

Two moderate intensity earthquakes hit Nepal, no casualties reported

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Kathmandu: A moderate intensity earthquake measuring 5.0 on the richter scale struck Nepal this morning. No casualties have been reported as of now.

Two moderate intensity earthquakes, measuring 4.6 and 4.7 on richter scale, hit Nepal, including the Kathmandu Valley, this morning. No loss of life or property has been reported.

According to the National Seismological Centre (NSC), a 4.6 magnitude quake was reported at 9.22 am local time followed by another of a higher 4.7 magnitude at 10.06 am.

The epicentre of the second earthquake was near Swanra in western Nepal, while the epicentre of first lied near Salu in central Nepal, The Himalayan Times reported.

The quakes were also felt in the Kathmandu Valley.

The NSC said these were the aftershocks of the 7.8 magnitude earthquake of 2015 that nearly 9,000 people in Nepal. Until now, 478 aftershocks, including today's, have occurred since the 2015 earthquake, it added.

On April 25, 2015, Nepal was struck by a catastrophic earthquake which measured 7.8 on the Richter scale. It killed nearly 9,000 people in Nepal while damaging or destroying almost 800,000 homes. Another 102 people were killed on the Indian side of the border, where some 13,000 houses were badly damaged.

- (With PTI inputs)