

**Galilean Nights Event ID:** gn967

**Number of telescopes:** three telescopes, one binoculars and one astronomical laser

**Number of organisers:** 2 (NASO and Step Nepal)

**Number of attendees:** more the 250

**Event photos:** Official site of Nepal Astronomical Society (NASO)

<http://astronomy-nepal.blogspot.com/2009/10/celebrating-galilean-nights-gn2009-in.html>

Campaign Against Light Pollution (CALP-Nepal)

<http://www.campaignagainstlightpollution.blogspot.com/>

**Event Report:**

2009.10.23

Dhangadi, Kailali

Nepal Astronomical Society (NASO) team along with Campaign against light pollution team reached Kailali on 23rd October, the far west district of Nepal. A programme was jointly organized by Step Nepal (an NGO based in Dhangadi, Kailali, working in the field of S & T) and Nepal Astronomical Society (NASO) for creating awareness in the society on the occasion of Galilean Night celebrating IYA2009.

On 23rd October, a talk programme was arranged in District Development Committee hall in Dhangadi. There were four talks on different topics along with the documentary on Hubble & Universe by GD Pudasaini and Utsav Kandel. Co-ordinator of Campaign Against Light Pollution (CALP-Nepal) and Executive Founder Member of NASO, Mr. Sudeep Neupane presented a talk on "Light Pollution". Talk on "Global Warming" was given by Mr. Riway Pokhrel (Founder Member-NASO) and Mr. Suresh Bhattarai (Founder Member-NASO) presented a talk on "What is Astronomy?" At the end of the talk session, Mr. Sudeep Neupane introduced "Steps into Amateur Astronomy" to guide astronomy enthusiastic which was followed by Sky Observation in the ground near by the programme hall. NASO team made an arrangement to observe Jupiter and Moon through Telescopes and Binoculars. There were almost 250 participants (including teachers, students, journalists and public) attending the talk and observational session. The public were seemed to be eager on all the topics and Light Pollution was completely new for all. A BBC Nepali Reporter Mr. Umid Bagchand, was interviewing the response of the public. Step Nepal team was managing and volunteering both the sessions.

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Axis Vidhyashram

Dhangadi, Kailali

NASO team (Mr. Sudeep Neupane, Mr. Riway Pokhrel and Mr. GD Pudasaini) went to Axis Vidhyashram (Secondary School) on 24th October. A short talk session followed by Sky Observation was arranged there. Light Pollution, Global Warming and Astronomy were focused on the presentations. Students and Teachers of Axis Vidhyashram attended the programme. Step Nepal Team was along with NASO arranging programmes at Dhangadi. Little bit Sky Glow interrupted the Observers to watch low altitude sky objects.

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Stone Bridge Academy

Dhangadi, Kailali

NASO Team (Mr. Sudeep Neupane, Mr. Riway Pokhrel and Mr. GD Pudasaini) reached Stone Bridge Academy on 26th October. School Principal arranged a talk programme for school students followed by Sky Observation. Light Pollution and Astronomy was focused in the talk session. Observation of Jupiter and Moon were arranged through Telescopes and Binoculars. Observers were keen to know their Zodiac Constellation along with other easily known constellations. Observers were practically introduced the Sky Glow which annoyed them to observe night sky.