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4th Global NRN Conference



NRN Association is all set to host the upcoming NRN Convention in Kathmandu 13-15 Oct., 2009. It will be held at Soaltee Crowne Plaza Kathmandu. The pre-conference activities are scheduled to start on October 10, 2009. If you are visiting Nepal during the Dashain-Tihar holidays, please make this as an opportunity to attend the NRN conference and rub shoulders with global NRN leaders, politicians, journalists and civil society leaders in Kathmandu. In order to participate in the conference, you need to be aware of the following information.

President's Corner



Dear friends:
This is a very special month for Nepalis around the world. We just celebrated Dasain and Tihar is coming in a week. I would like to wish all very Happy Dasain and Tihar. In addition, October 11 is declared as global Non Resident Nepalese (NRN Day). Along with expected 40 delegates from the US, I will be traveling to Nepal to participate in the multi-day NRN Convention in Kathmandu.

Since stepping up as President of NAC and NRN-NCCC USA in June 2009, we are committed to make communication a top priority. In addition to various emails and phone calls, we are able to publish a monthly e-news letter which has been distributed to over 15000 email recipients each month. I would like to thank Dr. Padam P Sharma, our Public Relations Officer, to lead us in

1. **NRN Membership and Delegation:** As per the NRN by-laws, 10 country members are represented by 1 delegate. All country delegates will be eligible to vote. There were 36 delegates from North America in 2007. We are expecting to increase the number of delegates this year. To be eligible to vote for any NRN motions and elections, one must be a member of NRN National Coordinating Council. NRN National Coordinating Council must certify and send a list of delegates to NRN Regional Coordinator of North America by October 1, 2009.

2. **ICC Election:** Every other year, NRN International Coordinating Council holds an election for president, two vice presidents, general secretary, treasurer, secretary and treasurer. All candidates must be present in Kathmandu and attend the conference.

3. **Registration:** At this time, we are assuming that all of you who are going to Kathmandu to attend the NRNA conference are pre-registered for the conference. You can still register directly with the NRNA Secretariat or register as walk-in. Your NRN membership status will be verified with the National Coordinating Council of USA.

NRN Workshop on Technology and Knowledge Transfer

Non Resident Nepalese Association of North America (USA and Canada) organizes a pre convention seminar of Technology and Professional Knowledge Transfer during upcoming NRN Global Convention in Kathmandu (Nepal). The program is a collaborative effort with Institute of Engineering (IOE), Tribhuvan University (Nepal) on October 12, 2009 from 1:30-4:30 PM at Institute of Engineering (IOE) at Pulchok, Kathmandu.

Presenters will include Dr. Ambika P. Adhikari, Mr. Ratan Jha, Mr. Prabuddha Dahal, Dr. Drona Rasaly, Mr. Suman R. Timsina, Dr. Pramod Dhakal, and Mr. Nabraj Gurung, Dr. Bhagwan Das Koirala, and many other are to participate in the session. The proposed program also

this effort. I would like to thank Nepalhorizons.com and other NAC member organizations for making their mailing list available for forwarding the newsletter. Various media partners deserve a big thanks from us to help us reach out to their readers and viewers. Sagarmatha TV has broadcasted several programs, while all print and on-line news media and Radio stations always encouraged us by covering NRN news.

I would like to draw your attention to few specific items:

NRN National Coordination Council of US: I would like to thank all of you for your cooperation and support on me and my team to carry forward NRN vision and mission related NRN activities in the USA. I acknowledge your roles in the Executive Board, House of Delegates, Advisers, Media Partners, and general NRN members.

Town Hall Meetings: Since June 2009, we have helped organize 11 town hall meetings and two general assembly meetings in the US. These meetings helped us develop local leadership and reach out to Nepali Diaspora at large to make them aware about mission and activities of NRN Association.

NRN Membership: With help of all of you, the town hall meetings were instrumental in expanding

expects to attract many professional organizations from Nepal. America Nepal Medical Foundation, Computer Association of Nepal-USA, NRN National Coordination Council of USA and Canada, The American Society of Nepalese Engineers and many more organizations will be represented.

The purpose of the workshop is to reach out professional organizations in Nepal and establish stronger network to contribute in Nepal's development through technology and knowledge transfer.

North America Diaspora Recommends NRN Regional Representatives

NAC (Nepalese Americas Council) - NRN National Coordination Council of USA, recently held a General Assembly (GA) meeting in Raleigh, North Carolina. The General Assembly unanimously recommended Mr. Ratan Jha for the NRN ICC Vice President. Mr. Jha is an entrepreneur from Texas (USA) and is a past co-chair of the North American Coordination Council of NAC. He has been actively involved with NRN Association since its inception. NRN National Coordination Councils of USA and Canada have unanimously recommended Dr. Ambika Adhikari (USA) as the NRNA Regional Coordinator and Dr. Drona Rasaili (Canada) for the NRNA Deputy Regional Coordinator for North America in its General Assembly meeting.

Dr. Ambika Adhikary is a former President of NAC and has been a well recognized leader of the Nepali community in the US and Canada. Dr. Adhikary is a Senior Planner at SRPMIC and an adjunct professor at Arizona State University in Phoenix, Arizona. Dr. Drona P. Rasaili is a veterinary doctor and works for the Government of Saskatchewan in Canada. Dr. Rasaili has been long active in the Nepali community and NRN Affairs in Canada.

NAC -NRN National Coordination Council of USA also unanimously recommended Mr. Rajendra Shrestha of Maryland for the NRNA Country Representative for the USA. Mr. Shrestha is currently the Deputy Regional

NRN membership which has reached over 700. We hope to make about 1000 NRN-USA members by the end of the year.

Pre-conference Sessions during the convention: Two special pre-conference sessions are being organized. The first session is a Literary Festival hosted by International Nepali Literary Society. The second session on Helping Nepal will be participated by Medical, Computer Technology, Engineering and Education professionals of USA, Canada, and Nepal.

Projects in 2009 : NAC/ NRN-NCC USA was engaged in the following activities:

1. Fund raising to help cremate Ishwor Gandhari
2. Help raise funds for Dr. Mahabir Pun's \$1 a month Nepal Wireless Project
3. Help raise funds and provide matching grant of up to \$350 to support Impact Education Project by Pooja Pradhan and Nepalis Women's Global Network
4. Plans are underway to print and publish The New Immigrant's Survival Kit (an information booklet created by Dr. Balkrishna Sharma and Mrs. Anita Adhikary for ANMA) in Nepali and English.

Finally, I want to ensure all of you that we are fully committed to work with our members and member organizations to

Coordinator for NRNA for North America, and is active in the NRNA affairs. NRN Canada in its annual meeting in Calgary in June 2009, elected Dr. Pramod Dhakal of Ottawa as its country representative to the NRNA. Dr. Dhakal is a long time community leader and an ardent promoter of NRN Canada since its inception.

The formal election for all these positions will take place in Kathmandu and all the candidates are required to be physically present in Kathmandu during the 4th NRN Global Convention. Despite huge geographic vastness and presence of hundreds of local organizations in the North America (US & Canada), we have been able to forge consensus with NCC-Canada as well as within NCC- USA for various positions of the ICC, NRNA. We firmly believe that, for a fledgling organization like NRNA and for the greater good of the nascent NRN Movement, consensus should be sought in lieu of contest.

Meet NRNA Candidates from North America



Dr. Ambika Adhikary
for Regional
Coordinator

Dr. Adhikary is a Senior Planner with SRPMIC, Phoenix, and Faculty Associate at Arizona State University. Dr. Adhikary has worked for City of Phoenix, Arizona, DPRA Inc. in Toronto and Washington DC, and for Harvard University.

Ambika was the Country Representative of IUCN in Nepal, and earlier, an Associate Professor at Tribhuvan University.

represent interest of NRNs and help Nepal.

Thank you.

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President

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Ambika received Doctorate from Harvard University, post graduate fellowship from MIT and M. Arch. from University of Hawaii. He has authored one and co-edited four books, and published numerous reports and articles. He is a past president of NAC and is active in various community organizations in North America, and in NRNA.

Dr. Adhikary's plans as NRNA Regional Coordinator (*in his own words*) **"NRNA has achieved spectacular success since its inception in 2003. With my wide experience in building organizations and managing associations and programs, as a Regional Coordinator for North America, I wish to contribute important services to the NRNA high level team in helping NRNA enhance its structure, mobilize resources for its long term stability, and to make the functioning of the organization even more efficient and effective.**

NRNA is already strong in the investment and business sectors in Nepal. As investment and technology and knowledge transfers are pre-requisite to each other, I would bring the intellectual and professional component to the NRNA leadership team to complement the business and investment advantage. During my tenure, I wish to help the NRNA ICC team strengthen the intellectual, professional and academic component within the organization."



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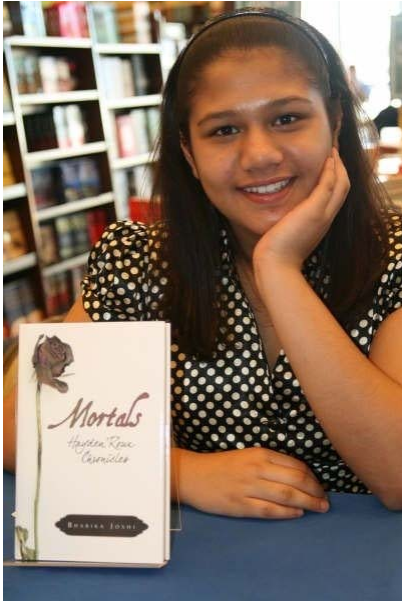
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Remembering Baram Gautam

Baram Gautam Dies in Auto Crash in Oklahoma US

A 23-year-old Woodward man has died in a single-vehicle crash in Woodward County. The Oklahoma Highway Patrol says Baram Gautam was pronounced dead at the scene of the crash on Oklahoma Highway 50 about 13 miles north of Mooreland. Troopers say the victim suffered head injuries. The crash occurred shortly after midnight when the victim's northbound vehicle left the roadway, then came back

Meet Young Talent Bhabika Joshi (in her own words)



I was emailing you about a little biography about myself for your e-newsletter. First, I wanted to thank you for giving me this great opportunity. I really appreciate it!

I was born in Kathmandu and lived there for over eight years. When I was about six, I started writing miniature poems, usually about my family or everything around me. I got inspired to be on the writing path by both of

my grandparents who are published authors.

I started writing *Mortal* when I was ten, finishing it at the end of my thirteenth year and publishing it when I was thirteen, as well. The story line revolves around a girl named Hayden Roux (Hay-duh-n Roo-ks) who gets a mysterious quest to go rescue a national heirloom for the city of White Grover. She has to battle her way through Pandora and lose many friends, while the question of her death hangs on every line. This book was published in June 2009 by iUniverse.

I am currently working on a different project that I hope to have published by the next year. The sequel to *Mortals* will be coming out in about two years; this is a five part saga. I usually am reading, writing, playing in band, or listening to music in my spare time. I believe there is nothing better than the joy of opening a book and starting a new story. My favorite authors are JK Rowling, Jodi Picoult, Meg Cabot, etc. I started high school this fall to all advanced classes.

I tell people to never, ever, stop trying. It doesn't matter if you're a great artist, a wonderful dancer, or

across the roadway and left it on the other side. The patrol says the vehicle then struck an embankment and rolled three and one-half times, coming to rest on its top. Troopers say the victim was pinned in the vehicle for about 90 minutes. They say he was wearing a seat belt.

The celebration of life service for Balram Gautam, 23, of Woodward, will be 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 10, 2009, at Northwestern Oklahoma State University Ballroom, Alva. Cremation arrangements are by [Nichols-Zwanziger Funeral Home](#) and Cremation Services, Woodward.

Obituary:

Balram Gautam was born on December 20, 1985 in Nepal to Bishnu Prasad and Laxmi Gautam. He departed from this life on Saturday October 3, 2009. Balram graduated from Northwestern Oklahoma State University in Alva with a Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science and Math. He then went to work for the Woodward Regional Hospital as a System Administrator. He is survived by his parents Bishnu and Laxmi Gautam of Nepal, his brother Krishra and his sister Saraswati, his friends Kundan Rai, Sujeet Shrestha, Vinicius (Vinnie) Calil, and Romy Kabir, and a host of friends. Remembrances may be made to Gautam Family by

born to be a neurosurgeon. Go for it and never think it's too early to start anything. You can achieve any goal; you can fulfill any wish, and you can do that at every age possible. Although I love to write, when I grow up I want to be an Oral Surgeon or convey myself in the mathematical/science field.

So far, my plan is working great!

Best wishes to you Bhabika -- you are an inspiration to us all!

Remembering Rabindra Sharma

[Mr. Rabindra Sharma, Co-owner of Citgo Gas Station, Spartanburg, South Carolina was killed in an attempted robbery of his store on Sept 30, 2009.](#)

Association of Nepalese in America (ANA) is requesting all NRN's and friends to join hands in support of South Carolina Association of Nepalese (SCAN) that is working on all required logistics of cremation of Mr. Sharma. America Nepalese Society, Washington, DC and Nepal's Association of Georgia are also raising funds. North America's Council has donated \$200 towards the fund and, we are requesting all Nepali organization to please come forward and extend your helping hand.

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