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Be sensitive for the construction of disability friendly infrastructure

National Human Rights Commission draws its attention towards the demonstration at Jorpati, Kathmandu by the society of the persons with disability showing concern to the enjoyment of their rights.

The Commission has been drawing the attention of the government and other stakeholders time and again with regard to the protection of the rights of the persons with disability. The Commission received information from monitoring and interactive discussion with the stakeholders that the disability friendly roads and the walkways for the persons with disability and the pedestrians is not seen to be arranged in all the cities nationwide. To protect the rights of the persons with disability is the duty of the state.

Article 42 of the Constitution of Nepal under right to social justice mentions the citizens with disabilities shall have the right to live with dignity and honour, with the identity of their diversity, and have equal access to public services and facilities. All the public infrastructure should be disability friendly as mentioned by the Act Relating to Rights of Persons with Disabilities 2018, and the Accessible Physical Infrastructure and communication Services Directive for persons with disabilities 2013 including other laws. Nepal as a state party to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, 2006, it is necessary to construct the disability friendly roads and the other buildings of public concern to ensure the rights of the persons with disability.

Recalling the many correspondences and the recommendations previously sent to the Government of Nepal, the Commission again requests to the Government of Nepal to ensure the protection and promotion of the rights of the persons with disability constructing disability friendly physical infrastructure including the hospitals, playground, means of public transportation, roads, public and government offices, bathrooms, bus stop including others construction.

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