



**Honorable Distinguished Guests, Community Leaders, Representative of Partners and Local Organizations, and Fellow NRNs;**

On behalf of the Non Resident Nepali National Coordination Council of USA (NRN NCC USA) board, I welcome you with great pleasure to our 2nd annual general meeting and conference of Non Resident Nepali National Coordination Council of USA (NRN NCC USA) "Working Together for Nepali and Nepali Diaspora: Connect, Unite and Succeed.

NRN NCC USA also known as NRN America's primary goal is to function as national coordinating body for NRN's in USA, represent and promote the interest of non-resident Nepali and promote NRN issues and activities that contribute to the socio economic development of Nepal and Nepali Diaspora.

The AGM and Conference Committee under the leadership of Treasurer Rajendra Siwakoti and Joint Secretary Jay Mandal have worked tirelessly with Southern California based local Nepalese community organizations jointly to put together programs to facilitate the platform to champion the burning issues and solutions of NRN's and PNO's needs. I thank the conference committee to making this an exceptional conference. I would also like to give special thanks to all the Nepali organizations and the Nepali community in the Los Angeles area for their hospitality and support in making this conference successful.

I would like to thank the NRN NCC USA board members and all of you for your support and your participation in this conference. Special thanks to RC Mr Mukesh Kumar Singh for his outstanding leadership and relentless support and guidance for NRN NCC of USA. I hope you will have the opportunity to network, reconnect and leave the conference more connected and enthused is serving our beloved country Nepal.

At yours service,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pralhad KC".

Pralhad KC, BSCE, MBA  
 President  
 NRN National Coordination Council of USA

## NRN NCC OF USA

### SECOND NRN PNO LOS ANGELES AGM & CONFERENCE AGENDAS

Hotel Venue	Courtyard Marriott, 7621 Beach Blvd, Buena Park, CA 90620
AGM & CONFERENCE Venue	Torch Banquet Hall, 7850 Beach Blvd, Buena Park, CA 90620
<b>Day 1 Highlights</b>	<b>Friday, May 24th, 2013</b>
	<b>KICK- START AGM &amp; CONFERENCE</b>
<b>6:30 AM to 6:45 AM</b>	NRN PNO Golf Registration
<b>Venue</b>	EL Dorado Golf Course, 2400 Studebaker Rd Long Beach, CA 90815
<b>7:00 AM to 11:30 AM - GOLF TOURNAMENT</b>	Out of Town Guest Team Vs Host Team
<b>11:30 AM to 1:00 PM</b>	Golf Lunch (Sponsored by: Himalayan Grill)
<b>Venue</b>	Peter's Landing Marina, 16400 PCH Hwy # 110 , Huntington Beach, CA 92649
<b>3:00 PM to 4:00 PM</b>	Registration at Courtyard Marriot, Buena Park Hotel Lobby
<b>7:00 PM to 9:00 PM</b>	2557 Buddha's Birthday Celebration, Organized by SHREE PASHUPATINATH FOUNDATION
<b>Venue</b>	California State University, Long Beach, CA
	CSULB University Student Union Beach Auditorium
	1212 Bellflower Blvd., Suite 115, Long Beach, CA 90815
<b>Day 2 Highlights</b>	<b>Saturday, May 25th, 2013</b>
<b>7:30 AM to 7:30 PM</b>	REGISTRATION OPEN FOR ALL THE GUESTS & MEMBERS
<b>8:00 AM - 11:30 AM</b>	OPENING CEREMONY & OPENING SESSIONS
<b>8:00 AM to 8:30 AM</b>	Door Opens and Seating Arrangements of all the guests and volunteers
<b>Introduction to the MCs</b>	Rajendra Siwakoti, Convener of AGM
<b>Moderator &amp; MC of Opening Ceremony</b>	Introduction of AGM PROGRAMs DIRECTOR Jay Mandal, Joint Secretary NRN NCC OF USA
	Introduction of Co-host Upama Lama, General Secretary, NRN USA
	Panchkanya's Welcome
	Program Inauguration by Chief Guest with Lighting Light (Deep Prajwalan)
	National Anthem - by Women's Group
<b>Prayers</b>	Prayers in English & Nepali
	Opening Video of the NRN NCC of USA
<b>Opening &amp; Welcome Speech</b>	Pralhad KC, Convention Chair & NRN NCC of USA PRESIDENT
	Rajendra Siwakoti, NRN NCC of USA, Treasurer, AGM Convener's Speech
	Thank you notes to all the local organizations and volunteers, sponsors
	Radha Basnet, NRNA ICC Woman Coordinator
	Rishi P. Dhakal, Commercial Consulate General of Nepal for San Diego area, California
	Seva Adhikari, Nepalese UN Representative, NY
	Mukesh Singh, Regional Coordinator, NRNA-ICC, Americas
	Rajesh Kaji Shrestha, Int'l Chambers of commerce, Nepal
	Dev Man Hirachan, Chief Patron, NRNA ICC
	Dr. Shankar P. Sharma, Nepalese Ambassador to The USA, Chief Guest
<b>10:00 AM to 10:15 AM</b>	Tea & Coffee Break
<b>10:15 AM to 11:45 AM</b>	Panel Discussion - CONNECT, UNITE & SUCCEED
<b>Introduction of Moderator by</b>	Pralhad KC
<b>Moderator for NRN THEME-Session</b>	<u>Dr Jeet Joshee</u>
	Shiv K Rai
	Dr Bidya Ranjeet
	Er. Kanhaiya Kayastha
	Roger Adhikari
	Bhim Udas
	Mukesh Singh
<b>11:45 AM to 12:50 PM</b>	LUNCH BREAK

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<b>1:00 PM - 2:30 PM</b>	Meeting of NRNs & PNOs MINDS
Introduction of Moderator by	Dr. Bidya Ranjeet
Moderator	
Dr. Ambika Adhikari	Launch of NRN Open University Project in Nepal & Why it is important ?
Participant Speakers	
Shiv Adhikari	How to create UNITY among NRNs, PNOs and cash out the benefit of Single United Force of NRNs & PNOs
Suresh Ojha	Earthquake Mitigation & HAM Radio in Nepal
Dhan Timilsina	Issues and Challenges of Young Generation of NRNs and PNOs
Dr. Shambhu Dungana	Continuation of Nepali Citizenship for PNO
Gopendra Bhattarai	How to develop membership and work with institutional partner effectively.
Tsewang Lama	How to deal with next generation PNO Kids in America
Mr Lalit Jha	Diversity and Unity among NRNs and PNOs and Institutional Partners
Narayan Gurung	Sports Venture Issues of NRNs in NEPAL and How Dual Citizenship can solve the issues
Khagendra GC	Legal complexity of NRNs in Nepal and USA
Ratan Jha	Global NRNA Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow
Darshan Rauniyar	Vision of Developed Nepal & Interaction about NRN-PNO can help bring changes
<b>2:30 PM to 3:30 PM</b>	Women Empowerment and Making Difference in NRN Movement
Introduction of Moderator by	UPAMA LAMA
Moderator	
UMA KARKI THAPA	Women Empowerment and Making a difference in NRN Movement by women
Participants:	
Dr Bidhya Ranjeet	Burning Issues of NRN Women its solutions in Nepal, USA and worldwide
Rukumani Karki,	Roles NWGN in NRN Movement
Banita Katila	Transition of migrant life of NRN Women in America
Josephina O. Dungana	Immigrant Women and Domestic Violence
Radha Basnet	NRN Women Roles in NRNA ICC
Dr. Joanne Shawader Pandey	How to integrate between Nepalese life style and American life style in mix value system family
Seva Adhikari	Woman Roles in Foreign Service of Nepal Government
<b>3:30 PM to 3:45 PM</b>	Tea / Coffee Break
<b>3:45 PM to 5:30 PM</b>	NRN PNO USA ENTREPRENUERSHIP & VENTURES SESSION
Introduction of Moderator by	Pralhad KC
Moderator: Jay Mandal	Panel Discussion about how to be a successful Entrepreneur by concurring all four cycles
Participants:	NRN Business Rock Stars- Doing Business with Profitably
<u>Seed &amp; Idea Phase</u>	What is good idea and what is bad idea
Gokul Poudel	How to find the right idea and how to grow into sustainable profitable business
Deven Pandey	How to find right market region and what it makes Los Angeles is ideal place to start business or conduct convention
Anil Pandey	How to think to find a great business idea and take it to reality
Ramchandra Kharel	How to launch media business profitably in America
<u>Raising Capital Phase</u>	How to raise capital in Nepal & USA Markets
Aak Raj Pandey	Raising capital in Nepal and USA markets
Tara Gurung	Experience of finding capital and growing multiple small business in USA and difficulties of doing business in Nepal
Rishi Dhakal	How to start business in Nepal and bring the capital from Nepal to do business in USA market

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<u>Growing Business Session</u>	How to grow the business in USA & Nepal
Bhakta Thapa	How to grow business in multiple vertical markets and grow it and sustain it in USA market
Dev Man Hirachan	How to start, grow a very profitable business in East Asia Counties like Japan and in Nepal
Dinesh Paudel	How to grow sales in USA market year in corporate level and small business level
<u>Selling the Business or EXIT Phase</u>	Role of a Consultant how to Sell Multiple times
Mr Basu Ghimire	How do you plan for exit of your business and how to cash out the timing of highest ROIs.
Ratan Jha	How to grow business and exit in Nepal, Middle East & USA Markets
Mr Kiran Joshi	How to create all stages of business and create profitable business in Nepal and USA
<b>5:00 PM to 5:20 PM</b>	<b>NRN USA BUSINESS MEETING AGM BREIFING</b>
Rajendra Siwakoti, Treasurer	Report about the Membership and Finance
Upama Lama, General Secretary	High Lights NRN NCC OF USA Achievements
Pralhad KC, President; Mukesh Singh, RC	Q &A
<b>5:20 PM to 5:30 PM; Prem Guragain</b>	Promoting Petition ; Buddha was born in Nepal & Mt. Everest lies in Nepal
<b>5:30 PM to 6:00 PM</b>	Election and By Laws Briefing - Best Candidate Presentation & Winners Introduction
Introduction of Election Commissioner by	RC Mr Mukesh Singh
Election Commissioner, Tsewang S Lama	NRN NCC of USA ICC Representation Election
Mr Tsewang Lama	Briefing about NRN NCC of USA By Laws Amendment Update and Election Process and winners candidate introduction.
Best Candidate Presentation ICC	Presentation of the Candidate why he/ she is the right candidate for the post.
Best Candidate Presentation DRC	Presentation of the Candidate why he/ she is the right candidate for the post.
<b>6:00 PM to 7:30 PM</b>	Door Closed, Dinner Tables Set Up, Everyone goes out of Room Set Up
<b>6:00 pm TO 7:30 PM</b>	COCTAILS, NETWORKING & HAPPY HOURS in Cash Bar area
<b>7:30 PM to 9:00 PM</b>	GALA DINNER
Introduction of Gala Night MC & Host	
<b>8:30 PM to 9:30 PM</b>	NRN USA TALENT SHOW
Shuny Bee KC	Khukuri Dance, Shuny Bee KC
	Backward Spelling Bee Contestant who is going for Guinness Book of World Records
	Poem & Drama BOD, Local Participants
	NRN USA TALENT SHOW
<b>9:30 PM to 10:00 PM</b>	NRN PNO & AGM Awards & Closing Ceremony 2013
<b>10:00 PM to 10:15 PM</b>	Closing and Thank You Notes from Pralhad KC
<b>10:15 PM to 11:45 PM</b>	NRN TALENT SHOW Continues and Followed by DJ
<b>Day 3 Highlights</b>	<b>Sunday, May 26th, 2013</b>
<b>8:00 AM to 12: 00 Mid Night</b>	Sports, Tours around Los Angeles, NRN USA MUSICAL & SPORTS AWARD NIGHT
<b>8:00 AM TO 9:00 AM</b>	Breakfast Served at Sports Venue
<b>8:30 to 9:00 AM</b>	Opening CEREMONY OF NRN SPORTS TOURNAMENT
<b>8:45 to 9:00 AM</b>	Introductions of different participants teams and captains
<b>9:00 AM to 9:30 AM</b>	Friendly Soccer Game NRN USA BOARD Vs LOCAL HOST ( AGE 40 Plus )
<b>10:00 AM to 4:00 PM</b>	All Sports Tournament and Finals
<b>11:00 AM to 12:00 Noon</b>	NRN Legal & Immigration Forum
Venue	18000 Pioneer Blvd, Suite 203, Artesia, CA ( NRN USA AGM OFFICE )
<b>12:30 PM to 1:30 PM</b>	Visit of Pashupati Nath Temple Premise
<b>1:30 PM to 3:30 PM</b>	Lunch Invitation By Commercial Consulate General of San Diego, CA Mr RISHI DHAKAL
Venue	357 W Woodruff Ave, Arcadia, 91007
<b>7:00 PM to 12:00 Midnight</b>	Dinner, NRN USA ENTERTAINMENT MUSICAL NIGHT AND SPORTS AWARD CEREMONEY at Naz 8 Cinema Hall in Lakewood, CA
	Welcome Speech By UMA KARKI THAPA, Host & President of Ekta Samaj
	Thank you Speech by Prahlad KC, President NRN NCC OF USA
<b>9:30 PM to 10:30 PM</b>	NRN Sports Award Ceremony
Sports Awards Hosted By	Mr Narayan Gurung, Rajendra Siwakoti & Mr Bakhan Thapa
<b>10:30 PM to Mid Night</b>	Musical Night Continued.....



Chairman  
Council of Ministers

Kathmandu, Nepal



### Message

I am happy to know that NRN USA AGM & CONFERENCE LA, CA Publication Committee is publishing NRN PNO BOOK 2013. I have a belief, these types of initiatives are creative parts of any organization.

As an impact of globalization, people have been migrating to various nations of the world and settling according to their interests and needs. Many Nepali are significantly shifting from Nepal to various countries of the world for the pursuit of better opportunities. People who resides in foreign territory, but are of Nepali origin are defined as Non-Resident Nepali, and their rights have been protected in Nepal by Non-Resident Nepali Act, 2007. In this milieu, it is a matter of content to know that Non-Resident Nepali in United States of America have been engaging themselves in various social, cultural and economic activities.

I am of the belief that the Nepali residing in foreign territories are involving themselves in their individual development, and also introducing Nepal to the global community. I am optimistic, their endeavors will help to promote solidarity and relations in between Nepali and foreigners and also nourishes the harmony among different nationals. Moreover, I am hopeful, these types of programs generates opportunities for soio-economic development of Nepali people.

I wish for the success of the conference and publication. I would be happy to note the continuity of these types of initiatives in future too.

  
Khil Raj Regmi

May 2013



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May 16, 2013

Message

I am pleased to note that NRN National Coordination Council USA is holding its 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting from May 25 to 26, 2013 in Los Angeles, California. On this occasion, I would like to express my hearty congratulations and best wishes for the success of the event.

The growing number of Nepalese people in US is likely to play a significant role in the economic development of Nepal. Given their strong attachment to their native land, they always have a desire to make meaningful contribution in the development of Nepal. Their growing knowledge, skills and capital will definitely contribute towards development of Nepal. Hence the role of NRN is crucial in maintaining and consolidating relations between diaspora community and the native land.

I hope that the deliberations during the conference will facilitate towards achieving the goal of NRN.

While expressing sincere thanks to the organizer of the event, I am confident that active Nepali diasporas in the United States would take a lead role in promoting Nepal abroad and contribute to further strengthening economic relations between Nepal and USA.

Dr. Shankar Prasad Sharma  
Ambassador



*Consulate of Nepal to USA*

*San Diego, California, USA*

I am pleased to learn that the NRN National Coordination Council of USA is holding 2<sup>nd</sup> NRN PNO AGM and conference from May 25<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup>, 2013 in Los Angeles, California, USA. I appreciate and commend the efforts made by board of NRN NCC of USA for bringing the AGM in Los Angeles. I would like to congratulate NRN NCC of USA publishing a souvenir which will encompass the recent NRN USA business updates, activities, articles and member's list. This flow of information will make significant positive changes in positive economic development by networking among NRNs and PNOs as well as among the business ventures residing in USA and Nepal.

It is an encouraging fact to know that large number of Nepali diaspora is residing in USA which have been the land of opportunity for many immigrants. As we grow our economic prosperity, we have to preserve our cultural, values, languages and traditions as well as we have to keep social, economical ties with our Motherland Nepal.

We all have the same common goals to expand our social cultural value and network to bring all NRNs and PNOs together where we can commit together for the promotion our root of origin, Nepalese and Nepalese American identity worldwide. Joint business ventures, professional development, networking, collective investment will bring the opportunity for new income sources for future. Today's trend, the large number of Nepalese are going for foreign employment and looking for new opportunities. That's institution like NRN USA and NRNA can play important role to create platform for among them to share the knowledge and skills they learnt away when many will return home. This will be the huge boost and catalyst factor to impact intangibly which contribute to build prosperous Nepal and Nepalese diaspora. I wish the NRN National Coordination Council of USA the best luck and grand success. I am always available to contribute for continued growth of NRN NCC of USA.

  
Rishi Punnakhar Dhara





## गैरआवासीय नेपाली राष्ट्रिय समन्वय परिषद अमेरिकालाई शुभकामना

हामीले विदेशमा जतिसुकै सफलता र सम्पन्नता हासिल गरेपनि मातृभूमि समृद्ध नभइ व्यक्तिगत प्रगतिको कुनै अर्थ नरहने भावनाले हामी सबैलाई सन् २००३ मा गैरआवासीय नेपाली अभियानको प्रारम्भ गर्न अभिप्रेरित गरेको थियो । नेपाल जुन ऐतिहासिक संक्रमण र परिवर्तनको प्रक्रियामा छ, यस्तो अवस्थामा कुनै विदेशीले गएर त्यहाँको विकास गरिदिने होइन, हामी आफैँ त्यसका लागि अघि सर्नुपर्छ भन्ने राष्ट्रवादी दायित्वबोधले पनि हामीलाई उत्तिकै प्रेरित गरेको थियो । संख्यात्मक र गुणात्मक रूपमा संसारभरि फैलिएको नेपाली डायस्पोराको छरिएर रहेको आर्थिक, व्यवसायिक र बौद्धिक क्षमतालाई समेटेर नेपालको शान्ति, समृद्धि र विकासका लागि कसरी उपयोग गर्न सकिन्छ भन्ने जुन चिन्तनले प्रेरित भएर गैरआवासीय नेपाली अभियानको आरम्भ भएको थियो, हामीलाई सन्तोष छ आज त्यसले लगभग हरेक देशको नेपाली डायस्पोरालाई स्पर्ष गरेकोछ । विदेशमा बस्ने नेपालीहरूको सुख-दुःख, खुशी-पीडालाई बिसाउने थलो अर्थात आफ्नै घरको रूपमा गैरआवासीय नेपाली संघ सबैका लागि स्विकार्य भइसकेको छ । हाम्रा सामुहिक प्रयासहरू पनि क्रमशः ठोस र मूर्त हुँदै जानुले पनि हाम्रो अभियानको सार्थकतालाई नै प्रमाणित गर्छ । गैरआवासीय नेपाली अभियान र गैरआवासीय नेपाली संघ अब उपेक्षा गर्न नसकिने संगठित प्रयासको रूपमा स्थापित भइसकेका छन् । यसमा संसारभरिका सबै देशका नेपालीहरूको समर्पण र निरन्तर मिहिनेतको योगदान छ ।

हामीले धेरै उपलब्धिहरू हासिल गरेपनि मातृभूमि र कर्मभूमिमा अझै धेरै काम गर्न बाँकी छ । मातृभूमि नेपाल अहिले अन्योल र संकटको अवस्थाबाट गुज्रिरहेको छ र स्वभाविक रूपमा हामीप्रतिको अपेक्षा झन् बढेकोछ । तर हामीले चाहेरपनि अपेक्षा अनुरूप सबै काम हुन सकेका छैनन् भनेर हामी हतास नै हुनुपर्ने स्थिति भने छैन, किनकि गैरआवासीय नेपाली अभियान एउटा निरन्तर यात्रा भएकोले यसका उपलब्धिहरू क्रमशः बढ्दै जानेछन् । संसारभरिका सबै नेपालीहरूलाई नेपालको उन्नतिका लागि निरन्तर गोलबद्ध गर्दै लैजान सकिएमा नेपालको आर्थिक रुपान्तरण सहज र चाँडो हुने कुरामा हामी आशावादी हुन सक्छौं । हाम्रा क्षमता र स्रोतहरू सीमित र छरिएर रहेका छन् । त्यसैले हामीले एकला एकलै मात्र प्रयास गरिरहने हो भने त्यसबाट अपेक्षित परिणाम प्राप्त हुन सक्दैन । तर हाम्रा विविध क्षमतालाई एकत्रित गरेर, समेटेर अगाडि बढ्ने हो भने हाम्रो संगठित शक्ति अत्यन्त ठूलो र प्रभावशाली हुन सक्छ । विश्वव्यापी गैरआवासीय अभियानको भावना र संघको निर्माणको उद्देश्य पनि त्यही नै हो । कुनै विदेशीले आएर हाम्रो मुलुक बनाइदिने होइन, हामी आफैँ एकजुट भएर त्यसमा लाग्नु परेको छ र हामीले गर्नुपर्ने भने मात्र विदेशीहरू आउँछन् भन्ने भावनाले हामी सधैं प्रेरित र लगनशील छौं ।

तसर्थ, म त्यहाँ बसोवास गर्ने सबै नेपाली साथीहरूलाई मातृभूमि प्रतिको गहन जिम्मेबारीलाई बोध गर्दै निरन्तर एकताबद्ध भएर अगाडि बढ्न आह्वान गर्दछु । नयाँ नेतृत्व छान्ने यो वर्ष त झन् हाम्रो एकताको संदेश अझ सशक्त ढंगले प्रदर्शित र प्रसारित होस् भनेर हामी झन् सचेत हुन जरुरी छ । विभिन्न प्रकारका विभाजनले आक्रान्त हाम्रो मुलुकमा पनि यसले एउटा असल संदेश जानेछ ।

जस्तो सुकै विभाजनले पनि हाम्रो संगठित प्रयासलाई कमजोर र निस्प्रभावी बनाउँछ भन्ने कुरामा निरन्तर सजग रहन आग्रह गर्दै गैरआवासीय नेपाली राष्ट्रिय समन्वय परिषद अमेरिकाले त्यहाँ बसोवासरत नेपाली समुदायको एकतालाई अझ सुदृढ गर्दै योजना गरेका सबै संगठित प्रयासहरूलाई मूर्तता दिन सकोस् र कठिन संकटबाट गुज्रिरहेको नेपालको शान्ति र समृद्धिका लागि हाम्रो समर्पणमा अझ अभिवृद्धि गरोस् भन्ने हार्दिक शुभकामना व्यक्त गर्दछु ।

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गैरआवासीय नेपाली संघ



## शुभकामना

बिदेशमा छरिएर रहेका नेपालीहरूलाई एउटै छातामुनि गोलवन्द गर्ने उद्देश्य सहित स्थापना भएको गैर आवासिय नेपाली संघ अन्तर्गत रहेर अमेरिका साखाले अहिले सम्म खेलिरहेको महत्वपूर्ण भुमिकाको कदर गर्न चाहन्छु । आगामि दिनमा पनि यसले आफ्नो भुमिकालाई अझ दृढता पूर्वक कार्यान्वयन गर्ने आसा एवं बिश्वास लिएको छु ।

यसै बिच अमेरिका साखाले आफ्ना समग्र गतिबिधिहरूलाई समेटेर स्मारिका प्रकाशन गर्न लागेको थाहा पाउदा अत्यन्त खुसिका साथै गर्व लागेको छ । गैर आवासिय नेपाली संघले लिएको उद्देश्यलाई अगाडि बढाउने क्रममा यसको बिकाश र प्रचार प्रसारमा अमेरिका साखाले खेलेको महत्वपूर्ण भुमिका स्मरणिय रहेको छ ।

अन्त्यमा, यस साखाबाट प्रकाशन हुन लागेको स्मारिकाले अमेरिका र बिश्वभर छरिएर रहेका गैर आवासिय नेपालीहरूको समस्या उठान र समाधानमा सहयोग पुग्ने अपेक्षा गर्दै प्रकाशोन्मुख स्मारिका सबैका लागि उपयोगि सामाग्री बन्न सकोस भन्दै गैर आवासिय नेपाली संघ अमेरिका साखा परिवारलाई हार्दिक शुभकामना ब्यक्त गर्दछु ।

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### Message of Felicitation

I, on behalf of NRNA and myself, would like to wish NRNA, NCC USA, the very best in its' upcoming Annual General Assembly to be held from 25 to 26th May. I also take this opportunity to thank the Nepali communities in the US for their efforts to promote Nepal in the US. I believe that the agendas set for this AGM will help to find a clear vision to move forward.

I thank NRNA, NCC USA for their contribution towards the NRNA movement and look forward to greater commitment and zeal in uniting and mobilizing the huge resources and potentials of Nepali Diaspora in the US.

Once again my best wishes for the successful event.



Jiba Lamichhane,  
President,  
International Coordination Council,  
Non Resident Nepali Association.

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It has been a great privilege to serve as the NRNA Regional Coordinator of North-America. Being involved from its inception, it has been very pleasing to see this organization reach many mile-stones. Although this organization has undergone a lot of growth, we still have not reached our full potential.

NRN's residing in different countries and within different demographics face very unique challenges. There are very few commonalities that can be shared across the board. The greatest test of the future leaders of the NRNA is to come up with a governance structure that can address the diverse needs of NRN's all over the world. One thing that we all do agree on is that the main goal of this organization and all the NRN's are to ensure that we play a vital role in the development of Nepal.

It is also utterly important for this organization to ensure that this institution remains non-political, and does not align itself with any special interest group. Faith and confidence of this organization will grow from the Nepali people if they are confident that NRN's are here for nothing else other than the development of the country. This will create a win-win situation for both parties.

Even though I am completing my term as of October 2013, and not running for any formal position, I remain a committed volunteer for this organization. I want to express my sincere gratitude to the NRN-NCC of USA in general, and President Mr. Prahlad K.C. in particular. He has been a great partner to work with and his leadership for the NRN has been a blessing. I also want thank the organizing and host committee of the AGM.

Thanks!  
With Best Regards,  
Mukesh K. Singh  
R.C., North-America  
NRNA

## GENERAL SECRETARY CORNER

### Greetings Fellow NRNs!

Being away from Nepal and living an exotic lifestyle away already makes us eligible of being a NRN and it comes with certain level of unspoken responsibilities toward our own country or at least toward other fellow NRN's. Having said that, not all of the NRNs have enough resources or willingness to contribute. Only some oblige to contribute, but very few of them take it to the next level of their will and resources. They are the one who religiously, compassionately give their time and passion hoping to make difference in the society and patiently waiting for the change-from green to gold. Ladies and Gentleman, I am proud to introduce you to the NRN NCC Board of Directors as one of those "Extremist NRNs" who has given the fullest to an organization. In another words, NRN NCC USA executive team best suits for the position we hold.



**UPAMA KADEL LAMA**

As a General Secretary of NRN USA, I would like to briefly walk you through the standing of an organization. Our team consists of 9 executive boards. All of them were selectively chosen to serve for the 2013-2014 tenure. At the moment, we are well along the month of May. Five months have passed and 14 Board Meetings have already conducted since the beginning of the year 2013. Currently, we are in the position where everyone is familiar with each other and, most importantly, well familiar with responsibilities we hold.

I emphasized, in the beginning, by saying that our team is passionate and well experienced for the job. Even being so, past 5 months have not quite been an easy ride. We are serving our position in the time when the general public perceived NRN NCC USA as the controversial organization. There are/were several unresolved issues that were handed down to the current executive committee. Issues ranges from memberships, finances, and other domains that I consider vital to run a Non-Profit Organization like NRN NCC USA. I probably need not mention again, holding an executive position comes with a hefty responsibility of itself and not everyone can manage to balance the personal and community service time very well. But, current tenure officers have more pressure because we are dealing with limited information. And, on the other hand, there is not enough time. However, officers are working harder as ever.

First and foremost, officers were intensely working on compiling necessary information in order to keep an organization in compliance with Federal laws. Along with those, we have approached a newer way, a technological one, to document our General Members and Life Members. Our current Treasurer is keeping Financing records as transparent as possible and working on finding previous financial transactions. Bylaws are on the process to get amended for us to get things done in as efficient manner as possible. And, Few members are giving all of their time to make this year's Annual General Meeting the historical and successful than ever before. Our team is putting an effort to organize and operate an organization in a way that can be easily accessible for future usage.

NRN NCC USA is making simple but important changes everyday. Board Members are passionate and knowledgeable about their responsibility for an organization. Thus, they are an expertise on their own field. With embracing current Board of Directors experience, their fresh perspectives, and dynamicity, we hope to make NRN USA the best chapter among all.

We warmly welcome you in this AGM! Enjoy your trip!!



## CONNECT, UNITE AND SUCCEED !

NRN NCC of USA is excited to launch the Second Annual General Meeting and Conference centered around the theme of “**CONNECT, UNITE AND SUCCEED !**” on May 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> in the entertainment capital of the world, Los Angeles, California. As NRN NCC OF USA’s mission is to improve, connect and unite all NRN (Non-Resident Nepali) and PNO (People of Nepali Origin) living in the United States of America. NRN NCC OF USA has been the national coordinating body for all the organizations in USA to represent and promote the interests of Non-Resident Nepalese and People of Nepali Origin living in the USA and to act as the National Coordinating Council (NCC) for the organizations in all states of United States of America.

We can only succeed as organization if we able to represent diversity among all different types of members and institutional partners to foster cooperation and collaboration. NRN NCC of USA promotes NRN issues and activities that shall contribute to connect, unite all walks of NRNs and PNOs.

*“NRN National Coordination Council of USA is bridge between the Non-Resident Nepali Association’s (NRNA), INTERNATIONAL COORDINATION COUNCIL (ICC) AND ALL THE MEMBERS AND ORGANIZATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO foster cooperation and collaboration with non-profit Nepali associations and institutions in the USA for promoting NRN issues and activities that shall contribute to the socio-economic development of Nepal and Nepali diaspora.*”

I would like to welcome and thank all the board of directors of NRN NCC OF USA entrusting us to bring the convention to Los Angeles. In the same time, I would like to thank all the local host organizations and sponsors for the hosting, supporting, donating and volunteering the time to make this convention successful. On the half of Board of Directors and as The Director of Programs of AGM, we have tried our best to bring programs for all walks of members of NRNs and PNOs. We hope that you all will like and enjoy them. We hope that you all would like the efforts of NRN NCC of USA to present very first AGM & Conference in west coast of USA. NRN NCC of USA is passing through a very difficult period, hope that this AGM and Conference will answers many questions you all may have and unite all NRNs with the opportunities of networking, understanding, friendship among all NRNs, PNOs and friends of Nepal and USA.

Our programs have been focused towards to coordinate, facilitate and conduct activities to mobilize NRN resources and knowhow, maintain and foster Nepali identity and cultural heritage, further academic, entrepreneurship development and professional advancements and to contribute towards the overall development of NRNs and PNOs. I would like to thank all the speakers and guests who have agreed to share their knowledge and experience to enrich the participants. We have put together NRN NCC’s business and election updates at the conference. Very first time in the history of NRN USA , we are celebrating very first “**NRN PNO DAY**” with group and forum discussions, uniting young NRNs with different sports and grand musical nights. The theme ‘ **Connect, Unite & Succeed**’ of NRN NCC OF USA is to serve as unequivocal voice for Nepalese Diaspora by developing and engaging a cohesive and strong network between NRNs and PNOs for the benefit of larger community. Once again, I would like to thank all the local host organization’s leaders who extended support and guidance to me and my family members for allowing me to serve and give time to create a beautiful memory of my life. We all pray that this AGM and Conference will be a memorable one in our life . We welcome you all again and thank you for giving your valuable time and resources to be the part of AGM and Conference.

At yours service,

Jay Mandal ,

Joint Secretary, NRN NCC OF USA

PROGRAM DIRECTOR OF NRN NCC OF USA LOS ANGELES AGM & CONFERENCE-2013



## **Message from Convener**

**It is my pleasure to welcome all distinguished guests and participants to our 2nd NRN PNO AGM & Conference in Los Angeles, California. This conference is a key event of NRNNCC of USA and we are truly honored by your presence. I sincerely thank all the guests who have traveled from far away.**

**This year, we have included additional programs such as sports, talent show, networking, musical night, awards and recognition which is an excellent opportunity for you all to take advantage and to create the one of the best memory in your life. The core idea of these additional programs is to bring more people to the event and to create a platform for many NRNs and PNOs to network and know each other.**

**This AGM has brought together a diverse range of distinguished speakers and participants to address NRNs issues such as dual citizenship, tax treaty, investment opportunities, charity projects, skilled NRN professionals needs, knowledge sharing and so many hot issues faced by NRNs and PNOs. It is a conference particularly focused on building connections among all NRNs & PNOs to share experiences and renew friendships, as well as gain new knowledge and insights.**

**I sincerely thank all the host organizations of Southern California for their outstanding support and encouragement to bring this AGM & Conference to reality. This won't be possible without contribution of huge numbers of volunteer. I salute each volunteer who has dedicated their time and contributions of all kinds for making this event successful. Taking this opportunity, I would like to recognize the generous donor and NRNs friends of Southern California and board of directors. I would like to thank all donors from the bottom of my heart.**

**Finally, once again, I am honored to welcome all of you in beautiful Los Angeles. I encourage you to make some friends and have wonderful time of your life during our conference in Southern California.**

**With warm regards,  
Rajendra Siwakoti  
Convener**



Dear Respected Community Members,

On behalf of Shree Pashupatinath Foundation, USA, it is my pleasure to welcome all participants and guests attending the NRN USA AGM.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the NRNNCC board members for their efforts to bring this AGM at our doorsteps. Through your dedication and your contributions have made a significant impact in the betterment of NRN world movements. I would like to request all the friends in the greater Los Angeles area, please be a member of NRN America and show your solidarity and support the united cause.

I extend my best wishes for a memorable AGM and future success in bettering for NRN world movements.

Very truly yours,

Bhakta Thapa, President

Shree Pashupatinath Foundation, USA

**The best wishes for the grand success  
of the LOS ANGELES  
NRN PNO AGM & CONFERENCE - 2013  
OF NRN NCC OF USA**

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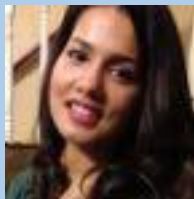
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## Report From President of Non Resident Nepali National Coordinating Council of USA

- Pralhad KC

As you all know, NRN National Coordination Council of USA also known as NRN America is an advocacy chapter of global NRN Associations. We are focused to collect the power and resources to mobilize NRNs of the USA for integration and transformation of social and economic development of Nepal and its people. NRN NCC of USA facilitates national and global NRN voices to advocate NRN issues that affect all of us. We actively work and help to provide inputs suggestion for new immigrant in the US and advocate to the government of Nepal in developing policies on various issues such as retain the existing Nepali citizenship, double taxation and foreign direct investment. NRN NCC of USA plans to mobilize all NRNs living in the United States for the betterment of Nepal and Nepalese. In this endeavor, I call upon all the NRNs and friends of Nepal to be united and to take part in our joint efforts to help each other for the betterment of NRN. Thus, I invite all the fellow NRNs to join hand and show your solidarity and support the united cause. Please remember, together we will succeed.

Here are some highlight of past activities of NRN NCC of USA



### Japan Tsunami Relief Fund

On June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2011 NRN NCC USA delivered a check of \$12,813 to Ambassador Ichiro Fujisaki to help the people of Japan affected by the tsunami from more than 30 local USA based organizations.

### NRN NCC USA First Annual General Meeting

On September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011, NRN NCC USA held its historical first general meeting. More than 200 people were in attendance.

### NRN NCC USA Participation in NRNA Conference (October 12-14)

NRN NCC USA board was proud to have a big delegation in the 2011 NRNA conference in Kathmandu. There were approximately 95 delegates in Kathmandu and majority of them participated in the conference.

### NRN NCC USA delegates met with President Ram Baran Yadav

### NRN NCC USA delegate meeting with U.S. Ambassador to Nepal Scott Delisi

NRN NCC USA and Nepal Chamber of Commerce jointly ran a Pre NRNA Convention Dinner and interaction program with Ambassador Scott Delisi, on Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at Annapurna Hotel in Kathmandu, Nepal.

### NRNA Women's Pre Conference

SVP Dr. Bidya Ranjeet took a lead in coordinating a highly successful NRNA Pre Women's Conference in Nepal. Current CA member Hishila Yami highlighted the importance the conference and women participation in overall national development as the chief guest of the conference. Create a network of the 57 NRN NCC countries, we will be able to accomplish a great deal if we are united and organized.

All 57 NRN NCCC women representative to come together and focus on one project for the next two years.

Set up a task force to bring awareness on women's issues.

Increase qualified women representation in the NRNA executive board.

Work on safe migration of women.

### NRN NCC USA – Bilateral Tax Treaty

NRN NCC has been meeting on Bi-lateral tax treaty between the US and Nepal government for the economical development of Nepal and also to encourage NRN to invest in Nepal. RC Mukesh Singh is providing the leadership for the Bilateral Tax Treaty who has vital expertise in this area. He has begun to work with NRN NCC of USA and Nepali officials to draft a proposed tax treaty between Nepal and the US. We are very sure with his expertise and Ambassador Dr. Shankar Prashad Sharma's help, we will be able to achieve this goal.

### NRN NCC USA delegate food and blanket distribution at Pashupati Nath Bridhashram

On October 11<sup>th</sup> 2011 NRN NCC USA distributed blankets and food to all of the Bridha's living in the Pashupati Nath Bridhashram. The

bridhas in the ashram were very appreciative of the blankets they received. More importantly the experience was rewarding and fulfilling to the NRN NCC USA members.

## **Participation in the 2011 NRNA election**

NRN NCC USA had good numbers if its members vying for key NRNA positions. We were very proud to see the commitment and interest of our members in serving the Nepali Diaspora world wide. Ratan Jha and Bishnu Maya Pariyar did not win the position of Vice-President and General Secretary respectively but NRN NCC USA is very encouraged to see the support they have received and will be encouraging its members to run in the election of 2013. Mukesh Singh and Ram Kharel were elected Regional Coordinator and Deputy Regional Coordinator respectively.



## **US and Canada MoU**

The election of regional coordinator and deputy regional coordinator brought misunderstanding between the NRN NCC USA and Canada. There were no written agreements regarding the regional and deputy coordinators. To eliminate any such misunderstandings in the future a Memorandum of Agreement.

## **National Partnership Program:**

NRN NCC USA has launched a National Partnership Program to promote common NRN issues and achieve mutual goals and objectives. The partnership seeks to drive grassroots campaigns and mobilize constituents to act from all 50 States. It strives to foster and maintain co-operative, collaborative and supportive relationship with all Nepali and Nepal-related associations in the USA.

## **NRN Program in WPB, FL**

On May 26, 2012 "Explore Nepal 2012" and annual Nepal promotion event was held in collaboration. The event to promote Nepal for as a premiere tourist destination and to help the economic development of Nepal was grand success and highly appreciated by many distinguished guests, such as His Excellency Dr. Sharma, Honorable Samuel J. Ferreri, Mayor of City of Greenacres, Honorable Shelley Vana, Chair of Palm Beach County Commissioners and the representative various Nepali community members the State of Florida.

## **NRN program in LA with NCC**

On April 28-29, 2012, "Nepal Promotion Exhibition and the Black Tie Event" was held in collaboration with Friends of Nepal Los Angeles. The event highlighted aims, objectives of both organization and the importance of collaborations to support NRNA & NRN USA's objective. During the gala Dr. Ambika Adhikari made a presentation about Open University, President Pralhad KC highlighted the NRN NCC USA objectives and current projects including "Waste to Energy" project.

## **NRN NCC of USA board members participation in various organizations**

Board members have actively participated in various organization's conferences and interaction programs throughout the United States. President Pralhad KC alone has participated in more than 20 programs around the U.S. to bring visibility of the NRN goals and objectives and to galvanize support for NRNA projects.

## **NRN Program in Boston with NCC**

On May 11, 2012 an interaction reception program was held in Greater Boston for Nepal Chamber of Commerce (NCC) the delegation was led by its President Mr. Suresh Basnyet. The delegation included representation from a diversified business sector, Nepal Expo, Ministry of Industry and Commerce, Private sector, Nepal Media, The them of the program was "Nepal product Promotion through NRN NCC of USA" collaboration with GBNC ( Greater Boston Nepalese Community).

## **NRN program in Washington DC, Boston and New York with FNCCI**

An interaction Program was held in Washington DC on Friday May 18, for Mr. Suraj Vaidhya president of FNCCI. The delegation included representation from a diversified business sector of Nepal and Personal Assistant to the PM Dr. Baburam Bhattarai Mr. Subash Pandey. Mr. Suraj Vaidhya explained the FNCCI's role of visiting several other countries to build partnership for Nepal's economic development the government of Nepal has given FNCCI the responsibility of promoting Nepal as investment destination. His goal is to creating more local businesses to promote local development and flee of Nepali migrant workers

NRN USA and NWGN held a chapter establishment program in Kathmandu Nepal on February 5th, 2013.

NRN USA and Sajuwa Sawa of Morang district held a bilateral treaty program to school program in Sajuwa Sawa School program. NRN USA President Pralhad KC, HE Ambassador Dr. Shankar Sharma and Honorable Mayor of west Palm Beach held an official meeting for cooperation support to preserve Nepalese cultural and heritage in west Palm Beach district. Fromer Priminister of Nepal RT honorable Madhav Kumar Nepal, ICC advisor Dr. Ambika P Adhikari, HE Ambassador Dr. Shankar Sharma, North Americas RC Mr. Mukesh K Singh and NRN USA president Mr. Pralhad KC held and official meeting in Michigan on September



2013 to discuss dual citizen and other NRN related issues. HE Ambassador of US to Nepal Mr. Peter Body, oNRN USA President Mr. Pralhad KC , Former Ambassador Former Ambassador HE Ambassador Dr. Shankar P Sharma at HE ambassador Dr. Sharma's residence.

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<b>NRN NCC of USA</b>			
<b>Income Statement</b>			
<b>(Jan 01, 2013 to May 21, 2013)</b>			
<b>Revenue:</b>			<b>\$18,338.89</b>
	<b>Membership</b>		
	General	\$ 3,220.00	
	Life	\$ 2,500.00	
	<b>Donation</b>	\$ 10,118.12	
	<b>Nomination fee from BODs &amp; DRC</b>	\$ 2,500.00	
	Income from Google	\$ 0.77	
<b>Expenses:</b>			<b>\$ 6,645.48</b>
	Bank Charges	\$ 101.85	
	Tax Filing Charges	\$ 300.00	
	New Website	\$ 1,000.00	
	Videography, Photography and Logistics for AGM	\$ 4,000.00	
	K2 Trophies and Awards	\$ 349.94	
	Ticket Printing and Receipts	\$ 136.70	
	Facebook Advertisement	\$ 6.99	
	AGM Advance Torch Restaurant	\$ 500.00	
	NASEA Convention	\$ 250.00	
<b>Net Operating Income</b>			<b>\$11,693.41</b>
<b>Net Income (Loss)</b>			<b>\$11,693.41</b>

Opening Balance 01/01/2013		\$ 4,535.99
Add: Income		\$ 18,338.89
Less: Expenses		\$ 6,645.48
<b>Ending Balance as of 05/21/2013</b>		<b>\$ 16,229.40</b>
<b>Bank Accounts:</b>		
	AGM Account	\$ 5,111.49
	Regular Checking Account	\$ 11,117.91
	<b>Total Funds on all Accounts</b>	<b>\$ 16,229.40</b>
<b>Legacy Fund Accounts:</b>		
	Dr. Mohan N. Shrestha	\$ 9,230.12
	Madan and Dharma Rajbhandari	\$ 5,235.15
	Prahlad & Bindu Pant	<b>\$ 5,371.48</b>

## List of Institutional Partners

### NRN National Coordination Council of USA

SN	Name	State	Currant President
1	The Associassion of Nepalis in the Americas	MD	Tsewang Sherpa Lama
2	7 Summit Foundation	WA	AC Sherpa
3	International Nepalese Taekwondo association	OR	Narayan Gurung
4	Ghyalsumdo Sewa Sanstha, Inc	NY	Dhyagyalpo Punel
5	America Nepal Friendship Society	NJ	Parita Rimal
6	America Nepal Society of CA	CA	Rabindra Pradhan
7	Association of Nepalese in Midwest America	KY	Rajendra Khatiwada
8	Association of Nepali Teraian in America (ANTA)	NJ	Lalit Jha
9	Baudik Sansar Educational Academy	CA	Balram Thapa
10	Empower Dalit Women of Nepal (EDWON)	MA	Bishnu Maya Pariyar
11	Federation of Indigeneous People of Nepal in America (FIPNA)	NY	Shiva Rai
12	Florida Nepal Society	FL	Bimal Nepal
13	Friend of Nepal LA (FNLA)	CA	Dr. Shambu Dhungana
14	Gyalsmdo Sewa Sanstha USA	NY	Chhiring Lama
15	Int. Nepali Literary Society Florida Chapter	FL	Krishna Shrestha
16	Int. Nepali Literary Society North American Reg	FL	Dr. Bidya Raj Subedi
17	Nepal America Ekata Samaj	CA	Uma Thapa
18	Nepalese & Friends Association (NAFA)	AZ	Dr. Silu Parsai
19	Nepalese Asso. Of Indiana	ID	Gopendra Raj Bhattra
20	Nepalese Association in SE America (NASeA)	GA	Sanjeeb Sapkotta
21	Nepali Women's Global Network	NC	Rukumuni Karki
22	Nepal-US Center For Indigenous Dev.	MA	Brihaspati Lama
23	New Hampshire Nepali Community (NHNC)	NH	Robin Thapa
24	NEWAH Organization of Southern California	CA	Dil Bahadur Shrestha
25	United Kirat Rai Org of America	CO	Milan Rai
26	Walung Community of North America	NY	Tenzing Ukyav

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<b>SN</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>SN</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>State</b>
1	AC Sherpa	WA	28	Lalit Jha	NJ
2	Amita Paudyal	CA	29	Madan Thebe	NH
3	Babu Ram Lama	NY	30	Milan Rai	CO
4	Bimal Nepal	FL	31	Mohan Giri	NH
5	Bishnu Daurali	MA	32	MohanNure Sharma	CA
6	Bishnu Maya Pariyar	MA	33	Mukunda Dhungana	CA
7	Bishnu Rai	MA	34	Narayan Gurung	OR
8	Brihaspati Lama	MA	35	Parita Rimal	NJ
9	Chhiring Lama	NY	36	Pravaker Rai	NY
10	Damber Kadariya	NH	37	Prem Guragain	CA
11	Darpan Kirat Rai	NH	38	Punam Risal	FL
12	Dhaura Bir Rai	MA	39	Rabindra Pradhan	CA
13	Dhyagyalpo Punel	NY	40	Rajan Kuthumi	NH
14	Dill Ram Thapa	CA	41	Rajendra Khatiwada	KY
15	Dinesh Adhikari	NH	42	Rajendra Siwakoti	CA
16	Dr. Bidya Raj Subadi	FL	43	Robin Thapa	NH
17	Dr. Shambhu Dhungana	CA	44	Rosan Rimal	CA
18	Dr. Silu Parsai	AZ	45	Rukumuni Karki	NC
19	Durga P Subba	NY	46	Sangita Siwakoti	CA
20	Aak Raj Pandey	CA	47	Sanjeeb Sapkotta	GA
21	Gobinda Shrestha	GA	48	Shamvu K Gurung	NH
22	Gopendra Raj Bhattra	ID	49	Sharasda Bhatta	NH
23	Hemu Adhikari	FL	50	Shiva Rai	NY
24	Ishwori Bhatta	NH	51	Srijana Pathak	NH
25	Kali Narayan Shrestha		52	Tara Poon Magar	GA
26	Khil Narayan Shrestha	MA	53	Tenzing	NY
27	Krishna Shrestha	FL	54	Uma Thapa	CA

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SN	NAME OF THE MEMBER	STATE	SN	NAME OF THE MEMBER	STATE	SN	NAME OF THE MEMBER	STATE
1	AASHAN SHRESTHA	CA	40	ASHA SHRESTHA	NH	79	BISHNU MAN PRADHAN	NY
2	AAYUSH NEUPANE	CA	41	ASHOK GURUNG	WA	80	BISHNU PAUDEL	CA
3	ABHA BAIDYA JOSHI	CA	42	ASHOKA JYANROARI	NY	81	BISHNU PHUYAL	IL
4	ABHJEET	CA	43	AVSAR DAHAL	IL	82	BISHNU PRASAD KOIRALA	CA
5	ABHISHEK GIRI	NH	44	AYUSH SHRESTHA	CA	83	BISHWA SHAH	NY
6	AC SHERPA	WA	45	B P GIRI	NH	84	BISHWO SUBEDI	CA
7	ACHHYATA KUTHUMI	NH	46	B. KADWAL	NH	85	BOBIN THAPA	CA
8	ACHYUT RAJ GHIMERY	CA	47	BABITA PANDEY	CA	86	BODH GIRI	NH
9	AGNI CHAULAGAIN	CA	48	BABLU SHRESTHA	MA	87	BRIAN GREENE	CA
10	AJAYA GYAWALI	NH	49	BABURAM LAMA	NY	88	BRIHASPATI LAMA	MA
11	AKASH NEMBang	CA	50	BAKHAN THAPA	CA	89	BUDDHI J KUMAR	WA
12	AMAN GAUTAM	MD	51	BALRAM THAPA	CA	90	BUDDHI PRASAD SUBEDI	CA
13	AMARESH SINGH	CA	52	BANITA KATILA	NY	91	BUDDIMAN TAMANG	NY
14	AMITA POU DYAL	CA	53	BASHU PRASAI	WA	92	BUDHI GURUNG	WA
15	AMRIT KUMAR SUNWAR	NC	54	BHABENDRA BASNET	GA	93	BUDHI GURUNG	WA
16	AMRIT MAHATO	CA	55	BHAGWAN ADHIKARI	IL	94	CHAKRA PANI MISHRA	CA
17	ANG CHOTI SHERPA	MO	56	BHAKTA THAPA	CA	95	CHANDRA K RAI	NH
18	ANG GELU SHERPA	NY	57	BHARATI LAMA	MA	96	Chandra Thapa	CA
19	ANG SARI SHERPA	NY	58	BRINDA GURAGAIN	CA	97	CHHEMANG LAMA	NY
20	ANIL B KHATTRI	CA	59	Bhuwani Gurung	MA	98	CHHIRING RAPKE LAMA	NY
21	ANIL GHIMIRE	CA	60	BIBASH REGMI	CA	99	CHHOKPA SHERPA	NY
22	ANIL K NEPAL	CA	61	BIBEK SHRESTHA	CA	100	CHHONG KARMA SHERPA	WA
23	ANIR MAN JOSHI	CA	62	BIJAYA GYAWALI	NH	101	CHIRANJIBI GAUTAM	CA
24	ANITA NEPAL	CA	63	BIKASH TAMANG	NY	102	DAKI SHERPA	NY
25	ANITA RAI	MA	64	BIKRAM THAPA	CA	103	DAMANTA PARIYAR	CA
26	ANITA SHRESTHA	CA	65	BIMALA GURUNG	OK	104	DAMBAR KADARIYA	NH
27	ANITA SILWAL	IN	66	BIMALA RAI	NH	105	DAMBER K KADWAL	NH
28	ANJANA SUBEDI	CA	67	Biman Dhungana	CA	106	DAMBER KUMARI THAPA MAGAR	NY
29	ANJANABASNET	sc	68	BIMITA ACHARYA	CA	107	DANUPU SHERPA	WA
30	ANJU BELBASE BASYAL	IL	69	BINITA NYAUPANE	CA	108	DARPAN KIRAT RAI	NH
31	ANKUR SHARMA	IL	70	BINOD BHAILA	CA	109	DAWA SHERPA	CA
32	ANUP GURUNG	NH	71	Binod Kumar Bhetwal	CA	110	DEPENDRA SHRESTHA	MA
33	Anup Kumar Rimal	CA	72	BINOD TAMANG	NY	111	DEV LAL THAPA	CA
34	ARBINDSHRESTHA	NH	73	BINU ARYAL	CA	112	DHAN PUN	NY
35	ARJUN DHAKAL	CA	74	BIPIN KADARIYA	CA	113	DHANA TIMILSINA	GA
36	ARJUN GIRI	NH	75	BIR SHAH	NH	114	DHANUKA LIMBU	NY
37	ARJUN KOIRALA	CA	76	BIRU TAMANG	GA	115	DHARAM BISHWOKARMA	MD
38	ARJUN NEUPANE	CA	77	BISHNU HARI DHAURALI	MA	116	DHAULA BIR RAI	NH
39	ARUNA KUTHUMI	NH	78	BISHNU KUMAR RAI	MA	117	DIL BAHADUR SHRESTHA	CA



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118	DIL KRISHNA SHRESTHA	NY	161	HARI RAM GURUNG	CA	204	KARNA CHAND	CA
119	DIL MAYA GURUNG	MA	162	HAYDEE CHAND	CA	205	KARSANG LAMA	MA
120	DILIP ROSHAN DAS	CA	163	HEM RAJ BHATTA	CA	206	KARUNA SHRESTHA	CA
121	DILLI RAJ SILWAL	CA	164	HIKMAT D BANIYA	CA	207	Kavin Aryal	CA
122	DINESH ADHIKARI	NH	165	Hira Dong	MA	208	KAVIN ARYAL	CA
123	DINESH KAREER	CA	166	HUNI GURUNG	WA	209	KESHAV SHARMA	GA
124	DINESH POKHREL	CA	167	INDIRA TRIPATHI	CA	210	KHADGA BAHADUR	SC
125	DIPAK K POKHAREL	WA	168	INDIRA UPRETI MAINALI	CA	211	KHEM RAJ KHATIWADA	IN
126	DIPEN JOSHI	CA	169	INDU GIRI	NH	212	KHIL NARAYAN SHRESTHA	MA
127	DIPEN POKHAREL	CA	170	ISHWORI BHATTA	NH	213	KIRAN BYANJANKAR	IL
128	DIPEN SHRESTHA	CA	171	ISHWORI SINGH	CA	214	KIRAN D PRADHAN	CA
129	DIVYA BANEPALI	CA	172	ISWORI SHARMA	GA	215	KIRTA B SHAHI	WA
130	DOLMA SHERPA	NY	173	JAGDISH KOIRALA	CA	216	KISHAN RAJAK	NH
131	DON KARKI CHETTRI	CA	174	JANAKI SHARMA BHUSAL	CA	217	KOPILA KHATTRI	CA
132	DORJI SHERPA	NY	175	JANGBU SHERPA	NY	218	Krishna Dhungana	CA
133	DR ALISON SHERPA	WA	176	JASWANT DEV SHRESTHA	CA	219	KRISHNA GURUNG	WA
134	Dr. Jeet Joshee	CA	177	JAY PRAKASH MANDAL	CA	220	KRISHNA GURUNG	CA
135	Dr. LILA BAHADUR KARKI	NY	178	Jhak B. Gurung	MA	221	KRISHNA KHANAL	CA
136	Dr. Naresh Pradhan	CA	179	JIGME SHERPA	WA	222	Krishna R. Acharya	CA
137	DR. RAM CHANDRA BARAL	SC	180	JITENDRA B RANA	IL	223	KRITAGYA RANA	CA
138	DURGA PRASAD SUBBA	NY	181	JIVAN NEUPANE	NH	224	Kundal Rimal	CA
139	DURGA SHRESTHA	CA	182	Josephina Dhungana	CA	225	KUNTI LAMA	MA
140	Feroz Pradhan	MA	183	JUNA HUMAGAIN	CA	226	KUSHUM BANIYA	CA
141	FURBA LAMA	NY	184	Jwala Ram Gurung	MA	227	KUSUM BARAL	SC
142	GAGAN SINGH	NH	185	KABIR JUNG KUNWAR	GA	228	LACKYAN LAMA	NY
143	GAJENDRA RANJIT	CA	186	KAJI SHERPA	NY	229	LAKPA DIKI SHERPA LAMA	NY
144	GAJURI MAHAJU	MN	187	KALIMAYA LAMA	MA	230	LAKPA SHERPA	NH
145	GAMBU SHERPA	NY	188	KALPANA GHIMIRE	CA	231	LAKPA SHERPA	NY
146	GANESH TIMILSINA	NH	189	KALPANA GIRI	NH	232	LAKPAN SHERPA	NY
147	GANGA KUMARI GHALE	CA	190	Kalpana Sherestha	MA	233	LAVA KARKI	CA
148	GEETA BIMALI	CA	191	KAMAL RAJ GAUTAM	CA	234	Laxman Basnet	CA
149	GHANSHYAM SUBEDI	NH	192	KAMAL RAJ GAUTAM	CA	235	LAXMAN GHIMIRE	CA
150	GITA CHIMARIYA	CA	193	KAMAL SERCHAN	MA	236	LAXMAN LAMA	NY
151	GLKPA DENDI SHERPA	NY	194	KAMALA KUNWAR	IL	237	LAXMI ADHIKARI	CA
152	GOBINDA SHRESTHA	GA	195	KAMI SHERPA	NY	238	LAXMI DHAKAL	CA
153	GOKUL P DHAKAL	CA	196	KANHAIYA LAL KAYASTHA	CA	239	LAXMI LATA PAUDEL	CA
154	GOPI CHANDRA BHUSAL	IL	197	KANHAIYA SHRESTHA	CA	240	LAXMI SHRESTHA	GA
155	GOVIND CHAND	CA	198	KANISKA CHAUGAIN	CA	241	LHAKPA D LAMA	NY
156	GRISHMA THAPA MAGAR	CA	199	KARAN JUNG KUNWAR	GA	242	lhakpa j sherpa	NY
157	GYALPO Y TAMANG	CA	200	Karla Dhungana	CA	243	LHAKPA SOMA SHERPA	NY
158	GYAN MOHAN BHATTARAI	CA	201	KARMA SHERPA	NY	244	LHAMI SHERPANI	NY
159	Hari Prasad Lamsal	CA	202	KARMACHAN GURUNG	NY	245	LILA GIRI	NH
160	HARI R PANT	CA	203	KARNA B. RAI	MA	246	LISA GURUNG	OR

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247	LOK B LAMA	NH	289	Mohan Nure Sharma	CA	331	PASANG LAMU SHERPA	NY
248	LONA SHRESTHA	MA	290	Mona Devkota Shrestha	CA	332	PASANG N SHERPA	CA
249	LUISANG WAIBA	NY	291	Monika Pandey	CA	333	PASANG NURU SHERPA	NY
250	MADALA GURUNG	NH	292	MONIKA PANDEY	CA	334	PASHUPATI DEV PANDEY	CA
251	Madan P. Pathak	CA	293	MR. KHADI MAN RAI	NH	335	PASHUPATI PANDEY	NY
252	MADAN THEBE	NH	294	MRS. BHOJ K RAI	NH	336	PAWAN RAI	MA
253	Mahadev Sharma	MA	295	MRS. Lila Karki (Dr Lila Spouse)	NY	337	PEMA SHERPA	NH
254	MAHESH B. RAI	MA	296	Mugdha Dhungana	CA	338	PHUPOO SHERPA	NY
255	MAHESH GURUNG	IL	297	MUKESH K SINGH	OH	339	PRABIN DALLAKOTI	CA
256	MAIYA SHRESTHA	CA	298	MUKTI N RAI	NH	340	PRABIN MAN SHRESTHA	CA
257	MALA RANA MAGAR	WA	299	MUKUNDA BHANDARI	CA	341	PRABIN SHARMA	GA
258	Mala Rimal	CA	300	NABIN NAKARMI	NY	342	Pradeep Pradhan	MA
259	MAMATA DHAKHWAA	CA	301	NABIN SERCHAN	NY	343	PRAGYA SAPKOTA	CA
260	MAMATA RAI	MA	302	Nandhani Pradhan	MA	344	Prajesh Acharya	CA
261	Manahari Bokram Thakuri	CA	303	NANDU TAMANG(MOKTAN)	NY	345	Prakash C. Ghimire	CA
262	MANDIRA SHAH	NH	304	NARAYAN GURUNG	OR	346	Prakash Gurung	MA
263	MANIR RAJ MALLLA	CA	305	NARAYAN GURUNG	OR	347	PRAKASH KANDEL	CA
264	MANISH MIGLANI	IL	306	NARAYAN SHRESTHA	CA	348	PRAKASH MAN SHAKYA	CA
265	MANISH THAPA	IL	307	NARENDRA KARKI	CA	349	PRALAD ODARI	WA
266	MANJU GURUNG	GA	308	NASIR TIMILSINA	CA	350	PRAMIL UPADHYAYA	CA
267	MANJU R GHIMIRE	WA	309	NEEERAJ GIRI	CA	351	PRAMILA ADHIKARI	CA
268	Mannati Chand	CA	310	NEELAM SHARMA	GA	352	PRAMILA SHRESTHA	CA
269	MANOJ BHATTARAI	CA	311	NETRA DARAI	MA	353	PRASHANT RANA	CA
270	MANOJ KUMAR SHARMA	NY	312	Netra P. Mainaly	CA	354	PRATIK BHATTA	NH
271	MANU DEVKOTA	CA	313	NGAWANG THILAY SHERPA	NY	355	PRATIK THAPA	CA
272	MARY GURUNG	OR	314	NIGAM R RIMAL	NH	356	PRATIVA BHATTA	NH
273	MATIRAJ BHUSAL	NY	315	NIMA NURU SHERPA	NY	357	PRAVIN RAI	NH
274	MEENA LAMA	NY	316	NIMA TEMBHA SHERPA	NY	358	PREETY SHAKYA	NH
275	Milan Gurung	MA	317	NINGMA RAI	MA	359	PREM KUNWAR	GA
276	Milan Lamshal	CA	318	NIRAJ BHATTARAI	CA	360	PREM RAJ KOIRALA	CA
277	MILAN NYAUPANE	CA	319	NIRMAL THAPA	NH	361	PUNAM GAUTAM	MA
278	MILAN TAMANG	CA	320	NIRMALA GHIMIRE BHATTARAI	CA	362	PUNNAKHAR DHAKAL	CA
279	MIN GAUTAM	NH	321	NISHA JOSHI	IL	363	PUNYA P SHARMA	CA
280	MIN K PAUDEL	CA	322	Nog Raj Pathank	CA	364	PURNA KALA RAI	MA
281	MINA BASNET	GA	323	P. Raj Pyakurel	CA	365	PREM GURAGAIN	CA
282	MINA RAI	CA	324	PADAMSHREE RIMAL	NH	366	Pushpa Pradhan	MA
283	MINGMA C SHERPA	NY	325	Padma Ghinsing	MA	367	PUSHPA R.KHADKA	NH
284	MINU SHAKYA	CA	326	PALDEN TENJING	NY	368	Pushpa Rimal	CA
285	MOHAN BISTA	GA	327	PARBARESH SINGH	CA	369	PUSKAR KHADKA	CA
286	MOHAN GIRI	NH	328	PARUHANG LIMBU	NY	370	PUSPA LATA THAMSUHANG SUBBA	NY
287	MOHAN GURUNG	WA	329	PASANG DAWA SHERPA	NY	371	PUSPA SHARMA	GA
288	MOHAN KARKI	NH	330	PASANG G SHERPA	NY	372	RABIN SHRESTHA	NH

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373	RABIN SHRESTHA	CA	415	ROSHANA ACHARYA POKHAREL	CA	457	SHARDA SHRESTHA	CA
374	Rabindra Pradhan	CA	416	ROSI SHRESTHA GREEN	CA	458	SHEKHAR PAUDEL	CA
375	RADHA SAPKOTA	CA	417	ROSY SHRESTHA	CA	459	SHISHIR POKHAREL	CA
376	RAJAN BABU ADHIKARI	CA	418	SABAN PAUDYAL	CA	460	SHIV LAL PANDEY	IL
377	Rajan Dhungana	CA	419	SABINA KHADKA RAI	MA	461	SHIV SHRESTHA	NH
378	RAJAN KUTHUMI	NH	420	SABITRA BHATTA	CA	462	SHIVA KUMAR RAI	NH
379	RAJAN NEPAL	CA	421	SABITRA SHRESTHA	MA	463	SHOBHA RAI	NH
380	RAJENDRA KUMAR SUNAR (SENCHURY)	MD	422	SABITRI KHANAL	CA	464	SHOVIT BHARI	CA
381	RAJESH PANDEY	CA	423	SABTRI SERCHAN	MA	465	SHREEJAN SHRESTHA	CA
382	RAJINA NEPAL	NH	424	SACHEN RAI	NH	466	Shrijana Poudel Wagle	CA
383	RAJU MAHARJAN	NY	425	SACHITA SIWAKOTI KATUWAL	CA	467	SHRISTI SHAKYA	CA
384	RAJU MAINALI	CA	426	Sadhana Adhikari	CA	468	SHRISTI SHRESTHA	CA
385	RAJU TULADHAR	NY	427	SAGAR RAI	NH	469	SHUDHA TIMILSINA	NH
386	RAKSHYA D KOIRALA	CA	428	SAJANI GAUTAM	NH	470	SHUNY BEE KC	CA
387	RAM HARI BHATTARAI	CA	429	SAMBHU MOKTAN	NY	471	Sita Dhungana	CA
388	RAM KUMAR SHRESTHA	MD	430	SAMJHANA SHRESTHA	CA	472	SITA UPRETY	CA
389	RAM PATHAK	WA	431	SANDESH GURUNG	OR	473	SITARAM GIRI	NH
390	RAM RAJA PANDEY	CA	432	SANDESH GURUNG	OR	474	SNEHA REGMI	CA
391	RAM S CHAUDHARY	CA	433	SANDHYA REGMI	CA	475	SOM GHIMIRE	WA
392	RAMESH B TAMRAKAR	CA	434	SANGE LAMA	NY	476	SONAM P SHERPA	NY
393	RAMESH GHIMIRE	NY	435	SANGITA BHATTARAI	CA	477	SONIA CHIMNAL SINGH	CA
394	RAMESH P. PANT	MA	436	SANJU SUBEDI	CA	478	SONICA BASNET	GA
395	RAMJI GAUTAM	CA	437	SANTA PRASD PATHAK	CA	479	SONU RAUNIYAR	CA
396	RAN B YADAV	CA	438	SANTOSH NEPAL	NH	480	SONY BHARI	CA
397	RANA DEVI GURUNG	NH	439	SAPANA CHAKUBAJI	CA	481	SRIJANA PATHAK	NH
398	Ratna Gurung	MA	440	SARALA PANDEY	OH	482	SRYASYANGBO SHERPA	NY
399	RAVINDRA MAHARJAN	MA	441	SARASWOTI LUITEL	CA	483	SUBARNA JOSHEE	CA
400	REBECA SHRESTHA	CA	442	SARITA LAMA SHERPA	NY	484	SUBAS DHAKAL	IL
401	REKH P UPRETI	CA	443	SARITA THAPA	CA	485	SUBASH KUMAR THAPA	CA
402	RENU A. PANT	MA	444	SARSWOTI DHAKAL	CA	486	SUBASH MALLA THAKURI	CA
403	RENUKA ACHARYA PATHAK	CA	445	SASA SHRESTHA	CA	487	SUBENDRA MAHARJAN	CA
404	RICKY GURUNG	NH	446	SAURAV PAUDYAL	CA	488	SUBODH BASNET	MA
405	RINZI P LAMA	NY	447	SAWARA BHATTARAI	CA	489	SUDIP RAJ PANTA	CA
406	RITA BHANDARI	CA	448	SEETAL SUBBA	NH	490	SUDIR THAPA	CA
407	RITA GURUNG	NY	449	SHAHISNU MANANDHAR	CA	491	SUJAN BASNET	GA
408	RITA BHATTARAI MISHRA	CA	450	Shambhu Dhungana	CA	492	SUJAN K GURUNG	NH
409	ROGER ADHIKARI	CA	451	SHAMVU KUMAR GURUNG	NH	493	SUJAN LAMA	NH
410	ROJINA SHRESTHA	NH	452	SHANTA PAUDEL	CA	494	SUJANA BHANDARI	CA
411	ROSHAN BHATTARAI	CA	453	SHANTI R DHAKAL	CA	495	SUJATA SHARMA	CA
412	ROSHAN KUMAR SHRESTHA	CA	454	SHANTI RAI	MA	496	SUJINA MAHAJAN	CA
413	ROSHAN MANANDHAR	CA	455	SHARADA GAUTAM	CA	497	SUJIT KUMAR POON MAGAR	GA
414	ROSHAN RIMAL	CA	456	SHARADA MAN BHATTA	NH	498	SULAKSHANA MISHRA	CA

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500	SUMAN DHAKAL	CA	543	TULSA PATHAK	CA	18	Dr. Ambika Adikari	AZ
501	SUMAN KHAREL	CA	544	TUMYA HANG SUBBA	NY	19	Dr. Bidya Rajeet	CT
502	SUMAN LAMA	NH	545	UDAY MAHARJAN	IL	20	Dr. Binod Shah	NY
503	SUMAN LAMA	NY	546	UPENDRA D NEUPANE	CA	21	Dr. Dharma Raj Bhandari	GA
504	SUMANA THAPA KARKI	CA	547	UPENDRA KARKI	NH	22	Dr. Madhan Raj Bhandari	GA
505	SUMIT JHA	TX	548	UPENDRA SAPKOTA	CA	23	Dr. Pralahad Pant	GA
506	SUMITRA D LAMA	NH	549	USHA JHA	TX	24	Durga Adhikari	A
507	SUMITRA MANANDHAR	CA	550	UTTAM ADHIKARI	CA	25	Gokul Poudel	CA
508	SUNDAR GURUNG	MA	551	UTTAM THAPA	CA	26	Keshar Bhandari	CA
509	SUNDARI GURUNG	NH	552	VEDA B JOSHI	CA	27	Krishna Koirala	CA
510	SUNIL POKHAREL	CA	553	VIJAY K JHA	TX	28	Lata Ghimire	CA
511	Sunisha Pradhan	MA	554	VIKAS SHRESTHA	CA	29	Lok Nath Tiwari	MA
512	SUNITA GURUNG	CA	555	WANGCHEN LHAMO	NY	30	Monika Pandey	CA
513	SUNITA KADWAL	NH	556	YAGNA PANT	IL	31	Mukunda Dhungana	CA
514	SUNITA RAI	MA	557	YAM BAHADUR GHALE	CA	32	Nakul Shrestha	CA
515	SURAJ GHIMIRE	IL	558	YAM BAHADUR THAPA MAGAR	NY	33	Narendra Ranjeet	CT
516	SURAJ MAHARJAN	NH	559	YAMBA HANG SUBBA	NY	34	Neera Pandey	CA
517	SURENDRA LAMA	MA	560	YASIS SHRESTHA	MA	35	Pasang Lama	TX
518	SURESH BASYAL	IL	561	YUGESH KARKI	CA	36	Pralhad KC	MA
519	SURESH CHANDRA REGMI	CA	562	YUNISH SHIWAKOTI	CA	37	Prudence	MA
520	SURESH SHRESTHA	CA	563	ZAMLING D THAKURI	NY	38	Purushottam Pandey	CA
521	SURYA BHANDARI	CA	564	ZANGHU SHERPA	NY	39	Rajendra Siwakoti	CA
522	SURYA NA SHRESTHA	CA	565	TSEWANG SHERPA LAMA	NY	40	Rajesh Pandey	CA
523	SURYA P MANANDHAR	CA	<b>LIFE MEMBERS</b>			41	Ram C Kharel	VA
524	SUSHAMA MAHAJU	MN				42	Ram Lama	CA
525	SUSHIL CHAUGAIN	CA		<b>NAME OF THE MEMBER</b>	<b>STATE</b>	43	Ram Pandey	CA
526	SUSHMA MAHAJU	MN	1	Aak Raj Pandey	CA	44	Ramakant Kharal	IL
527	SUSHMA POKHAREL	CA	2	AC SHERPA	WA	45	Rishi Dhakal	CA
528	SYAM THAPA	NY	3	Arjun Prashad Mainali	NY	46	Sangita Siwakoti	CA
529	TARA PRASAD POON MAGAR	GA	4	Arun KC	CA	47	Sharada Shrestha	CA
530	TASHI EMMA SHERPA	NY	5	Basu Ghimire	CA	48	Shiva Adhikari	CA
531	TASHI SHERPA	NY	6	Bhakta Thapa	CA	49	SHREE PARAJULI	NY
532	TEJ PRASAD GHIMIRE	CA	7	Bakhan Thapa	CA	50	Shuny Bee KC	CA
533	Teju Gurung	MA	8	Bhim Dhakal	CA	51	Suman Timsina	VA
534	TEK BAHADUR KC	IL	9	Bhuwan Gurung	MA	52	Surya Prasai	CA
535	THISA KARKI	CA	10	Bimal Shrestha	CA	53	Tara Gurung	CA
536	TIKA CHAUDHARY	CA	11	BIMALA DHAKAL	CA	54	Tarak Rijal	CA
537	TIKA K PANT	CA	12	Bindu Pant	GA	55	Tulasha Koirala	CA
538	TRIPTA KC	CA	13	Chhong Karma Sherpa	WA	56	Uma K Thapa	CA
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## Brief Introduction about Shree Pashupatinath Foundation, USA

~ Prem Guragain, General Secretary, SPFUSA

***“Health is the greatest gift, Contentment is the greatest wealth,  
A trusted friend is the best relative, Liberated mind is the greatest bliss.”***

~ Lord Buddha

As it is said, “Mother & Motherland are greater than heaven”, the Nepalese community leaders in Southern California felt a need of a common place where three generations: grandfather, grandmother, sons, daughters and grand children could meet under the same roof and enjoy the moment, talking about Nepal, promoting Nepal and letting others know about Nepal. We might think everybody knows about Nepal but when one talks to people about Nepal, many people don't know where Nepal is and have all kinds of misconception about Nepal. This holds more true when one is asked about the birthplace of Lord Buddha and land of Mt. Everest (Highest Peak in the world). Yes, they both are pride of Nepal.

The Greater Los Angeles and surrounding area has more than three decades of history of Nepalese living here. Since last couple of years, presence of Nepali population has risen dramatically in Southern California. Nepalese community leaders always felt the shortage of a common place in our community to celebrate our festivals, cultural programs, religious and other social activities. To fulfill this shortage, leaders from Nepalese community started discussions, idea sharing, and public meeting in Nepali community and came to the conclusion to establish a Foundation called Shree Pashupatinath Foundation, USA. The first Public Meeting was held on December 12, 2009 in the city of Cerritos, California.

Shree Pashupatinath Foundation, USA is a charitable nonprofit organization, founded in the State of California in the Greater Los Angeles area.

Our mission is to promote the unique identity of Nepal in the United States as the land of Pashupatinath, the birthplace of the Buddha and Mount Everest. Shree Pashupatinath Foundation, USA aims to unite Nepalese of all religious persuasions in the United States, especially in the greater Los Angeles area, by fostering cultural and social harmonies. Toward this goal, Shree Pashupatinath Foundation, USA will build a cultural center to bring Nepalese and non-Nepalese under one roof to engage them in art, culture, education and religion which will culminate a deeper understanding of diversities in communities and nations. It is also the goal of Shree Pashupatinath Foundation, USA to build a Buddha temple alongside of the Pashupatinath temple, to preserve the artistic and cultural heritage, which is reflected in Nepal's respect and tolerance for each other.

With the continuous support and help of Team Members and Nepalese as well as Non-Nepalese community living in Southern California, various parts of the USA and other countries, we have been able to move one step further in our mission and were successful to buy the property, required to build the temple and cultural center, located at 10843 & 10857 Kenney Street, Norwalk, CA 90650. The fund required to buy the property (\$1,058,843.39) was collected as donations by wonderful donors, starting from One Penny to as high as \$111,111.11 and doing different activities like Monthly Satsang, Mahapuran, Celebrating Buddha Jayanti, Deusi/Bhailo, Vijaya Dashami, Holi, Maha Shivaratri and many other festivals.

There is a wise saying, “A drop of water, collectively makes an ocean.” We are very fortunate to be among great community members in Southern California who have been contributing their hard earned dollars, time, ideas, referrals, networking and are always there willing to help and do something whenever there is a need. It is a United Community as everybody believes in : UNITED WE STAND. With the support from each household in Southern California, we believe that our mission will be achieved in near future. It is always a great feeling to have a giving heart and we are fortunate to find such Nepalese as well as Non Nepalese community who love Nepal, in Southern California and other parts of the country and the world.

Our special thanks to NRN NCC USA for giving us this opportunity to introduce Shree Pashupatinath Foundation, USA to the world through this booklet. Since we are in initial stage of a big project, we need help from each and every Nepali as well as friends of Nepal, to achieve our goal. NRN could be a big part of promoting this cause worldwide since we all love Nepal, being outside the country.

More details can be found on our website: <http://www.pashupatinathfoundation.org>.

## पश्चिम अमेरिका नेपाली महासंघ: एक परिचय

साझा समस्याहरु सँग जुध्न र पारस्परिक सहयोगको आदान प्रदान गरेर पश्चिम अमेरिकामा रहने नेपालीहरुको जीवनस्तर र ब्रिहत नेपाली समुदायको सामुहिक प्रतिष्ठा उठाउन आफ्ना सहयोगी हातहरुलाई एकिक्रित गर्न नेपाल अमेरिका एकता समाज, क्यालिफोर्नियाकी अध्यक्ष उमा कार्की थापाले पश्चिम अमेरिका नेपाली महासंघ West America Nepalese Association (WANA) स्थापना गर्न हार्दिक प्रस्ताव गरे अनुरूप पश्चिम अमेरिका नेपाली महा संघको स्थापना भएको हो।

२०११ को जुन महिना देखि प्रयाश गर्दै सस्थापक मित्रहरुको प्रेरणा र समर्थनको फलस्वरूप २०११ को सेप्टेम्बरमा पश्चिम अमेरिका नेपाली महा संघ को क्यालिफोर्निया राज्य बाट बिधिवत दर्ता भएको थियो। पटक पटक गरि एकल र बिभिन्न रुपमा समुहगत गर्दै जारी राखिएको छलफल र बैठकहरु पश्चात नभेम्बर १२ २०११ मा तदर्थ समिति बने पछि चरण बद्ध रुपमा बिबिध कार्यहरु भैरहेका छन्। स्थापना काल स्वभाविकैले आमाको प्रशव वेदना जस्तै पीडादायक हुन सक्छ, स्थिति र वातावरण अस्पष्ट हुन सक्छ तर आदरणीय सस्थापक मित्रहरुको प्रेरणा र सहकार्यले क्रमशः यो सस्था दिन प्रतिदिन प्रगति पथमा अगाडी बढिरहेको छ। बुँदागत रुपमा भन्न पर्दा महासंघको प्रगतिलाई निम्न तरिकाले हेर्न सकिन्छ।

१. नेपाल विश्व सहयोग संघको सौजन्य मार्फत नेपाली भाषा पाठ्यक्रमको बितरण
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३. सेप्टेम्बर २०११ मा इजराएली प्रधान मन्त्री बिन्यामिन नेतन्याहुको घरमा प्रताडित तारा मल्लको समर्थनमा प्रेस वक्तव्य
४. नोभेम्बर १२ २०११ -क्यालिफोर्निया, हवाई, अरिजोना, वासिङ्टन, ओरेगन र कोलोराडो राज्यहरु को प्रतिनिधित्व गर्दै बसेको उच्च स्तरिय कन्फरेन्स बैठकले उमा कार्की थापाको अधक्षतामा तदर्थ समितिको घोषणा
५. जनवरी १५, २०१२ -जर्जिया निवासी दामोदर पाठकको निर्मम हत्याको भत्सर्ना गर्दै प्रेस वक्तव्य जारी, आर्थिक सहयोगको आव्हान र चन्दा संकलनको सुरुवात
६. अमेरिकाका दुई सर्वाधिक ठूला र महत्वपूर्ण दुई क्षेत्रिय सस्थाहरु असोसियसन अफ नेप्लिज इन मिड वेष्ट अमेरिका तथा नेपाल असोसियसन इन साउथ इष्ट अमेरिकाको संयुक्त सम्मेलनमा बिशेश समारोहमा बिशेश अतिथीको रुपमा सम्बोधन, WANA (वाना) को संयुक्त राज्य अमेरिकाभर प्रचार
७. वानाको सस्थापक सदस्य नेपाल विश्व सहयोग संघको सक्रियतामा सुरु भएको अमर बचाउ अभियानमा उच्च स्तरिय यु एस रास्ट्रिय सवन्वय समितिमा सभापतित्व तथा अमर बचाउ ग्लोबल टास्क फोर्समा अग्रणी भूमिका

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यस क्षेत्रमा रहेका धुरन्धर विद्वानहरुको एक समूहले सामुहिक ग्रान्ट लेखन तर्जुमा गरिरहेका छन् र सो प्राप्ती हुनेमा सहभागीहरु आशावादी मात्र होईन निश्चितप्राय देखिएका छन् तत्पश्चात क्षेत्रिय सन्तुलन, जनसंख्या वितरण र सामर्थ्य र सम्भावनाको आधारमा प्रभावकारी आर्थिक कार्यक्रमहरु ल्याइने छ।

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## Friends of Nepal-Los Angeles:

### An Introduction



Friends of Nepal (FON) is a non-profit organization that engages in educational activities, social services and cultural promotion. FON's unique mission as a full social service organization significantly benefits both the Nepalese and South Asian community here in the US and in Nepal. FON operates as a California charitable organization fully empowered to extend tax deductions to those making financial contributions to the organization. Learn more about FON by visiting <http://www.FON-LA.org>.

Over the past 11 years we have produced many programs and engaged in several fundraising activities in line with our goals.

Some of the key programs/ Fundraising events organized:

- Organized a panel discussion to raise awareness about the Maoist Insurgency by partnering with Amnesty International.
  - Partnered with Captive Daughter in several programs aimed at raising awareness of and funds to prevent human trafficking in Nepal.
  - Partnered with Asia Pacific Museum (Pasadena) in fund raising by inviting classical musicians from Nepal. The proceeds from the concert in Los Angeles, as well as on other stops on this group's US tour, were generously donated to the Devighat Geriatric Center for the elderly in Nepal. This is an important cause, for in Nepal, there is not a formal system to support the elderly like Social Security.
  - FON has facilitated appearances of the Nepali musicians on NPR station, at the Hollywood Spiritual Film Festival, and at UCLA's ethnomusicology department in order to promote Nepali music and culture to a broader audience.
  - FON-LA has been involved in more direct service to our community by organizing events such as a picnic in which attendees could not only have fun, but also solicit advice from an immigration lawyer.
  - FON has established an FON-Emergency fund to help persons in our community with immediate emergency needs.
  - FON hosted 3 day - annual Nepali national convention in Los Angeles in 2007 that drew over 5500 attendees.
  - Established FON-LA Project fund in order to donate funds to other charitable projects that are in line with FON's vision – i.e., focusing on education, health services, and development work in Nepal. So far, FON has donated over \$20,000 to various organizations – such as 2007 Flood Relief Fund, Nepal Red cross, Nepal Orthopedic Hospital, Benjamin Esther Trust, Help Nepal e-Library Project, Shree Jyoti Bhawan Primary school, Majendra Memorial Scholarship Fund, Bal Mandir Orphanage home, Shree Pashupatinath Foundation USA, NRN NCC USA for Japan Tsunami Relief Fund, TEWA Foundation, Kathmandu Animal Treatment Center (KAT Centre), just to name a few.
  - FON-LA conducted an ESL program to teach English to newly arrived immigrants in Southern California.
  - FON-LA has been organizing various cultural events to preserve and promote Nepali culture.
  - FON-LA has donated 10 Nepalese movies VCD to L.A. County Library, Artesia Branch in 3<sup>rd</sup>. quarter of 2009.
  - FON-LA supported (organizing Nepali dance) Heifer International on their Los Angeles premiere of 12 Stones on November 5, 2009 in Hollywood.
  - FON-LA provided support to Mending Kids International and Los Angeles Children's Hospital in relations with 1-year old baby Rishab's life saving operation.
  - FON-LA conducted Nepali dance training to Nepalese children in Artesia area.
  - FON-LA provided financial support to the tsunami victims of Japan through NRN USA.
  - Cherry picking party was organized to encourage Nepalese community members to feel and understand the beauty of California's rich agriculture and its culture.
  - Holi festival was celebrated on March 20, 2010 at Santa Monica beach with the crowd of Nepal as well as friends of Nepal.
  - Yosemite hike tour was organized in August 6 and 7 of 2011 to provide firsthand knowledge of California natural beauty.
  - Working in partnership with Saath USA in relation with cancer research and educational project.
  - FON-LA is organizing an annual Black Tie Gala Event since last three years where we honor outstanding community members.
- FON-LA organized Nepal Exhibition in cooperation with the Nepal Chamber of Commerce partnering with various local organizations in 2012.

Throughout these years, we are also thankful to have had sponsors to support our efforts.

President: Dr. Jeet Joshi, Whittier, California, USA





# नेपाल अमेरिका एकता समाज

नेपाल अमेरिका एकता समाज गैह नाफा मुखी एक सामाजिक संस्था हो । दक्षिण क्यालिफोर्नियामा एक अग्रणी सामाजिक संस्थाका रूपमा सन् २००८ बाट संस्थागत संरचना विकास प्रकृत्यामा अभ्यासरत रहदै नोभेम्बर २७, २००९ मा क्यालिफोर्निया राज्य बाट मान्यता प्राप्त सामाजिक संस्थाका रूपमा आज सम्म नेपाली समुदाय माझ कृयाशील छ । लसएञ्जलस काउण्टीको आर्टेशिया सीटीमा मुख्य कार्यालय रहेको छ ।

समयको अन्तराल संगै दक्षिण क्यालिफोर्नियामा बढ्दो नेपाली समुदाय माझ नेपाली कला संस्कृति, परम्परा र धार्मिक मान्यता जगेर्ना गर्दै भावि सन्ततिका लागि मार्ग दर्शकको भूमिका खेल्ने मुख्य उद्देश्यका साथ समाजले विभिन्न साँस्कृतिक, सामाजिक धार्मिक तथा परोपकारी कार्यलाई स्थापना काल देखि नै आजसम्म निरन्तरता दिँदै आएको छ ।

स्थापना कालमा तिहारमा देउसी-भैलो कार्यक्रम वास्तवमा समाजको शुरुवाति पाइला थियो । नेपाली मानको महान चाड वडादर्शन र हरितालिका तीज तथा नेपाली नयाँ वर्षमा विविध मनोरञ्जनात्मक कार्यक्रमको निरन्तरता समाजले आजसम्म कायमै राखेको छ । भजन-किर्तन र पुजा जस्ता पवित्रकार्य देखि समय सापेक्षा विभिन्न अन्तर्कृया सम्पन्न गर्दै समाजले नेपालका राष्ट्रिय स्तरका कलाकार मिलन लामा, कुन्ति मोक्तान, भुवन के सी, रामकृष्ण ढकाल, नलिना चित्रकार, ओमबिक्रम विष्ट, गौरी मल्ल, दिपक राज गिरी, दिपाश्री निरौला, यम बरालका साथै स्थानीय वालवालिका तथा युवा कलाकारहरू बाट गीत-संगित, दोहोरी, हाँस्य व्यङ्ग्य एवं नृत्यका माध्यमबाट समुदायलाई, मनोरञ्जन प्रदान गरेको छ । त्यसै गरी गत वर्ष टेक्ससामा सम्पन्न ए एन एको साधारण सभा तथा सम्मेलनमा भएको भलिवल प्रतियोगितामा समाजको भलिवल टिमले प्रथम स्थान हाँसील गर्न सफल भएको तथ्यलाई समाज खेलाडी पति सम्मान प्रकट गर्दै गर्व प्रकट गर्दछ । सी एन एन हिरो २०१० र २०१२ का विजेता अनुराध कोइराला र पुष्पा वरनेतको सम्मान कार्यक्रममा समुदायको उपस्थितिले समाज प्रतिको समुदायको गाढा विश्वासलाई आत्मसात गर्ने पछ, साथै हामीलाई यसले थप जिम्मेवार समेत बनाएको छ । स्थानीय समाजमा रजुभएका हरेक तह तप्काका व्यक्तित्वहरूको सरसल्लाह र सुझाव बाट नै छोटो समयमा समाजले यस क्षेत्रमा अग्रणी भूमिका खेल्न सफल भएको छ । आपत् विपत्ता परेका नेपालीलाई समुदायको सहयोगमा झण्डै ३० हजार अमेरिकी डलरको आर्थिक सहयोग समाजले गरेको छ । विर वहादुर पुन, राजु चौलागाइ, दामोदर पाठक, अमर बम प्रति समुदायले देखाएको महान् मानवीय सहयोगको भावना प्रति समाज समुदाय प्रति ऋणी छ ।

पहिलो प्रस्तुतिका रूपमा एन आर एन यूएसए को दोश्रो साधारण सभा तथा सम्मेलनको अवसरमा हाँस्य कलाकार सन्तोष पन्त, गायक कर्ण दास र ग्यम्बु शेर्पाका साथ ब्रैण्ड म्युजिकल नाइटको आयोजना समाजले यहि मे २६ तारिखका दिन गर्दैछ । संस्थागत समन्वय र हातेमालोको सफल कडिका रूपमा समाजले एन आर एन एन सी सी यू एस ए को दोश्रो साधारण सभा तथा सम्मेलन सफलता पूर्वक सम्पन्न गर्न काधमा काध मिलाएर अघि बडेको छ । संस्थाको थप जिम्मेवारी बोध गर्दै यस वर्ष देखि संस्थाको आन्तरिक संरचनामा विस्तार गरिएको छ र दक्षिण क्यालिफोर्नियाका विभिन्न क्षेत्रमा बसोवास गर्ने नेपाली समुदाय सम्म समाजको पहुँच विस्तारका लागि विभिन्न क्षेत्र पहिचान गरी क्षेत्रिय संयोजक तोकिएको छ ।

त्यसै गरी सूचना तथा संचार, बौद्धिक तथा आध्यात्मिक र महिला दिदीवहिनीको बढ्दो सहभागितालाई अझै कृयाशील बनाउन महिला समूहको गठन गरिएको छ । महिला समूहले यसै वर्ष देखि अन्तर्राष्ट्रिय नारी दिवसको अवसर पारेर अन्तर्कृया कार्यक्रमको शुरुवात गरेको छ । समाज आज सम्म आफैँमा पूर्ण छैन । यो निरन्तर चलिरहने प्रकृत्या हो । संस्था आफैँमा साध्य होइन, यो एक साधन मात्र हो । समुदायको विश्वास र सहयोग नै यस एकता समाजको एक मात्र मार्ग दर्शन हो । समुदायको चाहना, आकांक्षा, आवश्यकता र समस्या पहिचान गरी त्यसै अनुरूप कार्य गर्नु संस्थाका भोलिका चुनौति हुन् ।

कुशल नेतृत्व, विश्वासीलो जनाधार र निःस्वार्थ सामाजिक कार्य संस्था सञ्चालनको मेरुदण्ड हो । समुदायको आवश्यकताको पहिचान र चाहनालाई समाजले भावी रणनीति बनाए मात्र संस्था फराकिलो र दिगो हुनेकुरामा दुई मत छैन । एकता समाजले यसै पृष्ठभूमिलाई आफ्नो चुनौति र अवसर ठानेको छ । स्थापना काल देखि आज सम्म समुदायको अटल विश्वास र सहयोगका लागि समुदायका सहदयी आमाबुबा, दाजुभाई र दिदीवहिनीहरू प्रति समाज ऋण र कृतज्ञ छ । यो निरन्तरता आउने दिनमा अझ झॉँगेदै जानेछ भन्ने अटल विश्वासका साथ ।

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The concept of establishing a society was initiated at the first Nepali get-together organized by Veda Joshi on March 17, 1973 at Chevron Employee Clubhouse in El Segundo, with the support and cooperation of late Dr. Merrill and late Betsy Goodall, late Carle and late Irene Coler, late Clair and late Eleanor Weeks, Dale Vrabec, late Henry and late Dede Hilton, Nick and Betsy Clinch, Dick and Gloria Davis, late Profulla Mondel, late B.C. and late Margaret Choudhari, Ron Ranson, Shambhu and Bimala Kayastha, Barry Silver and Chitra Chakroborty, late Myron and Carmon Davis, and late Kyana Joshi. On October 27, 1973, at another Nepali meeting at the same clubhouse, the California chapter of the America-Nepal Society, first founded in Washington, D.C., was born. Veda Joshi was elected as the first founder President. On January 16, 1982, a general membership meeting approved two motions: 1) The society would become incorporated; and 2) the establishment of a scholarship fund to be called the Betsy Goodall Scholarship Fund. On March 19, 1982, the Society was incorporated as a charitable, nonprofit organization, henceforth known as the America-Nepal Society of California, Inc. The current board of directors consists of President Rabindra Pradhan, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Bhushan Pradhan, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Dilli Thapa, Treasurer Sarba Shakya and Secretary Ramesh Tamrakar.

ANS/CA has been actively involve in the Nepalese community by organizing various activities like celebrating Nepali New Year, Dashain, promoting Nepali culture & traditions and making the participation of Nepalese community in various activities. It also organizes camping, picnic and other events as well.

ANS/CA has been providing the scholarships to the students in Nepal through Betsy & Merrill Goodall Scholarship Fund and Veda & Kyana Joshi Scholarship Fund.

#### **Betsy & Merrill Goodall Scholarship Fund**

The Betsy & Merrill Goodall Scholarship Fund is providing scholarship to economically disadvantaged but intelligent Nepali women to enable them to pursue college level education in Nepal. The fund was named in memory of late Betsy Goodall and late Merrill Goodall.

The first scholarship grants were awarded to two Nepali women in 1984 academic year through the generosity of many members and non-members, and have continued to this date. Only the interest from the fund is used for the grants.

#### **Veda & Kyana Joshi Scholarship Fund**

ANS/CA created a scholarship fund in honor of its founding president, Veda Joshi and his wife Kyana. A principal sum of \$100,000 in stock has been donated by their children for the establishment of a scholarship fund for underprivileged Nepali college students studying in Nepal. As in the B/MGSF, the principal sum will be invested and distributions will be made only from the interest income.

Through these scholarship funds almost 200 students have received scholarship in Nepal and hopefully inspire others to support the continued growth of this charitable organization and the benefits it provide.

(Please visit ANS/CA website: [www.ansca.org](http://www.ansca.org) for more info and update on Scholarship Funds and Financial

Reports.)

ANS/CA has also established Emergency Relief Fund to respond rapidly to future natural disasters. This fund was established in 1994 after a major earthquake struck Nepal devastating parts of the country.

In **2002**, ANS/CA established an account in Nepal with the Nepal Red Cross Society-Lalitpur Chapter, (NRCS-ANSCA Relief Fund) so that it can respond to natural disasters more rapidly. We have donated a total of \$3,830.00 in this fund. The first distribution of Rs.50,001/-NC from this fund was sent to Myanglung to help many Nepalese people, made homeless when the village was ravaged by fire. Second distribution was Rs.25,001/-NC to the fire victims of Taplejung and the third distribution of Rs. 50,001/-NC to Tsunami Victims and the fourth distribution of Rs. 50,000.0/-NC to support the flood victims.

ANS/CA has also been involved in other activities. It had sent clothing to the Banepa branch of the Nepal Red Cross Society. Members contributed towards the earthquake relief fund for Nepal in **1980** and **1989**. Members have also helped establish two other memorial funds - The Majendra Memorial Fund (\$8,160.00 in **1989**), and The Shrestha's Children Fund (\$1,405.00 in **1991**)

ANSCA has been helping the Nepalese family when needed from the donation received from its members and non members. In 2012, it helped late Bir Bahadur Pun's family by providing \$1001. In 2011, it helped Roshan Bhandari Fund by providing \$976 and \$1652 to Japan Disaster Relied Fund thru NRNNCC. In 2009, it helped Bir Bahadur Pun by providing \$1042 during his hospitalization, \$225 to late Gandhari Fund and \$400 to Prime Minister Relief Fund in Nepal. The society has donated \$ 770 in 2007, \$1030 in 2005, \$500 in 2004, \$600 in 2003, \$1000 in 2002 to Nepal Red Cross Society Lalitpur Chapter. The society has also helped to late Bhoj Gurung fund by providing \$825 (\$300 from NANC) and \$500 to late Bal Ram Shrestha Memorial Fund in 1998.

The Society has served many members and non-members as an information center and has provided visa forms and passport renewal application forms.



# बौद्धिक संसार शैक्षिक प्रतिष्ठान

बौद्धिक संसार शैक्षिक प्रतिष्ठान भाषा, साहित्य, संस्कृति तथा शिक्षाका क्षेत्रमा काम गरिरहेको एक नाफा रहित गैह्र सरकारी संस्था हो। बौद्धिक संसार प्रकाशन प्रा.लि.सँग मिलेर बिगत दुई दशकदेखि नेपालमा काम गर्दै आएको यस प्रतिष्ठानले हाललाई आफ्नो कार्य क्षेत्र अमेरिकालाई पनि बनाएको छ। अगष्ट २, २०११ देखि आफ्नो कार्यलाई क्यालिफोर्नियाको लस एन्जेल्स काउन्टी लाईब्रेरी आर्टसियाबाट थालनी गरेको प्रतिष्ठानले वरपरका सिटी तथा अन्य राज्यहरूमा पनि विस्तार गर्ने प्रकृया शुरू गरिसकेको छ। आउँदा दिनहरूमा यो कार्यलाई विश्वका अन्य क्षेत्रहरूमा पनि विस्तार गरिने छ।

**स्थापनाको उद्देश्य:** विश्वभर छरिएर रहेका नेपाली भाषीहरूलाई भाषा, साहित्य, संस्कृति र शिक्षाको माध्यमबाट एकै सुत्रमा बाँधी उनीहरूको शैक्षिक उत्थानमा एक शसक्त अभियानको थालनी गर्नु प्रतिष्ठानको स्थापनाको उद्देश्य हुनेछ।

## अन्य उद्देश्यहरू

- देश तथा विदेशमा छरिएर रहेका नेपाली (राष्ट्रिय तथा स्थानीय समेत) भाषीहरूलाई भाषा, साहित्य, संस्कृति तथा शिक्षाको माध्यमबाट एकबद्ध गराउनका साथै उनीहरूलाई विविध शैक्षिक ज्ञान आर्जन गर्न प्रोत्साहन गर्ने,
- नेपाली संस्कृति झल्काउने खालका चाडपर्व तथा मेला आयोजना गर्न गराउन प्रोत्साहन तथा सहयोग गर्ने,
- नेपाली राष्ट्रिय तथा स्थानीय भाषाका स्कुल संचालन गर्न गराउन प्रोत्साहन तथा सहयोग गर्ने,
- विभिन्न प्रकारका छात्रवृत्ति मार्फत नेपाली भाषा तथा शिक्षाको प्रवर्द्धन गर्ने,
- अमेरिका लगायत अन्य देशमा सूचना तथा अनुसन्धान केन्द्रको स्थापना गर्न पहल गर्ने,
- अनलाइन तथा छाप पत्रिका सञ्चालन गरी श्रव्य दृश्यको माध्यमबाट विभिन्न सूचनाको प्रवाहका साथै नेपाली भाषा, साहित्य, संस्कृति र शिक्षाको प्रचार प्रसार गर्ने,
- उपरोक्त उद्देश्य पुरा गर्न विभिन्न क्षेत्रबाट दान दातव्य संकलन गर्नका अतिरिक्त आय आर्जनका स्रोतहरू पहिचान गर्ने
- र भाषा, साहित्य, संस्कृति तथा शैक्षिक क्षेत्र सम्बन्धि अन्य कार्य गर्ने।

कार्यक्रम	लक्ष्य
(क) पुस्तकालय विस्तार: प्रतिष्ठानले संसारको विभिन्न स्थानमा आफ्नै पुस्तकालय संचालनमा ल्याउन प्रयास गर्ने छ। स्थानीय स्तरमा संचालन भएका पुस्तकालयहरूसँग समन्वय राखी सःशुल्क वा निःशुल्क रूपमा नेपाली भाषा, संस्कृति झल्काउने पुस्तक, श्रव्य दृश्य वा डकुमेन्ट्री उपलब्ध गराउने।	हाल लस एन्जेल्स काउन्टी लाईब्रेरी आर्टसियामा उपहार स्वरूप प्रदान गरिएका पुस्तकालय सामग्रीहरूलाई निरन्तरता दिइने छ। चरणबद्ध रूपमा आर्टसिया लाईब्रेरीमा पुस्तकालय सामग्रीहरू प्रदान गरिएको छ। यो क्रमलाई निरन्तरता दिई अन्य क्षेत्रमा पनि विस्तार गरिने छ।
(ख) घर आँगन जेहेन्दार छात्रवृत्ति कार्यक्रम:	जोस जाँगर भएका तर गरिवीका कारण आफ्नो अध्ययनलाई निरन्तरता दिन नसकेका गरिव तथा जेहेन्दार छात्र/छात्राहरूलाई दाताले इच्छाएको स्थानमा यस्तो छात्रवृत्ति दिइने छ। यस कार्यक्रमलाई सन् २०१३ देखि लागु गरिनेछ।
(ग) सूचना तथा अनुसन्धान केन्द्रको स्थापना: नेपाल सम्बन्धी जानकारी तथा सूचना दिन तथा नेपाल सम्बन्धी सबै क्षेत्रको अनुसन्धानमा सहयोग पुर्याउन सम्भव भए सम्मको स्थानमा यस्ता सूचना तथा अनुसन्धान केन्द्रको स्थापना गर्न आवश्यक कदम चालिने छ।	यस कार्यक्रमको लागि सन् २०१३ देखि प्रचारात्मक कार्य शुरू गरिएको छ। सन् २०१७ सम्ममा न्युनतम एउटा सूचना तथा अनुसन्धान केन्द्रको स्थापना गरिने छ।
(घ) जनपयोगी सामग्री प्रकाशन गर्ने:	जनपयोगी हुने खालका विभिन्न खाले पुस्तक, स्मारिका, बुकलेट, सिडी, डकुमेन्ट्री आदिको विकास गरि सःशुल्क वा निःशुल्क रूपमा वितरण गरिने छ।
(ङ) अनलाइन/छाप पत्रिका प्रकाशन:	नेपाल र नेपालसँग सरोकार रहेका समाचार संकलन गरि त्यसलाई अध्यावधिक रूपमा अनलाइन तथा छाप माध्यमबाट समेत जन समक्ष ल्याइनेछ। यस कार्यको थालनी सन् २०१२ बाट भइसकेको छ।
(च) ढाका-टोपी-चौवन्दी-चोली कार्यक्रम:	नेपाली संस्कृति तथा भेष-भूषा झल्कने "ढाका-टोपी-चौवन्दी-चोली" कार्यक्रम सन् २०१३ देखि प्रत्येक वर्ष आयोजना गरिनेछ। कार्यक्रमको मुख्य उद्देश्य नेपाली भेष भूषा तथा संस्कृतिलाई विदेशी भूमिमा पहिचान गराउनु रहेको छ। कार्यक्रममा आ- आफ्नो जातीय पहिचान सहितको नेपाली पन झल्कने भेष-भूषा सहितको पोशाक लगाएर आउन अनुरोध गरिनेछ।
(छ) नेपाली, भाषा, साहित्य, संस्कृति तथा शैक्षिक क्षेत्रका अन्य कार्य गर्ने:	नेपाली भाषा, साहित्य, संस्कृति तथा शैक्षिक क्षेत्रका कार्यलाई प्रतिष्ठानले आवश्यकता अनुसार जन समक्ष ल्याउनेछ।

## सहयोगी हातहरू:

नेपालमा प्रतिष्ठानलाई संस्थागत रूपमा बौद्धिक संसार प्रकाशन प्रा.लि.ले आवश्यक आर्थिक तथा भौतिक सहयोग गरिरहेको छ। प्रतिष्ठानलाई नेपाल अमेरिका बीच पूलको काम गर्न एक क्रियाशील कमिटी गठन गरिएको छ। जसले आफ्नो कार्य सन् २०११ देखिनै शुरू गरिसकेको छ।

हाल अमेरिकाको दक्षिण क्यालिफोर्नियालाई आफ्नो कार्य क्षेत्र बनाएको प्रतिष्ठानले यहाँका सम्पूर्ण सरकारी, गैरसरकारी तथा व्यवसायीक संस्थाहरूसँग सदैव सहयोगको लागि समन्वय गर्ने छ।

## सांगठनिक संरचना :

प्रतिष्ठानलाई संचालन गर्न कार्यकारी अधिकार युक्त प्रवर्द्धन समुहको स्थापना गरिएको छ। समुहले कामलाई सहज बनाउन आवश्यक मात्रामा मार्गदर्शक तथा स्वयंसेवकहरू मनोनयन गर्ने छ। अविभाकहरूले प्रतिष्ठानलाई सदैव संरक्षकत्व प्रदान गर्नेछन्।

## प्रतिष्ठानमा अविभाकको निगरानी:

प्रतिष्ठानका सबै काम कारवाही अभियानको रूपमा संचालन हुने हुँदा यसमा सहभागी हुने सबै सदस्यहरू प्रतिष्ठानका अविभाक हुनेछन्। न्युनतम १(एक) डलर तिरी विधानतः योग्य व्यक्ति प्रतिष्ठानका अविभाक हुन पाउने छन्। एकपटक आफ्नो नाम दर्ता गराएका सम्मानित व्यक्तिहरू प्रतिष्ठानका आजीवन अविभाक हुनेछन्। स्वस्थ सल्लाह र सुझाव दिने दायित्व तथा कर्तव्य अविभाकहरूमा रहने छ।



White Himal Television would like to wish a very Happy and Prosperous New Year 2070 to all the Nepalese living around the world.

White Himal Television appreciates the help and support of the Nepalese living abroad. White Himal Television is and will continue working together with all Nepalese organizations and NRN around the world. It is our great privilege to be associated with NRN America.

White Himal Television is America's first 24-hour Nepalese Television Channel. In this world of globalization, it is our small effort to bring all Nepalese from around the world together and make one family: one Nation.

The main objective of White Himal Television is to promote Nepali culture and language locally, regionally, nationally and globally by entertaining and updating the news from Nepal and around the world to Nepali community; and make abroad feel like home away from home.

White Himal Television envisions being the bridge through which Nepalese living abroad will connect to their language and rich cultural heritage.

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## **Southern California Sports Club**

Southern California Nepalese Sports Club-SCNSC was formed almost a year ago with a collaborative efforts of residents of Nepalese living in parts of Orange County and Los Angeles County. The main objective of the Club is to unite people living in Southern California through Sports. In addition, SCNSC will provide an opportunity for Southern California Nepalese residents to connect to Nepalese all around the country by competing in different sports organized by different organizations.

Olympic brings all nations together every four year not only to compete in different sports but also to share culture and tradition, extend friendship and overall bring the world together. We have a similar motive. We would like to bring all Nepalese together through sports. We welcome people with involved in any team or individual sports.

NRN USA provided a platform for SCNSC to host different sports event during AGM during Memorial Day weekend in greater Los Angeles area. SCNSC would like to thank NRN USA for this great opportunity and look forward to the grand sports event during Memorial Day weekend.

Shovit Bhari,  
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## A Case for Allowing Retention of Nepali Citizenship for NRN

### Nepalis in Foreign Lands

In the past few decades, the temporary and permanent emigration from Nepal has accelerated at an unprecedented speed. In 2013, it is estimated that almost 3 million Nepalis work in the Middle East, and several East Asian countries. Furthermore, according to informal estimates, more than 500,000 Nepalis are living in USA, Canada, Western Europe, Australia, New Zealand and other developed nations. Because of the large number of Non-resident Nepalis (NRN) in so many countries, and because the NRN desire to be connected to each other and their wish to remain emotionally linked to Nepal, since 2003 an official organization of the NRN, the Non Resident Nepali Association (NRNA) has been formed. In the past 10 years, the NRN movement has rapidly evolved globally with the establishment of NRN National Committees in 65 countries.

To fully assimilate in the new world, an increasing proportion of the NRN in developed countries are taking the citizenship of their adopted countries. There are many other practical reasons why many NRN have embraced the new citizenships. As the NRN wish to retain the Nepali citizenship, a major demand of the NRNA is that Nepal should allow these NRNs who have taken up a new nationality to retain their original citizenship.

### Global Situation on Retaining Citizenship

Most developed countries allow their citizens to retain their nationality even when they take another country's citizenship. Examples are USA, Canada, UK, Australia, New Zealand, Israel, France, Ireland, Switzerland and numerous others. Among the developing countries too, permitting the retention of citizenship is quite prevalent. For example, Bangladesh, Kenya, Colombia, Mexico, Barbados, Philippines, Jamaica, Tonga, Lebanon, Sierra Leone and many other countries allow for their citizens to remain citizens even when they embrace a new nationality. These countries believe that citizenship is for life.

### Global Nepalis

It is well known that the remittance from Nepal workers working abroad constitutes some 22 percent of Nepal's Gross Domestic Product. The NRNs living in developed countries do not necessarily send money back to Nepal, but many of them help charities in Nepal, help their families obtain education, and support in the technology exchange between Nepal and more advanced economies. They have played important catalytic roles in bringing democracy in Nepal. Many of them are also important connectors for foreign investment and international aid that supports developmental efforts in Nepal.

Unlike the remittance from the Middle East, the contributions from the NRN in North America, Europe and Oceania often goes unnoticed. However, it is well known that the North American NRN, for example, have sent money to help their families back in Nepal, and organized hundreds of development projects throughout Nepal. On personal and family levels, each well-settled Nepali in the de-

veloped countries typically helps at least two other family members in Nepal to obtain higher education domestically or internationally.

The NRNA has remained active in supporting large scale philanthropic projects in Nepal. Recently, NRNA has mobilized large scale funding from the NRNs to invest in clean energy sector in the country. Other examples of NRN initiated programs in Nepal include Open University of Nepal, Nepal Library Foundation, E-library in Nepali schools and dozens of other projects that help people in Nepal.



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### From "Brain-Drain" to "Brain-Gain"

Nepali media and living room chats are often filled with the frustration of the "brain-drain" that is caused by the emigration of educated and talented Nepalis. That may be a short term reality, but the long term benefits of the emigration far outweigh any temporary setback to Nepal. It is important and timely for Nepal to look at the Diaspora as a resource, as Ireland, Poland, Israel, India, China and other forward looking countries have long done. Israel was built by the Jewish Diaspora; the spectacular rise of China was made initially possible by the investment from the overseas Chinese; and the Non-resident Indians (NRI) have contributed so much in Indian business, economy, education and professionalism that the Government of India has finally established a dedicated Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs.

Some well qualified NRNs have chosen to return to Nepal and help the motherland. In science, technology, social science and entrepreneurship, they are already making a mark in the Nepali developmental landscape. More importantly, a large group of three first generation NRNs who came to North America and Europe in the seventies and eighties are now retiring en-masse. They are exploring the possibility of retiring in Nepal. This cohort is financially secure and is well poised to inject significant resources into the Nepali economy creating jobs, helping rent houses and buying Nepali products.

As we have seen in many other countries, more and more NRNs will choose to return to Nepal and help the society with fresh and innovative ideas, thus creating a "brain gain", as many of them have advanced education, skills and know-how related to advancing the economy and society.

### NRNs Wishing to Retain Their Nepali Citizenship

NRNs also have many aspirations that Nepal government can help them with. NRNs wish to maintain their properties in Nepal, they long to visit Nepal regularly without feeling like a foreigner, make investments in Nepal, and most importantly, like to feel that they are forever part of Nepal. Particularly the NRNs who come to more developed countries in North America, Western Europe and Aus-

tralasia to settle, desire to maintain strong emotional linkages to the motherland even when they live permanently in their adopted lands.

NRN feel that Nepal should allow its nationals who have taken up another nationality to retain their Nepali citizenship. There could be a cut-off date for this, say 1960, or later, and this should be done retroactively so that former Nepali citizens can apply and regain their Nepali passports. This will resolve all the issues of the NRN: to maintain property, work in Nepal when they wish and also to participate in political process and bring new thoughts and blood in Nepal's political system. This scheme is well practiced in Israel, Czech Republic, France, Ireland, U.K., Australia, USA, Canada, Jamaica and many other countries. Italy even elects to its parliament a Non-resident Italian from several global regions.

Nepal will lose nothing by allowing Nepali citizens to retain their citizenship, but everyone will gain. The NRN who have acquired the citizenship of developed countries would like to retain that to enjoy social security, pension, ease of travel, to be part of their families who usually stay in the adopted land, and to be able to vote in their adopted countries. If they remain or become non-citizens in the adopted countries, their lobbying capacities are drastically curtailed. By allowing retention of citizenship, Nepal gets to emotionally retain its educated and prosperous sons and daughters as its life-long citizens, and also enables them lobby more effectively for Nepal.

In order to achieve all these benefits both side, the Nepal govern-

ment needs to do only a single change in the present law, that is to delete the clause in the Citizenship Act that says "by voluntarily taking up another nationality, his/her Nepali citizenship is automatically lost".

### Conclusion

Because of the limited economic and educational opportunities at home, Nepalis are likely to continue to immigrate to other parts of the world, mainly to North America, Europe and Oceania for many years to come. Although in the short term it looks like a loss of talent and skill, experience of other countries, such as China and India, shows that in the long run the Nepali Diaspora will become a resource for Nepal. Many NRN will also return when the time is right from them and contribute to the "brain-gain" phenomenon as is being seen in Korea, China, Taiwan, India, Brazil and elsewhere.

NRN wish to be inextricably linked to Nepal, contribute to its development, make investment and regularly or some even wish to permanently return to Nepal. Allowing them to retain Nepali nationality will facilitate all of these aspirations for NRN.

NRN and Nepal can enter into a win-win partnership by extending Nepali citizenship for life, no matter where people go. Nepal will remain victorious by capturing the resources and energy of its dynamic citizens who are moving to new lands for opportunity, knowledge and resources. The NRN community will remain solidly and forever emotionally and legally bonded to Nepal by virtue of being Nepali citizen forever.

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## Continuation of Nepali Citizenship for NRNs and/or Dual Citizenship

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Right from its inception, the Non-Resident Nepali Association (NRNA) has been vigorously advocating for the continuation of Nepali citizenship for NRNs in the Nepali constitution. Who benefit and how they benefit from this?

- Nepal can gain from the increased influx of skilled human resources, intellectual capital, economic stimulus, and advocacy for Nepal in foreign countries.
- NRN worldwide can benefit from easy access to their homeland, promote second/third generation Nepali's love for Nepal & remain more connected with Nepal.

The above statement can be supported with the following estimates:

- It is estimated that there are over 500,000 Nepalis living in the developed countries.
- With Nepali citizenship the propensity of this population visits Nepal yearly, country will earn over \$100 million (assuming that each will spent \$2,000 per trip) foreign currency
- For Retiring in Nepal become easy with the retention of Nepali citizenship. Assuming about one percent return to Nepal for retirement and the impact will be:
- 5,000 individuals who will spend an average of \$1,500/mo. = \$90 Million a year foreign currency to the country.
- Further, if these 5,000 retirees employ only two individuals to serve and help them domestically, 10,000 new jobs will be created locally.
- If some NRN's children go to Nepal to study Nepali culture and language for a year: Nepal will gain about \$300 million a year in

foreign currency.

### Investments prospect by Nepalis living abroad:

Assuming only five percent of these 500,000 Nepalis living in developed countries invest in Nepal just \$100,000 each, it will bring an investment of \$2.5 billion into Nepal.

This \$2.5 billion can easily generate 250,000 jobs in the country.

The secondary and tertiary capital gains of the same investment amounts will be exponential in scale.

Sentimental and cultural values of retention of citizenship are beyond tangible measurements.

*This may be the reason* that there are a number of countries granting citizenship to their non-resident foreign citizens.

After all Nepal has nothing to lose but all gains from the strengths of NRNs all over the world. NRNs will benefit by feeling more closely tied to the motherland.

Global perspective:

Since 1990 over 150 countries allowed dual citizenship. Canada, Australia, UK, Sweden, Germany, France and Spain are few examples. In recent years, six Latin American countries also allowed dual citizenship. Recent countries like Latvia, Lithuania and Croatia also adopted this.

From SAARC countries, Sri Lanka and Maldives also adopted this.

What shall Nepal's position be? Yes, of course adopt it.

*\*The above foreign currency revenue calculation to the government is on top of what is received through regular remittance from NRNs.*



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## Business Problems and solutions

*Collection: America Nepal Chamber of Commerce, USA*

We established the America Nepal Chamber of Commerce in 2011 to promote the Nepalese community to participate in becoming business men or women. Our chamber encourages the people of the Nepalese community to become entrepreneurs of your own personal interest. Our main future goal is to create a Nepalese credit union in the US market to benefit the Nepali community. We are hoping to be a support group for all new entrepreneurs. We need to create a bridge from here to Nepal, to develop our motherland country.



We welcome all business ideas and welcome sharing your experiences with our nationwide members all over the US.

We believe Nepalese saving for Nepalese entrepreneurs. We are quite hopeful that this Chamber will take forward trade and investment relationship between America and Nepal.

America Nepal Chamber of Commerce, USA is looking for investment avenues in sectors like waste management, infrastructure, hydropower, tourism and trade show around the North America for Nepali Handicrafts, Garments, Jewelry and other products.

Success in small businesses is a huge challenge for new enterprisers. Every busy downtown street has a storefront location that is "cursed." One month it's a Nepali Restaurant, then six months down the line it's a book-keeper's office, and then a couple months later it's a movie rental store and now it's vacant yet again.

My personal belief of the statistic that 80 percent of new businesses fail within the first five years seems like a bit of an urban legend. Small businesses are still the engine of the U.S. economy, and entrepreneurs still constitute the vast majority of employers. In 2007, an average of 497,695 new businesses were created each month in the United States; from there only 52 business were created by south Asian communities. Just imagine how many Nepalese can be added to the statistic.

*America Nepal Chamber of Commerce, USA*

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2. Provide you with referrals.
3. Refer your business upon request.
4. Act as resource center to solve business problems.
5. Keep you informed on Legislative matters vital to your business at local, state and national levels.
6. Assist you in solving community problems
7. Through general meeting provide information on a wide range of topics affecting your business (Breakfasts)
8. Provide a meeting place where you can meet and network with other businesses in the community (Mixers)
9. Provide SCORE counseling. (Small Business Administration)
10. Provide free business consulting and business training with our alliance to the Nepal Chamber of Commerce and avails you of the use of a credit union, and possible loans.
11. Provide a vehicle (Website) to keep you informed about Chamber business, events and other members.
12. Member to Member Discount Program.
13. [www.americanepalchamberofcommerce.org](http://www.americanepalchamberofcommerce.org) web site to promote your company



Maintain an office for the general public, and assist you when needed. The office provides:

\* Demographic and historic information about Nepal and USA \* Information on Community Services \* Information on Local Events  
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Owners of a small business must wear several hats. They should never stop investigating new ideas to improve all areas of their business. The traditional owner will gather information to assist him or her in making the changes necessary to stay profitable in a competitive business world.

Tips to improve your business in profits.

It is estimated to cost ten times as much to acquire a new customer as it does to retain a current customer through good customer service.

If your company runs well now in your absence, it will run well in the event of your disability or death. If you are currently indispensable, start training people now. One of the most rewarding forms of retirement is to own your own company and to be absent as much as you like. You can be your own best business troubleshooter. Consider arranging a trip to visit a half dozen businesses just like yours, but outside your trade area. Discuss products or services, customer relations, vendors, physical plant and equipment, and financial statement information with these noncompeting colleagues. Arrange a five- to ten-day trip. Take your financial statements, a copy of your floor plan, your camera, and a long list of questions. When you return, you will be able to inform your staff of all you learned. This trip is especially beneficial if you are not affiliated with a franchise business. Every business should operate from a budget. Your last year's financial reports serve as an excellent guide to setting this year's budget. Since it is designed with the best information you have available at the outset, the variances from the budget figures may give you valuable information in preparing the next year's game plan.

Listen to your customers. You are not really selling products or services; you are selling customer satisfaction. Satisfied customers return to spend more money and are likely to refer new customers to you.

Before you start a new business, be sure the community can support such a business. Some areas are not large enough to warrant certain specialty shops.

Business deals and special franchises which sound too good to be true usually are. We will gladly assist you in reviewing any new purchase or business proposal. Don't incorporate your business without first checking the long-range tax and nontax considerations. There are many small corporations that would have been better off operating in some other legal form. Some businesses receive penalties for late payroll tax deposits. To avoid such problems, don't sign payroll checks unless the first check in the stack is the payroll deposit to your bank. This may have you paying deposits earlier than required, but you will not be receiving penalties.

If you're thinking about joining the ranks of the self-employed, then start by learning from the mistakes of others. The following is a list, in no particular order, of the 15 most common problems faced by new businesses.

1. Poor market for your targeting products.
2. Bad Business Idea and Plan.
3. Not Enough funds to start the business.
4. Wrong pricing of products.
5. Poor Marketing goal and strategy.
6. Wrong motivation.
7. Losing touch with your own family.
8. Borrowing from relatives.
9. Trying to do all by yourself.
10. Choosing the Perfect Location.
11. Lack of communication.
12. Wrong Marketing in wrong time.
13. Selecting the right Accountant .
14. Not enough support from the community.
15. Laziness to promote business.

[Source: Nfib, Orr, Krotz, Mount, Gallagher, Henricks, Gokul, U.S. Census Bureau, ANCC ]

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## You Can Make It Here In The U.S.A.

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America is still a land of opportunity for countless immigrants who risk everything to come to this shore. The idea that no matter who your parents are, where you come from, what god you pray, whether you are rich or poor, Asian or Hispanic, Black or White or Native American, young or old, you can make it here in the USA if you are willing to try is still as powerful as it was since the foundation of this nation.

Many Nepalese who have come to USA in search of these ideas, have already lived the American dream. Many are pursuing the dream with hard work, passion and perseverance. The gap between meeting the dream and struggle to achieve it is the true testament of one's resilience to make that happen. It's not an easy journey. It's not a straight line and gets fulfilled by wishful thinking. It's true ordeal. The winner is on the spotlight and the loser is obscure. The winners are those who are our constant inspiration upon whose footprints we keep on searching our progress in this magical land.

It is for those who dare to dream the big dream, willing to take risk and make thing work. This nation has welcomed many of us as students, academicians, entrepreneurs, diplomats, technical manpower diversity immigrants and even as asylum seekers. Under the rule of law one can fully exercise the privileges and opportunities as long as one is willing to pledge allegiance to the common bond of this nation. This is truly unique essential U.S.A offers that no nations on earth can ensure to immigrants. Therefore, it is also called the nations of immigrants.

Already we have been inspired by those who have made a significant success in this land. We have heard the heartache of struggle and stories of success. Many of our forerunners have got success in business, politics, academics, science and technology in this country. For none of them the success was granted. It was a hard earn for them. They might not have achieved the success to the level they wanted, but they have been able to make a mark in the community. Therefore, it is up to us to achieve in higher level.

As soon as we step in this land, we are confronted with many challenges. Sometimes the challenges are so much burdens to tolerate for us that we tend to think downside. We are put in the depth of despair. For an immigrant the challenges in a new land are not unnatural as well. Many aspirants then stuck in depression, insignificance and a sense of worthlessness. I would compare it with solar eclipse, ie, even the most powerful sun is blocked and the earth is temporarily darkened. This is the very crucial point to gain strength and keep on pushing ourselves for greater dream without even underestimating our capacity for the larger pursuits.

History tells us that success was granted to only handful of people. May pioneers earned it. Most of the entrepreneurs and the successful leaders began with scrap. Many successful people worked in this land in the assembly line and factory corner. Many students washed dishes, served as waiter and waitress drove their muscles to make living and pay their tuition, to raise their family and send their kids to school. Despite these hardships, they never gave up their big dreams and finally they got it. They are the individuals just like us, but the way they thought and worked to pursue big goal made them different from many of us. Therefore, if we follow their path, we will make it.

There are pitfalls as well. Many of us may be entrap and ensnared in this wonderful land. While pursuing individual freedom, the spirit of free enterprise, we may forget our collective action. What makes us exceptional, unique and different may get lost. Identity crisis may rust us. And we are likely to fall as a victim of disconnectedness. This situation could be harmful roadblock to big dreams. Especially young generation must take into account those soft dangers. They got to learn a gradual combination of good things for fostering a constructive culturalism to save themselves form rootlessness and isolation.

Here is what we are proud of Nepalese living in the USA. This community is more bonded and the sense of looking after one another is much fostered. There is more community and less chaos. Many people have earned a good recognition and this community is on the way of being recognized as Nepalese American community with its good mark in entrepreneurships, academia, human service and other frontiers.

Crucial question lies on us and our future generation. The heavy burden falls on us and we have to live the life we want for our future generation. Living life of value, country, community, service and loyalty is the foundation that shapes our thoughts and gives meaning to life. These things are vital ingredients for all of us to push us towards achieving big dreams. We got to have much hope based on stubborn persistence that something better is awaiting for us if we are committed and willing to persevere. We can write our destiny with our own hand and make it here in this unwavering land of opportunity.

**MRI SCANNING**



It must be unusual to see a patient lying on a bed and lowered into an equipment, which looks like a large, dark, hollow metal tube-like something to do with a Hitler's gas chamber. Well, the machine is no other than a MRI. A decade ago, Sir Peter mansfield and Paul Lauterbur became the nobel laureates in health/medicine stream for their work in MRI. So, MRI has once again hit the topic of discussion in the world of Science and Technology. It would therefore be wise to have some knowledge about this sophisticated scientific equipment used in todays medical field. MRI or Magnetic Resonance Imaging, is a technique of obtaining the images of body with magnetic resonance to reflect the individual magnetic properties of the tissue of body, rather than their ability to attenuate radiation (like in X-ray, CT Scan). So it's completely free from hazards of radiation and moreover your body is not pricked. It's quick and accurate. That's why, it has become so much popular among the Doctors in spite of the fact that it's been just a couple of decade old since its invention.

**How's the Image?**

Doing an MRI (or CT) is just like sectioning your body in hundreds and thousands of slices and analyzing the images on a computer screen or printing them out on films, which very much resemble X-rays to an inexperienced person. And unlike CT which is done in horizontal plane usually, MRI can be done in both horizontal and vertical planes. But mind that both the processes are completely non-invasive.

**Basic Physics in image formation**

It's an application of Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR) in which the distribution of hydrogen- atoms in the patient is examined. The spinning proton in the nucleus of each H-atom has magnetic properties. So, application of strong electromagnet around the patient causes the H-atom to align with the external magnetic field. Now, the alignment is disturbed by application of short pulse of high frequency radio-waves. As the proton realign, they emit weak radio signals which are detected by the receiver coils and analyzed on a computer. The signal strength is a measure of proton density, while the time needed for realignment gives an indication of chemical bonding of H-atoms. This is all employed by the computer to give a two-dimensioned image. So sophisticated and accurate, the equipment is yet very expensive.

In Nepal, the MRI of Head/Spine costs minimum of about NPR 8000/- and contrast (injection) of about NPR 7000/- Therefore, lower class people have quite inaccessibility to the MRI in Nepal.

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# An Entrepreneurial Journey from Hollywood to Kollywood !



Incessant Rain Studios was established in January 2008 with a state-of-the-art animation and vfx facility and a diverse team of artistic and technical talents. Our mission is to entertain and fascinate the world with an exciting and unique range of unforgettable stories and characters through animation, thus giving life to dreams and wings to imagination. Our production facility, located in Kathmandu, Nepal, currently employs 135 artists with an IT support team.

At Incessant Rain Studio, we take pride in our creative capabilities in the areas of visual development, character design, character animation, and visual effects. Our team of talented artists has a penchant for delivering exceptional quality on budget and on time. Our investment in human capital and technology coupled with sound management has led to production efficiencies, making Incessant Rain Studios a preferred outsourcing destination in South Asia. In five short years, our international clients list boasts of names such as Walt Disney Studios, Sony Pictures, NBC Studios, Duncan Studios, Screen Gems, Zoic Studios, Pixomondo, Scoundrel, The Creative-Cartel, Barnyard, Pandoodle, Take-Two Interactive, Southern California Association of Government and Titmouse Studios.

Incessant Rain Studios is also a creative fountainhead. Nepal's geographical diversity and rich cultural heritage has inspired many a dreamer's flight of fancy. We have revisited these traditional folk tales, bringing characters like the Yeti, the one-horned Rhino and the Yak to life in our local pieces. With these animations, we have started to brand Nepal as a unique place with great art, culture and stories. Our artists particularly relish the challenge of capturing the mysticism of the folklore they had once heard stories of. Our local clients, global NGOs and corporate powerhouses such as USAID, the UN World Food Program, Ace Development Bank, Vibor Bank and Mercantile Communications have thus been able to customize their messages and augment their audience reach.



### Services

Incessant Rain Studios offers comprehensive production services in 3D Animation, Visual Effects and Stereoscopy. Our services include

#### 3D

3D Character Animation  
 Visual Effects for Feature Film and Television  
 Game Cinematics & Trailers  
 Location Based Entertainment  
 Commercials and Integrated Media

#### Visual Effects

Rotoscopy  
 Green Screen/Comp  
 Wire Removal  
 Paint-Out  
 3D Integrated Effects  
 Set Extension

# नागरिकता (एक पटकको नेपाली सधैको नेपाली)

अनिल पाण्डे

नयाँ संविधान निर्माणका लागि निर्वाचन कहिले हुने नहुने भन्ने चर्चाहरु चलिरहेको अवस्थामा पुर्व प्रधानमन्त्री बाबुराम भट्टराईले एक पटकको नेपाली सधैको नेपाली भन्ने मान्यतामा प्रवासमा रहेका नेपालीहरुलाई प्रवासी नेपाली नागरिकता वितरण गर्ने धारणा ब्यक्त गरे । उनको यो भनाईले सम्पूर्ण प्रवासी नेपालीहरु खुशीले गदगद् छन् तर यसमा नेताहरुको बोलीको कार्यान्वयन कत्तिको हुन्छ, मुख्य सवाल त्यहा छ । विगतमा समेत अधिकांश राजनीतिक दलका नेताहरु विदेश भ्रमणका क्रममा समस्त प्रवासी नेपालीहरुलाई नयाँ संविधानमा समेट्ने भन्ने भावना ब्यक्त गरेर जान्छन् र काठमाडौं पुगेपछि त्यो सवै विसन्छन् । नयाँ नेपाल बनाउने भन्ने मान्यतामा अगाडि आएको एनेकपा माओवादीका नेता तथा पुर्व प्रधानमन्त्री डा. भट्टराईले बोलेको कार्यान्वयन कसरी हुन्छ हेर्न बाँकी छ । नेपाली जनताले धेरै आशा गरेका थिए डा. भट्टराईसंग, अहिले उनले बोलेको कुरामा प्रवासी नेपालीहरुले पनि उत्तिकै आशा गरेका छन । नेपालको आर्थिक विकासलाई अगाडि वढाउने हो भने निश्चित रुपमा ठुलो लगानीको आवश्यकता हुन्छ र त्यो लगानीको

महत्वपूर्ण अंश प्रवासी नेपालीहरुका तर्फबाट आउन सक्दछ किनकी हामीलाई विदेश हैन, नेपालकै धेरै माया छ, ममता छ । नेपालको आर्थिक उन्नती भएको हामी हेर्न चाहान्छौं । बरु प्रवासी नेपाली नागरिकता दिदाँ निश्चित रकम नेपालमा लगानी गर्ने शर्त हामी मान्न तयार छौं । नेपालको नीति निर्माण तहमा गैर आवसीय नेपालीहरुको प्रतिनिधित्व गराएको, गर्ने जे भनेपनि अहिलेसम्म भएको प्रतिनिधित्वबाट प्रवासीहरुलाई सम्बोधन गर्न सकिएको छैन । हामीलाई झुटो आश्वासन होइन, बोली कार्यान्वयनको खाँचो छ, र हामीले छिटो भन्दा छिटो नेपालमा हाम्रो पहिचान चाहान्छौं । हामी विदेशी होइनौं, नेपाल र नेपाली नै हौं, समय परिस्थितिले हामीलाई विदेश मात्रै पुराएको हो । त्यो हाम्रो बाध्यता थियो होला, तर त्यही बाध्यताको पनि हामी मातृभूमिप्रतिको ऋण तिर्न तयार छौं ।



Nepalese started to migrate to the United States approximately 25 years ago: hence the knowledge Nepali history is relatively new to the US population. Presently there are approximately 20,000 people of Nepali origin (Having the same language, culture and traditions). Those include people from Nepal, Bhutan and Tibet. Motherland of Nepal is a California licensed non-profit (501c) organization based in the East Bay Area of San Francisco, established in 2002 with the goal to promote and preserve the social aspects of the Nepalese in America as well as to enhance the relationship between the American and Nepalese communities, education to poor students, conflict sufferers, protection of the human rights and establishment of peace and democracy in Nepal and establishing various social, educational and cultural activities in the Bay Area.

Dedicated to facilitate the integration of Nepali refugees and immigrants, as well as enhancing social and cultural ties between Nepalese Americans and other microcosms of American culture.

Our goal is to improve our online content and create a web-series of educational videos aimed at teaching valuable English skills to our Nepali, Bhutanese, and Tibetan viewers through this website, our utube channel and Facebook .Although this project is ambitious, we have the raw resources required to achieve our goals. Many of our key members are active in the arts and design, which will help streamline our representation on the internet.

We love our culture and we are very proud that our community is growing every year. Celebrating festivals & religious ceremonies has become a part of our San Francisco Bay Area community.

# अमेरिकाका नेपाली आवासीय कि गैर आवासीय

- विष्णु शीतल



नेपालबाट अमेरिका आएर स्थायीरूपमा बसोबास गरेको पहिलो नेपाली को हो ? उ कहिलेबाट बस्दै आएको हो ? कुन ठाउँमा आएको थियो ? अहिले उसका सन्तान कुन पेशा व्यावसाय गर्दैछन् ? यी प्रश्नहरूको जवाफ खोज्न म केहि दिनदेखि लागि परेको छु । यो पत्ता लगाएर मात्र गैर आवासीय नेपाली संघ अमेरिकाद्वारा प्रकाशन गर्न लागिआएको स्मारिकाका लागि छापने सामग्री पठाउला भन्दा भन्दै समय सीमा सकिन लाग्यो, मेरो सूचनाको घँटो खाली नै छ ।

नेपालीमा एउटा ठट्टा छ : ठट्टाले अलि पुरानो समाजको प्रतिनिधित्व गर्छ । श्रीमानले श्रीमतीसँग भनेछन् लौन हौ पानी तताइदेऊ म नुहाउछु । श्रीमतीले भनिछन् म त सक्दिन पानी तताउन । श्रीमानले अलि झोकिंदै भने: के भयो तिमीलाई किन नताउने ? के साच्चै नताउने हो ? श्रीमतीले पनि उसैगरी झोकिएरै जवाफ दिइन्: म पानी तताउदिन के गर्छौं ? श्रीमान सावसँग अरु कुनै जवाफ रैनछ; तैपनि त्यतिकै उच्च स्वरमा भनेछन्: चिसै पानीले नुहाइदिन्छु नि ।

यी श्रीमान जस्तै लाचार भएर म पनि जे ज्ञान प्राप्त भयो त्यतिकै आधारमा यो लेख तयार गर्न बसें । दैनिक समाचार पत्रहरूमा लामो समय काम गरेकाहरूको हतारमा लेखे आदत हुन्छ । मलाइ आज कै समयसीमा तोकिएको हुनाले यो लेख आजै तयार गर्नु छ ।

यो लेख तयार गर्न अमेरिकी अध्यागमनसम्मको पहुँच जरुरी थियो । तर सकिएन । अब अन्य सामग्री अर्थात अरुले प्रकाशित गरी सकेका सामग्री हेरेर तथ्यहरू पत्ता लगाउनुको विकल्प छैन । अन्य सामग्री पनि नेपालमा बसेर अमेरिकी आप्रवासी नेपालीहरूको बारेमा लेखिएका सामग्रीहरू फेला परे । जुन अध्यावधिक पनि छैनन ।

प्राप्त तथ्याङ्कहरू भन्छन्: सन् १९४७ अघि कोही पनि नेपाली अमेरिकामा स्थायी बसोबासका हेतुले आएका छैनन् । त्यसमा दुइवटा कारण छन : पहिलो कारण नेपालले ब्रिटेनबाहेक अन्य मुलुकसँग सम्बन्ध राख्न ब्रिटेनलाई सोध्नु पर्दथ्यो । भारतमा शासन गर्न गएको ब्रिटेनको इष्ट इण्डिया कम्पनीसँग सन् १८१६ मा एङ्लो नेपाल ट्रीटी नामको संझौता गरिएको थियो । संझौता अनुसार नेपालले भारतबाहेक अन्य मुलुक जान बर्जित थियो । उत्तरतर्फ लुकेर भागेर तिब्बत जाने, भारतको आसाम मेघालयका जंगलहुँदै बर्मासम्म नेपालीहरू पुग्ने गरेको पाइन्छ । त्यो बाहेकका मुलुकमा जान भने भारतबाट सन् १९४७मा इष्ट इण्डिया कम्पनी हटेपछि मात्र शुरु भएको पाइन्छ । त्यस अघि अमेरिका त नेपालीहरूले सपनामा पनि देखेका थिएनन ।

एकातिर एङ्लो नेपाल ट्रीटी कायमै थियो अर्कोतर्फ सन् १९४६ मा जंगबहादुरको उदय भएपछि इष्ट इण्डिया कम्पनीकै आडभरोसामा राणा शासन १०४ वर्षसम्म चलेको थियो । यो अवधिमा नेपालीहरूको विदेश भारत मात्र थियो । ब्रिटेनलाई सहयोग गर्न शुरु भएको गोरखा भर्ती केन्द्र अन्तर्गत बेलायती सेनामा गएका नेपालीहरू नै बाहिरी मुलुक देखे भाग्यमानी नेपालीमा पर्दथे ।

जब सन् १९४७ मा भारत छोडो आन्दोलनको सफलतासँगै ब्रिटेनले भारतबाट शासनको हात झिक्यो । तब शुरुभयो नेपालको बाह्य मुलुकसँगको सम्बन्ध स्थापनाक्रम । त्यसैताका नयाँ दिल्लीमा स्थापित अमेरिकी राजदूतावासले नेपालसँग पनि सम्बन्ध स्थापना गर्न चाहेको र पहल शुरु गरेको देखिन्छ । त्यस पछिदेखि मात्र बाहिर निस्कीएका नेपालीहरू बिस्तारै युरोप र अमेरिकासम्म आइपुगेका थिए ।

यता अमेरिकी अध्यागमन कार्यालयको अभिलेखमा नेपालीलाई अन्य एशियालीको वर्गिकरणमा राखिएको थियो जसमा नेपाली भाषा बोल्ने भूटान, भारत र बर्माबाट आएका मानिसहरू पनि पर्न सक्थे । अमेरिकी अध्यागमनको एउटा तथ्याङ्कमा भनिएको छ: सन् १८८१ देखि १८९० सम्ममा अन्य एशियालीको संख्या १हजार९सय१० थियो जब कि १९५० सम्म नेपालीका लागि बाह्य मुलुकको ढोका खुलेकै थिएन । यसबाट के अनुमान लगाउन सकिन्छ भने अन्य एशियालीभिन्न पनि सबै नेपाली पर्दैनथिए । यसको निक्कै लामो समयपछि अर्थात सन् १९७४ मा एउटा तथ्याङ्क बाहिर आयो अमेरिकामा ५६ जना -अमेरिकी नागरिकता लिएका) आवासीय नेपालीहरू थिए । नेपाली आप्रवासीहरूको संख्या सन् १९९२ सम्म वर्षको १०० भन्दा तलकै दरले बढ्यो । एउटा तथ्याङ्कले यसो पनि भन्छ : सन् १९९५ मा ५५ जना नेपालीले अमेरिकी नागरिकता लिए जुन बेला ३ सय १२ जनालाई अमेरिकामा बसोबास गर्ने कानुनी अधिकार थियो ।

धेरै पहिले अमेरिका आएका नेपाली आप्रवासीको बारेमा खोजी गरेर अभिलेख तयार गर्न नेपालमा त्रिभूवन विश्व विद्यालयको अनुसन्धान केन्द्र - सीनास) का डा.रमेशकुमार ढुङ्गेलले नेपालमै बसेर केही लेख कोशिस गरेका छन भने अमेरिकामा "विभिन्न देश र तिनका संस्कृति" नामक पुस्तकको समीक्षा गर्दै ओलिभिया मिलरले केही तथ्यहरू सार्वजनिक गर्ने कोशिस गरेका छन ।

तर यी दुवै प्रयासहरू मैले शुरुमा उठाएका प्रश्नको जवाफ खोज्न सक्षम देखिंदैनन । ढुङ्गेलको लेख नेपालको भौगोलिक विविधताको वर्णनबाट शुरु भएको पाइन्छ भने मिलरले नेपालीहरू दाइने हातले स्टीलको चम्चा समातेर मसलेदार खाना खान्थे भन्नेजस्ता कुराहरू मात्र उल्लेख गरेका

छन् । म यी हाम्रा अग्रज लेखकहरूको लेखाइको समीक्षा तिर जान चाहान्छु । मैले उल्लेख गर्न चाहेको विषय नेपालीहरू कसरी स्थापित हुँदै गए भन्ने हो ।

तथ्यहरूले देखाए अनुसार अमेरिकामा नेपालीहरूको ठूलो संख्या ९० को दशकबाट आउन थालेको देखिन्छ । नेपालमा जब पंचायती शासन पद्धतिको अन्त्यसँगै प्रजातान्त्रिक व्यवस्था शुरु भयो तब हुनेखाने र पहुँचवाला नेपालीहरू आफ्ना छोरछोरी अमेरिका पढ्न पठाउन थाले । कुटनीतिक माध्यमबाट पनि नेपालीहरू अमेरिका प्रवेश गर्ने क्रम बढेर गयो । साथै सन १९९४ मा अमेरिकामा कम संख्यामा आप्रवासी भएको मुलुकबाट छानेर वर्षको ५५ हजारको संख्यामा सक्षम नागरिक भित्र्याउने उद्देश्यले डाइभर्सिटी भिषाको चिट्ठा शुरु गरियो । यो कार्यक्रममा नेपालले पनि सहभागी हुन पायो । यस कार्यक्रम अन्तर्गत शुरुका वर्षहरूमा २ सय ५० देखि ५०० सम्म नेपालीहरू आउन थाले भने पछि वर्षको ५-६ हजारलाई चिट्ठा पर्ने र तिनका परिवारसहित आउदा अमेरिकामा स्थायी बसोवासका लागि आउने नेपालीहरूको संख्या वहाँतै बढेको देखिन्छ । अझ पछिल्ला वर्षहरूमा त अबैध मार्गबाट पनि अमेरिका प्रवेश गराउने गिरोहहरू सक्रिय हुन थालेको र मध्य अमेरिकी मुलुकहुँदै अमेरिका प्रवेश गर्नेहरूको संख्या पनि निकै भइसकेको सुन्नमा आएको छ । यसरी आउनेहरूले अमेरिका प्रवेश गरीसके पछि प्रशासनको शरणमा जाने र कानून व्यावसायीको मद्दत लिएर स्थायी बसोवासको प्रक्रियामा जाने गरेको पाइन्छ ।

संयुक्त राज्य अमेरिका आप्रवासीहरूले नै बनाएको देश मानिन्छ । यहाँका निर्वाचनमा पनि आप्रवासीहरूको भूमिका निकै महत्वपूर्ण देखिन्छ । त्यसैले कानुनी प्रक्रियाबाट पनि धेरैले स्थायी बसोवासको प्रमाणपत्र पाएका छन् । सन १९९२ देखि नेपालमा शुरु भएको द्वन्द, हिंसात्मक गतिविधिले मुलुक अशान्त बन्दै गए पछि नेपालीहरूले मुलुक छाड्ने क्रम तीव्र बन्यो । यो अवधिमा विभिन्न कार्यक्रममा सहभागी हुन आएका पत्रकार, नागरिक समाजका अगुवा, सांस्कृतिक कार्यक्रम लिएर आएका कलाकार पनि अमेरिकाबाट फर्केर जान नसक्ने कारण देखाउँदै यही कानुनी भाषामा शरणार्थी भएर बसे । सन २००० पछि भने अमेरिकामा स्थायी बसोवास गर्न आएका नेपाली आप्रवासीको संख्या नाटकीय ढंगले बढेको छ तर विडम्बना के छ भने नेपाली दूतावासलगायत कुनै पनि संघ संस्था वा व्यक्ति अमेरिकामा नेपालीहरूको संख्या अध्यावधि-अपडेट) गरेर राख्न सक्षम भइसकेको छैन । अनुमान गर्दा सन २०१३ सम्म आइपुग्दा अमेरिकामा ३ लाखभन्दा बढी नेपाली बसोवास गर्दैछन् । यी मध्ये दुई तिहाइसँग स्थायी बसोवासको अनुमति पत्र भएको अनुमान गर्न सकिन्छ । बाँकी संख्यामध्ये पनि अधिकांशको स्थायित्वको प्रक्रिया अगाडि बडिरहेको हुन्छ ।

अमेरिकामा विद्यमान कानून नै आप्रवासीका लागि बलियो छ । यसमा पनि वर्तमान डेमोक्रेटद्वारा संचालित ओवामा सरकारको राजनीतिक

आधार नै आप्रवासी समुदाय भएकाले आप्रवासी कानूनमा अरु संशोधन गरेर थप सुविधा उपलब्ध गराउन लागेको देखिएको छ । हुन त प्रतिपक्षद्वारा कडा विरोधको सामना गर्नु परेको भए पनि डेमोक्रेट पार्टी आप्रवासीहरूको पक्षमा राम्रैसँग अडान लिएर बसेको देखिएकाले यस प्रति आप्रवासीहरू निकै आशावादी देखिन्छन् ।

यतिबेला तल्लो सदनबाट डाइभर्सिटी भिषाको प्राबधान हटाउने पक्षमा मतदान गरेको छ । तर माथिल्लो सदन सीनेटले बहुमतद्वारा अस्वीकार गर्ने संभावना अझै बाँकी नै छ । यदि सीनेटले पनि डिभिडियो विपक्षमा नै मतदान गरेछ भने पनि विद्यार्थी तथा खास विषय वस्तुमा दक्षता हासिल गरेका व्यक्तिलाई स्थायी बसोवासको अनुमति-ग्रीन कार्ड) दिने रिपब्लिकन पार्टीको सोचलाई कार्यान्वयनमा ल्याउने पक्षमा मतदान गर्ने छन । यदि यसो भएमा पनि ठूलो संख्यामा रहेका नेपाली विद्यार्थीहरूले सजिलै ग्रीन कार्ड पाउने छन् । यसै गरी स्थायी बसोवासका लागि अमेरिका आउन चाहानेहरूका लागि क्यानडियन मोडेलमा बौधिक प्राविधिक एवम् प्राज्ञिक क्षेत्रबाट आवेदनहरू माग गरी छनौट गरेर भीषा दिइने छ । रिपब्लिकनहरूको बाहिर आएको यस सम्बन्धी अवधारणामा यो कुराको छनक पाइन्छ । त्यतिन्जेलमा नेपालमा गैर आवासीय नेपालीहरूलाई दोहोरो नागरिकताको कानुनी व्यवस्था भइसक्ने विश्वास गर्न सकिन्छ । दोहोरो नागरिकताबाट नेपालबाट पूँजी पलायन हुन्छ भन्ने परम्परागत सोच अब विस्तारै हराउँदै गएको र नीति निर्माण तहमा पनि गैर आवासीय नेपाली संघले आफ्नो अवधारणालाई राम्रैसँग पुर्याउने सफल भइसकेको देखिन्छ । अब नेपालमा राजनीतिक संक्रमणकालको अन्त भएर राजनीतिक स्थायित्व कायम हुनासाथ गैर आवासीय नेपाली संबन्धी विद्यमान ऐन कानूनहरूमा आवश्यक परिमार्जन हुनेछ । तेतिन्जेल गैर आवासीय नेपालीलाई दिइदै आएको एनआरएन परिचय पत्रको उपयोग गर्दै रहनुपर्दछ ।

विश्वग्रामको अवधारणा अनुसार संसारको जुनसुकै कुनामा पुगेर बसोवास गरेका भए पनि आफ्नो जन्मभूमिप्रतिको माया सद्भाव र झुकावलाई नक्साको कुनै राजनीतिक सीमाले छुट्याइनु हुँदैन । जहाँ बसे पनि निर्वादि रूपमा मेरो जन्मथलो यो हो भनेर त्यसको भलाईका लागि तन मन, धन, खर्च गर्न दिइनु पर्छ, पाउनु पर्छ । आवासीय वा गैर आवासीयको शब्द विभेदको खास अर्थ रहँदैन । यस्ता शब्द विभेदले भावनात्मक रूपमा अलगयाउन खोजेको मात्र

देखाउछ । अब गैर आवासीय नेपाली नभनेरै पनि संबोधन हुनुपर्छ । बरु आप्रवासी नेपालीहरूको संघ संस्थाको पहिलो र महत्वपूर्ण काम चाहिँ सम्बन्धित मुलुकमा आइपुगेका नेपाली भाषीहरूको तथ्याङ्क अध्यावधि-अपडेट) गर्ने हुनु पर्दछ । यस पछि मात्र सम्बन्धित देशको ऐन कानूनले तोकिएको सेवा सुविधाको उपयोग गर्न पाउने भएकाले अन्य सवालहरूभन्दा पहिले तथ्याङ्क अध्यावधिक गर्नतर्फ ध्यानाकर्षण होस भन्ने चाहान्छु ।

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### एन आर एन विज्ञान प्रतिष्ठानको स्थापना

सन् २०१२ मा अष्ट्रेलियाको सिड्नीमा सम्पन्न सातौं एन आर एन क्षेत्रीय सम्मेलनको घोषणा पत्रको मर्म अनुसार नेपालको विज्ञान तथा प्रविधि विकासमा टेवा पुर्‍याउन गैर आवासीय नेपाली विज्ञान प्रतिष्ठान नेपालमा स्थापना हुने भएको छ । विश्वभर छरिएर रहेका नेपालीहरूको श्रोत साधन परिचालन गरी सहयोग परिचालन गर्दै प्रतिष्ठानलाई नेपालमा कार्यालय रहनेगरी स्थापना गर्ने सोच बनाइएको छ । प्रतिष्ठानको अल्पकालीन परियोजना “Science for the People” नामक एउटा जनचेतना तथा सहभागिता मूलक अभियान रहेको छ भने दिर्घकालिन योजना अन्तर्गत नेपालमा दिगो तथा समय सापेक्ष विज्ञान तथा प्रविधिको विकास गर्न सहयोग गर्नु रहेको छ । विज्ञान प्रतिष्ठानले समाचार माध्यमहरू, शिक्षा र योजना निर्माणका क्षेत्रमा कार्यक्रमहरू तयार बनाएर सर्वसाधारणहरूमा विज्ञान, संस्कृति एवं सजगता फैलाउने लक्ष्य लिएको छ । यस अन्तर्गत प्रारम्भिक चरणमा प्रतिष्ठानका तर्फबाट पत्रकारहरूका लागि ६ वटा गहन विज्ञान लेखन वृत्तिहरू, विज्ञान अध्ययन गर्न मेधावी छात्र-छात्राहरूलाई प्रोत्साहन पुरस्कार र विज्ञान पत्रकार संघलाई सम्मेलन आयोजना गर्न सहयोग प्रदान गर्ने कार्यक्रम रहेका छन् ।

### जल विद्युत लगानीका लागि एक अर्ब संकलन

गैर आवासीय नेपाली संघको ५ औं विश्व सम्मेलनमा प्रतिवद्धता जनाए अनुसार जल विद्युतको क्षेत्रमा लगानी गर्न रू १ अर्ब संकलन भएको छ । एन आर एन बुलेटिनका अनुसार ३५ मुलुक बाट ८ सय जनाको लगानीमा उक्त रकम संकलन भएको हो । एन आर एन लिमिटेड मार्फत नेपालको जलविद्युत विकासमा लगानी गर्न सबै भन्दा बढी अष्ट्रेलिया बाट २६% , जापान बाट २१%, रसिया र वेलायत बाट ८/८ % , दक्षिण कोरिया बाट ७%, यू ए इ र जर्मन बाट ४/४%, साउदि अरेबिया र क्यानाडा बाट २/२%, यू एस ए, हङ्कङ्ग र अफ्रिका बाट ३/३% र अन्य मुलुकबाट ७ % संकलन भएको छ । एन आर एनका अनुसार लगानी गर्ने परियोजना छनौट अन्तिम चरणमा पुगेको छ ।

### सुरूङ्ग मार्ग निर्माणमा समझदारी

गैर आवासीय नेपाली संघ र पूर्वाधार विकास कम्पनी लिमिटेड बीच राष्ट्रिय महत्वको काठमाण्डौं – कुलेखानी – हेटौंडा सुरूङ्ग मार्ग निर्माणमा सहकार्य गर्न समझदारी पत्रमा हस्ताक्षर भएको छ । यस समझदारीबाट के प्रष्ट छ भने परियोजनाले नेपालीहरूको आर्थिक तथा प्राविधिक क्षमताको उपयोग गरी उनीहरूले पनि ठूला परियोजना सञ्चालन गर्न सक्छन् भन्ने कुरा विश्व सामु स्थापित गर्न सक्छन् भन्ने प्रमाणित गरेको छ ।

### एन आर एनले सञ्चालन गर्ने खुल्ला विश्व विद्यालय

नेपालका अहिलेका विश्व विद्यालयहरूको पहुँच परम्परागत र ठूला शहरमा मात्रै छ भने अर्को तर्फ कैयौंलाई शहरमा विश्व विद्यालय जाने अवस्था नै छैन । तर शिक्षा हाँसिल गर्नु पर्ने इच्छा छ । यस्तो परिवेशलाई ध्यान पुर्‍याएर खुला विश्व विद्यालयको अवधारणा ल्याइएको हो । मान्छेले जहाँको ज्ञान पनि घरेबाट लिन पाउने व्यवस्था अन्य कतिपय देशमा रहेको विद्यमान अवस्था छ । हामीले पनि यस्तो फाइदा उठाउनको लागि खुल्ला विश्व विद्यालयको अवधारणा आएको हो ।

### दूतावासहरूमा एन आर एन डेस्क

नेपाल सरकार परराष्ट्र मन्त्रालयले गैर आवासीय नेपाली सम्वन्धि विषय हेर्न नेपाली राजदूतावासमा फोकल पोइन्ट टोकन दूतावासहरूलाई निर्देशन दिइसकेको छ । जस अनुसार अमेरिका तथा जापानमा यस्ता पोइन्टहरूको स्थापना भइसकेको छ भने अन्य स्थानमा यो क्रम जारी छ ।

### अफ्रिकामा पनि बढ्दो नेपाली संख्या

अफ्रिकाको नाएजेरीया, दक्षिण अफ्रिका, कंगो, केन्या, दक्षिण सुडान, युगाण्डा, जाम्बिया, तान्जेनिया, इजिप्ट, रूवाण्डा, घाना, टोगो, सिरिया, लियोन, सेनेगल, माडागास्कर, मोरक्को, जिम्बावे, इथियोपिया, र सुडानमा मिलाएर २ हजार भन्दा बढी नेपालीहरू रहेका छन् । यहाँको मुख्य समस्या नेपालको कुटनैतिक उपस्थिति न्यून रहनु हो । दक्षिण अफ्रिका र इजिप्टमा रहेका जम्मा दुइ राजदूतावासमा इजिप्टको राजदूतावास अपायक पर्दछ । न्यून जनसंख्याका हिसाबले नेपाल सरकार तथा गैर आवासीय संघले अफ्रिकालाई छुन सकेको छैन ।

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### बयान नम्बर - १

म अलमलमा छु - हामी अमेरिकामा त आयौं तर जाने कहाँ यो सोचेका छौं कि छैनौं ? देश छोडियो,परिवार छोडियो र समाज पनि छोडियो किन ? दुख सुख जे भए नि पहिचान र प्रतिष्ठा प्राप्त कर्म गरिरहेको भन्दा राम्रो गर्ने अबसर हो यो ठानेर हामी यहाँ आयौं । तर यती टाढा आएर पनि हामीले आहा राम्रो भनेर अरुले भन्न सक्ने काम गर्न नसकेको किन ? हामी असल अवसर खोजेर खोजेर नै यहाँ आएका हौं भने हामीले के फरक काम र पहिचान निर्माण गर्न सक्थौं त ?

सबैलाई थाहा छ,प्रतिष्ठा र पहिचान बनाउन यहाँ सजिलो छैन । पहिचान र प्रतिष्ठाको अबमुल्यन सहेर नै यो उट्टो गोलाधर्दको यात्रामा प्राप्त हुने अबसरले त्यस्तो पनि हुन्छ- एतलै दुवतलैले कुनै चमत्कार नै गर्न सकियस ! त्यसैले हामीलाई सबल र सक्षम हुन संगठन र एकता चाहिएको छ । तर यो आधारभूत संगठन र एकता हुन नसक्दा कतै बर्मा गए कर्म संगै नेपाल आए कपालसंगै भने जस्तो हाम्रो चिन्तन र चिन्ता रत्न पार्क वरीपरि नै घुमिरहेको छ । हामी यती धेरै टाढा आएर पनि हाम्रो साझा पहिचान नेपाली मात्र निर्माण गर्न सकिरहेका छैनौं । हामी अनेक खण्ड खण्डमा यसरी यती धेरै विभाजित भएका छौं कि त्यो विभाजनको कारण यो माहासागरमा हामी सबल र सक्षम मात्र नभएको होईन,अल्प संख्यामा त छँदै छौं, सामाजिक संरचना पनि कमजोर छ । हामी कहिले देखि हाम्रो पहिचान र प्रतिष्ठा काखी च्यापेर डूपन सर्कल वा कन्सिप्ट्युसन एभेन्युमा चक्कर लगाउन थाल्यौं ?

हामी सबैका आ-आपना आग्रह र अहम पनि छन् तर जबसम्म म मबाट हामी र हामीबाट हाम्रो हुन वा भन्न सक्दौं तबसम्म उकालो चढ्ने सम्भावना वा आशा भन्दा ओरालो झर्ने खतरा नै धेरै हुन्छ । म धेरै कुट्ट सक्छु भनेर एतलै कुदिरहेसम्म कति कुदछु वा अरु कति कुदछन यकिन हुन्छ । सबै सं-संगै कुट्टे पो थाहा हुन्छ, म कति कुदछु र अरु कति कुहा हुन् ? यदि म कमजोर रहेछु भने कमजोरी पनि जान्दो हुँ र सिक्दो हुँ- अरुभन्दा धेरै कुट्टे काइदा के हो ? तर म एतलै कुदिरहेको छु सके अरुलाईसंगै कुट्टे अवसर नै नदिएर वा सके पछाडि धकेलेर । यो एउटा प्रवृती हो हाम्रो अर्थात मेरो पनि। यो एउटा चरित्र हो हाम्रो अर्थात मेरो । हामी सबै संगै कुट्टौं र सबैभन्दा धेरै कुट्टौं र नसके सिकौं ।

यो चर्चाले संकेत गर्छ - अमेरिका राम्रो मानेर रोचेर वा सोचेर सम्झेर नै आएका हौं नै भने पनि भन्दा राम्रो र सबैले आहा भन्न सकिने काम गर्न किन सकिरहेका छैनौं ? यो मेरो भ्रम भए जाति ।

### बयान नम्बर- २

यो मेरो सङ्केत अमेरिकामा प्रवेश गरेका हामी नेपालीका लागि हामीलाई नेपाली जनबोलीमा भन्दा एउटा असल हली/गोठालोको पनि काम हामी कसैले गर्न सकेनौं । किन ? म शक्ति,चकित र निराश छु तर प्रयास जाँरे राख्ने पक्षमा छु । एकता नै संगठन हो र संगठन नै बल हो । यो मूल मन्त्र मानेर हामी यो पराई भूमिमा नेपाली पहिचान निर्माण गर्न सक्छौं ।

के हामी यतीकै आफुलाई मन लागेर मात्र अमेरिका आइपुगेका हौं ? हामी कहाँबाट कसरी यहाँ आइपुग्यौं ? सबैलाई पछाडि फर्केर हेर्न कसरी प्रेरित गर्ने ? के हाम्रो लागि कसैले पसिना चुहाएन ? के कसैले हाम्रा लागि आशुं नै झारेन ? तिनकाप्रति हाम्रो दायित्व के ? तिनकाप्रति हाम्रो भूमिका के ? जसले हामीलाई अमेरिकासम्म आउने खुट्टा दियो, बिचार दियो र त्यो आँट हाम्रो आँतमा पनि कसले भरि दियो ?

कसलाई थाहा छैन,हामीमध्ये धेरै विश्वकै अति विपन्न र अविकसित देशका पनि विपन्न परिवार र त्यतिकै बिकट भूगोल भोगेर यहाँ आएका हौं देशमा गरिबी छ । बिकाश छैन । यो जाति र त्यो जातिको उठान हुनु पर्छ भनेर कुरा गरेर को थाकेको छ ? हामी न तिनका लागि मुझी खोलेर केही गर्न सक्छौं ? यदि खोलेर केही गरि नै हाले त्यो हातीको मुखमा जिरा मात्र हुन्छ । एकातिर हामी समग्र देश वा जातिको कुरा गरिरहेका छौं तर पनि कुनै माखो मार्न सकेका छैनौं तर यसरी अर्कातिर आफ्नै घर परिवार भित्र नै त्यस्ता पछौटे भनिएका अमुक जात जाति वा समुदायभन्दा पनि पछौटे समुदाय/परिवार पनि जन्माइरहेका त छैनौं ? नीतिमा भनिन्छ, "एकले थुके सुक्छ, सयले थुके बन्छ ।" मेरो अनुरोध र अपेक्षा सबैसँग यती मात्र हो - थुके त हो यसले कुनै राम्रो काम हुन्छ भने न नथुक्ने, सबैले एकै थलोमा थुकेर त हेरौं । अन्य बिकल्प भएसम्म त्यो थुक तपाईंहामीले चाट्न नपरोस अन्यथा थुकै हो जहाँ फाले पनि थप फोहोर नहुने गरि नै फाले भएन र ?



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### बयान नम्बर-३

हामीलाई तातै तातै भन्दै हिंड्न सिकाउने,हामीलाई स्कुल जानु पर्छ भन्दै आँखा देखाउने,हामीलाई सबको भलो गर्नु पर्छ भन्दै बाटो खनेर डोर्याउने,गाउँ घरमा आउने जाने सबै हाम्रा पाहुना हुन् भनेर तिनका लागि पाटी पौवा वा चौतारो खनेर शितल छाहरी बनाई दिनेहरुलाई के मैले अब तपाईंहरुको लागि के गर्नु पर्छ भनेर सोध्नु वा धन्य छौं तीमीहरु भनेर सम्झनु पनि पर्दैन ?

हामीले पढेको स्कुलको छाना हामीले टाल्नु पर्छ कि पर्दैन ? हामीले हिडेको बाटोको खाडल हामीले पुर्नु पर्छ कि पर्दैन ? सबैलाई थाहा छ वा सबैलाई यस्तो लाग्छ, म एतलैले धेरै गर्न सकिदैन वा तपाईं हामी दुई-चार जनाले मात्र के नै पो गर्न सकिन्छ र ? हो मैले मात्र वा तपाईं हामी दुई-चारले मात्र धेरै केही नै गर्न सकिन्छ । तर कसले भन्यो मैले मात्र वा तपाईं हामी दुई-चारले मात्र धेरै गर्नु पर्छ वा सबै गर्नु पर्छ ।पर्दैन तर जति सकिन्छ त्यती मात्र गरे हुन्छ कसले भनेको छ र ? तर खै जति सक्छु त्यती मात्र नै सही, त्यो मैले किन नगरेको ? हो सबैले गर्दैन वा अरुले पनि गर्दैन तर मैले नगरे न अरुले गर्छन वा मैले नगरे कसरी अरुले गर्छन भनेर किन नसोचेको ? मैले नगरे कसले गर्ने, अहिले नगरे कहिले गर्ने ? यो प्रश्नको उत्तर दिनु पर्छ पर्दैन ?

हिजो खाट्टाहरु पुरेर,ढुंगाहरु फोरेर कसैले ती बाटोहरु किन बनाए ? आफ्नो गाँस काटेर होस् वा फाटेको कमेज लगाएर कसले ती स्कुलका छानाहरुमा पसल छाए वा टायल लगाए ? जसले त्यो काम गरे त्यो मेरा लागि वा तपाईं हाम्रा लागि नगरेको भए

कसका लागि गरे ? तिनले समय बिताउने बसिबियाँलो अरु कुनै मेसो नपाएर पो त्यसो गरेका हुन र ? यथार्थ घाम जतिकै छर्लंग छ भने अब मेरो वा तपाईं हाम्रो पालो हो कि होईन, बाटोको खाल्डा पुर्ने वा स्कुलको छाना टाल्ने ? हामी आफूले हिंडेको बाटोको खाल्डा पुर्न किन सक्दैनौं ? हामी आफूले पढेको स्कुलको चुहिने छाना टाल्न किन सक्दैनौं ?

हामीमा धेरै नै अबिश्वास किन ? हामी बढि तर्क गर्न र नकारात्मक सोचमा किन ? भनिन्छ-विद्या विवादाय, धनम् मदाय, शक्ति परेसाम् परपीडनाय अर्थात विद्या विवादका लागि धन घमण्डका लागि र शक्ति अरुलाई दुख दिन प्रयोग नगरियोस् । तर हामीमा यस्तो त भएको छैन ?

त्यस्ता धेरै काम गर्न पैसा नै चाहिन्छ । पैसा नभए केही हुन्न । तर माथि उल्लेख गरे जस्तो सबैले एकै ठाउँमा एकै पटक थुक्ने हो भने त्यही थुकेको फोहोरले पनि कतै कुनै ठाउँमा राम्रो काम गर्न सक्छ ।

बयान नम्बर - ४

सकेको जे थियो वा सोचेको जो थियो अमेरिका आउनु थियो, आइयो । अब जानु कहीं छैन । हो त्यसैले मलाई लाग्छ, म पछाडि फर्केर हेरेर किन टाउको दुखाउँ ? त्यसैले मलाई पछाडि हेर्न भन्दा आफ्नै समस्याको पहाड तेर्सोउन सजिलो हुन्छ । मैले सामान्य उदाहरण दिँदा यसो भन्न सक्छु, मैले यो साल घर किनें । के गर्ने घर नकिनेको भए त केही गर्न सक्थें । मलाई भाइले भन्यो - के गर्ने मैले भरखरै नेपालमा एउटा बिजनेस शुरु गरे । काकाले भन्नु भयो- मैले काकीलाई पनि गाडी किनि दिएँ । बहिनीले भनि- नेपालबाट आउँदा निक्कै नै ऋण लागेको थियो, अस्तित्व मात्र पठाई दिएँ । मेरो मात्र होइन, सबैका सबै कुरा वा समस्या सहि नै छन् । तर हाम्रो समाधान पनि र समस्या पनि यहीं

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हामी अमेरिका किन आयौं ? यो त्यो भन्दा राम्रो अबसर पनि हो र अरु भन्दा बढी टाढो बाटो पनि भएर नै आएँ । धेरै आउन पनि नचाहने होलान वा आउन चाहने सबैले पनि यो अबसर नपाउलान । हामी अमेरिकामा आएका छौं, घर किनेका छौं, गाडी आफूलाई मात्र होइन परिवारका सबैका लागि जोडेका छौं । डलर कमाएका छौं । यो खुसीकै कुरा हो । हामीले सजिलो र सुखी जीवन जिउन पाएका छौं । एक डलरले उता ८० रुपियाँ भन्दा पनि बढी नै पो हुन्छ त । उता जो छ, यता आउन पनि सकेन वा पाएन । गाडी वा घर त के साइकल पनि छैन । बिजनेसको त के कुरा बिहान बेलुकाको नै बन्दोबस्त हुन सकेको छैन । तिनलाई कसरी अरुका लागि केही गर भन्नु । मुखमा यदी तिनको माड नै परेको छैन वा पेटमा अन्न पनि परेको छैन भने तिनका घाँटी नै रसाउन सक्दैन तर हामी घर गाडी बिजनेसका लागि सक्षम छौं । त्यसैले हामी जो अमेरिका आएका छौं, हामीले नै हो थोरै बल गर्न प्रयास गर्ने । हामीले नै हो, आफू भन्दा पछाडि कोही हाम्रो छाँयामा छेकियो वा छेकियला कि भनेर ख्याल गर्ने ।

खालि खुद्रा, भोको पेट वा नाङ्गो आड नै किन नहोस हिजो हाम्रा अब्रज/पुर्खाहरूले किन स्कुल खोले ? किन पाटी पौवा बनाए ? किन बाटो र पुल बनाए ? किन कसैले गर्दैनन् वा मैले मात्र गरेर के हुन्छ भनेर हात बाँधेर बसेनन् ? ती त साह्रै मुख रहेछन हामी ? धन्न म भने अमेरिका आएँ नत्र .... ।

अप्रेल २२, सन् २०१३

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Born and brought up in Sisautiya Village in Sarlahi district of southern Nepal, Ratan came to the United States of America in 1991 to attend a Master's program at the University of Oklahoma (OU), Norman. He graduated with a Master's degree in Civil Engineering from OU in 1994. Ratan is a registered professional engineer (P.E.) in the State of Texas. Currently, he lives in Houston, Texas with his wife, son and a daughter. He has businesses in the areas of real estate development (Global Royal Investments), heavy civil construction (Grisham & Jha Group in USA, Opal Global Trading & Contracting, Qatar), and Technology Transfer (Post-Tension Services Nepal, Pvt., Ltd., Kathmandu, Nepal).

Ratan has over 17 years of experience, both in public and private sectors, in the field of construction, real estate and infrastructure development. Apart from US businesses, Ratan also has businesses in UAE, Qatar and Nepal. Ratan recently launched Post-Tension Services—Nepal (PTSN) in Kathmandu, Nepal. The primary goal of PTSN is to introduce American methodology and technology in the area of modern building design and construction, earth-quake resistant structures, etc.

Ratan is very active member of the Nepali diaspora in North America. He's the Advisor of NRNA-ICC for 2011-13, and also the Co-Chair of the NRNA's Task Force on Promotion of Investments. Previously, he served as General Secretary of the NRNA-ICC (2009-11), and as Co-Chairman of Non-Resident Nepali (NRN) Association of North America. He is also the founding President of ANTA ([www.terai.org](http://www.terai.org)), the first ever Teraian association in the US to enhance and promote Teraian's identity, culture and linguistic heritage in North America.

## फूलको मोहकता

फूल तिमीलाई सजाउन चाहन्थे  
मेरो घर दलानमा तिमीलाई चाहन्थे  
तर तिमी किन किन मुरझाए जस्तो  
तर तिमी किन किन बिखरिए जस्तो ।

जति धेरै फूलहरू खिल्छन्  
उति उति मोहकता बरसाउछन्  
तिम्रो सुन्दरताको वयान कति गरूँ  
तिम्रो शालीनताको वयान कति गरूँ ।  
तिम्रो आगमनले मेरो घर उज्यालिन्छ  
तिम्रो अविर्भावले बटुवा लोभिन्छ  
प्रेम र सृजनाको मोहकतालाई अँगाल्छ  
हिंसा र आतंकको बाटोलाई भूल्छ ।  
संसारको रचना नै प्रेममा छ  
त्यसैले त्यहाँ फूलको बहार छ  
एक अर्कामा विकराल द्वन्द्व होइन  
धेरै धेरै फूलले मोहकता बसाउँछ ।  
हाम्रो विचारको खिचातानले घर भत्किन्छ  
द्वन्द्व पछिको समाधान चाहिन्छ  
समस्याको डङ्गुरले घर पुरिन्छ  
शान्ति र सृजनाको मुहान टालिन्छ ।  
घर त त्यो समझदारी हो  
एक अर्कामा वापसी सहयोग चाहिन्छ  
विचार र व्यवहारको कलह होइन  
दुई आत्माको मधुर मिलन चाहिन्छ ।  
हिलो र गन्दगीमा पनि कमल फूलछ  
सबै मन मन्दिरलाई रिझाउन सक्छ  
घर परिवारको वापसी द्वन्द्वमा पनि  
समझदारिको कमल फूलन सक्छ ।  
परिवारको मोहकतालाई कसैले नबिसिउँ  
फूल सबैमा अजर अमर छ ।



डन कार्की

## प्लेटफर्म नै एउटा जिन्दगी

कोही आउने कोही जाने  
क्रम चलिरहयो  
स्टेशनबाट स्टेशन तिर  
रेल अघि बढिरहयो

कतै खल्याडबल्याड  
कोही अल्याडटल्याड  
कोही ढेपिएर चढ्न तयार  
कोही टिकट काउन्टरमा हतार हतार

कोही कुदिरहेछन् घडी हेरि  
छुटाएछन् कसैले धत्तेरि  
उँगिरहेछन् कोही समान छेकेर  
सोध्दैछन् ती बूढाबूढी लौरो टेकेर

मोबाइल फोन कानमा टसाएका  
कम्प्युटर स्क्रिनमा आँखा धसाएका  
कसैले आफन्त नजिक बसाएका  
बिदा गर्न आउनेको आँखा रसाएका

हरेक स्टेशनमा यात्रा जोड्नु पर्ने  
आफना आफन्त थलो छोड्नु पर्ने  
आउनेहरू खुसी हुँदै मिसिने  
जानेहरूको मुटु भित्रभित्रै चिसिने

प्लेटफर्म नै एउटा जिन्दगी जस्तो  
कसैको मिलन कसैको बिछोड कस्तो  
जन्मदा हर्षोउल्लास र अन्य  
मृत्युमा वेदना रोदन शून्य



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# नेपाल अमेरिका कुटनैतिक सम्बन्धका ६६ वर्ष

- बलराम थापा



नेपाल अमेरिका बीच कुटनैतिक सम्बन्ध स्थापना भएको गत अप्रिल २५ तारिख ६६ वर्ष पुगेर यतिका दिन आए । यो कुटनैतिक सम्बन्धले के देखाउँदछ भने यी २ देश बीचका मानिसहरूको सम्बन्ध त्यस भन्दा पहिले देखि नै भएको थियो भन्ने अनुमान लगाउन सकिन्छ । नेपालीहरू अमेरिका कहिले देखि आउन शुरू गरे त्यसको यकिन तिथी-मिति नभए तापनि आज भन्दा करिब डेढ सय वर्ष अगाडि देखिनै आएको भन्ने अनुमान लगाउन भने सजिलै सकिन्छ ।

सन् १८१५ मा गोरखा रेजिमेण्टको नाममा नेपालीहरू ब्रिटिश सेनामा भर्तीहुन थाले पछि त्यसैको सेरोफेरोमा नेपालीहरू पनि अमेरिका प्रवेश गरेको हुन सक्छ । नेपाल र अमेरिका बीच सम्बन्ध स्थापना गर्न विशेषतः दोश्रो विश्वयुद्धले महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका खेलेको थियो । सन् १९३९ मा शुरू भएको द्वितीय विश्व युद्धमा वेलायत तथा अमेरिका लगायतका देशले युद्धमा जीत हातपार्दा वीर नेपाली गोर्खालीहरूको साहसिक युद्ध कौशल प्रदर्शनामा वेलायत तथा अमेरिकाको पक्षमा वीजय हाँसिल गरेपछि तत्कालिन प्रधानमन्त्री जुद्ध शमशेरले अमेरिकी राष्ट्रपति Harry S. Truman लाई शुभकामना पठाएका थिए । यही शुभकामना नै कुटनैतिक सम्बन्धको पहिलो खुड्किलो थियो ।

दोश्रो युद्धको समाप्ति पछि सन् १९४६ मा अमेरिकाको विदेश मामिला मन्त्रालय र युद्ध मन्त्रालयले नेपाल सरकारलाई युद्ध जीतेको खुशियालीमा अमेरिका भ्रमणको निम्तो पठाएपछि जनरल बबर शमशेर राणाको नेतृत्वमा एक सद्भावना मण्डलले अमेरिकाको भ्रमण गर्यो, जुन नेपाल अमेरिका कुटनैतिक इतिहासको पहिलो भ्रमण थियो । सो वखत राष्ट्रपति Truman ले नेपाल सँग मित्रता कायम गर्न एक सद्भावना टोली नेपाल पठाउने कुरा व्यक्त गर्नुका साथै दिनोको रूपमा आफ्नो एक तरिवर प्रधानमन्त्री पद्म शमशेरलाई पठाएका थिए । सद्भावना मण्डलले राष्ट्रपति Truman लाई राजा त्रिभुवनका तर्फबाट “ ॐ रामपट्ट ” विभूषण प्रदान गरेका थिए । त्यसपछि अमेरिकाले नेपाल सँग मित्रता गास्ने उद्देश्यले अमेरिकी सेनाको सर्वोच्च सैनिक पद Legion of Merit प्रधानमन्त्री पद्मशमशेरलाई हस्तान्तरण गर्न नोभेम्बर १९४६ मा भारतका लागि अमेरिकी कार्यवाहक राजदूत जर्ज आर. मिरल काठमाण्डौं आए ।

राजदूत मिरल नेपाल आएको बखत दुवै देश बीच कुटनैतिक सम्बन्ध स्थापनाका लागि एक विशेष प्रतिनिधि मण्डललाई नेपाल पठाउन राष्ट्रपति Truman लाई प्रधानमन्त्री पद्म शमशेरले औपचारिक निमन्त्रणा पठाएपछि नेपाल सँग कुटनैतिक सम्बन्ध जोड्नका लागि जोसेफ् सी. स्याटरथवेट अमेरिकी प्रतिनिधिकार रूपमा नेपाल आए । फलस्वरूप सन् १९२५ अप्रिल २५ का दिन सिंहदरवारमा दुई देश बीच “ वाणिज्य तथा मैत्री सन्धि ” गरी कुटनैतिक सम्बन्धको स्थापना भयो । सो सन्धिमा नेपालका तर्फ बाट प्रधानमन्त्री पद्मशमशेर र अमेरिकाको तर्फबाट स्याटरथवेटले हस्ताक्षर गरेका थिए ।

यसरी गरिएको सन्धिपत्रमा नेपाल एक स्वतन्त्र तथा सार्वभौम सत्ता सम्पन्न मुलुक भएको कुरा उल्लेख गरी हस्ताक्षर भए बाट नेपाल विश्व मानचित्रमा एक सार्वभौम तथा स्वतन्त्र मुलुकको रूपमा चिनिन पुग्यो । वेलायत पछि स्वतन्त्र तथा सार्वभ सत्ता सम्पन्न मुलुकको रूपमा नेपाललाई विनाउन अमेरिकाको उल्लेखनिय भूमिका रह्यो । नेपाल अमेरिका बीच कुटनैतिक सम्बन्ध स्थापना भएपछि सन् १९५१ मा प्राविधिक सहयोगका लागि समान्य सम्झौतामा हस्ताक्षर भयो । सम्झौता अनुसार यू एस ओ एस (हाल यू एस ए आइ डी) ले नेपालको विकासका लागि आर्थिक तथा प्राविधिक सहयोगका अतिरिक्त नेपाललाई संयुक्त राष्ट्र संघको सदस्यता दिलाउन समेत सहयोग पुर्यायो । नेपाल अमेरिका बीच कुटनैतिक सम्बन्ध स्थापना भएपछि सन् १९५९ मा दुवै देशले दूतावास खोली आपसी सम्बन्ध पनि विभिन्न रूप बाट बढ्दै गयो । त्यस पछि अमेरिकाले नेपाललाई विशेषतः कृषि, स्वास्थ्य, परिवार नियोजन, वातावरण संरक्षण, प्रजातान्त्रिकरण तथा शासकीय सुधार, विद्युत विकासका क्षेत्रका अतिरिक्त शान्ति स्थापना र संविधानसभा निर्वाचनका लागि समेत सन् २०१२ सम्ममा ७९१ मिलियन डलर सहयोग गरिसकेको छ भने अन्तर्राष्ट्रिय संघ संस्था तथा स्वयंसेवक संस्थाहरू मार्फत मानवीय सहायताका क्षेत्रमा छुट्टै ७२५ मिलियन डलर सहयोग गरिसकेको छ ।

आपसी सम्बन्ध विस्तार गर्ने क्रममा राजा महेन्द्र, विरेन्द्रले अमेरिकाको राजकीय भ्रमण तथा विभिन्न समयमा प्रधानमन्त्री स्तरीय भ्रमण भएका छन् भने अमेरिकाको तर्फबाट उपराष्ट्रपति स्पाइरो टी. एन्ड्युनै हाल सम्मका नेपाल भ्रमण गर्ने उच्च पदाधिकारी हुन् । अन्य आपसी सम्बन्धका उच्चस्तरीय पदाधिकारहरूको भ्रमण आदान प्रदान नियमित रहिआएको छ ।

हाल नेपालको शान्ति प्रकृया, सम्विधान निर्माण, प्रजातन्त्रको संस्थागत विकास तथा अन्य भौतिक संरचना निर्माणको क्षेत्रमा अमेरिकी सहयोग उल्लेखनीय रहेको छ । विश्वास लिन सकिन्छ यी सहयोगि हातहरू नेपालका विकासका लागि सधैं तल्लिन रहनेछन् ।

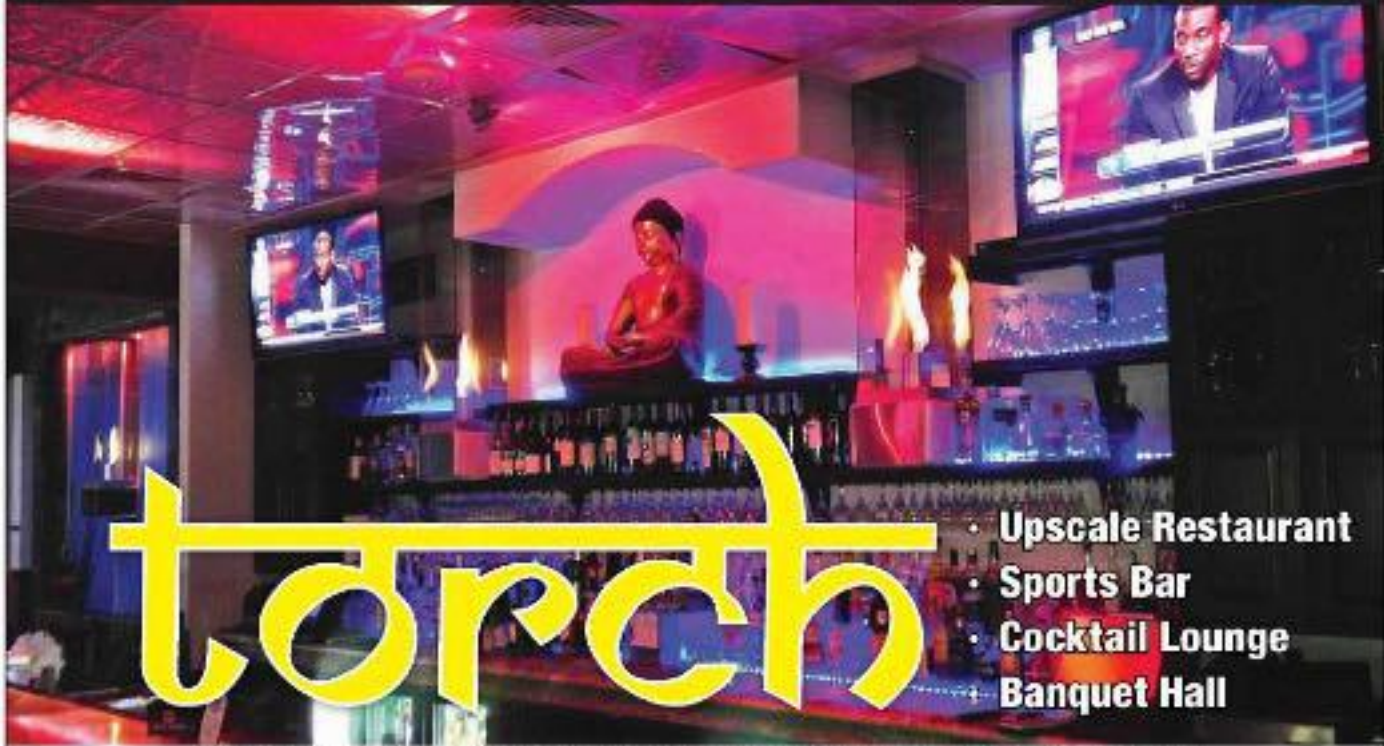
पछिल्लो तथ्यांक अनुसार सन् २०१० मा सम्पूर्ण अमेरिकी जनगणना अनुसार अमेरिकामा नेपालीहरूको जनसंख्या ५९ हजार ४९० रहेको छ । तर विज्ञहरू अमेरिकामा साढे दुई लाख भन्दा वढी नेपाली भएको बताउछन् । उता २०१३ को अप्रिल सम्ममा ६६ हजार २४३ नेपाली भाषि भूतानीहरू अमेरिकामा पुनःस्थापित भइसकेका छन् ।

यही मे २५ र २६, २०१३ मा ग्रेटर लस एन्जलसको ब्यूनापार्कमा हुन गइरहेको गैह आवासीय नेपाली संघ राष्ट्रिय समन्वय परिषद्, संयुक्त राज्य अमेरिकाको दोस्रो साधारण सभाको सफलताको कामना गर्दै कार्यक्रममा पाल्नुहुने एन आर एन सदस्यहरू लगायत अतिथि, पत्रकार, कलाकर्मी, खेलाडी, पेशा व्यवसायी तथा सम्पूर्ण सहभागीहरूलाई हार्दिक स्वागत गर्दछौं ।

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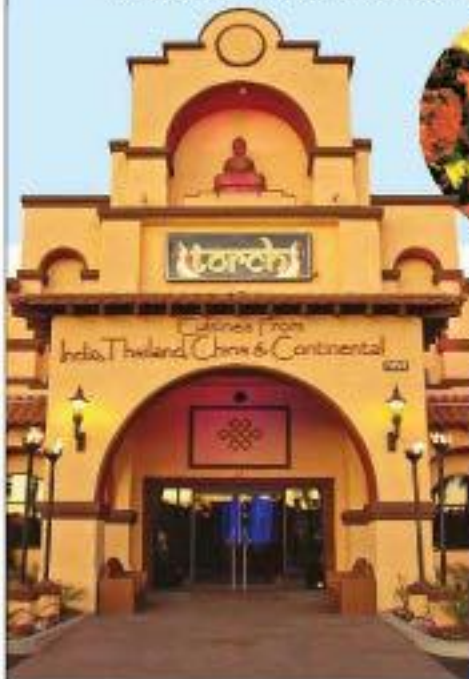
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