

Ward No. 21

According to the classification system used to designate spatial divisions of traditional Newar towns, this ward is situated in what is known as Kwane - downtown or the lower part of Kathmandu. During the Lichchhavi period (300-879 AD), Kathmandu was divided into two sections - Yangal and Yambu. Yangal, the southern half, is situated in this ward, which is evidence of the fact that this part of town has been settled from ages past. Jaisi Dewal, Nhugha and Sil Khana (Bhimsen Thapa's residence) rank among this ward's sacred and historic sites. The tree in the center of Lagan, known as Mam Sima, is adored as the mother of Machhendranath. Machhendranath's annual chariot procession through Kathmandu comes to an end after it makes three circumambulations of this tree.

The ward is spread over 15.4 hectares. It adjoins Ward No. 11 in the east, Ward No. 20 in the west, Ward Nos. 22 and 23 in the north, and Ward No. 12 in the south. Its population in 2001 was 12,369.

Population and number of households

Total number of households: 2507

Total population: 12369

Males: 6462

Females: 5907

*Census 2001

Building structure

Building structure	Percent (%)	Condition (%)		
		Good	Fair	Poor
Clay mortar	30	50	35	15
Clay mortar and plaster	40	50	45	5
Cement mortar	20	65	30	5
RCC frame				

Roads

Type	Length (km.)	Condition (%)		
		Good	Fair	Poor
Black-topped	1.24	25	25	50
Gravel	0.65	40	40	20
Dirt	0.096	30	20	50
Brick-paved	1.55	50	20	30
Stone-paved	0.08	60	30	10

Sewerage

Type	Length (km.)	Condition (%)		
		Good	Fair	Poor
Surface drains and sewers	2.80	30	50	20

Solid waste

Solid waste generated daily: 23.72 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	80
Telephone	50
Toilet	100

Areas without basic services

Service	Area	Percent of ward area
Telephone	Different areas of the ward	50
Drinking water	Nyaypacho, Sawal Baha, Phansi Gaon, Yangal	20
Solid waste collection	Different areas of the ward except Gophal, Nyaypacho, Yuta Nani, Dalachhi, Manjushree	85

Educational institutions

Level of educational institution	Government	Private	Total number
Primary	3	3	6
Secondary	1	1	2

Health institutions

Type	No.	Name	Patients visiting daily	Services available §	Type of sickness *
Health center/ dispensary	3	Ganesh Health Service Center	-	General	General
		Ward No. 21 free dispensary	-	"	"
		Lagan Khala Health Service	-	"	"

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 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
Royal Nepal Army (Sil Khana)	Lagan	1425	Own
Ward Office	Jaisi Dewal	80	Rented

Industry

Type	Total number
Manufacturing	10
Tourism	15
Service	5

Shops

Type	Number
Foodstuffs	6
Spices	29
Cold store/provision store	8
Hardware	3
Textiles	8
Medicines	2
Utensils	4
Stationery	6
Fancy goods	3
Electronics	1
Gold and silver	5
Meat	3
Video cassette	4
Tea shop	11
Restaurant	10
Electrical equipment	5
Gas depot	8
Beauty parlor	3
Motor parts	1
Other	5
Total	126

Service and repair centers

Type	Number
ISD/STD	9
Tailoring	20
Laundry	3
Watch repair	1
Motorcycle repair	7
Barber	7
Photo studio/color lab	4
Total	51

Buildings of historic and architectural importance

Name	Location	Importance	
		Historic	Architectural
Sil Khana	Lagan	√	√

Feasts/festivals celebrated

Name of feast/festival	Month held
Indra Jatra	Bhadra/Aswin
Twelve-yearly festival of Pachali Bhairav	Shrawan/Bhadra
Sweta Machhendranath Jatra	Chaitra
Asta Matrika (Ajima Jatra), on the day of Pahan Charhe	"

Pilgrim shelters, rest houses, sacred sites, etc.

Type	No.	Condition		
		Good	Fair	Poor
Stone water spout	4	-	1	3
Public tap	10	3	6	1
Well	22	10	5	7
Pilgrim shelter	2	-	1	1
Temple	14	7	6	1
Chaitya/stupa	7	5	2	-
Bahal/bahil	18	6	6	6

Public grounds

Type	Number	Usage
<i>Public inner courtyard</i>	20	General
<i>Street square</i> Lagan	1	Bazaar, tempo stand, taxi stand

Open-air market

Type	No. of sellers	Kind of shop		Place				Name of place
		Open	Roofed	Footpath	Public square	Open space	Others	
Vegetables, fruits and consumer goods	50	√		√				Lagan square
Vegetables and consumer goods	40	√		√		√		Jaisi

NGOs, INGOs, CBOs, clubs, etc.

Name	Address	Type	Objectives
Jaisi Dewal Youth Club	Jaisi Dewal	Club	Sports
Lyaymha Pucha	Jya Bahal	Organization	Social service
Lagan Khala	Lagan	"	"
Shree Ganesh Youth Club	Lagan Chyacho	Club	Sports
Youth Corner Club	Gophal	"	Sports, social service
Ta Baha Pucha	Ta Baha	Organization	Social service
Bhote Bahal Tol Improvement Committee	Bhote Bahal	CBO	Tol improvement
Macha Pucha (four)	Gophal Na Baha, Bakachhi, Ibha Nani	Organization	Tol cleaning and children's education
Ma Pucha (two)	Gophal	"	Adult education
Nhu Pucha	"	"	-

Five biggest problems

1. Sewerage
2. Roads
3. Drinking water
4. Repair and maintenance of courtyards
5. Renovation of temple (problem of resources)

Projects under consideration

Project	Estimated cost (Rs.)
Black-topping from Tripureswar to Bhote Bahal	33,32,485/20
Sewer line at Maka Galli	2,80,000/-
Sewer line from Pipalbot to Bhote Bahal	2,55,000/-
Black-topping at Nyaypacho	4,10,000/-