

# **PARTNERSHIP FOR TRANSPARENCY FUND**

## **Project Completion Assessment of FACT (Nepal)'s Media Campaign Against Corruption**

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# Executive Summary

The Forum Against Corruption and Turmoil Nepal (FACT) has completed one- year radio programme against corruption and good governance. It broadcast the programme through Adhyatma Jyoti, a popular 104.8 MHZ Kathmandu Valley FM, that concentrates mainly on spiritual and moral themes.

The programme entitled Hamro Chaso (Our Concern) used to be aired from 18.00 hours to 19.00 hrs. every Friday. Its signature tune, theme, contents and style of presentation have impressed a sizable audience in the Valley over the period. Episodes of the programme had three tracks: the first focused on news and latest information; the second concentrated on specific action against corruption and the final constituted interactive dialogue on various themes under corruption-control and good governance.

Listeners term the programme "highly informative" and "empowering" in the fight against corruption. Government officials also laud it for its awareness building capacity. The anti-corruption bodies found in it " a very useful tool" to disseminate information on action against corruption. FM operators thought " it helped create anti-corruption climate."

Its sudden discontinuation from October –end, 2004 has, therefore, disappointed all of them. "It has created a serious vacuum in the media campaign against corruption," noted a journalist broadcaster in Kathmandu. Since there is no other similar broadcast programme on the theme in the Valley, anti-corruption bodies and civil society feel the silence of Hamro Chaso could be a great setback in the fight against the cancerous vice. The FM and the Forum are currently receiving audience pressure for re-commencement of the programme.

Partnership for Transparency Fund provided a grant of 3,573 US \$ for FACT to run the media campaign against corruption through radio. The amount helped FACT partially meet the financial need. It mobilized other resources – all of them voluntary – for producing and airing the programme on a regular basis.

FACT opened an office, mobilized people to contribute to it voluntarily and launched the Campaign against corruption through air on November 21, 2003.

FACT should continue the programme, extend it to other areas of the country and further consolidate it on a professional basis. It should have a separate production unit for the programme with facilities to report, record and coordinate. Donors in aiding FACT for this purpose will be actually supporting the broad anti-corruption movement in Nepal.

### Current State of Emergency in the country

The country is under State of Emergency since February 1, 2005. The media have not been banned, but there are restrictions for the press. FMs cannot broadcast news. They should concentrate only on entertainment, educational programme.

In the changed scenario, special emphasis has been given on anti-corruption activities and transparency. This point has served as great hope for anti-corruption workers in Nepal. The relevance of Hamro Chaso has been felt further in the changed context. In view of the leniency and stability restored in first three weeks after the declaration of Emergency, programmes like Hamro Chaso would have no problem in going on air again.

FACT as an organization

FACT is an NGO actively engaged in anti-corruption activities. It has made itself known in the civil society of Nepal through its activities particularly the audio programme it launched through Adhyatma Jyoti FM.

It is operating the Organization mainly on voluntary basis. The Executive Committee, the top body of the Organization, guides it both in planning and implementation of activities. The details about the Committee are given below:

## **FACT Nepal -Executive Committee**

<b>President and Chairperson</b>	<b>:Mr. Prakash C. Bhattarai, MA (Sociology)</b>
<b>Vice President</b>	<b>:Mr. Bidhya Adhikari, MA (English)</b>
<b>Secretary General</b>	<b>:Mr. Arun Kattel, MA (Sociology)</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>:Mr. Jagadiswar Shrestha, B.Com.</b>
<b>Members</b>	<b>:Ms. Rakshya Jangam, B.E.</b>
	<b>:Mr. Binod Kumar Koirala, B. Ed.</b>
	<b>:Mr. Anup Jangam, B.E.</b>
	<b>:Mr. Dilep Kumar Paudel, B.A.</b>
	<b>:Mr. Raju Pd. Khanal, M. Ed.</b>

The Office of the FACT is in Bijulibazar area, some 4 kilometer east of downtown Kathmandu.

FACT has in accordance with the original project objectives produced the programme and aired the same on a regular basis during November 21, 2003 – October 29, 2004 period. It has documents to prove that it has reported the same to PTF.

During the implementation, FACT has learnt a number of lessons given below:

- Such anti-corruption media programme cannot be operated only through voluntary workers. There should be a full time team for the same.
- The programmes it produced and aired had an impressive audience. It has discovered a hitherto undiscovered "audience" of anti-corruption radio programme.
- Donors' support for such radio programme would directly contribute to media campaign against corruption.
- FACT should develop into a professional institute for producing and airing the programme. The year-long programme has provided a sound foundation for FACT to launch and consolidate anti-corruption programme.

Brief description of episodes

The episodes follow a three - tier format, which could be considered appropriate. The fillers in between the tracks served as journalistic spice and change in the flow of the programme. (See for details Annex –1 )

A survey of the 50 episodes aired between November 21, 2003 and October 29, 2004 reveals a well packaged anti-corruption media programme. Had there been input of FACT's own on the spot coverage of events, the package would have been highly excellent.

## Methodology

### Methodology adopted for Project Completion Assessment

The assessment has been made on the basis of multi-dimensional study of FACT's Hamro Chaso. They are as follows:

- Focus Group Discussion
- Listeners' response
- Interaction with broadcaster
- Interaction with FACT
- Media Analysis

## Focus group discussion with listeners

A focus group discussion was held to feel the impact of the FACT radio programme Hamro Chaso on different days of the last week of January, 2005. Some 20 listeners picked up at random in various parts of the Valley were approached for this. The methodology adopted for the discussion was as follows:

All were asked these questions:

- Have you listened to Hamro Chaso?
- Can you name one particular programme that impressed you most?
- Do you think such programmes will help raise awareness against corruption?
- Should this programme continue?
- What do you think about the presentation?

The listeners' response was as follows:

In answer to the first question, all 20 said they listened to the programme.

Regarding the second question, five of them said the twenty ninth episode impressed them most; four did not know the episode but mentioned the one with corruption activities of Nepal Oil Corporation was excellent to them. Four others found the programme that featured Dr. Hemanta Dawadi highly interesting. Three said the episode that featured the interview with leftist politician Mrs. Sahana Pradhan was really impressive. Two did not name any episode but said all of them are equally interesting. Two pointed out the episode that broadcast the interview with Dr. Durga Pokhrel was highly appealing.

As for Hamro Chaso raising awareness against corruption, sixteen ( 80 %) plainly said "it definitely does." Two (10 %) opined it could make people develop anti-corruption mindset. One (5 %) thought some components of the programme helped raise awareness while one (5 %) hoped such programmes would be effective.

Answering question on continuation of the programme, 19 (95%) said "It should continue." One ( 5%) thought it should continue with some improvement.

Responding to another query, all listeners liked the presentation. However, they advised the broadcaster to introduce field reporting, update information, introduce variety, and involve listeners.

During the general discussion they said in one voice: Hamro Chaso has been highly effective. It has made officials in government offices conscious and ordinary people have found themselves more informed by listening to the programme.

Focus Group discussion gives the impression that the FACT programme has a solid conceptual base and should be continued for maintaining the movement against corruption. Its reach should be expanded throughout the country in a phase-wise manner.

Response to the questionnaire

Questionnaire for listeners picked up at random (only 25)

1. Have you heard the programme Hamro Chaso?  
a) yes 23      b) no 2
2. Do you know the producer of the programme?  
a) yes 20      b) no 5
3. What is it that you like most in the programme?  
a) emphasis on anti-corruption 15    b) information about corruption cases 10
4. How do you evaluate the programme Hamro Chaso?  
a) excellent 18    b) good 6    c) bad 0    d) not impressive 1
5. Is it a good idea to continue such programmes in FM?  
a) yes 24      b) no 0
6. Has Hamro Chaso changed your mindset on the issue of corruption?  
a) yes 25      b) no
7. Are you happy with the time of broadcast?  
a) yes 20      b) no 5
8. Will Hamro Chaso-type of programme be able to control corruption in Nepal?  
a) yes 18      b) no 7
9. What do you think the programme should do in future?  
a) cover corruption cases directly on the spot 20    b) report corruption indirectly 5
10. Do you like the style of presentation?  
a) yes 22      b) no 3

Indicators obtained from the listeners' response could be summarized below:

- The programme Hamro Chaso is popular and is heard most. (Response to question 1)
- The producer is known but some do not care about it. (Response to question 2)
- Anti-corruption should be stressed while maintaining flow of information about corruption cases. (Response to question 3)
- Hamro Chaso is excellent and to some it is good. (Response to question 4)
- The programme should be continued. (Response to question 5)
- Hamro Chaso is effective. (Response to question 6)
- Current timing is o.k. but it could be reviewed. (Response to question 7)
- The programme will contribute to control of corruption. (Response to question 8)
- On the spot coverage should be emphasized in future. (Response to question 9)
- The style is palatable but it could be changed over time. (Response to question 10)

The following table shows the same in brief.



## Listeners' response in brief

Question	Yes	No	Inf or ma tion	Empha sis	Excell ent	Good	Bad	Not Impres sive	Direct covera ge	Indirec t covera ge	Indicat ors
1. Have you heard the programme Hamro Chaso?	23 (92%)	2 (8%)									Popul ar
2. Do you know the producer of the programme?	20 (80%)	5 (20%)									Famil iar
3. What is it that you like most in the programme			15 (60%)	10 (40%)							Anti-corrup tion and infor mation flow
4. How do you evaluate the programme Hamro Chaso?					18 (72%)	6 (24%)	0	1 (4%)			Excel lent
5. Is it a good idea to continue such programmes in FM?	24 (96%)	0									Conti nuati on
6. Has Hamro Chaso changed your mindset on the issue of corruption?	25 (100%)										Effec tiven ess
7. Are you happy with the time of broadcast?	20 (80%)	5 (20%)									Appr opriat e and room for adjus tment
8. Will Hamro Chaso-type of programme be able to control corruption in Nepal?	18 (72%)	7 (28%)									Instru mental
9. What do you think the programme should do in future?									20 (80%)	5 (20%)	On the spot cover age
10. Do you like the style of presentation?	22 (88%)	3 (12%)									Palat able with room for innov ation

## Interaction with Broadcaster

Broadcaster of the programme - Mr. Manoj Tiwari of FM Adhyatma Jyoti - appears highly pleased to have "aired Hamro Chaso." It is in line with the philosophy of our FM and we would like to recommence the broadcast, he said answering a question.

Mr. Tiwari was requested to answer the following questions as part of evaluation of the anti-corruption programme:

- Have you received any objectionable comment from the public on Hamro Chaso?
- How do you find FACT people as producer of radio programme?
- Do you think such programmes will help raise awareness against corruption?
- Should this programme continue?
- What do you think about the presentation?

Mr. Tiwari answering the queries made it clear that no episode under Hamro Chaso raised objection from the public. The Adhyatma Jyoti receives feed back from the audience from time to time- sometimes immediately after the airing of the programme, and sometimes later. As for the anti-corruption programme produced by FACT, we have received series of feedbacks on different occasions, he said adding none of them, however, questioned the accuracy, balance or credibility – the so called A,B, C of journalism – of reports inserted in the programme. Most were direct appreciation of the programme, a few were queries and some were suggestive, he added. "When AJ FM stopped presenting the programme, listeners started questioning why it was discontinued. There is actually a pressure from listeners to re-commence the programme."

Mr. Tiwari in reply to the second question said "FACT has given us the impression that they can produce programme for radio within deadline focusing on the theme. Of course, there are times when they had a great rush for finalizing the script and sound effect. But overall, their production should be termed professional." Although they worked for the programme as volunteer, they contributed their most to it and that is the reason why they could make their organization known to the public in a short time, he noted.

He thought such programmes were effective instruments for raising awareness against corruption.

As for continuity of the programme, he said, "it should continue to be aired at any cost."

Mr. Tiwari expressed satisfaction at the presentation of the programme. "Of course the producers could think in future of adding some variety and diversity in style and coverage with a view to augmenting the quality of the programme."

## Interaction with FACT

FACT officials Mr. Prakash Bhattarai and Arun Kattel are the main motive force behind the programme. They feel encouraged by their year - long production and broadcast of Hamro Chaso. Their voluntary service in FACT and operation of the programme stand as best examples of youths' positive contribution to a great cause of the country, said a Civil Society member in Kathmandu. In an interaction they said they would like to consolidate the media campaign that they have undertaken through radio.

Despite various difficulties in reporting and recording, FACT has been able to maintain the regularity of the programme, said Mr. Bhattarai answering a question. Lack of resources and inability to recruit professional people to operate the programme could be termed as the main obstacles before FACT, he added. He underlined the need to have an office having minimum facilities and a room that can serve as a recording studio for producing more effective programmes.

Producing a broadcast quality anti-corruption programme on a regular basis is a full time job, and FACT has learnt that this cannot be maintained only through voluntary service, he said pointing out the need to give the programme a completely professional shape. FACT came into existence because of volunteers' concept; set up office through voluntary contribution – the computer, furniture and other goods in its Bijulibazar office are donations from volunteers – and ran the programme basically through voluntary service. The grant received from Partnership for Transparency Fund has been very useful for FACT in meeting some portion of its financial requirements, noted Mr. Bhattarai.

Referring to the response received from the listening public, Mr. Kattel observed "it is basically their enthusiasm that has fueled each next episode of Hamro Chaso." Had people not taken interest in our programme and had the AJ FM not allowed us time we would not have been able to be so regular in presentation of the programme. Previously the people doubted about the success of the programme, but now they are inspiring to go deeper into cases of corruption, added Mr. Kattel.

Response to questions:

Both of them answered some questions thus:

Do you think your programme has achieved the objectives set at the outset?

Yes, definitely.

Has the design of the programme Hamro Chaso reflected the spirit of the original project?

Yes. Whatever programme we have produced has actually been in line with the spirit of the original project.

What has been your implementation experience?

It has been great. We have learnt a lot over time. We have learnt to focus on creating awareness against corruption; we have learnt ways of reporting corruption information; and disseminating information about anti-corruption activities; we have learnt the

importance of professionalism in radio programme particularly the need for on the spot reporting and requirement of a recording equipments.

In the organizational sector, we have made ourselves more organized now than in the beginning. The coordination we could bring about between FACT, AJ FM and corruption news sources should be further consolidated.

What is the impact of your programme?

The impact of the programme is clear: listeners have found it informative and educative, anti-corruption bodies find the programme highly relevant; decision makers appreciate our approach for clean society; corruption cases particularly instances of irregularity and bribe travel to us through people who have been regular listeners of Hamro Chaso; and the media people consider Hamro Chaso as a great contribution of the press.

Has the programme helped you in the institutional development?

Since FACT and the programme are being operated on voluntary basis, both have not yet been institutionalized in the real sense of the term. But the experience gathered so far has inspired us to produce the programme and run FACT through fully institutionalized mechanism. We are determined to institutionalize what we have done so far and what we do in future.

What next?

We have developed a plan and are determined to implement the same in future. We are prepared to mobilize resources for this and maintain the momentum we have generated for the movement against corruption through radio.

## Media - analysis

Hamro Chaso has been analyzed from various four ways – approach (Table 1), interviews (Table 2), issues (Table 3) and presentation (Table 4) - as per the spirit of media analysis. The Tables that follow depict the same in simplified manner. Episodes have been picked up for the purpose on random basis. (For details, please refer to Annex 1)

The approach has first been examined from the view –point of theme-focus, stress, purpose and style. Various episodes such as 1, 5, 10, 16, 19, 29, 35, 40, 45, and 50 have been randomly taken for such study.

Interviews have been analysed on the basis of study of various 10 personalities who participated in the programme.

The Hamro Chaso has been explained by the issues incorporated in its various episodes. Five of them have been randomly picked up and studied.

The study has paid attention to the component of presentation of the programme. Some 10 episodes have been studied for the purpose on random basis.

Suggestion: Findings of all –approach, interviews, issues and presentation – indicate the need for continuation of the programme. Consolidation of the same and expansion of the programme to broader audience area of the country should be undertaken as soon as possible. The momentum gathered through the airing of Hamro Chaso over the period should not be allowed to be wasted. The analysis has recorded highly positive indicators for the programme.

Table 1  
Approach of Hamro Chaso at a glance –1

Episode	Date	Theme-focus	Stress	Purpose	Style
<b>Opening Episode 1</b>	Nov 21, 2003	Topical	Anti-corruption	Dissemination of information	Opinion
5	December 19, 2003	Mass media –based	Anti-corruption	Dissemination of information	Fact
10	Jan 23, 2004	Government related	Good governance	Explanation	Fact
16	March 5, 2004	Irregularities	Integrity	Analysis	Opinion
19	March 25,	Topical	Anti-	Analysis	Observation

	2004		corruption		
29	June 3, 2004	Government related	Integrity	Explanation	Observation
35	July 17, 2004	Mass media based	Integrity	Explanation	Observation
40	August 19, 2004	Irregularities	Anti-corruption	Dissemination of information	Opinion
45	September 24, 2004	Governance	Anti-corruption	Analysis	Fact
<b>Closing Episode 50</b>	October 29, 2004, Friday	Topical	Good governance	Analysis	Fact

Table 2  
Hamro Chaso- interviews -2

Personalities	Designation	Episode	Emphasis	Approach	
Mr. Bharat Jangam	Anti-corruption social worker	1	Anti-corruption regulations	Talk and example	
Mr. Radharaman Upadhyaya	Former chief of CIAA	5	Administrative process	Talk and experience	
Mr. Krishna Ballav Sharma Kafle	Former member of CIAA	10	Social awakening	Talk and analysis	
Mr. Shambhu Thapa	Chairman, Nepal Bar Association	16	Awareness and social awakening	Talk and analysis	
Ms Durga Pokhrel	Chairperson, National Woman Commission	19	Inclusiveness in governance	Talk and experience	
Dr. Hemanta Dawadi	Head of anti-corruption project of FNCCI	29	Inclusiveness of private sector in good governance	Talk and examples	
Mr. Mukunda Raj Satyal	Ex-Director, Sajha Yatayat Cooperative	35	Anti-corruption in public transport	Talk and experience	
Mr. Jaya Bahadur	General Secretary,	40	Awareness	Talk and experience	

Khatry	National Movement against corruption				
Suman Prasad Sharma	Deputy Director, Melamchi Drinking Water Project	45	Public consciousness	Talk and experience	
Mr. Prem Bahadur Khatri	Coordinator, National Movement Against Corruption	50	Public consciousness	Talk and analysis	

Table 3  
Hamro Chaso – issues – 3

Issues	Episode	Importance	Approach	Process	
Acts and Laws against corruption	1	National	Problem analysis	Presentation	
Governance problem in conflict affected district of Khotang	12	National and local	Problem analysis	Analysis	
Fake visa / Waste water purification	24	National and local	Problem reporting	Presentation and analysis	
Complaint box of government	36	National	Problem reporting	Presentation	
Nepal Madhya-Marsyangdi Project	48	National and local	Problem reporting	Analysis	

Table 4  
Hamro Chaso – presentation -4

Episode	Date	Language	Presentation	Anti-corruption vocabulary	Receptivity

<b>Opening</b> Episode 1	Nov 21, 2003	Understandable for common Nepali listeners		Average	Low
5	December 19, 2003	Understandable for common Nepali listeners		Average	Medium
10	Jan 23, 2004	Understandable for common Nepali listeners		Above average	High
16	March 5, 2004	Understandable for common Nepali listeners		Above average	High
19	March 25, 2004			Average	High
29	June 3, 2004	Understandable for common Nepali listeners		Above average	high
35	July 17, 2004	Understandable for common Nepali listeners		Above average	High
40	August 19, 2004	Understandable for common Nepali listeners		Average	high
45	September 24, 2004	Understandable for common Nepali listeners		Average	high
<b>Closing</b> Episode 50	October 29, 2004, Friday	Understandable for common Nepali listeners		Above average	high

## Recommendations

- a) FACT should continue Hamro Chaso as a permanent radio magazine because it is the demand of listeners and anti-corruption bodies in Nepal. It should extend the programme to other areas of Nepal through radio network.
- b) It should extend air time for the programme; bring about diversity in product; should insert all components of good governance with a view to making the programme a fully nourished media package of good governance.
- c) FACT should develop its own reporting section for covering news.
- d) There should be a recording facility in FACT with appropriate equipment.
- e) FACT should have paid staff and officer to bring about coordination between the reporting, production and airing of the programme.
- f) Latest information equipments and gadgets should be used in the production of the programme for augmenting quality. FACT should equip its office with minimum communication equipments.
- g) FACT should undertake its own research on corruption. For this it should establish a fully equipped data bank in its own premises.
- h) FACT should begin a practice of deliberating on corruption issues in its own office through seminars and interaction.
- i) FACT should approach donors for financing its anti-corruption activities.
- j) The media product Hamro Chaso should be transcribed and used in a print magazine of FACT. It should print and distribute such magazine on a regular basis.

Annexe

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Annex-1 (as made available by FACT)

**The concise description of Radio Program from Episode One to Fifty**

**Episode: One**

Name of the Program: Hamro Chasso (In English "Our Concern") Broadcasting Date: November 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2003 Broadcasting Time: 18.00 PM to 19.00 PM (NST) Broadcasting Studio: F.M. Adhyatma Jyoti 104.8 MHZ Recording Studio: Reema Recording Studio, Kathmandu
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Summary of the Radio Program

FACT Nepal has started the radio program on anticorruption and good governance from Nov.21 Friday 2003. We believe that the program was highly successful and it has been collecting the different reactions, comments and suggestions upon that. The program broadcast from 18.00 PM to 19.00 PM (NST) under the name of "HAMRO CHASSO" (in English "Our Concern").

The first radio program was divided into three tracks; the **first track** included an introduction of the program launched by FACT Nepal and supported by PTF, A report on good governance. Similarly the **second track** included an introduction of government authorities to check corruption (Commission for Investment of Abuse of Authority, CIAA) and some acts and laws regarding the corruption control made by the government. **The final track** included an interview with the renowned personal involved in anticorruption and good governance (Mr. Bharat Jangam [jangam@mos.com.np](mailto:jangam@mos.com.np)) and a question to the civil society added with different information to the civil society.

**Episode: Two**

Name of the Program: Hamro Chasso (In English "Our Concern") Broadcasting Date: November 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2003 Broadcasting Time: 18.00 PM to 19.00 PM (NST) Broadcasting Studio: F.M. Adhyatma Jyoti 104.8 MHZ Recording Studio: Reema Recording Studio, Kathmandu
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Summary of the Radio Program

FACT Nepal has started the radio program on anticorruption and good governance from Nov.21 Friday 2003 and it has successfully broadcasted the Second Episode on November 28<sup>th</sup> 2003 Friday. The Radio Program Unit has been collecting the different reactions, comments and suggestions upon that. The program broadcasts from 18.00 PM to 19.00 PM (NST) under the name of "HAMRO CHASSO" (in English "**Our Concern**").

The second episode of the radio program was divided into three tracks; the first track included the news headlines appear (Published) in the national newspaper on this week, also included a report on good governance written by **Shanta Bd. Shrestha** (Chairman of Good Governance Study and Research Center, Kathmandu) plus a news report from government authority concerning the provision of complaint to the government bodies against corruption.

Similarly the second track included a news or annual function of Forum For Independent Thinking (A NGO working against corruption in Nepal) and VOX POP and a small interview with **Mr. Krishna Jang Rayamajhi** (Former Justice of Supreme Court of Nepal). FACT Radio Program

Unit asked a question to the civil society about the corruption and methods to curb corruption. The final track included an interview with the renowned personal involved in anticorruption and good governance **Dr. Sri Krishna Shrestha**, (Tel: 977-981046449) *Chairman of Forum for Protection of Public Interest*. Nepal [www.propublic.org](http://www.propublic.org)) and a question to the civil society added with different information to the civil society.

### Episode: Three

Name of the Program: Hamro Chasso (In English "Our Concern") Broadcasting Date: December 5th, 2003 Friday Broadcasting Time: 18.00 PM to 19.00 PM (NST) Broadcasting Studio: F.M. Adhyatma Jyoti 104.8 MHZ Recording Studio: Reema Recording Studio, Kathmandu
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#### Summary of the Radio Program

The radio program by FACT Nepal is believed to be the bold step from civil society on anticorruption and good governance. It has successfully broadcasted the **Third Episode** on December 5<sup>th</sup> 2003 Friday. FACT believes that the program was highly successful and it has been collecting the different reactions, comments and suggestions upon that. The program broadcasts from 18.00 PM to 19.00 PM (NST) under the name of "HAMRO CHASSO" (in English "Our Concern").

The third episode of the radio program was divided into three tracks; the **first track** included the news headlines appear (Published) in the national newspaper on this week and also included a news report on "*financial leakage of Royal Nepal Airlines*" written by **Baburam Dhakal** (Writer of the book: "Empire of Corruption") plus an informative report on "*corruption on the name of foreign employment on health issues by the overseas concern in Nepal*" written by **Danda Gurung** and edited by Dilep K. Paudel.

Similarly the **second track** of the program included a public announcement made by FACT Nepal and prepared by Sushita Basnet ( Volunteer Co- producer of the radio program of FACT Nepal) on the issues to build up a moral, good and discipline society and nation by an individual as duties of him/ herself. FACT Radio Program Unit also presents a report on the "*leakage and degrading quality of education system in public school*" in the second track of this program. We have also **announced the name of our listener** who has sent the answer of our previous question and among them, we have presented the best answer written by our listener **Mr. Sudarshan Kuinkel**, from Kathmandu. Second Track was added with VOX POP and a question to civil society: "*What would be the role of a good citizen toward the society and nation*"?

**The final track** included an interview with the renowned personal involved in civil service and working for good governance in Nepal **Mr. Shanta Bd. Shrestha** (High ranking bureaucrat Chairman of Good Governance Study and Research Center, Kathmandu Nepal)

### Episode: Four

Name of the Program: Hamro Chasso (In English "Our Concern") Broadcasting Date: December 12th ,2003, Friday Broadcasting Time: 18.00 PM to 19.00 PM (NST) Broadcasting Studio: F.M. Adhyatma Jyoti 104.8 MHZ Recording Studio: F.M. Adhyatma Jyoti, Kathmandu
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#### Summary of the Radio Program

FACT Nepal has started the radio program on anticorruption and good governance from Nov.21 Friday 2003 and it has successfully broadcasted the **Fourth Episode** on December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2003 Friday. FACT Radio Program Unit collects the different reactions and comments from people about the cases and evidences of misuse of power and support us to raise our voice in the concern authority regarding the most commonly seen corruption cases in Nepal. Therefore such participation from public is great achievement of FACT Nepal, which assures us that it has shaped its quality and become more popular. The program broadcasts from 18.00 PM to 19.00 PM (NST) under the name of "HAMRO CHASSO" (in English "Our Concern").

The fourth episode of the radio program was divided into three tracks like usual pattern. **first track** of the program included the news round up of the news published in the national newspapers on this entire week. This part also included a news report on "*success of Commission For Investigation of Abuse Of Authority*" plus a report on investigation of "*corruption by teachers via fake certificate in Nepal*" written by **Devendra Bhattarai** and edited by Dilep K. Paudel.

Similarly the **second track** included a public announcement and information issued by FACT Nepal and prepared by Sushita Basnet ( Volunteer Co- producer of the radio program of FACT Nepal) on the issues to build up a moral, good and discipline society and nation by an individual as duties of him/herself. This announcement or report stressed on "*causes and consequences of corruption and ways to combat corruption in Nepalese context*". FACT Nepal also presents a report on the "*illegal involvements of high ranking official on illegal transaction of motor vehicle and earn money in corrupt ways*" in the second track of this program. We have also asked a question to our listener under the regular segment "Listeners' Forum" as "*What should be the role and duties of good citizen towards their society and nation?*" Second Track was added with VOX POP also than FACT asked a question to civil society: *Should the report of **Commission of Public Investigation and Justice** (This commission was formed under the coordination of the justice of Supreme Court of Nepal, Mr. Bhairab Prasad Lamsal in 2001 and submitted its report to His Majesty's' Government which is kept secret till date) be made open to people or should be keep secret? Why?*

**The final track** included an interview with the renowned personal involved in civil service and working for good governance in Nepal **Mr. Krishna Ballav Kafle** (Former Commissioner of Commission For Investigation of Abuse of Authority, Nepal which is a constitutional body of Nepal working to curb corruption).

#### **Episode: Five**

Name of the Program: Hamro Chasso (In English "Our Concern")
Broadcasting Date: December 19 <sup>th</sup> , 2003, Friday
Broadcasting Time: 18.00 PM to 19.00 PM (NST)
Broadcasting Studio: F.M. Adhyatma Jyoti 104.8 MHZ
Recording Studio: F.M. Adhyatma Jyoti, Kathmandu

#### Summary of the Radio Program

FACT Nepal has started the radio program on anticorruption and good governance from Nov.21 Friday 2003 and it has successfully broadcasted the **Fifth Episode** on December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2003 Friday. FACT Radio Unit collects the different reactions, comments and suggestions upon the program broadcasted by the FACT Nepal therefore it has shaped its quality and become more popular. The program broadcasts from 18.00 PM to 19.00 PM (NST) under the name of "HAMRO CHASSO" (in English "Our Concern").

The radio program was divided into three tracks; the **first track** included the news headlines appear (Published) in the national newspaper on this entire week also included a news report on the **UN world convention against corruption** held in Merida of Mexico on December 9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> 2003, where Nepal has participated and signed on the convention to curb corruption. The report edited by Dilep K. Paudel included the summary of the convention and its difficulties in practical implementation as well as challenges ahead Nepal. The First Track also included the detail report of financial loss and its causes and some corrupt activities in the Royal Nepal Airlines Corporation and about its privatization process.

The **second track** included a public announcement and information issued by FACT Nepal and prepared by Sushita Basnet ( Volunteer Co- producer of the radio program of FACT Nepal) on the issues of corruption in political sector and its causes and consequences in the economy and society in Nepal. FACT Nepal also presents a report on the agreement against corruption adopted by the Nepal Chamber of Commerce and Industry to check the corrupt activities in industrial and commercial sector. In addition, FACT Nepal declared the winner of the Listeners' Forum for this week and the winner was a university student from Kathmandu, Mr. Bal Bikram Thapa. He has given the best answer of our last week's question among other listeners. Then, we have also asked a question to our listener under the regular segment "Listeners' Forum" as **"When and where the UN convention against corruption held? Second Track was also added with VOX POP also than FACT asked a question to civil society: *How can the public support the Commission for Investigation of Abuse of Authority (The constitutional body working to curb corruption)?*"**

The **final track** included an interview with **Mr. Radharaman Upadhya Tel: 977-1-4490058**, a former Chief Commissioner of the Commission for Investigation of Abuse of Authority, Kathmandu Nepal (CIAA is a constitutional body of Nepal working to curb corruption).

#### **Episode: Sixth**

Name of the Program: <b>Hamro Chasso</b> (In English "Our Concern") Broadcasting Date: December 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2003, Friday Broadcasting Time: 18.00 PM to 19.00 PM (NST) Broadcasting Studio: F.M. Adhyatma Jyoti 104.8 MHz Recording Studio: F.M. Adhyatma Jyoti, Kathmandu
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#### **Summary of the Radio Program**

As usual this program was divided into three tracks; the **first track** included the news headlines appear (Published) in the national newspaper on this entire week also included a news report on the **"involvement of Secretary of His Majesty's' Government in the illegal activities in the process of foreign employment"**, when Nepal was about to send some 1500 raw workers to Korea, there was big scandal of misleading, illegal competition for license to send the workers and blackmailing to the workers. At the same time the **Secretary of the Ministry of Labor Mr. Prem Nidhi Gyawali** was accused of involving in this unfair transaction, which led a big scandal of corruption. The report edited by Dilep K. Paudel included the summary of the details illegal activities at that time. The First Track also included the detail report of **"involvement of judges in illegal activities themselves"** which was reportedly said by the members of Nepal Bar Association and other veteran legal practitioners. This report broadcasted from this program stress the need to reform the judicial system in Nepal and draw the attention of the Supreme Court of Nepal. Further, the reports on "irregularities in the Tribhuvan University" and "devaluation of foreign currency while importing the fertilizers from the Agriculture Tools Company" were also broadcasted.

The **second track** included a public announcement and information issued by FACT Nepal and prepared by Sushita Basnet (Co- producer of the radio program of FACT Nepal) on the issues of corruption in education sector and its causes and consequences in the economy and society in

Nepal. FACT Nepal also presents a report on the "involvement of Nepal Police in theft and robbery". Additional reports were about the case execution against the former home minister Govinda Raj joshi in charge of heavy corruption during his tenure. He was refused to report and explain against his case in the Commission of Abuse of authority since long and recently the Special Court has called him for trial. Similarly former finance minister Mr. Rabindra Prasad Sharma released from the jail upon the deposit guarantee of NRS 30.3 million. He was charged of corruption of 50 millions Rupees during his tenure. The reports on those subjects were highlighted in various media in Nepal in the recent time.

Then, we have also asked a question to our listener under the regular segment "**Listeners' Forum**" as "**When and where the UN convention against corruption held?** Second Track was also added with VOX POP also than FACT asked a question to civil society: ***Are those only, who take bribe corrupt or can we, call corrupt to those who give or offer bribe for their official purpose?***

**The final track** included an interview with **Mr. Madhav Dutta Bhatt Tel: 977-1-4470136**, former Commissioner and acting Chief Commissioner of the **Commission for Investigation of Abuse of Authority, Kathmandu Nepal** (CIAA is a constitutional body of Nepal working to curb corruption). The talk was specifically focused on corrupt activities in the administrative sector in Nepal and governments' efforts to control it.

#### **Episode: Seventh**

Name of the Program: <b>Hamro Chasso</b> (In English "Our Concern") Broadcasting Date: January 2 <sup>nd</sup> 2004, Friday. Broadcasting Time: 18.00 PM to 19.00 PM (NST) Broadcasting Studio: F.M. Adhyatma Jyoti 104.8 MHz Recording Studio: F.M. Adhyatma Jyoti, Kathmandu
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#### **Summary of the Radio Program**

Same as previous, the program was divided into three tracks; the **first track** included the news headlines appear (Published) in the national newspaper on this entire week also included a news report on the "**Merida Convention and its importance to curb corruption**". **Chief Commissioner of the Commission for Investigation of Abuse of Authority had highlighted upon that matter during the press meet to inform the achievement and importance of the convention.** He was participate din the convention representing His Majesty's Government of Nepal. The First Track also included the detail report of the activities of corruption control body "**National Vigilance Center**", which was established to control corruption in Nepal under the chairmanship of Prime Minister of Nepal but in the recent days it has nothing to do except time pass so the veteran journalist produced a investigative report on the question of further existence of this body. Therefore, FACT highlighted the same report keeping in mind a worth presenting

The **second track** included a public announcement and information issued by FACT Nepal and prepared by a teacher Mr. Dilli Ram Gautam on the issues of "**moral degradation is the foundation of corruption**". Also FACT Nepal presents an editorial report published in the national daily on the issue of "**most expensive electricity in Asia**". This editorial report highlighted the penetrating situation consumer using electricity in Nepal, Nepal is the 2<sup>nd</sup> richest country in water resources but compelled to use the most expensive electricity in Asia. FACT Nepal has also discussed on "**Transparency Act**" proposed by the government recently. Then, we have announced the winner of Listeners Forum of last week; Mr. Bashanta Sharma and also asked a question to our listener under the regular segment "**Listeners' Forum**" for this as "**Who was the chairman of the High Commission of Investigation of Properties formed in 2000 in Nepal?** Second Track was also added with VOX POP also than FACT asked a

question to civil society: **Which is more active in recent days; corruption or corruption control bodies (comparatively)?**

**The final track** included wide discussion with **Mr. Kuber Shrestha, Tel No: 00977-1-4359777**, retired Army Officer in the Royal Nepal Army and currently working against corruption representing the civil society in his community. The talk was specifically focused on corrupt activities in the bureaucracy, military, private sector and civil society in Nepal and government efforts to control it.

#### **Episode: Eighth**

Name of the Program: Hamro Chasso (In English "Our Concern") Broadcasting Date: January 9 <sup>th</sup> 2004, Friday. Broadcasting Time: 18.00 PM to 19.00 PM (NST) Broadcasting Studio: F.M. Adhyatma Jyoti 104.8 MHZ Recording Studio: F.M. Adhyatma Jyoti, Kathmandu
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#### **Summary of the Radio Program**

The radio program was divided into three tracks; the **first track** included the news headlines appear (Published) in the national newspaper on this entire week also included a news report on the **"the provision of anonymous complain box in the Commission for Investigation of Abuse of Authority"**. The Commission has recently adopted an easy and effective measure to accumulate different complains in the issues of corruption that can be filed by the public without exposing their name (name of complain maker) exposing. It is hoped that the many complains of corruption and may gather from his method. The First Track also included the detail report on "Corruption inside the Nepal Electricity Authority in the name of donors' conditions". The veteran journalist, Mr. Bikash Thapa prepared the report and FACT considers it worth presenting.

The **second track** included a public announcement and information issued by FACT Nepal and prepared by a teacher Mr. Dilli Ram Gautam on the issues of **"no money can by social respect and dignity"**, stressing the corrupt free attitude and social conditioning. Also FACT Nepal presents an editorial report published in the national daily on the issue of "an exercise to **dismiss the Commission for Employment Empowerment**" of Nepal. FACT Nepal also discussed on corruption news of many concerns. Then, we have also asked a question to our listener under the regular segment **"Listeners' Forum"** as **"Who was the chairman of the High Commission of Investigation of Properties formed in 2000 in Nepal?"** Second Track was also added with VOX POP also than FACT asked a question to civil society: **Who is to blame for different transportation fare charged by the public transportation services?**

**The final track** included an interview with **Mr. Gore Bahadur Khapangi, former minister of the Ministry of Children, Women and Social Welfare**. The talk was specifically focused on corrupt activities in the bureaucracy, ministries during his tenure and his attempt to control it. The discussion also highlighted upon the government initiatives to curb corruption in different sectors and his personal opinion to curb corruption in Nepal.

#### **Episode: Ninth**

Name of the Program: <b>Hamro Chasso</b> (In English "Our Concern") Broadcasting Date: January 16 <sup>th</sup> 2004, Friday. Broadcasting Time: 18.00 PM to 19.00 PM (NST) Broadcasting Studio: F.M. Adhyatma Jyoti 104.8 MHZ Recording Studio: F.M. Adhyatma Jyoti, Kathmandu
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### Summary of the Radio Program

The radio program was divided into three tracks; the **first track** included the news headlines appear (Published) in the national newspaper on this entire week also included a news report on the **“issue of middle Marshangdi hydropower project which has been handicapped by the disagreement of the contractors and the authority”**. The report on this issues has exposed the inside story of corrupt activities taking places during the contract period and halting the constructing work by the contractor. Nepal has to bear the loss of 6 hundreds million from this conflict of between the contractors and the authority. The consultant and contractors halt the construction work demanding the additional charges and time frame and this conflict has initiated. The First Track also included the detail report on “contemporary corruption cases and its causes in the judiciary”. Recently the newly appointed chief justice of the Supreme Court has announced that the lawyers are responsible to make the judicial bodies more corrupt and inefficiencies of Supreme Court. Therefore several comments and reactions were evoked on the same cases so HAMRO CHASSO also highlighted the current situation of the Supreme Court. The veteran journalist and the columnist of the largest daily newspaper of Nepal, Mr. Bikash Thapa prepared the report and FACT considers it worth presenting.

The **second track** included public information issued by FACT Nepal adopting from the report of the “Corruption Control Suggestion Committee” formed by government of Nepal in 1999. This committee has recommended the one hundred and eleven points to control corruption and reform the administrative system on Nepal and hardly one or two were only implemented. FACT Nepal forced the government to initiate the implementation of those suggestions. In addition, FACT Nepal highlighted the issues of administration reform project that has so many drawbacks and one of them is to make at least one female secretary at the top bureaucratic level of HMG Nepal. Where many top level bureaucrats are practicing to appoint their wife in this position. This has caused the unfair power practicing in the administrative sector in Nepal. Thereafter FACT Nepal has presented the several news reports on the corrupt activities across the countries in the administrative bodies.

We have also announced the winner of our listeners forum where we have asked a question in our last episode and so many listeners were participate and among them one of our listeners was awarded an attractive prize. Then we have asked a question to our listener under the regular segment **“Listeners’ Forum”** as **“Who was the chairman of the Corruption Control Suggestion Committee formed in 1999 in Nepal?”** Second Track was also added with VOX POP also where FACT asked a question to civil society: **what may be the current agitation of the students for?**

**The final track** included panel discussion on current educational problem and its connection with corruption in educational sector with **Mr. Gagan Thapa**; chief leader of Nepal Student Union and the University student Tel# 977- 9810- 44802, Mr. Chhabilal Neupane Tel# 977-01-5 552952 and a student from private college Saint Xavier College Mr. Sirish Lamichhane Tel# 977-01-4 226834. The discussion was based on current educational problems caused by the corruption in educational sector and some evidences of corrupt activities in the University and private college in Nepal. The role of students union to make educational sector corruption free was stressed by the panel.

### Episode: Tenth

Name of the Program: Hamro Chasso (In English “Our Concern”) Broadcasting Date: January 23 <sup>rd</sup> 2004, Friday. Broadcasting Time: 18.00 PM to 19.00 PM (NST) Broadcasting Studio: F.M. Adhyatma Jyoti 104.8 MHZ Recording Studio: F.M. Adhyatma Jyoti, Kathmandu
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### **Summary of the Radio Program**

The radio program was divided into three tracks; the **first track** included the news headlines appear (Published) in the national newspaper on this entire week also included a news report on the "**provision of complaint officer in the government offices**". Recently the government of Nepal makes to appoint complaints handling officer/ speaker of all ministries and department of the government. Government believes that the authorized officer is empowered to listen/ collect and bear all the complaints coming to the office concerning the cases of corruption and lingering in the public works. It is also believed that the people got relief from this provision, as there was no one before to listen the problems of public in all government offices. The Officer is also authorized to investigate upon the complaints and make necessary arrangements to solve the problems quickly. The First Track also included the detail report on "**the burning issues of the involvement of India in the upper Karnali Hydropower project of Nepal**". Recently there have been comments and an idea putting across on the subject of the involvements of India, as this project is the cheapest and most economical of all others. This project is considered as the most important and better for singular investment of Nepal only. But India wishes to invest on it and want to make more profit to it alone. So FACT Nepal advocate on this issue by revising all pros and cons of the project.

The **second track** included public information issued by FACT Nepal adopting from the report of the "Corruption Control Suggestion Committee" formed by government of Nepal in 1999. This committee has recommended the 111 points to control corruption and reform the administrative system on Nepal and hardly one or two were only implemented FACT Nepal force the government to initiate the implementation of those suggestions. The subjects covering on this presentation were "corruption & politics", "corruption & bureaucracy", corruption & non governmental organizations" and "corruption & education". Thereafter FACT Nepal highlighted an issue of the proposal of price deduction in hydroelectricity as another hydropower project by "Bhote Koshi Power Company" has successfully completed the plants and started productions recently. Thereafter FACT Nepal has presented the several news reports on the corruptions and practices of good governance, public reactions, comments and suggestion on various government authorities widely.

We have asked a question to our listener under the regular segment "**Listeners' Forum**" as "**Who was the chairman of the Corruption Control Suggestion Committee formed in 1999 in Nepal?** Second Track was also added with VOX POP also where FACT asked a question to civil society: **are the activities of the Kathmandu Metropolitan city liked by people?** Many participants on this segment clearly announced whether they like or dislike the current activities of Kathmandu metropolitan city. Among them majority of participants appreciate the works of this authority and demanded for more transparency on their activities.

**The final track; FACT Nepal repeated an interview with Mr. Krishna Ballav Sharma Kafle, former commissioner of the Commission for Investigation of Abuse of Authority.** We have presented his interview in our Fourth episode and many listeners requested to be broadcast this interview, as it was really milestone talk in the program of its kind. Mr. Kafle has openly exposes the corrupt behaviors and social trends toward corruption in Nepal. He has expressing the details working atmosphere in the Commission that has formed to control corruption in Nepal and also he stress to role of media and the organization of our kinds to curb corruption in Nepal.

### **Episode: Eleventh**

Name of the Program: Hamro Chasso (In English "Our Concern") Broadcasting Date: January 30 <sup>th</sup> 2004, Friday. Broadcasting Time: 18.00 PM to 19.00 PM (NST)
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Broadcasting Studio: F.M. Adhyatma Jyoti 104.8 MHZ  
Recording Studio: F.M. Adhyatma Jyoti, Kathmandu

### **Summary of the Radio Program**

The radio program was divided into three tracks; the **first track** included the news headlines appear (Published) in the national newspaper on this entire week also included a news report on the "**current activities of Kathmandu Metropolitan city**". In the initial days of the appointment of the Mayor of metropolitan Mr. Keshav Staphit, he had announced mega projects to develop Kathmandu as an example. He had put so many projects at once and started some of them like widening the narrow street, management of proper drainage system and other but all of them are left incomplete. Therefore the people of Kathmandu city now guessing whether the metropolitan itself victimized by corruption or else. Metropolitan is busy in destruction of prevailing infrastructure in the mane of renovating them all but is less active in construction of these infrastructures. Therefore this issue draws an attention of FACT Nepal and broadcasted the issue covering wide ins and outs of the activities of Kathmandu metropolitan city.

After this FACT Nepal broadcasted the hottest subject of debate in the recent days, the provision to enjoy the dual benefits and perks by the officials of constitutional bodies in Nepal. This subject became a hot cake when the newly appointed commissioners of the Commission for Investigation of Abuse of Authority openly declare not to leave pension from their previous job and salary of the newly appointed post too. Three commissioners are newly appointed in this Commission and they all are retired bureaucrats. Therefore they draw pension of their previous job and get salary form the current job also. As, there is no clear cut legal provision regarding this issues in any rules and laws in Nepal so it is believed that they are taking an advantage of weak legal provision by drawing dual (double) benefits form their current and previous job. So FACT Nepal draws attention of government on this issue by analyzing the issue in-depth.

The **second track** included public information issued by FACT Nepal adopting from the editorial of the largest daily newspaper on essence to make judicial system more accountable and transparent. The editorial on this issue contains the recent efforts to make judiciary effective in its work and curb irregularities remaining in this sector. Moreover we have also presented a news quotation and editorial on recent government initiatives to appoint the Nodel Officer to collect complaints and make proper remedies. This section contains appreciatory efforts made by the government to make government authorities more effective, transparent and accountable in their daily activities. This issue has stress upon the need to proper and good service delivery to the public. The second track of the program also included the coverage of administrative situation of a district in western Nepal where no government officers are attended in the office since long and directly affected the public works. Rolpa is the Maoist affected district in the western Nepal where no government officers are willing to go, so people in this district are much affected and facing difficulties in their daily administrative works. This report has forced the government to send the officer as soon as possible and resume their duties.

We have also broadcasted the corruption cases and news concerning the corruption and good governance from across the kingdom. Various news available to us across the kingdoms and comments, problems and reactions from our listeners were broadcasted at that time. Similarly we have awarded the lucky winner of Listeners Forum of last week. Lucky winner of this time was Miss. Palana Baskota Tel: 977-01- 5 527142. Also we have asked a question to our listener under the regular segment Listener Forum of this week as ***Who are the Three newly appointed commissioners in the Commission for investigation of Abuse of Authority?*** The correct answer of this question shall come to our office within 10 days.

**The final track; FACT Nepal broadcasted the details coverage of the activities of the Department of Labor and Employment under His Majesty's Government of Nepal,**

**Ministry of Labor.** This part raise the burning issues on corruption and bribery happening most frequently in this department. Many people raise the complaints and problems in the activities of this department so FACT Nepal investigate on several issues concerning to this department and broadcasted the wide coverage of common phenomenon of corruption and bribery in this department. We have interviewed the **Investigation Officer Mr. Radha Krishna Shrestha and the Chief of this department Mr. Danadhwoj Basnet: Director of the Department of Labor and Employment.** This sections his highly acclaimed by the common people who are facing the problem from this department. **FACT Nepal will continue broadcasting these sorts of coverage report and interview of other Ministries and Department of His Majesty's Government in the coming programs too.**

#### **Episode: Twelfth**

Name of the Program: Hamro Chasso (In English "Our Concern") Broadcasting Date: February 6 <sup>th</sup> 2004, Friday. Broadcasting Time: 18.00 PM to 19.00 PM (NST) Broadcasting Studio: F.M. Adhyatma Jyoti 104.8 MHZ Recording Studio: F.M. Adhyatma Jyoti, Kathmandu
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#### **Summary of the Radio Program**

The radio program was divided into three tracks; the **first track** included the news headlines appear (Published) in the national newspaper on this entire week also included a news report on the **"irregularities and misconduct on selection process of a commercial firm to participate in the ICHI fare in Japan in 2005"**. In Ichi of Japan there will a world class grand commercial fare (festival) and it is now exposes that the Government of Nepal has made improper judgment in the selection process of the participants and authorized a commercial enterprise that has involvement of former minister. So many other commercial firms agitate against this selection process of the government. We have raised this issue by analyzing the realities of selection procedures that has made by former government. It is also believed that corrupt activities were mounting under the process of selection of this firm.

Similarly we have broadcasted the coverage report on recent conflict on media journalism in Nepal. The report prepared by FACT Nepal advocating the role of government to stop so called illegal foreign investment in media and also voices the so called Media Society Nepal to justify the blame that has throne to one of the publication house that published a daily newspaper in Nepal. The government is the prime guilty in this issue where the publication houses are involving in unfair competition and mislead the journalism. The media houses were taking an advantage of weak media and communication policy of the government and improper foreign investigation policy in media in Nepal.

After this FACT Nepal broadcasted the hottest subject of debate in the recent days, the provision to enjoy the dual benefits and perks by the officials of constitutional bodies in Nepal. The **second track** included public information issued by FACT Nepal adopting from the editorial of the largest daily newspaper on "recent interview of His Majesty given in Time Magazine". This interview of His Majesty became a propaganda concerning the active involvement of His Majesty in politics and government. Major political parties call general strike and running different program blaming the Majesty and foreseen a political turmoil in the nation. Therefore, the editorial on this issue published in the largest national daily appeal to realize the mistake of political parties in the past days and unite for the further development of nation and consider the opinion of His Majesty positively. His majesty has stressing the essence to curb corruption and correct previous mistakes of the political parties themselves by revising the national interest in his interview.

The second track of the program also included the coverage of administrative situation of a district in eastern Nepal where no government officers are attended in the office since long and directly affected the public works. Khotang is the Maoist affected district in the eastern Nepal where no government officers are willing to go, so people in this district are much affected and facing difficulties in their daily administrative works. This report has forced the government to send the officer as soon as possible and resume their duties.

We have also broadcasted the corruption cases and news concerning the corruption and good governance from across the kingdom. Various news available to us across the kingdoms and comments, problems and reactions from our listeners were broadcasted at that time. Similarly asked a question to our listener under the regular segment Listener Forum of this week as ***Who are the Three newly appointed commissioners in the Commission for investigation of Abuse of Authority?***, the correct answer of this question shall come to our office within 4 days.

**The final track; FACT Nepal broadcasted the details coverage of the activities of the Office of the Company Register under His Majesty's Government of Nepal, Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Supply.** This part raises the burning issues on corruption and bribery happening most frequently in this Office. Many people raise the complaints and problems in the activities of this office especially during the process of registration of a company. So FACT Nepal investigates on several issues concerning to this office and broadcasted the wide coverage of common phenomenon of corruption and bribery in this office. We have interviewed the **Complaint Officer (Nodal Officer) Mr. Tulsi ram Gaire and the Registrar (Chief) of this office Mr. Gyan Darshan Udas: Registrar of the Office of the Company Register, Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Supply.** This sections his highly acclaimed by the common people who are facing the problem from this office. **FACT Nepal will continue broadcasting these sorts of coverage report and interview of other Ministries and Department of His Majesty's Government in the coming programs too.**

#### **Episode: Thirteen**

Name of the Program: Hamro Chasso (In English "Our Concern")
Broadcasting Date: February 13 <sup>th</sup> 2004, Friday.
Broadcasting Time: 18.00 PM to 19.00 PM (NST)
Broadcasting Studio: F.M. Adhyatma Jyoti 104.8 MHZ
Recording Studio: F.M. Adhyatma Jyoti, Kathmandu

#### **Summary of the Radio Program**

The radio program was divided into three tracks; the **first track** included the news headlines appear (Published) in the national newspaper on this entire week also included a news report on the "**Monitoring Report of National Vigilance Center on Government Offices**" where most of the staffs were absent in the first office time and total 505 official staffs were not presenting in their office. This report based on inspection and monitoring of National Vigilance Center is being major issues in the governance sector, so we have presented a covering detail of the outcomes of inspection. Majority of the civil servants do not reach their offices at time and do work in the complete working hours thus this concern of the public forced the government to be little stricter in office time inspection. Than after we have presented a covering report on the burning issue of health sector. Bir Hospital is the nation's oldest and biggest health institute and hospital but the service delivery is too poor. Public aggression and slow and irresponsible manner of the staffs working there make the quality of service delivery too poor. Thus we have raised a voice for the improvement of the service and proper management system in the Bir Hospital. The doctors working there are busy in their private clinic where they charge high rate which the

ordinary people can not afford and people from low financial status bare the problem of good and proper health facility from this government hospital.

After this FACT Nepal broadcasted the one of the biggest scandal and great example of corruption in a couples of years ago. This presentation was based on the greatest irregularities and corruption in the Royal Nepal Airlines for Lauda Air contract process. Former prime minister, minister and several high-ranking governmental officers were involved in that case. Nepal bares the financial loss of around NRS One Hundred Thirty Six Millions during the period of One year. So the anticorruption activist and the opposition party came into the street against this decision made by the government. Anyway, the plane from Lauda Air brought in Nepal but it could not go long lasting as it faces so many agitations against it and ultimately the government has withdraw the contract and Lauda Air scandal in air. But FACT Nepal revises the scandal and considers it worth mention in the radio program as an example of corruption done from high level administration and political chairs.

The second track of the program also included the inside story of story of the Timber Corporation, which is one of the corrupt government organization bankrupted by the corruption and irregularities of the officials involved in it. This institution is nearly to collapse because of several and rampant corrupt activities taking place in the name of political affiliation of the officials. The government bares big loss from this organization so we recommend the government either to collapse or to improve the management system intensively inside the organization. People feels no significance of the existence of this organization as it has nothing to do with public concern rather it has indulged in the corruption only and became one of the milking cow to the officials involve in it. It was simply a means of illegitimate financial gain the officials in the name of political affiliation and poor management system.

After this we have presented the covering report of the corruption case in the Kathmandu Metropolitan city in the name of perks and privilege of recently nominated representative of each wards of the metropolitan city. One of the examples of corruption has noticed during the buying of Mobile Phone Sets to the nominated officials of the metropolitan city. The Deputy Mayor spoke out publicly about this case and we forced to investigate in this case. Addition than this we have presented a news report on problem n judicial system experiencing since long. Many verdicts finalized from the Supreme Court doesn't implement so that the Supreme Court has draw the attention of the government and recommended to make the judicial system smart fast and people friendly.

**The final track; FACT Nepal broadcasted the details coverage on recently evoked movement of all teachers associations several demands.** We have interviewed to **Mr. Madhav Prasad Adhikari, Chairman of Nepal National Teachers Association. Tel: 00977-1-5527581.** He is the leader of the agitation movement of the teachers association nationwide running currently with several demands for their welfare.

#### **Episode: Fourteen**

Name of the Program: Hamro Chasso (In English "Our Concern")
Broadcasting Date: February 20 <sup>th</sup> 2004, Friday.
Broadcasting Time: 18.00 PM to 19.00 PM (NST)
Broadcasting Studio: F.M. Adhyatma Jyoti 104.8 MHZ
Recording Studio: F.M. Adhyatma Jyoti, Kathmandu

#### **Summary of the Radio Program**

The radio program was divided into three tracks; the **first track** included the news headlines appear (Published) in the national newspaper on this entire week also included a news report on the "the problems of newly restarted Trolley Bus Service" Trolley Bus Service was one of the

most popular transportation in the last decade. This service was started in 1975 from the technical and financial support of the Republic of China but due to the inefficient management financial leakage, weak control over the corruption it had stopped its service since a couple of years. Recently it has bring into the service from the combine effort of Kathmandu Metropolitan City, Bhaktapur municipality and Thimi Municipality. Despite their effort to bring the stored buses in new service is has again falls a victim of corruption. Due to the change of time, the Trolley Bus couldn't compete with new transportation services and the service stander of the Trolley Bus is relatively less effective and popular this time. Therefore this public transportation again face a great financial loss so it is again about to stop its service unless the investors manage sufficient fund for its operation. We have presented detail coverage on this issue including the statistics of the loss and cause behind to stop its service.

After this FACT Nepal broadcasted the details about the "*report submitted by the working team formed to control and monitor fake academic certificates used in civil service*". This working team had submitted its report to the government within the given time frame and from which we conclude: 24 cases are filed against the fake certificate holders, 148 cases are under consideration, the Commission for Investigation of Abuse of Authority has duly issued some important point for the strict punishment to the fake certificate holders.

The second track of the program also included the inside story of the strike called by Nepal Petroleum Dealers Association with some demands to the government. Recently the government has decided to stop selling kerosene, diesel and petrol from the same spot. Thus the petroleum Dealers Association called nationwide strike against the cabinet decision and create havoc. This kind of irresponsible act of the association faces criticism from the different poles of the society. Therefore FACT Nepal raised the voice to be more responsible and serious towards the consumers' welfare.

After this we have presented the covering report of the on the financial misuse and irregularities in Nepal Timber Corporation. Nepal Timber Corporation now is in the verge of collapse because of the corruption cases taking place in it, weak management and financial misuse. We have better suggested to the government either to collapse this unnecessary financial burden or make arrangement of an efficient, active and able management and run the Addition than this we have presented a news report on different corruption activities. The regular segments like VOX POP, Listeners' Forum and Our Steps were other features broadcasted in this episode also.

The final track; FACT Nepal broadcasted the details coverage of the judiciary and with an interview with Dr. Ram Krishna Timalsina, 00977-1-4 273124 (R) 00977- 1- 4 262895, 4 262845 (Off.). He is the Spokesperson and Joint Register of the Supreme Court of Nepal. We have focused on the weakness, challenges and difficulties of the judiciary in Nepal in this interview.

Episode: Fifteen

Name of the Program:	Hamro Chasso (In English "Our Concern")
Recording date:	February 26 <sup>th</sup> 2004, Thursday.
Broadcasting Date:	February 27 <sup>th</sup> 2004, Friday.
Broadcasting Time:	18.00 PM to 19.00 PM (NST)
Broadcasting Studio:	F.M. Adhyatma Jyoti 104.8 MHZ
Recording Studio:	F.M. Adhyatma Jyoti, Kathmandu

**Summary of the Radio Program**

As we divide the radio program into three tracks containing different regular segments and features to make a complete radio magazine, this fifteenth episode also included the three tracks as usual.

The **first track** included the news headlines appear (Published) in the national newspapers on this entire week and also included a report on the "**Financial Misuse and corruption in National Women Commission**". The National Women Commission was formed in 2002 and the bill concerning the commission is still in debate, as the government's unwillingness and power game to appoint the candidate in the commission become big headache to the government. As the commission is committed to uplift the condition of woman in Nepal it has hooked by the government itself and is in the verge of collapse at present. The works of this commission were to prepare the bills and legal documents and act regarding the uplift of women condition in Nepal. The commission was funded by some international donor agencies and with the communal understanding of its treasurer and other officials, they all indulge in corrupt activities and the news come into the flash recently so we also highlighted upon this matter.

Further to this we have also included the detail coverage on the report of "**High Level Property Investigation and Justice Commission**" which was formed by the government of Nepal in 2003 as an initiative to curb and control unofficially gained property of currently working and retired bureaucrats and politician in Nepal. The commission had submitted its report a year ago but the government remains silent on the implementation and proper action on the report. So we have raised the voice for the punishment to corrupt officials and force the government to step forward to take action according to the report of the commission. As the government formed this commission in 2003 under the Corruption Control Act 2002, the government officials and retired bureaucrats and politician hesitate and hide their real gain and unofficial gain too. So many of them didn't respond the whip of the commission too. **Total 70 percent officers level officials and 46 percent non-officer level officials submitted their property details to the commission.** Although the "Commission for Investigation of Abuse of Authority " initiated the action based on the report, in the recent days the commission also seems passive in this matter.

The **second track** of the program also included the inside story of the **debate and understanding between government and professional associations.** The government surrenders in front of the demands of the professional organizations and come to the compromise with them. One was the compromise between government and **Nepal Petroleum Dealers' Association** and next was with different professional association like Consumers Federation and others who called the general strike stressing different demands with the government. Therefore, FACT Nepal raised the voice against those shameful compromises of the government and its failure to implement the decision passed by the cabinet. The petroleum Dealers Association called nationwide strike against the cabinet decision and create havoc. Further FACT Nepal highlighted stressed upon the governments initiative on consumers' welfare.

After this we have presented the covering report of **payment dispute of Kaligandaki Hydro Electricity Project**, a leading and largest hydropower project of Nepal. This project brings debate between the Nepal Electricity Authority and the Project Management Team and the Contractor. The payment debate brings chaos and uncertainty in production and distribution of the electricity. Therefore this case becomes a hot cake in the media and media hype also support the contractor to catch the loopholes of the authority. This report also highlighted the corruption activities inside the authority.

Further to this we have broadcasted the news report on direction entrusted by the Ministries to their official on proper valid grounded reasons for international visit. Different Ministries of His Majesty's Government make a clear direction to their officials to make fruitful visit upon the proper reason as many officials seems misuse their visit and become most of them worthless.

More than this we have broadcasted other regular segment VOX POP, Listeners Forum and

Our Steps. Other added attraction of this episode was the listeners' comment on our program via telephone.

The final track; FACT Nepal broadcasted an interview with **Mr. Raja Ram Shrestha, Deputy Mayor of the Kathmandu Metropolitan City, Nepal Tel: ++977-01-4231429, 4268506** We have talked about the detail financial transaction, activities, corruption cases and other listened unofficial activities of the metropolitan city that has direct concern with public, residing in Kathmandu.

### **Episode: Sixteen**

Name of the Program:	Hamro Chasso (In English "Our Concern")
Recording date:	March 4 <sup>th</sup> 2004, Thursday.
Broadcasting Date:	March 5 <sup>th</sup> 2004, Friday.
Broadcasting Time:	18.00 PM to 19.00 PM (NST)
Broadcasting Studio:	F.M. Adhyatma Jyoti 104.8 MHZ
Recording Studio:	F.M. Adhyatma Jyoti, Kathmandu

### **Summary of the Radio Program**

FACT Nepal completed broadcasting the Sixteenth episode of its radio magazine "Hamro Chasso" on March 5<sup>th</sup> 2004. As usual the program is divided into Three tracks.

The **first track** included the news headlines appear (Published) in the national newspaper on this entire week and also included a news report on the "**New initiative of the Commission for Investigation of Abuse of Authority**" on combating corruption prevailing in the government offices. CIAA is a constitutional body working to curb corruption in Nepal. In the recent days the CIAA has introducing the new ways to curb corruption by changing its policies and program. Since CIAA follow a only way to caught and investigates and keep the culprits in custody, from now onward it has trying to minimize the imprisonment and introduce some effective alternative measures to curb corruption i.e. to prevent corruption rather than to punish the culprits after committing corruption. We have focused on the new methodologies of CIAA for combating corruption in the first track of the program highlighting upon the essence and importance of such vital efforts.

After this we have broadcasted the detail news coverage on **corruption cases of Nepal Bank Lt.**, the oldest government Bank in Nepal. The officials of the Bank indulged in corrupt activities since last 20 years and bringing the Bank into the verge of big financial burden and almost make it damage. The corruptions inside this Bank are the major problem face by the whole banking system in Nepal and make an example of free corrupt competition in banking sector in Nepal.

Also the first track o this program included the report on "**misuse of government vehicles by government officials**". The government of Nepal provides the vehicles facilities to the high ranking officials for only official purpose but in the recent days the family members and the officials themselves misuse the vehicles violating the code and conducts. So we have raised the voice against the misuse of governmental vehicles and urge the Ministries to control such misuse.

The **Second Track** included the wide discussion on the **separate directive principles prepared by the Commission for Investigation of Abuse of Authorities** to curb corruption in public construction works. In the recent days the corruption in public construction activities is maximize due to the corrupt activities of contractors and involvement of government authorities, so the CIAA has introduced a separate directive principle to control it. Than we have broadcasted the detail coverage of "**Political Appointment in the Corporation, Authorities and Other governmental Institution**". The previous government of Nepal had decided to stop the political appointment in the high ranking post of governmental authorities but now by violating the decision made by the previous government, this government again make political

appointment in top level post in some of the government authorities. The political appointment in those posts is considered as the foundation of corruption, bankrupts these institutions and ultimately the government has collapse some of them also. So we have raised the voice to stop political appointment in the government authorities and shall appoint on the basis of free competition.

Similarly, we have broadcasted the news report on **initiatives taken by Nepal Oil Corporation to control corrupt activities prevailing in the corporation**. Nepal Oil Corporation is considered as one of the most corrupt institution among the government authorities.

More than this we have broadcasted other regular segment VOX POP, Listeners Forum and Our Steps etc on this episode also.

In the final track we have broadcasted an interview with **Mr. Sambhu Thapa, Chairman of Nepal Bar Association, Tel: 00977-1-4227905, 4246847**. The interview was based on the corruption in Nepal Bar Association and its corrupt behaviors in judicial system in Nepal. We have also talked about the role of Advocates to make court corrupt measures the efficiency of judiciary and problems inside it.

#### **Episode: Seventeen**

Name of the Program:	Hamro Chasso (In English "Our Concern")
Recording date:	March 11 <sup>th</sup> 2004, Thursday.
Broadcasting Date:	March 12 <sup>th</sup> 2004, Friday.
Broadcasting Time:	18.00 PM to 19.00 PM (NST)
Broadcasting Studio:	F.M. Adhyatma Jyoti 104.8 MHZ
Recording Studio:	F.M. Adhyatma Jyoti, Kathmandu

#### **Summary of the Radio Program**

The Seventeenth episode of Hamro Chasso is also divided into three tracks.

The **first track** included the news headlines appear (Published) in the national newspapers on this entire week concerning corruption, governance and subject of public concern.

After this we have broadcasted the news coverage on **"code of conduct" issued by Nepal Health Council** to regularize the service on the basis of economic condition, ethnic minorities, remote areas in an equal basis. In the recent days the doctors and health workers are centralized in the private health clinics and work against the code of conducts of the "Health Practitioner Council of Nepal 2000". Therefore to bring the awareness and sense of moral values in health practitioners the government of Nepal has recently launched the code of conducts. This code of conduct is stressed to control discrimination in the name of religion, sex, cast, and in any ethnical and social grounds in the health facilities and treatment.

Similarly the first track has included the news coverage of **recent initiatives of Commission for Investigation of Abuse of Authority**. The CIAA has started the action on the basis report submitted by High Level Property Investigation Commission. Recently the CIAA has started filing the case to 22 bureaucrats who have earned the property in an abnormal limits and illegal ways. This report has included other news on corruption and decision made by Special Court of Nepal on the cases filed in charge of corruption.

Similarly we have broadcasted the news report on the **misuse of government vehicle by the high-level bureaucrats n the recent days**. As the political turmoil increases the government of Nepal allowed the bureaucrats to use private vehicle number instead of government number plate and that pupilage bring great misuse of government vehicle. Our report based on the survey don by civil society was factual and that bring government attention. Total 154 motors of

the government were converted into the private number plate and that is also a means of misuse of petroleum provided by the government.

In addition to this, we have broadcasted other news and views related to corruption and governance and collected from across the country. Other regular features like Listeners Forum, Our Step, VOX POP and additional tips were also broadcasted.

In the Third track FACT Nepal broadcasted an interview with **Mr. Bishnu Bahadur K.C., Auditor General of His Majesty's Government of Nepal**. The interview was based on current hot issue of government auditing system, difficulties to bring out the annual audit report of Kingdom of Nepal since past couple of years and corruption hiding inside the auditing and failure of auditing system in Nepal. We have also highlighted the economic administration of the country in this interview.

*Episode: Eighteen*

Name of the Program:	Hamro Chasso (In English "Our Concern")
Recording date:	March 18 <sup>th</sup> 2004, Thursday.
Broadcasting Date:	March 19 <sup>th</sup> 2004, Friday.
Broadcasting Time:	18.00 PM to 19.00 PM (NST)
Broadcasting Studio:	F.M. Adhyatma Jyoti 104.8 MHZ
Recording Studio:	F.M. Adhyatma Jyoti, Kathmandu

**Summary of the Radio Program**

The eighteen episode of the Hamro Chasso is divided into three tracks.

The **first track** included the news headlines appear (Published) in the national newspapers on this entire week concerning corruption, governance and subject of public concern.

After this we have broadcasted the news coverage of **financial misuse in the Kaligandaki Hydropower Project**. This project was completed at the end of 2003 but the problem is still in the apex and many attempts were made to solve the problem of payment to the contractor and consultant by the project. Therefore this problem brings speculation of corruption in the construction work so we have presented the finding of this problem from our research. After this we have broadcasted the report on **privatization process of some government authorities and corporation**, which were badly affected by the corrupt activities, and weakness of government. Nepal Rosin and Turpentine Limited was government authority but due to the appointment of inefficient officers it was in the verge of collapse and bankrupted so the government has recently decided to privatize this organization. Many other government organizations were also collapse due to the weakness of government and the officials appointed in them. After privatization several government organization come to the end of existence.

In the **second track** of the program we have broadcasted the news report on the **scarcity of drinking water in Kathmandu**. In the recent days Kathmanduities face a havoc of drinking water scarcity. The government seems always inefficient to supply the required drinking water in the valley. Therefore this report was based on the complaints and problem of the people of Kathmandu about the drinking water.

Similarly we have also broadcasted the news report and coverage of **verdict of the Supreme Court obliged the government to regularize the fare rate in the public vehicle**. The public vehicle used to charge monopolistic fare across the kingdom, so the court has decided to make a certain fare rate and regularize that systematically. Another report was about the problem existing in the public health sector. The problem rises when they focused their service in private clinics rather than their duty in government hospital. The health service in the public hospital is degrading because of the health practitioners' carelessness and giving less time in their duties.

The last report of this section was about the **Lauda Air Scam, on of the major corruption scandal in Nepalese history**. The case of this scam was under consideration in the Supreme Court of Nepal and was about to make a final decision this week, but the Civil Aviation Authority of Nepal did not cooperate the court and didn't submit the final audit report of the lease agreement made with Lauda Air of Austriya. So the case was again postponed till the authorities submit the final audit report.

Other regular features like Listeners Forum, Our Step, VOX POP and additional tips were also broadcasted in this track.

In the final track; we have broadcasted an interview with **Mr. Padma Singh Bishwakarma, Chairman of National Dalit Commission, Nepal**. The interview was based on current hot issue of the backward communities and down trodden people I Nepal. As the Commission was formed a couple of years it is assumed that the commission is not doing any remarkable achievements and we have raised the question on the existence of the commission for the welfare of targeted groups and communities. The interview brings great sensation in the government and put forth question in the behavior of the government to form commission after every issue. The corruption cases in the name of Dalit (Low privileged people), backward communities and down trodden people in Nepal, seems a whim in government and non-governmental organization.

#### **Episode: Nineteen**

Name of the Program:	Hamro Chasso (In English "Our Concern")
Recording date:	March 25 <sup>th</sup> 2004, Thursday.
Broadcasting Date:	March 26 <sup>th</sup> 2004, Friday.
Broadcasting Time:	18.00 PM to 19.00 PM (NST)
Broadcasting Studio:	F.M. Adhyatma Jyoti 104.8 MHZ
Recording Studio:	F.M. Adhyatma Jyoti, Kathmandu

#### **Summary of the Radio Program**

The nineteen episode of the Hamro Chasso is also divided into three tracks.

The **first track** included the news headlines appear (Published) in the national newspapers on this entire week concerning corruption, governance and subject of public concern.

After this we have broadcasted the news coverage of an example of **unusual kind of corruption case**. The case is associated with the extreme corrupt activities making misuse and leakage of national treasury in the name of a school that has no registration and no any existence. Since last four years, the chairman and other officials of a Village Development Committee allocate budget in the name of a school and committed corruption my making imaginary school. This scandal shows the weakness and carelessness of government authority and proper monitoring in the use of budget allocation to all sectors.

After this we have broadcasted the details coverage of **corruption activities of Nepal Oil Corporation, prepared under the title of The Empire of Corruption**. Nepal Oil Corporation is one of the most corrupt government organizations in Nepal. The report based on the corruption in this corporation exposes the failure to check the leakage and corruption inside the corporation and exposes the exact corruption cases.

In the **second track** of the program, we have broadcasted the detail coverage of an **effectiveness of market monitoring by the government authority**. In the recent days the businessman creates the artificial shortage of all consumers goods but the authority remain silent in this cases we have raised the voice for strong and sincere market monitoring and survey. After this we have also broadcasted several news reports including the **corruption and**

**financial irregularities and leakage in Kathmandu Metropolitan city.** Addition to this, another report was on explanation of former minister on corruption cases in the Special Court.

Other regular features like Listeners Forum, Our Step, VOX POP and additional tips were also broadcasted in this track.

The final track included an interview with **Mrs. Dr. Durga Pokharel, Chairman of the National Women Commission.** The interview was based women's issue and related program launched by the government to promote the status of women in Nepal. We have talked about the programs and achievements of the National Women Commission and causes of its inefficiency to obtain the target goals. The problem of the commission and the women in national scenario was discussed in this interview

### **Episode: Twenty**

Name of the Program:	Hamro Chasso (In English "Our Concern")
Recording date:	April 1 <sup>st</sup> 2004, Thursday.
Broadcasting Date:	April 2 <sup>nd</sup> 2004, Friday.
Broadcasting Time:	18.00 PM to 19.00 PM (NST)
Broadcasting Studio:	F.M. Adhyatma Jyoti 104.8 MHZ
Recording Studio:	F.M. Adhyatma Jyoti, Kathmandu

### **Summary of the Radio Program**

The nineteen episode of the Hamro Chasso is also divided into three tracks.

The **first track** included the news headlines appear (Published) in the national media on this entire week concerning corruption, governance and subjects of public concerns.

After this we have broadcasted the news coverage of the initiation of **National Vigilance Center** to control corruption in the construction projects and its code of conducts prepared to construction agents and companies. After than this we have presented the detail report on the **annual report of Transparency International.** Although Nepal was not in the main stream of research and investigation of the Transparency International, the report of 2004 shows some lessons to Nepal. This report has included the corruption in global scenario.

**In the second track** of the program, we have broadcasted the detail coverage of the fake activities in one of the school in Lalitpur Nepal. The school has made a deliberate mistake and make 14 school children its victim. The case is about the 14 students who are about to appear their Matriculation examination from Care Top Boarding School of Lalitpur in Nepal. This school has collected the students and sent to the exam without enrolling their name in the Examination Controllers Office so the academic future of the children is damage by this school. The examination of these students is not valid. This case has become one of the hottest debates in these days. After this we have also broadcasted several news reports including the debate to appoint the Secretary (High ranking officials) in the government ministries. Everybody noticed unfair selection in this position. The case of the selection of secretary brought great trauma in bureaucracy. Also we have presented the report on the action plan to be implemented by the government offices. The action plan has bring in practice to make the government office up to date, efficient and caliber in service delivery and this action plan will be implemented from July' 04 in every government offices.

Other regular features like Listeners Forum, Our Step, VOX POP and additional tips were also broadcasted in this track.

The final track included an interview with Advocate **Mr. Bal Krishna Neupane, one of the senior advocate in the Supreme Court of Nepal.** The interview was focused on judiciary reform project of the government and the problem and challenges of judiciary in Nepal. We have discuses the success and failure of judiciary and its causes in broader terms in this interview.

### Episode: Twenty One

Name of the Program:	Hamro Chasso (In English "Our Concern")
Recording date:	April 8 <sup>th</sup> 2004, Thursday.
Broadcasting Date:	April 9 <sup>th</sup> 2004, Friday.
Broadcasting Time:	18.00 PM to 19.00 PM (NST)
Broadcasting Studio:	F.M. Adhyatma Jyoti 104.8 MHZ
Recording Studio:	F.M. Adhyatma Jyoti, Kathmandu

#### Summary of the Radio Program

The **first track** included the news headlines appear (Published) in the national newspapers on this entire week concerning corruption, governance and subjects of public concerns.

After this we have broadcasted the news coverage of corruption scams in "**Nepal Industrial Development Corporation**". It is one of the profitable governmental organizations in Nepal and in the recent days there has been undergoing the rapid corruption cases. The government has decided to either close or change entire management and bring new development in the corporation. Despite the Government efforts, the Corporation is not able to maintain its financial transaction more transparent and clear all dues of the previous years. It is also shameful to state that total 12 Managing Directors were changed in last 10 years so the illegal replacement and rough political appointment in the Corporation brings degradation in the financial sector of the Corporation.

We have also broadcasted the detail news coverage of "**Working Paper on Governance and Anticorruption**" presented by the Office of the Prime Minister in the Nepal Development Forum. This working paper was mandatory to implement in all government offices and has to bring into practice to reform governance and combat corruption that has increasingly affected the entire bureaucracy.

In the **second track** of the program, we have broadcasted the detail coverage "**Financial Sector Reform Program**" led by His Majesty's Government of Nepal. This program is focused to the reform of Banking System and develops the Government Bank that has been downing due to the carelessness and corrupts activities of the bank officials. The program has also brought all changes including the entire management in selected government banks. After this we have also presented the detail news report **stressing on the essence of vital legal provision and law to check the fake certificate scam in Nepal**. As, most of the Government officials used to bring fake certificate for the promotion. These kinds of cases are rapidly increasing in Nepal in the recent days and the Government is also not able to control this problem well. Similarly, in this track we have spoken about the "**Scholarship Bank**", concept initiated by the Government and yet to materialized. This program of the government to establish the Scholarship Bank is well accepted by all in Nepal.

After this we have broadcasted the regular segments like Listeners Forum, VOX POP, Our Steps and Question of this week to our listeners.

The final track included an interview with **Dr. Ram K. Timalisina, Joint Secretary of the Supreme Court of Nepal**. The interview was focused on judiciary reform project of the government and the problem and challenges of judiciary in Nepal. The specific focal point of the talk was Judicial Reform Project that has initiated by the government recently and become one of the major talking issues the media in the recent days. We have discussed the success and failure of judiciary and its causes in broader terms in this interview.

#### *Episode: Twenty Two*

Name of the Program:	Hamro Chasso (In English "Our Concern")
Recording date:	April 15 <sup>th</sup> 2004, Thursday.
Broadcasting Date:	April 16 <sup>th</sup> 2004, Friday.
Broadcasting Time:	18.00 PM to 19.00 PM (NST)
Broadcasting Studio:	F.M. Adhyatma Jyoti 104.8 MHZ
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### Summary of the Radio Program

This is the first program of New Year 2061, of Bikram Era

Being the first program of New Year 2061, of Bikram Era, we have divided the program into **Two parts**.

The **first part** of the program has included the details news and events of past year. The news noted down as flashback of this year were also included the report on working papers prepared by the government authority for the fast reliable and non corrupt public administration. Although, the government organizations passed this paper by the bill the implementation aspects of these documents is too poor so we have stressed upon the need of strong implementation of these documents.

Similarly we have also broadcasted the **coverage of financial liabilities of the government authorities of the past year**. Many government organizations have not making their financial liabilities clear since last few years so we have stressed on the need of the strict supervision in such cases.

The **second part** of the program has included an exclusive **interview with the Chairman of National Sports Council Mr. Kishor Bahadur Singh**, about the most infamous corruption cases in Sport Council and conflict between the two government authorities having similar existence and merge later in the outgoing year.

We have also broadcasted the regular segments like Listeners Forum, VOX POP, Our Steps and Question of this week to our listeners.

### Episode: Twenty Three

Name of the Program: Hamro Chasso (In English "Our Concern")

Recording date: April 8<sup>th</sup> 2004, Thursday.

Broadcasting Date: April 9<sup>th</sup> 2004, Friday.

Broadcasting Time: 18.00 PM to 19.00 PM (NST)

Broadcasting Studio: F.M. Adhyatma Jyoti 104.8 MHZ

Recording Studio: F.M. Adhyatma Jyoti, Kathmandu

### Summary of the Radio Program

The **first track** included the news headlines appear (Published) in the national newspapers on this entire week concerning corruption, governance and subjects of public concerns.

We have broadcasted the news coverage of corruption scam on **financial leakage and scarcity in the Kathmandu Metropolitan City, concluded by the Office of the Auditor General**. Since the past few years the corruption cases and financial leakage in the Metropolitan has increasingly affected the development work of the authority. Similarly, we have broadcasted the details coverage of **service delivery of the Bir Hospital**, the oldest and largest public hospital in Nepal. The service delivery of the hospital is degrading day by day because of the inefficiency and carelessness of the doctors involving in this hospital. Since the government doctor do not care much about the patients and service they are involve in profit making business in private Nursing Homes. Less interest of the doctors has affected the quality of service delivery in one hand and in the other hand the machines and equipments brought from the donors are all out of use due to the lack of proper maintenance.

In the **Second track** of this program we have broadcasted the details coverage of **Nepal Development Forum**. The annual meeting of Nepal Development Forum is going to be held after a week in Kathmandu and several issues in corruption control and governance are supposed to rise therefore, we have stressed on the essence of the proper attention in corruption control and governance in this meeting.

Similarly we have broadcasted the news report on the first phase program of **"Education for All"**. The government has initiated the massive approach for providing basic education for all by 2015 BS and the first phase program under this project has recently announced by the government. So we have stressed on the side of its proper implementation and its effectiveness to provide education to all.

Other features added with these were the regular features like Listeners Forum, VOX POP ,Our Steps etc.

The final track included an interview with **Dr. Janak Lal Karmacharya, Executive Director of Nepal electricity Authority**. It was one of the highly acclaimed exclusive interviews of its kind. The interview was focused corruption scams and inside story of the failure ness of the different hydropower projects in Nepal. Since past few years many hydropower projects have been undergoing the significant corruption scandals and have negative impact in the common life. These scams have also influenced the policies to use hydropower and water management in Nepal. The interview as also highlighted program and policies of the Nepal Electricity Authority and Ministry of Water resources.

#### **Episode: Twenty-four**

Name of the Program:	Hamro Chasso (In English "Our Concern")
Recording date:	April 29 <sup>th</sup> 2004, Thursday.
Broadcasting Date:	April 30 <sup>th</sup> 2004, Friday.
Broadcasting Time:	18.00 PM to 19.00 PM (NST)
Broadcasting Studio:	F.M. Adhyatma Jyoti 104.8 MHZ
Recording Studio:	F.M. Adhyatma Jyoti, Kathmandu

#### **Summary of the Radio Program**

The **first track** included the news headlines appear (Published) in the national newspapers on this entire week concerning corruption, governance and subjects of public concerns.

We have broadcasted the news coverage on the present condition of the **"Waste Water Purification Center"**. The government of Nepal has started the process of wastewater management system and constructed some plants in Kathmandu and Bhaktapur of Nepal but due to the lack of the proper attention almost all of these plants are useless. Total 8 plants were constructed and the require equipments were install in 6 plants and only one is functioning at the moment. The equipments worth Millions of rupees are now out of an eye of the government so we have stressed upon the need of the proper attention of concern authorities in this case.

Addition to this, we have broadcasted the news coverage of **Melamchi Drinking Water Project**. Melamchi Drinking Water Project controlled by the government is one of the most coveted and awaited drinking water projects of the Kathmanduities. Yet, after 10 years of its initiation it has not make any shape to be completed in the near future and in the other hand it has falls the victim of unfair contract and financial irregularities.

In the **Second track** of this program we have broadcasted the details coverage **fake visa issuance from the Malaysian Embassy in Kathmandu**. Recently the Malaysian Embassy has issued the fake visa to about 100 Nepalese workers and the immigration department has identified the mystery and unfold the inside story of fake visa issuance. More than 100 Nepalese workers falls victim of this illegal act of the officials of the Malaysian Embassy in Kathmandu, Similarly we have broadcasted the news report on the **involvement of government officials to issue the Nepalese Passport to non-residential Nepalese and foreigners**. Total 34-bureaucrats/ govt. officials were accused of involvement in this case and out this more the 22 officials were already run way leaving their offices and resident. The government authority caught only 6. Also we have broadcasted the news report on the **corruption and irregularities in fulfillment of vacant post at the Council for technical and Vocational Education, Nepal**. The chief of this institution is blamed of involving in unofficial gain in the appointment procedure.

Other features added with these were the regular features like Listeners Forum, VOX POP ,Our Steps etc.

The final track included an interview with **Mr. Narendra Man Pradhan , Director of Nepal Drinking Water Corporation and with Mrs. Mangala Karanjit, Secretary of the Melamchi Drinking water project**. The interview was based on the drinking water problem in Kathmandu and the future policies for the abundant supply of drinking water.

*Episode: Twenty-Five*

Name of the Program:	Hamro Chasso (In English "Our Concern")
Recording date:	May 6 <sup>th</sup> 2004, Thursday.
Broadcasting Date:	May 7 <sup>th</sup> 2004, Friday.
Broadcasting Time:	18.00 PM to 19.00 PM (NST)
Broadcasting Studio:	F.M. Adhyatma Jyoti 104.8 MHZ
Recording Studio:	F.M. Adhyatma Jyoti, Kathmandu

**Summary of the Radio Program**

The **first track** included the news headlines appear (Published) in the national newspapers on this entire week concerning corruption, governance and subjects of public concerns.

After this we have broadcasted the news coverage on **Judiciary reform process** that has initiated by the government. The Supreme Court of Nepal has passed the Judiciary reform project and collected the handsome amount of money from the donor agencies but the use of this assistance is not made satisfactorily and transparently.

We have further broadcasted the detail coverage of **chaos administration**. The administrative sector of Nepal is being chaos day by day and has not been able to reform the weaknesses inside the administration. In the Second track of this program we have broadcasted the detail news report on **Activities of Commission for Investigation of Abuse of Authority**. The CIAA is a constitutional body working to curb corruption in Nepal and in the recent days it has dramatically fasten its speed to control corruption in Nepal.

Other regular features Listeners Forum, VOX POP, Our Steps were added in this program too.

In the final track we have broadcasted an interview with Advocate **Mr. Komal Ghimire, Chairman of the Supreme Court Bar Association, Tel: 00977-1-4272414, 00977-98510 23929**. The interview was focused on Judicial Reform Project and loopholes of the Supreme Court of Nepal.

**Episode: Twenty-Six**

Name of the Program:	Hamro Chasso (In English "Our Concern")
Recording date:	May 13 <sup>th</sup> 2004, Thursday.
Broadcasting Date:	Mat 14 <sup>th</sup> 2004, Friday.
Broadcasting Time:	18.00 PM to 19.00 PM (NST)
Broadcasting Studio:	F.M. Adhyatma Jyoti 104.8 MHZ
Recording Studio:	F.M. Adhyatma Jyoti, Kathmandu

**Summary of the Radio Program**

The **first track** included the news headlines appear (Published) in the national newspapers on this entire week concerning corruption, governance and subjects of public concerns.

After this we have broadcasted the news coverage on the **absence of top-level bureaucrats in their office**. Since long time many top level bureaucrats are absent in their office without any solid reason and the government is silent in this issue which causes problem to the public work in concerned offices. The officials used to stay at home for personal work rather to stay in office full time. We have raised this issue to bring the attention of the government on the public problem. Similarly we have broadcasted the news report on the **problem faces by the common citizen at the Tax Office**.

In the Second track of this program we have broadcasted the detail news report on the **problem of education sector**. The private boarding school charges high tuition fees in the name of providing quality education and public school are low in their quality due the political influences in the schools and college. The fee structure in the private school is beyond the capacity of the common citizen and parents/ guardians blame the school for corruption in the name of education.

Similarly we have broadcasted the report on **"Remote Area Donation Fund"** of His Majesty's Government. Remote Area Donation Fund was established for the development of the rural areas especially in transportation. But the fund is misused and achieves nothing till date so we have

broadcasted this issue to bring attention of the government for the proper monitoring and its importance.

Other regular features Listeners Forum, VOX POP, Our Steps were added in this program too. In the final track we have broadcasted an interview with **Mr. Bharat M. Jangam, Tel: 00977-1-4470488, Patron of FACT Nepal and anticorruption activist.** The interview was focused on social aspects of corruption and civic responsibilities to control it.

#### **Episode: Twenty-Seven**

Name of the Program:	Hamro Chasso (In English "Our Concern")
Recording date:	May 20 <sup>th</sup> 2004, Thursday.
Broadcasting Date:	May 21 <sup>st</sup> 2004, Friday.
Broadcasting Time:	18.00 PM to 19.00 PM (NST)
Broadcasting Studio:	F.M. Adhyatma Jyoti 104.8 MHZ
Recording Studio:	F.M. Adhyatma Jyoti, Kathmandu

#### **Summary of the Radio Program**

The **first track** included the news headlines appear (Published) in the national newspapers on this entire week concerning corruption, governance and subjects of public concerns.

After this we have broadcasted the news coverage on the **most controversial Supreme Court verdict.** The verdict made on the favor of the famous international smuggler by the Supreme Court is the most talking issue of this month in Nepal. The Special Court of Nepal has made the decision of 17 yrs imprisonment and One Million deposits to the guilt smuggler but when he re-appeal at the Supreme Court, the court has decided on his favor and released him. Still this issue is the debatable issue in Nepalese media and judiciary and all around. We have also broadcasted the issue of "**Payment Debate**" of the Kaligandaki Hydropower project, the largest hydropower project of Nepal. This project was completed few months back but the payment debate to the contractor and consultant is still a ball at the throat.

In the **Second track** of this program we have broadcasted the detail news report on **controversial issue of the Kathmandu Metropolitan City for making permanent appointment to the temporary staffs.** This issue is supposed to have based on the corruption of the metro Mayor.

Similarly we have broadcasted the good news to the general consumers that from the date onward the taxi will be issuing the electronic bills to the clients.

Other regular features Listeners Forum, VOX POP, Our Steps were added in this program too.

In the final track we have broadcasted an interview with **Mr. Shree Bhadra Sharma, former President of Transparency International Nepal Chapter and senior politician of Nepal, Tel: 00977-1-4470011.** Mr. Sharma being a former Minister has spoken much about the political corruption and its socio-economic aspects. The interview also focused on the failure of the government efforts to minimize corruption.

#### **Episode: Twenty-Eight**

Name of the Program:	Hamro Chasso (In English "Our Concern")
Recording date:	May 27 <sup>th</sup> 2004, Thursday.
Broadcasting Date:	May 28 <sup>th</sup> 2004, Friday.
Broadcasting Time:	18.00 PM to 19.00 PM (NST)
Broadcasting Studio:	F.M. Adhyatma Jyoti 104.8 MHZ
Recording Studio:	F.M. Adhyatma Jyoti, Kathmandu

#### **Summary of the Radio Program**

The **first track** included the news headlines appear (Published) in the national newspapers on this entire week concerning corruption, governance and subjects of public concerns.

After this we have broadcasted the news coverage on the **resignation of the nominated officials at the local governance bodies.** From the past two years all local bodies across the kingdom were without peoples representatives and the Government had appointed the officials to

carry out the daily administrative work few months back but these officials also resigned from their posts and now all the local authorities are without officials and representatives. That has badly affected the public work. After this we have broadcasted the details news coverage related to the prior consensus of Public Service Commission for the selection procedure of the police officer. It is widely accepted and known that there remain great problems and corruption in the selection process of the Police Officer by the police department. So the provision of the consensus of Public Service Commission is made in the recent days. It is anticipate that there would be some reform in the selection procedure.

In the **Second track** of this program we have broadcasted the detail news report on the cancellation of the subsidies in education rendered by the donor agencies. In the recent years the government of Nepal has not been able to reform the education sector and has badly affected by the several strikes called by the different affiliations so the donor agencies are taken their hands off from donating in the education sector in Nepal. After this, we have also discussed about the **judicial reform process** that has initiated by the government of Nepal. We have further broadcasted the report on the **problems and mistakes in the matriculation examination of this year**. Some facts are coming out these days, as there were several loopholes and mistakes committed by the examination controller's office and examination inspection team during the examination period.

Other regular features Listeners Forum, VOX POP, Our Steps were added in this program too. The final track included an interview with **Dr. Shree Krishna Shrestha, Tel: 00977-1-555274374330426, veteran governance analyst and anticorruption expert**. He was the member of National Planning Commission in the past and has experience of teaching Public Administration in Nepal. We have talked about the corruption in policy level and social concern to combat corruption. He representing the civil society stressed upon the public audit and public pressure to control corruption in government offices and highlighted the citizen monitoring in government work.

### Episode: Twenty-Nine

Name of the Program:	Hamro Chasso (In English "Our Concern")
Recording date:	June 3, 2004, Thursday.
Broadcasting Date:	June 4, 2004, Friday.
Broadcasting Time:	18.00 PM to 19.00 PM (NST)
Broadcasting Studio:	F.M. Adhyatma Jyoti 104.8 MHZ
Recording Studio:	F.M. Adhyatma Jyoti, Kathmandu

### Summary of the Radio Program

The **first track** included the news headlines that appeared in the national newspapers during this week concerning corruption, governance and issues of public concern.

After this, we have broadcasted the news coverage on the corruption cases charged to the Chief District Office of the Shankubhasawa, one of the eastern districts in Nepal. The Chief District Officer with the support of the contractors and transporters was accused of misusing of funds in course of the salt supply. In addition to this, we have broadcasted the news coverage of the punishment recommended by the CIAA to the Joint Secretary and Engineer of the Ministry of Health, Nepal. The joint Secretary and Engineer of this ministry were indulged in corruption. Therefore, the CIAA has investigated and recommended to the special court for the prosecution. The charge of corruption was proved and those officials were obliged to pay high amounts as compensation and imprisonment for a couple of years. After this, we have broadcasted the detailed coverage on the government investment and its outcome in the National Academy of Health Sciences. The Government of Nepal has invested a lot of money in this institution but the

targeted goals were not achieved. Therefore, the government investment on this institution has gone in vain.

In the Second track of the program, we have broadcasted the coverage of Judicial Action Plan implemented by the Supreme Court of Nepal in order to reform the judiciary and to overcome the prevailing problems of the judicial systems in Nepal. Additional reports broadcasted in this section were about the condition of the only highway linking the capital city with the rest of the kingdom. The monsoon rain damages the road and the government is too slow to solve the problem. Because of the damaged road condition, the people in the capital are suffering from the shortage of foodstuffs and other daily consuming goods. Another report was about the problem in the supply of drinking water in Kathmandu Valley. Despite several so-called attempts of the Nepal Drinking Water Corporation, the only government authority responsible for supplying the capital dwellers with the drinking water, it is still difficult for the people of Kathmandu to have a good supply of drinking water.

Vox Pop, Question in the Listeners Forum and Our Steps were the regular features broadcasted in this episode.

In the final track, we have broadcasted the interview with **Dr. Hemanta Dawadi, Director of the anticorruption project in the Federation of Nepalese Chambers of Commerce and Industries, Tel: 977-01-4262255, 4481142.** The interview was based on the corruption in the private sector and efforts of FNCCI to combat corruption in the private sector.

*Episode: Thirty*

Name of the Program:	Hamro Chasso (In English "Our Concern")
Recording date:	June 10, 2004, Thursday.
Broadcasting Date:	June 11, 2004, Friday.
Broadcasting Time:	18.00 PM to 19.00 PM (NST)
Broadcasting Studio:	F.M. Adhyatma Jyoti 104.8 MHZ
Recording Studio:	F.M. Adhyatma Jyoti, Kathmandu

**Summary of the Radio Program**

The **first track** included the news headlines that appeared in the national newspapers during this week concerning corruption, governance and issues of public concern.

After this, we have broadcasted the news coverage on the direction of the Ministry of Local Development to the local authorities to manage the public work by the government officials as the tenure of the nominated local representatives terminated from the first week of the June 2004. The Ministry of Local Development has directed the government officials of the local authorities to continue the public works in the absence of the people's representatives until another provision.

In addition to this, we have broadcasted the detailed coverage on the quality of the milk distributed across the kingdom. The milk distributed by the private dairies and government dairy was found to contain several inedible ingredients. The quality of the milk did not meet the standard and was found to contain some microbes in it after the inspection and testing in the laboratories. Consequently, the government initiated a serious action in this regard.

In the second track of the program, we have broadcasted the detailed news coverage on the quality and standard of the education provided by Tribhuwan University, the oldest University of Nepal. Tribhuwan University is undergoing the vicious problem of financial leakage and shortage of the students enrolling here after the emergence of private universities in Nepal. It was the only university in the kingdom for a long time but in the recent days, other universities

were also established and most of the students were attracted to the other private universities rather than the government university. As a result, this problem has generated a major concern for the government and the university itself.

Additional reports broadcasted in this track were about the directive principles issued by the government to manage the solid medical waste from health centers, hospitals, nursing homes etc. The waste from those health institutions has created a major problem in the environment of the Kathmandu and the government authority is concerned on this issue. Therefore, we have raised our voice for the immediate solution regarding the management of this waste. Another report was on different corruption cases and issues of public concern. The reporting was based on the problem faced by the Western Development Region of Nepal, one of the five development regions in the kingdom. The government has never properly addressed their problems and we have raised our voice to force the governmental body to make appropriate program for the improvement of quality of life of the people of this region.

Vox Pop, Question in the Listeners Forum and Our Steps were the regular features broadcasted in this episode.

In the final track we have broadcasted the interview with **Mr. Shree Bhadra Sharma, former President of Transparency International**. This interview was repeated in this episode as per the public demand to know on the prevailing issues on Political Corruption and its socio-economic impacts.

*Episode: Thirty One*

Name of the Program:	Hamro Chasso (In English "Our Concern")
Recording date:	June 17, 2004, Thursday.
Broadcasting Date:	June 18, 2004, Friday.
Broadcasting Time:	18.00 PM to 19.00 PM (NST)
Broadcasting Studio:	F.M. Adhyatma Jyoti 104.8 MHZ
Recording Studio:	F.M. Adhyatma Jyoti, Kathmandu

#### **Summary of the Radio Program**

The **first track** included the news headlines that appeared in the national newspapers during this week concerning corruption, governance and issues of public concern.

After this, we have broadcasted the news coverage on the government program that was recently launched by the Government of Nepal. Although the government has announced the new programs and policies, most of them are the same as the previous government had made. The government highlighted many programs launched by the previous government, which could not be materialized. As a result, those programs drew comments from various walks of life.

In addition to this, we have broadcasted the news report on the financial scarcity and leakage in the Office of Kathmandu Metropolitan City. The Kathmandu Metropolitan City is now undergoing a severe financial scarcity and is facing many problems because of the misuse of its funds and resources. Therefore, we have disclosed the in and outs of the financial misuse of the metropolitan city in this episode.

In the second track of the program, we have broadcasted the report on the role of the media to control corruption. This subject was also recently highlighted by the government authorities and drew the public attention on this issue. Therefore, we have prepared the detailed report on the need and role of media in controlling corruption and promoting good governance in the kingdom. We have further broadcasted the report on scarcity of the daily consuming goods created by the artificial scarcity by the business people and the problems created by the monsoon rains in the kingdom.

Additionally, Vox Pop, Question in the Listeners Forum and Our Steps were the regular features broadcasted in this episode as usual.

In the final track we have broadcasted the interview with **Mr. Dinabandhu Aryal, former Minister and senior democrat, Tel: 977-1-4488907**. The interview was based on political corruption in Nepal and its effects in bureaucracy and business. The trend of political corruption and its cause and consequences were discussed widely in this interview. Mr. Aryal highlighted various cases of corruptions committed by the politicians in this interview, which brought a sensation in the media after broadcasting this interview first time via radio.

*Episode: Thirty Two*

Name of the Program:	Hamro Chasso (In English "Our Concern")
Recording date:	June 24, 2004, Thursday.
Broadcasting Date:	June 25, 2004, Friday.
Broadcasting Time:	18.00 PM to 19.00 PM (NST)
Broadcasting Studio:	F.M. Adhyatma Jyoti 104.8 MHZ
Recording Studio:	F.M. Adhyatma Jyoti, Kathmandu

#### **Summary of the Radio Program**

The **first track** included the news headlines that appeared in the national newspapers during this week concerning corruption, governance and issues of public concern.

After this, we have broadcasted the news coverage on the report of the UN Convention Against Corruption passed by the 54th UN General Assembly held in Merida, Mexico. Altogether 10 countries have approved the draft and will remain open till 2005, which will come into practice after the adoption by at least 30 countries. The government of Nepal is now designing the legal framework to adopt the resolution of this convention. In addition to this, we have also broadcasted the conflict between the contractor and government at the Middle Marshyangdi Hydropower Project. The issue of debate is related to the payment to the contractor. As the government is delaying the payment of the said amount, the contractor has called a strike and has stopped the entire construction work.

In the second track, we have broadcasted the detailed report on the governmental action in the prepared reports of the different committees. The government used to form different committees to prepare the report on different issues but never implemented the report prepared by the committee. This trend is deeply rooted. Therefore, we have raised the voice to draw the attention of the government authorities to implement the report or not to form the committee at all. Till date, dozens of reports have been submitted to the government but none of them have been implemented. Therefore, questions were raised on the formation of the committees and their reports.

Further to this, we have broadcasted the report on 41 annual report of the Auditor General of Nepal. The Auditor General has to prepare the annual report of the government income and expenditure every year and has to submit its report to His Majesty the King for the final approval and has to make public from the parliament. But due to the absence of parliament, the report of the Auditor General has not been made public since last three years. Therefore, we have prepared the news report about the report of the Auditor General and have exposed the income and expenditure of this fiscal year.

In addition to these, Vox Pop, Question in the Listeners Forum and Our Steps were the regular features of this episode.

In the final track, we have broadcasted the interview with **Mr. Badri Bahadur Karki, Deputy Auditor General of Nepal**. The interview was based on the annual report of the Auditor General of Nepal. The Office of the Auditor General of Nepal has to prepare the annual report of

the detailed audit of the government income and expenditure. Since the past two years, the report of the auditor general has not been able to be exposed because of the absence of the parliament. Therefore, the people do not know about the true picture of the economic condition of Nepal and corruption inside the government offices. We have discussed on this issue as the AG Office is going to submit its 41st annual report to His Majesty the King for the final approval.

*Episode: Thirty Three*

Name of the Program:	Hamro Chasso (In English "Our Concern")
Recording date:	July 1, 2004, Thursday.
Broadcasting Date:	July 2, 2004, Friday.
Broadcasting Time:	18.00 PM to 19.00 PM (NST)
Broadcasting Studio:	F.M. Adhyatma Jyoti 104.8 MHZ
Recording Studio:	F.M. Adhyatma Jyoti, Kathmandu

**Summary of the Radio Program**

The **first track** included the news headlines that appeared in the national newspapers during this week concerning corruption, governance and issues of public concern.

After this, we have broadcasted the news coverage on the increment of the tariff in drinking water. Nepal Drinking Water Corporation is planning to make 50 percent increment in the current tariff in drinking water which will come into affect from the mid of July but has not notified the consumers yet. On one hand, the Corporation has not been able to supply the increasing demand of the water in the city. On the other hand, it has been trying to increase the tariff across the kingdom. Therefore, the question comes when the corporation can manage to fulfill the increasing demand by increasing the tariff.

In the second report, we have broadcasted the news coverage of the corruption cases in the Birgunj Sub-Metropolitan city, one of the commercial cities of the kingdom. The out going officials of the Metropolitan were involved in grand. We made a detailed report on this issue and broadcasted. In addition to this, we have also broadcasted the report of the reform planning of Nepal Oil Corporation. Nepal Oil Corporation is known as one of the corrupt institutions in Nepal and recently when the officials of the corporation committed corruption by mixing the kerosene with other petroleum products, the corporation has called a team of experts from India to investigate on it. Therefore, we have prepared the report on the basis of the investigation report of the team.

In addition to these, Vox Pop, Question in the Listeners Forum and Our Steps were the regular features broadcasted in this episode.

In the final track, we have broadcasted the interview with **Mr. Narayan Man Bijukchhe, Chairperson of the Nepal Workers Party, a senior politician of Nepal Tel: 977-01-6610725**. The interview was based on corruption in various political parties in Nepal. We have discussed about the efforts of his party to control corruption and to run a movement against corruption in Nepal.

*Episode: Thirty Four*

Name of the Program:	Hamro Chasso (In English "Our Concern")
Recording date:	July 8, 2004, Thursday.
Broadcasting Date:	July 9, 2004, Friday.
Broadcasting Time:	18.00 PM to 19.00 PM (NST)
Broadcasting Studio:	F.M. Adhyatma Jyoti 104.8 MHZ
Recording Studio:	F.M. Adhyatma Jyoti, Kathmandu

### Summary of the Radio Program

The **first track** included the news headlines that appeared in the national newspapers during this week concerning corruption, governance and issues of public concern.

After this, we have broadcasted the news coverage on the termination of the renewed contract of the Melamchi Drinking Water Project. The main donor agency, Asian Development Bank has unilaterally declared the termination of the contract with the government of Nepal. Due to the termination of the contract, the future of Melamchi Drinking Water Project seems uncertain and is difficult to predict when it will be completed and when Kathmanduites get the access of drinking water. We have also broadcasted the report on corruption committed by the Agriculture Tools Corporation during the import of the chemical fertilizers from the Clanport Company, Israel. The Government of Israel has demanded to investigate on this issue but the Government of Nepal refused her request. The CIAA has already investigated on this issue and has the concerned officials involved in the scam.

In the second track, we have broadcasted the detailed report of corruption in the educational sector. Many Nepalese educational institutions have cheated the government and made illegal gain in the name of foreign affiliation. The Government of Nepal has started investigation on this issue. Therefore, we have raised the voice to check such crime and punish the culprits. In addition to this, we have also broadcasted the news coverage of the essence of separate mechanism to make judicial sector comment-free, independent and error-free. In the recent days, the people feel an essence of strong and separate mechanism to regularize the judiciary system. As a result, the government has already initiated its homework on this issue as well.

In addition to these, Vox Pop, Question in the Listeners Forum and Our Steps were the regular features broadcasted in this episode.

In the final track, we have broadcasted the interview with **Prof. Dr. Jaya Raj Acharya, former Nepalese Ambassador to USA, senior educationist and political analyst of Nepal**. The interview was based on diplomatic concern toward the increasing corruption and issues of good governance. We have discussed about the aspects of good governance and increasing corruption in bureaucracy in this interview.

#### *Episode: Thirty Five*

Name of the Program:	Hamro Chasso (In English "Our Concern")
Recording date:	July 16, 2004, Thursday.
Broadcasting Date:	July 17, 2004, Friday.
Broadcasting Time:	18.00 PM to 19.00 PM (NST)
Broadcasting Studio:	F.M. Adhyatma Jyoti 104.8 MHZ
Recording Studio:	F.M. Adhyatma Jyoti, Kathmandu

### Summary of the Radio Program

The **first track** included the news headlines that appeared in the national newspapers during this week concerning corruption, governance and issues of public concern.

After this, we have broadcasted the news coverage on the deep concern of the Commission for Investigation of Authority in illegal appointments of the officials in the government authorities, especially in the municipality and metropolitan cities. As a result, the CIAA has directed to sack those officials who were appointed without following proper rules and regulations. In addition to this, we have broadcasted the news coverage of bureaucratic concern regarding the appointment of the secretaries in the ministries. Actually, the government has not been able to appoint the 8 top-level bureaucrats in different ministries. Altogether 8 positions of the secretaries in the different ministries were vacant since last couple of months. Therefore, we have raised the voice to take a proper action on it by the Government.

In the second track, we have broadcasted the detailed coverage of irregularities in the international charities and grants to the government of Nepal. In the recent days, some of the top level bureaucrats used to use the international financial assistance through their private account. The inside story of this case has recently been broken up. Therefore, we have made a cover story of this scandal in our program. We have further broadcasted the report on the corruption at Nepal Oil Corporation. The officials and tanker drivers used to mix up kerosene in other petroleum products while importing from India. Therefore, it caused a serious debate on this issue for a year. As a result, the government has been forced to initiate to check up all the storage areas by the experts. Similarly, we have also broadcasted the different news about the corruption and punishment over corruption cases by the government authorities.

In addition to these, Vox Pop, Question in the Listeners Forum and Our Steps were the regular features broadcasted in this episode.

In the final track we have broadcasted the interview with **Mr. Mukunda Raj Satyal, Executive Director of Shaja Yatayat Cooperative**. The interview was based on the rise and fall of the first cooperative i.e. Sajha Yatayat of Nepal. Since its establishment in 1960, it used to be one of the successful cooperatives in Nepalese history but due to the political interfere; it is on the verge of collapse. In the past it was officially collapsed and closed all activities but again, after the petition of some shareholders at the Supreme Court, it has again been revived in 2003. We have discussed all ups and downs of the cooperative and new programs and policies made within the period of one year of its revival.

*Episode: Thirty Six*

Name of the Program:	Hamro Chasso (In English "Our Concern")
Recording date:	July 22, 2004, Thursday.
Broadcasting Date:	July 23, 2004, Friday.
Broadcasting Time:	18.00 PM to 19.00 PM (NST)
Broadcasting Studio:	F.M. Adhyatma Jyoti 104.8 MHZ
Recording Studio:	F.M. Adhyatma Jyoti, Kathmandu

**Summary of the Radio Program**

The **first track** included the news headlines that appeared in the national newspapers during this week concerning corruption, governance and issues of public concern.

After this, we have broadcasted the news coverage on the Government policies to reduce the number of government officials, which has caused an unnecessary burden to the government. Recently, the government of Nepal has decided to cut off nearly 11000 government positions to refresh the right size of the bureaucracy. Many reactions from different sectors are arising in this decision as well. However, the government seems dedicated to implement this policy. The existing government officials are also strongly opposed this idea of the government also. In addition, we have broadcasted the details of the corruption cases and punishment in them and the success and failure of the Special Court and CIAA.

In the second track, we have broadcasted the detailed coverage on the Complaint Box arranged and managed by the Government. Recently, the Government of Nepal has made a provision of complaining about any difficulties faced by the public. This arrangement has been made on the basis of increasing complaints against the government offices by the public and the government will attempt to rectify these complaints and find the ways to solve the problems. Similarly, we have broadcasted the detailed news coverage of the Expenditure of the Royal Palace. The annual expenditure for the Royal Palace has been increasing tremendously in the recent years and it has not been made transparent. Therefore, we have raised the voice to justify the reasons of

increasing and making it transparent. In addition to these, we have further broadcasted other news related to the corruption and good governance in this episode.

In addition to these, Vox Pop, Question in the Listeners Forum and Our Steps were the regular features broadcasted in this episode.

In the final track, we have broadcasted the interview with **Mr. Narahari Acharya, a senior democrat, politician and a former minister**. The interview was based on political corruption, causes and consequences of political turmoil in Nepal. Mr. Acharya, representing the former ruling party, was aggressive in corrupt behaviors of his counterparts and colleagues. He was deeply concerned with the corruption in political parties and the agenda they are raising in the recent days.

*Episode: Thirty Seven*

Name of the Program:	Hamro Chasso (In English "Our Concern")
Recording date:	July 29, 2004, Thursday.
Broadcasting Date:	July 30, 2004, Friday.
Broadcasting Time:	18.00 PM to 19.00 PM (NST)
Broadcasting Studio:	F.M. Adhyatma Jyoti 104.8 MHZ
Recording Studio:	F.M. Adhyatma Jyoti, Kathmandu

**Summary of the Radio Program**

The **first track** included the news headlines that appeared in the national newspapers during this week concerning corruption, governance and issues of public concern.

After this, we have broadcasted the news coverage on the recurring payment debate of the Kaligandaki Hydropower Project, the largest hydropower project of Nepal. This project has become a major issue of the public concern. We have also broadcasted the news coverage on the recent decision of the Special Court of Corruption in Nepal. The Special Court has made a decision on the case of corruption committed by Mr. Chiranjibi Wagle, the former Deputy Prime Minister and senior politician of the ruling party. Mr. Wagle was facing the case of corruption for two years and the court has declared him corrupt and ordered to 2.5 years imprisonment and a fine of Twenty Millions Rupees. This is the first case that the Special Court has declared corrupt to such a high-ranking politician. As a result, the public welcomed the historic decision of the court.

In the second track, we have broadcasted the detailed coverage on the infamous Korean employment recruitment scam. Recently, the Lumbini Overseas Employment Agency, one of the manpower companies, has got authority to send a couple of Hundreds of Nepalese workers to Korea. And as one of the great corruption scams was occurred in the past for the same business, the government has decided to adopt the lottery system for the selection of the candidates. Therefore, a serious debate has been created regarding the process of the selection in the foreign employments. Therefore, we have broadcasted all pros and cons of these government decisions. In addition to these, we have further broadcasted other news related to the corruption and good governance in this episode.

In addition to these, Vox Pop, Question in the Listeners Forum and Our Steps were the regular features broadcasted in this episode.

In the final track, we have broadcasted the interview with **Mr. Nirmal Gurung, Chairman of the Foreign Employment Association of Nepal (FEAN)**. The interview was based on the recent debate of the Association and the Government. The Government has decided to implement lottery system for the selection of the candidates for the foreign employments to regularize the unfair selection process and control corruption in such cases. But the FEAN was

aggressively opposing the government decision. Thus a great turmoil has been created in the foreign employment scam.

*Episode: Thirty Eight*

Name of the Program:	Hamro Chasso (In English "Our Concern")
Recording date:	Aug 6, 2004, Friday
Broadcasting Date:	Aug 6, 2004, Friday.
Broadcasting Time:	18.00 PM to 19.00 PM (NST)
Broadcasting Studio:	F.M. Adhyatma Jyoti 104.8 MHZ
Recording Studio:	F.M. Adhyatma Jyoti, Kathmandu

**Summary of the Radio Program**

The **first track** included the news headlines that appeared in the national newspapers during this week concerning corruption, governance and issues of public concern.

After this, we have broadcasted the news coverage on the conflict of recruitment process of a couple of Hundred Nepalese employees to Korea. This conflict arose between the government and the Lumbini Overseas, one of the manpower companies authorized by the Korean government to send required number of workers to Korea. For a long time, this issue has been of a great public concern. It has also aroused the possibilities of corruption or turmoil. As a result, this issue is going to face the court-case as well as an investigation by Commission for Investigation of Abuse of Authority (CIAA). We have also broadcasted the news coverage on the recurring payment debate of largest hydropower project of Nepal, Kaligandaki Hydropower Project. Time and again, this project becomes the major issues of the public concern. Finally, Nepal Electricity Authority is getting ready to present the case at the International Court of Justice against the foreign tender company of the project.

In the second track, we have broadcasted the detailed coverage on the decision of the government toward the private academic institutions and their rules and regulations. Suddenly, the government has implied an act that every private school should be registered as a company or a trust. To prevent the prevailing profit-intensive tendencies and chaos of those schools, the government has made such a decision. The government has also passed a rule which says that the fee should not be exceeded more than Rs. 700 per student. Now-a-days, this issue has been a major public concern.

In addition to these, Vox Pop, Question in the Listeners Forum and Our Steps were the regular features broadcasted in this episode.

In the final track, we have broadcasted the interview with **Mr.Narayan Man Bijukchhe, the Chairperson of Nepal Peasants' and Workers' Party**. The interview was based on the close relationship between politics and corruption and methods of prevention. In the last tenure of democracy how the political parties took a leap forward to maintain good governance and avoid the corruption were the central subject matter of our talk.

*Episode: Thirty Nine*

Name of the Program:	Hamro Chasso (In English "Our Concern")
Recording date:	Aug 12,2004, Thursday
Broadcasting Date:	Aug 13, 2004, Friday.
Broadcasting Time:	18.00 PM to 19.00 PM (NST)
Broadcasting Studio:	F.M. Adhyatma Jyoti 104.8 MHZ
Recording Studio:	F.M. Adhyatma Jyoti, Kathmandu

### Summary of the Radio Program

The **first track** included the news headlines that appeared in the national newspapers during this week concerning corruption, governance and issues of public concern.

After this, we have broadcasted the news coverage on the report of General Chief Auditor of last fiscal year, which has indicated 46.66 million dollar in ruse. Due to the absence of the parliament, this report was presented to the His Majesty the King by the Chief Auditor. This is obviously a great concern of the public on the economy of the nation. On the same context, we have also broadcasted the news coverage on the minister's interference on the current year's budget distribution. From the related sources, it has been known that ministers have distributed the budget according to their electoral interests. But the Commission of National Planning Commission has been annoyed due to such kind of behaviors shown by ministers. We have also broadcasted the news coverage on the present bankrupt situation of Nepal Oil Corporation, the only authorized petroleum products' distributor of Nepal. The Corporation has been bearing a loss of twenty million dollar per day for a long time. Because of vast turmoil and leakage, the corporation has been facing an extreme loss. Therefore, the corporation was forced to hike the price of petroleum products. But the general public is protesting such decision made by the corporation. Next, we have also broadcasted the news coverage on the corrupt activities in the Mid-Western Irrigation Project. Some of the staffs were involved in taking commission from the Consumer Committee to implement the project.

In the second track, we have broadcasted the detailed coverage on the report of Chief Auditor for the last fiscal year 2059/2060 B.S. Which indicates 46.66 million dollar in ruse. Due to the absence of the parliament, this report was presented to the His Majesty the King for the final approval. However, the whole process has been kept confidential from the public circle. This type of less transparent system was widely protested across the kingdom.

In addition to these, Vox Pop, Question in the Listeners Forum and Our Steps were the regular features broadcasted in this episode.

In the final track, we have broadcasted the interview with **Mrs. Sahana Pradhan, Central Committee Member of the present ruling party, CPN- UML**. The interview was based on the political commitment of curbing corruption and way to combat it. It was also focused on the institutional remedies to curb corruption in the governmental sector.

#### *Episode: Forty*

Name of the Program:	Hamro Chasso (In English "Our Concern")
Recording date:	Aug 18, 2004, Thursday
Broadcasting Time:	18.00 PM to 19.00 PM (NST)
Broadcasting Studio:	F.M. Adhyatma Jyoti 104.8 MHZ
Recording Studio:	F.M. Adhyatma Jyoti, Kathmandu

### Summary of the Radio Program

The **first track** included the news headlines appeared (Published) in the national newspapers on this entire week concerning corruption, governance and subjects of public concerns.

In the first track we have broadcasted the news coverage on the accusation of Corruption Investigation for Abuses of Authority (CIAA) to the Ex-Police chief officers. Mr. Motilal Bohara, Mr Achyutkrishna Kharel and Mr Pradeep Shamser Rana were accused of having corruption. These three Ex-Police chiefs were accused of making corruption of Rs.23823627; RS.16336130 and Rs.37781631 equivalent respectively. We have also broadcasted the news coverage on the governments' preparation for the readjustment process of Government Service Act. For a long time the government has promoted those personnel who were senior according to their service period but the government has ignored the personnel's working efficiency or honor. It's known that some of the senior government officers have suppressed The Ministry of Public

Administration to readjust the act on their favors to keep on the working period seniority and not on the basis of working expertness for the promotion process. The senior officers' activities have aroused the possibilities of corruption in the government sectors. We have also broadcasted the news that the special court has recently removed the twenty anticorruption cases from the case statements among the twenty-one. Among them, two cases were against the former minister Rabindranath Sharma and one was against former defense-secretary Chakraabandhu Aryal.

In the second track, we have broadcasted the detail coverage on an article regarding a relationship between human tendencies and corruption. Social restrictions and values are responsible to motivate the human to be corrupted.

In addition, Question in the Listeners Forum and Our Steps were the regular features broadcasted in this episode.

In the final track we have broadcasted the interview with **Mr Jaya Bahadur Khatri, the general secretary to the National Movement against Corruption**. The movement was in a relay hunger-strike for twelve days in Kathmandu along with twenty-formulae ultimatum to the government. In which: Corrupted former minister should be imprisoned soon; properties earned should be nationalized and Corruption Investigation for Abuses of Authority(CIAA) should be purified and so on were the main theme of the demonstration. The interview was based on the commitment and expedition towards the anticorruption movement.

#### *Episode: Forty One*

Name of the Program:	Hamro Chasso (In English "Our Concern")
Recording date:	Aug 26, 2004, Thursday
Broadcasting date:	Aug 27, 2004, Friday
Broadcasting Time:	18.00 PM to 19.00 PM (NST)
Broadcasting Studio:	F.M. Adhyatma Jyoti 104.8 MHZ
Recording Studio:	F.M. Adhyatma Jyoti, Kathmandu

#### **Summary of the Radio Program**

The **first track** included the news headlines appeared (Published) in the national newspapers on this entire week concerning corruption, governance and the subjects of public concern.

In the first track, we have broadcasted the news coverage on the command of the Special Court to attend on the Court within fifteen days for three Ex-Police Chiefs. Mr .Motilal Bohara, Mr Achyutkrishna Kharel and Mr Pradeep Shamsar Rana, who were accused by the Corruption Investigation for Abuses of Authority(CIAA) having corruption before a week. Those three X-Police chiefs were accused making corruption of Rs.23823627; RS.16336130 and Rs.37781631equivalent respectively. On the same context we have also broadcasted the news coverage on the command of the special court to arrest the former minister Mr.Chirangibi Wagle and imprison him as appointed punishment. He was accused of making corruption of nearly NRs. 25 millions or equivalent. And next we have broadcasted the news coverage on the present situation of government sectors.

In the second track we have broadcasted detail coverage on the same opinion of the different national personalities. Once a program organized in the valley all the senior participants have proclaimed that the report of the general auditor should be published out to the public. They all

have made an agreement –Although in the absence of parliament the report should be published to the public society for the transparency and reliability of the government.

In addition to these, Vox Pop, Question in the Listeners Forum and Our Steps were the regular features broadcasted in this episode.

In the final track we have broadcasted the interview with **Mr Bishnu Pukar Shrestha, former General Secretary (Nepal Teachers Association) and social worker.** The interview was based on the current nation wide educational problems and challenges; the leading role of the educational circle to curb the corruption to make a corrupt free society.

*Episode: Forty Two*

Name of the Program:	Hamro Chasso (In English "Our Concern")
Recording date:	Sep 2, 2004, Friday
Broadcasting date:	Sep 2, 2004 Friday
Broadcasting Time:	18.00 PM to 19.00 PM (NST)
Broadcasting Studio:	F.M. Adhyatma Jyoti 104.8 MHZ
Recording Studio:	F.M. Adhyatma Jyoti, Kathmandu

**Summary of the Radio Program**

The **first track** included the news headlines appear (Published) in the national newspapers on this entire week concerning corruption, governance and subjects of public concern.

After this we have broadcasted the news coverage on the extant leakage and turmoil of Nepal Electricity Authority. Because of vast leakage the authority has beard a maximum loss, more than NRs.300 millions. We have also broadcasted the news coverage on the grievance of Nepal Oil Corporation only an authorized petroleum distributor of Nepal. The corporation has proclaimed that the loss is going same on. Let it reminded, the corporation has hiked the price about a month ago. It's known that it is a cause of corruption and leakage for a long time in the corporation. And next, we have also broadcasted the reporting news on the corruption and turmoil in the government sectors. According to a recent survey, Office of the Land-Registration and Department of transportation are seen more corrupt departments among the other government sectors. This is also a splitting concern to the public.

In the second track, we have broadcasted the detail coverage on the Work statement and its implementation of Corruption Investigation for Abuses of Authority (CIAA).The commission has prepared a work statement cooperating with most of the government sectors. This statement may be appropriable to keep on a corrupt free and public oriented service in the government mechanism.

Addition to these, Vox Pop, Question in the Listeners Forum and Our Steps were the regular features broadcasted in this episode.

In the final track we have broadcasted the interview with **Mr. Narahari Acharya, former minister.** The interview was based on the close relationship between politics and corruption and methods of prevention. In last tenure of democracy how the political parties leapt forward to keep good governance and avoid the corruption etc. was the central subject matter of our talk.

**Episode: Forty Three**

Name of the Program:	Hamro Chaso (In English "Our Concern")
Recording date:	June 17, 2004, Thursday.
Broadcasting Date:	June 18, 2004, Friday.
Broadcasting Time:	18.00 PM to 19.00 PM (NST)

Broadcasting Studio:	F.M. Adhyatma Jyoti 104.8 MHZ
Recording Studio:	F.M. Adhyatma Jyoti, Kathmandu

### Summary of the Radio Program

The **first track** included the news headlines appeared (Published) in the national newspapers on this entire week concerning corruption, governance and subjects of public concern.

After this we have broadcasted the news coverage on the weak implementation of the court verdict. The courts of the kingdom have to collect nearly NRs. 300 millions as punishment.

Besides, we have broadcasted the news coverage on the proposal of the Ministry of public administration to the Prime Minister Sher Bahadur Deuba. The ministry has made a suggestion that to reduce the bureaucracy level and increase the Pay-scale. For four years the pay scale has not been increased. We have also broadcasted the news coverage on the decision of Nepal Electricity Authority. Recently the Authority has decided to recruit permanently three hundred and forty-one persons. Those personnel were temporal and they had made a strike for permanent appointment. This is obviously a matter of a public concern. We have also broadcasted the reporting news on the public grievance to senior bureaucrats. A program organized in West Nepal the people had asked many questions about their concern.

In the second track we have broadcasted the detail coverage on the celebration of Bureaucracy Day and its challenges, which is recently celebrated. But the bureaucracy has not got any trust and regards from the public side up to now.

Addition to these, Vox Pop, Question in the Listeners Forum and Our Steps were the regular features broadcasted in this episode.

In the final track we have broadcasted the interview with **Dr. Mangal Siddhi Manandhar, former Vice President (National Planning Commission) & Politician**. The interview was based on political corruption in Nepal and its effects in bureaucracy and planning. The trend of political corruption and its cause and consequences were discussed widely in this interview.

*Episode: Forty Four*

Name of the Program:	Hamro Chasso (In English "Our Concern")
Recording date:	Sep 17, 2004, Thursday
Broadcasting Date:	Sep 17, 2004, Friday
Broadcasting Time:	18.00 PM to 19.00 PM (NST)
Broadcasting Studio:	F.M. Adhyatma Jyoti 104.8 MHZ
Recording Studio:	F.M. Adhyatma Jyoti, Kathmandu

### Summary of the Radio Program

The **first track** included the news headlines that appeared in the national newspapers during this week concerning corruption, governance and issues of public concern.

After this, we have broadcasted the news coverage on the low prosperity in grand projects: Melamchi Drinking Water; Mid Marsyangdi Hydro Electricity and Surkhet-Jumla Road Construction these projects are running in bitter track because of prevailing insecurity and vast turmoil and corruption. So far as the future of these projects seem dark. Obviously this is a great concern of public society in Nepal. We have also broadcasted the news coverage on the irresponsible beaureocracy in the far western region. Here, the higher level officers are not in touch with their offices. They merely present in their office after the gap of 3/4 months. It's wonderful! As far as, their salary is delivered to their residence. Even, from the centre no action is taken against them. Definitely it is a challenge to Nepalese beaureocracy as well as the government. And next we have also broadcasted the news coverage on the accusation of corruption in the office of Katmandu Metropolitan. According to this the senior officers are under the boundary of corruption and turmoil. Regarding this issue some of the junior employees have asked

government, media, and different political parties. Time and again the office of Katmandu Metropolitan City comes to be interwoven with corruption and turmoil.

In the second track, we have broadcasted the detailed coverage on the establishment of inquiry department in every government ministry and office. If this decision is implemented then people will get great relief and the administration will be more transparent.

In addition to these, Vox Pop, Question in the Listeners Forum and Our Steps were the regular features broadcasted in this episode.

In the final track we have broadcasted the interview with **Mr. Nilambar Acharya (an intellectual and Ex. Minister)**. In this talk, we have asked him about corruption and the method to curb the corruption. Mr. Acharya has made a suggestion to the civil society that corrupted people should be prosecuted by the community rather than the legal process.

*Episode: Forty Five*

Name of the Program:	Hamro Chasso (In English "Our Concern")
Recording date:	Sep 24, 2004, Friday
Broadcasting date:	Sep 24, 2004 Friday
Broadcasting Time:	18.00 PM to 19.00 PM (NST)
Broadcasting Studio:	F.M. Adhyatma Jyoti 104.8 MHZ
Recording Studio:	F.M. Adhyatma Jyoti, Kathmandu

**Summary of the Radio Program**

The **first track** included the news headlines appeared (Published) in the national newspapers on this entire week concerning corruption, governance and subjects of public concern.

After this we have broadcasted the news coverage on the judicial procession of Ex-IGP (Inspector General of Police) Achyutkrishna Kharel. He was released from judicial custody today after a bail amount of Rs.10.5 million as per the order of special court. Mr. Kharel was freed after a four days in judicial custody following a corruption case filed by the Commission for Investigation Abuses of Authority (CIAA) one and a half month ago. The integrant body has charged him of illegally amassing property worth Rs.16.33 million during his tenure as the IGP. We have also broadcasted the issue of corruption and turmoil appearing in Goothi Corporation (a public organization). The committee of this organization has decided to withdraw the amount which was in government commercial bank. Due to this decision the corporation had to bear a great loss. We have also broadcasted a report of a program held in Pokhara Sub-Metropolitan City on awareness against corruption. Most of the literary figures participated in this program presented their creation against the corruption. This program was organized by Transparency International.

In the second track, we have broadcasted the detail coverage on the close relationship between the poverty and corruptions.

In addition to these, Vox Pop, Question in the Listeners Forum and Our Steps were the regular features broadcasted in this episode.

In the final track we have broadcasted the interview with **Mr.Suman Prasad Sharma (Deputy Director, Melamchi Drinking Water Project)**. This project has taken a target to fulfill the needs of water all over the Kathmandau valley. So we have talked about the context of this project around the subject matter on the progression of project, corruption and so on.

*Episode: Forty Six*

Name of the Program:	Hamro Chasso (In English "Our Concern")
Recording date:	Oct 1, 2004, Friday

Broadcasting date:	Oct 1, 2004 Friday
Broadcasting Time:	18.00 PM to 19.00 PM (NST)
Broadcasting Studio:	F.M. Adhyatma Jyoti 104.8 MHZ
Recording Studio:	F.M. Adhyatma Jyoti, Kathmandu

### Summary of the Radio Program

The **first track** included the news headlines appeared (Published) in the national newspapers on this entire week concerning corruption, governance and subjects of public concern.

After this we have broadcasted the news coverage on the judicial procession of Ex-IGP (Investigation General of Police) Motilal Bohara and Pradip Shamsheer Rana. The special court has demanded former IGP Mr. Bohara and Mr. Rana in judicial custody. Mr. Bohara failed to submit the bail amount set by the special court, while Mr. Rana was ordered to remain in custody to carry forward a corruption case against him. The Special Court had set a bail amount of Rs. 15 million for Bohara. The CIAA (Commission for Investigation Abuses of Authority) has charged Bohara of illegally amassing property to the tune of Rs. 23.82 million and Mr. Rana of accumulating Rs. 39.62 million during their tenure as Police Chiefs. We have also broadcasted the news coverage about the case of Tribhuvan University, one of the higher academic institution of Nepal. In the Central department of Environment Science, many purchases were made without floating any tenders. We have also broadcasted the news coverage on challenge and problem of Mid-Marsyangdi Hydro power Project. The future of this project has become uncertain. The construction company of this hydropower is entangled due to the security problem. Until the Maoist does not make a written commitment, the construction company (DDC J/V) has decided not to continue the construction. Therefore, nation has been bearing a great loss.

In the second track, we have broadcasted the detail coverage on the positive step in the administrative reformation. Right now the government has decided to reserve certain vacancies for the female, victims and cripples.

In addition to these, Vox Pop, Question in the Listeners Forum and Our Steps were the regular features broadcasted in this episode.

In the final track we have broadcasted the remaining part of the interview with **Mr. Nilambar Acharya (an intellectual and ex-minister)**. In this talk, we have discussed about corruption and the method to curb it.

### *Episode: Forty Seven*

Name of the Program:	Hamro Chasso (In English "Our Concern")
Recording date:	Oct 8, 2004, Friday
Broadcasting date:	Oct 8, 2004 Friday
Broadcasting Time:	18.00 PM to 19.00 PM (NST)
Broadcasting Studio:	F.M. Adhyatma Jyoti 104.8 MHZ
Recording Studio:	F.M. Adhyatma Jyoti, Kathmandu

### Summary of the Radio Program

The **first track** included the news headlines appeared (Published) in the national newspapers on this entire week concerning corruption, governance and subjects of public concern.

After this we have broadcasted the news coverage on the judicial procession of Ex-IGP (Inspector General of Police) Pradip Shamsheer Rana. The Special Court today started hearing on the corruption case filed against Mr. Rana, who is under the judicial attention from the past four days. He has amassed property amounting to millions of Rupees through illegal means after he was appointed as IGP. On the same context next Ex-IGP Mr. Motilal Bohara is released from judicial custody after a bail amount of NRs. 15 millions deposit as per the Special Court order. We have also broadcasted the news coverage about the less transparent of beaureocracy. According

to the Anti corruption Act, it is regulated to drop the property statement within the two month (end of every fiscal year). Among the eighty seven bureaucrats, only fifteen thousand have dropped their property statements to the government. This is certainly a loose commitment of the government to the expedition of anticorruption. We have also broadcasted a report which has declared that every government sector is corrupted, according to a study in Mid-Western Nepal by Transparency International.

In the second track we have broadcasted the detail coverage on the roadmap of administration improvement. The government has recently issued this roadmap. Probably after the implementation of this roadmap the beaureocracy may be transparent and corrupt less. the system is also regarded positively by the public society.

In addition to these, Vox Pop, Question in the Listeners Forum and Our Steps were the regular features broadcasted in this episode.

In the final track we have broadcasted the interview with **Mr. Bidur K.C. (Former Administrator, Intellectual and Writer)**. In this talk, we have discussed the historical background of bureaucratic corruption and the method of prevention.

*Episode: Forty Eight*

Name of the Program:	Hamro Chasso (In English "Our Concern")
Recording date:	Oct 15, 2004, Friday
Broadcasting date:	Oct 15, 2004 Friday
Broadcasting Time:	18.00 PM to 19.00 PM (NST)
Broadcasting Studio:	F.M. Adhyatma Jyoti 104.8 MHZ
Recording Studio:	F.M. Adhyatma Jyoti, Kathmandu

**Summary of the Radio Program**

The **first track** included the news headlines appeared (Published) in the national newspapers on this entire week concerning corruption, governance and subjects of public concern.

After this we have broadcasted the news coverage on the one of the major projects of Nepal-Mid-Marsyangdi Hydro Project. This project is going on with bitter track. We have also broadcasted the news coverage on the direction of CIAA (Commission for Investigation Abuses of Authority) to the government. CIAA has blamed to one of manpower companies disobeying the rule of labor and employment. The company is accused of collecting a lot of amount illegally avoiding the tax. We have also broadcasted a report of far remote district, Salyan where, 47 Village Development Committees (VDC) were blamed as corrupts by the local communities.

In the second track, we have broadcasted the detail coverage on the common effort to curb the corruption. In fact, corruption is not only a problem of any particular sectors but also a challenging problem of over the entire nation so that every sectors should be alert and responsible against the corruption.

In addition to these, Vox Pop, Question in the Listeners Forum and Our Steps were the regular features broadcasted in this episode.

In the final track we have broadcasted the interview with **Mr.Y.B. Limbu, Chairman -Higher Secondary Teacher Association of Nepal (HSTAN)** on the corruption in higher education sector.

*Episode: Forty Nine*

Name of the Program:	Hamro Chasso (In English "Our Concern")
Recording date:	Oct 22, 2004, Friday

Broadcasting date:	Oct 22, 2004 Friday
Broadcasting Time:	18.00 PM to 19.00 PM (NST)
Broadcasting Studio:	F.M. Adhyatma Jyoti 104.8 MHZ
Recording Studio:	F.M. Adhyatma Jyoti, Kathmandu

### Summary of the Radio Program

The **first track** included the news headlines appeared (Published) in the national newspapers on this entire week concerning corruption, governance and subjects of public concern.

After this, we have broadcasted a news on the report 'Transparency Annual Report-2004' of Transparency International, which is recently published. According to the survey, Nepal is also included as one of the most corrupted countries among the one hundred and forty six countries. We have also broadcasted the news coverage on the decision of CIAA (Commission for Investigation Abuses of Authority). The CIAA has decided to keep on the investigation process of President of Nepali Congress and former Prime Minister Mr. Girija Prasad Koirala. He had dropped the writ on the Supreme Court against the property investigation process of CIAA. But the Court made a verdict on the favor of CIAA that Mr. Koirala should go to the CIAA for the property explanation. We have also broadcasted the reporting news coverage on the strategies of CIAA-a constitutional organization against the corruption.

In the second track, we have broadcasted the detail coverage on the role of 'National Vigilance Center' against the corruption.

In addition to these, Vox Pop, Question in the Listeners Forum and Our Steps were the regular features broadcasted in this episode.

In the final track we have broadcasted the remaining part of interview of previous episode with **Mr.Y.B. Limbu, Chairman -Higher Secondary Teacher Association of Nepal (HSTAN)**. The problem of higher academy as well as the abuses of authority in higher education sector were the central subject matter of our talk. Mr. Limbu was optimistic towards the perfect solution as far as soon.

### *Episode: Fifty*

Name of the Program:	Hamro Chasso (In English "Our Concern")
Recording date:	Oct 29, 2004, Friday
Broadcasting date:	Oct 29, 2004
Broadcasting Time:	18.00 PM to 19.00 PM (NST)
Broadcasting Studio:	F.M. Adhyatma Jyoti 104.8 MHZ
Recording Studio:	F.M. Adhyatma Jyoti, Kathmandu

### Summary of the Radio Program

The **first track** included the news headlines appeared (Published) in the national newspapers on this entire week concerning corruption, governance and subjects of public concern.

After this we have broadcasted the news coverage on the report of ruse clearance. A report has showed that the system of ruse clearance in the government sectors has been improving. In the last year ruse amount was 9% but in the current year it is only 5.84%. We have also broadcasted the news coverage on the prevailing problem in the office of Kathmandu Metropolitan city. The senior officers of this office have been vanished to foreign countries with many pretends without any prior notice in the office. We have also broadcasted the news coverage on the prosecution process towards the fake academic certificate holders. To implement this, Police Headquarter has fired nine police officers. The CIAA has been keeping on the procession of prosecution against such duplicate academic certificate holders in the government sectors since 2001.

In the second track we have broadcasted the detail report on the government's action in the prepared reports of the different committees. The government used to form different committees to prepare the report on different issues but never implements the report prepared by the committee. This trend is deeply rooted so we have raised the voice to implement the report or not to form the committee. Till dates dozens of reports are submitted to the government and none of them are implemented.

In addition to these, Vox Pop, Question in the Listeners Forum and Our Steps were the regular features broadcasted in this episode.

In the final track we have broadcasted the interview with **Mr. Prem Bahadur Khati, the Coordinator (National Movement Against Corruption)**. The committee kept a relay hunger-strike for eighteen days in Kathmandu along with an ultimatum of twenty points demand to the government. Among them, corrupted former minister should be imprisoned soon, properties earned should be nationalized etc. were the main theme of the strike.

B.

**Grant Agreement  
Between  
The Partnership for Transparency Fund  
And  
FACT Nepal**

**1. Forum Against Corruption and Turmoil (FACT) Nepal has requested financial support of the Partnership for Transparency Fund (PTF) for its proposal to launch a "radio program" on anti-corruption and good governance.**

2. FACT Nepal has submitted the attached (a) Project Proposal, on May 23, 2003, (b) responses to PTF queries, on May 27, May 30 and June 6 2003.

3. On the basis of this information, PTF has approved a grant of US\$2,576 for the purposes spelled out in the attached documents. The uses of the PTF funds will be for the budget items listed in the attached Project Proposal.

4. The PTF Grant will be made available on the following conditions:

(a) The grant will be used only for the purposes described in the attached Project Proposal. Any material changes in the use of project funds or project design shall be made only with the agreement of the PTF.

(b) Any funds remaining at the end of the project shall be returned to the PTF.

(c) FACT Nepal shall keep a record of all expenditures incurred under the project and will provide PTF a full certified accounting of these expenditures, with relevant documentation, on completion of the project, or no later than July 31, 2004. These expenditures will also be subject to the regular auditing requirements of FACT Nepal.

(d) FACT Nepal will make brief quarterly reports on the implementation of the project accompanied by a statement of expenditure showing the use of PTF funds and, on project completion, a full detailed final report summarising the implementation of the project and assessing its impact on reducing corruption in Nepal and a certified final itemised statement of expenditure.

5. FACT Nepal will be responsible for securing all necessary government approvals of the grant, if any, and any necessary government filings. FACT Nepal will be responsible for paying any tax liability arising from the grant.

6. The PTF will disburse the full amount of the proposed grant (US\$2,576) upon receipt of the signed copy of this Grant Agreement that has been approved by the Executive Committee of FACT Nepal and signed by its Chairman.

7. The signed copy of the Grant Agreement may be faxed to the Secretary of the PTF at 1-202-522-2653. The original copy of the Grant Agreement should be mailed to Daniel Ritchie, Secretary, PTF, at 1100 New Hampshire Ave., NW, Washington DC 20037-1501 USA.

Dated:

For  
The Partnership for Transparency Fund

Pierre Landell-Mills  
President

Agreed

Prakash C. Bhattarai  
Chairman/ President, Executive Board  
FACT Nepal

Date: 28 July 2003

C.

Questionnaire for listeners picked up at random (only 25)

1. Have you heard the programme Hamro Chaso?  
a) yes                      b) no
2. Do you know the producer of the programme?  
a) yes                      b) no
3. What is it that you like most in the programme?  
a) emphasis on anti-corruption    b) information about corruption cases
4. How do you evaluate the programme Hamro Chaso?  
a) excellent    b) good    c) bad    d) not impressive
5. Is it a good idea to continue such programmes in FM?  
a) yes            b) no
6. Has Hamro Chaso changed your mindset on the issue of corruption?  
a) yes    b) no
7. Are you happy with the time of broadcast?  
a) yes    b) no
8. Will Hamro Chaso-type of programme be able to control corruption in Nepal?  
a) yes            b) no
9. What do you think the programme should do in future?  
a) cover corruption cases directly on the spot            b) report corruption indirectly
10. Do you like the style of presentation?  
a) yes                      b) no

Questionnaire  
Newsscan  
Briefs on five episodes of Hamro Chaso  
Members of FACT