

## Rural Reporting in Mainstream English Dailies , Annexure-I

Month	Date	TKP	Republica	THT	TRN
<i>January</i>	1	Udayapur: Maoist rift resurfaces; Biratnagar: Ethnic outfits cadres held in Sunsari and Morang	----- -----	----- -----	
	2	Report on development work in Bastipur village, Makawanpur, after crash of Agni airlines twin aircrafts in 2010; Gorkha, women taken hostage following clash between two VDCs; forest land encroached in Bardiya; Kalikot: dalit rights group decry report by informal sector service centre on death of sunar, native of jubitha vdc 4 – largely caste discrimination story.	Chitwan: Farmers uninterested to rear more cattle despite surge in milk demand (owing to lack of government subsidy).	Bajura: Snowfall affects normal life in Bajura, Accham and Doti districts.	Kapilvastu: Citizenship cards distributed.
	3	Manohara ? Bhaktapur: Two children rescued from, childcare centre in Assam; Gurdukhati, Bajura: Chhaupadi tradition where during periods women have to stay outside.	----- -----	Pyuthan: Jhimruk hydropower project site blocked by locals of Khatra and Dakhakwadi VDCs.	

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		4 Kailali village, Bhajani vdc: Story on cross border smuggling; Some stories on cold affecting various places; Border village story, largely about trade and smuggling	Kathmandu: All party mechanisms at local bodies scrapped after allegations of rampant corruption, VDCs and bureaucrats to run local bodies till parties agree on further alternatives.	----- -----	Besisahar : Wild animals causing loss to life and property at Besisahar of Lamjung,
		5 Bagmare, Dang: Money divides nomadic Raute tribe	Government to upgrade twenty villages into health models	Lalitpur: Local bodies political mechanism scrapped; Sarlahi: Eight injured in clashes between two sides in Boharwam VDC, Ramnagar.	Damak: Wild elephants kill three in Jhapa, residents of Prithvinagar village.
		6 EC stealing electricity in some VDCs to perform technical work	Feature story on Nepal's child malnutrition, silent emergency, main reporting from Accham. (AFP story).	Janakpurdham: CDO asks displaced VDC secretaries to return; Damak: Three killed in tusker attacks in Prithvinagar 5.	
		7 Ministry of local development to authorize parties to run local bodies; Printing sector in Itahari, Tarai getting insecure because of armed groups threats	Kathmandu dateline: Farmers asking for Rs 450 per quintal of sugarcane (Corporate page)	Nawalparasi: Wind energy lights up Hurhuredanda of Dhaupadi.	

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	8	Nepalgunj: Governments Mass Drugs Administration (MDA) programme against lymphatic filariasis, commonly known as elephantiasis, worries residents of Banke district after five people died and 800 were taken ill after consuming the medicine last year.	----- -----	Damauli: No trace of minor girls missing from Ghansikuwa VDC for five days; Bajura: Bajura locals from a dozen VDCs begin game on wildlife hunting, despite it being illegal; Nepalgunj: anti filariasis drug opens old wounds, ;locals refuse to take the drug after five people dies consuming it the previous year.	
	9	-----	----- -----	Damauli: Lost minor girls found after six days.	Rautahat: Literacy campaign starts (headline), but story says literacy campaign planned for nine months has not taken off in any VDC of the district even after three months of due date.

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	10	Khandbari (Kharang VDC): Court sentences five for gang raping nun	Dhankuta: Four get twelve years for raping nun (at Kharang VDC).	Damak: Frequent elephant attacks terrify villagers of Jhapa and Morang.	
	11	Nijgadh (Bara): Old tragedy, of an inferno at an oil depot, continues to haunt locals	----- -----	Bajura: Cold kills minor in Barabise 1; Bajura: Teen from Kalsen at Kotila VDC missing for eight days.	
	12	Baglung: Locals seek land occupied by army; Baitadi: No steps taken to investigate allegations of selling food provided by World Food Programme, despite orders from Commission of Investigation of Abuse of Authority	Kathmandu dateline: Government initiates process of developing ten small settlements along Puskpa-lal Midhill highway into big towns to stem out migration (front page).	Mugu: Winter chill hits Mugu people hard; Mahendranagar: VDC office padlocked.	
	13	Kalikot, Sipkhana VDC 1: Online clinic saves a life; House committee (Development committee) starts discussions to draw attention of government to hold local body elections immediately	Kathmandu: House panel to order interim polls for local bodies.	Beni: Snow blankets three districts in Myagdi, Gorkha, Gulmi.	
	14	Salyan, Debasthal: Parents keep mentally challenged child captive for lack of money to treat him	----- -----	----- -----	

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	15	Bajura district, VDC 8: Teacher attempts to rape woman	----- -----	Accham: Schools inflate student date to receive government perks; Itahari: Srilanka Tapu folks deprived of basic needs; Nepalgunj: Maternal Mortality Rate high in Banke.	Nepalgunj: Four die of cold in Punma VDC, Jajarkot.
	16	Baglung district: Visually impaired sisters teaching differently abled children in school; Bajhang district: Female community health volunteers demand facilities from government, claim has not done enough.	Dharan: Tusker attack victim in Bahundangi VDC (eastern Jhapa) loses lifelong savings in treatment.	Rajbiraj: Badhai warns of stringent protest.	Gulmi: MoLD Rayamajhi says local polls best alternative to run local bodies.
	17	-----	----- -----	Damauli: Pregnant woman finds dead, suspicion falls on in-laws; Rajbiraj: Locals of Saptari district protest against outage.	

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	18	Accham district, Barala VDC: Woman dies in Chhaupadi confinement; Bajura, VDC 5: Intra caste violence.	Accham district: Woman dies in Chhaupadi confinement	Sarlahi: Sarlahi local development officer absent for weeks; Bajura: Intra-caste violence, Dalits thrash members of the same community(though lower social rank) for touching wedding food.	
	19	Tanahun: Woman returns after four-month ordeal from Saudi Arabia.	----- -----	----- -----	
	20	-----	Dharan: Five of family die in fire in Rajarani-6, Dhankuta.	----- -----	
	21	Bagmare VDC, Dang: Feature story on adult literacy programme for women and its impact.	----- -----	----- -----	
	22	----- -	----- -----	Siraha: Land belonging to a school in Kalyanpur VDC occupied by unauthorized settlers; Siraha: Siraha VDC assistant abducted.	

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	23	Hetauda: Compensation for land acquisition for Kathmandu-Nijgad fast track.	----- -----	----- -----	Jhapa: Rape cases on the rise in the district with several incidents reported in many VDCs.
	24	----- --	Udayapur: Blind woman from Nalatukucha VDC, Kawarepalanchowk, provides for family of seven by working as a teacher (front page).	Dipayal: Poverty up in far-west region (Both people of the mountain region and those in rural areas are living below the poverty line).	

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	25	Tatopani (border area of Nepal-China): US interested in aiding economic and social development here; Government carrying out National Agriculture Census for first time to study overall scenario of agriculture in the country.	Kathmandu: Officials working at local level urge ministry of local development to look for alternative mechanism for local governance (being unable to run local bodies after all party mechanisms running them were dismantled earlier in the month); Banepa: Production of lapsi titaura emerges as major business activity for locals in Sanga of Kavre district (markets page); Kathmandu: Ministry of Commerce and Supplies set to propose kerosene subsidy for rural poor.	Dhading: Ministry of physical planning and works to build houses for 100 Chepang families in Dhading this year; Column on local government structures.	



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	26	Mugu district: Only government hospital faces shortage of medicines.	----- -----	----- -----	Bhimduttanagar: Primary School of Dekhatbhuli Village Development Committee-6, Chitrapur, closed facing student shortage; Pashupatinagar: Girl with speech impairment from Godak Village Development Committee-9 gang raped.
	27	Parbat, Bajung VDC 4: Mystery illness haunts sisters, inability to identify the condition.	----- -----	----- -----	
	28	----- --	----- -----	Barahbise: Village on climate change frontline (front-page); Bajura: Severe cold kills elderly in Bajura; Kathmandu: Japan pledges financial assistance for maternal health in Dallekh district.	Kanchanpur, Belauri: Flood victims of the district lead difficult life without any rehabilitation.

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	29	-----	-----	Nuwakot: Three killed, 28 injured in road accidents in two districts.	
	30	Story on sandalwood smuggling in border districts (Nepal-China) - front page	-----	-----	
	31	Feature story on village in Kaski district setting a good example by offering "home-stay" to visiting tourists	Kathmandu: Lack of basic facilities discourages doctors from taking up responsibilities in remote districts.		
<i>February</i>	1	-----	-----	Kathmandu: No provision to monitor government staffers running local bodies in the absence of elected representatives.	
	2	-----	Prastoka (Bara): Muslims in Belhia in Prastoka VDC of the district chipping in for Mahayagna.	-----	
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	4	Feature story on rural women taking Nepal forward	-----	-----	

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	5	-----	-----	Page on maoist combatants, human interest stories from villages as well; Accham: Chhaupadi kills teenager in Dhakari VDC.	Ilam: Bird flu confirmed in Phakphok VDC-2 of Ilam district.
	6	Accham, Dhakari VDC: Woman dies in chhaupadi shed	-----	Itahari/Ilam: Dead fowl test positive for bird flu (front page).	Inaruwa: Nearly 2,000 bird flu infected chickens culled at Pathivara Poultry Farm in Khanar Village Development Committee of Sunsari district
	7	Myagdi: Migrant workers aid Myagdi development		Itahari/Ilam: Culling begins in bird flu-hit areas; Nepalgunj: anti filariasis campaign flops with locals still terrorized by last year's tragedy when the drug killed some people.	

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	8	Satherjora -8, Sunsari: 500 fowls die in yet another part of the district; UN rep claims decline in poverty but rural-urban gap continues.	----- -----	----- -----	Jumla (Chhumachaur): Despite government's prohibition, several under-age couples married regularly off at Patmara, Dillichaur and Patarasi Village Development Committees of Chaudabisha.
	9	Ghachowk, Kaski district: Higher secondary school receives foreign aid.	----- -----	Itahari: Wild elephants give sleepless nights to displaced victims of the Koshi flood living in Sunsari; Itahari: Bird flu scare in Sunsari.	
	10	----- -----	Dolakha: Two electrocuted and four injured in high voltage surge in Magapauwa VDC of the district.	----- -----	
	11	----- -----	----- -----	Itahari: Elephantiasis vaccine kills Morang minor.	

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	12	----- ---	----- -----	----- -----	
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	14	Page on development: One story on community forestry in Gorkha municipality 10.	----- -----	----- -----	
	15	-----	----- -----	----- -----	Jhapa: Locals nervous after bird flu detection.
	16	-----	----- -----	Itahari: Bird flu resurfaces in Sunsari.	
	17	----- -	----- -----	Dhading: 20,000 fowls die in Dharke.	
	18	Faparbari VDC, Makwanpur: Mentally ill man kills 3 daughters (front page); weekend special feature story on <i>sukuls</i> and natives (traditional Mahajan agrarian clan) of Thasi or Sanogaon who have been weaving these for generations.	Baghauda village two, Chitwan: Widow beaten to death for practicing witchcraft.	Sarlahi: Four held with arms; Chitwan: Widow burnt alive for practicing witchcraft in Bhagauda village 2.	
	19	----- --	----- -----	Itahari: Khas Kshetris warn of agitation if state does not recognize them as an ethnic group	

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	20	----- --	Phaparbari (Makawanpur district): Murderer father shocks villagers, man believed to be mentally ill (Page 1).	Rukum: Khara ideal settlement development plan aimed for families of war victims of Khara VDC delayed due to political interference.	Dhankuta: Minister for Local Development Top Bahadur Rayamajhi reiterates all-party mechanism at all local bodies to be formed soon.
	21	Chandibhanjyang-9 in Chitwan: Teenager death in police violence shuts Chitwan.	----- -----	----- -----	
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	23	----- ---	----- -----	Sindhulimadi: Villagers suffer with VDC secretaries not returning to rural VDCs from the headquarters.	
	24	----- ---	Chitwan: Widow witch burning was planned murder.	Pyuthan: 28 houses gutted in the village as fire from jungle enters Tehrathum settlement.	
	25	----- ---	----- -----	Bajhang: School is Salnapalesha VDC fakes student enrolment figures.	

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	26	----- ---	Nepalgunj: Four, including bride, die in tractor accident in Kharkhola of Bardiya district (Page 1).	Itahari: Fire destroys 16 houses in Sunsari; Siraha: Police, Maoists thrash local villagers, misbehave with women; Dharan: Miracle birth of triplets in Jhapa.	
	27	----- ---	----- -----	Itahari: Defective fire engines lie idle as fire casualties rise.	
	28	----- ---	Nepalgunj: Government nurses work at private hospitals.	----- -----	
	29	Baireni VDC, Dhading village mourns two victims of the Kathmandu blast (authorities suspected the duo could have been linked with group that perpetrated the blast); Writ filed in Supreme Court demanding local elections be held at the earliest.	Itahari: Srilanka Tappu villagers halt pilot channels work (villagers displaced by Kosi floods have stopped the work that changes the course of river in protest); Chitwan: Faith healer who had accused widow of practicing witchcraft confesses he knows nothing about the healing.	Baireni: Baireni mourns Kathmandu blast victims from its villages.	

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<i>March</i>	1	----- ----	Kathmandu: Government drafts criteria for model villages (MoLD drafts 14-point model village development programme management directive, 2010, according to which government can declare any VDC a model village if it meets the criteria set out by the MoLD ).	Itahari: Hundreds of houses pulled down along banks of Budhi Khola river in Sundarpur -8 of Morang.	
	2	----- ----	----- -----	Kathmandu: Ministry of Health and Population seeking to convert 20 villages from five development regions to 'model healthy villages', invited applications from VDCs to finally select on basis of set criteria.	



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	3	----- -----	----- -----	Lalitpur: Ministry of Local Development set to issue warning letters to 28 district development committees for financial irregularities; Damak: 34 houses burnt down in Beldangi refugee camp.	
	4	Shivabarwa 1, Parsa district: Man kills wife	Lamabaghar (Dolakha): Villagers of Lapchi request Chinese ambassador to waive tax on yak grazing; Chitwan: Two maoist combatants held with smuggled timber by locals of Jutpani 1, Kholesimal; Pokhra: Tourists to enjoy village safari on sub, initiative by tour company to promote rural tourism (corporate page).	Birgunj: Man kills wife in Shibarba VDC 1; Narayangadh: PLAs arrested for smuggling wood.	

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	5	Aruchaur, Syngja: Octogenarian actively involved in development work.	----- -----	Biratnagar: Parents arrested for attempting to marry off minor for money in Kerabari 9.	
	6	Bairiya, Banke district: Tribulations faced by conflict victim	----- -----	----- -----	
	7	Shisuwa VDC, Kaski: Mother kills two daughters, self.	----- -----	Rukum: Police team help poverty ridden 13-year old boy of Khalanga-7 pursue his studies.	
	8	Musedhap, Makawanpur: Underprivileged Bankariya community deprived of housing plan.	----- -----	Itahari: Nepali woman from Urlabari, Morang in Saudi in distress, calls on government for help; Biratnagar: Man in Hasanandaha, Morang held for human trafficking by locals and handed over to police; Rautahat: Locals of Samanpur in Rautahat attack police post to protest an arrest.	

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	9	-----	-----	Rajbiraj: Brother killed over property row; Kathmandu: Nepali Congress to launch a village-centric awareness campaign; Kathmandu: Government aims to double agriculture budget.	
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	11	Kasera in Khare, Dolakha district: Successful surgery gives hope to family with hair abnormality (excessive hair on face etc.).	-----	Birgunj: 12-year old girl raped in Sonbarsa VDC, Parsha.	
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	13	-----	Jajarkot: Health officials worry about diarrhea outbreak in Jajarkot after 400 people were killed by cholera two years back.	Dhankuta: Wildfire rages on in Dhankuta.	Kathmandu: Villages of Jhapa, Sunsari districts declared as bird flu hit zones.
	14	-----	Kathmandu: Government to ask state-owned banks to reinstate rural branches; Kathmandu: Ministry to address farmer's concerns.	-----	
	15	-----	-----	Itahari: Talks between government and Koshi flood victims.	

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	16	Hemja, Kaski: Village produces potatoes worth Rs 230 million per annum.	Kathmandu: government agrees to review Agriculture Development Strategy draft team (Business page).	Pathalैया: Hybrid maize yielding corn-less cobs sparks farmers' protest in Nijgadh Bara (Front page).	
	17	----- ---	----- -----	Damauli: Three killed in tractor accidents; Rautahat: Minor girl of Katahariya gang raped by three youngsters.	
	18	Kholgsom, Rukum: War victim's torture endless.	----- -----	----- -----	
	19	----- ---	----- -----	Pathalैया: Experts begin testing corn-less cobs in Bara.	
	20	----- ---	----- -----	Pathalैया: Poverty forces mother in Amawa, Padari to kill kids, hang self (front page).	
	21	----- ----	Dhankuta: Three of family murdered Khartamachha VDC .	----- -----	

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	22	----- ----	----- -----	Taplejung: Forest fire in Dokhu VDC-based Dhunse forest kills couple.	
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	24	----- ---	Surkhet: Daughter kills parents after being caught in illicit act in Raniban village of Dailekh district.	Itahari: Police says Sunsari turning into safe haven for weapons' trade; Parasi: Armed robbery in Tilakpur VDC of Nawalparasi district.	
	25	Dang: Dwindling population of nomadic tribe Rautes a cause of concern.	----- -----	Kathmandu: Government mulls local body elections; Bara: Farmers protesting against corn-less cob halt agitation.	Bhakatpur: Minister for Local Development Top Bahadur Rayamajhi says ministry mulling over setting up new mechanism to handle the local bodies.
	26	----- ----	----- -----	Rautahat: Youth shot dead.	

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	27	----- ----	----- -----	Arghakhanchi: Avian flu suspected in Divarna VDC.	
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	29	----- ----	Biratnagar: Jhinja's notorious dacoits active in Morang.	----- -----	
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	31	----- ----	Pyuthan: Shrapnel in girl's body (hailing from Khalanga 9,Bbudhachaur) even after 11 years since family has no money to get it removed.	Accham: HIV positive boy from Maku VDC dies after parents refuse to provide him proper care.	

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