

Project Updates: November 2017

"SANJEEVANI" Souvenir (Snakes and Snakebite Special Issue) launch program:

We have launched "SANJEEVANI" Souvenir including (Snakes and Snakebite Special Issue), published by Kaligandaki Foundation Pvt. Ltd., Kawasoti, Nawalparasi, Nepal and supported by Nepal Toxinology Association, Vol. 5: year 21: 2074:

My articles "King Cobra and its Conservation" (page 36-38) and "Snakes and their Conservation" (page 46-48) were also published in this Volume. The Souvenir also contains some of the colour posters of my previous work in Rupandehi district which was funded by The Rufford Small Grants in 2016.

In this volume we have tried to cover most of the issues related to snake, snakebite and snake conservation. Beside these, many other health related articles were also published in this volume.

Kaligandaki Foundation Pvt. Ltd., Kawasoti, Nawalparasi and Nepal Toxinology Association, jointly organised the "SANJEEVANI" Souvenir launch programme at Kawasoti, Nawalparasi on 25th September 2017. The Souvenir was launched by Chandra Kumari Pun, Mayor of the Kawasoti Municipality.

In that programme, I have presented my previous work and also shared about my upcoming campaign "Save Snakes Save Nature" funded by The Rufford Small Grants. I also have shown a video "Snake Rescue -The Expert Way". I have orally translated some of the important parts of this video in Nepali to the participants. Dr Chhabilal Thapa has also given the speech about snakebite management in that programme. We are planning to distribute this "SANJEEVANI" Souvenir to all the schools/colleges and communities during our awareness campaign in Rupandehi district.

We have invited health personnel including medical doctors, nurse, health assistants; students, teachers, local political leaders, local community people and media personnel in the programme. We exhibited and distributed the Souvenir and also the posters, brochures, pamphlets to all the participants. This programme was broadcast by two of the local television channels of Nawalparasi district, Star television and Devachuli television. It was estimated that approximately; more than 100,000 people have seen our program through television channels.

"SANJEEVANI" Souvenir distribution during greeting exchange program in Rupandehi:

Shankarnagar Banbihar and Research Center, Rupandehi has organised greeting exchange programme on the occasion of Dashain, Deepawali and Chhath; the biggest festivals of Nepal, on 28th September 2017, in the presence of Basudev Ghimire, Mayor and Jageshwori Chaudhary, Deputy-Mayor of the Tilottama Municipality. During that programme, we have distributed the "SANJEEVANI" Souvenir including (Snakes and Snakebite Special Issue), published by Kaligandaki Foundation Pvt. Ltd., Kawasoti, Nawalparasi, Nepal, Vol. 5: year 21: 2074 to Shankarnagar Banbihar and Research Center, Shankarnagar Community Forest and to the participants.

Shankarnagar Banbihar and Research Center and Shankarnagar Community Forest have supported me in my previous research works in Rupandehi district. I have shared some of my experiences during my previous work in Rupandehi and also informed about my upcoming campaign "Save Snakes Save Nature" funded by The Rufford Small Grants to all the delegates in that programme.



Group photo after receiving the Souvenir.



Dr Thapa presenting our work and talking about souvenir.



Left: Souvenir launched by Mayor of Kawasoti. Right: Kamal Devkota showing video and translating into Nepali.



Left: Staff distributing souvenir. Right: Mayor talking about Development and Conservation.



President and Secretary of Banbihar Research Centre with the Mayor, talking about our conservation campaigns.