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In Nepal, a smiling Newar woman stands looking out of the window of a house, holding a child on her hip. She is wearing a cummerbund -- known in Nepali as a *patuka* -- around her hip. Newars are an indigenous people of Nepal, with ancestry tracing to medieval times (750-1750 AD). According to Nepal's 2001 census, the 1,245,232 Newar in the country are the nation's sixth-largest ethnic group.



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