

## Activities of Nepal Geographical Society

### New Executive Committee

The new Executive Committee of The NGS for the period 1986-1988 was formed on July 11, 1986. Dr. Harka Gurung was unanimously elected President of the Society. The new Vice-President and General Secretary are Mr. Ram Kumar Pandey and Dr. Nanda Gopal Ranjitkar.

The new Executive Committee reconstituted the Editorial Board of the Himalayan Review, Dr. Pitamber Sharma and Mr. Ram Kumar Pandey were designated as the Chief Editor and Executive Editor respectively. Dr. Mangal S. Manandhar, Dr. Bal Kumar k.c. and Mr. Mukunda Prasad Joshi are members of the Editorial Board.

### Amendment of The NGS Constitution

The amendment to the constitution of NGS was approved by the General body meeting of the NGS on December 3, 1986.

### NGS Silver Jubilee

NGS completed 25 years of its existence in February 1987. To celebrate the Silver Jubilee in a grand manner a Silver Jubilee Celebration committee was also formed on December 3, 1986. The following were the members of the committee:

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| Chairman           | : | Dr. Harka Gurung          |
| Member - Secretary | : | Dr. Nanda Gopal Ranjitkar |
| Members            | : | Dr. Soorya Lal Amatya     |
|                    |   | Dr. Pitamber Sharma       |
|                    |   | Mr. Ram Naresh Singh      |
|                    |   | Mr. Chandra Man Pradhan   |
|                    |   | Mr. Nati Kaji Maharajan   |
|                    |   | Mr. Mahesh Parajuli       |
|                    |   | Mr. Bishnu Bahadur Karki  |

Various sub-committees were also formed.

### Silver Jubilee Celebrations

A one week programme was organised from Feb. 24, 1987 to March 2, 1987 to celebrate the NGS Silver Jubilee. The main highlights were :

#### Day 1. Feb. 24, 1987

An Exhibition of Books on The Geography of Nepal written by Nepalese as well as foreign geographers and Maps of Nepal published thus far was declared open amidst a ceremony at Tri-chandra Campus, Kathmandu by the Hon'ble State Minister for Education and culture Mr. Keshav Bahadur Bista. The week long exhibition attracted a large number of professionals, students and the general public.



#### Day 2. Feb. 25, 1987

- a) The first preliminary round of the Inter-High School level Quiz Contest on the theme 'Geography of Nepal' was organized at Tri-chandra Campus. About eight High Schools from the Kathmandu valley participated in the contest.
- b) A series of five public lectures on geographical themes were organized as part of the Silver Jubilee Celebrations. A large number of professionals, students, the public and the foreign community in Kathmandu attended the public lectures at Tri-chandra Campus, Kathmandu.

- c) The first lecture was delivered by Dr. Soorya Lal Amatya on the Theme "Recent Trends in Agricultural Development in Nepal."

Day 3. Feb. 26, 1987

Dr. Pitamber Sharma delivered the second public lecture on the Theme "Urbanization in Nepal" at Tri-chandra Campus, Kathmandu.

Day 4. Feb. 27, 1987

- a) The second preliminary round of the Inter-High School Quiz contest was organized at Tri-chandra Campus, Kathmandu.
- b) Prof. Upendra Man Malla Hon'ble Member, National Planning Commission delivered the third public lecture on the Theme "Environmental conservation in Nepal" at Tri-chandra Campus, Kathmandu.

Day 5. Feb. 28, 1987

Dr. Chandra Bahadur Shrestha Hon'ble Member, National Planning Commission delivered the fourth public lecture on the Theme "Regional Planning in Nepal" at Tri-chandra Campus.

Day 6. March 1, 1987

- a) The final round of the Inter-High School Quiz contest was conducted at Nepal Television Studio, Singha Durbar. The programme was later telecast by Nepal Television.
- b) The final lecture in the series of public lectures was delivered by Dr. Harka Gurung, President of the NGS on the Theme "Regionalization in Nepal" at Tri-chandra Campus.

Day 7. March 2, 1987

- a) An Inter-campus (under graduate level) Essay competition on the theme "Geographical condition and Economic Development in Nepal" was organized at Tri-chandra Campus. A total of 20 students from different campuses took part in the competition.
- b) The Silver Jubilee celebration of the NGS came to an end with a fitting closing ceremony at Hotel Gautam, Kathmandu. The closing ceremony was presided over by the Vice-Chancellor of Tribhuvan University Mr. Mahesh Kumar Upadhyaya.

The chief Guest, Mr Upadhyaya, also distributed Prizes and Certificates to the winners of the Inter-High School Quiz contest and the Inter-Campus Essay competition.

Dr. Harka Gurung, President of the NGS, delivered the much awaited Presidential Address to the NGS. The Theme of the Address was "The Evaluation of the Nepalese State."

The Silver Jubilee Celebrations of the NGS came to an end with a highly attended dinner at Hotel Gautam. It was an occasion to renew personal and professional ties among NGS members.

#### Talk Programmes

- a) On May 20, 1988 Dr. Poonam Thapa gave a talk on "Rural Migration in Nepal" at Tri-chandra Campus. The talk was based on Dr. Thapa's doctoral dissertation presented to Indiana University.
- b) On September 23, 1988 Dr. Madhav Prasad Sharma, Head of the Central Department of Geology, Tribhuvan University gave a talk on a theme of extra ordinary current interest- "Earthquakes in Nepal". The talk was well attended.

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