Human Rights organization of Nepal (HURON) is one of the first human rights organizations in Nepal. From the creation in 1988, HURON played a pioneering and crucial role in the movement for the restoration of democracy. A unique feature of HURON played a pioneering and critical role in the movement for the restoration of democracy. HURON grew as a mass-based people's movement. Our greatest strength lies in our membership, who represent all political persuasions-left, right and center and they are spread throughout the country in 75 Districts. Today, HURON boasts 97,000 General Members; 3,000 Active Members and 550 Life Members in all 75 districts of Nepal.

From the beginning HURON has played a leading role in the process of democratic change in Nepal, and in the protection of human rights and civil liberties. In society HURON is working toward building an organization/movement that will be responsive to the emerging and diverse human right issues, as well as to support the strengthening of the democratic process in the country at all levels.

HURON is registered as a non-political, non-profit making organization of the District Administration Office in Kathmandu. It is a democratic organization holding elections every three years at the district and central levels.

Mission

HURON as a dynamic organization will promote human rights through advocacy, conflict resolution as well as networking and capacity building

Goals

- To monitor human rights violations and, by networking with other national, regional and international organization.
- To strengthen the democratic process and culture, with institutional capacity building at all levels.
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- To create awareness and to promote strategies to overcome social exclusion.
- To advocate for the amendment of or to initiate legislation which ensure the protection of human rights
- To empower the membership and strengthen District Chapters.

OUR COVERAGE
THIRTEENTH CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

1. President: Advocate, Mr. Indra Prasad Aryal
2. Vice President: Mr. Nanda Kumar Sharma
3. Vice President: Mr. Sambhu Kumar Lama
4. General Secretary: Mr. Mahamunishwor Acharya
5. General Secretary: Dr. Komal Prasad Subedi
6. Treasurer: Mr. Raj Kumar Raut
7. Member: Mr. Mukunda Rijal
8. Member: Mr. Khadga Prasad Bista
9. Member: Mr. Bijuli Bishwokarma
10. Member: Prof. Dr. Govinda Prasad Dhakal
11. Member: Mr. Peshal Kumar Niraula
12. Member: Mr. Raj Kumar Raut
13. Member: Asst. Prof. Mr. Bal Krishna Paudel
14. Member: Mr. Krishna Prasad Dahal
15. Member: Asst. Prof. Kailash Thakur
16. Member: Dr. Chiranjibi Bhattarai
ACTIVITIES IN DETAIL

Monitoring & Observation during Madhesh Andolan

HURON, on November 21, 2016 met senior leader of Nepali Congress Mr. Ram Chandra Poudel and submitted the Memorandum to address the issues of Madhesh. HURON visited Conflict and Blockade affected Terai Madhesh region (Saptari, Siraha, Sarlahi, Rautahat, Mahottari, Dhanusha, Bara, Parsa and Udaypur) and discussed about the pertaining issues and Human Rights in HURON’s district chapters and every District Headquarters.

Photo: HURON President Mr. Indra Prasad Aryal and General Secretary Mr. Mahamuniswor Acharya with senior leader of Nepal Congress Mr. Ram Chandra Poudel

The HURON team on December 20, 2016 met Nepali Congress Chairman Sher Bahadur Deuba regarding the issues relating to Madhesh Andolan and appealed to the big parties such as Nepal Congress to play an important role to generate solutions to resolve the issue.
Immediately on January 2, 2017 along with HURON President Indra Prasad Aryal, Mr Mahamunishor Acharya, General Secretary and Dr. Chirinjibi Bhattarai, CCM, and team met Honorable President. HURON submitted the Memorandum to address and to provide solution to Madhesh Andolan without any further delay.
On 3 February, 2017 HURON released a press statement to pressurize the release of CK Raut arrested from Dhanusha. Identifying the misinterpretation of the statement, HURON immediately released another statement on 5 February, 2017.

- To redress the misinterpretation HURON President Mr. Indra Prasad Aryal gave an interview to Avenues Television on 6 February, 2017.
- On 5 February, 2017 immediately the organizations notion was cleared by HURON President in an interview with T.V Today.
- In this matter, HURON President spread positive upshot in different communication medium but the matter still remained controversial in different sectors.
On 9th June, 2017, HURON President Mr. Indra Prasad Aryal and team met with the President of UML Mr. Khadga Prasad Oli and stated his views on Local Level Election and Madhesh Issue. President of Human Rights Organisation of Nepal Mr. Indra Prasad Aryal visited 30 districts of Hills and Terai region. HURON President Mr. Indra Prasad Aryal, requested Prime Minister Mr. K.P Oli to address the Madhesh issue as soon as possible. Prime Minister assured that the government is serious and committed for Madhesh issue.

In March 14, 2017, HURON conducted a program at Hotel Himalaya in partnership with National Human Rights Commission of Nepal titled “Nikash Kasari or How to Find Way Out to Resolve Present Political Deadlock in Nepal”. The program was inaugurated by Mr. Anup Raj Sharma, Chairperson of National Human Rights Commission. A paper presentation was done by Mr. Govinda Paudel, member of National Human Rights Commission.
The round table conference welcomed political and civil dignitaries who were as follows:

Mr. Sher Bahadur Deuba, Former Prime Minister and Party Chief of Nepali Congress (Chief Guest)
Mr. Madhav Kumar Nepal, Former Prime Minister
Dr. Baburam Bhattarai, Former Prime Minister
Mr. Subash Chandra Newang (Former House Speaker)
Mr. C.P.Mainali (Former Vice Prime Minister)
Mr. Mohan Baidhya (Party Chief, CPN-Maoist)
Mr. Sabendranath Sukla (Leader, TaMaLoPa)
Mr. Anil Jha (Former Minister and Leader, Sadbhawana Party)
Mr. Rameshwor Raya Yadav (Leader, Loktantrik Forum)
Dr. Shivaji Yadav (Leader, Sanghiya Samajbadi Forum Nepal)
Mr. Mahendra Raya Yadav (Leader, TaMaLoPa)
Mr. Surya Kiran Gurung (Chairperson, Truth and Reconciliation Commission, TRC)
Mr. Lokendra Mallik (Chairperson, Commission of Investigation on Enforced Disappeared Persons, CIEDP)
Mr. Sher Bahadur K.C (Chairperson, Nepal BAR Association)
Prof. Kapil Shrestha (Former President, HURON)
Mr. Subodh Raj Pyakurel (Chairperson, INSEC)
Mr. Charan Prasai (Former Acting Head, HURON & Human Rights Activist)
HURON with Truth & Reconciliation Commission

On 17 November 2016, the President of Human Rights Organization of Nepal, on TV and Radio, expressed his discontent on the TRC’s ability in the current Code of Conduct of Truth and Reconciliation Commission. He also suggested an amendment on the part & Code of Conduct of the Commission and submitted the proposed amendment to the Prime Minister Pushpa Kamal Dahal.

On 8 September, 2016 the President of Huron Mr Indra Prasad Aryal along with other Human Rights activists Prof. Kapil Shrestha, Subodh Raj Pyakurel, Charan Prasai, Pusparaj Poudyal, met the Honorable President of Nepal and discussed about the state of Ms. Gangamaya’s life and justice. Nepal’s contemporary issues were also discussed in this meeting.
On 17 November 2016, HURON President Mr. Indra Prasad Aryal along with senior Human Rights Activists, Mr. Charan Prasai, Prof. Kapil Shrestha, Mr. Subodh Raj Pyakurel met with Prime Minister Pushpa Kamal Dahal to bring to his attention the current Human Rights scenario of Nepal and urging the government to investigate the case of Krishna Prasad Adhikari and to protect the life of his mother Ganga Maya Adhikari who is on fast-unto-death at Bir Hospital seeking justice for the murder of her son during the decade-long Maoist insurgency.
On 2 February, 2017 (Between 9 am to 11 am), HURON opposed wearing black helmet demanding protection of Gangamaya Adhikari’s life in front of PM’s Office.

On 16 February, 2017 HURON presented a letter of memorandum to the Prime Minister, Mr. Pushpa Kamal Dahal on the subject of justice to Nanda Prasad and Gangamaya Adhikari.

HURON has been advocating the issue of Ganga Maya Adhikari since its inception. HURON has conducted more than a hundred activities including case registration in Chitwan District Court for her son Krisha Prasad Adhikari. HURON has been advocating, lobbying, providing,
legal support, assisting in case registration at Chitwan District Court, issuing Press Statements organizing sit-ins and even protesting on the streets for swift justice against the perpetrators of the murder.

Photo: HURON Team along with Human Rights Activists in a peaceful protest, Solidarity for Justice as a part of “Save Gangamaya Campaign”.

On June 7, 2017, to commemorate the 13th Death Anniversary of Mr. Krishna Prasad Adhikari, HURON along with various civil society organizations organized a peaceful demonstration of solidarity with Gangamaya Adhikari, to draw the attention of Government of Nepal. Mr. Adhikari -17 years old was killed in 2061 BS in Chitwan by then Maoist during the decade-long civil-war.

His mother, Gangamaya Adhikari has been in hunger strike for the past seven years, demanding justice for the innocent. Her husband Nanda Prasad Adhikari had passed away,
succumbing to hunger strike in 2014. Along with her husband Gangamaya Adhikari had been demanding justice for their son.

HURON President, Mr. Indra Prasad Aryal & INSEC Chairperson, Mr. Subodh Raj Pyakurel lighted lantern during the day time, wishing for the blind government to guide them to light so justice could be delivered.

**HURON with Capacity Building Programs**

HURON has begun organizing One Day Educational Programs, coordinated by Mr. Sambhu Lama in 18 district chapters for target groups of: Nepal Police, Armed Police Force, and individuals from Civil Societies, Political Party Members, HURON Human Rights Defenders, Youths and other interested participants. The Nepal Police and Armed Police Forces are given special priorities in the bordering districts of China and India.

The Capacity Building Programs have special focus on Human Rights in Law, Humanitarian Law, Human Rights and Fundamental Rights, Human Rights in Constitutions of Nepal, Refugee & Human Rights, Gentleman’s Agreement and The Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment.

These educational programs have already been conducted by Taplejung, Solukhumbhu, Rasuwa, Gorkha, Sindhupalchowk, Kaski, Mustang, Humla, Kailali, Banke, Rupendehi, Parsa, Morang, Jhapa, Kathmandu, Lalitpur, Bhaktapur and Mugu District Chapters.

Till August, 2017, HURON has given such Human Rights Education to more than 1500 participants. Human Rights Experts have been facilitating these programs. District Heads of
Police and Administration Departments, and notable Political Leaders are invited to Chair the programs.

Photo: One Day Educational Program Organized by Lalitpur District Branch
Photo: One Day Educational Program Organized by Kathmandu District Branch

Photo: One Day Educational Program Organized by Gorkha District Branch
On 10 September, 2016 HURON was re-listed in every District Administrative Office after the irregular communication between HURON and HURON’s district chapter.

On November 28, 2016, General Secretary, Mr. Mahamunishwor Acharya and Economist, Mr. Bhim Prasad Bhurtel presented a paper on Human Rights, Sustainable Development and Leadership. The paper dealt with the issues of inclusive economic growth, distribution and legal issues pertaining to human rights in juxtaposition with sustainable development.

The program was attended by Nepal Congress Leader Shashank Koirala, Ex. PM. Dr. Baburam Bhattarai, Mr. Subash Chandra Nembang, Mr. Narayankaji Shrestha, Mr. Mohan Baidhya, Mr. Ramsaran Mahat, Mr. Janardan Sharma, Mr. Pashupati Shumsher JBR, the then Minister of Tourism Jiwan Shahi and 2 dozen notable personalities. The program was conducted as a Central Program on the 68th International Human Rights Day. The paper made recommendations to the Government of Nepal by analyzing the patterns of economic development and factors affecting human rights in development issues.
HURON during Local Level Election

Being a member of Citizens Campaign Clean Election (CCCE), HURON oversaw the first and second phase of election (in 65 districts) on May 16, 2017 and June 28, 2017 along with 611 Election Observers in the first phase of election and 640 Election Observers in the second phase of election. Along with HURON, CCCE consists of INSEC, Election Observation Committee, Youth Campaign for Election, Community Radio Broadcast Association and Bahirgamit Gamit Purba Ladaku Nepal. Advocate Indra Prasad Aryal, President of HURON and Mr. Subodh Pyakurel, President of INSEC are Co-Presidents of this campaign.

HURON sends Election Observation and Monitoring Reports to the Election Commission with detailed information of Election Cycle i.e. Pre-Election, During Election and Post-Election activities. Along with our Methodologies, Major Findings and Conclusions, HURON also sends
our Recommendations and Suggestions to the Election Commission for further improvements strengthening in part of the commission.

As a part of CCCE, we have been organizing and promoting healthy election environment and reporting activities that are against the norms as set by Election Commission, making the elections unbiased and transparent. The activities under CCCE were:

- Voter Orientation and Educational Programs
- Provincial and Local Level Discussions
- Television and Radio Programs
- Public Hearings
- Election Observation & Monitoring
- Election Reporting
May 14, 2017 was a historic day for the people of Nepal as the first phase of Election was conducted by the Government of Nepal after nearly twenty year hiatus. The first phase of election was conducted of 34 districts in 6,642 polling booths. Out of 49, 56,925 registered voters there was a massive turnout of 71%. Contested by 49,071 candidates, a total of 13,556 positions in 283 Local Executives were to be decided by this first phase of local election.

HURON Central Committee Members along with 611 Election Observers oversaw the first phase of election on May 14, 2017. Among 611 Election Observers there was participation of 127 female election observers and 484 male election observers. Human Rights Organisation of Nepal completed observation of 31 districts out of 34 districts as permitted by Election Commission.

The second phase of local bodies election in Province 1, 5 and 7 saw a high turnout of 73.69% voters out of 6,532,764 registered voters to choose municipal and village councils despite threats from groups that opposed the polls. People in 35 districts voted to elect 15,038 local representatives for 334 local units.

On 28 June, voting took place in three of seven provinces, three other provinces (3, 4, 6) held elections last month and Province 2 will vote in September.

HURON Central Committee Members along with 640 Election Observers assisted the second phase of election on June 28, 2017. Among 640 Election Observers there was participation of 111 female election observers and 529 male election observers.
**HURON in Establishing Libraries**

On July 2016, HURON established libraries in ten schools in Chitwan and distributed books amounting to Rs. 4 Lakh in each school. HURON is searching for donors to help provide additional books to schools.

**HURON in Activism**

On 12 December, 2016 HURON’s President Mr. Indra Prasad Aryal and General Secretary Mahamunishor Acharya and team met Gajendra Narayan Singh in Sagarmatha Zone Hospital to demand improvement of Hospital facilities and overall health care facility and demanded for the protection of life of Mr. Bikas Tiwari who went on a hunger strike. The then Minister of Health felt under pressure and fulfilled the promise and protected the life of Mr. Tiwari by breaking his hunger strike in front of HURON and other active members.
HURON drew attention of the government on deteriorating health condition of Dr Govinda KC, demanding reforms in Nepal’s medical sector. HURON urged all the concerned authorities through various medium (Television interview, memorandum) for serious attention to Dr. KC’s life.

In the administrative intervention at Satlok Rampaldas’ ashram at Haryana in India in 2016, a few Nepali citizens were injured and a few jailed. HURON sent a letter to pressurize for releasing those jailed and the President of HURON also communicated this intent at a program organized by Nepal Tourism Board, Bhrikuti Mandap.

**Our Commitment**

Looking forward to the next year, HURON is looking forward to build capacities of local executives targeting elected women representatives from Metropolitan Cities, Municipalities, Rural Municipalities and Ward Members. The One Day Educational Program is expected to be conducted in a dozen of remaining districts of Nepal with the objective of inculcating human rights education to youths, women, security personnel and interested participants. Bordering districts with India and China will be focused.

HURON is also committed to the human rights activism of in issues pertaining to transitional justice, refugee rights and minority rights and any socio-political issues in conflict with rule of law in Nepal.

HURON is committed to protecting and promoting human rights in Nepal. As a forerunner of human rights activism in Nepal, we are always trying to better ourselves each year and pledge our complete support to UDHR and all human rights conventions ratified by the GoN and, to serve the people of Nepal in all times.