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## RECENT RESEARCH

### ROLES AND MEANING IN CLASSICAL DANCE DRAMA OF NEPAL

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This research will focus on the classical Newar dance drama of Harisiddhi, the Jala Pyakha. The project will include a study of the ritual performing tradition and also translation and comparative analysis of corresponding ritual dance manuals. Video and audio documentation will be used to discuss the character roles, choreography, and identities of both the performers and the audience.

Since the Jala Pyakha is reputedly one of the oldest drama traditions, historical dimensions of the drama and the corresponding community of ritual specialists will also be explored.

### RULE BY A GOD: A STUDY OF RELIGION, MORALITY AND LAW IN TIBET PRIOR TO 1959

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### HISTORICAL EVIDENCE AND DEVELOPMENT PROBLEMS- LAND USE, MARKET INTEGRATION AND MIGRATION IN 19th CENTURY EUROPE AND CONTEMPORARY NEPAL: A PILOT STUDY ON METHODOLOGY AND QUESTIONING

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## **NATIONAL SEED PROGRAMME IN NEPAL**

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Peter Rood is working on the National Seed Programme in Nepal and farmers' utilization of high yielding varieties of wheat, maize and rice seeds from the public sector seed programme. During August 1986 Peter Rood understood consultancy for the International Service for National Agricultural Research (ISNAR) with a view to securing HMG Nepal approval for an in-country study of the role and effectiveness of On Farm Crop Oriented Research (OFCOR) and to identify and contract a local consultant to carry out the study. Nepal is one of nine developing countries worldwide participating in the ISNAR study.

## **DYNAMICS OF SETTLEMENT IN NAWALPARASI, NEPAL**

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Krishna Ghimire is working on the dynamics of settlement in Nawalparasi, in the Nepalese terai, with particular reference to the phenomenon of 'illegal' settlement and the issue of the sukumbasi. He has completed fieldwork and is now writing up his material for a dissertation.