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### ‘Bahattar Sal ko Bhukampa’ (Earthquake of Years 72): A critical Review

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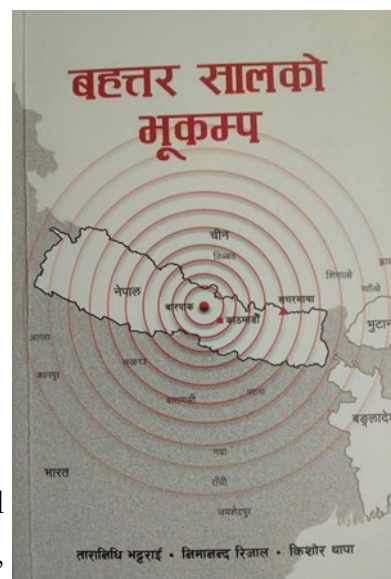
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‘Bahattar Sal ko Bhukampa’ a book on Nepal Earthquake 2015 by Taranidhi Bhattarai, Nimananda Rijal and Kishor Thapa, the Nepali

author, is undoubtedly the best book of modern times on the issue of an earthquake (Bhattarai et al., 2023). In terms of commercial success as well as having a huge reader base all over the world. ‘Bahattar Salko Bhukampa’ is a write-up and collection of short stories, evidence and the prior precaution measures written by them. The book mentioned in the title is about the devastating earthquake that took place on April 25, 2015, a magnitude 7.8 earthquake, popularly known as the Gorkha Earthquake, struck Nepal, leaving more than 8,800 people dead and 23,000 injured. On May 12, a powerful aftershock with a magnitude of 7.3 occurred, killing over 200 people and wounding over 2,500 more (Drr, 2015). Due to population dislocation and effects on the water and sanitary infrastructure, the earthquake significantly raised the likelihood of landslides and the spread of disease epidemics across the nation. As they attempted to flee the catastrophe, millions of people were made homeless and ejected from their homes and places of employment. 14 out of 75 districts in Nepal were declared crisis-hit areas by the government immediately after the earthquake (Pandey, 2016). Natural disasters like the earthquake rocked their world as a local Nepali writer.



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This gift to his fellow residents, “Bahattar Sal ko Bhukampa” serves as a reminder of the frailty of the human race and our ultimate reliance on higher powers. All that transpires in the interim, which we refer to as "life," is merely a representation of our emotions and relationships with other people.

This book is a collection of 15 chapters. Each chapter talks about the earthquake and about the times during and after the happening of the devastation. Cleverly using the excitement associated with recounting the characteristics of past earthquakes and brief historical accounts where appropriate, writers explain the characteristics of earthquakes for the layman of the earth sciences. Starting with "Geographical structure of Nepal and the science" Chapter 1 provides brief accounts of geography to understand ground shaking and its interpretation. Chapter 2 briefly retraces the historical evidence for earthquakes from modern seismological observatories to stimulate interest in global and regional seismicity maps that show "Where Earthquakes Occur." Chapter 3 explains the scientific analysis of the Gorkha earthquake. Chapter 4 briefly sorts out the search, destroy, relief and rescue. Chapters 5 through 14 explain the establishment of the National Reconstruction Authority (NRA) with the main objective of rapid reconstruction of the physical damages caused by the massive earthquakes of April 25 and May 12, 2015, and their aftershocks. It explores “Damage from the earthquake”, “Study of Risky housing and livelihood”, “Integrated Private Housing Reconstruction”, “Social and Financial Perspectives of Earthquake”, “Human Resources Mobilization”, “Role and Responsibilities of Community during Earthquake”, “Financial Management and Resource Mobilization”, “Experiences of International Community on Preparedness and Management”.



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These chapters were expertly put together by the author using research data, observational data, personal experiences, and other material relevant to their time spent in Nepal. The final chapter offers sound advice for moving forward in straightforward ways. To pique the reader's attention, the author goes into great depth about the earthquake, the NRA's involvement and its repercussions, the contribution of the international community and the organizations, and the understanding of seismograms and how to interpret them. Images, visual infographics, "box" summaries of essential ideas, and plain explanations of technical information are useful for simplifying the presentation of complicated topics. The collection of references is a valuable tool for readers looking for the most latest information about earthquakes as soon as they occur anywhere in the world.

This edition will increase Earthquakes' appeal on a global scale. Suggested for university and organization libraries that stock materials in Political Science, Public Policy, and Nepal Studies.

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