

Nepal Earthquakes*

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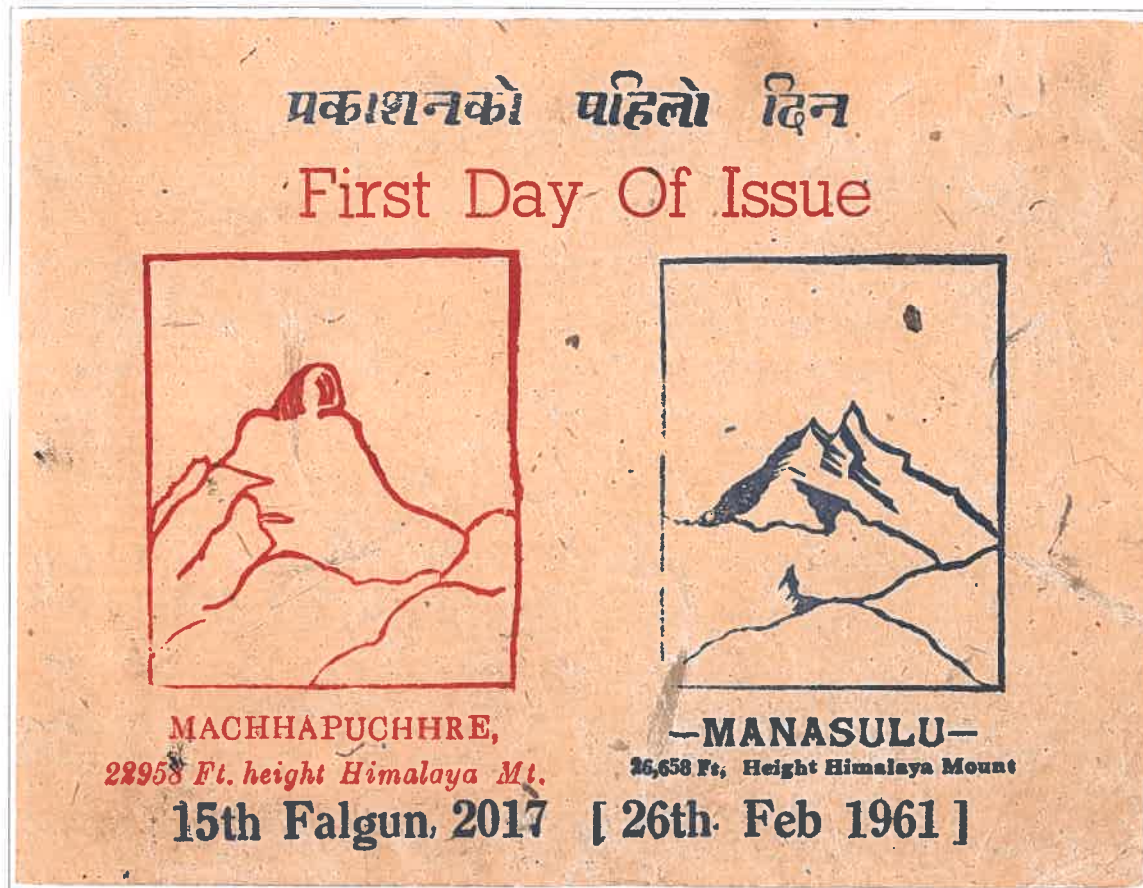
Nepal is a developing country of just over 30 million people living in 56,827 square miles, about the size of Iowa. The northern part is in the Himalayas.



Nepal is located between China to the north and India to the south. The China-Nepal border runs across the summit of Mount Everest, earth's highest mountain above sea level at 29,031 feet.



Earthquakes are common in this area, and earthquake safety was commemorated on this 2015 stamp.



Nepalese First Day Cover, unfolded and split to show both sides.



On April 25, 2015, a massive earthquake occurred just northwest of the capital city, Kathmandu. This quake measured 7.9 on the Richter scale.



In addition to the massive damage to structures from the initial shock, the earthquake triggered avalanches resulting in more destruction. An avalanche on Mount Everest killed 21 climbers. Large aftershocks followed for weeks, and an aftershock on May 12th in the same region also exceeded 7.0 on the Richter scale.

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