



14th National Earthquake Safety Day



Let's be a part of the 14th National Earthquake Safety Day

The country is going to celebrate its 14th annual Earthquake Safety Day this January with the main slogan

**“Earthquakes are unpredictable and deadly
Let's work together to save lives and property”**

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जागौं, जुटाँ बचाउन सृष्टिको सम्पदा**

Commemorating the devastating earthquake of 1934 that quaked on 15th of January 1934 (i.e. 2nd Magh 1990 as per Bikram Sambat calendar) in Nepal-Bihar region, Government of Nepal had decided in 1999 to observe this day annually as the National Earthquake Safety Day (ESD).

Every year on and around January 16/ 2nd of Magh (as per Bikram Sambat Calendar), Nepal has been celebrating the National Earthquake Safety Day since past 13 years. Ministry of Home Affairs works as the Coordinator of National Committee to mark the day nationwide with array of activities. The National Society for Earthquake Technology- Nepal (NSET) as the member secretary of the Earthquake Safety Day National Committee (ESDNC), chaired by Hon. Minister for Home Affairs observes the ESD by organizing activities with the purpose of raising awareness on earthquake risk reduction and preparedness.

The theme of the day is to create awareness and to share knowledge & information about safety measures and disaster risk management. The ESD is actually the culmination of earthquake risk management works implemented in the country in the preceding 12 months, and thus allows taking stock of the achievements and shortcomings.

The year 2012 is the seventy ninth year of the Great Bihar- Nepal Earthquake (Magh 2 1990 BS, 1934AD), one of the devastating earthquakes in the living memory. In the earthquake more than eight thousand people lost their lives with massive destruction of property.

As in the previous years, various events are planned to observe the ESD throughout Nepal this year again as collaborative effort of various stakeholders under the leadership of Government of Nepal. Damages caused by Himalayan Earthquake of Sep 18, 2011 in eastern part of Nepal and the issues of

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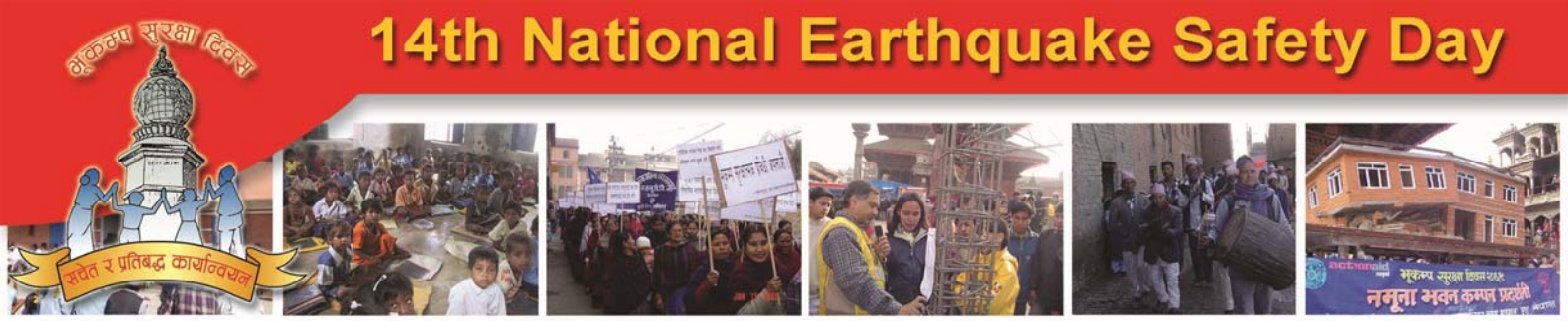
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reconstruction have remained in focus this year. Lalitpur Sub Metro-Politan City is hosting national programs. Some of the key events are:

National Symposium – 12-13 January 2012, Hotel Everest, New Baneshwar, Kathmandu

ESD Memorial Meeting – 16 January 2012, Bhugol Park, Newroad

Main Day National Program- 16 January 2012, Jawalakhel, Lalitpur

Earthquake Safety Exhibition – 16-19 January 2012, Jawalakhel, Lalitpur

Earthquake Safety Walkathon- 21 January 2012, Kirtipur

Shocks and Reverberations: Art Exhibition – 20-28 January 2012, National Academy of Fine Arts, Exhibition Hall, Naxal

You are kindly invited to be part of the 14th National Earthquake Safety Day celebrations!

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