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# AMERICAN SPACES NEPAL

#### **APRIL PROGRAMS:**

An April of Poems | Register

 Earth Day Celebration : Public Speaking Program | April 22nd

• Debate Program: 'Earth Day' |

WELCOME NOTE
by American Spaces Nepal

April 30, 2-3 PM



#### Namaste!

Thank you for subscribing to our American Spaces newsletter. We appreciate your subscription and your continuous feedback. This newsletter would not be what it is today without your valuable suggestions.

The American Spaces team across Nepal continues to work to develop virtual programs to meet your needs and help you navigate this new world we live in. For April, we plan to provide programs focused on Earth Day, and generate environmental awareness in our communities. Do join us and contribute to the conversations.

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to alter our lives, we will provide virtual programming until we are able to open our Spaces to the public. If you have suggestions or ideas to share, feel free to contact us.

To register for our programs, please click on the given link (Register). We post our programs in our respective Corner Facebook pages

(<a href="https://np.usembassy.gov/education-culture/american-spaces/">https://np.usembassy.gov/education-culture/american-spaces/</a>), so keep checking the page for additional program postings. Also, feel free to share the American Center <a href="https://rb.gy/el551i">Newsletter Subscription link</a> (<a href="https://rb.gy/el551i">https://rb.gy/el551i</a>) with interested folks.

Sincerely, American Spaces Team

## U.S. EMBASSY'S BOOK BUS PROMOTES SOCIAL MEDIA SKILLS OF YOUTH IN NEPAL AND SRI LANKA

The U.S. Embassy's Book Bus conducted an orientation as well as training sessions of Digital Bootcamp: Essential Skills for Social Media with 21 participants from Sri Lanka and Nepal. Speaking at the orientation of the program hosted by the U.S. Embassy's Book Bus in collaboration with American Corner Jaffna, CAO Karl Rogers encouraged the participants to think critically about the social media content they are creating and consuming. The 18-hour long workshop spread over two weeks intends to develop participants' media literacy and content creation skills, giving them essential tools to take control of their social media personas.

## IHUB KATHMANDU ORGANIZES TEACHERS' TRAINING ON INTEGRATING STEAM IN CLASSROOM

iHub Kathmandu organized a three-day virtual training for over 35 teachers across Nepal. A leading teacher trainer from Kathmandu facilitated the training and talked about the role of STEAM in our daily life and the implementation of 5E Model in classrooms to help students acquire STEAM knowledge through active participation. The trainer divided the attendees into groups, asked them to create 5E lesson plans for STEAM education, and gave them feedback. The teachers also learned about simple STEAM activities they could use both in a virtual and in-person environment.





AMERICAN SPACES IN THE INDO PACIFIC HONOR WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

In honor of Women's History Month, American Spaces in the Indo Pacific launched a virtual exhibit to highlight the achievements of women from the U.S. and Indo-Pacific regions.

Titled Amazing Women Achievers from U.S. and Asia Pacific, the virtual exhibit (https://tinyurl.com/2jf762zp) on March 8th was followed by a panel discussion on Rights of Women: Expectations vs.

Reality. Pushpa Basnet, CNN Hero 2012 and CNN Super Hero 2016, was one of the panelists from Nepal who talked about the status of women's equality in Nepal, the challenges she faced and overcame, and her work as a social activist. The American Spaces in Nepal broadcast the event, which was cross-posted by American Center New Delhi on 23 Facebook pages across 10 countries in the region. The event has been viewed over 19K times regionally and is also available at <a href="https://www.facebook.com/acsurkhet/videos/1179261972532099">https://www.facebook.com/acsurkhet/videos/1179261972532099</a>.

#### AMERICAN CENTER CONTINUES ENGLISH POLISHING SESSION ON STANDARDIZED TESTS

American Center Kathmandu continued its English Polish Session in partnership with Embassy's English Language Instructor. The session runs virtually every two weeks for an hour and caters to twelve students nominated by American Spaces program coordinators. These students are interested in studying in the U.S. and are planning to take the standardized tests (TOEFL/IELTS, SAT, GRE, GMAT). The sessions so far have focused on zero conditional sentences, silent determiners, and reading passages.



REPS Mark Burrell on March 15th kicked off the fifteenth regional book club titled Books Beyond Borders and welcomed participants from Afghanistan, Bangladesh, India, Nepal, and Sri Lanka. To honor Women's History Month, between March 15 and 29, over 70 participants are reading Sylvia Plath's The Bell Jar. In an hour-long webinar held on March 15th, 29 participants discussed Plath's life, her literary contributions, and her struggles with depression. In addition, the participants analyzed the central characters of the novel and the sexist society of the U.S. in the 1950s.

# American Spaces in the Indo Pacific Honor Women's History Month

In honor of Women's History Month and to bring public awareness to the continued struggles of women around the world, American Spaces in the Indo Pacific on March 15th conducted a panel discussion on the topic **Empower Women and Inspire** Change. The program highlighted how equal participation of women is vital to ensuring stability, preventing conflict, promoting inclusive sustainable development. The American Spaces in Nepal broadcast the event, which was cross-posted on 28 Facebook pages across 10 countries in the region. The event has been viewed over 20K times regionally and is also available at

https://www.facebook.com/acsurk het/videos/871533553698012.



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