

# Description and Rationale

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## Title

Digital Preservation of Literary Nepali Magazine – “*Madhuparka*”

## Project Description\*

The project aims to digitize literary magazine titled “*Madhuparka*”. A list of volumes and issues along with a brief description of the proposed title is appended.

The digital copy will be prepared from the original periodicals. Each digital copy will be sent to SAMP and kept at Madan Puraskar Pustakalaya (MPP).

(This is a continuation of a project to digitize Nepali newspapers and periodicals collected and filmed by the MPP under the supervision of LC consultants. MPP has created only 7 reels of master negatives of the proposed title. Now, the digital copy will be made from original periodicals.)

## Reasons for Consideration\*

This proposal includes one literary monthly magazine titled “*Madhuparka*” assembled at the MPP which is the largest and unique archive of Nepali language materials.

The proposed literary magazine “*Madhuparka*” is among one of the oldest literary magazine published continuously till date since Jestha 2025 B.S. (1968 AD). Though a literary monthly magazine, it captures various subjects mainly history, culture and even anthropological studies written by renowned laureates and literary figures of Nepal. There are very few magazines that run continuously and cover the various issues not only from different parts of the Nepal but also from Nepali speaking world, outside Nepal. It also publishes occasional special issues that cover special themes such as travel, culture, language, ethnic and indigenous literature. If one were to choose only one literary magazine from Nepal to archive, “*Madhuparka*” has to be it.

This proposal includes the cost of digitization and shipping cost of the copy to Chicago from Kathmandu.

## Authors

## Publishers

*Madhuparka* – Published by Gorkhapatra Sansthan, Kathmandu; Government-owned, one of the oldest running publication house that publishes among other the *Gorkhapatra*, the earliest newspaper of Nepal.

## Proposal Contributors

Madan Puraskar Pustakalaya (MPP)

## Details and Sources

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### Resource Types\*

- Serials

### Regions\*

- South Asia

### Countries of Origin\*

Nepal

### Major Languages

Nepali

### Source Format\*

- Paper

### Target Format

Digital

### Identifiers

For *Madhuparka* (<https://www.worldcat.org/title/madhuparka/oclc/727073993>)

### Links

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### Source and Holdings

Location	Format	Holdings/Range	Notes
Madan Puraskar Pustakalaya (MPP)	Printed (Original)	<i>Madhuparka</i> (monthly)/ v.1:no. 1 – v.18:no. 12 (June 1968 – April 1986) :[Gaps]	From original periodicals : [Gaps – v. 2:no. 10; v. 7:no. 9; v. 8:no. 9; v. 10: no. 10; v. 11:no. 2,3,8,10; v. 17:no. 8] MPP holds Microfilm Only Master Negative Available <i>Madhuparka</i> (monthly) / Reel (1-7). v.1:no. 1-v.10:no. 6 (June 1968- Oct 1977): [Gaps]. Master negative numbers: MPP_0267-MPP_0273.

## Source and Holdings Notes

Run of *Madhuparka* is housed at the Madan Puraskar Pustakalaya (MPP). It is published by the Gorkhapatra Sansthan, Kathmandu.

## Physical Details

Normal issue of Monthly magazine *Madhuparka* of size 26 cm x 17 cm generally contains 40 – 60 pages. The size and pages has varied during its five-decade regular publication period. Some issues are special issues whereas some are combined one. The magazine's oldest issues' paper has turned yellow in colour over time. There are only few gaps in total run proposed.

## Existing Reformatted Materials

*Madhuparka* (monthly) / Reel (1-7). v.1:no. 1-v.10:no. 6 (June 1968- Oct 1977): [Gaps]. Master negative numbers: MPP\_0267-MPP\_0273 is in Madan Puraskar Pustakalaya (MPP). But the location of a few missing issues of *Madhuparka* has led us to consider digitization of the issues from original printed copy and it will extend the digitization run upto Year 18 whereas MPP holds upto Year 10 in microform. The pdf format of the each digitized issue will be made available to reader/ researcher.

## Intellectual Property Considerations

*Madhuparka* is published by Gorkhapatra Sansthan, government-owned publication house in Kathmandu. There is no copyright issues to make the digital copies online. New and recent issues are available on their websites and few other digital portal.

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