

A Description and Rationale

Title

Digital Preservation of *Satya Samācāra Sāptāhika*

Project Description*

The project aims to digitize the Nepali-language periodical titled "*Satya Samācāra Sāptāhika*" (Weekly). A list of volumes and issues along with brief descriptions 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.)

Reasons for Consideration*

Satya Samācāra Sāptāhika was a popular regional newspaper/magazine that was published for twelve years (April 14, 1983 A.D. – February 10, 1995 A.D.) from Palpa. Late Vinay Kumar Kasajoo (1947 V.S. – 2019 V.S.) was the publisher and editor of the newspaper. The paper was renowned for its struggle for democracy and Mr. Kasajoo was jailed in 1985 AD and 1987 AD for reporting, writing and publishing articles against the then Panchayat system.

The weekly newspaper was published from Tansen, Palpa nearly 300 km west of the capital Kathmandu. Tansen is a hill region located in the western part of Nepal. The popularity of the newspaper was immense from hill to Terai of Western and Mid-Western Region i.e. Palpa, Syangja, Kaski (Hill region) and Rupandehi, Kapilvastu, Nawalparasi, Dang (Terai district). As one of the pioneering journalist and editor, Kasajoo mixed the content as hard/soft news, investigative reporting, articles and opinion along with fictions (poem, satire, and story) along with some special edition/issues of the newspaper. Its non-political content became popular among younger generation but the main objectives of the newspaper remained same until the end of the *Panchayat* system. The various experiments such as content, theme, design and occasional special editions of the newspaper makes it one of the unique and popular publications of western part of Nepal. After restoration of democracy and establishment of multiparty parliament with constitutional monarchy, *Satya Samācāra Sāptāhika* stopped its publication by publishing farewell issue. Then, Kasajoo started one of the pioneer rural magazines of South Asia named *Gāuṃle Deurālī* that carries the news of villagers (the stories of success, inspiration, struggle, problems and solution) from the village and for the villagers in their own simple local language.

Since *Satya Samācāra Sāptāhika* is a publication from outside the Kathmandu Valley, it represents a voice from the periphery, so to speak. This adds to the significance of the collection in the context of Nepal, where only the publications from the centre thus far have been prioritized for archiving.

The purpose of this project is to digitize the issues (Vol. 1 No. 1; Baisakh 1, 2040 V.S. – Vol. 12 No. 36; Magh 27, 2051 V.S.) of weekly periodical titled "*Satya Samācāra Sāptāhika*".

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

Authors

Edited by Vinay Kumar Kasajoo, Tansen, Palpa.

Publishers

Published by Vinay Kumar Kasajoo, Tansen, Palpa.

Proposal Contributors

Madan Puraskar Pustakalaya (MPP)

Details and Sources

Resource Types*

- Archival materials
- Newspapers
- Serials

Regions*

- South Asia

Countries of Origin*

- Nepal

Major Languages

- Nepali

Source Format*

- Paper

Target Format

- Digital

Identifiers

Unavailable

Links

Unavailable

Source and Holdings

Location	Format	Holdings/Range	Notes
Madan Puraskar Pustakalaya (MPP)	Printed (Original)	<i>Satya Samācāra Sāptāhika</i> (Weekly)/ Vol. 1 No. 1 – Vol. 12 No. 36 (April 14, 1983 AD – February 10, 1995 AD)	From original periodicals; No Gaps

Source and Holdings Notes

Run of *Satya Samācāra Sāptāhika* is housed at the Madan Puraskar Pustakalaya (MPP). *Satya Samācāra Sāptāhika* is published by Vinay Kumar Kasajoo, Palpa.

Physical Details

The size of the *Satya Samācāra Sāptāhika* is 24 cm x 18 cm and contains 18 pages (average) per issue. The size and number of page may vary at times.

Existing Reformatted Materials

No reformatted materials of the proposed run of this periodical are known to exist.

The pdf format of the each digitized issue will be made available to reader/ researcher.

Intellectual Property Considerations

Satya Samācāra Sāptāhika was published by Vinay Kumar Kasajoo, Palpa. Request letter for permission to digitize and host online the proposed run has already been submitted to the publisher/editor family (Ms. Ganga Kasajoo) and we foresee no hurdles in obtaining the approval.

Processing Requirements and Costs

Format Conversion Costs

Approximate total pages = 9000 pages

Conversion into jpg format = 9000 x USD 0.35 = USD 3150

Format Conversion Costs Explanation

The approximate pages upto Issue 500 with no gaps (2040 V.S. - 2051 V.S.) with 18 avg. pages per issue will be 9000 pages. Each page will be converted to jpg format. The jpg files of each issue will then be bundled in pdf format. The reader/researcher can easily access the digitized periodical issue wise.

Metadata Creation Costs

Total Cost for metadata = 500 x USD 0.2 = USD 100

Metadata Costs Explanation

500 issues of the “*Satya Samācāra Sāptāhika*” were published during the period of 12 year, hence the project aims to digitize and prepare listing of those 500 issues.

Annual Hosting Costs for digital proposals

Loading files to CRL = USD 100

Hosting Costs Explanation for digital proposals

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Other Costs

Two Portable Hard Drive = USD 400

Courier Charge to Chicago = USD 150

Total Cost = USD 550

Other Costs Explanation

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Summary:

Conversion into jpg format = USD 3150

Cost in Metadata Creation = USD 100

Loading Files to CRL = USD 100

Other Cost (Courier & Hard Drive) = USD 550

Total Amount = USD 3900

[USD Three thousand Nine Hundred Only]