

# The Kathmandu Post: Swar Samrat Narayan Gopal

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**Fig: Narayan Gopal**

On Wednesday, October 4, 1939, the most famous and popular singer was born. He is also known as the "Swar Samrat" which means emperor of voice and "Tragedy King" Narayan Gopal.

He is well known as an accomplished composer and great singer. His great voice allowed him to sing songs of every genre of Nepali music. His most songs are richly orchestrated with the harmonium, flute, and sitar. His songs have also been used in many dramas and movies around the globe.

It is reported that he has sung more than over 500 songs, including in ballets, drama, and films. He worked with many singers and composers. He finished his School Leaving Certificate (S.L.C) exams in 2016 B.S. and gained Bachelor of Arts degree in Humanities from Tri-Chandra College.

He was respected with many awards including Trishakti Patta, Third – 2048 B.S. (posthumously), Urbashi Rang Award – 2047 B.S., Indra Rajya Laxmi Award – 2040 B.S., Jagadamba Shree – 2045 B.S., Ratna Record Award – 2039 B.S., Best Composition (Radio Nepal) – 2023 B.S., Best Singer (Radio Nepal) – 2024 B.S., Gorkha Dakshin Bahu, Fourth – 2033 B.S., Chhinalata Award – 2044 B.S.

Some of his popular songs are *Euta Manche Ko Maya le*, *Jhareko Paat Jhai*, *Yo Samjhine Man Cha*, *Saawan ko jhari bani*, *Manche ko Maya*, and *Kehi mitho baata gara*.

Sadly, he died on December 5, 1990, due to organ failures, It was said that the accident happened caused by his notorious drinking. In all over the country and across the country, people held a minute silence in the memory of Narayan Gopal. Rest in peace, Narayan Gopal. Your songs will live forever and you will always be in our hearts.