

# Description and Rationale

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## Title

Digital Preservation of Literary Nepali Magazine – “*Garimā*” and “*Racanā*”

## Project Description\*

The project aims to digitize specific runs of two Nepali literary magazines “*Garimā*” and “*Racanā*”. 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. A set of the digital copy will be sent to SAMP and another set 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.)

## Reasons for Consideration\*

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

The proposed literary magazine “*Garimā*” is one of the popular literary magazines published since Poush 2039 B.S. (1982 AD) and “*Racanā*” is known for one of the longest run literary magazines published since 2018 B.S. (1961 AD).

A literary monthly magazine, *Garimā*, started its publication as an alternative voice of litterateurs and laureates of Nepal, though it was published by a quasi-government publication called Sajha Prakashan. The issues of the magazine capture various subjects mainly history, culture and special issues that are thematic. The reputation of *Garimā* rivals closely that of *Madhuparka*. Further, the writers that eschewed the platform of *Madhuparka* too have preferred *Garimā* to publish their literary pieces.

*Racanā* is one of the longest run literary magazines in Nepal and continuously being published. It is a semi-academic magazine which publishes articles and reviews with includes references, biography of writers with original as well as a few articles with facsimiles of rare primary sources. It also publishes occasional special issues. Further, since *Racanā* is published by a private publisher the corpus of authors also represent those that are not visible in *Garimā* and *Madhuparka*.

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

## Authors

## Publishers

*Garimā* – Published by Sajha Prakashan, Pulchowk, Lalitpur; a publication house partially owned by the government, functioning in a cooperative model. Sajha Prakashan is one of the oldest running publication houses in Nepal with the widest distribution network in Nepal.

*Racanā* – Published by Rochak Ghimire, Kathmandu, Private.

## 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

[*Garimā* – unavailable

*Racanā* – ISSN: 2091-0703]

### Links

[For *Garimā* – unavailable

For *Racanā* – <https://catalog.lib.uchicago.edu/vufind/Record/265512> ]

### Source and Holdings

Location	Format	Holdings/Range	Notes
Madan Puraskar Pustakalaya (MPP)	Printed (Original)	<i>Garimā</i> (monthly)/	From original periodicals; No Gaps

		v.1:no. 1 – v. 5:no. 12 (December 1982 – November 1987)	
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Location	Format	Holdings/Range	Notes
Madan Puraskar Pustakalaya (MPP)	Printed (Original)	<i>Racanā</i> (Bimonthly)/ v.1:no. 1 – v. 5:no. 5( 1961 – 1972)	From original periodicals; No Gaps; Though the University of Chicago Library has the following runs: v.3: no.2-4(1965/1966) v.4:no.1-6(1966/1967) v.5:no.1-4(1970/1971) the current project will complete the set from vol.1 no.1. However, if required, later issues can be digitized instead of above mentioned.

## Source and Holdings Notes

Run of *Garimā* and *Racanā* is housed at the Madan Puraskar Pustakalaya (MPP). *Garimā* is published by the Sajha Prakashan, Lalitpur and *Racanā* is published by Rochak Ghimire, Kathmandu.

## Physical Details

Normal issue of Monthly magazine *Garimā* of size 25 cm x 18 cm generally contains 100 – 130 pages. The size and pages varies.

Normal issue of Bi-Monthly magazine *Racanā* of size 22 cm x 14 cm generally contains 80 – 100 pages. The size and pages varies.

## Existing Reformatted Materials

*Garimā* (monthly) and *Racanā* (Bimonthly) are housed at the Madan Puraskar Pustakalaya (MPP). The complete issues of the popular literary magazine of the initial year has led us to consider digitization of the issues from original printed copy and it will extend the digitization run up to Year 5. In case the proposed run of issues do not meet the proposed target of 12,000 pages, issues