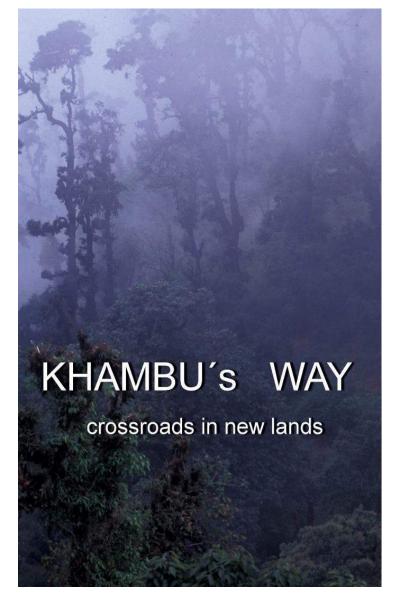
Khambu's Way - crossroads in new lands



A personal story recounted by Dr. Khalu Ram Rai, nicknamed Khambu, who embarked on a determined effort to achieve a PhD in his passion for conservation of herpetofauna in Nepal. The story begins in Katmandu where Khambu already teaches in Tribhuvan University. He is introduced to Professor Doctor H. Hermann Schleich who becomes his Supervisor. It was a fortuitous combination. After field research covering almost 2000 kilometers, mostly on foot, throughout Nepal, Khambu, with huge encouragement and guidance from his Supervisor, eventually travels to Germany to write his thesis.

Further adventures follow. For Khambu, there were cultural shocks ahead whilst in Germany, Spain, Holland and England. All described with great humour and spontaneity.

This story will be an inspiration to students, of interest to naturalists, walkers and trekkers and armchair travellers with enquiring minds. Throughout the book, the reader is acquainted with the Country of Nepal, its customs and peoples, touching on the Himalayas and the Sherpas. All in all, an enjoyably good read.

In December 2018 ARCO-Nepal published the book by author, Prof. Dr. Kaluram (Khambu) Rai, Mero Anusandhan yatra, My research vignettes. It is a soft bound book in DIN A 5 format, black-white with 70 photographs (from K.R. Rai & H.H. Schleich), two drawings, one map and one news-paper cutting on 570 pages. The book has been edited by H. Schleich & S. Geldeard.

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