

Ward No. 16

Located in the north-west of metropolitan Kathmandu, Ward No. 16 is the largest among the 35 wards. Its population in 2001 was 45,450. The ward is spread over 437.4 hectares. If there are old neighborhoods like Chhetrapati, Thamel and Paknajol in its southern part, the northern section consists of scattered rural settlements. The Ring Road runs through the ward about its center. The Raniban forest is situated in the north. One of Nepal's attractions, the celebrated 22 water spouts of Balaju, and the largest industrial estate in the country are both located in the ward.

In addition to industry, there are Kathmandu's main tourist centers Thamel and Chhetrapati. There are hotels and lodges of varying categories in the area. The ward's historic sites, in particular the rest houses, pilgrim shelters, water fountains and sacred shrines at Sorhakutte and Paknajol, are in a pitiful condition because of neglect. At the same time, the tendency to encroach upon these public properties is on the increase. A part of the Khusibun Housing Project, an initiative to create planned settlements, lies within the ward.

The ward boundaries are formed by Ward Nos. 17 and 29 in the east, Ichangu VDC in the west, the Mahadev Khola and Manamayju VDC in the north, and Ward No. 15 in the south. With respect to local festivals, a fair is held at the 22 water spouts of Balaju each year on the full moon day of April.

Population and number of households

Total number of households: 10789

Total population: 45450

Males: 24506

Females: 20944

*Census 2001

Building structure

Building structure	Percent (%)	Condition (%)		
		Good	Fair	Poor
Clay mortar	20	15	40	45
Clay mortar and plaster	30	25	45	30
Cement mortar	40	40	45	15
RCC frame	10	85	10	5
Other				

Roads

Type	Length (km.)	Condition (%)		
		Good	Fair	Poor
Black-topped	15.12	30	40	30
Gravel	16.4	20	45	35
Dirt	14.16	15	30	55
Track/Trail	12.60	20	40	40
Brick-paved	1.3	60	30	10
Stone-paved				

Sewerage

Type	Length (km.)	Condition (%)		
		Good	Fair	Poor
Sewers	22.6	40	35	35

Solid waste

Solid waste generated daily: 50.87 cu. m.

Container: Yes No

Adequate Inadequate

Location of containers

Roadside

Open ground

Other (specify)

Trash collection from homes

Private sector

NGO

Community

Ward Office

Number of homes provided with trash collection service:

Number of houses with various basic services

Service	Percent (%)
Electricity	95
Drinking water	60
Telephone	50
Toilet	90

Areas without basic services

Service	Area	Percent of ward area
Electricity	Squatter area, Balajutar, Taodol, Akaltar	5
Telephone	Different areas of the ward	50
Drinking water	Balaju, Akaltar, Taodol, Squatter area, Khusibun, land pooling area	40
Sewerage	New settlements (Balaju, Machhapokhari, Mhaypi, Gushalphant, Taodol, Balajutar)	30
Street lighting	Different areas of the ward	70
Toilet	Taodol, different areas of the ward	10

Educational institutions

Level of educational institution	Government	Private	Total number
Pre-primary	-	8	8
Primary	-	4	4
Lower secondary	1	7	8
Secondary	4	16	20
10+2, Higher secondary	-	2	2
Campus	1	3	4

Health institutions

Type	No .	Name	Patients visiting daily	Services available §	Type of sickness *
Private hospital/ nursing home	3	Dental Hospital	20	2, 7	5,9
		24 Hours Nursing Home, Chakrapath	30	1-7	1-9
		Apollo Hospital	-	-	-
Polyclinic	4	-	-	-	-
Health center/ dispensary	4	Urban health clinic, city health center	15	General	General
		Community health clinic	10	"	"
		Kumari Free Health Clinic	-	"	"
		Community center	-	"	"

- § 1. Pathology
2. X-ray
3. Ultra-sound
4. ECG
5. Endoscopy
6. Emergency
7. Others

- *1. Fever (malaria, encephalitis)
2. Stomach ailments
3. Chest ailments
4. Respiratory ailments
5. Eye, nose, ear, throat
6. Liver
7. Broken bones/wounds
8. Skin
9. Others

Institutional buildings

Name	Address	Ownership
Ward Office	Paknajol	Own
Balaju Standard	Balaju	"
Fish Farming Department	Balaju, Machhapokhari	"
Balaju Industrial District building	Balaju	"
Nepal Film Development Association	Balaju	-
Ward Police Office	-	-

Financial institutions

Name	Address	Type
Nepal Bank Ltd	Balaju	Banking
Banijya Bank	"	"
Mhaypi Saving Cooperative Ltd	Mhaypi	Cooperative
Classic Finance	Banasthali Chowk	Finance
Janata Finance	Sorhakhutte	"

Industry

Type	Total number
Manufacturing	38
Energy	1
Agriculture and forest-based	16
Mining	2
Tourism	20
Services	16
Construction	18

Shops

Type	Number
Foodstuffs	16
Spices	146
Cold store/provision store	26
Hardware	32
Sanitary	19
Textiles	27
Medicines	25
Utensils	11
Shoes	11
Stationery	24
Fancy goods	14
Electronics	21
Gold and silver	31
Meat	35
Fruits	17
Video cassette	18
Tea shop	33
Restaurant	42

Others	89
Total	659

Service and repair centers

Type	Number
Computer/photocopy	23
ISD/STD	19
Tailoring	17
Laundry	14
Watch repair	12
Motorcycle repair	18
Car repair	12
Barber	32
Photo studio	19
Others	34
Total	200

Training centers

Type	Number
Computer	13
Dance	1
Tailoring	4
Driving	1
Total	19

Entertainment

Type	Number
Cinema hall	3
Leisure club	1
Pool house (snooker)	18
Video game parlor	1
Dance restaurant	2
Total	25

Post office

Place	Type		
	District	Sector	Central
Post office (Balaju)		√	

Security

Type	Number	Locations
Police beat	2	Mhaypi, Banasthali
Ward Police Office	1	Sorhakhutte
Sector Police Office	1	Balaju

Parking space

Location	Area (sq. m.)	Usage
Sorhakhutte	-	Taxi, tempo, bus

Heritage sites

1. Balaju Baisdhara
2. Mhaypi temple
3. Siddhi Ganesh, Paknajol

Feasts/festivals celebrated

Name of feast/festival	Month held
Baisdhara Mela	Baishakh

Pilgrim shelters, rest houses, sacred sites, etc.

Type	No.	Condition		
		Good	Fair	Poor
Stone water spout	31	2	1	6
Pilgrim shelter	27	-	1	26
Rest house	13	-	1	12
Pond/stream	1	-	-	1
Others	1	-	-	1

Public grounds

Type	Number	Usage
Open space Sorhakhutte Nanak Math	2	Waste dump
Park Balaju Garden	1	Recreation

NGOs, INGOs, CBOs, clubs, etc.

Name	Address	Type	Objectives
Friendship Club	-	Club	Construction and social service
Nagarjun Club	-	"	Social and sports
Kumari Club	-	"	Health service
Yellow Star Youth Club	Paknajol		Sports and social
Sweta Ganesh Club	Saun Pati		"
Pahiko Club	Pahiko		"
Baisdhara Youth Club	Bypass		"

Squatters

Name of location	Area (sq. m.)	Number of houses
Banks of the Bishnumati	25450	250
Behind Balaju Standard	2545	25

Social problems

Type	Male	Female	Total number
Suicide/murder	1	2	3
Theft/fraud	40	5	45
Accidental death	4	-	4
Drug abuse	80	20	100
Prostitution	5	60	65

Note: Data of the last five years.

Five biggest problems

1. Sewerage
2. Roads
3. Drinking water
4. Preservation of cultural property
5. Telephone

Important projects completed

Project	Amount (Rs.)	Public participation (%)
Sewer line at Paknajol	3,00,000/-	50
Sewer line behind Tarun School	1,75,000/-	30

On-going projects

Name	Estimated cost (Rs.)	Contribution (%)		
		Ward	KMC	Community
Sewer line at Balajutar	1,81,951/00	-	70	30
Black-topping	17,73,117/50	-	100	
Construction of public health clinic	7,43,804/50	-	100	

Projects under consideration

Name	Estimated cost (Rs.)
Brick paving at Bishnu Galli	1,25,685/-
Pitch road from Kaldhara to Khusibun	7,35,000/-
Sewer line from petrol pump to Sorhakhutte	5,71,000/-
Black-topping from Nagarjun Hall to Nagarjun stream	1,67,000/-