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*President: Neupane*

Dear Community Members,  
Happy Holidays

I wanted to take this opportunity to wish all of you a very happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year 2020. As Nepal Education and Cultural Center (NECC) is thriving, this is a moment to take the pride of the work we did collectively to achieve our mission. As I look back on the year 2019, we have made substantial progress in many ways for the NECC. Especially, we began another new chapter “Nepali Pathashala of Maryland” with 77 enthusiastic children. Our multi-talented young priest Khilraj Pandit started his journey and taking initiation to make Pashupati-Buddha Mandir a peaceful and beautiful place to visit. Deusi-Bhailo 2019 was another astonishing achievement and raised over a hundred thousand dollars. We organized Deusi-Bhailo event in 25 different places in the 4 consecutive weekends. Hundreds of family members from greater Washington DC and across the United States participated and generously donated to the NECC. I take profound pride of the volunteers, artists, and donors for their extraordinary efforts, outstanding performance, generous donations and overwhelming support. It’s a huge achievement and great success for the community as a whole. Hence, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate each one of you for making 2019 most memorable and huge successful year in the NECC history.

We are focusing on the following priority projects for the year 2020; I hope to meet/exceed these goal and year 2020 will be another milestone year for the NECC:

- i. All 108 MANEs were prepared and shipped from Nepal and will be installed around the Buddha Podium in Spring.
- ii. The Shiva Murti (similar size of Buddha) is preparing in India and will be erected in the Kailash Parbat when arrives.
- iii. Renovating a “Pagoda Style” building including mandir, all-purpose hall, kitchen, dining, school, office, and so on.
- iv. Current puja hall will be converted into Buddha monastery and will be used as Buddha pray and meditation center.
- v. We are building a septic tank soon. Men’s & Ladies restrooms will be built next to multi-purpose hall by this summer.
- vi. Doing extension of parking lot and widening/pavement for the service road from Beallsville Rd to the all-purpose hall.
- vii. Building 30,000 gallons reserve water tank for public safety per county requirement in order to obtain worship permit. These are the major and very important projects for year 2020 and our Engineering Team is working with county officials to expedite the process. Cost estimate for these various projects is \$700,000. We only have little over \$200,000.00 cash in the bank and we are short almost half million dollars and the charity must rely entirely on public donation. These projects are long overdue and must have done as soon as possible. This will be possible only with your financial support and we assure that every penny of your donation will go to the NECC. Your generous donation could help complete NECC’s noble projects and make all the difference in our community. Thus, please open your heart and consider making a contribution today. If you are interested to donate specific project or engrave your name in MANE or Kailash Parwat, please let us know.



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NECC and Pashupati-Buddha Mandir is the first mandir in the USA initiated by Association of Nepalese in America (ANA). Many organizations like America-Nepal Society (ANS), Nepa Pasa Puch Amerikaye (NPPA), America Nepal Helping Society (ANHS), Tamang Society of Greater Washington DC, Paramparagat Buddha Dharma Sangh from Greater Washington DC are involved in this mission and have joined to become trustee. Many other organizations have expressed their interest and, in the process, to become trustee. NECC has always been a key resource to preserve Nepali religions, values, and manners through the Mandir. It unites and promotes Nepali community through its cultural and the other educational activities.

I am very grateful to all of you especially Deusi-Bhailo team, Engineering team, Pathashala team, Executive team, Board of Trustees, advisors, friends from medias, and entire community members whose commitment and dedication made a huge difference. Thank you for volunteering and giving the NECC most precious thing - your time, talent, and money. Words cannot express how much I appreciate your kindness, generosity, and incredible community support. I “THANK YOU” all from the bottom of my heart for your relentless efforts. Today, NECC would not be in this height without your unconditional support and **I look forward to your continuous support in the New Year 2020 as well.** Thank you!

With Warm Regards,  
Khilendra Mani Neupane  
President, NECC  
Greater Washington DC

## Annual Financial Report

Nepal Education and Cultural Center (NECC), has delivered another year of solid and remarkable financial performance in 2019. The financial activities and balance sheet have improved significantly due to successful execution of our major revenue generating programs such as Deusi-Bhailo, Trustee and Dollar-A-Day drive. During October – November of 2019, NECC had organized Deushi Bhailo event in Maryland, DC and Virginia and raised \$102K. The Deusi-Bhailo event had added 58 dollar-a-day donors, 4 life members and 3 trustees and contributed more than 50% of revenue in 2019. In addition, 44 people donated for Buddha Mane Pashupati projects. Thus, we should plan a well ahead for Deusi-Bhailo events in 2020 to generate more revenue and provide unique entertainment and cultural value for our community. This event has been well organized and received by our community in many aspects. The participants were very excited, engaged and supportive to the NECC facility expansion and improvement projects. The Deusi-Bhailo program has been very effective in collecting donations for different projects (Shiva/Buddha) and driving new dollar-a-day members and trustees. We are committed to focusing and improving our Deushi-Bhailo event uniquely to win the hearts of many people in and around Washington DC area.



*Treasurer: Pradhan*

As of December 28, 2019, NECC had bank balance of \$225,578 and total assets of more than 1.1 million. The cash balance increased from \$148,066 to \$225,578 at December 28, 2019, which was primarily contributed by Deusi-Bhailo events organized by local community in Maryland and Virginia. Generous people of our community along with a strong, energetic executive team have made a remarkable improvement in the financial position of NECC. With the strong fundraising campaigns for the facility improvement and expansion, NECC has received outpouring financial and moral support from community leaders and members and generated more



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than \$189K of revenue including service fees, contributions and pledged amounts. In 2019, NECC has added more than \$100K net assets. On a cash basis, it has generated about \$132K, which is the second highest cash revenue in the history of NECC. NECC spent \$53K as part of business operations and facility improvements. Now, the challenge as well as opportunity for NECC is to collect the pledged amounts from the donors in Deusi Bhailo and Fundraising Dinner events, which is more than \$175K. NECC will heavily focus on collecting the pledged amounts during the first quarter of 2020. NECC has converted some of the promissory notes to contributions. Thus, the promissory notes have been adjusted and reduced to \$33K from \$39K in 2018. We are planning to clear all outstanding promissory notes and accrued interest in 2020 through converting them into donations and making payments. NECC believe that team work and execution of our revenue strategy would translate to a solid financial performance with strong cash flow in 2020. Most importantly, we delivered these results while holding our institution to the ethics and financial integrity.

We expanded and continued to successfully execute some of the revenue programs that we executed in prior years.

1. Implementation of Dollar-A-Day campaign
2. Addition of new patrons, benefactors, trustees, life-members, and general members; and
3. Participation in social event and cultural programs (Deushi-Bhailo)

We are focusing on improving and expanding NECC facility to better serve our community. We are in the process of obtaining permits from the country to renovate and expand the facility. With the improved facility including establishments of Shiva and Buddha statues, we expect more visitors and devotees in the NECC premises.

We will organize pujas, yogas, and social events and invite religious scholars/leaders on a regular basis. At least, we are planning to organize one puja a month with increased local participation and NECC officials. We believe in saying: higher the traffic, higher the revenue. We need more traffic and participation from our community. The trustees and life-members are the back bone of NECC who can significantly contribute in the financial growth of NECC. We are highly committed to improving the traffic of visitors by providing high quality services and facilities.

In NECC, we attract and engage people from different professional expertise and background. They are smart, work hard and proud about doing the right thing for our community. Though our road ahead has challenges, there is a unique opportunity for us to grow and develop through local community participation and great people of NECC.

NECC should run its business as an enterprise meaning that it should generate enough revenues from providing services to the community. Needless to mention, there is enough room to increase service revenues through providing high quality services and facility leases for different occasions or festivities. NECC attempts to become more transparent around its accounting records and practice to improve its financial position and results.

We constantly explore and evaluate opportunities to raise funds/donations for capital improvement to build/renovate the NECC premises by organizing social events in various cultural and religious occasions. We will remain focus on completing our short-term projects in accordance with the Maryland state building codes and regulations. With your moral and financial support, we can take NECC to next level. Capital improvement and expansion work is on the way. Please stay tuned and help us in achieving our noble dreams through your generous contributions and support. Your contribution can make a big difference in NECC and our community!

As always, thank you for your continued contribution and support to NECC.

“Together we can make a big difference”

Sincerely,  
Laxman Pradhan, CPA  
Treasurer, NECC



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## पंडित खिलराजको आगमन पछिको एक वर्ष

जब म यस वर्ष २०१९को शुरुमा यस नेपाल शिक्षा तथा साँस्कृतिक केन्द्र(नेपाली मन्दिर)मा पंडित सेवाका लागि कर्मचारीका रूपमा प्रवेश गरेको थिएँ । त्यस दिनदेखि नै नेपाली संस्कृति र हिन्दु सनातन धर्मले प्रचलनमा ल्याएका पर्वहरुमा भगवानको पूजा अर्चना नियमित गरिदै आएको सम्पूर्ण भक्तजनहरुलाई अवगत नै छ । सत्य नारायण भगवानको पूजाबाट मैले मेरो सेवाको शुरुवात गरेको थिएँ । त्यस बखत अध्यक्ष खिलेन्द्रमणि न्यौपानेलगायतको टोलीले स्वागत गर्दै जिम्मेवारी दिएको थियो । आएको केही समयमै हिन्दुहरुको एक महापर्व शिवरात्री भव्य रूपमा आयोजना गरियो । आयोजकहरुको भनाइ अनुसार यो पहिलो पटक शिव धूनीका साथ राती भजन कृतन गरिएको थियो । भगवान शिवजीको माता पार्वतीका साथ विवाह भएको अवसरमा मनाइने उत्सव महा शिवरात्री हो । नेपाली मन्दिरले विधिपूर्वक शिवरात्रीमा भगवानको पूजा आरधना गरेको थियो ।

नेपाली संवत् २०७६ को नयाँ वर्षका दिन वैशाख १ गतेलाई पनि नेपाली मन्दिरले भगवान विष्णुको पूजा आरधना गरी मनाएको थियो । त्यस दिन सत्यनारायणको पूजा सम्पन्न गरी भक्तजनहरुले नयाँ वर्ष उत्सव मनाउनु भएको थियो ।

यसै गरी यस वर्ष फागु पूर्णिमामा पनि विशेष कार्यक्रमहरु आयोजना गरी होली पर्व मनाइएको थियो । यस वर्षको आकर्षण पहाड र तराईको आ-आफ्नो शैली र तरिकाबाट होली मनाइएको थियो । नेपाली मन्दिरलाई पशुपति बुद्ध मन्दिर पनि भनिन्छ । यो स्वभावितक हो कि यहाँ भगवान गौतम बुद्धको जयन्ती भव्य रूपमा मनाउने गरिन्छ । यहाँ भगवान बुद्धको प्रतिमा पनि प्रतिस्थापित भएको हुँदा बौद्ध धर्मावलम्बीहरुका लागि विशेष आकर्षक तीर्थ पनि हो यो ।

मन्दिरले नेपाली धर्म र संस्कृतिको संरक्षणका लागि र हिन्दु सनातन तथा बौद्ध धर्मका पर्व चाड एवम साँस्कृतिक भाँकीहरु जसले नेपाली समुदायको पहिचान दिन्छन ती सबैलाई हर्षोल्लासका मनाउने गरेको छ । नेपाली चेलीहरुले आफ्नो पर्वको रूपममा मनाउने हरितालिका तीजलाई पनि धार्मिक उत्सवकै रूपमा नेपाली मन्दिरले कार्यक्रम सम्पन्न गरेको थियो ।

त्यस्तै नवरात्री नवदुर्गापूजा लक्ष्मी पूजा गर्नुका साथै भव्यरूपमा समुदायको सहभागितामा चौसी भैलो कार्यक्रम पनि सम्पन्न गरिएको थियो । नेपाली मन्दिर नेपाली समुदायले अमेरिकामा स्थापना गरेको पहिलो मन्दिर पनि हो । यसले समुदायलाई आ-आफ्ना संस्कार अनुसारका कर्मकाण्डका लागि पनि हामीले सेवा प्रदान गर्दै आएका छौँ ।



## मन्दिरका कलाकारद्वारा महालक्ष्मी नृत्य



## मन्दिरमा भजन कृतन



## नेपाली पाठशालाका विद्यार्थी र शिक्षकहरु



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### पंडितजीबाट पूजा तथा प्रवचन



### चौसी भैलोमा कलाकारहरु

### नयाँ स्वरूपमा नेपाली मन्दिर

सामाजिक कार्य कुनै एकल यात्रा हैन। यसमा सामाजिक सहभागिता, साथ, सहयोग र समर्थन अनि ऐक्यवद्धता चाहिन्छ। हामी भन्ने गछौं विश्वको जुनसुकै कुनामा पुगे पनि आफ्नो पहिचान चाहिन्छ। यसलाई बचाएर राख्नु पर्छ। हाम्रो पहिचान भनेको नेपाली पन हो। यो जहाँ छ त्यहाँ हामी रमाउछौं। त्यसैले यसको खोजी र संरक्षणमा हामी सधैं लागि रहेका हुन्छौं। यसो गर्न आवश्यक पनि छ।

नेपाल शिक्षा तथा साँस्कृतिक केन्द्र (नेपाली मन्दिर) यस्तै नेपाली पन भएको मौलिक सामाजिक यात्राको नाम हो। यो संस्था प्रवासका नेपालीका लागि एउटा उदाहरण हो। यसले नेपाली मौलिकताको संरक्षण गर्दै यात्रा जारी राख्ने प्रण गरेको छ।

भ्रण्डै चार लाख नेपालीहरुले आफ्नो कर्मथलो बनाएको यो भूमिमा हामी पहिलो पुस्ताका आफ्नै कथा र महत्वाकाँक्षा छन भने दोश्रो पुस्ता अलि अलि अलमलमा परेको जस्तो अवस्थामा देखिन्छ। त्यो पुस्ताले पनि आफ्नै किसिमको समुदाय बनाउन चाहेको देखिन्छ। यदि हामीले त्यो समुदायलाई नेपाली समुदायको परिचय र संस्कार दिन सकेनौं भने चाडै नै नेपाली पन हराएर जाने खतरा देखिदछ। नेपालबाट हजारौंको संख्यामा नयाँ पुस्ता वाहिरिने र बाहिर बसेको समुदायले नयाँ पुस्तालाई मौलिकताको परिचय नदिने हो भने हाम्रा पन चाडै हराएर जाने र हामी बाटो हराएको यात्रु हुने संभावना अगाडि देखिदछ। यो संभावनालाई ध्यानमा राखेर नै नेपाली मन्दिरले मौलिकताको संरक्षणलाई आफ्नो मुल लक्ष्य बनाएको छ।

हाम्रा अग्रजहरुले धेरै पहिले नै नेपाली पनको, संस्कार र पहिचानको संरक्षणमा कदम चाल्नु भएको थियो। हामी त्यसैमा ईटा थप्ने काम गर्दै आएका छौं।

खास गरी नेपाली मन्दिरको छ वर्षयताको सक्रियता हेर्दा नेपाली समाजलाई चेतना दिने र आफ्नो मौलिक परम्पराको संरक्षण अनि अस्तित्व बचाउका लागि धेरै काम गरिसकेको देखिन्छ। यसको रफ्तार बढ्दो क्रममा पनि छ। संस्थाको नेतृत्वमा युवा पुस्ता आउनु र समुदायले यसमा आफ्नो पन देख्नुले नेपाली मन्दिरलाई अब परिस्कृत र परिमार्जित रुपमा अगाडि बढ्न मार्ग प्रसस्त भएको देखिन्छ। यहाँ भौतिक पूर्वाधारहरु धमाधम बन्दैछन। मन्दिरको अलावा नेपाली पाठशाला स्थापित छ। हिन्दु तथा बौध धर्मावलम्बीहरुका लागि तीर्थ धाम बन्दै छ। यस तर्फ

अमेरिकाका विभिन्न राज्यमा बसोबास गर्ने नेपाली समुदाय आकर्षित भएको देखिएको छ। यहाँ भगवान बुद्धको प्रतिमा प्रतिस्थापित छ भने चाँडै नै भगवान शिव र जानकीको प्रतिमा पनि प्रतिस्थापन गर्ने मन्दिरले योजना बनाएर काम अर्ध बढाइसकेको छ। यसो हुनाले मेरिल्याण्डको विल्सभीलमा अवस्थित नेपाली मन्दिरलाई अब चाँडै नै नयाँ स्वरूपमा देख्न सकिने छ।

– विष्णु शीतल



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मन्दिरको चौसी-भैलो :

### आफ्नै इतिहासको निरन्तरता र उपलब्धि -परशु तिमिल्सिना



नेपाल शिक्षा तथा साँस्कृतिक केन्द्र (एनइसीसी) - पशुपति-बुद्ध मन्दिरले सन् २०१४ मा पहिलो पटक डिस्सी महानगर क्षेत्र अन्तर्गत मेरिलैण्ड, भर्जिनिया तथा डिस्सी राज्यहरूमा बसोबास गर्ने नेपालीहरूको घर दैलोमा चौसीभैलो कार्यक्रम सञ्चालन गर्ने शुरुवात गरेको थियो। मन्दिरले सञ्चालन गर्ने नेपाली धर्म संस्कृतिसंग सम्बन्धित कृयाकलापहरूकै अर्को एउटा थप कार्यक्रमको रूपमा सञ्चालन गरिएको चौसीभैलो डिस्सी महानगर क्षेत्रमा सञ्चालन गरिँदै आइरहेको छ।

पहिलो वर्षको चौसीभैलो कार्यक्रमलाई समुदायले हार्दिकताका साथ स्वागत गरेको पाइयो। साथै मन्दिर निर्माण कार्यका लागि धेरैथोर आर्थिक सहयोग समेत प्राप्त हुने यो राम्रो अवसर थियो। त्यो भन्दा महत्वपूर्ण कुरा भनेको नेपालीहरूले विशेष हर्सोल्लास र सबै उमेर समहका व्यक्तिले उत्तिकै उत्साह पूर्वक सहभागिता जनाउने तिहारको चौसीभैलोलार्इ अमेरिकाको राजधानी शहरमा निरन्तरता दिनु मन्दिरको कर्तव्य समेत हुन आउने कुरालार्इ महशुस गरेर हरेक वर्ष उक्त कार्यक्रम सञ्चालन गर्ने मन्दिरले निर्णय गर्‍यो।

सोही निर्णय अनुसार सन् २०१५ देखि डिस्सी महानगर भित्र मन्दिरले हरेक वर्षको तिहारको समयमा चौसीभैलो कार्यक्रम निरन्तररूपमा सञ्चालन गर्दै आइरहेको छ। नेपालीहरूको मौलिक परम्परालार्इ सकेसम्म जस्ताको तस्तै तरिकाले प्रस्तुत गर्दै सञ्चालन गरिने यो कार्यक्रम यस क्षेत्रमा मन्दिरको स्थापित कार्यक्रम हुन सकेको महशुस मन्दिरले गरेको छ।

मन्दिर आफैले शुरु गरेको चौसीभैलोको इतिहासलाई निरन्तरता दिँदै सन् २०१९ सम्म आइपुग्दा छैठौँ वर्ष पुरा गरिसकेको छ। अक्टुबर देखि नोभेम्बर सम्म करिब एक महिना सञ्चालन गरि एको छैठौँ वर्षको चौसीभैलो कार्यक्रम समुदाय लगायत स्वयंसेवकहरूको सहभागिता तथा दान सङ्कलनका लगायत यसको प्रभावकारिताको हिसाबले ऐतिहासिक हुन पुगेको छ।

मन्दिरले निम्न उद्देश्य सहित हरेक वर्ष चौसीभैलो सञ्चालन गर्दै आइरहेको छ :

१. नेपाली परम्परालार्इ निरन्तरता प्रदान गर्ने सिलसिलामा सबै नेपालीहरूले सहभागिता जनाउने तिहार अनि चौसीभैलो कार्यक्रमलाई अमेरिकाको राजधानी शहर क्षेत्रमा समेत स्थापित गराउने,
२. नेपाली समुदायका दोश्रो पुस्तालाई धेरै भन्दा धेरै सहभागी गराई उनीहरूलाई हाम्रो संस्कार र संस्कृति प्रति अपनत्व जगाउने,
३. मन्दिर स्वयं समुदायमा पुगेर प्रत्यक्षरूपमा समुदायका सदस्यहरूलाई मन्दिरको सन्देश, जानकारी तथा सूचनाहरू उपलब्ध गराउने र समुदायबाट मन्दिरका लागि सुभावा,

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४. मन्दिर निर्माणका निम्ती दान सहयोग सङ्कलन गर्ने
५. तिहारको रमाइलो समयमा परदेशको ठाउँमा समेत नेपाली पनमा नाचगान लगायत नेपाली संस्कृतिमा रमाउन पाउने गरि समुदायका सदस्यहरूलाई मनोरञ्जन प्रदान गर्ने ।

चौसीभैलो कार्यक्रम मन्दिरले सञ्चालन गर्ने विभिन्न कार्यक्रमहरू मध्ये अत्यन्तै सफल कार्यक्रम हुँदै आइरहेको छ। शुरुका वर्ष देखि नै। हरेक वर्ष दोश्रो पुस्ताका बालबालिका तथा युवाहरूको सहभागिता क्रमशः बढी रहेको छ। मन्दिर स्वयं घरमा आई माता लक्ष्मीको आशिष र प्रसाद उपलब्ध गराउने, तिहारको समयमा नेपालमा हुदा भिल्लिमिलि तिहारमा चौसीभैलो गीत गाउँदै र नाच्दै गरेका यादहरूलाई सोहीरूपमा आफ्नै घरमा भेटाउने, आफ्ना छोराछोरीहरूलाई तिहार अनि चौसीभैलोका बारेमा प्रत्यक्ष जानकारी दिन सकिने अनि धेर थोर सकेको दान मन्दिरलाई उपलब्ध गराउन पाउने अवसरका रूपमा समुदायले लिएको पाइएको छ। यसैले पनि हरेक वर्षको चौसीभैलो कार्यक्रमलाई आफ्नो घरआगमा सञ्चालन गर्न समुदाय उत्साहित हुँदै गएको पाइएको छ। यसै कारणले पनि दुई दिन मात्र सञ्चालन गरिने चौसीभैलो कार्यक्रमलाई छैठौँ वर्षसम्म आइपुग्दा एक महिनासम्म सञ्चालन गरियो। समुदायसंग मन्दिरको सम्बन्धलाई थप बलियो बनाउन चौसीभैलो कार्यक्रमले विशेष योगदान पुऱ्याएको छ।

यसैगरी मन्दिर निर्माणका कामहरू के कसो भइरहेको छ, के कस्ता नयाँ कामहरू मन्दिरले गर्दैछ, जस्ता मन्दिरका सन्देश समुदायको घरघरमा प्रत्यक्षरूपमा पुऱ्याउने सबैभन्दा सजिलो र प्रभावकारी माध्यम समेत बनेको छ यो कार्यक्रम। साथै समुदायका सदस्यहरूले समेत आफ्ना विचार, सुभाब र सल्लाह मन्दिरलाई प्रत्यक्षरूपमा उपलब्ध गराउने सजिलो माध्यम बनेको छ।

आर्थिक पक्षबाट हेर्दा चौसीभैलो कार्यक्रम मन्दिरको मुख्य आयश्रोतको रूपमा स्थापित भएको छ। हरेक वर्ष चौसीभैलोबाट सङ्कलन हुने दान रकम बढ्दोरूपमा रहेको छ। गत वर्ष देखि एकलाख डलर भन्दा बढि दान सङ्कलन हुन थालेको छ। चौसीभैलोको बेलामा मन्दिरलाई दान दिनु पछि भन्ने खालको भावना र वानी समुदायमा बस्दै गइरहेको

आभास मन्दिरले गरेको छ। यस समयमा डिस्सी महानगर क्षेत्र भन्दा बाहिर, अफ्र विदेशबाट र चौसीभैलोमा प्रत्यक्ष सहभागी नभएका व्यक्तिहरूबाट समेत मन्दिरलाई दान उपलब्ध हुने गरेको छ।

शुरुका वर्षहरूमा व्यक्तिको घरमा मात्रै सञ्चालन गरिँदै आइएको चौसीभैलोलाई विस्तारै नेपालीहरूको अन्य संघसंस्थाहरूले सो समयमा सञ्चालन हुने आफ्ना नियमित कार्यक्रमहरूमा स्थान दिन शुरु भएको छ। सन् २०१६ देखि नेपा पासा पुचः अमेरिका (एनपीपीए) ले आफ्नो वार्षिकोत्सव कार्यक्रममा मन्दिरको चौसीभैलोलाई समावेश गराउन शुरु गरी हालसम्म पनि निरन्तरता दिँदै आइरहेको छ। सन् २०१७ देखि अमेरिका स्थित नेपाली राजदूतावासमा समेत चौसी खेल्ने कार्यक्रम हुँदै आइरहेको छ। यसैगरी एनओए र एएनएसले समेत आफ्ना कार्यक्रमहरूमा यो कार्यक्रमलाई समावेश गराएका छन्, शुरु गरेका छन्।

चौसीभैलो सञ्चालनको समयमा नेपालबाट आउनु भएका विशिष्ट कलाकारहरू समेतको सहभागिता हुने गरेकोछ, यस कार्यक्रममा। पहिलो वर्ष नै बरिष्ट हाँस्यव्यङ्ग कलाकार मदनकृष्ण श्रेष्ठको सहभागिता रहेको थियो भने पछिल्ला केही वर्षमा 'मह' जोडिको उपस्थिति रहेको थियो। त्यसैगरी बरिष्ट लोक गायक तथा अवैतनिक महावाणिज्यदूत प्रेमराजा महत लगायत अन्य थुप्रै कलाकारहरू समेत मन्दिरको चौसीभैलो कार्यक्रममा सहभागी हुनुभएको छ।

हुनत चौसीभैलो कार्यक्रम डिस्सी महानगर क्षेत्रमा मात्र सञ्चालन गरिने गरिएको छ। तर यसको प्रभाव र उपस्थिति नेपाल देखि विश्वका अन्य देशहरूमा रहेका नेपाली समुदायमा समेत विशेषरूपमा परेको महशुस गरिएको छ। विभिन्न सञ्चार माध्यम र सामाजिक सञ्जालहरू मार्फत प्रत्यक्ष प्रशारण गरिने भएकाले अन्य स्थानमा बसोबास गर्ने नेपाली समुदायले यस मन्दिरको यो कार्यक्रमलाई एउटा मौलिक, शालिन र नेपाली संस्कृतिलाई सोहीरूपमा विदेशमा सञ्चालित कार्यक्रमको रूपमा स्विकारेको प्रतिक्रियाहरू प्राप्त भइरहेका छन्। यसले आगामी दिनहरूमा समेत यस कार्यक्रमलाई अफ्र परिष्कृत रूपमा सञ्चालन गर्न हौसला प्राप्त भएको छ।

मन्दिरले सन् २०१४ देखि चौसीभैलो कार्यक्रम सञ्चालन गर्न शुरु गरे पश्चात विशेष गरि डिस्सी महानगर क्षेत्रमा अन्य संघसंस्थाहरूले र समुदायका सदस्यहरू आफैँले पनि आफ्ना क्षेत्रहरूमा चौसीभैलो कार्यक्रम सञ्चालन गर्न थालेको पाइन्छ। यसले गर्दा विशेष गरि दोश्रो पुस्ताका नेपालीहरूलाई नेपाली संस्कृति बुझ्न र महशुस गर्न सहज हुने देखिन्छ।





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एनइसीसी अन्तर्गतको पशुपति-बुद्ध मन्दिरले सञ्चालन गर्दै आइरहेको चौसीभैलो कार्यक्रम हरेक पक्षबाट प्रभावकारी, उपलब्धिमूलक रहदै आइरहेको छ। समुदायको साथ र सहयोग हरेक वर्ष बढ्दै गइरहेको छ। नेपालीहरूको बसोबास भएका हरेक देशहरूमा, हरेक राज्यहरूमा र क्षेत्रहरूमा नेपाली परम्परा, संस्कार र संस्कृति फल्काउने यस्ता कार्यक्रमहरू सञ्चालन भइरहनु पर्दछ। केही महिना अगाडि मात्र सम्पन्न मन्दिरको छैठौँ वर्षको चौसीभैलो कार्यक्रमका सबन्धमा छोटकरीरूपमा केही जानकारी प्रस्तुत गर्दछु।

यस वर्षको चौसीभैलो कार्यक्रम शनिवार अक्टुबर १९, २०१९ देखि शुरु भएर आइतवार, नोभेम्बर १०, २०१९ का दिन समापन गरिएको थियो। मेरिलैण्ड, भर्जिनिया र डिसी राज्यहरूमा सञ्चालित यो कार्यक्रम नेपाली राजदूतावास, एनपीपीए र एएनएसका कार्यक्रमहरू र २२ नेपालीहरूका घरमा गरी जम्मा २५ स्थानमा सञ्चालन गरिएको थियो।

यस वर्षको चौसीभैलो कार्यक्रमबाट १०२,०६३.०० (एकलाख दुई हजार त्रिसठ्ठी) डलर दान प्राप्त भएको छ। कार्यक्रम सञ्चालन भइरहेको समयभन्दा पछिको समयमा समेत दानहरू प्राप्त भइरहेका थिए भने अमेरिकाका अन्य राज्यमा बसोबास गर्ने दाताहरूले समेत मन्दिर निर्माण कार्यमा तिहारको यो अवसर पारेर दान गर्नु भएको थियो।

बुद्ध, पशुपति लगायतका परियोजनाहरू र 'डलर अ डे', 'आजीवन, ट्रष्टी' सदस्यता लगायतका मन्दिर निर्माणका विभिन्न परियोजनाहरूमा सहयोग गर्न दाताहरूलाई आह्वान गरिएको थियो। सबै भक्तजन तथा समुदायका सदस्यहरूले आफ्नो इच्छा, क्षमता र चाहना अनुसार दान गर्नु भएको थियो। यसै वर्ष देखि विजयप्रताप/मिरा सिंहबाट 'जानकी परियोजना'का लागि समेत दान गरी यस परियोजनामा दान दिने पहिलो परिवार बन्नु भएको छ। यस्तै यस वर्ष देखि भारतीय मूलका व्यक्ति तथा परिवारहरूबाट समेत दान प्राप्त हुन शुरु भएको छ।

यस वर्षको चौसीभैलो नेपालबाट आएका नेपालीहरूको घरमा मात्र नभएर भुटानबाट आउनुभएका नेपालीहरूको घर आगनसम्म समेत पुऱ्याउन सकिएको छ। सकेसम्म सबै जातजाती, र सम्प्रदायका नेपाली वा नेपाली भाषाभाषीहरूका घर आगनमा पुग्ने क्रम यो पटक थप विस्तार हुनसकेको छ।

चौसीभैलो गीत गायन तथा वाद्यवादन गर्ने कलाकारहरू र मन्दिरका स्वयंसेवी सदस्यहरू करिब एक महिना सञ्चालन गरिएको यस कार्यक्रममा हरेक सप्ताहन्तका दुवै दिन विहान ८ बजे देखि राती १०/११ बजेसम्म चौसीभैलो कार्यक्रममा सहभागी हुनुभएको थियो। कलाकार तथा स्वयंसेवीहरू गरेर २० देखि २५ जनासम्मको समूह २५ वटै स्थानहरूमा पुगेका थिए। हरेक घरहरूमा आयोजकले हार्दिकता पूर्वक चौसे टोलीलाई स्वागत गर्नुभएको थियो, साथै नाचगानमा सहभागी हुनुभएको थियो।

चौसीभैलो कार्यक्रमलाई विशुद्ध नेपाली पनमा सञ्चालन गर्न कलाकारहरूको भूमिका विशिष्ट हुने गर्दछ। छैठौँ वर्षसम्म निरन्तर आफ्नो योगदान गर्नुहुने लगायत वाद्यवादन मार्फत यस कार्यक्रमलाई विशेष नेपाली पन दिनुहुने सम्पूर्ण कलाकार टोलीहरूलाई एनइसीसी विशेष आभार र धन्यवाद ज्ञापन गर्दछ। साथै मन्दिरको चौसीभैलो प्रभावकारी बनाउन, आफूले सकेको योगदान दिन चौसीभैलो टिममा खट्नुहुने सम्पूर्ण स्वयंसेवी सदस्यहरू प्रति पनि मन्दिर आभारी छ।

आफना विविध कठिनाइका बावजूद पनि चौसीभैलो कार्यक्रम आफ्ना घर आगनमा आयोजना गर्नुहुने र आफूले सकेको दान सहयोग गर्नुहुने सम्पूर्ण भक्तजनहरू र दाताहरूलाई अत्यन्तै उच्च सम्मानका साथ धन्यवाद ज्ञापन गर्दछ - सम्पूर्ण मन्दिर परिवार।

शुरुको वर्ष देखि नै साउण्ड सिस्टम निशुल्क उपलब्ध गराइ सहयोग गर्नुहुने 'डिजे सोलकृष' का कृष्ण दाहाल प्रति मन्दिर सदैव ऋणी रहने छ।

यस कार्यक्रमलाई सधैं भै आफ्ना सञ्चार माध्यमबाट विश्वभरी पुऱ्याउनु हुने, मन्दिरका सूचना तथा समाचारलाई समुदायमा पुऱ्याउन सदैव सहयोग गर्नुहुने 'इनेप्लिज' तथा 'डिसी नेपाल' लगायत सबै सञ्चार गृहहरूलाई विशेष धन्यवाद।

आउँदा वर्षहरूमा यस मन्दिरको चौसीभैलो कार्यक्रमलाई अझ विशेष र व्यापक बनाउन र मन्दिर निर्माण कार्यमा हातेमालो गर्न सम्पूर्ण दाता, समुदाय, कलाकार तथा स्वयंसेवीहरूको योगदान र भूमिका अझ विशेष रहने विश्वास मन्दिरले लिएको छ।

"दान र पूजा जुन मन्दिरमा गरे पनि प्राप्त हुने फल उही हो। तर जहाँ आफ्नो पन हुन्छ, त्यहाँ आफ्नो मन अडिन्छ।" विष्णु शीतलको यो भनाइलाई सापट लिदै यति चाँहि भन्नै पर्ने हुन्छ कि अमेरिकामा आएका नेपालीहरूले नेपालीहरूको आफ्नो मन अड्याउन आफ्नो पन सहितको यही मन्दिरलाई सबैभन्दा पहिला स्थापना गरेका थिए। अग्रजहरूको सपनालाई मूर्तरूप दिन र आउँदै गरेका नयाँ पुस्तालाई समाहित गराउन आफ्नै पनको मन्दिर निर्माण कार्य द्रुतरूपमा अगाडि बढिरहेको छ। यस अभियानलाई पूरा गरि अमेरिकाको राजधानी शहरमा भव्य धामकोरूपमा मन्दिर निर्माण गर्न यहाँहरू सबैबाट विगतमा भै निरन्तर सहयोगका लागि नेपाल शिक्षा तथा साँस्कृतिक केन्द्र (एनइसीसी) - पशुपति बुद्ध मन्दिर हार्दिक अनुरोध गर्दछ।

मन अडिने आफ्नो पनको मन्दिर निर्माणको यस अभियानमा सबै जुटौं। जय होस्।







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### Lumbini Garden with 108 MANEs – becoming a reality soon



- Saroj D. Prajapati,  
Vice President, NECC

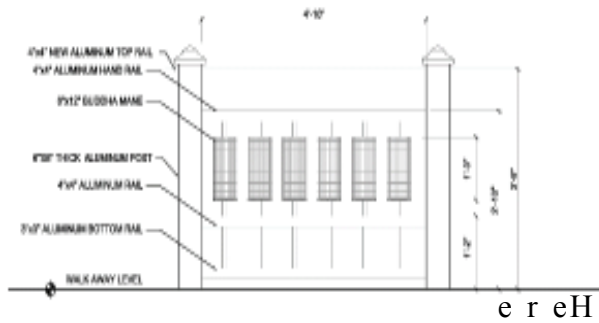
Lord Buddha added another step of attraction to the community from September of 2017.

[\* Object too big for pasting as inline graphic. | In-line.PNG \*] Now that we have Lord Buddha's statue situated on top of the podium, we are still pursuing this podium to become a center of Boudha Dharma and the devotees. So far, we have already ordered 108 MANEs from Nepal and they were already and shipped from Nepal as we speak. With a month or two those MANEs will be delivered to NECC property, and the major tasks of placing them with the proper railings and finishing up the Podium will be the next big task. Once the MANEs are placed properly, the task of Lumbini garden is next. One can visualize the Buddha statue surrounded by 108 MANEs and beauty of the Lumbini Garden from now on. There is also another major projects like building a Mandir at now existed barn is will add more beautification of the Nepali Mandir. Here are some drawings prepared by our Engineer Mr. Gopal Mainali regarding the view of Buddha Podium with the design of MANEs installment.

There is no doubt about that Lumbini garden will be part of Nepal Education and Culture Center in near future. However, it will become a reality in 2020 that is something most people most people worked tirelessly. The vision of having 108 MANEs around Lord Buddha statue podium was visualized by both Buddhist and Hindu devotees have overwhelmingly sponsored most of 108 MANEs already. Part of their dream came true when the Mandir was opened in Lanham, MD in year 2000, and part when it moved to Beallsville, MD. Situated in the pristine, and peaceful 9.38 acres of the property made it possible for many opportunities for the center. In addition to all this, recently situated Giant Statue of



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6 NOS - MANE RAILING ELEVATION  
OPTION - 1



another drawing by Mr. Mainali of the MANE railing elevation. Once the project of railing will start, Mr. Mainali and the team NECC Engineer will overview the aspects the proper construction that can last for many years. Currently we are just waiting for the MANEs to be delivered and start the construction of this project along with many other projects stored in for NECC for 2020. Due to the weather calamity of Washington DC area, we will have to wait for Spring season to start any outdoor projects. However, we will start and finish this project in 2020, If any of the devotees are left off in sponsoring the MANE at this time, please do so quickly.

We only have few MANEs left, so please don't miss this opportunity.

During the last three decades of its struggle, NECC team has been diligently working so hard to make all their dream come true. Slowly but surely, we are getting there. Let's all join hand to make it a better place for our future generation.

*Do what helps others.*

*Refrain from harming others.*

*Transcend your own ignorance, clinging, hate, fear and delusion.*

*This and only this is the dispensation of all the Buddhas.*

**“All things appear and disappear because of the concurrence of causes and conditions. Nothing ever**

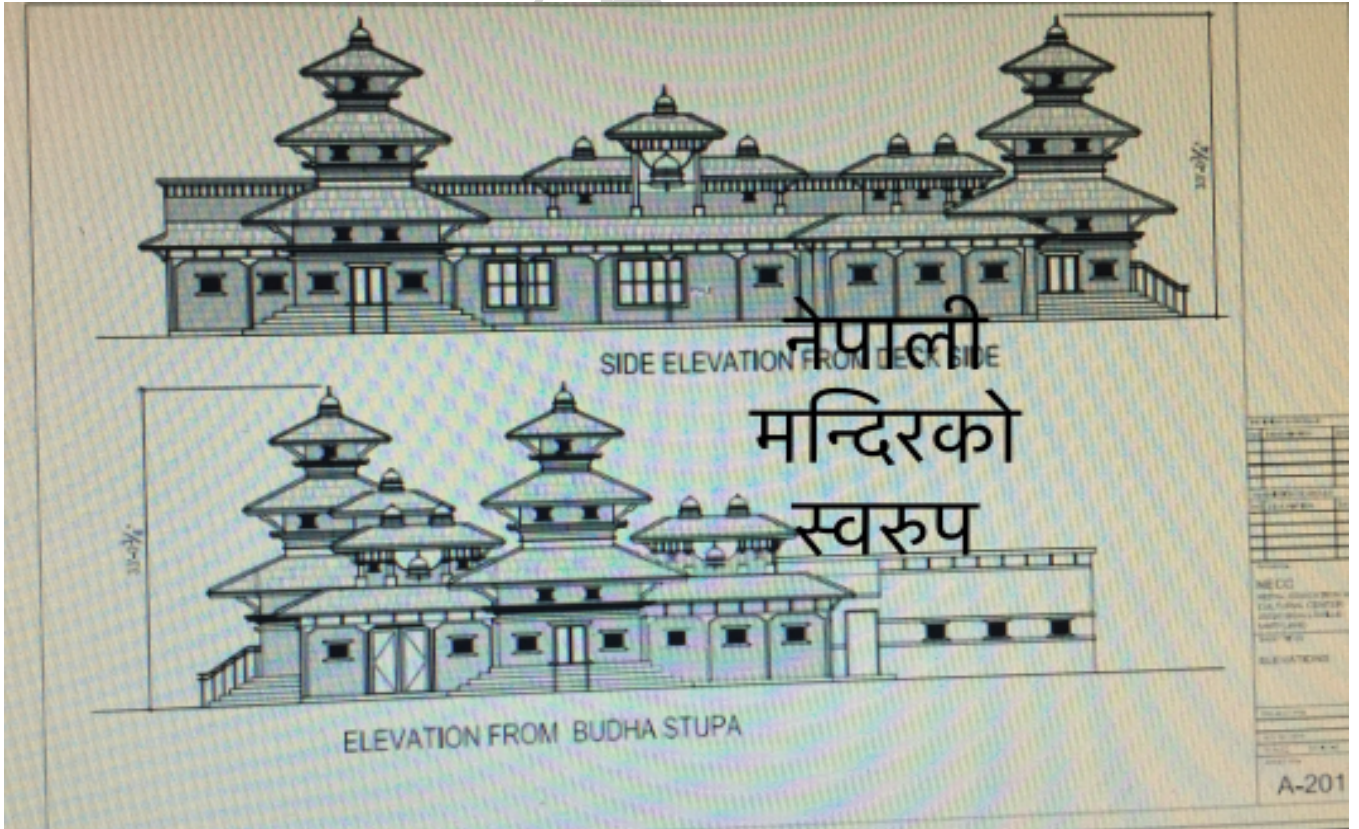
**exists entirely alone; everything is in relation to everything else.”— Buddha**



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इस्वी संवत्को नयाँ वर्ष २०२० वर्ष आजबाट शुरु भएको छ । प्रत्येक व्यक्ति परिवार, संस्था र राज्यले समेत विगतको समीक्षा र आगतको योजना तथा कार्यक्रम तय गर्ने गर्दछन् । आर्थिक सामाजिक राजनीतिक एवम संस्थागत कार्यक्रमहरूको भन्दा प्रत्येक व्यक्तिले आफ्नो विगत वर्षलाई सिंहावलोकन गर्ने हो भने यसले बढि महत्व राख्दछ । हरेक व्यक्ति आफ्नो जिम्मेवारी निर्वाह गर्ने क्रममा कहाँ र कसरी चुक्यो र कस्ता गलति गर्यो त्यो उसलाई नै बढी थाहा हुने भएकाले व्यक्तिले नै पहिला आत्मा समीक्षा गर्नु पर्छ । साथै व्यक्तिले म यो वर्ष २०२० मा विगतमा गरेका गलति कमजोरी दोहोयाउने छैन भनेर प्रण गर्नु पर्दछ । त्यस्तै संघ संस्थाले पनि विगतको समीक्षा गर्दै विगत वर्षमा हुन नसकेका कामहरू आगामी वर्ष पूरा गर्ने प्रण गर्नु पर्दछ । नेपाल शिक्षा तथा साँस्कृतिक केन्द्र(नेपाली मन्दिर)का तर्फबाट अध्यक्ष खिलेन्द्रमणि न्यौपाने, उपाध्यक्ष सरोज प्रजापति, सचिव परशु तिमल्सिना र कोषाध्यक्ष लक्ष्मणलाल प्रधानले आ-आफ्ना लेखहरू मार्फत संस्थाले विगतमा गरेका कामहरूको विवरण दिनुका साथै नयाँ वर्षका कार्ययोजनाहरूको पनि चर्चा गर्नु भएको छ । निश्चय नै नेपाली मन्दिरले यो नयाँ वर्ष २०२० मा नयाँ कामहरू गर्ने र फेरिएको स्वरूपमा र नयाँ संरचनामा नयाँ वर्ष मनाउने प्रण गर्नु पर्दछ । आम नेपाली समुदायले यहाँ भोले बाबाको भव्य प्रतिमा, पेगोडा शैलीका मन्दिरभित्र विभिन्न देवी देवताहरूका प्रतिमा फराकिलो प्रवेश मार्ग, पर्याप्त पार्किंग, सुविधायुक्त सौचालय, लुम्बिनी बगैचा बीचमा अवस्थित बुद्ध प्रतिमाका वरिपरी बुद्धत्वले भरिएका मन्त्रद्वारा सजिएका मानेहरू घुमिरहेका हुनेछन् । यी कुनै पनि कामका लागि आर्थिक अभाव नहुने गरी दाताहरूद्वारा दान प्राप्त हुने छ । यो वर्ष हामी र हाम्रो आस्थाको धरोहर नेपाली मन्दिरका लागि समेत अत्यन्त शुभ रहोस ।





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***Nepali Pathshala: A platform to teach language and culture for next generation***



**Principal Dr Ramu  
Bishwakarma**

With a vision to bring children together, instill in them a sense of belonging, appreciation for the language and culture, Nepali Pathshala of Maryland started at NECC on Baishakh 1<sup>st</sup>

(April 14<sup>th</sup> 2019).

The Pathshala is a realization of rather an informal idea that was casually discussed among some of the Clarksburg community members during one of the NECC Deusi Bhailo events in 2018. A lot of deliberation in thinking, planning, coordination, and designing of Pathshala have been put in since then, especially by a small team of community members: Ramu Bishwakarma, Kumar Mainali, Samagya Aryal, Babita Shrestha, Prabesh Aryal, and Yograj Khanal. The Nepali Pashupati Buddha Mandir priest Mr. Khilraj Pandit played an important role of bridging the Clarksburg community with the NECC management, especially in the beginning. As part of the planning and designing process, the core team consulted several resources and people who have experience of managing a language school. They visited the Nepali Pathshala in Virginia, observed classes and consulted their teaching materials. They also contacted similar entities in Toronto, Calgary, Dallas, Wisconsin and Nepal. Based on all these consultations, insights and added clarity, the team developed a Pathshala Operating Procedure Manual, program structure and syllabuses. A formal school management committee was established, a principal (Dr. Ramu Bishwakarma) and vice-principal (Dr. Kumar Mainali) were selected, and the lead teachers and teacher helpers were identified for each class.

The Pathshala initiative was overwhelmingly supported by community members and NECC management. The vision of creating something meaningful for our children and the larger community pushed the core team and volunteer parents to their limit. As such, when Pathshala opened its first ever new enrollment in April 14<sup>th</sup> 2018, a total of 77 students were enrolled—a number not quite expected by anyone. Two semesters- Summer and Fall- have successfully completed since then. As a beautiful by-product, today we have an active community of a few hundred



**Founding member  
Prabesh Aryal**

Nepalese that effortlessly unites when it comes to celebrate cultural festivities like Dashain/Tihar, or organizing sports for

Pathshala currently has five different classes based on students' age and language skills. Each class has one lead and two to three supporting teachers. The Pathshala has four programs—Kachhuwa, Kharayao, Danfe, and Mayur. Each program lasts for two years.

- Kachhuwa (Beginners)- There are four classes in this program- Kachhuwa KA, KHA, GA, and GHA. Kachhuwa KA and KHA classes are for children between the age of 5-6 and 6-8, respectively. Kachhuwa GA and GHA are for a bit older students but with similar level of language proficiency as in Kachhuwa KA and KHA. All students in this program are expected to demonstrate proficiency in reading and writing क ख ग , अ आ इ, बाह्रखरी. and 200 commonly used Nepali words.
- Kharayo (Intermediate)- There is only one class in this program right now. A typical age range of this group would be 8-11 years. Children in this level are expected to be in between grade III through VI in formal school system. At the time of graduation, they will be able to read and write short stories in Nepali and can do simple two-way conversations in Nepali. They will be proficient in Bahrakhari. They will also learn to read, write and understand the meaning of most common 500 words.
- Danfe (Advance)- Students are able to fluently read, write and speak in Nepali. A typical age group of this students would be 10 years and above. Children in this group are generally expected to be grade IV and above in formal schooling system. Currently there are no students enrolled in this program.
- Mayur (Honors Program)- Students graduating from Danfe program can continue to be involved in the Pathshala activities either as a volunteer teacher/helper under Pathshala's honor program. Students enrolling in this level can typically expected to be in High School. There are no students enrolled in this program at the moment.



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adults, or putting group efforts towards getting anything done for the benefits of broader community. In addition to providing students a platform for their language and cultural development, Pathshala has also helped create a sense of belonging for the Nepali communities living in Montgomery, Frederick, and Howard County.

Students have already made significant progress in reading, speaking and writing Nepali language. Besides, they have gotten many opportunities to learn and showcase their talents and cultural activities in various events. For example, students were able to present cultural performances in America Nepal Society and NECC Dashain/Tihar festival events. Similarly, Pathshala organized Dashain/Tihar event which was a tremendous success and students were able to perform their cultural skills. Students participated in Annual Thanksgiving Parade in Silver Spring MD which is the biggest and the official Thanksgiving Parade of the State of Maryland. And very recently, students showcased their talents in a Pathshala-organized Talent show competition. Pathshala also organized a summer picnic which was very successful.

The Pathshala team was able to execute all these fun-filled activities full of cultural significance in less than a year of establishment. The team feels proud to be able to achieve so much within such a short time.

In year 2020, Pathshala's focus will remain the same— language and culture. A successful 2020 for Pathshala means sustained progress of the students in reading, writing and speaking in Nepali and learning Nepali culture. Pathshala will continue to train its teachers and volunteers and continue to promote learning among each other so they can deliver their class more effectively. Pathshala will also continue to strive to create innovative teaching materials for its students so they learn in fun and effective ways.

At Pathshala we realize our students are Nepali-American, that's why we strive not just to instill language and cultural education in our students but also make them proud of their language, culture and heritage. Pathshala gives students a platform to showcase their cultural affinity and create a sense of belonging. A belonging that they feel proud of, affinity that they want to celebrate, and the culture that they want to showcase.



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*Engineer: Umesh Niraula*

***OUR  
SWEET  
DREAM  
COMES  
TRUE***



I am proud to be part of the executive team of NECC where everyone is working very hard as much as we can to upgrade the community hall, public bathrooms, access road, parking and dry hydrants for public safety to meet Montgomery county requirement for assembly place as well as to meet the needs of DC metro area Nepalese's communities in NECC premises.

We had several meetings with the county permitting department this year. As per discussion with county DPS team, our engineering team is developing & finalizing complete sets of Architecture, Structure, Fire Escape and MEP drawings to submit for permits.

Below is the list of projects we are planning to complete by next year:

1. Existing asphalt Access Road & driveway upgrade up to Temple
2. Dry Hydrants
3. Asphalt paved parking
4. Upgrading existing community hall to temple & multipurpose hall
5. Septic tank & public toilet construction
6. Public kitchen
7. Lumbini park
8. Shive Statue
9. Develop plan for Ram/ Janaki Temple

**Upgrading existing barn to multipurpose building:**

As per discussion with county DPS team, our senior Architect Mr. Gopal Mainali and Senior Structural engineer Mr. Suresh Baral has been working on finalizing complete sets of Architecture, Structure, Fire Escape & MEP drawings to submit for permits. We are anticipating completing all the drawings by Jan 2020 and submit for permits.

We are converting existing community hall to multipurpose hall. We will have worship place, Praying and sitting areas, attached public toilet, and public kitchen in our multipurpose hall.

**Upgrading existing access Road, parking area & new dry hydrant to meet county code:**

After meeting with DPS fire department, we discovered that we need to install dry hydrant with 30000-Gal capacity underground tank, upgrade existing access road from Beallsville Road up-to our community center. Our senior Civil engineer Ram Lal Shrestha/ Ram Pradhan has been working on developing site drawings to apply for permit from State Highway Administration.

We have already received few proposals for widening and repave existing asphalt road, asphalt paving in



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[Attached elevation & plan here](#)

parking area and driveway up-to existing Barn and finalizing contractors to perform the work.

### Toilet & Septic tank construction:

We are also working on construction of new public toilet and septic tank up-to 60 people

Capacity as per our approved percolation test and septic permit. We have already received few proposals from different contractors and are in process of finalizing contractor to start construction of septic tank.

Here is the proposed plan and elevation multipurpose community hall which we are submitting for permit by Jan 2020.

We are anticipating getting the permit from county DPS by Spring of 2020 and to start procurement and construction immediately after receiving permit. If we receive continue support from our local community & work entire team together, we are anticipating completing this multipurpose community hall with public toilet, access road and parking upgrade as per county standards by the end of year 2020.

We would like to thank the entire DC Metro area community members for their entire support and are expecting same in upcoming new year 2020 as well. I would like to wish all our community members a very happy, healthy and prosperous new year 2020.

