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AMERICAN SPACES NEPAL

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FEBRUARY PROGRAMS

For February, we plan to provide programs focused on Women's Issues, African-American History Month, and tools that exist to prevent vulnerable populations from being exploited. Do join us and contribute to the conversations on these important issues.



COUNTERING HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Panel Discussion on
Countering Human
Trafficking:
**"Women's Challenges:
Informing About Paths
to Victimhood"**

When : February 2

Time : 4-5 PM

[Register](#)

THE MOVING FORUM

**An Essay Contest on
"Human Trafficking and
Modern Slavery"**

- Participants should currently be enrolled in an undergraduate/ bachelor program
- Submit an essay of up to 1,500 words based on the talks to bookbusnepal@gmail.com
- **Deadline: February 10**
[Register](#)

ONLINE TEACHER TRAINING

on Gamification Tools

This training focuses on the games that have relevance to real-life content and will help participants make informed decisions.

When : February 4-9

WELCOME NOTE

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Thank you for subscribing to our American Spaces newsletter. Thanks to everyone who has subscribed so far and has provided valuable 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 February, we plan to provide programs focused on Women's Issues, African-American History Month, and tools that exist to prevent vulnerable populations from being exploited. Do join us and contribute to the conversations on these important issues.

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 (<https://np.usembassy.gov/education-culture/american-spaces/>), so keep checking the page for additional program postings. Also, feel free to share the American Center [Newsletter Subscription](#) link (<https://rb.gy/eI551i>) with interested folks.

Sincerely,

American Spaces Team

FEBRUARY PROGRAMS

English Polishing Sessions for Standardized Tests

Feb 5, 19 | 12 noon

Book Club: Books Beyond Borders **"Go Tell It On The Mountain" by James Baldwin**

Feb 8-26 | 2:30 PM

REGISTER

Talk Program on Girls and Women in STEM

featuring "Successes and Challenges, The Long Road to Gender Equality in Nepal"

Feb 19

EducationUSA Advising Session by USEF-Nepal's Educational Adviser

Feb 11 | 11 AM

REGISTER

American Corner Biratnagar and USEF-Nepal present

Info session on U.S. higher education!

Join us for a session with USEF-Nepal advisers where they will talk about the 5 steps of studying in the U.S. and answer all the questions you may have about college applications.

Date: Thursday, February 11, 2021
Time: 11 AM

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

On January 5th, 6th, and 8th, the U.S. Embassy's Book Bus conducted the orientation and the first two sessions of Digital Bootcamp: Essential Skills for Social Media with 28 participants from Pakistan and Nepal. Speaking at the orientation of the program hosted by the U.S. Embassy's Book Bus in collaboration with Lincoln Reading Lounge, Pakistan, and American Corner Bhairahawa, REPS Sarah Ziebell highlighted the importance of such programs to promote media literacy, regional connectivity and global partnerships. 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.

THIRTEENTH REGIONAL BOOK CLUB CONCLUDES

The thirteenth regional book club titled Books Beyond Borders concluded on Jan. 29th. Led by Regional Public Engagement Specialist (REPS) Mark Burrell, over 100 participants from Afghanistan, Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka joined the Google Classroom to discuss F. Scott Fitzgerald's *The Great Gatsby* between Jan. 14 and 28. In the five hour-long webinars held, over 130 participants examined the characters as well as various themes such as wealth, social class, the American Dream, and the Roaring Twenties. The book club wrapped up on Jan. 29 with the 1974 movie, *The Great Gatsby* based on this novel.

ENTREPRENEURSHIP TALK SHOW WITH EMBASSY'S MAKERSPACE PARTNER'S CEO

On Jan. 18, 2021, American Spaces in Nepal organized an interaction program with Mr. Pavitra Gautam, a U.S. Government alumnus and CEO of Karkhana—Embassy Kathmandu's long-term makerspace partner. Mr. Gautam talked about his entrepreneurial journey, challenges he faced and overcame, and Karkhana's successful makerspace collaboration with Embassy Kathmandu over the last six years. Discussing how entrepreneurship is a mindset, Mr. Gautam emphasized the importance of taking risks and overcoming the fear of failure.

ENGLISH POSLISHING SESSION

American Spaces in Nepal are partnering with the Embassy's English Language Instructor Mr. Daniel Smartt to run an hour-long bi-weekly virtual session for American Spaces patrons living outside Kathmandu. Twelve students who are interested in studying in the U.S. and are planning to take the standardized tests (TOEFL/IELTS, SAT, GRE, GMAT) are benefitting from the session. The session aims to improve grammatical as well as spoken English skills of the participants.