

## Ward No. 29

This ward has a mix of ancient neighborhoods like Bhagawan Baha, Thamel, Galko Pakha and Lainchaur; and new settlements like Mitra Nagar, Pabitra Nagar and others. It has Nepal's only modern bus terminal, Gongabun Bus Park. It also has the Gongabun Housing Project, initiated by the then Housing and Urban Development Department and equipped with all basic amenities, which represents a big forward progress in the ward's development.

Ward No. 29 is hemmed in by the Royal Palace, Lazimpat and Ranibari in the east; the Bishnumati river, Mhaypi and Saraswati Campus in the west; Gongabun and the Ring Road in the north; and Thanhiti, Chhetrapati and Jyatha in the south. There are sprawling complexes like the Indian Embassy, British Embassy, Malla Hotel, Keshar Mahal, Department of Mines and the bus park located here. The Thamel-Gongabun road can be taken as the ward's axis. There are compact settlements and there are loose settlements. There are also vast stretches of farmland watered and made fertile by the Bishnumati and Samakhusi rivers.

The ward's population in 2001 was 24,543 and it contained 5,582 households. It has an area of 218.6 hectares. Parts of the ward suffer inundation during the monsoon season each year.

## Population and number of households

Total number of households: 5582

Total population: 24543

Males: 13204

Females: 11339

\*Census 2001

## Building structure

| Building structure      | Percent (%) | Condition (%) |      |      |
|-------------------------|-------------|---------------|------|------|
|                         |             | Good          | Fair | Poor |
| Clay mortar             | 2.05        | -             | 70   | 30   |
| Clay mortar and plaster | 3.08        | 75            | 20   | 5    |
| Cement mortar           | 55.98       | 100           | -    | -    |
| RCC frame               | 37.32       | 100           | -    | -    |
| Other                   |             |               |      |      |

## Roads

| Type         | Length (km.) | Condition (%) |      |      |
|--------------|--------------|---------------|------|------|
|              |              | Good          | Fair | Poor |
| Black-topped | 12.76        | 25            | 25   | 50   |
| Gravel       | 7.59         | 20            | 23   | 57   |
| Dirt         | 13.74        | 20            | 25   | 55   |
| Track/Trail  | 7.28         | 25            | 25   | 50   |
| Brick-paved  | 2.20         | 25            | 20   | 55   |
| Stone-paved  | 0.21         | 24            | 52   | 24   |

## Sewerage

| Type                      | Length (km.) | Condition (%) |      |      |
|---------------------------|--------------|---------------|------|------|
|                           |              | Good          | Fair | Poor |
| Surface drains and sewers | 18.00        | 25            | 60   | 15   |

## Solid waste

Solid waste generated daily: 45.84 cu. m.

Container: Yes  No

Number of containers:

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 | 85          |
| Telephone      | 60          |
| Toilet         | 100         |

## Areas without basic services

| Service         | Area                                  | Percent of ward area |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Telephone       | Mitra Nagar, Samakhusi                | 20                   |
| Drinking water  | Bus Park, Samakhusi                   | 15                   |
| Sewerage        | Samakhusi, Mitra Nagar, Pabitra Nagar | 35                   |
| Roads           | East of the new Bus Park              | 30                   |
| Street lighting | Samakhusi, Lainchaur                  | 15                   |

## Educational institutions

| Level of educational institution | Government | Private | Total number |
|----------------------------------|------------|---------|--------------|
| Primary                          | -          | 3       | 3            |
| Lower secondary                  | 1          | 1       | 2            |
| Secondary                        | 1          | 10      | 11           |
| 10+2, Higher secondary           | -          | 1       | 1            |
| Campus                           | 1          | 1       | 2            |
| Technical school                 | -          | 1       | 1            |

## Health institutions

| Type                                    | No. | Name                               | Patients visiting daily | Services available § | Type of sickness * |
|---|-----|------------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| Polyclinic                              | 1   | Sushil Polyclinic                  | 10                      | 1                    | 2,4                |
| Health center/<br>dispensary/<br>clinic | 3   | Himalayan International Clinic     | 3                       | 1                    | 2,4,5              |
|   |     | Mount Everest International Clinic | 3                       | 1                    | 2,4,5              |
|   |     | Community City Health Post         | 20                      | "                    | 2,4,5,8            |

- § 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                          | Thamel       | 64            | Own       |
| Forest Department                    | "            | 1527          | "         |
| Women and Social Welfare Council     | "            | 4072          | "         |
| Ministry of Education                | Keshar Mahal | 7635          | "         |
| Community Building, Residential Area | Samakhusi    | 384           | "         |
| Department of Mines                  | Lainchaur    | 2036          | "         |
| Sports Council                       | "            | 764           | "         |
| Scout Building                       | "            | 1527          | "         |
| Indian Embassy                       | "            | 81440         | "         |
| British Embassy                      | "            | 30540         | "         |
| Dairy Development Corporation        | "            | 2036          | "         |
| Social Welfare Council               | "            | -             | -         |

## Financial institutions

| Name                              | Address                   | Type        |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------|
| Peace Nepal Cooperative           | Gongabun                  | Cooperative |
| Jan Biswas Saving and Cooperative | "                         | "           |
| Bank of Kathmandu                 | Thamel                    | Banking     |
| Thamel Cooperative                | "                         | Cooperative |
| Creative Cooperative              | Samakhusi                 | "           |
| Sagun Cooperative                 | Galko Pakha               | "           |
| Kantipur Cooperative              | Gongabun Residential Area | "           |

## Industry

| Type                         | Total number |
|------------------------------|--------------|
| Manufacturing                | 4            |
| Energy-based                 | 3            |
| Agriculture and forest-based | 10           |
| Tourism                      | 250          |
| Service                      | 8            |
| Construction                 | 15           |

## Shops

| Type                       | Number |
|----------------------------|--------|
| Foodstuffs                 | 200    |
| Spices                     | 94     |
| Cold store/provision store | 26     |
| Hardware                   | 28     |
| Sanitary                   | 2      |
| Textiles                   | 11     |
| Medicines                  | 17     |
| Utensils                   | 13     |
| Shoes                      | 8      |
| Stationery                 | 26     |
| Fancy goods                | 18     |
| Electronics/electrical     | 2      |
| Gold and silver            | 6      |
| Meat                       | 22     |
| Fruits                     | 14     |
| Video cassettes            | 16     |
| Tea shop                   | 12     |
| Restaurant                 | 47     |
| Garment                    | 68     |
| Trekking                   | 33     |
| Wood craft                 | 27     |
| Thanka                     | 17     |
| Jewelry                    | 48     |
| Kashmiri                   | 58     |
| Books                      | 11     |
| Furniture                  | 17     |
| Departmental store         | 1      |
| Mini departmental store    | 2      |
| Electrical                 | 18     |
| Total                      | 862    |

## Service and repair centers

| Type               | Number |
|--------------------|--------|
| Computer/photocopy | 34     |
| ISD/STD            | 13     |
| Tailoring          | 31     |
| Laundry            | 16     |
| Watch repair       | 9      |
| Motorcycle repair  | 23     |
| Car repair         | 7      |
| Barber             | 33     |
| Photo studio       | 22     |
| Pump/refrigerator  | 9      |
| TV, VCR            | 14     |
| Total              | 211    |

## Training centers

| Type        | Number |
|-------------|--------|
| Computer    | 6      |
| Polytechnic | 4      |
| Cooking     | 4      |
| Total       | 14     |

## Entertainment

| Type                 | Number |
|----------------------|--------|
| High vision Hall     | 2      |
| Leisure club         | 3      |
| Pool house (snooker) | 12     |
| Video game parlor    | 2      |
| Swimming pool        | 1      |
| Total                | 20     |

## Post office

| Type                                | Type     |        |         |
|-------------------------------------|----------|--------|---------|
|                                     | District | Sector | Central |
| Lainchaur, in front of Ascol Campus |          | √      |         |

## Security

| Type        | Number | Locations   |
|-------------|--------|---|
| Police beat | 6      | Thamel Chowk, Narsingh Gate, Namche Chowk Thamel, Galko Pakha, Samakhusi, Indian Embassy, British Embassy |
| Community   | 2      | JP School line and Thanhiti Namche Chowk line   |

## Parking space

| Location                | Area (sq. m.) | Usage  |
|-------------------------|---------------|--|
| In front of Ward Office | 84            | Taxi, tempo, rickshaw and motorcycle             |
| Employee Provident Fund | 558           | Taxi, tempo, school bus, rickshaw and motorcycle |
| Gongabun Chowk          | 186           | Taxi, tempo, motorcycle                          |
| Chibahal Thamel         | 279           | Rickshaw   |

## Heritage sites

1. Bhagawan Baha, Thamel

## Feasts/festivals celebrated

| Name of feast/festival | Month held             |
|------------------------|------------------------|
| Buddha Jayanti         | Baishakh full moon day |
| New Year, January 1    | January 1              |
| Christmas              | December 25            |
| Tourism Day            | September 27           |
| Bhagawan Baha Jatra    | Chaitra                |

## Pilgrim shelters, rest houses, sacred sites, etc.

| Type              | No. | Condition |      |      |
|-------------------|-----|-----------|------|------|
|                   |     | Good      | Fair | Poor |
| Stone water spout | 8   | 8         | -    | -    |
| Public tap        | 2   | -         | -    | 2    |
| Well              | 1   | -         | -    | 1    |
| Pilgrim shelter   | 2   | -         | 1    | 1    |
| Temple            | 5   | 4         | -    | 1    |
| Chaitya/stupa     | 2   | 2         | -    | -    |
| Bahal/bahil       | 5   | 5         | -    | -    |
| Ghat/cemetery     | 1   | 1         | -    | -    |
| Pond/stream       | 2   | -         | -    | 2    |

## Public grounds

| Type                                 | Number | Usage     |
|--------------------------------------|--------|-----------|
| <i>Open space</i><br>Lainchaur       | 1      | Sports    |
| <i>Pubic square</i>                  | 5      | General   |
| <i>Park</i><br>Martyrs Memorial Park | 1      | Bus stand |

## Open-air market

| Type               | No. of sellers | Kind of shop |        | Place    |               |            |        | Name of place                              |
|--------------------|----------------|--------------|--------|----------|---------------|------------|--------|--|
|                    |                | Open         | Roofed | Footpath | Public square | Open space | Others |  |
| Vegetable s/fruits | 25             | ✓            |        |          |               | ✓          |        | Samakhusi in front of the British cemetery |



## NGOs, INGOs, CBOs, clubs, etc.

| Name                                   | Address     | Type | Objectives        |
|--|-------------|------|-------------------|
| Sassacan                               | Thamel      | NGO  | Social service    |
| Residential Area Improvement Committee | Gongabun    | CBO  | "                 |
| Jana Vachanalaya Yuva club             | Lainchaur   | Club | "                 |
| Samakhusi Club                         | Samakhusi   | "    | "                 |
| Thamel Yuva Club                       | Thamel      | "    | "                 |
| Mitra Nagar Tol Improvement Committee  | Mitra Nagar | CBO  | Development works |

## Squatters

| Name of location       | Area (sq. m.) | Number of houses |
|------------------------|---------------|------------------|
| Samakhusi (Sangam Tol) | 500           | 60               |
| Samakhusi              | 300           | 36               |
| Samakhusi              | 50            | 6                |
| Lainchaur              | 25            | 3                |

## Social problems

| Type             | Male | Female | Total number |
|------------------|------|--------|--------------|
| Suicide/murder   | 3    | 1      | 4            |
| Theft/fraud      | 15   | -      | 154          |
| Accidental death | 10   | 2      | 12           |
| Drug abuse       | 150  | -      | 150          |
| Prostitution     | 10   | 40     | 50           |

**Note:** Data of the last one year.

## Five biggest problems

1. Problem of Samakhusi
2. Brick-paving
3. Drinking water
4. Roads
5. Solid waste

## Important projects completed

| Project   | Amount (Rs.) | Public participation (%) |       |           |
|---|--------------|--------------------------|-------|-----------|
|   |              | Cash                     | Labor | Materials |
| Sewer line at Samakhusi                         | 1,43,859/-   | 34                       | 29    | 36        |
| Brick-paving (Gairi Dhara)                      | 48,000/-     | -                        | 25    | -         |
| Sewer line from Thamel Guest House to JP School | 4,50,000/-   | 50                       | -     | -         |

## On-going projects

| Name              | Cost (Rs.)  | Contribution (%) |      |           |
|-------------------|-------------|------------------|------|-----------|
|                   |             | Ward             | KMC  | Community |
| Brick-paving      | 12,000/-    | 83.3             | -    | 16.7      |
| Natyaswari temple | 15,00,000/- | 26.7             | 33.3 | 40.0      |

## Projects under consideration

| Name                             | Estimated cost (Rs.) |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|
| Solid waste management           | 5,00,000/-           |
| Drinking water management        | 4,00,000/-           |
| add flat on health clinic        | 10,00,000/-          |
| Encouraging sports participation | 12,00,000/-          |

## Main income sources

1. Wall and house maintenance recommendation fee
2. Property evaluation fee

# **Investment in income generating project**

Building shops at the Ward Office