

4 days before N.S. 1141/01/01
(October 16th, 2020)

Public Statement

We, undersigned Newa activists, have worked together to introduce the concept of Solar Calendar in Nepal Sambat. Until this year, Nepal Sambat was only a lunisolar or primarily a lunar calendar. Due to the practical challenges in the sole use of *tithi*, we discussed and brought the concept of *nhilyaa* (date) in Nepal Sambat. Our attempt of introducing a Solar Nepal Sambat is to foster and further promote the practical use of one of Nepal's original calendars, the Nepal Sambat.

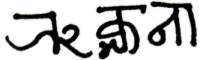
Solar Nepal Sambat begins from N.S. 1141 Kachhala (01) 01 coinciding with 20 Oct 2020 - which acknowledges that Nepal Sambat itself began on 20 Oct 879 A.D. The year is patterned to a consistent cycle of 365 days. The months follow Kachhalā, Thinlā, Ponhelā, Sillā, Chillā, Chaulā, Bachhalā, Tachhalā, Dillā, Gunlā, Yanlā, Kaulā - where the first five months have 30 days every month, the sixth month has 29 days, and the rest six months have 31 days every month. It also has the concept of a leap year, where the given year adds one extra day making the total number of days in the leap year to 366, adding an extra day to the sixth month.

Detailed information on Solar Nepal Sambat can be followed in the following

Article : <https://nepalsambat.org/english/solar-2/>

Website : <https://nepalsambat.org/>

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