



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.

Total income of the country in Fiscal Year 2076/77

The amount received by deducting the budget of three levels of government and the amount that appeared double in the budget.



Nepal Update



The government is insisting to follow the health standards, however, this event at Jwalamukhi Rural Municipality of Dhading showcases that people do not fear Corona anymore. <u>Photo: Guna Bahadur Aryal</u>

Tested PCR Tested: 2,016,758 Positive: 267,644 Active: 3861 Deaths: 1965 Recovered: 261,818

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

Rumors & Facts



The government has repeatedly decided to make the payment of corona insurance as soon as possible, but the claim amount hasn't been received even after 1 month of submitting the documents citing that the verification will take time. What is the reason behind it?

The verification is being delayed due to incomplete details received in the documents for insurance claims such as name, surname, age, address, PCR result report and date and also because details of some individuals couldn't be found while comparing the received details with the data in the Ministry. Therefore, the Ministry of Health and Population has requested all the insured individuals to get information from the concerned insurance company about the status of verification.

Source: https://cutt.ly/SjEG3BN



There are rumors that there might be a delay in bringing vaccines in Nepal due to the lack of other preparations along with the infrastructure to store the vaccine. How is the government preparing for this?

According to the Ministry of Health and Population, infrastructure has been developed to store up to 70 crore vaccine vials at one to eight degree celsius. Similarly, the government is preparing to leverage 16,000 vaccination centers in Nepal. The government has also made final preparations to mobilize 5,000 employees and 52,000 health volunteers to make the vaccination program effective.

Source: Dr. Jhalak Sharma Gautam, Vaccine Division Head, Ministry of Health and Population



The government is honoring and giving awards to the entrepreneurs who have returned from foreign employment and started enterprise in Nepal. What are the criteria for participating in the award? The government rewards the entrepreneurs who have contributed to the national production and employment by returning from foreign employment and starting enterprise in Nepal. For this, the labor migrant must have gone abroad on a visa and returned after working for at least one year, and hasn't received such awards from the Ministry of Labor, Employment and Social Security in the last five years. The entrepreneurs applying for the award should submit their citizenship, work permit, passport with visa, business registration certificate, tax registration certificate, a copy of tax payment certificate of FY 2076/77 along with the application form.

Source: https://dofe.gov.np/DetailPage.aspx/id/172/lan/ne-NP



It is heard that Nepal also gave permission for the corona vaccine? Currently, the Department of Medicine Management has provided approval for the emergency use of COVISHIELD of Serum Institute of India Pvt. Ltd. The necessary procedure is being carried out to purchase vaccines by identifying the amount needed for emergency use.

Source: https://cutt.ly/rjz4Mr7

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The locations where PCR test can be done:

Dubai

City Walk Time: Daily, 10am to 8pm Location: 25.2055625, 55.2614375

Mina Rashid Time: Daily, 10am to 8pm Location: 25.2519375, 55.2800625

Al Khawaneej Time: Daily, 10am to 8pm Location: 25.2434375, 55.4695625

Sharjah

Golf and Shooting Club Time: Daily, 10am to 8pm Location: 25.3543125, 55.4889375

Ajman

Al Jerf 2 Time: Sunday to Thursday, 10am to 6pm; Friday and Saturday closed Location: 25.4038125, 55.4821875

Ras Al Khaimah

Dafan Al Khor centre, near the corniche Time: Daily, 10am to 8pm Location: 25.7728125, 55.9343125

Umm Al Quwain

Defence Camp, Sheikh Khalifa Hall Time: Daily, 10am to 8pm Location: 25.5073125, 55.5965625

Fujairah

National testing centre, near Fujairah Hospital Time: Daily, 10am to 8pm Location: 25.1315625, 56.3204375

Abu Dhabi

Zayed Sports City Time: Saturday to Thursday, 8am to 7pm; Friday 12noon to 8pm Location: 24.4149375, 54.4506875

Al Wathba Screening Centre Time: Saturday to Thursday, 8am to 7pm; Friday closed Location: 24 24.2194375, 54.6838125

Al Bahia Screening Centre Time: Saturday to Thursday, 8am to 7pm; Friday closed Location: 24.5340625, 54.6745625

Al Shamkha Screening Centre Time: Saturday to Thursday, 8am to 7pm; Friday closed Location: 24.3829375, 54.7081875

Abu Dhabi Corniche Time: Saturday to Thursday, 8am to 7pm; Friday closed Location: 24.4654375, 54.3306875

Al Ain – Al Hili Screening Centre Time: Saturday to Thursday, 8am to 7pm; Friday closed Location: 24.3030625, 55.7900625

Al Ain – Asharej Screening Centre Time: Saturday to Thursday, 8am to 7pm; Friday 12noon to 8pm Location: 24.1828125, 55.6608125

Al Dhafra – Madinat Zayed Time: Saturday to Thursday, 8am to 8pm; Friday closed Location: 23.6363125, 53.7086875

Al Dhafra – Ghayathi Time: Sunday to Thursday, 8am to 8pm; Friday and Saturday closed Location: 23.8381875, 52.8096875

Al Dhafra – Al Mirfa Time: Sunday to Thursday, 8am to 8pm; Friday and Saturday closed Location: 24.0855625, 53.4983125

Al Dhafra – Al Silla Location: 24.0435625, 51.7588125

Al Dhafra – Liwa Location: 23.1479375, 53.8073125

Al Dhafra – Delma Location: 24.4879375, 52.3335625

Source: Gulf News

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\$ Follow the Money

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



Expense Headings at the Federal Government



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Migration Story

COVID snatched the employment in Malaysia, now engaged in farming in the village



It has been eight years since I started going to Malaysia. This time too, it had been three years since I had gone to Malaysia. However, due to COVID, the company we had been working in Malaysia closed down. While living there after the closure of the company, neither we could afford to eat nor we could roam anywhere. It became almost impossible to live in the country without any income. There was no option but to return home. The situation of about 50 Nepali friends working in the same company was similar to mine. We then returned to Nepal in June 2020.

I had to suffer a lot to return back. We had to bear a lot of difficulties to reach Salyan even after reaching

Kathmandu. I had to walk for 24 hours without eating food. I stayed in quarantine for 28 days. When I reached home after losing my job after 3 years, my family was closed, but I stayed without seeing my family for a month. Although the 8 years of foreign employment wasn't very satisfactory, I didn't have to be disappointed. If I have stayed in the home country, I wouldn't have to starve even if I had lost my job. Before this, I only knew that money can be earned from foreign employment, but this time I also went through the experience of losing the foreign employment. Having gone through those difficulties, I have decided to never go abroad again.

Now I am trying to run my own business in the village. I have already started buffalo rearing. I feel that the local units should provide financial assistance to those who have lost their job abroad due to COVID-19 and want to work in the village. Many friends like me who are in foreign employment wouldn't go abroad for work if given the opportunity in Nepal. The government has come up with several schemes. However, the friends who have returned from foreign employment themselves aren't aware of it. Shouldn't the government bring awareness programs along with relevant schemes?

Binay Bohara

Baghchaur Municipality, Salyan







Renu Acharya Dhakal

Deputy Mayor, Bheriganga municipality, Surkhet

"Babai checkpoint of this municipality was seriously affected at the time of covid. There was conflict about allowing the people to enter the province or not. We set up a health desk at the Babai as well. After the locals showed their disapproval about making a quarantine of the whole province in Bheriganga Municipality, a quarantine was set up in each municipality. I myself got infected while working against covid. During the time of the lockdown

many people have returned from the foreign country at the Bheriganga municipality. As there is no source of income here they are again trying to return to foreign country. However we are still prioritizing to bring in the program that would provide them a job here."

Mohan Budha Kshetri

Chief Administrative Officer, Panchapuri Municipality Surkhet

"When I found out about covid through the media, I thought I would not survive. One had to stay away from the contact of people. When all three level governments had to play a role in preventing and controlling covid, then I was more scared. However, good coordination between the representatives and the staff made it easier for us to prevent and control the corona. It has taught us that we can overcome any situation if we work together in a group. At present, the focus of the municipality is



to create employment in the municipality and not to force people who have returned from India and other countries during the time of covid to go abroad again."



Bhupendra Dev Giri

Public Health inspector, Public Health Department, Birendranagar Municipality, Surkhet

"During the peak period of covid infection, we provided services from all 15 health facilities in Birendranagar Municipality from 8 am to 6 pm. We built a fever clinic. We also set up a health desk. We faced many challenges while working, but we continued to do our job. I myself became infected with corona. We are currently testing PCR every Thursday. Initially, there were

problems with health supplies, medicines, kits, etc., and then there were problems with quarantine management. In the later stages, it was a challenge to keep many people in isolation. Now people are not sensitive about this, and this is creating problems."



Daily New Cases of COVID-19 in Nepal (Between 1- 17th January)



The above graph shows the number of daily new cases of COVID 19 since January 1, 2021. The daily number of cases has remained below 300 except for 11th January. The daily sample tests during this period remained roughly between 3000 to 5000 per day. This shows that COVID-19 is finally starting to be under control as the infection is not increasing compared to previous months and does not change significantly on increasing the volume of tests.

The sources of rumors, information, and issues presented here are collected from a variety of organizations, government agencies, international organizations, news articles, social media, and Community Frontliners in all 7 provinces of Nepal, as well as the CivActs team based on their conversations with different people, directly and indirectly, over the past week. The issues highlighted are chosen based on prevalence, relevance, and its potential impact on society. The information presented here is correct at the time of the issue.

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