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New Leadership in Swatantrata Abhiyan Nepal

Swatantrata Abhiyan Nepal convened its 13th Annual General Meeting (AGM) and 5th Convention in September 2025. A new Nine member Executive Committee was elected during the 5th Convention.

We extend our warm congratulations to the newly elected Executive Working Committee.

The newly elected committee is committed to strengthen the organization and advance its vision and mission for Freedom from fear, Slavery, Deprivation and Discrimination.

Chairperson: Ms. Sarita Neupane

General Secretary: Ms. Writu Bhatta Rai

Executive Secretary: Ms. Goma Bhandari

Treasurer: Ms. Rama Ramtel

Members:

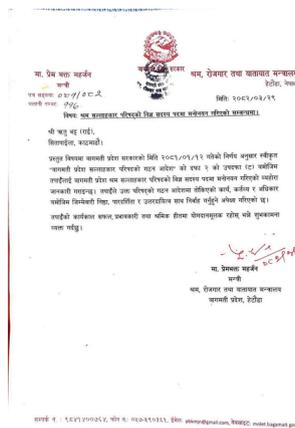
Ms. Tilarupa Acharya.
Ms. Manita Dharel,
Ms. Milan Adhikary
Mr. Ashok Raj Pande
Ms. Ambika Shrestha

Social Audit 2025



Swatantrata Abhiyan Nepal successfully conducted the Social Audit 2025, a vital platform to review, reflect, and ensure transparency and accountability in its programs and initiatives. The event brought together representatives from government bodies, civil society organizations, partners, and community members to collectively assess the organization's achievements, challenges, and future directions.

SAN General Secretary Writu Bhatta Rai Appointed to Bagmati Province Labour Advisory Council!



We are thrilled to announce that our General Secretary, Ms. Writu Bhatta Rai, has been nominated as a member of the Labour Advisory Council of Bagmati Province! This prestigious appointment recognizes Ms. Rai's unwavering dedication to workers' rights, social justice, and child protection. Her commitment continues to be a source of inspiration for everyone at Swatantrata Abhiyan Nepal (SAN) and our partners. We wish Ms. Rai a successful and impactful tenure and look forward to the positive contributions she will make toward strengthening labour governance and promoting equitable workplaces across the province.

Leading the Charge: SAN Joins Defence for Children International (DCI) Network



Defence for Children International (DCI) is a leading global movement dedicated to promoting and protecting the rights of children worldwide. With National Sections and Associated Members active across four continents, DCI works to advance child rights by addressing issues most relevant to each national context, such as access to education, protection from exploitation, and the promotion of justice for children.

In Nepal, Swatantrata Abhiyan Nepal (SAN) has been officially recognized as the National Section of DCI. This recognition marks a significant milestone in SAN's journey as a child rights organization. Through this partnership, SAN joins a global network of advocates working collectively to ensure that every child enjoys freedom, dignity, and justice. It also reinforces SAN's leadership in national efforts to combat child labour, forced labour, and human trafficking. Together with DCI, SAN aims to strengthen child protection systems, influence policy reforms, and promote meaningful participation of children in decision-making processes that affect their lives.

“Building Inclusive Futures: Our Youth at International Youth Conference 5.0”



Swatantrata Abhiyan Nepal participated in the International Youth Conference 5.0. Representatives Ms. Suva BC and Ms. Shraddha Dangol discussed child labor, emergencies, unpaid care work, gender equality, climate change, education, and road safety. Together with youth worldwide, they reaffirmed their commitment to a just, safe, and inclusive future for all children and young people.

Working Towards a Child Labor-Free in Namobuddha



Training for the Gov officials on OSH and exposure to hazards and hazardous pesticides,



Swatantrata Abhiyan Nepal, with support from the FAO and in collaboration with the Ministry of Labour, Employment, and Social Security (MoLESS), organized a training on Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) and exposure to hazardous pesticides on 14 July 2025 at the Plant Quarantine and Pesticide Management Center, Lalitpur.

The training brought together 27 officials from 26 municipalities across Kathmandu, Lalitpur, Bhaktapur, and Kavrepalanchok, enhancing their understanding of OSH and child protection in agriculture. Participants expressed commitment to integrating these learnings into local programs. The initiative represents a positive step toward safer and more sustainable agricultural practices that safeguard children and promote decent work.



Swatantrata Abhiyan Nepal, together with FAO Nepal and the Ministry of Labour, Employment and Social Security (MoLESS), organized a consultation meeting with elected representatives and officials of Namobuddha Municipality. MoLESS facilitated discussions on the definitions of child labour, child work, and hazardous child work, emphasizing the importance of local ownership in eliminating child labour.

Participants explored effective practices, action plans, and community-based strategies to ensure the rights, protection, and wellbeing of all children. This collaboration represents a significant step toward promoting sustainable, community-driven solutions to make Namobuddha a model child labour-free municipality.

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Swatantrata Abhiyan Nepal continues to work tirelessly to promote children's rights, eliminate child labour, road safety and advocate for social justice. We actively engage with government bodies, civil society organizations, communities, and development partners to influence policies, raise awareness, and create safer and equitable environments for children and vulnerable populations.

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