Bibliography

TARAI STUDIES: A BIBLIOGRAPHY

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It is often said that the Tarai has received very little scholarly attention. If that is true, more works focused on this important area of Nepal (and northern South Asia) and its inhabitants would be welcome. However it also seems to be the case that many research works, both published and unpublished ones, related to the Tarai have not received the attention they deserve from researchers. To address the latter lack, we have compiled a bibliography of works related to the Tarai as an aid for further research.

By no means is this bibliography a complete one. High in our priority of inclusion were masters' level thesis done at various departments of Tribhuvan University and other research works done at its various institutes. Also high in our priority were works commissioned by the Nepali Government and non-governmental institutions. We have deliberately left out many works of scholars known to have devoted their attention to the Tarai and listed only some of their more important contributions. Researchers interested in longer lists of such work must refer to the bibliographies found, for instance, in the works of Richard Burghart, Dilli Ram Dahal, Frederick Gaige, Krishna Ghimire, Arjun Guneratne, Hari Bansh Jha, V.B.S. Kansakar, Gisèle Krauskopff, Ulrike Müller-Böker, Durga P Ojha, Drone P Rajaure, Nanda R Shrestha and others. Helpful bibliographies are also to be found in edited volumes such as Skar 1999 and Y. Yadava 1999. Previously published general bibliographies of works on Nepal (e.g., Whelpton 1990) and special bibliographies (e.g., Krauskopff 1995) also contain many entries related to the Tarai. The English section does not contain newspaper articles.¹

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