



March 2021 | Newsletter

American Spaces Nepal



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March Programs:

- Mar 18** EducationUSA Advising Session by USEF-Nepal's Educational Adviser
[REGISTER](#)
- Mar 19 7 PM** Poetry and Women's History
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- Mar 15-29** Books Beyond Borders - The Bell Jar by Sylvia Plath
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- Mar 26 2 PM** Celebrating Women History: Debate Program

Welcome Note

by American Spaces Nepal

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 March, we plan to provide programs focused on Women's History Month, and highlight influential women 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 (<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/el55li>) with interested folks.

Sincerely,
American Spaces Team

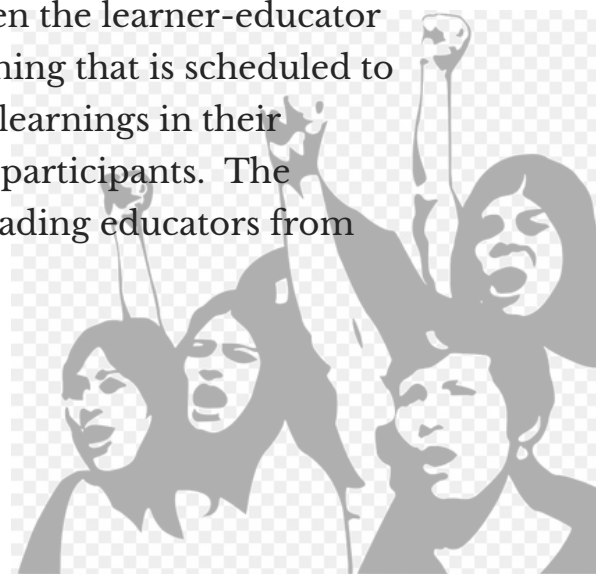


Embassy's Makerspace Partner Trains Regional American Spaces Staff

Embassy's makerspace partner, Karkhana, kicked off the training of regional American Spaces staff as part of a regional grant. Titled South Asia Regional Collaboration (SAReMC), the project seeks to provide youth around South Asia pre-entrepreneurial skills - such as problem solving, creativity, public communication, and design thinking through makerspace-based learning techniques by leveraging American Spaces in the region. The Training of Trainers (ToT) on Feb. 2 titled "How to Have Ideas" focused on divergent thinking to cultivate different ideas on how American Spaces can engage and empower the youth of the region. Embassy Kathmandu's CAO Karl Rogers and REPS Mark Burrell welcomed the 22 participants from Bangladesh, India, and Sri Lanka.

Scrabble Club Pokhara Collaborates with RELO and American Spaces to Offer Teachers' Training

With funding from RELO Kathmandu, Scrabble Club Pokhara is partnering with American Spaces in Nepal to organize Online Teachers' Training On Gamification Tools. Between Feb. 4 and 6, over 200 educators from Nepal, Bangladesh, India, Pakistan, and some European countries joined the training that seeks to gamify teaching methods to make learning fun and to strengthen the learner-educator relationship and collaboration. During the training that is scheduled to run till May, participants will implement their learnings in their classrooms and share best practices with other participants. The trainers include USG alumni as well as other leading educators from Nepal.



Embassy Kathmandu Organizes a Panel Discussion on Countering Human Trafficking

American Spaces in Nepal partnered with the Pol-Econ section to organize a panel discussion titled "Women's Challenges: Informing About Paths to Victimhood." The three-member panel on Feb. 2 consisting of a TIP Hero and a USG alumna discussed how the Nepal government's current legislation banning young women from seeking jobs in Gulf countries is counterproductive as it has led to greater risks and sham marriages. The panel made several recommendations to the Nepali government, including creating alternative sources of employment for Nepali women and facilitating legal and secure pathways for women seeking employment in Gulf countries. Attended by over 35 participants in Zoom, the session was also broadcast live through the Facebook pages of American Spaces in Nepal.

<https://www.facebook.com/IHKathmandu/videos/1547820512090634>

U.S. Embassy's Book Bus Counters Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery

As part of its discussion series The Moving Forum, the U.S. Embassy's Book Bus from Jan. 27-29 organized three-part panel discussion series titled "Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery." The eight panelists of the series included journalists, policy workers, researchers, and Trafficking-In-Persons (TIP) heroes and survivors who talked about the existing laws and policies, their own experience with anti-human trafficking efforts, and modern slavery. Participating in one of the panels, Embassy Kathmandu's Human Rights Officer praised Nepal's efforts to counter human trafficking and explained Nepal's status in the State Department's TIP report as a Tier 2 country. The zoom events were attended by over 100 registered audiences. Over 2,290 people have tuned into the Facebook live, available [here](#).



American Spaces in Nepal Celebrate African American History Month

To commemorate African American History Month, American Spaces in Nepal on Feb. 25th used Kanopy— an on-demand streaming video platform— to screen the compilation of some famous speeches of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. followed by an interaction session with the officers of the American Embassy. Emphasizing the significance of this month, the American officers noted how this month honors the contributions and stories of countless African Americans. In a discussion following the documentary screening, the officers fielded questions on a range of topics, including the recent Black Lives Matter movement in the U.S. The speakers encouraged the audiences to speak out against injustice and to have hope and optimism in life. The Facebook live of the session has 200 views so far and is available at

<https://www.facebook.com/acsurkhet/videos/189081382550687>

American Spaces in Nepal Honor International Day of Women and Girls in Science

To mark the International Day of Women and Girls in Science (Feb. 11), American Spaces in Nepal on Feb. 19 invited a young female engineer from Robotics Association of Nepal—a local tech company—for a talk program titled Successes and Challenges: Discussion on Girls and Women in STEM Fields in Nepal. Attributing lack of societal support system for the low involvement of women in STEM fields, the speaker shared her personal story to explain how she overcame these hurdles. Furthermore, she noted how her organization is working to promote women's participation in science by choosing female trainers to train girls and by reducing/waiving fees for girls who come from disadvantaged backgrounds. Broadcast live through Facebook pages of American Spaces, the program has garnered over 840 views.

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