What Happened in Constituent Assembly-I Meetings?

May 28, 2008 to April 7, 2010

First Meeting, May 28, 2008

• The First Meeting was chaired by the oldest member of the Constituent Assembly K. B Gurung. The proposal of declaring Nepal Federal Democratic Republic put by the then Prime Minister Girija Prasad Koirala got approved. Constituent Assembly Interim Working Procedure 2065 approved.

Second Meeting, June 5, 2008

Formation of a 44-member Constituent Assembly Regulation Draft Committee.

Third Meeting, June 11, 2008

- Nomination of 44 members in the Business Advisory Committee in addition to the ex-officio members.
- Declaration of one seat vacant for those who had won from two different constituencies in the direct election.

Fourth Meeting, June 18, 2008

Additional six members nominated to chair the Assembly in case of absence of the CA chairperson.

Fifth Meeting, July 15, 2008

• Procedure of election of the President and Vice-president approved.

Sixth Meeting, July 19, 2008

Election of President and Vice-president held. Paramanand Jha elected as Vice-president.
 Presidential candidates could not get a clear majority. Another round of election programme for president scheduled.

Seventh Meeting, July 21, 2008

• Election for president. Dr Ram Baran Yadav elected president.

Eighth Meeting, July 23, 2008

Amendment in the Constituent Assembly Interim Working Procedure 2065.
 Declaration of vacancy in the constituency from where Ram Baran Yadav was elected.

Ninth Meeting, July 24, 2008

Subhash Chandra Nemwang elected Constituent Assembly Chairman unanimously.
 Amendment of Constituent Assembly Interim Working Procedure 2065 to institute the process of taking oath from the President instead of taking oath in the Constituent Assembly itself by the elected chairperson.

Tenth Meeting, July 27, 2008

• Six members added to the Constituent Assembly Regulation Draft Committee. The number reached 50.

Eleventh Meeting, November 10, 2008

Constituent Assembly Regulations draft presented in the Assembly.

Twelfth Meeting, November 11, 2008

Two-year timetable of the Constituent Assembly presented.

Thirteenth Meeting, November 14, 2008

• The Constituent Assembly Regulations endorsed

Fourteenth Meeting, November 16, 2008

• An 82-week Constituent Assembly timetable approved. Election programme of deputy chairperson announced. Proposal of playing the national anthem tune before every meeting approved.

Fifteenth Meeting, November 28, 2008

• UCPN(M) CA member Purna Kumari Subedi elected as deputy chairperson of the Assembly.

Sixteenth Meeting, December 2, 2008

• Kuber Bahadur Oli nominated in place of UCPN(M) CA member Mohan Vaidya who had resigned.

Seventeenth Meeting, December 14, 2008

• Formation of ten Thematic, 1 Constitutional, and 4 Procedural Committees.

Eighteenth Meeting, December 16, 2008

Meeting of the Committees completed, chaired by the oldest members.

Nineteenth Meeting, December 29, 2008

• Two Muslim CA members declared to be nominated in the Constitutional Committee of the CA. Election of committee chairperson scheduled for December 30 postponed again. First Amendment in the Constituent Assembly Timetable 2065.

Twentieth Meeting, January 6, 2009

- Change in Timetable. Elections of Chairpersons to be held on 13th January. Second Amendment in the Constituent Assembly Timetable 2065.
- Twenty-first meeting January 10, 2009 (First)

Resignation of CPN(UML) CA member Sushil Chandra Amatya.

Twenty-second Meeting, January 10, 2009 (Second)

Madhav Kumar Nepal nominated in the vacant seat after resignation of Sushil Chandra Amatya.

Twenty-third Meeting, January 10, 2009 (Third)

• Madhav Kumar Nepal, Baban Singh and Sadarul Miya Hak nominated in the Constitutional Committee of CA.

Twenty-fourth Meeting, January 13, 2009

• Elections of Committee chairpersons and oath taking. Bishwanath Upadhyay's refusal to membership and consequent nomination of Achyut Raj Pandey in Bishwanath's place.

Twenty-fifth Meeting, January 19, 2009

Proposal to change of members in different committees approved.

Twenty-sixth Meeting, April 13, 2009

• Change of members in the Business Advisory Committee. Timetable of the Constituent Assembly changed for the third time.

Twenty-seventh Meeting, April 28, 2009

• Fourth amendment in the Constituent Assembly Timetable. Members were added and changed in different committees.

Twenty-eighth Meeting, May 25, 2009

• <u>National Interest Preservation Committee</u> Chairperson Amik Sherchan presented the concept paper and preliminary draft report 2066. Birendra Majhi was added to the Committee on Citizen.

Twenty-ninth Meeting, May 27, 2009

Proposal on Concept Papers and Preliminary Draft Report Study Committee approved

Thirtieth Meeting, May 31, 2009

- Committee on the Protection of the Rights of Minorities and Marginalized
 Communities Chairperson Lal Babu Pandit presented the concept paper and preliminary draft report 2066.
- Discussion launched on the preliminary report 2066 along with the concept paper of the presented by National Interest Preservation Committee and the descriptive draft report 2066 based on the concept paper.

Thirty-first Meeting, June 2, 2009

• Discussion continues on the preliminary report 2066 along with the concept paper of the National Interest Preservation Committee and the descriptive draft report 2066 based on the concept paper.

Thirty-second Meeting, June 3, 2009

• Discussion continues on the preliminary report 2066 along with the concept paper of the National Interest Preservation Committee and the descriptive draft report 2066 based on the concept paper.

Thirty-third Meeting, June 4, 2009

• Discussion continues on the preliminary report 2066 along with the concept paper of the National Interest Preservation Committee and the descriptive draft report 2066 based on the concept paper. Proposal to change members in the Committees under the Constituent Assembly approved.

Thirty-fourth Meeting, June 5, 2009

• Discussion concludes on the preliminary report 2066 along with the concept paper of the National Interest Preservation Committee and the descriptive draft report 2066 based on the concept paper.

Thirty-fifth Meeting, June 7, 2009

• Discussion begins on the concept paper and the preliminary draft report 2066 of the Committee on the Protection of the Rights of Minorities and Marginalized Communities.

Thirty-sixth Meeting, June 8, 2009

• Discussion continues on the concept paper and the preliminary draft report 2066 of the Committee on the Protection of the Rights of Minorities and Marginalized Communities.

Thirty-seventh Meeting, June 9, 2009

• Discussion continues on the concept paper and the preliminary draft report 2066 of the Committee on the Protection of the Rights of Minorities and Marginalized Communities.

Thirty-eighth Meeting June 10,2009

• Discussion on the concept paper and preliminary draft report 2066 presented by the Committee on the Protection of the Rights of Minorities and Marginalized Communities.

Thirty-ninth Meeting, June 11, 2009

- Discussion concludes on the concept paper and preliminary draft report 2066 presented by the Committee on the Protection of the Rights of Minorities and Marginalized Communities.
- Constituent Assembly Meetings put off until further notice.

Fortieth Meeting, June 22, 2009

• Presentation of the concept paper and preliminary draft report 2066 by Chairperson Nabodita Chaudhary of the Committee for Determining the base of Cultural and Social Solidarity.

Forty-first Meeting, June 25, 2009

• Change of members in the Business Advisory Committee. Discussion starts on the concept paper and preliminary draft report 2066 presented by the Committee for Determining the base of Cultural and Social Solidarity.

Forty-second Meeting, June 26, 2009

• Discussion continues on the concept paper and preliminary draft report 2066 presented by the Committee for Determining the base of Cultural and Social Solidarity.

Forty-third Meeting, June 28, 2009

• Discussion continues on the concept paper and preliminary draft report 2066 presented by the Committee for Determining the base of Cultural and Social Solidarity.

Forty-fourth Meeting, July 1, 2009

• Discussion continues on the concept paper and preliminary draft report 2066 presented by the Committee for Determining the base of Cultural and Social Solidarity.

Forty-fifth Meeting, July 2, 2009

• Discussion concludes on the concept paper and preliminary draft report 2066 presented by the Committee for Determining the base of Cultural and Social Solidarity.

Forty-sixth Meeting, July 5, 2009

• Presentation of the concept paper and preliminary draft report 2066 to the Assembly Chairperson by the Committee for Determining Structure of Constitutional Bodies Chairperson Govinda Chaudhary.

Forty-seventh Meeting, July 16, 2009

- Fifth Amendment in the Constituent Assembly Timetable 2065 on the recommendation of the Business Advisory Committee.
- Discussion begins on the concept paper and preliminary draft report 2066 of the Committee for Determining the Structure of Constitutional Bodies presented by the Committee Chairperson Govinda Chaudhary.

Forty-eighth Meeting, July 17, 2009

 Discussion continues on the concept paper and preliminary draft report 2066 of the Committee for Determining the Structure of Constitutional Bodies presented by the Committee Chairman Govinda Chaudhary.

Forty-ninth Meeting, July 19, 2009

 Discussion continues on the concept paper and preliminary draft report 2066 of the Committee for Determining the Structure of Constitutional Bodies presented by the Committee Chairperson Govinda Chaudhary.

Fiftieth Meeting, July 20, 2009

 Discussion continues on the concept paper and preliminary draft report 2066 of the Committee for Determining the Structure of Constitutional Bodies presented by the Committee Chairperson Govinda Chaudhary.

Fiftieth Meeting, July 12, 2009

 Discussion concludes on the concept paper and preliminary draft report 2066 of the Committee for Determining the Structure of Constitutional Bodies presented by the Committee Chairperson Govinda Chaudhary.

Fifty-second Meeting, August 3, 2009

• Presentation of the concept paper and preliminary draft report 2066 by the Chairperson of the Committee for Determining the Structure of the Legislative Body Ramesh Rijal.

Fifty-third Meeting, August 7, 2009

• Discussion begins on the concept paper and preliminary draft report 2066 presented by the Chairperson of the Committee for Determining the Structure of the Legislative Body Ramesh Rijal.

Fifty-fourth Meeting, August 10, 2009

• Discussion Continues on the concept paper and preliminary draft report 2066 presented by the Chairperson of the Committee for Determining the Structure of the Legislative Body Ramesh Rijal.

Fifty-fifth Meeting, August 11, 2009

• Discussion continues on the concept paper and preliminary draft report 2066 presented by the Chairperson of the Committee for Determining the Structure of the Legislative Body Ramesh Rijal.

Fifty-sixth Meeting, August 12, 2009

- Discussion continues on the concept paper and preliminary draft report 2066 presented by the Chairperson of the Committee for Determining the Structure of the Legislative Body Ramesh Rijal.
- Election of the Constitutional Committee Chairperson scheduled for August 17.

Fifty-seventh Meeting, August 16, 2009

- Constituent Assembly Chairperson informed of change of date for the election of the Constitutional Committee Chairperson from August 17, 8 am to August 28, 8 am. He directed the Acting General Secretary of the Constituent Assembly Manohar Prasad Bhattarai to publish the election schedule and to follow necessary procedure.
- Discussion concluded on the concept paper and preliminary draft report 2066 presented by Chairperson of Committee for Determining the Structure of the Legislative Body Ramesh Rijal.

Fifty-eighth Meeting, September 9, 2009

- Sixth amendment in the Constituent Assembly Timetable on the recommendation of the Business Advisory Committee.
- Change of members in different committees.

 Presentation of the concept paper and preliminary draft report 2066 to the Assembly Chairperson by the Committee for Judicial System Chairperson Prabhu Shah Teli.

Fifty-ninth Meeting, September 13, 2009

• Discussion begins on the concept paper and preliminary draft report 2066 by the Chairperson of the Judicial System Committee Prabhu Shah Teli.

Sixtieth Meeting, September 14, 2009

• Discussion continues on the concept paper and preliminary draft report 2066 by Chairperson of the Judicial System Committee Prabhu Shah Teli.

Sixty-first Meeting, September 15, 2009

• Discussion continues on the concept paper and preliminary draft report 2066 by Chairperson of the Judicial System Committee Prabhu Shah Teli.

Sixty-second Meeting, September 16, 2009

• Discussion continues on the concept paper and preliminary draft report 2066 by Chairperson of the Judicial System Committee Prabhu Shah Teli.

Sixty-third Meeting, September 17, 2009

• Discussion concludes on the concept paper and preliminary draft report 2066 by Chairperson of the Judicial System Committee Prabhu Shah Teli.

Sixty-fourth Meeting, November 15, 2009

• Chairperson Binda Pandey of the Committee on Fundamental Rights and Directive Principles presented the draft report of the Committee in the Constituent Assembly.

Sixty-fifth Meeting, November 18, 2009

- Seventh amendment in the Constituent Assembly Timetable.
- Discussion begins on the draft report of the Committee on Fundamental Rights and Directive Principles.

Sixty-sixth Meeting, November, 22, 2009

- Discussion continues on the draft report of the Committee on Fundamental Rights and Directive Principles.
- Assembly Meetings scheduled for November 23, 24, 25 postponed to November 26, 27, 29 respectively to pass the fiscal budget by Legislative Body

Sixty-seventh Meeting, November 26, 2009

• Discussion continues on the draft report of the Committee on Fundamental Rights and Directive Principles.

Sixty-eighth Meeting, November 27, 2009

• Discussion continues on the draft report of the Committee on Fundamental Rights and Directive Principles.

Sixty-ninth Meeting, November 29, 2009

• Discussion concludes on the draft report of the Committee on Fundamental Rights and Directive Principles.

Seventieth Meeting, December 1, 2009

• The chairperson of the Committee on Natural Resources, Financial Rights and Revenue Sharing Amrita Thapa Magar presented the concept paper and preliminary draft report to the Assembly Chairperson.

Seventy-first Meeting, December 4, 2009

• The chairperson of the Committee on Natural Resources, Financial Rights and Revenue Sharing Amrita Thapa Magar presented the concept paper and preliminary draft report to the Constituent

Assembly. Discussion begins.

(Assembly Meeting Called for December 6, 2009 could not take place due to the UCPN(M)-called nationwide general strike)

Seventy-second Meeting, December 7, 2009

• Discussion continues on the concept paper and preliminary draft report presented by the Chairperson of the Committee on Natural Resources, Financial Rights and Revenue Sharing.

Seventy-third Meeting, December 4, 2009

• Discussion continues on the concept paper and preliminary draft report presented by the Chairperson of the Committee on Natural Resources, Financial Rights and Revenue Sharing.

Seventy-fourth Meeting, December 11, 2009

• Discussion continues on the concept paper and preliminary draft report presented by the Chairperson of the Committee on Natural Resources, Financial Rights and Revenue Sharing. The Assembly decided to conduct the meeting scheduled for December 6, on December 14.

Seventy-fifth Meeting, December 14 2009

• Discussion concludes on the concept paper and preliminary draft report presented by the Chairperson of Committee on Natural Resources, Financial Rights and Revenue Sharing.

Seventy-sixth Meeting, December 23, 2009

• Eighth Amendment in the Constituent Assembly Timetable. The meeting of the Business Advisory Committee gave January 21, 2010 as the new deadline to submit reports of the committees.

Seventy-seventh Meeting, January 9, 2010

- The House declared the nullification of CA membership of the then Maoist member duo Matrika Yadav and Jagat Prasad Yadav as they had quit the party.
- The Chairperson of the Constitutional Committee Nilambar Acharya presented the concept paper and preliminary draft report of the committee in the Assembly.

Seventy-eighth Meeting, January 12, 2010

 Discussion continues on the concept paper and preliminary draft report of the Constitutional Committee.

Seventy-ninth Meeting, January 13, 2010

• Discussion continues on the concept paper and preliminary draft report of the Constitutional Committee.

Eightieth Meeting, January 17, 2010

 Discussion continues on the concept paper and preliminary draft report of the Constitutional Committee.

Eighty-first Meeting, January 18, 2010

• Discussion continues on the concept paper and preliminary draft report of the Constitutional Committee.

Eighty-second and eighty-third Meetings, January 21, 2010

- Discussion on the concept paper and preliminary draft report of the Constitutional Committee concludes.
- The Committee on State Restructuring and Distribution of State Power presented its report to the CA Chairperson.

Eighty-fourth Meeting, January 24, 2010

- Ninth Amendment in the CA Timetable 2065.
- The Committee for Determining the Form of the Government presented its proposal to the Assembly. Discussion begins on the proposal.

Eighty-fifth Meeting, January 25, 2010

 Discussion continues on the draft report of the Committee for Determining the Form of the Government.

Eighty-sixth Meeting, January 26, 2010

• Discussion continues on the draft report of the Committee for Determining the Form of the Government. The Chairperson directed the members not to address parliamentarians, government officials and journalists.

Eighty-seventh Meeting, January 27, 2010

- Discussion continues on the draft report of Committee for Determining the Form of the Government.
- The Committee on State Restructuring and Distribution of State Power presented its report to the CA.

Eighty-eighth Meeting, January 28, 2010

• Discussion on the draft report of the Committee for Determining the Form of the Government concludes.

Eighty-ninth Meeting, January 31, 2010

• Discussion starts on the draft report of the Committee on State Restructuring and Distribution of State Power.

Ninetieth Meeting, February 1, 2010

• Discussion continues on the draft report of the Committee on State Restructuring and Distribution of State Power.

Ninety-first Meeting, February 2, 2010

 Discussion continues on the draft report of the Committee on State Restructuring and Distribution of State Power.

Ninety-second Meeting, February 3, 2010

 Discussion continues on the draft report of the Committee on State Restructuring and Distribution of State Power.

Ninety-third Meeting, February 4, 2010

 Discussion on the draft report of the Committee on State Restructuring and Distribution of State Power concludes.

Ninety-fourth Meeting, March 3, 2010

• The Coordinator of the Committee for Studying Draft Reports and Concept Papers Agni Prasad Kharel presented the supplementary report pertaining to the report and draft of the Committee for Determining the Structure of Constitutional Bodies along with the recommendation for the Constitution Committee to be directed by CA.

Ninety-fifth Meeting, March 4, 2010

 Decision passed regarding sending the concept paper and preliminary draft report of the Committee for Determining the Structure of Constitutional Bodies to the Constitutional Committee. Consensus arrived at on proposal to approve the leave of absence of those CA members who remained absent for ten consecutive days.

Ninety-sixth Meeting, March 9, 2010

• Tenth Amendment in the CA Timeline 2065

Ninety-seventh Meeting, March 16, 2010

• Proposal to approve the leave of absence of those CA members who remained absent for ten consecutive days gets approved.

Ninety-eight Meeting, March 22, 2010

• The House passes the mourning motion on demise of the former prime ministers and CA member Girija Prasad Koirala.

Ninety-ninth Meeting, March 30, 2010

• The Coordinator of the Committee for Studying Draft Reports and Concept Papers Agni Prasad Kharel presented the report regarding directive and advice to be given to the Constitutional Committee by the CA on the concept paper and draft report of the Committee on the Protection of the Rights of Minorities and Marginalized Communities.

One Hundredth Meeting, April 2, 2010

• The House unanimously approved the proposal of sending the revised concept paper and draft report of the Committee on the Protection of the Rights of Minorities and Marginalized Communities to the Constitutional Committee.

One Hundred-and-first Meeting, April 7, 2010

• The House declared the position of Girija Prasad Koirala vacant owing to his demise.

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