

## Ward No. 15

Surrounded by the city on three sides and the pleasant villages of Sitapaila and Ichangu on the western side, Ward No. 15 is situated in the west of the Kathmandu Metropolitan City. It is bordered by the Bishnumati river in the east, Sitapaila and Ichangu VDCs in the west, Ward No. 16 in the north, and Ward No. 13 in the south. Created out of Swayambhu and Swayambhu VDC in 1977, the ward has an area of 316.5 hectares and its population in 2001 was 32,441.

The fabulous Swayambhu area, a World Heritage Site and one of the symbols by which Nepal is known internationally, is the ward's center of attraction. In fact, it would not be inappropriate to say that Ward No. 15 is known by the name of Swayambhu. Besides this glorious stupa, there are multitudes of other religious and historic sites here, like Shobha Bhagawati, Bijeswari, Gita temple, Ajima temple, Manjushree, Lakhu Tirtha (which is associated with the founding of the Nepal Era), and numerous Buddhist monasteries. The grand 12-yearly Samyak festival, which used to be graced by the King, takes place in the ward at Bhuikhel and Bijeswari. The ward is also honored to be the home of Nepal's one and only natural history museum.

The Dallu Housing Project and the Bishnumati link road (a section lies within the ward) are some of the large projects carried out here. Preservation work in the Swayambhu area is being done with the joint efforts of the local people, the Department of Archaeology and various NGOs. A large part of the ward is army area, which also includes the Birendra Army Hospital. The ward consists mostly of high ground, except for the Chamati, Chagal, Ayra Hiti and Pande Phant regions. Swayambhu, built on a huge rock and situated at a height, is not much affected by earthquakes.

## Population and number of households

Total number of households: 7448  
Total population: 32441  
Males: 17150  
Females: 15291

\*Census 2001

## Building structure

Building structure	Percent (%)	Condition (%)		
		Good	Fair	Poor
Clay mortar	5	20	30	50
Clay mortar and plaster	15	30	50	20
Cement mortar	55	35	50	15
RCC frame	25	80	15	5
Other				

## Roads

Type	Length (km.)	Condition (%)		
		Good	Fair	Poor
Black-topped	12.75	40	30	30
Gravel	12.37	30	45	25
Dirt	6.85	20	30	50
Track/Trail	12.75	30	40	30
Brick-paved	2.5	55	35	10
Stone-paved	0.62	60	35	5

## Sewerage

Type	Length (km.)	Condition (%)		
		Good	Fair	Poor
Surface drains and sewers	16	25	35	40

## Solid waste

Solid waste generated daily: 46.91 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	85
Drinking water	70
Telephone	30
Toilet	75

## Educational institutions

Level of educational institution	Government	Private	Total number
Pre-primary	-	3	3
Primary	2	14	16
Lower secondary	-	5	5
Secondary	1	11	12
10+2, Higher secondary		1	1

## Health institutions

Type	No	Name	Patients visiting daily	Services available §	Type of sickness *
Government hospital	1	Birendra Army Hospital	50-60	1,2,3,4,5,6,7	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9
Health center/ dispensary/ clinic	8	Community health clinic	10-15	General	General
		Siddhartha Health Service	5-10	"	"
		Paropakar Dispensary	5-10	"	"
		Gita Free Dispensary	-	-	-
		Four other clinics	-	-	-

### § 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	Bhuikhel	Own
Ananda Kuti Bihar Guthi	"	"
Swayambhu Club	Swayambhu	"
Shobha Bhagawati Temple Improvement Committee	Shobha Bhagawati	"
Chhauni Sahayog Guthi	Chhauni	"
Khulla Bachanalaya	Bijeswari	"
Swayambhu International Library	Swayambhu	"
Women Labour Training Center	"	"
Kathmandu District Education Office	Tahachal	"
Natural History Museum	Chhauni	"

## Financial institutions

Name	Address	Type
Agricultural Development Bank	Chakrapath	Banking
Sagun Cooperative	Kimdol	Cooperative
Jaya Mata Bhagawati Cooperative	Dallu	"
Sagaurav Cooperative	Kimdol	"
Sapta Koshi Cooperative	Balaju Marg	"
Oxford Cooperative	Swayambhu, Chakrapath	"

## Industry

Type	Total number
Manufacturing	16
Agriculture and forest-based	18
Mining	

## Shops

Type	Number
Foodstuffs	5
Spices	46
Cold store/provision store	13
Hardware	12
Sanitary	7
Textiles	21

Medicines	12
Utensils	3
Shoes	3
Stationery	17
Fancy goods	3
Electronics	15
Gold and silver	12
Meat	19
Fruits	12
Video cassette	8
Tea shop	22
Restaurant	17
Other	7
Total	254

## Service and repair centers

Type	Number
Computer/photocopy	10
ISD/STD	17
Tailoring	5
Laundry	6
Watch repair	8
Motorcycle repair	10
Car repair	4
Barber	13
Photo studio/color lab	12
Other	7
Total	92

## Training centers

Type	Number
Computer	3
Tailoring	5
Language	1
Driving	1
Total	10

## Entertainment

Type	Number
High vision hall	2
Pool house (snooker)	4
Video game parlor	2
Total	8

## Post office

Name	Place	Type		
		District	Sector	Central
Sector post office	Kimdol, Manjushree Bazaar		v	

## Security

Type	Number	Locations
Police beat	1	Chakrapath
Ward Police Office	1	Bhagawanpau

## Heritage sites

Name	Area (sq. m.)
Swayambu Chaitya	4,28,750
Shobha Bhagawati	750
Bijeswari	500
Lakhu Tirtha	763.5

## Feastsfestivals celebrated

Name of feast/festival	Month held
Buddha Jayanti	Baishakh
Srawan Sankranti	Srawan
Shree Panchami	Fagun
Samyak	Every 12 years
Gunla, Yanla	Shrawan, Bhadra

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

Type	No.	Condition		
		Good	Fair	Poor
Stone water spout	12	2	4	6
Public tap	10	2	3	5
Well	4	-	-	4
Spring	8	-	-	8
Reservoir	17	2	1	14
Pilgrim shelter	5	1	1	3
Rest house	19	15	2	2
Temple	5	-	2	3
Ghat/cemetery	1	-	1	-
Pond/stream	1	-	-	1

## Public grounds

Type	Number	Usage
Open space Bhuikhel	1	Sports

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

Name	Address	Type	Established	Objectives
Concern Nepal	Swarnimbasti	NGO	-	Children's rights
Swayambhu Club	"	Club	-	"
Samyukta Club	Dhimelohan	"	-	"
Sitakunda Youth Club	Shobha Bhagawati	"	2055	Sports and social service
Navajagriti Club	Dallu	"	-	-
Cinet	Swayambhu	NGO	-	-
Ananda Kuti Bihar Guthi	Bhuikhel	NGO	-	Cultural promotion
Shobha Bhagawati Temple Improvement Committee	Shobha Bhagawati	CBO	-	Temple preservation
Chhauni Sahayog Guthi	Chhauni	"	-	-
Chagal Youth Club	Chagal	Club	-	-
Tulsi Dhara Chhahari Development Committee	Tulsi Dhara	CBO	-	-

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## Squatters

Name of location	Area (sq. m.)	Number of houses
Bishnumati riverside	2545	5
Phurkesalla	5090	4
Kharitahara	128	3
Bhagawanpau	-	3

## Social problems

Type	Male	Female	Total number
Suicide/murder	5	5	10
Theft/fraud	12	2	14
Accidental death	8	-	8
Drug abuse	35	5	40
Prostitution	-	22	22



## Five biggest problems

1. Road
2. Sewerage
3. Drinking water
4. Solid waste
5. Preservation of sacred sites

## Important projects completed

Project	Amount (Rs.)
Road construction and improvement	43,300/-
Sewerage	4,51,740/-
Street lighting	25,997/-
Heritage preservation	43,946/-
Brick-paving	32,260/-
Garden construction	6,00,000/-

## On-going projects

Name	Cost (Rs.)	Contribution (%)		
		Ward	KMC	Community
Vertical brick soling	74,959/-	-	100	-
Vertical brick side drain	3,02,640/-	-	60	40
Street lighting	3,61,350/-	-	100	-
Sewerage	2,94,140/-	-	65	35
Side drain	4,48,360/-	-	65	35
Drinking water management	7,00,000/-			