Nepalese Sign Language [nsp] (A language of Nepal)

- Alternate Names: Nepali Sign Language
- Population: 5,740 (2001 census). Most are monolingual.
- Location: Central and east.
- Language Status: 5 (Developing).
- <u>Dialects:</u> Kathmandu, Pokhara. Developed from local and introduced signs. Related to Indian [ins] and Pakistan [pks] sign languages.
- <u>Language Use:</u> Used by United States Peace Corps. All domains. All ages. Some comprehension of Nepali [npi] by those who have become literate.
- <u>Language Development:</u> Taught in primary and secondary schools. Magazines. Films. TV. Videos. Dictionary.
- Other Comments: The Nepal Federation of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing starts schools for the deaf in the larger towns. A few other smaller organizations also work with the deaf and have Nepalese Sign Language [nsp] classes for the hearing. Hindu, Buddhist, Christian, Muslim.

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