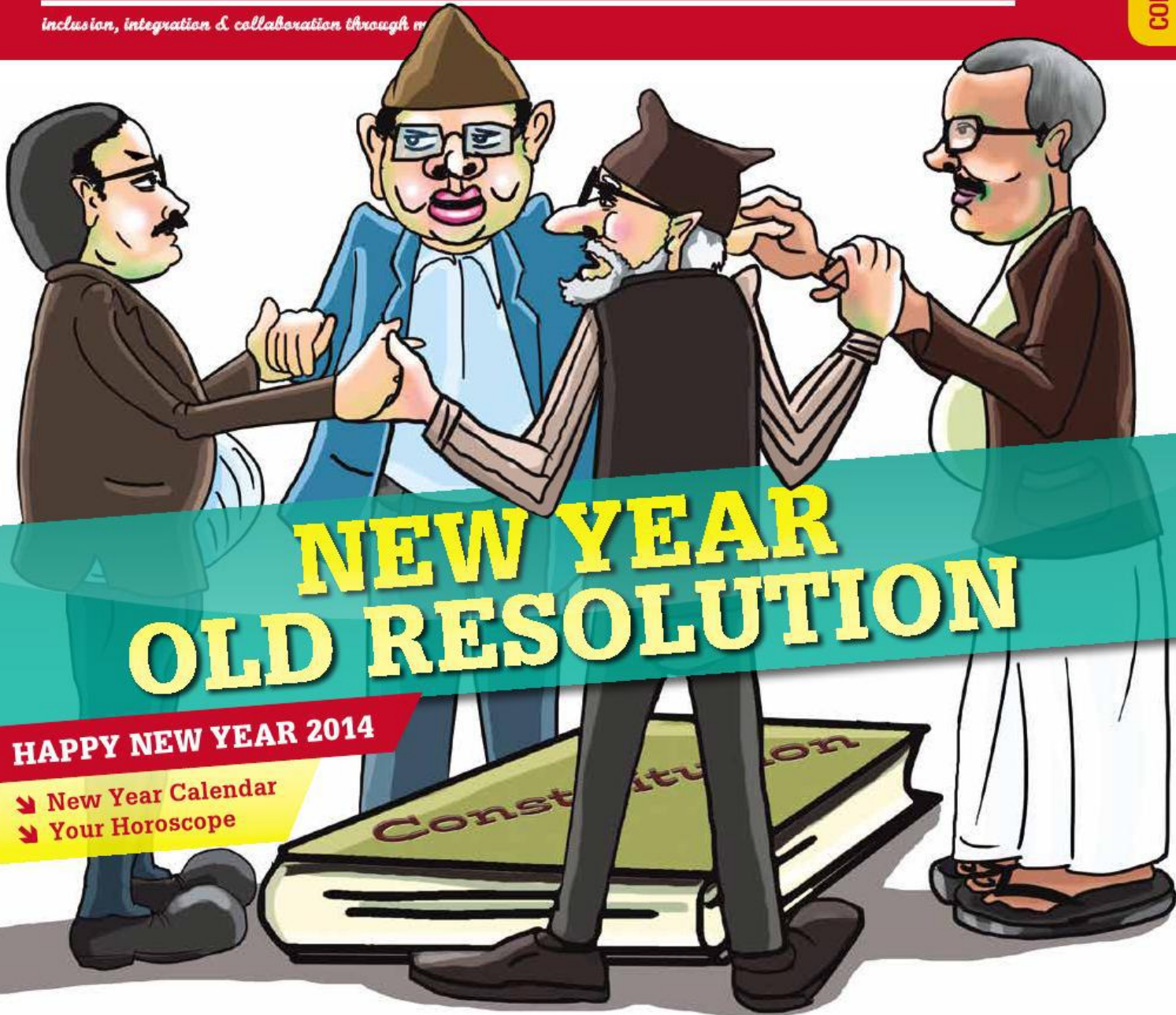


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Editorial

A new beginning

New Year marks the beginning of a new Gregorian calendar year. Celebrated universally in various innovative ways, the trend to observe this date as an important day in the calendar has spread globally.

The arrival of a New Year always brings new hope. The air is filled with greetings of 'Happy New Year'. People young and old look forward to this occasion with the same eagerness, zeal and pleasure. It marks a fresh beginning, urging us to forget all the bitterness and failures of the passing years. It is a day to make resolutions and try to maintain them throughout the year. New Year is the time to pause and reflect on the year gone by, review mistakes and resolve not to repeat them in the coming year.

As individuals we have filled up the first pages of our diaries with so many New Year resolutions. Lose weight, cut down expenses, be nicer to people, shopping for yourself, go to gym regularly, stop screaming at children, the list is endless. In other words, the resolutions all of us made are lying in bits and pieces all around us.

As a nation, Nepalese have one aspiration for a new year and that is to get a new constitution drafted in 2014. With successful election to the Constituent Assembly (CA) in November, the constitutional void has been filled. The focus now is in institutionalizing it.

Key leaders from major political parties firmly believe that the newly-elected House would produce a new constitution within a



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year. However, disillusioned by the dismal performance of the first CA, the common masses are still sceptical as to whether the second CA would complete the task its predecessor left unfinished.

Let's hope the major political parties --Nepali Congress (NC), CPN-UML, UCPN (Maoist) and Madhes-based parties reach an agreement over the contentious issues and the new CA owns up the agreements reached in the previous assembly, giving Nepali a long-awaited constitution in 2014.

As Australian Nepalese Community, 2013 was a significant year for us and we have so much to look forward to in the coming year. Irrespective of our political ideology, ethnicity and religion, we are all here for the same goal—a happy and prosperous community and the society.

Lastly, Nepalese Voice Editorial team thanks you all from the bottom of our hearts for all your support last year and our journey will continue even more rejuvenated next year. Happy New Year 2014.

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New Year, New Hope

Political parties in Nepal could not display promptness in initiating parliamentary process immediately after the people's mandate expressed through the election held on November 19, 2013. People expected speedy decisions on the key issues: opening of the first session of the Constituent Assembly and formation of government to restore normalcy in two wings of governance: legislature and executive. Both, however, remained uncertain

Using the CA floor for addressing all political and constitutional problems would be a good idea. This would enable political parties to face the challenges. Working out a time table for constitution drafting and sticking to it would make the parties deliver the constitution as pledged.

political scenario, political parties decided to maintain it for intensifying political dialogue among parties.

names of winners of the Proportionate Representation System to the Election Commission. Later it agreed to enter

the CA send PR winner's list and play significant role from the opposition bench.

Political parties have not yet worked out the modality of including the CPN Maoist party

disservice to the noble cause of proportionate representation. They should have honoured literally the great philosophy of PR system of election.

Actually political parties this time could not do justice to the spirit of the Proportionate Representation System. Proportionate Representation System of election is a way to make representation in parliament wide and broad. It seeks to give an opportunity to those who are specially deprived, marginalized, and underrepresented. It is a way to do away with the deficit that the First Past the Post system has in political competition.

Challenge ahead

Political parties will have to face a number of challenges as they begin discussion in the CA session. Forming government, accommodating parties in government, allocating ministry -port-



even on January 12, 2014, some 45 days after the official declaration of final election results. Leaders of political parties passed time in interpreting the mandate or positioning themselves and bargaining for power in the new political equation which emerged through the election.

Two big parties NC and CPN UML should have been more effortful in avoiding the delay in re-launching parliamentary process. They should have focused on discussing all political problems in the CA. If such delay continues in future and if their attention is diverted for one excuse or the other they would not be able to deliver constitution in one year as pledged by them in their election manifestoes.

A number of petty issues raised by political parties also did not allow them to concentrate on parliamentary process. The issue of electing new President and Vice-President in accordance with the spirit of the new mandate was raised strongly by CPN UML. Nepali Congress did not like to be engaged in such move. This brought about a difference between them.

The issue of reviving the old High Level Political Mechanism in the present context also kept the parties involved in political debate. Although many questioned its relevance in the changed po-



Issues

The question of summoning the first session of the CA is another point that kept political parties engaged in dialogue. Some argued for summoning the session by the President as per the international norm while others stood for summoning by the Chairman of Council of Ministers as mentioned in the Interim Constitution. A few moved the Supreme Court for settling the issue. Efforts are being made for working out a solution to it politically by making Chairman summon the session upon advisory from the President.

The UCPN (Maoist) which has been placed in the third position this time as against its position of single largest party in the dissolved CA first challenged the verdict, then threatened not joining the CA besides declining to send

and its 33-party Alliance which boycotted the election. Although all political parties emphasize the need to include the Alliance in the constitution making process they have not yet entered into serious discussion for this.

All 30 political parties which won seats in the CA faced a tough challenge in selecting candidates from the closed list submitted to the Election Commission. It took quite long for them to select winners. The decisions of the party leadership were challenged by members of all parties. The issue of wrong selection is emerging as a problem for party unity in all parties. Leaders could not adhere to a parameter for selecting winners. They appear to have adopted nepotism and finance as parameters in selecting candidates. This resulted in

folios to them and positions in various Committees of CA will be other challenges. Leaders will have to learn lessons from the past and work in accordance with the fresh mandate. If they insist on copying the past practice of taking decisions outside CA, they will find things difficult in the present CA as well.

Using the CA floor for addressing all political and constitutional problems would be a good idea. This would enable political parties to face the challenges. Working out a time table for constitution drafting and sticking to it would make the parties deliver the constitution as pledged.

Nepalese people hope the New Year will provide them with a new constitution.

Kirant festival Udhauli celebrated in Australia



Nepalese community in Australia celebrated Udhauli festival last month. The special kind of dance called Sakela was performed during the event in Gough Whitlam Park, Tempe, NSW.

Udhauli is celebrated every year during the full moon of November/December to worship the nature and ancestors, thanking for the good harvest. The etymological meaning of Udhauli is associated with birds and animals migrating downwards to low altitude towards warmer regions as the winter hits their homeland. This festival denoted to the commencement of cultivation and farming, worshipping Mother Nature for good harvest.

This year's celebration marked a decade of Udhauli in Sydney, which started in 2003 as a small friend's get-together, followed by an open invitation to the public in 2004.



Lakhe Dance wins heart in Nan Tien Annual Cultural Festival in Wollongong

Chinari Nepal, an organisation working towards preserving Nepali arts and culture in Australia participated in this year's Nan Tien Cultural Festival held last week. The team representing the organisation performed traditional Lakhe Dance and Folk dance in Nan Tien Temple, Wollongong.

The temple hosts the festival annually during the Christmas and New Year holidays. The festival is a celebration of multicultural community and includes cultural performances, calligraphy exhibition art and crafts stall, prayer ceremony and food fair. Founder of Chinari Nepal Inc, Ganga Bahadur Nemkul per-

formed Lakhe Dance that remained the main attraction of the event. Member of not-for-profit organisation, Santoki KC also performed Nepalese folk dance.

The cultural festival began 20 years ago in Nan Tien Temple, which is the largest Buddhist temple in the Southern Hemisphere.

Director at Nan Tien Institute, Maio You said, "We hope the program helps people to understand more about Chinese and Buddhist culture and raise awareness about interfaith and multiculturalism."

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Maghe Sankranti to be observed in Sydney

Maghe Sankranti, a Nepali festival, is going to be observed in Sydney. Magar Society Australia is going to organize Maghe Sankranti Festival 2014.

Rajendra Thapa, the chairman of the Magar Society said the function is going to be held on 25th January on

Mahoney Reserve Sports Ground in Marrickville, Sydney. He said male volleyball competition, Dohari songs and sports competition are also going to be held at the festival.

It is the third time the Society is organizing Maghe Sankranti Festival in Sydney.

Maghe Sankranti is the national festival of Magar community.

NRNA Australia focuses on charity

Non Residential Nepalese Association Australia has identified its priorities for a new year as it plans to take on "Nepal focused Projects" & "Australian Nepali community focused projects" concurrently.

Under the Nepal related program the organisation will have charity in focus. According to the statement issued by the President Mahendra Oli the NRNA has delineated its plans to build an elderly home in Biratnagar, start up "NRNA Australia Scholarship" scheme for Nepalese students and carry forward the project of "Uterine Prolapsed Surgery" in Ramechhap.

Furthermore, the statement has outlined some of the Australian Nepali community oriented programs. Under which NRNA will set up the help desk as a point of contact for locals, publicise NRNA booklet as a source of information for students, migrants and visitors.

In the coming year NRNA vows to promote the trade and economic ties between Australia and Nepal through 'Australia Nepal Business Council' and organising Nepal festival across different states of Australia has also been enlisted as organisation's top priority.

Nepali media fraternity in Australia raises Rs 350000 for Palpali

Nepali media fraternity in Australia has raised 350000 Rs to support ailing journalist B.K. Palpali, who is undergoing treatment for renal failure. The money was handed to Palpali's wife Renuka Bhattarai. On behalf of the contributors, radio Nepal's journalist Ramesh Poudel visited Palpali's residence



in Koteswor, Kathmandu to hand over the money.

Around seventy five media persons, writers and other members of the community had shown solidarity by making a donation after an appeal was made by Melbourne based journalist Peshal Luitel through social media, facebook.

National Reconciliation Day observed in Sydney



Liaison Committee Australia and Nepal Australia Democratic Forum (NADF) have jointly organized National Reconciliation Day (Rastriya Melmilap Dibas) in Sydney, Australia.

The function was held at Oban Soccer club in Sydney on January 5 marking the day when Nepal Congress founder leader BP Koirala returned from India-exile urging all to be united for the sake of the nation. Representatives from various Nepali communities interacted on the well-revered issue under the title 'Parties and leader's solidarity for the Constitution' 'Suresh Gurung, officiating chairperson

of Liaison Committee Australia chaired the interaction program. More than a dozen attendees have underlined the importance of national reconciliation at a time when Nepal is in a great process of transformation.

The participants of the program have underscored the need of emphasizing on the spirit of national reconciliation propagated by leader Koirala even today to sort out the prolonged political impasse seen in Nepali politics. They urged Nepali political leaders to seek a common ground in a bid to promulgate a statute at the earliest.

Nepali Australian Youth Association's cruise party for charity

Nepali Australian Youth Association (NAYA) is organising a cruise party to welcome the New Year 2014. The cruise will start on 18th of January Saturday from the Opera House Wharf and will sail past the stunning Sydney Harbour.

The ticket price of Sixty dollars and thirty dollars respectively for adult and

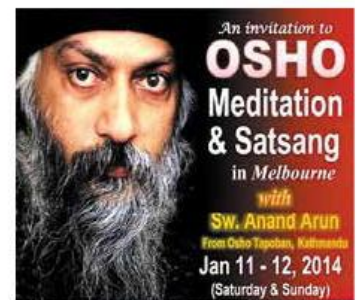
children will also include kids activities, three course meal, music, DJ and raffle tickets. According to the organiser, fund collected from the proceedings will be donated to the Charity that is working for street Children in Nepal to provide them food shelter and education.

Swami Ananda Arun to run meditation camps in Australia

Osho disciple Bodhisattva Swami Ananda Arun is visiting Australia to conduct residential meditation camps. Spiritual leader and a strong orator Swami Arun will run camps in Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Byron Bay.

Swami Arun is considered an intimate disciple of Osho who has initiated around one hundred thousand others into 'Neo Sanyas' (Disciplehood). He currently runs more than eighty three centres in Nepal and almost fifty overseas.

On 29th March 1969, he first met Osho and later took initiation from him in 1974 in Poona, India. Later in June 29, 1984 Osho titled him as Acharya and Bodhisattva and later in November, 1986 declared him as the Director of Meditation and Spiritual Growth at the Rajneesh Mystery School.



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Australian Trekkers support victims of trafficking



A team of 25 Australian trekkers donated \$22,000 to Maiti Nepal recently. They were in Nepal on a trekking expedition that Travel Logistics Management had organised. Maiti Nepal and TLM had signed an agreement regarding fund-raising activity for Maiti Nepal through trekking adventures and donations. Anuradha Koirala, Maiti Nepal chairperson, thanked TLM and the trekkers' team for their contribution. "The funds will be used to run a transit home on the Indo-Nepal border for trafficking victims," she said.

Education begins at home, literally for Kusum Pokharel

Wantrina resident Kusum Pokharel is taking an initiative of running an informal kind of Nepali school starting from a private home in eastern suburb of Melbourne. As the next generation of Nepali kids are growing up in Australia, she aims to keep them connected to their roots through the school. Kusum will primarily enable them to read, write and speak Nepali as well as learn more about the history, geography and festivals of Nepal.



Much in line with the pedagogy of children's learning, she plans to make the classroom environment as enjoyable as possible. The classes will be initially



run for fifty minutes and will be divided into three different parts with three different activities relating to alphabet/language learning, learning about Nepal, learning to sing a Nepali song. Which she says the structure might get modified as she progresses.

The first class will be held on the second Sunday of

February. Kusum has asked interested Nepali parents to contact and get involved. Currently in the process of institutionalising the school, Kusum is also seeking financial and other assistance relating to the process.

DBSV celebrates New Year Eve with Family Picnic in Geelong



Didi Bahini Samaj Victoria has organised a family picnic for the purpose of celebrating New Year Eve together to welcome 2014. This picnic was held in Geelong Eastern Beach to make it more convenient for children and families to entertain and enjoy the adventure. More than fifty families joined together with their children making the number of participants cross hundred to share the last day of the year with full of fun and entertainment. Making the best of a holiday season,

children had a blast as they got to play with others for whole day.

Some visitors from Nepal who joined the picnic found the day being an amazing opportunity for them to feel at home. One visitor said; "this is great to see such event happening in Australia. It is remarkable to see that many families getting together to celebrate the day. Such solidarity is hard to observe even in Nepal these days."

A few families from other nationalities also joined the picnic and sup-

Financial irregularities surfaced in Nepali Congress Australia committee

A serious financial dispute has surfaced in Nepali Congress (NC)'s Public Relations Committee (PRC) Australia. Working committee members of the PRC have accused the incumbent president of misappropriating NRs 26,000 from the committee fund without the consent of the committee.

A press statement signed by committee vice president and majority members of the working committee states that committee president Santosh Sitaula has been removed from the post for working against the moral principle of the organisation.

The committee collects its fund from the committee membership fee and renewal fee.

Taking advantage of his post, Sitaula allegedly withdrew A\$ 26,355 from bank without the knowledge of committee members, the statement claims. Treasurer of the committee, Arjun KC, has resigned from the committee in the wake of financial

irregularities. In a separate statement, KC informed that he decided to resign after finding the misappropriation of the committee fund by using a his forged signature. He denied his involvement in the misappropriation.

"The committee will probe the financial irregularities and take action against him," said acting president of the committee, Suresh Gurung.

However, Sitaula has contended the allegations against him and denied having withdrawn the amount by using forged signature. He said he withdrew Rs 1,00,000 to send the amount to Nepal for November 19 CA elections and the remaining amount needs to be calculated.

"We are preparing to conduct an audit of the entire expenses and submit a report," said Sitaula. In a statement, Sitaula has claimed that the allegation was aimed at assassinating his character.

ported the vision of Didi bahini Samaj Victoria. They commented that 'they were impressed with the commitment of time to spend whole day together and varieties of delicious food made available to all to enjoy.' This picnic was made open to everyone to join and families were asked to bring a food of their own choice to share for the day.

All families and participants were welcomed by DBSV Member Prabha Devi Shrestha who also coordinated the

organisation and management of this picnic.

The President of DBSV, Dr Sabitra Kaphle has thanked all families and friends for taking time out to celebrate the day and urged them to be a part of DBSV's ongoing mission as a New Year resolution. Dr Kaphle shared the DBSV vision of creating a society that's harmonious and requested participants to support from their capacity to transform this vision into reality.

Australia welcomed the New Year 2014

Nepalese embrace the festivity

About 1.5 million people crammed at Sydney Harbour foreshore on a warm summer night to watch Sydney's renowned annual pyrotechnics show, which appeared to live up to its billing as the city's most extravagant. Fireworks launched from four sails of the Sydney Opera House for the first time in more than a decade.

It was the first time in more than a decade that the Opera House played a major role in the extravaganza, with fireworks exploding from four Opera House's sails. Fireworks lit up the harbour as this year's bridge motif - a blinking eye - was revealed. A waterfall of golden sparks showered down from the bridge towards the end of the show.

In Melbourne, about 500,000 people flocked to the CBD for celebrations. The partygoers made their way into the city, where a 7.5-tonne, 10-minute fireworks display was blasted from 22 locations at midnight.

An early, family-orientated fireworks display was set for 9.30pm at Yarra Park, enabling families to enjoy the celebrations early. Thousands of families packed the park to enjoy entertainment and a carnival atmosphere ahead of the family friendly fireworks. On a mild Melbourne night, the mood at the family event was relaxed, with lots of kids, babies, mums and dads stretched on blankets with picnics waiting for the fireworks to begin.

Similarly all the other major Australian cities also had their own fireworks display. Canberra, Darwin and Adelaide welcomed New Year 2014 with similar fashion.

Nepalese embrace the festivity

Nepalese across the country celebrated New Year with same enthusiasm and excitement. Despite the fact that Nepalese follow a different calendar



back home, the arrival of 2014 was as joyous to them.

Thousand of Nepalese enjoyed the fireworks in Sydney and Melbourne. In Sydney, many camped in front of Opera house and Harbour Bridge right from the afternoon before to enjoy the fire works that are the best in the world. Parramatta resident Bisham Thakuri said "I had heard about the Sydney fireworks ever since I was in Nepal. To witness it live here today with family and friends is a life time experience for me."

In Melbourne several bunch of Nepalese had paid a visit to Melbourne CBD to catch an eye's first glimpse of enormous fireworks in the city.

Many Nepalese took this Christmas and New Year's holiday as an opportunity to make a trip interstate and overseas. Barbeque, cruise party, dance parties and musical concerts were organised to welcome New Year. The usual way of partying with family friends, exchanging gifts were also seen widely.

Facebook Resolutions



Asmit Acharya
I think these are for rich people. For those who never had anything, resolution means nothing...



Pooja Chand
My New Year's resolution is to simply remember to write 2014 instead of 2013 as the date



Mahesh Gautam
Namaste. May this New Year bring with golden opportunities that pave your way with success and happiness, help you

explore every avenue of live, and may your resolutions all reach competition as you stay firm and resolute... Have a Happy New Year 2014...



Kusum Tamang
My resolution is to be spontaneous, adventurous enough to take in anything that comes by. But saying this, I will be more disciplined in my way of living, calmer and more mature. And most of all, work towards getting a community development project set up by the end of the year.



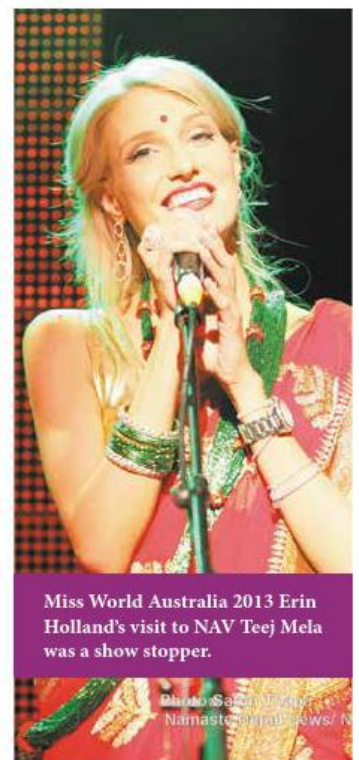
Prashanna Masterpiece
I am going to save my resolution for 2015, I think I want to be an a..hole for another year.

2013- The Highlights

- » Shesh Ghale elected as the President of Non Residential Nepalese Association
- » Help Nepal raised more than twenty five thousand dollars from Australia
- » Nepalese Association of Victoria, Mr. Jog Limbu and Yeti Football Club got awarded with Victoria's Multicultural award for excellence
- » NRNA's collective investment for hydropower projects in Nepal was initiated

- » MIT Cup 2013 was organised with a massive success
- » UFC's Kid's soccer academy gets an overwhelming response from the community
- » Sunrise Association screened the documentary "Everest-The Promise" to raise fund for the needy Nepalese children.
- » Nepal art exhibition in Melbourne and Sydney draws massive attention from the community and beyond
- » Singers like Deep Shrestha, Bibek Shrestha, Ani Choying Dolma, Udit Narayan Jha, Pramod Kharel, Sugam Pokhrel, Yash Kumar, Subani Moktan, hemanta Rana performed for Nepalese music fans
- » Women's festival of Teej was organised across the country with large attendance. Miss World Australia 2013 Erin Holland's visit to NAV Teej Mela was a show stopper
- » A committee was formed to do the preliminary studies on the first Nepali Community Centre in Victoria

The start of the New Year is a time to reflect on the year that has passed leaving only memories of the good and bad. The year ahead is a year of new possibilities and achievement. We wish you a happy New Year 2014.



Miss World Australia 2013 Erin Holland's visit to NAV Teej Mela was a show stopper.





Night Raven
Photography



Top ten New Year resolutions

1. Spend More Time with Family & Friends
2. Fit in Fitness
3. Tame the Bulge
4. Quit Smoking
5. Enjoy Life More
6. Quit Drinking
7. Get Out of Debt
8. Learn Something New
9. Help Others
10. Get Organized

World's Top 5 strangest customs to celebrate New Year

1. Spending the night in a cemetery in the company of dead loved ones (Talca, Chile)
2. Attempting to hear animals speaking, in the hopes of finding true happiness (Romania)
3. Striking the walls with bread to ward off evil spirits (Ireland)
4. Throwing furniture out the window (Johannesburg, South Africa)
5. Jumping into a frozen lake while carrying a tree trunk (Siberia, Russia)

Top 5 funniest New Year customs

1. A collective kissing session on a square (Venice, Italy)
2. Wearing red underwear, a symbol of good luck (Spain, Italy and Mexico)
3. Having a giant water fight over the course of three days (Thailand)
4. Throwing furniture out the window (Johannesburg, South Africa)
5. Boxing with neighbours to settle longstanding quarrels (Peru)



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Nepal Art Exhibition

Sheer profusion of Nepali arts and culture

Anyone unfamiliar with Nepali art and culture definitely walked out happy after visiting Nepal art exhibitions in Australia. They discovered that the country Nepal has lot more to offer than Mt Everest and Lord Budhha. Sydney based jewellery maker company R.B. Diamond Jewellers Pty. Ltd. in association with Chinari Nepal and Solangture evinced the biggest Nepalese Art and Culture Exhibition in the cities of Melbourne and Sydney last month. The Melbourne Exhibition that started on 19th of December was inaugurated by Honourable Chandra Yonzon, Consular General of Nepal to Victoria and similarly Sydney exhibition was collectively opened by HE Rudra Kumar Nepal, Nepalese ambassador to Australia and Honourable Deepak

Khadka, Consular General of Nepal to New South Wales.

During the exhibition in Melbourne, participants had to brave the scorching heat to reach the venue. But the rising mercury was not reason enough for the participants to miss out on the biggest Nepalese art and culture exhibition in Australia. Many foreign visitors also paid a visit to the event to explore the depth of Nepali arts and culture.

Ramila Maharjan from Showcase Nepal, a stall holder at the exhibition termed it a successful event. She said "Not just for its commercial aspect, but these kinds of event will also help Nepali cultures, artefacts and other products get better exposure in an international arena."

The exhibition showcased Nepal's long legacy of jewellery making, and its

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- Ramila Maharjan, Showcase Nepal

cultural significance. During exhibitions, a stroll through the galleries revealed a host of works ranging from internationally established artist to exciting new comers. The art of painting especially, best reflected the sheer profusion of scenic natural landscapes and lifestyle of Nepal.

The art of Nepal representing two distinct segments—firstly the tradition based idealistic painting known as 'Paubhas' (also known as 'Thangka' in

Tibetan dialect) and the contemporary western style works were on display.

Apart from displaying stunning array of jewellery, the exhibition also features photography, handicraft, paintings and tattoo. The exhibition ran for four days each in both cities starting from 19th and 28th in Melbourne and Sydney respectively.

R. B. Diamond is Nepal's leading diamond business enterprise that has started its operation in Sydney recently.



Dhoom-3 mints six crores in Nepal



Bollywood hit 'Dhoom 3' has created history in Nepal by becoming the first film to mint Rs 6 crores at the box office. The movie - starring Aamir Khan, Katrina Kaif and Abhishek Bachchan - earned the amount in just two weeks. The film has been screened without competition at multiplexes across Nepal, including the Kathmandu Valley.

According to sources close to the film's distributor, 'Dhoom 3' is the first film to earn Rs 6 crores in Nepal.

A Nepali film is considered a hit if it earns around Rs 20 lakhs at the box office.

By that standard, 'Dhoom 3' has earned the equivalent of 30 hit Nepali films.

Last year, around 60 foreign films released in three multiplexes in Kathmandu earned over Rs 20 crores.

Indian films dominate Nepal's movie halls. It is only in remote villages where Nepali films have a high demand.

In major cities like Kathmandu, Biratnagar, Pokhara and Bhairahwa, Hindi films have an 80 per cent share of the market. The quality of Nepali films is deteriorating though the number of movies produced every year has touched 120. A decade ago, Nepali films used to earn Rs 50 lakhs to 60 lakhs but now they hardly make Rs 15 lakhs to 20 lakhs.



Raw Barz: Nepalese rappers battled it out in OZ

S-Events and Multimedia is has organised a rap battle event Raw Barz-Australia, season one, in Melbourne on 12th of January. According to Sunod Shrestha from S-Events, this was the first episode of this season. He also plans to take the battle in different states of Australia in later seasons. Rappers from different states flew into Melbourne to take on the challenge emceed by Mistah K (Nepsydaz).

Raw Barz is the first Nepalese battle league from Nepal, that created quite a stir around the globe last year for its spontaneity of Nepali youths expressing themselves.



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How is 2014 looking for you?



ARIES

You may have a lot of challenges and puzzles in personal and professional life, but you will be able to handle it easily. It is important to take timely actions to cope with some complex situations especially till June. However as per your predictions for 2014, you may have progress in life from the 2nd half of 2014. A careful and determined approach will save you in all respects. New business and partnership would be fruitful, the stars of your partner will affect you, and vice-versa it is wise to match your compatibility before starting the partnership. Your intuition and inner voice will play a very vital role in your life this year. You would ultimately emerge as a winner out of all odds if you follow your heart and inner voice. Good time to start new ventures in the mid of 2014.



TAURUS

Your practical and conservative nature will minimize problems. You should seek the guidance of elders at the time of crisis. Further, you should prioritize your objectives and plan activities accordingly. Also, as per your 2014 predictions there will be great success during the second half of the year. Sometimes you have to be careful because of your over anxiety. You can invest in long-term ventures; this will prove to be very beneficial for you. New offers will come your way and you can get opportunities for promoting your business, as you will be travelling a lot this year. Those who are into sports, 2014 will get fame and recognition at international level.



GEMINI

As per your planets for 2014, people born under this sign may experience mixed results during this year, but mostly positive. Major transits of Jupiter on Ascendant and 5th houses may influence personal and love life in a pronounced manner. This year may bring changes with respect to domestic life and individual perception. There may not be much growth on material side of life like career, business and acquisition of assets. You may come to know the true nature of the people around you says horoscope 2014. This year 2014 needs a lot of pragmatism and patience for you. Possibility of marriage is also seen (for unmarried). Jupiter does more good than harm wherever it goes. It gives you a gentle boost to move forward with courage in life. It makes you do something significant and meaningful. You might feel an even stronger boost of energy from late August till November.



CANCER

You may have to prove your honesty and sincerity on several occasions. The transit of major planets is not favourable for main areas of life like health, career and financial status, till July. Only well projected and disciplined life can help you to face the situations. You should control your emotional nature and try to see the practical side of happenings. Fear and inferior thinking should be corrected. Cancerians are very resourceful and imaginative people, though transiting Saturn over your 4th house, till 2nd November, has made you a mature person. This year if you are really interested in getting married, transiting Jupiter in 1st house, from June, will change your status. Year 2014 will keep you very busy most of the time and it's a good year to get result of the past efforts.



LEO

The year 2014 looks promising for your prosperity. Change in your attitude may place you in a firm position. This year may bring realization through reconciliation of your past activities. You may grow to a good extent in social and financial status. Thus there may be admirable happenings in this year. You are very close to your friends and can do anything for them. Your affective and emotional instincts will enable you to continue for what you really are. Second half of 2014, will bring positive energy in your life, you will overflow with vitality. May-June will be responsible for career growth, bringing great recognition in your life.



VIRGO

You may not possess enough confidence to face the challenging situations. Friends will be of great support throughout this year. As per your predictions for 2014, after some delays & dilemmas, you will establish peace and prosperity in your life. You can look for a long-term romantic relationship as planets are in mood to favour you, but come June it will be converted into lifelong bonding. Your family life will be normal, barring some minor misunderstanding. If you are unmarried and involved in an affair then you must keep transparency in between the two of you. During the year 2014 you need to pay proper attention on your personal life, from July, may bring some stress in relationship. Overall is indicating a progressive year, provided you follow all the dos and don'ts of life.



LIBRA

You may be work averse and not in a position to accept additional responsibilities. Generally Libra people are peace lovers and try to resolve problems with words. Exaggerated situations may spoil your peace at various instances, so avoid reacting on petty things. In spite of this complex mental status you will do well in career and family obligations. The beginning of the year pushes you to resolutely go for financial objectives, those which are carrying satisfactions or immediate returns will see some positive signs. Avoid any kind of indulgence this year. There are chances of job changes, promotions and even house re-location for some.



SCORPIO

This year there may be extreme pressure in career with some spots of relief. You may find obstructions in few aspects of life. You need to be more attentive to avoid any misunderstanding in relationships. Scorpio people are emotional at heart, but some positivity is needed throughout this year. Remember 'the law of attraction'. Love relations play a very important role in your life and you are most likely to get the love of your life. Those who are in relationship will be enjoying the love and care from their partners. Children will be a source of happiness for you this year for married couples. For unmarried folks, marriage is on the cards from June onwards. In nutshell, 2014 would bring new breath of fresh air and you will feel like exploring every aspect of life.



SAGITTARIUS

You may effectively capitalize the situations throughout this year as per your 2014 predictions. Jupiter will bless you with enough confidences in life. Honest and sincere efforts may yield more than your anticipation. This is an ideal year to get established in career and financial life. There is a possibility of achieving some of your objectives during this year. Your respect towards elders and devotion towards the God are saviours of fortune. For students this year comes with a new hope and you will be able to decide where your interest lies. You will be able to recognize your potential and decide the best career option for yourself. For unmarried marriage may take place in the 1st half of 2014.



CAPRICORN

You may witness dynamic results in your life. Your conservative thinking will save you from major calamities. You will be successful in building reputation in official and social life. You may command good influence among government authorities also. Most of your domestic problems may be resolved during this year. You may discharge your obligations in a most effective manner. Troubles created by relatives and neighbors may worry you for some time. There are chances that you can get some new marriage proposals as well (if you are unmarried) in the second half of the year. You march towards your objectives, especially between April and June, you will have the opportunity to better control your expenditure. You are filled with energy this year and will make a new mark. Your spouse will prove to be supportive. So get ready for 10/10 in 2014.



AQUARIUS

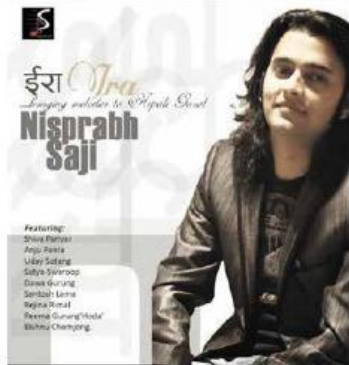
This may be a thrilling year for you. With some patience you will be able to withstand any situation. You should cultivate positive thinking and future vision to make your life comfortable. Generally Aquarius people will have foresight which is the best strategy for this year. You may get occasional support from different people at needy times. Saturn the planet of karma makes you more organised and prepared for your professional life, though it will keep a check on your indulgence. Travelling is there for you this year, both for work and leisure. There are chances of buying property and many such assets. Those who are in the creative field, this year will bring various new opportunities for you to shine beyond the boundaries. Towards the end of 2014 you will get great opportunities in professional life. Therefore, the sign of gains will have plenty to fill the pot in 2014.



PISCES

This may be a year of learning followed by peace. Various opportunities all around may brighten your prospects. It is highly important to maintain your confidence levels and carry on with determined efforts. You may have more control over life towards the end of this year. Beginning of a new relationship is very likely for you this year, but placement of Saturn, in 8th house, is warning you to avoid lack of communication. There will be many social gatherings and you will be making many new contacts in both personal and professional life. Many Pisceans will be swimming across to find the new shores in 2014.

'Baariko Kanlo' gets a rave review



Sydney based writer Nisprabh Saji's literary piece 'Baariko Kanlo', composed by Nhyoo Bajracharya, has been well received by the Nepali audience. The song carries a theme of patriotism and Nepal's sovereignty. Nhyoo Bajracharya, Bishnu Chemjong, Sanup Poudel, Hemanta Rana, Santosh Lama and Bishwo Nepali have given the rendition to Saji's powerful lyrics. The music video of the song has also been highly acclaimed by the audience.

This masterpiece will be included in Nisprabh Saji's second album "Ira" as a bonus track. Alp International will do the marketing and distribution of the album in Australia.

Bhuwan KC says he did not join politics for post

Cine actor **Bhuwan KC**, who was disheartened after his name was not inducted in the CPN-UML's list of Proportional Representation (PR) candidates, made it clear that he did not join the party for power. He reiterated his allegiance to the party in spite of being excluded from the party's list of PR Constituent Assembly members.

KC, who had to give up the ticket to contest the Constituent Assembly (CA) election under the first-past-the-post category from Kathmandu-1, was assured of a PR seat in the CA. He had been actively participating in the election campaign across the country even after his nomination as candidate under direct system was cancelled following protests.

"I did not join the party for post. I was influenced by the party's principle and ideology that prompted me to

be part of it," said the famous Nepali actor at a press meet organised in the Capital recently. "I hereby inform that I would remain committed and loyal to the party principle even though I could not become a CA member due to some



Actor Bhuwan KC with his fan in Melbourne during his last Australia visit.

technical reasons."

In his two-page long address, actor KC said the CPN-UML has always respected Nepali artists and him. He said that he rather felt thankfulness but not disrespected when the party cancelled his nomination as a candidate from Kathmandu constituency-1.

Mika to rock Kathmandu in March

Indian singer Mika Singh of the 'Subah Hone Na De', 'Singh Is King' and 'Dhinka Chika' fame will be coming to Nepal to put up a grand performance. 'Mika Singh Live In Nepal', to be organized by Moonlight Records, will see the singer perform his most popular songs on March 1 in Tundikhel, Kathmandu.

The popular Bollywood playback singer will enthrall the audiences with his numbers at the concert. Mika will be performing Bollywood songs like 'Singh Is King', 'Dhinka Chika', 'Mauja Hi Mauja', 'Subah Hone Na De', 'Pungi Bajakar', 'Ganpat', 'Dil Mein Baje Guitar', live. He will also perform songs from his albums 'Gabru', 'Something Something' and 'Dunali'.

The organizers hope this concert will help strengthen the relations between Nepal and India.



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Tamu Lochhar observed in Australia

Regardless of the variations in the celebrators and the way of celebrating it, Lhosar/Lochhar is an integral part of our national identity. It binds together those who follow a certain culture and calendar irrespective of their religious orientation.

Tamu Samaj Victoria celebrated "Tamu Lochhar" at Cyprus Community Hall, Lygon Street yesterday. Similar programs were organised in other states of Australia as well. The program was largely attended by indigenous Mongolian and Gurung community as well as people from various backgrounds. The renowned monk from Nepal had performed a prayer at the start of the program which was followed by other cultural programs showcasing Nepal's ethnic multiplicity.

Alongside the Gregorian New Year and Maghi, vibrant series of Lochhar is Celebrated by the Mongolian Buddhist communities of Nepal and overseas. Lochhar has its own unique flavors of New Year celebrations. In addition to the regular rituals and revelries of a festive occasion, Lhosar (or Lochhar in the case of Gurungs/Tamus) is also a crucial event in terms of establishing a cultural identity in a milieu of Nepal's caste and indigenous ethnic diversity.

'Tamu' means Gurung, 'Lo' means year and 'chhar' means new. This festival is celebrated since times immemorial, based on the twelve symbols of Tibetan astrology. According to the Tibetan calendar, the Year of the Water Snake is coming to an end and the Year of the Horse is about to begin.

People tie threads dipped in turmeric on their necks to ward off evil omens and take blessings from our elders.

Sonam Lhosar is celebrated by all those communities who follow the Tibetan civilization in Nepal. They are Tamang, Yolmo, Dura, the Thakalis of Mustang, the Dolpalis, and the Sinsas from Sankhuwasabha. Sixteen different countries in the world celebrate it on the same day, making it the most celebrated one out of all four Lhosars. In addition to the two, there is the third kind of Lhosar called Gyalpo Lhosar which falls in Fagun, corresponding to the second or third week of February. It used to be the New Year of the royalties. It is also known as King's (gyalpo) Lhosar. It is celebrated by the Lamas, the Sherpas of Nepal, and those living in Lhasa and Eastern Tibet.

Slightly in contrast to these Lhosars there remains The Tola Lhosar which, according to Professor Gurung, is slowly reaching the point of extinction. It is celebrated on the first day after the full moon in Paush which in the first week of January in Bhutan, Humla, Manang, and

in the Mansarovar area of Western Tibet.

Regardless of the variations in the celebrators and the way of celebrating it, Lhosar/Lochhar is an integral part of our national identity. It binds together those who follow a certain culture and calendar irrespective of their religious orientation. Lhosar, with its cheerfulness and warmth, brings the diverse Mongolian family under the same umbrella and gives the country another reason to celebrate, at times in sync with many other countries of the world.

INTERVIEW



Please introduce yourself?

My name is Tej Gurung. I am one of the committee member of Tamu Samaj Victoria. I worked in Singapore police for several years and now living in Australia for quite some time.

How do you describe this program?

It is very important to preserve our cultures and traditions. Even more so in terms of indigenous cultures as it becomes harder since we live overseas. But program like this provides us an opportunity to once again connect with our roots. This also gives people a sense of belonging.

Any future programs from Tamu Samaj Victoria?

We don't want to limit ourselves by doing just one Lhochhar program a year. Our objective is not just to celebrate the culture of indigenous Gurung and Mongolian community but also to create harmony between other cultures and traditions. As you can see in today's program there are people from various backgrounds including foreigners. So we have many plans for the future which will be correlated to our vision.



"No matter what ethnicity we belong to- we are all Nepali. So let's be united, let's respect each other's culture. Happy Lhochhar."

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| Australia Day | Monday 27 January* |
| Labour Day | Monday 10 March |
| Good Friday | Friday 18 April |
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| Anzac Day | Friday 25 April |
| Queen's Birthday | Monday 9 June |
| Melbourne Cup | Tuesday 4 November** |
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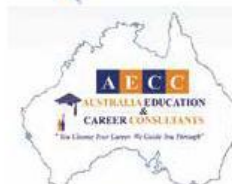
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ENTREPRENEUR OF THE MONTH

Business and Community Services are both equally important to me: Khagaraj Kandel (CEO, Kandel Consultant)

Khagaraj Kandel, fondly called as 'Raj Dai' is a familiar name in Australian Nepalese community. Not just for his professional capacity but also for his community involvements. He recognises the importance of nurturing strong links with the community development. His company Kandel Consultant has been a strong supporter of majority of the Nepalese community events that get organised in Australia. And his sense of community service comes from his own upbringing.

Born in Baglung, Nepal, he grew up in a very tightly knit family that inherited a sense of giving in him. After completing his primary school he moved to Chitwan for further study and lived there. The same drive of excelling himself landed him in Australia. He completed his Business and Accounting courses from Swinburne University, along the process he got an opportunity to explore different aspects of life. More importantly those experiences raised a sense of awareness and acceptance in him.

While a student himself, Khagaraj began to realise that many international students that first arrive in Australia have to go through such hardships in lack of proper guidance. Quite often they have to be faced with unnecessary hassle which could have been avoided if handled prudently. Despite of his own priorities of life, he then took it upon him to help out international students that were seeking information in regards to their career advancement. That later seeded the idea of a business in Khagaraj, something that would earn him bread and butter as well as allow him to help people in need. Then born "Kandel Consultant", the first Nepali owned Educational Consultancy in Victoria. Started with three students in hand, they now have three to four thousands students relying their fate on them. Kandel Consultant not just helps newly-arrived students with their courses and enrolments but also guide them through finding a job, accommodation and other necessities.

Established in 2006, Kandel Consultant has become a career saviour for several thousands international students looking for a better future in Australia. "We feel fortunate that people allow us into their lives as part of consulting and assisting and we realise the sensitivity of each case" says Khagaraj.

As he is progressing as an entrepreneur, Khagaraj Kandel understands his growing responsibility towards the

community development. Even though he struggles with time to participate in each and every community happenings, his organisation has always been supportive of them, directly or indirectly. Whether it's through the sponsorship or just a moral support, he has not shied away from engaging in social activities. Regular events, concerts, sports tournaments, community festivals, Kandel Consultant has always been there. He states "every business should incorporate charity".

Khagaraj Kandel feels happy that Nepalese community in Australia is getting bigger in size but he is quick to point out the challenge that throws at us as a community. "This is the time that brings lots of opportunities as well as challenges" he says. Most of the Nepalese population in Australia are the first generation migrants and that is exactly the reason he thinks his responsibility towards the community is adding on.

A bit disappointed by "a toll poppy syndrome" in the Nepalese business community in Australia, he urges all



the community stake holders to remain united and harmonious. "That is the only way we can conquer our dreams in this country" he adds.

Khagaraj commitments to assist international students have taken him places. He feels privileged to have met government officials, dignitaries, celebrities and other community's leaders. He takes those moments to promote multiculturalism and interfaith. "This is not about me as an individual but it's about the society and the country we live in. This country has given us so much and it's now time that we think about giving something back to this great nation" says Khagaraj.

Nepali scientist from Queensland gets an Int'l award

Nepali scientist Dr. TN Maraseni, who is currently the Deputy Director (Operations) at the University of Southern Queensland's Australian Centre for Sustainable Catchments, has received an International scientist award. He was nominated for an award for his work in climate change research. The award is given by the Chinese Government through Chinese Academy of Science. Dr. Maraseni continues to pursue his passion for climate change research and is hoping to become more involved in climate change policy, especially in collaboration with the Australian Government and developing nations.

MY PROFESSIONAL JOURNEY

I completed a double BSc (Science and Forestry) in Nepal, an MSc (Natural Resources Management) in Thailand, where I was awarded a gold medal (GPA 4/4) for my MSc, and a PhD in Australia. After completing my BSc Forestry degree, I worked for the Ministry of Forests and Soil Conservation in Nepal for 10 years (1993-2003). During this time, I introduced an innovative concept to boost forest planting among rural and urban people, known as "Memorial Forest Plantations", where a person plants tree in the name of their passed loved one and pay the local



Dr. TN Maraseni

community for its care and management. This concept was first implemented by the Githepani Forest User Group (FUG), which received the Best Community Forests Award from among more than 13,000 FUGs in Nepal. As a result, I was bestowed the title of best officer title in 1998 and 1999. After completing my Masters degree, I worked as a Research Associate at Asian Institute of Technology on a "Capacity Development for Clean Development Mechanism (CD4CDM)" project funded by UNEP (2002-2003).

My relationship with Australia and USQ commenced with the commencement of my PhD in 2003. After being presented with four PhD scholarship offers from overseas universities, I decided to undertake my PhD in Australia and particularly at University of Southern Queensland (USQ) where I received an International Postgraduate Research

Scholarship (IPRS). My PhD project focussed on the dynamism of reforestation activities in the face of carbon trading. It is a multi-disciplinary study, which addresses environmental externality and sustainability issues at the interface with carbon constrained economies.

I have worked in the areas of economics, agriculture, forestry, water, food, and carbon accounting and modelling research for over 20 years in three different countries and have developed an extensive knowledge and skills in these areas. This is reflected in my research projects, and 90 publications including two books in the last 7 year. Currently, I have been working as the Deputy Director (Operations) at Australian Centre for Sustainable Catchments (ACSC) at USQ. I am also a visiting professor for the Chinese Academy of Sciences (Lanzhou). I am also involved with the IPCC Soil Data Management Group and UN REDD+ Expert Group on Forest Governance Data Collection. I am co-supervising nine PhD students, assessed PhD theses and have been invited to review for a number of years in 11 reputable international journals.

My work has received notable acknowledgment through being awarded numerous high profile national and international awards and grants including: (1) "Senior International Scientist" award from the Chinese Academy of Sciences, 2013; (2) "Climate Change Professional Fellowship" from the US State Department, 2011; (3) "Queensland-China Climate Change Fellowship 2008", jointly awarded by the Queensland and Chinese Governments; (4) US National Sci-



ence Foundation (NSF) award; (5) financial support from the FAO and Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) to attend and present papers at a meeting during 2012 and 2009, respectively; and (6) USQ also awarded me the 2009 Office of Research and Higher Degrees, Researcher of the Year Award and USQ Research Excellence Award (Early Career). Research grants have been received from both the Ministry of Environment and the International Tropical Timber Organisation in Japan, Chinese Academy of Sciences (China), Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation (RIRDC), the National Water Commission, Condomine Alliance, South Burnett Regional Council, Department Agriculture, Forest and Fisheries (DAFF), the National Climate Change Adaptation Research Facility, Queensland Government and USQ Early Career Researcher Program.

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Australian school children's expectations far from economic reality



A recent survey has revealed that most Aussie schoolchildren are falling victim to a bitty careers advice system which inflates their expectations only to have them dashed few years later. Spoiled for choice and told by their parents they can be and do anything, new research has revealed a yawning gap between school children's dreams and economic reality.

The National Centre for Vocational Education and Research study of over 2000 kids found while many planned to be lawyers, psychologists, designers and vets at age 15, when interviewed again at 25 the majority ended up sales assistants, primary school teachers and retail managers. An estimated 60 per cent of students would aspire to positions that only 20 per cent attain.

The 10-year study also found aspiring accountants have the firmest grip on reality. Of the 2.9 per cent of 15 year olds who said they wanted to be bean counters, 2.2 per cent ended up fulfilling their dream.

MOST POPULAR JOB ASPIRATIONS AT AGE 15

Source: National Centre for Vocational Education and Research

- » Computing support technicians
- » Legal professionals
- » Designers and illustrators
- » Psychologists
- » Police officers
- » Accountants
- » Veterinarians
- » Journalists and related professionals
- » Motor mechanics
- » Primary school teachers
- » Registered nurses
- » Actors, dancers and related professionals
- » School teachers - not further defined
- » Architects and landscape architects

- » Secondary school teachers
- » Other building and engineering professionals
- » Chefs
- » Computing professionals
- » Childcare workers

WHAT THEY GET AT THE AGE OF 25

- » Sales assistants (general)
- » Primary school teachers
- » Retail managers
- » Registered nurses
- » Secondary school teachers
- » Child carers
- » Accountants
- » ICT support technicians
- » Contract, program and project administrator
- » Office managers

- » Police
- » General clerks
- » Electricians
- » Cafe and restaurant managers
- » Call or contact centre workers
- » Solicitors
- » Plumbers
- » Advertising and marketing professionals
- » Carpenters and joiners

JOB MOST UNATTAINABLE

- » Designers and illustrators
- » Psychologists
- » Vets
- » Journalists
- » Actors, dancers and related professionals
- » Architects and landscape architects

School tests to head online in Victoria

The days of the pen and paper exam could be numbered with the Vic Government developing a new online assessment platform for Victorian schools. The initial work has begun on the new assessment platform that could see any school assessments – including the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) exams – moved online.

This system will be developed to be scaled up in the future to include delivery of current and future assessments to schools, such as the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE).

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development has released a tender for the initial development of the platform, with responses due in early 2014.

The platform will be developed in phases with the initial focus on creating a system that can host existing online assessments, including the English, Mathematics and Health and Physical Education Online Interviews.

This first phase will allow teachers to connect different assessment tools over time, provide a snapshot of how students are progressing, and provide teachers with valuable feedback on how they can contribute to improved student learning.

The system could potentially host all assessments in the future, including VCE, Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL), and Vocational Education and Training (VET) assessments.

BOOK REVIEW

NEPAL'S WILD WEST

Wild West of Nepal : A Pictorial Journey
Pictures and text by: Bharat Bandhu Thapa
Publisher : Himalayan Map House, 2013

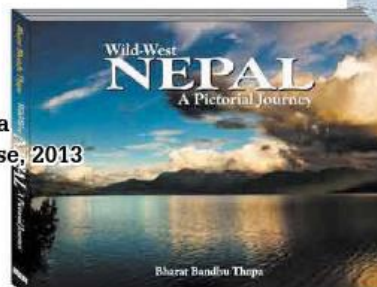
The book gives us a glimpse of the Nepal's remote western region's rich cultural heritage.

Nepal's remote western region has always had an image problem. The trans-Karnali has suffered neglect from a succession of rulers in the capital and centuries of exclusion have left the region behind. A lack of priority and investment from Kathmandu for the western and far-western regions is one of the problems. But even elected

legislators and senior ministers and prime ministers

from the region largely abandoned their constituents when they got to Kathmandu. The west's potential for harnessing natural resources to lift its living standards was therefore scandalously squandered.

Journalists, artists, and professionals



from western Nepal have been trying to change the perception in Kathmandu of their region being

'backward'. One of the latest is Bharat Bandhu Thapa who has brought out a photographic coffee table book, *Wild West Nepal: A Pictorial Journey*.

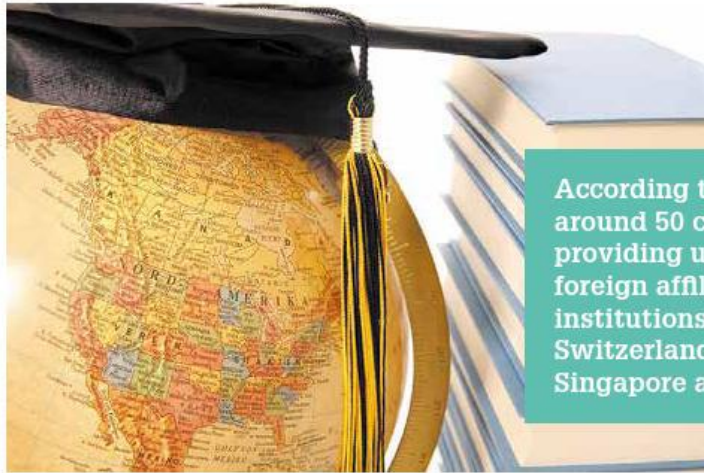
This is a living album that introduces the far-west to Kathmandu and the rest of the world and illustrates the cruel

paradox that people living in a land of such stupendous beauty should be so poor. But Thapa shows us through images what a great potential the 'wild west' of Nepal has to prosper. The author's conclusion is convincing: Nepal's west has the potential of not just improving the living standards of its long-suffering citizens, but also for pushing the whole country towards development.

Colleges with foreign affiliation increasing rapidly in Nepal

Students seeking international degrees had no option but to travel abroad for further studies until domestic educational institutions obtained affiliation from global universities and started providing the same education and degrees in the country.

The trend of establishing colleges with foreign affiliation started in the early 2000s with a tremendous increase in the number of students flying abroad for higher studies. As per the records of the Ministry of Education, there are around 90 academic institutions with international affiliation providing education including A Level courses. Colleges providing bachelors and Master's courses too have increased significantly in the last one decade. Till date, 35 colleges have obtained membership in the International Education Providers Association of Nepal (IEPAN), an umbrella organisation of colleges providing international education at the bachelor's and Master's levels. According to IEPAN, there are around 50 colleges in Nepal that are providing university



education with foreign affiliation from educational institutions in the UK, the US, Switzerland, Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore and India.

Globalization in the academic sector has encouraged college operators in the country to run programmes from

globally popular universities. According to college operators, foreign universities keep a close watch on the performance of the colleges to which they have granted affiliation. Officials from these universities visit the colleges twice a year to check the quality of the education being

provided. As the qualification of the faculty and the teaching-learning methodology used plays a crucial role in determining the quality of the degrees awarded, these universities have set the criteria for the

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teachers appointed. The teachers should be competent to deliver the knowledge as demanded by the curricula. Therefore, some of the universities themselves provide training to the teachers. Apart from that, colleges should have the appropriate infrastructure including labs and libraries as specified by the respective universities to get their affiliation.



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Don't worry about the taste, flavour or aroma, just the idea of drinking Everest beer will make you feel like a conqueror. Spending a get together with Everest beer already sounds glamorous due to its exotic origin. Named after the highest peak Mt. Everest, this Premium Lager Beer was introduced in 2003 to commemorate the 50th Golden Jubilee celebration of the historic conquest of Mt. Everest by Sir Edmond Hillary and Tenzing Norgay Sherpa on the 29th May, 1953. Launched on 26th May, 2003 as a special commemoration and regular edition beers of the brand by associating with the renowned and outstanding celebrities in the field of Mountaineering. With one of the finest and best ingredients and the best brewing technology, it has, within 6 years, received wide accolades from consumers as one of the Great Nepalese Beer, and world class in its quality and great taste. People from Nepal call it "Everest, It's our beer". That is why, Everest Premium Lager Beer has also been imported to Australia by Sukunda Australia Pvt Ltd recently and has become a 'Must Have' for Nepalese households in a very short period of time.

ASIANS are good beer drinkers and Everest, Kingfisher, Tiger, Bintang and various hop concoctions can be found across the region. While Europeans still consume more beer on average, the surge in popularity and production of

beers in Asia is notable. Most of these are light, crisp beers that are perfect for

Everest Beer, Premium Lager from Nepal now available in Australia

For the taste of the Himalayas, or at least something to down after a long day's trek, Everest Beer will probably be your beer of choice. According to the Everest Beer Facebook page it's the best selling domestic brew. Balanced and a little fizzy, the Everest Premium Lager induces fewer burps.



the tropics and for some travellers are considered as much part of the experience of the region as seeing the temples, the markets and other attractions.

Bintang Bir Pilsener, Indonesia

If you've sat on a beach anywhere in Indonesia you've no doubt sucked down a Bintang at some point. If you haven't you'll surely have seen a backpacker in a Bintang shirt. While it's decidedly popular amongst tourists the Indonesians like their national beverage too; something the name should tell you – Bintang means star in Indonesian. It's 4.7 alcohol and easy on the palate – perfect for the tropics.

Bia Hoi, Vietnam

The light lager of the Vietnamese is like drinking water for some with such low alcohol content (three percent) but really it's the cultural experience as much as anything that has helped Bia Hoi make this list over other choices such as Hanoi or Saigon beer. Bia Hoi is brewed daily and is made to be consumed quickly. It is sold on bustling street corners and it's cheap. Keep a look out for people drinking glasses

San Miguel Pale Pilsen, Philippines

The first San Miguel was produced in Manila in 1890 thanks to a grant from Spain, hence the Spanish name. At a solid five percent, the beer is the most popular in the Philippines and appar-

ently you need only order a "Pale" and you'll be understood by waiters and bar staff across the country.

Kingfisher, India

India's famed beer was first launched in 1978. It remains the top selling beer in the country and is found almost everywhere, particularly in more relaxed states like Goa. Light gold, clean and refreshing, it is considered a fine accompaniment to curries and other spicy dishes.

Angkor Beer, Cambodia

Perfectly named for a beer from this nation, Angkor beer can be found just about anywhere in the country from restaurants to stores and bars. It's been churned out since the 1960s and remains a hoppy, 5.5 percent experience. The ultimate tourist experience is to imbibe after a day spent exploring the Angkor temples.

Tiger, Singapore

This smooth, well hopped beer from Singapore was first brewed back in 1932. It remains a popular brand, available throughout Singapore and another 60 nations. If you haven't had the full experience you may have seen its slogan "It's time for a Tiger" or seen it being downed in the movie The Transporter. The beer is a fabulous addition to dining at a hawker food stall.

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Non Resident Nepali Association (NRNA) has been registered as income tax exempt entity as other social or charitable organisations. NRNA President Shesh Ghale had put forth such demand during a meeting with Finance Minister Shankar Prasad Koirala recently, which later got approved by the ministry. He had also underlined the need for taking such decision to encourage the organisation in social works.

Ghale had demanded the government take initiatives with concerned countries to sign double tax avoidance agreement (DTAA) to entice the Non-Resident Nepali investors. He said that NRNs should be included in the list of those honoured for bringing in remittance in the country through authorized medium.

The DTAA is essentially bilateral agreements signed between two countries to avoid taxation of income in both the countries or avoiding double taxation of same income.

"The government should pay attention to bring in foreign investment in Nepal while implementing the concept of special financial sector," read a letter submitted by NRNA to the government.

Minister Koirala noted that government has registered through due procedure in order to promote the investment of NRNs and urged the NRNA president to expand the border of investment. Assuring that the government is ready to create investment friendly environment, the minister urged the NRNs to invest in infrastructure development and energy sector.

MIT to transform the Queen Victoria Market precinct with new investment

NRNA President Shesh Ghale, through his company MIT Australia has lodged a planning application for two towers of 50 and 30 storeys with a 210-room hotel and 609 apartments at the corner of William and Franklin streets of Melbourne.

According to the news published by The Age, the proposed 50-storey apartment and hotel development on the front step of Queen Victoria Market

could be the first of swag of new high-rise towers to overlook the market.

The site is next to land the state government recently transferred to Melbourne City Council as part of plans for a \$250 million redevelopment of the market. The rejuvenation is expected to be partly financed through the council facilitating apartment developments on the edge of the market.

The MIT development is focused on

Nepalese Banks invest Rs 28 billion on hotels, restaurants



In Nepal, hotels and restaurants have become an attractive option for banks and financial institutions to invest. Bankers state that demand for loans to invest on infrastructure has started to rise due to hope that the tourism industry will gather momentum after the end of armed conflict.

Around Rs 28 billion of loan investment has been made in the sector by mid-October of the current fiscal year along with the rise in number of hotels and restaurants. Commercial banks have invested Rs 20.89 billion, development banks Rs 5.28 billion and finance companies Rs 1.73 billion in the sector, according to the Nepal Rastra Bank (NRB). It was Rs 22.65 billion in the corresponding period of the last fiscal year when commercial banks had invested Rs 16.65 billion, development banks Rs 4.20 billion and finance companies Rs 2.22 billion.



Nepal's first IT Park to open in April

The only Information Technology (IT) Park in the country is coming into operation from mid-April.

The IT Park, situated in Banepa of Kavre district would come into operation soon after the government gives a final touch to the IT Park Operation Procedures, said the Department of IT. The IT Park was completed in 2003/04 with the investment of Rs 270 million.

The government has called the private sector for the IT Park operation immediately after the enforcement of the operation procedures. The government is preparing to give 50 per cent tax subsidy to the park operating companies. On July 17, the government had set up the Department of IT and directed it to prepare and submit the procedures for IT Park operation.

The IT Park was established aiming to develop software, promote IT based business and provide services as well as promote investors in the related fields.

However, Under Secretary at the Ministry of Science Technology and Environment Laxmi Prasad Yadav said that operation of the IT Park was delayed as some companies were reluctant to work citing lack of power supply and fiber installation, narrow road to reach the site and poor internet connectivity. Now, all of these problems have been resolved, paving a way for the operation of the IT Park, officials claim.

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Nepal to operate first Special Economic Zone (SEZ) by February

The government of Nepal is all set to start operating its first special economic zone (SEZ) at Bhairahawa by February, 2014.

The construction of this much talked about SEZ had begun 12 years ago. The ministry of industry, which had previously planned to operate the SEZ at Bhairawaha by mid-April this year, could not meet its target after the contractor chosen for the construction failed to complete the task within the agreed time.

The ministry is now busy preparing norms for setting up factories in the SEZ or providing land for interested manufacturing units on lease.

The ministry has also been preparing an Expression of Interest (EoI) to be floated as a formal proposal to ask interested industries to come within the SEZ boundary.

"Once we inaugurate the SEZ, we will promptly float the EoI asking the private sector to come in the SEZ for industrial operation," Yam Kumari Khatiwada, joint secretary at the ministry, told Xinhua.net. A total of 52 plots have been developed for 200 factories in the



Aerial view of Industrial Park planned for Bhairahawa

Bhairahawa SEZ which is located some 250 km west of Nepal's capital Kathmandu.

The government had first conducted a study to set up an SEZ in 1983. The project was first announced 17 years ago based on China's models.

The industry ministry also said that after looking at the response to the first SEZ it would set up three SEZs in Biratnagar, Panchkhal and Bara by the end of 2014. The ministry is currently holding feasibility studies to establish SEZs in

other places, including Jumla, Kapilvastu, Dhanusha, Siraha, Jhapa, Gorkha and Rautahat. It has already completed a feasibility study in Ratomata and Dhangadhi.

Earlier, in the first week of February this year, the government decided to run the SEZ through a SEZ Development Committee after its attempt to introduce an SEZ Act failed due to the absence of a parliament in the country.

Nepal to become a free WiFi-zone

In an ambitious move, Nepal, sandwiched between IT giants India and China, is planning to turn the country into a free Wi-Fi zone.

A taskforce has been formed to carry out a feasibility study in this regard. The panel, headed by board member of the Nepal Telecommunications Authority Mahesh Prasad Adhikari, has been given 30 days to complete the study, according to the Ministry of Information and Communications.

The panel will suggest the government on funding and technical requirements for the scheme, the report said.

But, Nepal, at the 137th position in the Information and Communication Technology Development Index 2012 brought out by the International Telecommunications Union, the UN agency for global telecommunication standards, the country, still has miles to go.

Despite being located between two fast growing economies — China and India — Nepal has failed to take advantage, the report said.

The northern neighbour, China, dominates the global ICT hardware trade, while the southern neighbour, India, is known for software development and is known as one of the best destinations for business process outsourcing (BPO).



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The people of Nepal and countries all over the world mourned the demise of Nelson Mandela, famously referred to by his clan name, Madiba, TaTa. Australian PM Tony Abbott said, while mourning the death of Mandela we are also celebrating his legacy. The UN Secretary General said that Mandela was not only one of the greatest leaders of this century but a future hope. US President Obama said he was the one of the last great liberator of this century. He said that many leaders vow to follow his vision but they don't tolerate the racial prejudice in their own country whilst Mandela always practised what he had preached. In Nepal, politicians need to take Mandela's message of reconciliation, write the constitution and unite the country instead of political bickering all the time and every time.

Many of us may not be well aware of his greatest contribution to the education of the poorest in South Africa and his fight for anti education-apartheid Mandela once said that

"Education is the most powerful weapon in which you can change the world"

He had always emphasized the

"When asked about his most important message for young people, he said they must study hard. When asked about his message for leaders around the world, he said simply they must focus on education."

One has to visit his home village Qunu to witness his belief in the education revolution. In this small village he has turned several rundown schools into modern day education facilities. As a president, Mandela used his influence to woo donors to help him build new classrooms and move children out of dilapidated mud structures. One of the schools is the Qunu Junior Primary, which was turned into a modern school with state-of-the-art computer and biology laboratories.

Principal Mki says that "He has done a lot for us and other schools in the area and for that, he has become an inspiration to the kids there. Mandela used to personally telephone to ensure that all learners were computer literate from Grade 1 and are equipped with all the knowledge and be able to use computers at a very early age. A multi-million dollar technical school has also been built in Qokolweni village, situated about 20km from Mthatha and about 15km from Qunu. The school caters for more than 1 000 pupils from 10 surrounding villages



back ground, through education. Nelson Mandela serves as an inspiration and motivation to reach for the stars and his respect for education speaks volumes about him" said, the Nelson Mandela Institute for Education and Rural Development. The institute was launched by Mandela in 2007 at his alma mater, the University of Fort Hare.

He was always worried that South Africa public education was in a mess. Nelson Mandela believed that if China can lift 500 million people out of poverty in the past 30 years through education reforms and investment, we also should do similar work in South Africa?"

Mandela's greatest legacy was his capacity for forgiveness and his passion for education. Africa today stands on the threshold of economic takeoff with a young, strongly growing population and

young people and power of knowledge. Mandela believed that Africa's future will be driven by science, technology and innovation. Africa's development challenges demand home grown solutions implemented by skilled young Africans. Africa's communities represent a vast untapped pool of scientific and technical talent, talent which is urgently needed for the future.

The African Institute for Mathematical Sciences (AIMS) is truly inspired by Nelson Mandela and Steve Hawkins and its mission is to enable Africa's brightest students to flourish as independent thinkers, problem solvers and innovators capable of propelling Africa's future scientific, educational and economic self-sufficiency. They want to build a pan-African network of 15 centres by 2021. It will graduate 750 students annually who will have the mathematical, research and scientific skills to serve Africa's development needs in academia, industry and government. The institute goal is to create the conditions in which the next Einstein can emerge in Africa. They want to turn development on its head, to see Africa not only for its problems, but also for the great positive contribution it can make to the world. Realizing the talents of its young people will drive progress on the continent, and bring new energy, vitality and diversity into science, stimulating discoveries whose consequences we can only imagine. Let Africa do for science what it has already done for music, art and literature. Let Africa be the place where we connect our intellect with our humanity Einstein with Mandela. Neil Turok is the director and Niels Bohr chair at the Perimeter Institute for Theoretical Physics in Waterloo, Ont., and founder of the African Institute for Mathematical Sciences.

Nepal needs to follow Mandela's vision and commitment to enhance Nepal prosperity through education and S&T, our country will also be a prosperous one. The NRN knowledge investment initiative is a small step forward in the right direction and Open University and Science foundation initiatives provide an opportunity for Diaspora population to work unitedly and help contribute in the overall development of Nepal.

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Nelson Mandela, with his wife, Winnie, walks to freedom after 27 years in prison on Feb. 11, 1990, in Cape Town.

importance of education and believed that his own education had played a greater role in preparing him for a long and arduous fight for South Africa's freedom from Apartheid.

and townships, and support night school for adult literacy classes and community skills training centre.

"He showed us that in life you can achieve anything irrespective of your

vast natural resources. According to recent estimates, Africa's current population of 1.1 billion will likely to grow to 2.4 billion by 2050. Most strikingly, a third of the planet's young people will be African by then. Mr. Mandela foresaw the potential of Africa's children: "It is through education that the daughter of a peasant can become a doctor, that the son of a mineworker can become the head of the mine, that a child of farm workers can become the president of a great nation."

Mr. Mandela seemed bemused by renowned scientist Prof Stephen, whose voice emanates from his computer. But Nelson and Stephen have so much in common – their struggle against overwhelming odds, their exceptionally clear thinking and ability to communicate and most of all their unfailing belief in

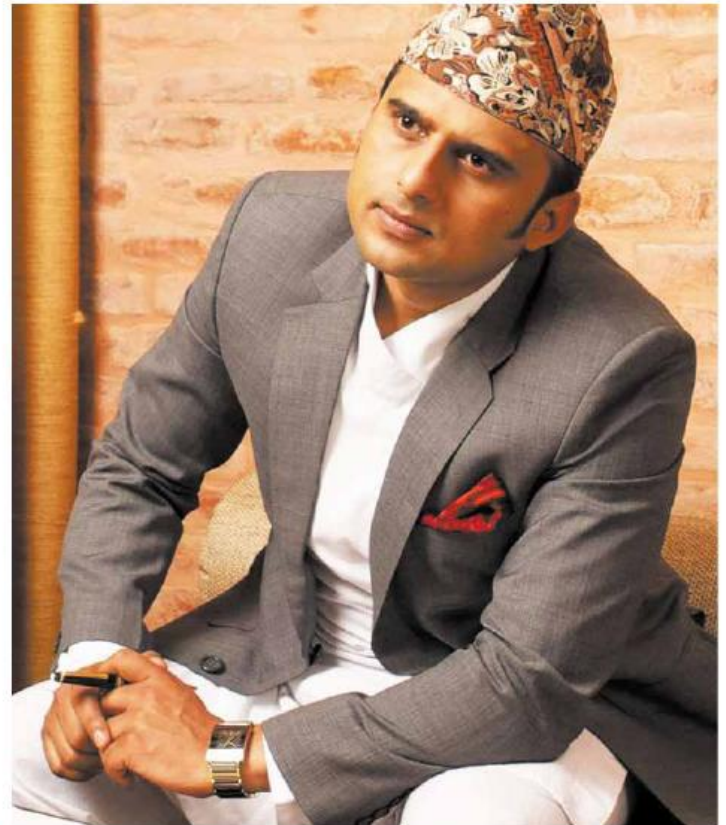
Lyrical Mythbuster Deven Giri

Deven Giri is hardly forty and he has lived his life full circle.

This young and dashing lyricist knows exactly how to express those life experiences through his words. Defying the myth that one has to grow old to be a good writer Deven revolutionised Nepali music and literature arena with the release of his debut album 'The Pen and Deven' last year. The album now ranks as probably one of the greatest compilation of Nepali songs ever to be made and the man behind the album, lyricist Deven Giri is now a household name in Nepal. His simple, concise, poetic and realistic expression tells the story of every Nepali. Giri's lyrics are a journey that every human being goes through. He has penned on a range of social realities including old age, teen age love, human suffering, womanhood and patriotism and with a constructive spin to those issues.

As far as he can remember he always took part in local cultural shows. But he explains he is a writer before anything else. He also had a budding passion for acting, but wasn't really able to explore it till later in his life. His innovative chase in acting began really when he came to Kathmandu about two decades ago. Aware of his good looks and charisma he was hoping to try his luck at being an actor. He even went to Lalit Kala campus as part of preparing himself to be an actor. He eventually did some TV and Film appearances but not as significantly as it would make him choose acting as a full time career. By then, his personal priorities had started dominating his passion for acting.

As substantial as the culture shock and challenges in establishing himself in the big city, he sees them all as part of life. And that very attitude of Deven has



What makes Deven's writing so real is his own experiences in life. He comes from the village of Jaidee in Baglung in Nepal's west. Eldest out of three

taken him a long way in his professional life. Started his career from a mediocre job he is now one of the most successful tourism entrepreneur of Nepal. Deven



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siblings he'd always felt he was wired a little differently right from his early age. His passion for art and creativity were distinctive from a normal kid. So compelling that he quite often used to lose himself out to his imagination.

When it comes to creative arts Deven has always been proactive. He had started writing poems while in school.

currently runs Hotel Manang in the tourist hub of Kathmandu. His journey from a wannabe actor to an accomplished writer and businessman has given him a clear perspectives of life. "I feel like whatever I struggled through then has only served to make my song-writing better, so whatever happened was good in that sense," Deven says.

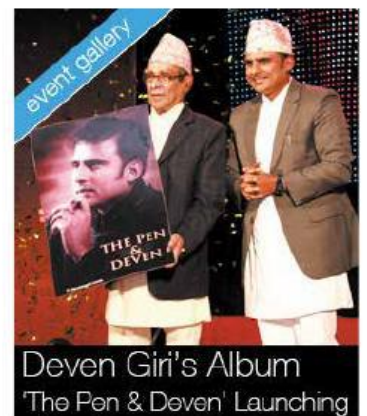
Album 'The Pen and Deven' is

essentially an outpouring of his own experiences that represent each of us as human beings. The songs have been sung by well-known musicians such as Shishir Yogi, Swaroop Raj Acharya, Dipak Limbu, Durga Kharel, Rajina Rimal, Ramkrishna Dhakal, and Sadhana Sargam. Album is distributed by Devsuchi Creation, and proceeds from which will be donation to the New Vision Nepal Foundation, is available in the form of a booklet, which comprises, apart from illustrated lyrics, Giri's interpretations of each song, testimonies from various figures from the Nepali music and film industries like Rajesh Hamal and Bhusan Dahal, and a photo gallery, among other features.

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But Deven thinks trophies are less significant than the acceptance shown by his fans. He says "I am grateful for all these awards but my fans are my biggest motivation."

Referring to his followers back in Australia, Deven says he wants to come to Australia in near future to interact with them personally. He said "I want to thank my



Deven Giri's Album 'The Pen & Deven' Launching

fans in Australia that loved my creation. My attempt will always be towards giving you a better song every time." As a pleasant surprise he also revealed that he is planning a special launch of his album 'The Pen and Deven' in Australia.



NRC sports tourney concludes with overwhelming success- Melbourne to host next

Nepalese Recreational Centre, Sydney has organised the largest gathering for Nepalese sports enthusiasts in Australia. The tournament held during the Christmas and New Year holidays saw a large attendance of Nepalese living across the country. Individuals and the teams had flown into Sydney to be a part of the tournament that encompassed mainly four major sports of Golf, Tennis, Badminton and Table Tennis under various age groups. Matches for Badminton and Table Tennis were played at Sydney Olympic Park, similarly Chatswood Golf Club and North Ryde RSL Club were the venue for Golf and Tennis.

After three days of showdown, the prize distribution ceremony was organised at Petersham Town hall on 29th of December that was accompanied by Nepalese Cultural show. As Chief Guest of the ceremony, HE Rudra Kumar Nepal, Nepalese Ambassador to Australia congratulated the winners and all the participants for their sporting spirit.

According to the organiser, the tournament was held to promote the health benefits of sports as well to maintain the community harmony.

How was it all conducted?

GOLF: The tournament kicked off early morning of Friday 27, December 2013 at Chatswood Golf Club. A total of 15 players with different levels of Handicap from VIC and NSW participated. This tournament was coordinated by Mr Jog Limbu (VIC) and Mr Deepak Khadka (NSW).

TENNIS: Held across two days Friday 27 and Saturday 28 December 2013 at North Ryde RSL Youth Club and Strathfield Sports Club Tennis courts. A total of 16 players from NT, QLD, VIC and NSW participated. This tournament was coordinated by Mr Bishnu Hamal and Mr Dil Kumar Bharti.

BADMINTON: Competition started on Friday 27 December 2013 at North

Ryde RSL Youth Club Badminton courts and concluded in Sport Centre, Sydney Olympic Park on Sunday 29 December 2013. Over 60 players from ACT, NSW, QLD and VIC participated in Men's single and Doubles, Ladies single and Doubles and Mix doubles categories. This Tournament was coordinated by Mr Hemant Bhatta, Mr Sanju Roka and Mr Jabin Shrestha.

TABLE TENNIS: This tournament was held at Sports Centre, Sydney Olympic Park on Sat 28 and Sun 29 December 2013. Over 45 players from VIC, ACT, QLD and NSW participated in Men's Single and Doubles and Ladies single and Doubles and Mix Doubles. This competition was coordinated by Mr Kuldeep Pradhan.

Official Desk was managed

by Miss Savi Hamal and Miss June Shrestha. They carried out record keeping of the scores and announcing of the results. NRC also received help from partners of players visiting from other states and from within NSW. NRC was well supported from behind the scene by NRC Executives Mrs Anju Shrestha, Mr Mohan Neupane, Mr Subarna Sharma,



Mr Shree Napit and supporters Mr Sunil & Mrs Preeti Sharma, Mrs Meena Sharma, Mrs Sapna Hamal, Mrs Praticha Pandey and Mrs Babita Shrestha are just few among the many volunteers.

With the completion of the tournament NRC has thanked all the contributors that has helped this event to be a great success. NRC has also expressed their gratitude towards all players, sponsors, supporters, media partners, community leaders and family members



for their efforts to successfully accomplish this historic event.

Encouraged by this year's response, a discussion held amongst State coordinators has decided to organise the next Interstate tournament in around December 2014/ January 2015 in Melbourne that will be led by Nepalese Association of Victoria and supported by other state sporting CBO's.



NAV GURKHAS CUP- 2014 begins in Melbourne

Nepalese Association of Victoria in association with Royal Gurkhas Institute of Technology is organising a cricket league in Melbourne. As calendar event of NAV, the tournament started on 12th of December at Fleming Park. The total of six teams including Eastern Warrior (EW), Brunswick Blues (BB), United Cricket Team (UCT), Narre Kings (NK), The Himalayan Club (THC), Sagarmatha Cricket Club (SCC) are in contention for the cup this year. According to the tournament co-ordinator Sujit Basnet, matches will be played of thirty overs at various venues. The final is scheduled for sixteenth of March.

Twenty-20 Cricket Cup in Perth

Nepalese Association of Western Australia is all set to organize a 20-20 Cricket tournament in WA. A number of teams are going to participate at the tournament named NAWA Cricket Cup. According to organizer, the tournament is organized in a bid to enhance unity and brotherhood among Nepalese residing in Australia.



GNC soccer league kicks off

This year's GNC league has kicked off in Sydney on December 1. With the total of twelve participating team, matches are played at Chipping Norton, Childs Park. According to the organizer the tournament will be played on league cum knock out basis. And it's expected to take about six months for the league to reach finals.

This year's league has been sponsored by Everest Communication. GNC (Gorkha Nepalese Community) Nepalese is one of the oldest community organisations in Australia representing Nepali Community. This year's tournament is the fifteenth edition of the their soccer league.

NAWA is an umbrella organization of Nepalese people living in Western Australia. The organizer hopes the tournament will give a message of unity and philanthropy among Nepali community. NAWA has been garnering funds to assist needy people by organizing a number of programs in Australia and Nepal every year.

The tournament is slated for 2 February at Forrest Park.



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Australia sweeps ashes 5-0



Australia completed a 5-0 Ashes clean sweep against England as the tourists crumbled to a humiliating 281-run defeat in the fifth Test in Sydney.

Demoralised England capitulated after tea against the home side's pace attack, losing seven wickets in 52 minutes on their way to being bundled out for 166 in 31.4 overs -- getting nowhere near the 448 target for victory.

It was the sixth time the beleaguered tourists had been skittled for under 200 in the series and the crushing defeat is expected to have major ramifications for English cricket just months after they beat Australia 3-0 in England.

Paceman Ryan Harris finished with five for 25 and man-of-the-series Mitchell Johnson -- who took 37 wickets in the five matches -- had figures of 3-40.

Skipper Alastair Cook (7), Ian Bell (16) and Kevin Pietersen (6) all fell in the middle session as England limped to tea on 87-3 but it was carnage after the interval as four wickets tumbled in two overs with the tourists falling apart against inspired Australian bowling and fielding.

Michael Carberry (43) feathered Mitchell Johnson to wicketkeeper Brad Haddin just two balls after the resumption and three balls later debutant Gary Ballance was trapped plumb in front by Johnson for seven.

Wicketkeeper Jonny Bairstow was caught close in by George Bailey off spinner Nathan Lyon for a three-ball duck and debutant legspinner Scott Borthwick was magnificently caught by skipper Michael Clarke off Lyon for four.

Everest United partners with 'Coerver' to provide World Class Training to Nepali kids

Everest United Club Melbourne is collaborating with the global football coaching programme 'Coerver' to help Nepali kids improve their soccer skills. EU has recently confirmed the news and said the club aims to provide world class training to the Nepali kids.

Coerver is a training programme inspired by the teaching of Wiel Coerver and created in 1984 by Alfred Gaulstian, Chelsea's Great and Charlie Cook. Since then 1.5 million Kids and coaches have attended Coerver Coaching Program. The program is suited for all age group but especially for players of 5-16 and their coaches as it focuses on individual skill development and small group play. Everest United has made an announcement to all the Nepalese parents to encourage their kids to take this opportunity to hone their soccer skill.



How do you know you are taken for granted in a relationship?

Value, respect and equality make for a solid relationship. And when it comes to marriage and companionship, these three attributes matter the most so far as happiness in a relationship is concerned. Most often, it is when either spouse takes the other for granted and most important, the love for granted is when there is need to take corrective measures. Here are how to spot whether your man is taking you for granted:

It is but natural in any relationship to take each other for granted after a certain period of companionship. However, there are ways to ensure this doesn't happen too often and too long.

Expectations

It's expected of you all the time that you will be at his beck and call whenever desired. Taking from arranging the bath linen to the bed linen to arranging the dinner table. And not a single offer from



him comes when it comes to sharing the chores.

Spending time with kids

The onus of picking and dropping your kids is always on you because it is imperative. And you are never asked whether the kids are to be dropped by him on occasions to give you that free time.

Honey, I am too tired

It's always my job, my life - for him. You are always expected to ask him about his day, but how was the day spent at your end is never heard of. And all you keep him say is, "I had a long day. I am too tired to think about anything."

My world, my friends

He doesn't seem interested in you talking about your likes, dislikes, your friends. In turn, you will all the while be ending up listening to him talking about his colleagues, his friends and his outings.

Doesn't keep dates for you

You always end up alone on occasions important to you. He never has time or is simply too busy to accompany you to your friends' place. He's got time for everything else in the world but you.

If you have sensed any or all of the above signs from your partner then may be its time to remind him what you are worth.

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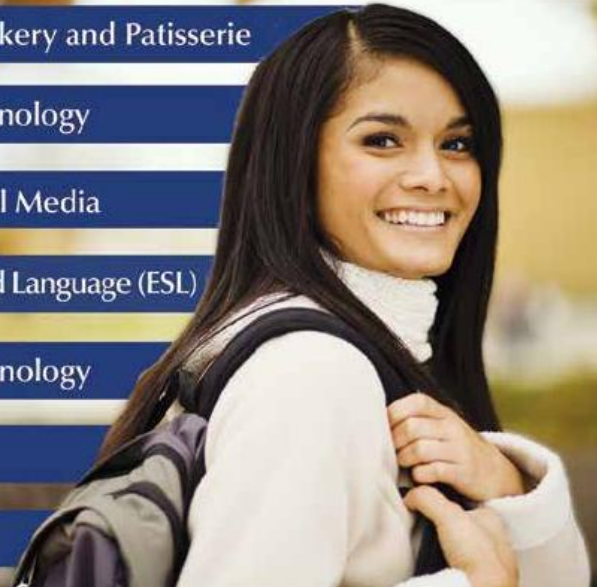
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