

Ward No. 20

Ward No. 20 is situated in a historical part of Kathmandu that has existed since the city's establishment by King Gunakama Deva. Because it is an ancient settlement, it possesses a wealth of heritage sites. Nepal's earliest stone water fountain, believed to have been built during Gunakama Deva's time, is situated here. The renowned Kastha Mandap rest house, said to have been built out of the timber of a single tree (and after which Kathmandu has been named), the legendary Bhimsen temple and Sinlyan Sata are all located within the ward.

Similarly, Gopur, one of the old city gates, lies buried in Kwahiti. Lakhu Phalcha, a streetside shelter associated with the founding of the Nepal Era, still stands in the ward. (According to the story, this was where the porters carrying the enchanted sand that turned into gold - and allowed Sankhadhar Sakhwa to pay off everybody's debts and start a new era - put down their loads and stopped for a rest.) Apart from being a historically important part of town, Ward No. 20 is also a vibrant ceremonial center. Lakhe Nani, the courtyard from where the lakhe demon dancer is brought out for Indra Jatra, is situated here. The Dagin procession that is held during Indra Jatra, and which reenacts Indra's return to heaven, begins from Maru Tol in the ward.

The ward has an area of 15.7 hectares, and its population in 2001 was 8,240. It is situated between Ward Nos. 21 and 23 in the east, the Bishnumati river in the west, Ward No. 19 in the north and Ward No. 12 in the south.

Population and number of households

Total number of households: 1701

Total population: 8240

Males: 4329

Females: 3911

*Census 2001

Building structure

Building structure	Percent (%)	Condition (%)		
		Good	Fair	Poor
Clay mortar	40	50	30	20
Clay mortar and plaster	20	70	20	10
Cement mortar	30	70	20	10
RCC frame	10	80	15	5
Other				

Roads

Type	Length (km.)	Condition (%)		
		Good	Fair	Poor
Black-topped	1.14	35	25	40
Dirt	0.12	20	20	60
Track, Trail	0.22	40	30	30
Brick-paved	1.45	50	20	30
Stone-paved	0.30	55	35	10

Sewerage

Type	Length (km.)	Condition (%)		
		Good	Fair	Poor
Surface drains and sewers	3.88	45	30	25

Solid waste

Solid waste generated daily: 17.08 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	100
Drinking water	98
Telephone	80
Toilet	90

Areas without basic services

Service	Area	Percent of ward area
Telephone	Different areas of the ward	20
Drinking water	"	2
Toilet	Kholcha Pakha, Dophoch, Ramghat	10

Educational institutions

Level of educational institution	Government	Private	Total number
Pre-primary	-	1	1
Primary	-	1	1
Secondary	2	2	4
10+2, Higher secondary	1	-	2

Health institutions

Type	No.	Name	Patients visiting daily	Services available §	Type of sickness *
Health center/ dispensary	4	Ward Clinic	7	1,7	1,2,5,6,7,9
		Paropakar Clinic	-	-	-
		Dispensary, Bhimsen Sthan	-	-	-
		Dispensary, Atko Narayan Sthan	-	-	-

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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	Area (sq. m.)	Ownership
Ward Office	Bhimsen Sthan	286	Own
Paropakar Organization	"	610	"

Industry

Type	Total number
Manufacturing	7
Service-related	7
Total	14

Shops

Type	Number
Foodstuffs	5
Spices	23
Cold store/provision store	6
Hardware	3
Textiles	18
Medicines	2
Utensils	4
Shoes	5
Stationery	8
Fancy goods	5
Electronics/electrical	4
Gold and silver	3
Tea shop	9
Restaurant	4
Embroidery	2
Paint shop	2
Aquarium	2
Electrical equipment	3
Others	8
Total	116

Service and repair centers

Type	Number
Tailoring	6
Barber	6
Himalayan Cable Network	1
Total	13

Post office

Place	Type		
	District	Sector	Other
In front of Bhimsen Sthan temple			Post box

Heritage sites

Name	Area (sq. m.)
Kastha Mandap	1200
Sinlyan Satal	500
Bhimsen temple	150
Bhimsen Sthan golden water spout	105
Bhimsen Sthan stone water spout	135
Kwahiti stone water spout	165
Bhimsen's retreat	-
Gauri Shankar temple, Chikan Mugal	-

Buildings of historic and architectural importance

Name	Location	Importance	
		Historic	Architectural
Neel Barahi Guthi Ghar	-		✓
Ashok Binayak Guthi Ghar	-		✓
Ilachhen pilgrim shelter	Ilachhen	✓	
Lakhe Chhen	-	✓	

Feasts/festivals celebrated

Name of feast/festival	Month held
Ashok Binayak Jatra, Dasain	Aswin
Bhimsen Sthan's Ganesh Jatra, Pahan Charhe	Chaitra
Twelve-yearly festival of Bhimsen	Every 12 years
Neel Barahi Jatra, Ghode Jatra	Chaitra
Bhim Ekadasi Mela	Magh
Mala Ja Nakegu, Ghode Jatra	Chaitra
Krishna Jatra at Chikan Mugal, Sinlyan Satal, Krishnastami	Shrawan
Neel Barahi Khadga Jatra, Dasain	Aswin
Lakhe Jatra	Bhadra
Dagin procession	Bhadra

Pilgrim shelters, rest houses, sacred sites, etc.

Type	No.	Condition		
		Good	Fair	Poor
Stone water spout	5	4	-	1
Public tap	4	3	-	1
Well	13	5	4	4
Pilgrim shelter	6	5	-	1
Rest house	2	-	2	-
Temple	6	3	2	1
Chaitya/stupa	2	2	-	-
Bahal/bahil	5	1	4	-
Ghat/cemetery	1	-	-	1

Public grounds

Type	Number	Usage
Public courtyard, Maru Square	60 1	Tempo stand Bazaar, general
<i>Park</i> Paropakar Sankhadhar	1	Recreation

NGOs, INGOs, CBOs, clubs, etc.

Name	Address	Type	Objectives
Young Star Club	-	Club	Sports
Bhim Unity Club	-	"	Sports, social service
Nhu Pucha	-	"	Language, social service
Nava Youth Club	-	"	Sports, social service
Ashok Binayak Club		"	"
Chikan Mugal Tol Improvement Committee	Chikan Mugal	CBO	Social service
Sawal Women Society	"	Organization	"
JB Club	Bhimsen Sthan	Club	Sports

Five biggest problems

1. Solid waste management
2. Roads
3. Drinking water
4. Security
5. Sewerage

Important projects completed

Project	Amount (Rs.)
Sewer line and stone-paving at Kwahiti	8,455/43
Sewer line cleaned at Lakhe Nani	44,551/50
Stone spout repaired and sewer line cleaned in front of Paropakar High School	16,542/75
Chikan Mugal Poda Tol	85,940/32

On-going projects

Name	Cost (Rs.)
Renovation of Narayan temple at Bhimsen Sthan Dawalachhi	3,00,000/-
Stone-paving at Bakhachhen	-
Stone-paving at Chikan Mugal crossroads	1,01,144/83
Stone-paving at courtyard inside Kwahiti	58,075/55
Stone-paving at Yo Baha Bhimsen Sthan	
Street light maintenance and improvement	1,00,000/-

Projects under consideration

Name	Estimated cost (Rs.)
Storm drain and sewer line from Chikan Mugal to Jaisi Dewal	81,000/-
Sub-health post at Twachhen	5,00,000/-
Black-topping from Ramghat to Teku	5,50,000/-