

## **BIBLIOGRAPHY OF WORKS BY RISHIKESH SHAHA**

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Rishikesh Shaha (1929–2002) was a noted scholar-statesman of Nepal, living a life replete with various turns of events in the spheres of politics, diplomacy, and human rights, among others. His political career began in the mid-1940s, while he was pursuing his university education in India, where he first founded Nepal Democratic Congress in 1946. Then till 1955, he was associated with Nepali National Congress, and worked closely with B.P. Koirala, the Congress leader who in 1959 became the first elected Prime Minister of Nepal. This career saw a four-year pause starting in the year 1956, when he was appointed as the Permanent Representative of Nepal in the United Nations, and later as the first Nepali Residential Ambassador to the United States. Then what could be called his ‘political comeback,’ he returned to Nepal following the royal takeover by King Mahendra in 1960, or with the beginning of Panchayat rule. In the newly-formed King’s cabinet, Shaha assumed ministerial posts, first as the Minister of Finance and Planning and then briefly as the Minister of Foreign Affairs. Apparently as an insider of the regime, he also headed the Royal Commission set up for drafting the Panchayat Constitution of 1962. But gradually by the middle of 1960s – for reasons both known and otherwise – he emerged as a dissident of the Panchayat system, and even faced a year-long jail sentence in 1969. Shaha’s life in the following decades was dedicated to human rights and citizen activism.

As the list of the Shaha’s works below shows, he was a prolific writer, and his writings covered a wide array of issues – mirroring the chequered career he had had in his life. His writings are also a proof that he was an accomplished writer not only in English, but also in Nepali and Hindi.

In this bibliography of the works by Shaha, I have tried to list his publications, some of which I have come across and some not. I would welcome any suggestion regarding the list directly to my email address ([tiwarirk@gmail.com](mailto:tiwarirk@gmail.com)).

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