

# Sanjal Newsletter



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## 12 Raji Families in Ghatgaun Became Landowners

*Advocacy initiatives of Sansthaगत विकास संजाल and Interdependent Society Surkhet has brought real results to life of Raji.*

Raji families that were landless as long as they knew have now become proud land owners. Thanks to the relentless initiatives and advocacy activities carried out by Sansthaगत विकास संजाल

Nepal government in 2077. Then, Rajis did not have enough resources to pay the tariff for registering the land in their names. The landowner family paid all the tariff and registered the

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and Interdependent Society Surkhet, a member organisation of Sanjal. Land owner family who owned the land of Rajis for more than four decades willingly transferred 35 ropanis of land to rightful owners of the land: 12 Raji families.

Landowner family had been owning the land that belonged to Rajis since the land survey carried out by the

land in their name with a promise to return the land to Rajis one day.

Forty-five years passed on since then, but the land was never legally owned by Rajis who had been living in Ghatgaun for many generations. They always carried a status of landless.

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## Sanjal hosts its 10<sup>th</sup> General Assembly

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Sansthaगत विकास संजाल held its 10<sup>th</sup> Annual General Assembly (GA) on September 25. The occasion was also marked as a celebration of 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Sanjal amid a function at Pathik Foundation, Kathmandu. This year, GA was also the fourth general convention which elected a new board of executive members.

Newly elected executive committee members of Sanjal comprise of Dr. Surendra Shretha (SAHAS) as Chairperson, Mira Dahal (GMJS) as Vice-Chairperson, Bal Krishna Maharjan (Sanjal) as Member Secretary, Santosh Yadav (TBS) as Treasurer and Indra Prasad Ghimire (CDF) as Vice-Member Secretary. Similarly, Ghanashyam Sharma (Sahakarmi Samaj), Urmila Maharjan (VLTA), Nasirul Nisha (JJS), Kamal Krishna Tamang (LDCDF), and Megh Bahadur Tamang (CIRDS) were elected board members.

found status in a productive way so that they and their future generations have a better living conditions.

There are 35 houses and 213 Raji people living in Ghatgaun of Surkhet. Traditionally, they have been

making their living by rowing boats, fishing in Bheri and Karnali river and hunting.

## YKS Promoting Nutrition and Reducing Junk Foods

Yuwa Krishi Swarojgar (YKS): Young Farmer Entrepreneurship for Food Security has been able to increase knowledge of nutrition and reduce consumption of processed food in Achham's three VDCs – Duni, Marku and Sokat. One-day nutrition orientation was conducted in these three VDCs for pregnant and lactating mothers.

The orientation was about problem identification and review of present situation of nutrition in community, problem solving, regular health check-ups, balanced diets, best practices for breastfeeding, additional diet

requirements during pregnancy and lactating periods, additional food needs for under-5 and above 6 month children, method and use of super flower. Total 89 pregnant and lactating mothers participated in the

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orientation.

Similarly, one day's nutrition orientation was conducted in three VDCs for mother- and daughter-in-law. During the orientation, major issues such as nutrition situation of

household level, finding nutrition problem and solution, role and relationship between mothers-in-law and daughters-in-law, the reasons for conflict between them and strategies for minimizing them, and food hygiene were discussed. Total 89 mother- and daughter-in-law participated in the event.

YKS, the project supported by Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Nepal with the financial support of Canadian Foodgrains Bank (CFGB) is being implemented in Achham since March 2014 for improving food security of hunger-affected households.

## Hindus and Muslims both celebrate Eid al-Fitr

On the occasion of Eid al-Fitr, the largest festivals of Muslims, both followers of Islam and Hinduism celebrated Eid with great joy and harmony. The celebration was observed at the premises of Jana Jagaran Samaj (JJS), Khajura, Banke. The Eid Mubarak celebration program had the presence of intellectual personalities, social and religious leaders, general public from seven VDCs and the staff and executive committee members of JJS. The trend of jointly celebrating each other's festivals by Hindus and Muslims is gaining popularity in Raniyapur VDC of Banke. Such programs are initiated under the Community Peace for Sustainable Development Project, supported by The Finnish Evangelical Lutheran Mission (FELM) Nepal in partnership with Sansthaगत Bikas Sanjal. The project with peace building and sustainable development activities are implemented in Banke, Kailali and Achham districts since 2012.

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