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Welcome Note

BY THE AMERICAN SPACES TEAM

Namaste!

Thank you for subscribing to our American Spaces newsletter. It's October, I imagine many of you are looking forward to the Dashain Holidays and spending more quality time with your families and eating some delicious goat.

We hope you and your families continue to stay safe during this time. The American Spaces team across Nepal continues to work to develop virtual programs to meet your needs and help you navigate this new world we currently live in. As the U.S. Elections are only 5 weeks from now, the American Spaces team will host a range of programming on the election process and more. I hope you can join us as we commemorate the 100th anniversary of women's right to vote in America, discuss the nitty gritty of democratic elections, and educate ourselves on strategies to counter disinformation.

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to alter our lives, we will continue to provide virtual programming until we are able to open our Spaces to the public. If you have suggestions or ideas to share, feel free to contact us.

To register for our programs, please click on the given link (Register). We post our programs in our respective Corner [Facebook pages](https://np.usembassy.gov/education-culture/american-spaces/) (<https://np.usembassy.gov/education-culture/american-spaces/>), so keep checking the page for additional program postings. And feel free to share the American Center [Newsletter Subscription link](https://rb.gy/el551i) (<https://rb.gy/el551i>) with interested folks.

Sincerely,
American Spaces Team

October Programs

Diverse Faces - Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month

OCT 5 | 1-2:30 PM

More Women Have a Seat at the Table, But Will They Have a Voice in the Political Process?

OCT 13 | 6-7 PM
[REGISTER](#)

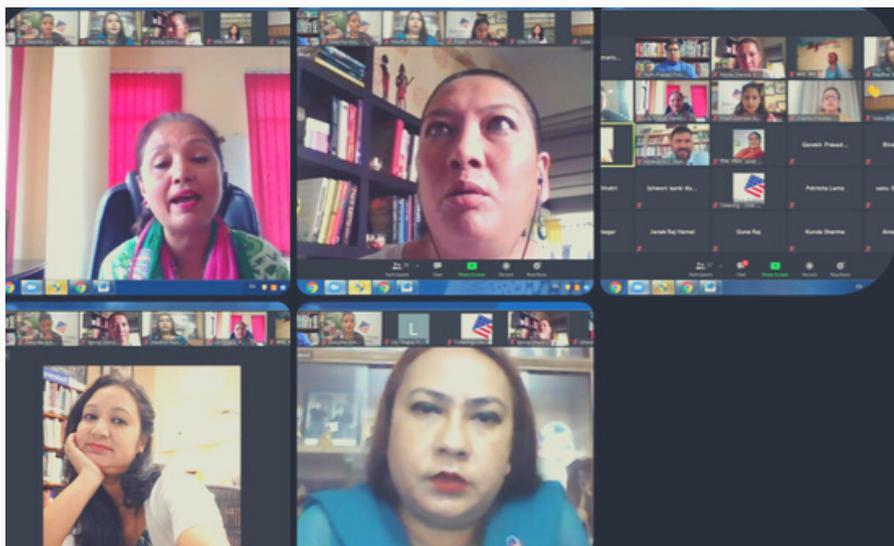
Understanding the U.S. Elections

OCT 20 | 2-3 PM
[REGISTER](#)

Announcements, Events, and Updates
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Countering Gender-Based Violence (GBV) During COVID-19 Lockdowns

American Spaces invited three seasoned women rights activists and an International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP) alumni to raise awareness of the increase in GBV cases in Nepal during the pandemic. This program addressed important issues such as women's role in society and the need to root out patriarchy in Nepali society. In addition, the speakers provided practical suggestions for women facing gender-based violence at home. (<https://www.facebook.com/acsurkhet/videos/324750508741550>)



Honoring National Children's Day

To celebrate children's rights during the pandemic, we brought together high school students from across Nepal for a virtual debate competition on September 12th and 13th for National Children's Day (September 14th). Highlighting the worsening cases of child abuse in Nepal during the pandemic lockdowns, the participants urged the government and all other stakeholders to safeguard children's rights, including the right to continue their education during the pandemic, especially for students living in rural areas.

Eighth Virtual Regional Book Club Re-Starts

The eighth regional book club, entitled Books Beyond Borders, welcomed participants from Afghanistan, Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka. September 14th through 24th, over 240 participants read *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* by Mark Twain. Over 150 participants attended the two hour-long sessions discussing the book.

First National Convention on STEM Education

On September 15, the American Center Director presented at the first National Convention on STEM Education, organized by the Ministry of Education, Science, and Technology, to a virtual audience, emphasizing the role of the U.S. Embassy and American Spaces in promoting STEM education in Nepal. The Director explained the mission of the American Spaces network and highlighted the STEM resources available through the American Spaces' website. He also focused on how STEM education creates a culture of collaboration, creativity, and entrepreneurship which in turn increases economic productivity, a U.S. Mission priority in Nepal.

**BOOKS BEYOND
BOARDERS**

**THE JUNGLE
BY UPTON SINCLAIR**

**WEBINARS ON :
SEPTEMBER 28,
OCTOBER 1, 5 & 8**



The Contextator Episodes

The final episode of a three-part series on, “Understanding Federalism in Nepal” as part of The Contextator Episodes, aired live on Facebook on September 13th. Two renowned Nepali scholars joined the conversation to speak about how the three tiers of Nepal’s government coordinate, delivers services, resolves conflicts, and interacts with the international community. The speakers provided insight into the federal implementation process since the 2017 elections and how effective the transition has been. Over 1,400 people have tuned in to date to watch the episode on the Book Bus Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/qcbookshop/videos/824413781640192>

American Corner Dhangadhi Celebrates International Literacy Day

American Corner Dhangadhi organized an open online poetry competition on September 8th to celebrate International Literacy Day. The submissions included more than 20 poems covering topics from love to pandemic-induced hardships. After posting the recital of the poems on American Corner Dhangadhi’s Facebook page

(<https://www.facebook.com/Dhangadhi.AmericanCorner>), the top three poems were selected by the popularity they received on Facebook and scores from our judges.

U.S. University Virtual Fair happening in Nepal

Can't step out to attend a University Fair?

U.S. Universities are coming to meet you, virtually!

Yes, attend the biggest U.S. University Virtual Fair happening in Nepal and meet 100+ U.S. colleges and universities from the safety and comfort of your home !

Save the Date:

**October 2 & 3, 2020;
5:45 pm to 10:45 pm**

For students seeking Masters & PhD programs in the United States:

U.S. University Graduate Virtual Fair

<http://bit.ly/EdUSAFair20FB>

October 9 & 10, 2020; 5:45 pm to 10:45 pm

For high school students seeking Bachelors programs in the United States:

U.S. University

Undergraduate Virtual Fair

<http://bit.ly/UGEdUSAFair20FB>

