

Ward No. 26

Ward No. 26 consists of ancient neighborhoods and is situated in the historic inner quarter of Kathmandu. In keeping with its historic character, there are many antique temples and shrines. The famed Itum Baha, Desay Madu Jhya, Mahankal temple, Keshchandra Mahabihar, Bhimeswar temple and Narsingh temple are evidence of the ward's cultural and historical glory. As in other wards of the inner city, settlements typically consist of an open courtyard enclosed by houses. This arrangement emphasizes the courtyard's architectural and ceremonial functions. The courtyard provides light and fresh air besides serving as a place to socialize and hold ceremonial events.

The ward is bounded on the east by Ward Nos. 25 and 27, on the west and north by Ward No. 18, and on the south by Ward Nos. 19 and 25. It is the smallest ward in terms of both size and population. It has an area of 4 hectares, and the number of inhabitants in 2001 was 3,764. The large open space at Itum Baha is frequently used for holding mass meetings and other functions.

Population and number of households

Total number of households: 757
Total population: 3764
Males: 1911
Females: 1853

*Census 2001

Building structure

Building structure	Percent (%)	Condition (%)		
		Good	Fair	Poor
Clay mortar	50	20	20	60
Clay mortar and plaster	5	30	30	40
Cement mortar	15	20	60	20
RCC frame	30	70	20	10
Other				

Roads

Type	Length (km.)	Condition (%)		
		Good	Fair	Poor
Black-topped	0.91	15	15	70
Brick-paved	0.37	30	40	30
Stone-paved	0.15	60	20	20

Sewerage

Type	Length (km.)	Condition (%)		
		Good	Fair	Poor
Surface drains and sewers	1.495	20	25	55

Solid waste

Solid waste generated daily: 8.14 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	100
Telephone	80
Toilet	100

Areas without basic services

Service	Area	Percent of ward area
Telephone	Different areas of the ward	20
Sewerage	"	-
Street lighting	"	-

Educational institutions

Level of educational institution	Government	Private	Total number
Primary	1	1	2

Health institutions

Type	No.	Name	Patients visiting daily	Services available §	Type of sickness *
Health center/ dispensary/clinic	1	City Health Clinic	15	Vaccination, injection and family planning	1,2,9
Polyclinic	1	-	-	-	-

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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

Financial institutions

Name	Address	Type
Bouddha Cooperative	Kilagal	Cooperative
Pagoda Cooperative	Naradevi (Yatkha)	"

Industry

Type	Total number
Agriculture and forest-based	3

Shops

Type	Number
Foodstuffs	15
Spices	8
Cold store/provision store	4
Textiles	8
Medicines	6
Stationery	1
Fancy goods/readymade garments	3
Electronics/electrical	3
Meat	11
Fruits	2
Others	10
Total	71

Service and repair centers

Type	Number
Computer/photocopy	2
ISD/STD	3
Tailoring	3
Watch repair	3
Motorcycle repair	3
Barber	2
Photo studio	4
Total	51

Heritage sites

Name	Area (sq. m.)
Desay Madu Jhya	70
Itum Baha	2500
Bhulukha Dega	100
Kausi Dewal	-
Naradevi temple	-
Kilagal Ganesh temple	-
Kilagal Mahadev temple	-
Sawabhakku Dyachhen	-
Pulunkisi Dyachhen	-
Tunaldevi Dyachhen	-

Feasts/festivals celebrated

Name of feast/festival	Month held
Swetakali Jatra	Chaitra
Dipyakhan	Aswin
Sawabhakku dance	Bhadra
Pulunkisi dance	"
Indra Jatra	"

Pilgrim shelters, rest houses, sacred sites, etc.

Type	No.	Condition		
		Good	Fair	Poor
Well	23	10	5	6
Temple	7	2	3	2
Chaitya/stupa	1	-	1	-
Bahal/bahil	3	2	1	-

Public grounds

Type	Number	Usage
Public courtyard	71	General

Open-air market

Type	No. of sellers	Kind of shop		Place				Name of place
		Open	Roofed	Footpath	Public square	Open space	Others	
Vegetables at Naradevi and Kilagal	70	✓		✓				Kilagal

NGOs, INGOs, CBOs, clubs, etc.

Name	Address	Type	Established	Objectives
Swetakali Youth Club	Nyeta Pachwa	Club		Cleanliness, sports
Tamo Galli Youth Club	Tamo Galli	"		Sports development
Nyeta Gym Club	Nyeta Pachwa	"		Physical development
Star Club	Kilagal	"	2024	Sports, cleanliness

Five biggest problems

1. Damaged roads
2. Unemployment
3. Drinking water
4. Disorganized electricity, telephone and TV cables
5. Storm drainage

Important projects completed

Project	Amount (Rs.)
Renovation of Bhulukha Dega	18,00,000/-
Grill at Itum Baha	70,000/-
Lighting maintenance and set purchase	2,00,000/-
Sewer line at Nyeta Pachwa	1,00,000/-
Sewer line at Tara Nani	20,592/-
Nyeta bhajan building maintenance	40,000/-
Sewer line at Kilagal	45,000/-
Sewer line at Chokhachhen Galli	35,000/-
Stone-paving at Bhimeswar (Bhulukha Dega)	1,25,000/-
Tubewell installation and maintenance at different places	50,000/-
Stone-paving and maintenance at courtyards in the Kilagal area	30,000/-
Stone-paving and maintenance at courtyard in Tamo Galli	35,000/-
Sewer line from Yatkha to Indra Chowk	

On-going projects

Name	Cost (Rs.)
Sewer line at Taha Nani	2,02,933/-
New story at Nyeta Gym building	5,90,853/-
Sewer line from Yatkha to Indra Chowk	-
Makhan Mahadev to Chokhachhen Galli	-

Projects under consideration

Name	Estimated cost (Rs.)
Maintenance of Buddhist temple inside Waku Nani	1,18,370/-
Maintenance of Mahankal and Narayan temples at Yatkha	1,47,950/-
Maintenance of temple at Sasu Nani	1,18,370/-
Addition of a story to the Ward Office building	3,77,712/-
Maintenance of stone pavement	3,96,000/-
Maintenance of manholes	19,800/-