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# Viewpoints

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**2004 Dashain-Tihar issue**  
**ANMA's Official Newsletter**

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## **Letter from the editor**

Dear ANMA friends,

What a year it has been! It feels like we were on a rollercoaster. I am glad to be part of this great organization which tries to bring Nepali communities within America together, especially those of us living in the heart of North America. We have had a great convention in Columbus, Ohio last Memorial weekend and are planning to have another great one in Oxford Mississippi next year, on Labor Day weekend. New ANMA President is Mr. Anand Tiwari of Cleveland, Ohio. The ANMA Executive Committee held a meeting to plan for things in Saginaw, Michigan last September at Mr. Dhruba and Mrs. Anita Shrestha's residence. We had a great turn out and it was interesting to hear inputs from the active members of ANMA executive committee. We would like to hear from all of you with any news, concerns, and suggestions or simply to get this newsletter going. Looks like it's been a while that we have had a newsletter! Don't you miss it? By the way, how do you like the new look of your newsletter? Do let me know.

I look forward to your contribution in form of articles, news, pictures or jokes, puzzles...pretty much anything or everything. Leave the editing to me and I look forward to publishing the pieces so Nepalese all across the Midwest can enjoy what each other has to say. This is what it is all about, communication! May Goddess Durga & Laxmi bless us on this auspicious occasion of Dashain and Tihar 2004. I look forward to submissions for next issue already! Our next issue will come out on Nepali New year. Email me soon! Here is my email: [michigannepali@yahoo.com](mailto:michigannepali@yahoo.com)

Thanks!  
Dikshya



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**Message from the New ANMA President:**

Dear ANMA members and friends,

I would like to wish you and your loved ones a very happy Bijaya Dashami.

May the goddess Durga bless us with peace, prosperity, good health and love.

After the 23rd annual convention in Columbus, Ohio in May 2004, the new executive committee took over ANMA with the objective of making ANMA more active, vibrant and easily accessible to everybody. The other major objective of this new committee is to strengthen the network and relationship among various Nepali organizations around the U.S.



ANMA now looks to the next generation of Nepalese in the Midwest to move our organization forward. I am counting on your help and support in making ANMA a better organization.

Anand R Tiwari  
President, ANMA

## **NRN – Nepali Diaspora Skills Directory**

The first conference of Non Resident Nepalīs (NRN) held in October 2003 at Kathmandu recognized that Nepal's over-dependence on foreign expatriates (people of non-Nepali origin) to plan and implement projects in Nepal can be supplanted by NRNs. The engagement of NRNs would not only reduce project costs and enhance the effectiveness of skill transfer program, but would also motivate further capital investment from NRNs.

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Bikash Bahadur (not real name) is a civil engineer working in Canada. For over 25 years he has worked on major tunnel and dam projects in many countries. Like every Nepali expatriate scattered around the world, a big chunk of Bikash's heart belongs to Nepal; his love for his motherland is immense and his longing to contribute towards Nepal's and Nepalis' well being is unrelenting.

Meanwhile in Kathmandu last year, a group was having a meeting about an irrigation project about to be undertaken in Rautahat. They were having problem locating an independent expert who could do value engineering on the contractor's proposal. The group desperately needed access to some sort of a contact mechanism whereby they could search for such an expert.

At almost every corner of world, one is likely to find NRNs engaged in various skilled professions, however with the exception of word-of-mouth or personal contact, currently there is no means to list and/or search such skills. Like Bikash Bahadur, there are many Nepalis abroad who wish to come to Nepal and get involved in a project where their expertise and knowledge are put to good use. A skills database of Nepali Diaspora would provide an outlet for the NRNs to offer their services in Nepal and enable the developers in Nepal to access the skills repository.

Against this background, it is the pleasure of International Coordination Committee of NRN (NRN-ICC) to announce the launch of trial version of the Nepali Diaspora Skills directory at [www.ncgcanada.org/ndsd](http://www.ncgcanada.org/ndsd). Nepali Diaspora Skills Directory (NDSD) aims to become a meeting place where NRN's and Nepali Projects find each other. At NDSD, people from all over the world can enter their skills and contact information which can be accessed by members of Nepali Government, businesses, social organizations, NGO/INGOs and other interested parties searching for people with relevant skills.

The first phase of the directory development has been completed. Visitors to the website are presented with a simple form to be filled out. Information such as name, contact email address, specific skills and availability dates have to be entered into the website. As number of registered members increases, this list will serve as a means of searching for skilled Diaspora from around the world and being able to contact them via email.

Besides member's skill information, various projects also have a home at NDSD. Information such as project name, location, duration, required skills, project contact email address etc can be entered into the directory. A list of projects that have been stored in the directory will be available for viewing by any visitor. If anyone becomes interested in a particular project, an email can be sent to its contact person through the directory website. Additionally, any person who is interested in starting a new project in Nepal can list their project in the directory, and browse the list of available talent in the member list.

In the next phase, directory searching will be enabled so that visitors can more easily search for interesting projects. Project organizers/sponsors will also be able to easily search for interested members who possess required skills.

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– **Submitted by Mr. Sharda Thapa, Illinois**

Thanks to the writer as well.



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## **NEWS**

### **East Lansing -- Michigan** **October 23, 2004**

Nepalese, families and friends celebrated Dashain with great food (khasi and all varieties of curry and pickles) complete with sweet/dessert in the Community Hall in Lansing MI. It was an event organized by the local students and professors in Michigan State University and was a grand success. There was a cultural program and slideshow about a Nepali visiting Everest base camp. All in all, very enjoyable! Thank you uncle and aunt for inviting my family from Ann Arbor, so we could meet members of Lansing Nepali family! Courtesy of Mr. and Mrs. Shailendra Adhikary from East Lansing, Michigan. [Dikshya reporting]

### **Columbus -- Ohio** **October 23, 2004**

Nepalese in and around Columbus celebrated Dashain on Saturday 23 Oct, 6:00 PM at Surendra & Shanta Adhikari's house in  
1750 Marshlyn Ct. Columbus, OH 43220  
Dasai meal:. All food drinks, and utensils were provided by volunteers. All Nepali in Ohio were welcome to attend. They especially encouraged NAOO members to attend. About 50-60 people were present on this occasion. Thanks to Sruti Mishra and Ashish Joshi from Ohio for sending me the information on this event.

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Don't miss out on your community news!  
Share your events and pictures!



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## **Graduation News**

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**Prasid Dhital, son of Dr. Pradeep and Sashi Dhital of Midland, Michigan graduated from West Bloomfield High School in 2004. He is a freshman at Michigan State University in Lansing, Michigan studying liberal arts.**

# **Congratulations Prasid!**







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## Baby Birth news

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Raj and Deepa Wagley of Michigan had their baby boy Krish recently. He was born on 28 July, 2004. They write, "He is already 13 pounds now and smiles so much, we love it. So, this is our news (kind of old now!), if you wanna put it in the web."

Nothing is too old to put it on the newsletter! Of course we wish we had pictures to see too ☺

Hopefully next time they will send me some so I can show you all...

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Send your pictures with captions to [michigannepali@yahoo.com](mailto:michigannepali@yahoo.com)



### UPCOMING EVENT:

#### **Event Celebration - Vijaya Dashami, Chicago, IL**

**WHEN?** Saturday, Oct 30, 2004 Time: 5:30pm to Midnight

**WHAT and HOW MUCH?** [www.cnpariwar.org](http://www.cnpariwar.org)

**WHERE?** St. Andrews Greek Church, Chicago, IL

CNP extends cordial invitation to the Nepalese community & friends in Chicago land & vicinity to celebrate the Dashain festival (Dashain Nite 2061) [source: [sajha.com](http://sajha.com)]

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POEM

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**For Pasang, Year 2**

Fur full of attitude  
Bark full of jealousy  
Mind empty of my anxiety  
Any sorrow  
Any persistent pain  
Like that of my upper back  
Shoulders and neck

Pasang is life after death  
Is joy among stress  
Light atop the heaviness  
There,  
Just there for me - for us  
Forever  
Or which seems like  
For what life is not what you  
Dreamt to be – accept it.

Demise of a playful child  
What a difference it makes  
In our lives.

- Dikshya Adhikari Brubaker
- Written in memory of my beautiful dog Pasang Brubaker who had an accidental death in August 2004

**This is all for this issue! Hope to have more of your contributions next issue in April 2005.....Until then, take care of yourself!**