

Ward No. 18

Ward No. 18 is situated in Kathmandu's historic core. The ancient temples of Swetakali at Naradevi, Raktakali, Tengal Ganesh, Kilagal Ganesh, Hatti Ganesh and Lokeswar provide a vivid characterization of the ward. The crossroads with the sunken shrine of Bhedasing is a Kathmandu landmark. The religious celebrations held here, like the Swetakali and Devi masked dances and various processions of deities, are also famed throughout Kathmandu. Notable neighborhoods in the ward include Samimuga Galli, Nyeta Pachwa, Tamsi Pakha, Kaytahiti, Jamamuga Galli, Tunchhe Galli, Kilagal, Naradevi, Sunta Galli, Tengal, Bhurungkhel, Raktakali and Ikha Pokhari. The ward is dotted with numerous public shelters, rest houses and stone water spouts. There is also an Ayurvedic hospital here.

The ward is bounded by Ward Nos. 27 and 28 in the east, the Bishnumati river in the west, Ward No. 17 in the north, and Ward Nos. 19 and 26 in the south. Its area is 18.9 hectares, and its population in 2001 was 8,065.

Population and number of households

Total number of households: 1730
Total population: 8065
Males: 4220
Females: 3845

*Census 2001

Building structure

Building structure	Percent (%)	Condition (%)		
		Good	Fair	Poor
Clay mortar	75	15	75	10
Clay mortar and plaster	10	100	-	-
Cement mortar	10	100	-	-
RCC frame	3	100	-	-
Other	2	100	-	-

Roads

Type	Length (km.)	Condition (%)		
		Good	Fair	Poor
Black-topped	3.25	10	30	60
Dirt	0.34	-	20	80
Brick-paved	0.88	40	20	40
Stone-paved	1.29	75	15	10

Sewerage

Type	Length (km.)	Condition (%)		
		Good	Fair	Poor
Surface drains	11.52	20	60	20
Surface drains and sewers	2.4	20	60	20

Solid waste

Solid waste generated daily: 15.48 cu. m.

Container: Yes No

Adequate Inadequate

Location of containers

Roadside

Open ground

Bishnumati

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	100
Drinking water	90
Telephone	80
Toilet	100

Areas without basic services

Service	Area	Percent of ward area
Telephone	Different areas of the ward	20
Drinking water	"	10
Sewerage	"	10
Roads	"	40
Street lighting	"	-

Educational institutions

Level of educational institution	Government	Private	Total number
Pre-primary		1	1
Primary	-	3	3
Lower secondary	1	3	4
Secondary	1	4	5

Health institutions

Type	No.	Name	Patients visiting daily	Services available §	Type of sickness *
Government hospital	1	Naradevi Ayurvedic Hospital	-	Ayurvedic	-
Polyclinic	2	Community Clinic	28	Vaccination, family planning	1-9
		Annapurna Chikitsalaya (Bhurungkhel)	-		-

- § 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
Water Supply Corporation	Chhetrapati	Own

Financial institutions

Name	Address	Type
Nepal Bank Limited	Chhetrapati	Banking

Industry

Type	Total number
Manufacturing	5
Agriculture and forest-based	3

Shops

Type	Number
Foodstuffs	12
Spices	12
Cold store/provision store	8
Hardware	7
Sanitary	5
Textiles	5
Medicines	6
Fancy goods/readymade garments	3
Gold and silver	3
Meat	3
Fruits	2
Tea shop	10
Restaurant	7
Other	15
Total	98

Service and repair centers

Type	Number
Computer/photocopy	1
ISD/STD	3
Tailoring	2
Laundry	1
Watch repair	3
Motorcycle repair	2
Car repair	1
Barber	2
Photo studio	3
Total	18

Training centers

Type	Number
Tailoring	1
Total	1

Security

Type	Number	Locations
Police beat	1	Tengal

Heritage sites

Name	Area (sq. m.)
Naradevi	100
Raktakali	150
Lokeswar	-
Hatti Ganesh	-
Kilagal Ganesh temple	-
Tengal Ganesh temple	-
Natyaswar Kilagal	-

Buildings of historic and architectural importance

Name	Location	Importance	
		Historic	Architectural
Baidya Chuka	Tengal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Naradevi Bhajanghar	Naradevi	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Swetakali's Agachhen	"	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Swetakali's Agachhen	Nyeta Pachwa	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

Feasts/festivals celebrated

Name of feast/festival	Month held
Swetakali dance	Chaitra
Devi dance	Bhadra
Khat Jatra	Chaitra
Pulun Kisi dance	Bhadra

Pilgrim shelters, rest houses, sacred sites, etc.

Type	No.	Condition		
		Good	Fair	Poor
Stone water spout	9	3	4	2
Well	29	25	-	4
Reservoir	2	-	2	-
Rest house	27	6	10	11
Temple	6	3	2	1
Chaitya/stupa	3	-	3	-
Bahal/bahil	3	-	3	-
Ghat/cemetery	1	-	-	1

Public grounds

Type	Number	Usage
Public courtyard	42	Sports

Open-air market

Type	No. of sellers	Kind of shop		Place				Name of place
		Open	Roofed	Footpath	Public square	Open space	Others	
Vegetables and fruits	100	✓	✓					Kilagal

NGOs, INGOs, CBOs, clubs, etc.

Name	Address	Type	Objectives
Star Club	Kilagal	Club	Sports and intellectual development
Swetakali Youth Pariwar	Nyeta Pachwa	"	"
Sweta Youth Club	Tamsi Pakha	"	"
Saraswati Club and Library	Bhurungkhel	"	Intellectual development and public awareness
Lyaymha Pucha	"	"	Social and cultural development
Srinkhala Club	Tamsi Pakha	"	Sports and intellectual development
Tol Improvement Committee	Tengal		Development works and social

Social problems

Type	Total number
Suicide/murder	2
Theft/fraud	3
Accidental death	50
Drug abuse	a few

Note: Data of the last five years.

Five biggest problems

1. Road and footpath encroachment
2. Flouting of approved building plans
3. Decrease in people's participation
4. Cleanliness
5. Controlling drug abuse

Important projects completed

Project	Amount (Rs.)
Sewer line from Naradevi to Tamsi Pakha	41,769/61
Stone paving at Tamsi Pakha Deko	1,30,727/21
Painting at Bhurungkhel Park	72,289/42
Stone paving at Tamsi Pakha Deko	99,726/88
Construction of ward building	3,80,951/50
Storm drain at Kilagal	77,032/56
Sewer line at Kilagal	51,365/91
Public toilet	-

On-going projects

Name	Cost (Rs.)
Brick paving at Tamsi Pakha 19 and Kaytahiti renovation	5,12,098/55
Stone paving from Tamsi Pakha to Bhurungkhel	1,19,984/44
Sewer line and stone paving at Samimuga Galli in front of the Ward Office	96,00,000/-
Raktakali temple renovation	2,00,000/-
Cement block paving on the remaining part at Deko Tol	1,79,245/15
Brick paving at Bhurungkhel Park	4,70,453/81

Projects under consideration

Name	Estimated cost (Rs.)
Stone paving from Kilagal to Mahadev Chok	59,881.21/-
Jet pump at Bhurungkhel Park	1,00,000/-
Renovation of Kilagal Hatti Ganesh	2,00,000/-
Stone paving at Kilagal Laman Chok and three other courtyards	4,13,614/-
Stone paving at Kilagal-Nhyokha Mahadev Chok	1,58,808/-