

The **Coronavirus CivActs Campaign (CCC)** gathers rumours, concerns and questions from communities across Nepal to eliminate information gaps between the government, media, NGOs and citizens. By providing the public with facts, the CCC ensures a better understanding of needs regarding the coronavirus and debunks rumours before they can do more harm.

## List of businesses and the time those can be open in Kathmandu Valley

- 01** Food, milk and dairy products, fruits, vegetables, fish and meat shop upto **11: 00 am in the morning and 5:00 am to 7: 00 pm in the evening.**



- 02** Shopping mall, fancy store, clothing store, cosmetic store: **Monday, Wednesday and Saturday.**

- 03** Dishes and kitchenware and the other shops of similar nature: **Sunday, Tuesday and Friday.**



- 04** Furniture and automobile related shops : **Monday and Wednesday.**

- 05** Sidewalk shops, handcart business, electrical and electronics store, department store upto **11: 00 am in the morning and 4:00 to 7:00 pm in the evening.**



- 06** Vehicle repair workshop from **8:00 am to 8:00 pm**

- 07** Cooperatives from **11:00 am to 3:00 pm**



Source: <https://daokathmandu.moha.gov.np/public/upload/>

## Nepal Update



Dullu Municipality of Dailekh recognizing Dr. Puja B.C for playing a role of commander for corona response

Photo: [Mahendra Kesar Khanal](#)

### Tested

PCR Tested: 8,10,485

Positive: 50,465

Active: 14,448

Deaths: 317



Source: <https://covid19.mohp.gov.np/#/>

# Rumors & Facts



What is the news of establishing a five bed capacity hospital in all the local units within a week?

The Ministry of Health and Population has decided to mandatorily operate hospitals in all the local units across the country amid the corona pandemic. Currently, there are no hospitals in 649 local units. The Ministry has decided to bring the hospital with at least 5 beds, one doctor and two nurses into operation immediately. For this, Rs 10 Lakh has been disbursed for each local unit from Corona Prevention, Control and Treatment Fund for the management of necessary beds, equipment and human resources.

Source: <https://www.mofaga.gov.np/news-notice/2086>



Is everyone going to India from Karnali being allowed to go via Nepalgunj? It is also said that movement from one district to another is prohibited. What is the reality?

Not everyone from Karnali Province is allowed to go to India. Only those workers working in Indian companies and have company certificates are being allowed to enter the country. Similarly, in case of those permanently residing in India, only those with Aadhaar Card are allowed to go to India.

Source: District Administrative Office, Banke



Are all types of transportation open in Kathmandu Valley?

Public and private transportation will be operated according to the odd-even system in the Kathmandu Valley from 10 September 2020. However, not all public transportation will be allowed to operate. Only the vehicles with a capacity of more than 16 seats within Kathmandu Valley will be able to run the service without exceeding the passenger number to half of the total seat capacity. These should fully follow the health and safety standards. In the case of taxis, upto 3 individuals including the driver and upto 2 children under the age of 5 can be accommodated during a single ride.

Source: <https://daokathmandu.moha.gov.np/public/upload/>



Blood is being collected from those who have recovered from corona infection. Should blood tests be conducted again after all the infected patients have recovered?

Those who have recovered from the corona infection are not required to do blood tests. Currently, the severe patients of corona infection even in Nepal are being treated through plasma therapy. Since plasma therapy requires blood from those who have recovered from corona infection, the blood from only those recovered from corona are being collected. It is not mandatory. People who have recovered from the infection have voluntarily donated the blood. This type of blood is used only for corona infected patients.


Source: Nepal Red Cross Blood Transfusion Service Center

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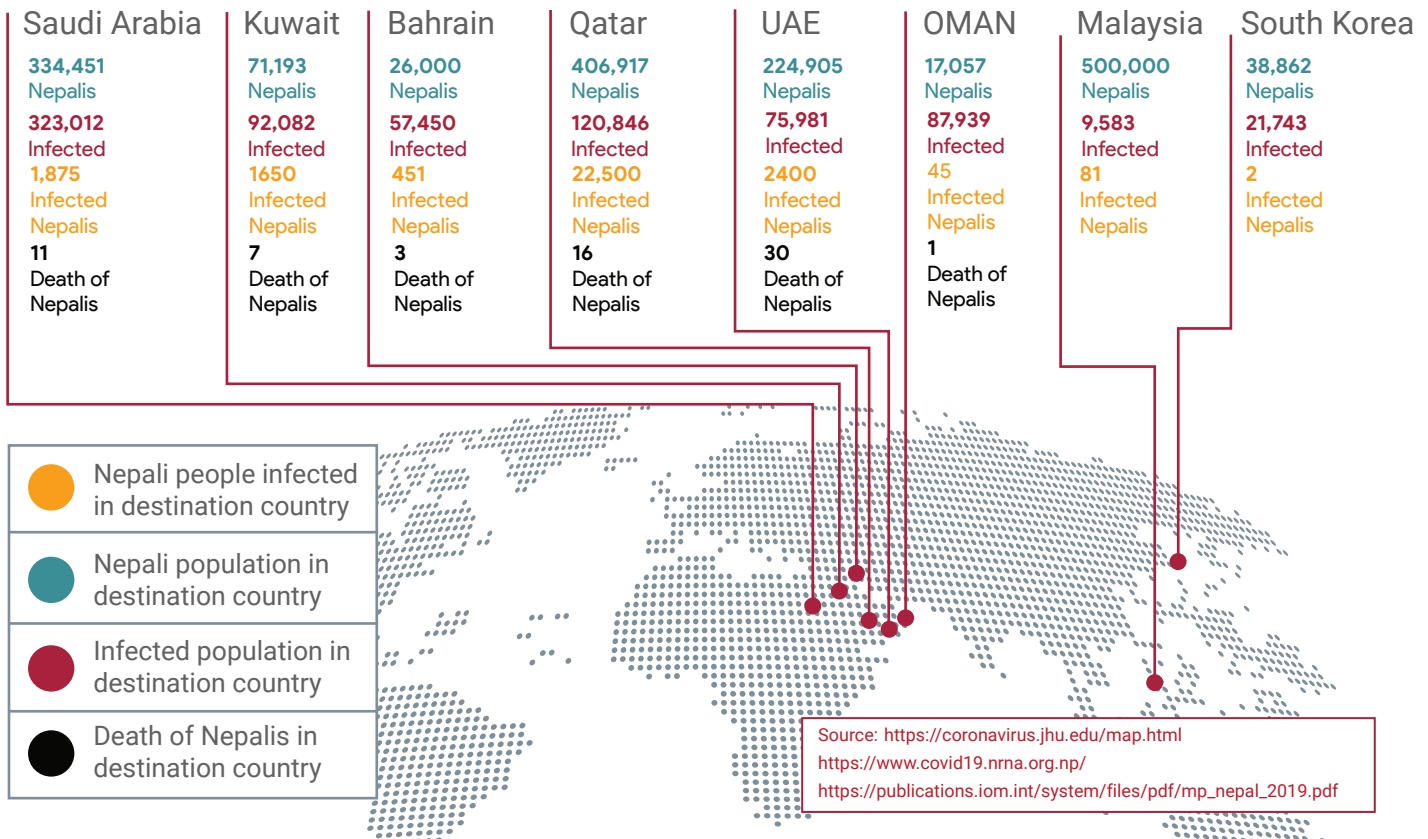
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# Open Migration

## Migrant workers in major destination countries



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**Important information regarding Kuwait and UAE**

### Kuwait

Even if direct flights from 32 countries including Nepal are banned in Kuwait, those who have Kuwait visa and labor permit will be able to go to Kuwait. For that, the Nepali Embassy in Abu Dhabi has issued a notice saying that those who have taken a visit visa to UAE and have stayed in 14-day quarantine will be allowed to come from the airport without hassle.

### UAE

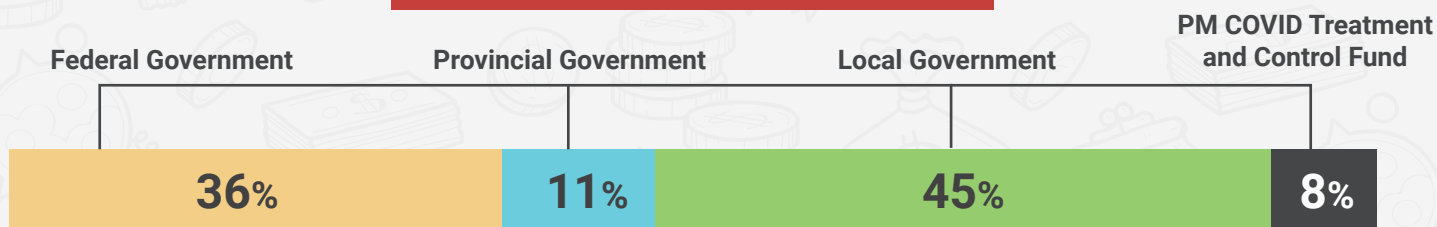
- It has been requested to increase awareness in UAE after the declining numbers of corona infection began to rise again.
- The cost of the corona test has been reduced in the UAE. You can now be tested for 250 dirhams in Abu Dhabi. Corona testing will be free for those who show symptoms of the infection or have come in contact with the infected individuals.
- While one is returning from Dubai Airport with a negative corona report they aren't obliged to go to the quarantine. However, if they return through Emirates, then they have to stay in quarantine for 14 days.

You can listen to our Facebook live at [www.facebook.com/shramik.sanjal](https://www.facebook.com/shramik.sanjal) every Sunday, Wednesday and Friday evening **UAE time (8: 00 PM), Kuwait (7: 00 PM) and Malaysia (12 Midnight).**

# \$ Follow the Money

## Total expenses by the Government of Nepal until Shrawan 2077 to Fight Against Coronavirus

**13.37 Billion NRS**




## Expense Headings at the Federal Government

  
Medicine and Health Equipments  
**Rs. 1,755,240,000**

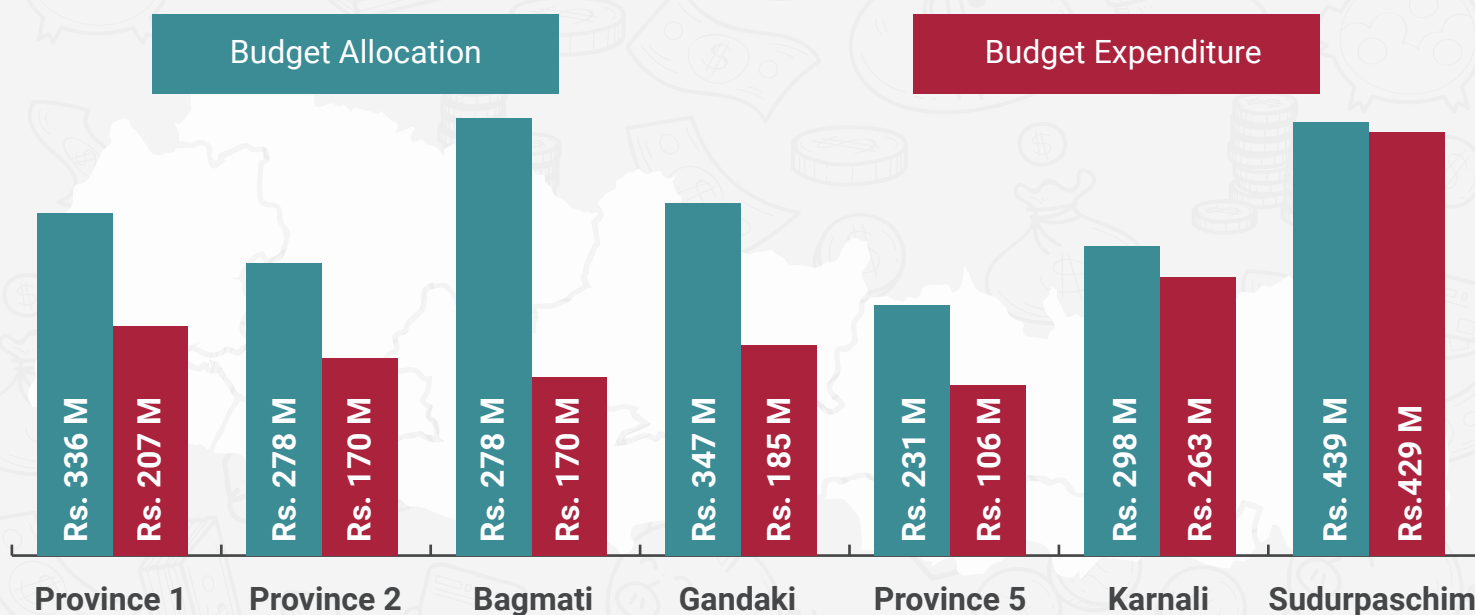
  
Quarantine Management  
**Rs. 46,946,000**

  
Health Infrastructure  
**Rs. 2,938,896,000**

  
Other Expenses  
**Rs. 12,473,000**

  
Human Resource Mobilization  
**Rs. 57,443,000**

## Expense made by Provincial Government





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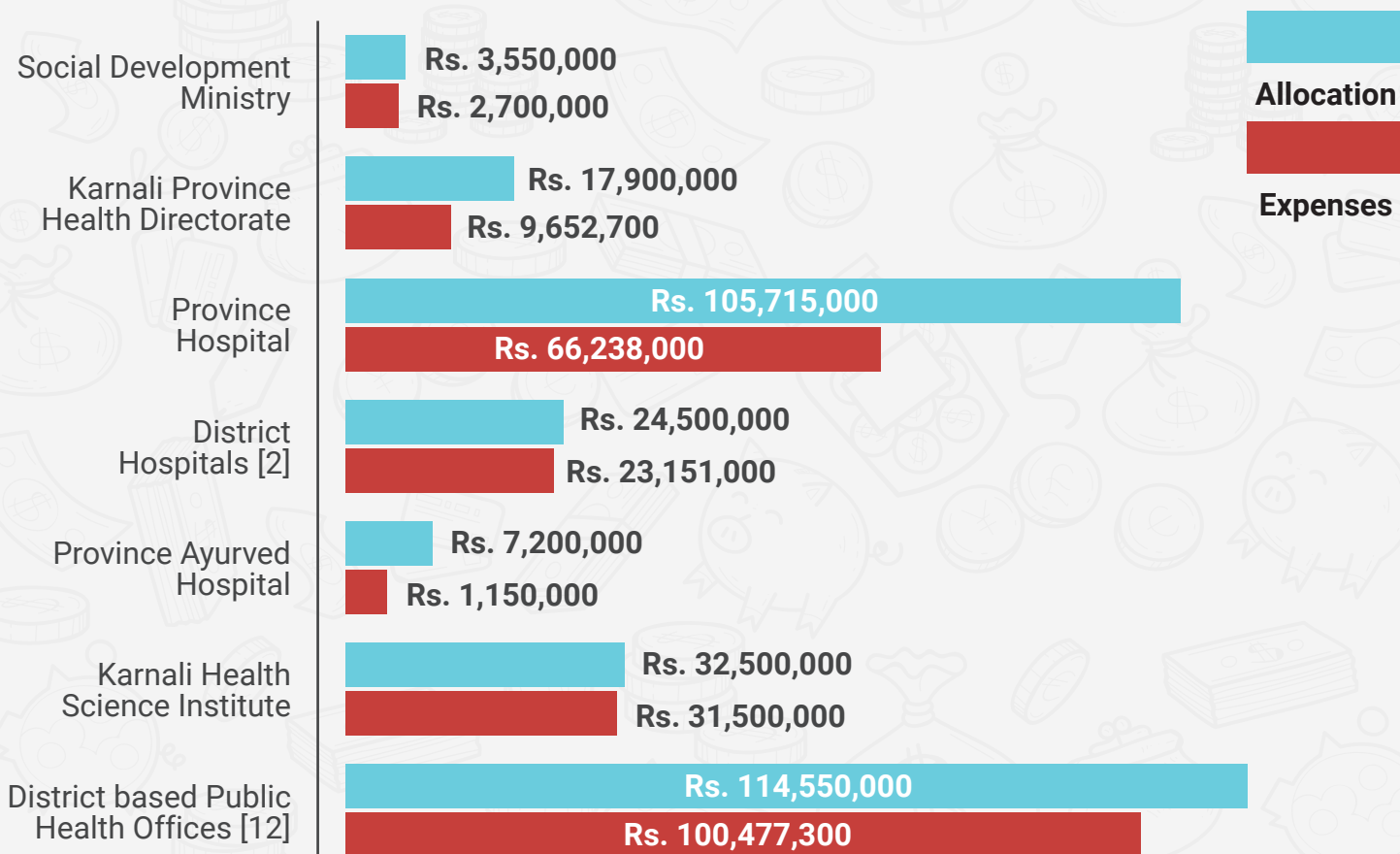
## Budget allocation for Covid 19 by Ministry of Social Development, Karnali

Food expenses for health and security personnel for Isolation wards **Rs. 10,430,000**

**Rs. 305,915,000**

Allocation to local level units [24] for establishing isolation Wards **Rs. 10,430,000**

### Total allocation for Covid 19 in Karnali province



The total expenses for covid in Karnali province is close to 328 million NRS for operating 724 quarantine centers with 27,495 beds and 1,387 isolation beds. A large part of the expenses is consumed by Province Hospital and Public Health Offices collectively. The expenditure percentage of Karnali Health Science Institute, District Hospitals and Public Health Offices are good as they seem to have used almost all of the money allocated for them. While the expenses made by the Karnali Province Health Directorate, Province hospital and Province Ayurved Hospital are comparatively low, the province has been known for great work in corona response. With more detailed information on expense and monitoring and evaluation at a micro-level, Karnali Province can act as a model province in regards to fighting the pandemic.

*Note: This information is not complete. It has been brought together from different sources available. We will keep collecting the data and revise it in the days ahead.*



## Frontliners Voices



### Ek Maya BK

Deputy Chairperson  
Khajura Municipality

"Since I had to stay close to the public, I felt some relief when the result of the first test confirmed negative. For the second time, I was shocked to see the colleague working in my office test positive for corona. However, I tested negative again for corona. It instead of boosting my self-esteem, completely changed my fear and understanding of corona. If you are careful, corona will not transmit easily. It is our common responsibility to help free ourselves and our community from corona by following the safety protocols prescribed by the government."

### Sanju Kumari Chaudhary

Deputy Mayor, Kohalpur Municipality, Banke

"Problems arise when the people returning from India deny to stay in quarantine. We get scared of getting infected while going to such houses for counselling. As a local representative, there is no alternative to this. The recently observed community level infections have added to the challenge. We have arranged comfortable isolation for them at guest houses. The entire cost of it is being borne by the municipality now. Before people come from abroad for Dashain and Tihar, we are working in the maintenance of *Prakritik Chikitsalaya* for quarantine."



### Hari Basnet

Police Inspector, Ward Police Office, Nepalgunj

"When the corona was spreading at the community level in Nepalgunj, corona was also seen in the ward police office. Following that, we sealed the office completely. Due to which, the work of the office was also halted for a while. Nepalgunj is a home to people of many castes and religions. Religious festivals increase crowds. The festival of Muslim community, Moharram has just ended. In this situation, the risk of getting infected increases while managing the crowd. The Hindu festivals of Dashain and Dipawali are approaching. This will add more challenges to management".

# Government has failed to give the unemployed an alternative to earn a living



Article 33 of the Constitution of Nepal has ensured Right to Employment as a fundamental right. With the objective of implementing the same right, the concept of Prime Minister Employment Fund was brought forward in the fiscal year 2075/76. The aim of the program was to ensure that within five years no Nepali citizen has to go for foreign employment out of compulsion. It wasn't easy to repatriate Nepalis working abroad as envisioned by the government ambitious program. However, the dire situation of the

corona pandemic created a situation for Nepalis living abroad to return to Nepal. If we leave aside the other adversities, the corona pandemic can be seen as an opportunity for the Nepal government to harness the skills of capable youths at home.

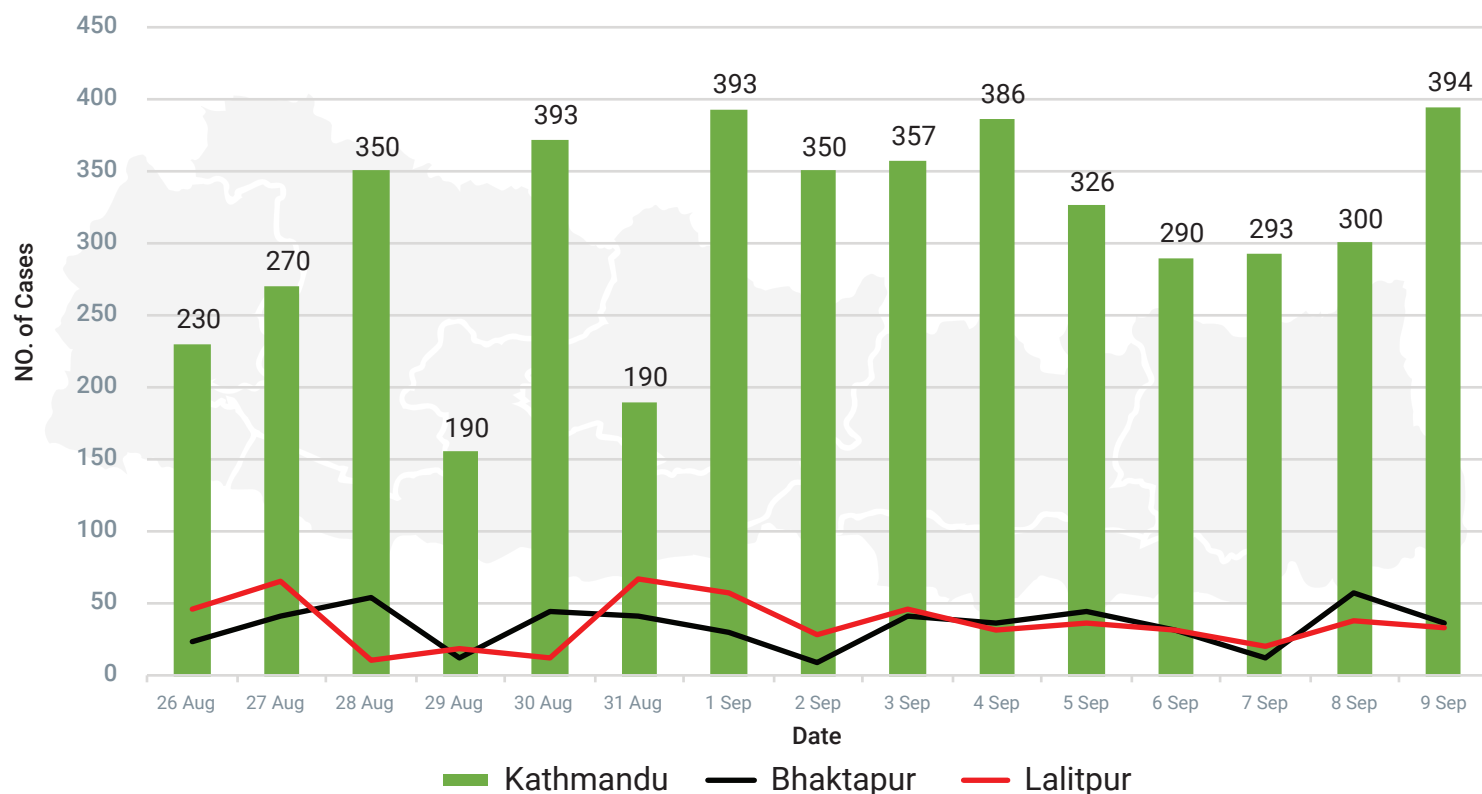
In the budget of the fiscal year 2077/2078, Nrs. 11 Arab 60 crore has been allocated for the Prime Minister Employment Fund to create employment for 2 lakh individuals. Also, all 753 local units have said they have brought youth-focused programs to create employment. Nrs. 1 Arab has been allocated to ensure employment of at least 50,000 individuals, by transforming the skills of the workers who lost their jobs due to corona and cannot be rehabilitated immediately. Moreover, Nrs. 4 Arab 34 Crore has been allocated to provide vocational training to additional 75,000 individuals. At the same time, few other programs have been announced to create employment opportunities in the country.

In the midst of the corona pandemic, many Nepalis returned from India and the Gulf countries. The fact that the Nepal government has not yet been able to rescue the citizens living abroad has now become a matter of debate at every level. The debate over the government's inability to manage quarantine and conduct timely tests of returnees is gradually becoming old. The speculations that unemployment and following hunger could kill more people than corona infection is being made. For instance, although 788 Nepalis entered Nepal from India through the Trinagar border in Kailali on 24 Bhadra, 568 Nepalis went to India through the same border in search of employment. Similarly, on the same day, 40 Nepalis entered Nepal from India through another major border point with India in Sudurpaschim Province, Gaddachauki while 82 Nepalis went to India through the same. The government is failing to provide alternatives for the youths who are leaving their families and going abroad during the pandemic. Why is the government, which is supposed to protect its citizens in these dire situations of the pandemic, appearing helpless and allowing the youths to cross the border for their livelihood? Don't the schemes and programs brought by the government to create employment incorporate those youths? Doesn't this instance mock the inclusion of Right of Employment as a fundamental right as per the Constitution of Nepal?



**Suresh Chand**

## Daily COVID-19 Cases in Kathmandu Valley from 26-aug to 9-sept 2020



For the last three weeks, Kathmandu valley was in shutdown. The daily new cases in Kathmandu, Bhaktapur and Lalitpur in the last two weeks shows that there is no sign of infection being under control or towards improvement. Kathmandu has also been the district with the highest number of new cases identified for more than three weeks. Since the valley has the highest population density in the country, no other districts have the same level of connectivity. Now, as the shutdown is loosened and businesses are opening; Kathmandu valley still continues to be in threat of becoming the largest hotspot of COVID-19 infection in Nepal.

Source: HEOC, MoHP, SitRep

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