program, HURON President visited, chaired and gave orientation to Taplejung, Sankhuwasabha, Solukhumbu, Dolkha, Sindhupalchowk, Kavre-Bhaktapur, Parsa, Rupendehi, Kathmandu, Lalitpur, Gorkha, Dolpa, Humla, Kailali, Banke, Rasu-

wa District Chapters.

General Secretary, Mr. Mahamunishwor Acharya chaired and provided orientation to Manang and Mustang District Chapters.

Further, during the visits from Central Office, HURON District chapters also organized

Annual General Meeting in Manang, Parbat, and Kavrepalanchok districts.

New members were added, existing district level structure were activated and revised, while new district chapters were registered.

HUMAN RIGHTS IN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



PAPER PRESENTATION ON HUMAN RIGHTS, SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND LEADERSHIP

On November 28, 2016, General Secretary, Mr. Mahamunishwor Acharya and Economist, Mr. Bhim Prasad Bhurtel presented a paper on Human Rights, Sustainable Development Goals and Leadership.

The paper dealt with the issues of inclusive economic growth, distribution and legal issues pertaining to human rights in juxtaposition with

sustainable development goals.

The program was attended by Nepal Congress Leader Shashank Koirala, Ex. PM. Dr. Baburam Bhattarai, Mr. Subash Chandra Nembang, Mr. Narayankaji Shrestha, Mr. Mohan Baidhya, Mr. Ramsaran Mahat, Mr. Janardan Sharma, Mr. Pashupati Shumsher JBR, the then Minister of Tourism Jiwan Bahadur

Shahi, Dr. Bhesh Bahadur Thapa and 2 dozen notable personalities.

The program was conducted as a Central Program on the 68th International Human Rights Day. The paper made recommendations to the Government of Nepal by analyzing the patterns of economic development and factors affecting human rights in development issues.



ELECTION MONITORING & OBSERVATION

CITIZENS CAMPAIGN FOR CLEAN ELECTION (CCCE)



HURON oversaw the first and second phase of election (in 65 districts) on May 16, 2017 and June 28, 2017 along with 611 Election Observers in the first phase of election and 640 Election Observers in the second phase of election. Along with HURON, CCCE consists of INSEC, Election Observation Committee, Youth Campaign for Election, Community Radio Broadcast Association and Bahirgamit Gamit Purba Ladaku Nepal.



As a part of CCCE, we have been organizing and promoting healthy election environment and reporting activities that are against the norms as set by Election Commission, making the elections unbiased and transparent. The activities under CCCE were:

Pre Observation

Voter Orientation and Educational Programs

Provincial and Local Level Discussions

Television and Radio Programs

Public Hearings

Election Observation & Monitoring

Election Reporting



HURON IN NATIONAL ELECTION PROCESSES

Field Visits during Local Level Elections

HURON President, Mr. Indra Prasad Aryal visited and oriented the election officers, voters and election observers as a part of Citizens Campaign for Clean Election in all three phases of election.

During the local level election, Dadheldhura, Kanchanpur,

Kailali, Banke, Dang, Nawalparasi, Myagdi, Parbat, Kaski, Gorkha, Tanahu, Morang, Sunsari, Jhapa Udaypur, Bara, Dhanusha, Mahottari, Parsa, Rautahat, Saptari, Sarlahi & Siraha districts were visited.

As a part of visit, dialogues with civil society organiza-

tions, media and stakeholders were conducted including radio and television discussions on the issues of security, observation methodology for election observers and the role of elections in implementation of human rights in Nepal.



Visit during Local Level Election

Field visits during Provincial & Parliamentary Elections

As a part of CCCE, HURON President, similarly visited districts of Rukum, Rolpa, Salyan, Udaypur, Bara, Dhanusha, Mahottari, Parsa, Rautahat, Saptari, Sarlahi, Siraha, Jhapa & Morang for pre-observation and orienta-

tion for election officers, human rights defenders, election observers and voters.

HURON General Secretary, Mr. Mahamunishwor Acharya conducted similar programs in Rukum and Ropla Districts.

Almost, 3,000 human rights defenders from HURON district chapters participated in Local Level & Provincial Level Elections. HURON has submitted the election report to Election Commission of Nepal



Election Observation & Monitoring



HURON ON NATIONAL ISSUES



HURON President, Mr. Indra Prasad Aryal with Dr. K.C during hunger strike

#iamwithDrKc

Time and again HURON drew attention of the government on deteriorating health condition of Dr Govinda KC, demanding reforms in Nepal's medical sector. HURON urged all the concerned authorities through various medium

(Television interview, memorandum) for serious attention to Dr. KC's life.

HURON has been directly involved in negotiation between Dr. K.C's and the Government of Nepal, de-

manding improvements in medical field of Nepal.

HURON has also been actively issuing Press Statements and advocating Dr. K.C's demands through television and radio interviews.

Establishment of Libraries

On July 2016, HURON established libraries in ten schools in Chitwan and distributed books amounting to Rs. 4 Lakh in each school. HURON is has been actively searching for donors to help provide additional books to these schools.

The Kailali Incident

On August 24, 2015 HURON issued a press release condemning the barbaric attack that took place in Tikapur of Kailali District, taking life of seven policemen and a two year old child during the unfortunate event. HURON also submitted a worksheet to reset the social good-faith that was lost during the event, to which government showed no interest.

HURON ON NATIONAL ISSUES

Commission of Investigation on Abuse of Authority (CIAA)

On 22 April 2016, the Commission of Investigation on Abuse of Authority (CIAA) ordered the arrest of Mr Kanak Mani Dixit. HURON pointed out that the arrest was a clear case of vendetta, the manner and timing of his arrest seems to indicate this is a case of intimidation tactics.

HURON represented an argument in Supreme Court and different communication media.

HURON President, expressed discontent on the CIAA Chairperson Mr. Lok Man Singh Karki during interviews with different TV and Radio channels.

Mr. Indra Prasad Aryal expressed his argument during the case hearing. Lok ManSingh Karki was sacked from the post on 21 October 2016. In a landmark verdict, the Supreme Court on 8 January 2017 disqualified Lokman Singh Karki as the chief CIAA.



HURON advocated and argued for the case hearing against CIAA Chairperson, Mr. Lok Man Singh in the Supreme Court.

HURON is committed to protecting and promoting human rights in Nepal. As a forerunner of human rights activism in Nepal, we are always trying to better ourselves each year and pledge our complete support to UDHR and all human rights conventions ratified by the GoN and, to serve the people of Nepal in all times".

-Excerpt from President, Mr. Indra Prasad Aryal's conversation with Ms. Jyoti Sanghera, Section Chief, Human Rights and Social and Economic Issues at UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in Kathmandu