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## SEASON'S GREETINGS TO ALL FRIENDS IN NORTH AMERICA -- From ANMA Family

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### REPRESENTATIVES OF NEPALESE ASSOCIATIONS MEET IN TOLEDO

A conference of representatives of Nepalese associations in North America was held in Toledo, Ohio on November 26, 1988. It was attended by about twenty five individuals from Association of Nepal in the Americas (ANA), Association of Nepalese in Midwest America (ANMA), and Nepal Association, Indianapolis (NA), including the current Presidents of these associations. The conference was moderated by Prahlad Pant. Pat and Nirakar Thakur were the local hosts.

During the two marathon sessions which took more than six hours, the conference attendees exchanged ideas on many items of interest concerning the Nepalese community in North America. A total of eight resolutions were unanimously passed which, when approved and implemented by the executive committees of the respective associations, will begin a new chapter in the history of cooperation among the Nepalese associations. A full report on the resolutions and the actions taken to implement them will be published in a special joint newsletter of ANMA and ANA to be published in February, 1989. At present, the resolutions have been forwarded to the Presidents of these associations for approval by the respective executive committees.

### SPECIAL JOINT NEWSLETTER

As we mentioned above, a special joint newsletter of ANMA and ANA will be published in February, 1989. The publication of the special issue was recommended unanimously by the representatives of ANMA and ANA at the Toledo conference. The special issue will be jointly edited by Prahlad Pant and Kunjar Sharma. If you have any news, articles, or comments, please send them to Prahlad or Kunjar by January 15, 1989. Prahlad's address can be found elsewhere in this issue of "The Viewpoints". Kunjar's address is: 41 Spadina Road, Apt. 5, Toronto, Canada M5R2S9; Phone: (416) 920-4911.

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**A Wish for You and All Our World: Peace**

**ANMA Treasurer's Report (1987-88)**

**Revenues**

Balance from 1986-87	--	50.98
Memberships (87-88)	--	1,270.00
Memberships (88-89)	--	95.00
Conference	--	1,275.00

Total cash available \$2,690.98

**Expenses**

Conference	--	1,741.50
Committee	--	237.00
Newsletter	--	803.15

Total cash available \$2,781.65

Balance carried forward to  
1988-89 -- \$90.67

Sharda J. Thapa  
10/13/88

**Welcome, Vijaya Shrestha**

Mr. Sharda Thapa, President of ANMA, has appointed Mrs. Vijaya Shrestha as a member of the ANMA Executive Committee. The position had fallen vacant due the recent resignation of Dr. Manoranjan Dhaubhadel from the Committee. At a meeting held in Bowling Green, Ohio on October 22, the ANMA Executive Committee confirmed Vijaya's appointment.

**Congratulations**

We congratulate Deepika, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Mohan N. Shrestha, and Kurt Lane Ross, son of Mrs. Virginia Bailey and Mr. Eldridge Ross, on their happy marriage at Sri Venkateswara Temple, Pittsburgh, on December 3, 1988. The marriage was attended by a large number of Nepalese, Americans, and Canadians from North America. Again, congratulations and best wishes to the newly-wed couple.

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year  
to  
All Friends in The U. S. and Canada**

**Best Wishes From:**

**Surya K. Sharma  
Kamala B. Sharma  
Surit K. Sharma  
Bandana K. Sharma**

**Moline, Illinois**

**Dr. Devkota Appointed at Grim-Smith**  
Dr. Jagadishwar Devkota, M.D. was recently appointed to head Grim-Smith Hospital's Department of Radiology in Columbia, Missouri.

"Dr. Devkota is a tremendous asset to Grim-smith," Steven E. Clark, hospital administrator said. "The 43-year old native of Nepal is "a personable, caring physician," adds Clark. "He is extremely sensitive to patient needs."

Before joining Grim-Smith in late August, Devkota was an assistant professor and chief of neuroradiology at the School of Medicine, University of Missouri-Columbia. Since 1986, he has served as a major and chief of radiology and radiation safety officer with the U.S. Army Reserve in Columbia.

Dr. Devkota attended Cairo University, Egypt. He received his M.D. degree after completing a rotating internship at St. Vincent's Medical Center, New York, N.Y. Before moving to Columbia, Missouri, he served in various capacities in Philadelphia, Pa., and Augusta, Ga. Dr. Devkota and his wife, Amal, are the parents of three children.

#### **News From Indianapolis**

We have learned from Dr. Manoranjan Dhaubhadel that Nepal Association, Indianapolis actively participated in a cultural display at the Indianapolis Children's Museum on October 22-23. Altogether fourteen different ethnic groups took part in the various cultural activities held in the Passport-To-The-World section of the museum. The show was organized by the Children's Museum and the Nationalities Council of Indiana (Nepal Association is a council member) to celebrate the United Nations Day. Attendance over the two days totalled more than 20,000.

#### **Welcome "Kurakani"**

The America-Nepal Friendship Society of New York published the first issue of their newsletter "Kurakani" in October, 1988. Dr. Tulsi Maharjan is

the editor of the newsletter. Mr. Dibya Hada is the President of the Society.

We like to congratulate Dr. Maharjan and Mr. Hada on the publication of the newsletter and hope for cooperation between "The Viewpoints" and "Kurakani".

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#### **CORRECTIONS**

Some of the names listed in page 2 of the October, 1988 of "The Viewpoints" were misspelled. The correct names should read :

Dr. Ramesh B. Malla  
Rajendra and Lisa Shrestha.

We apologize for the errors.

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**SEASON'S GREETINGS**

**AND**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

**Sambhu & Sabita Pant**

Redford, Michigan

## PASSPORT PROCEDURES

The Royal Nepalese Embassy in Washington D.C. requests you to follow the following procedures when applying for new passports, extensions, or country endorsements.

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  - c. self addressed stamped envelope
  - d. a specimen signature on a small piece of paper
  - e. passport application form
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  - a. passport
  - b. self addressed stamped envelope
  - c. US\$7.00 (in money order) renewal fee
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  - a. passport
  - b. self addressed stamped envelope
  - c. US\$2.00 for each country to be added
4. Lost passport should be immediately reported to Police and proof of that should be included while applying for new passport.

Applicants are advised to send their application with reason and justification which will help speed up prompt services.

### One Man's Efforts: Dr. Tulasi Joshi Raises \$1,300.

We have learned that the Associations of Nepalis in the Americas raised \$3,300 and the America-Nepal Friendship Society of New York raised \$1,500 for the victims of the August 21 earthquake in Nepal. As we reported in the October issue of "The Viewpoints", ANMA raised \$1,900 for the same cause.

Obviously, the fund raising efforts could not have been successful without the generous contributions of many individuals and families in North America. The success is also due to the tireless efforts of many individuals who have worked very hard behind the scene and spent their valuable time and energy. One person's efforts can make a big difference. Consider, for example, the efforts of Dr. Tulasi Joshi who single-handedly raised \$1,300 in the small city of Fairmont, West Virginia (population 23,000). He did so by publicizing several times through the local newspaper, organizing a committee of

Fairmont State College faculty members and students, setting up a booth in the Student Center, and speaking at the meetings of the local Lions Club and Kiwanis Club. The fund was raised as a part of ANA's project to assist the earthquake victims. Tulasi handed over the fund to ANA at a meeting held in Corning, N.Y. on October 29, 1988. Tulasi Joshi, Professor of Geography at Fairmont State College, received his undergraduate education in Nepal, and M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Hawaii and the University of Pittsburgh respectively. He has been on the FSC faculty for over 16 years. Prior to coming to FSC, he taught at Pitt, Arizona State University, and Shippensburg State University. Tulasi and his wife Marilyn, who teaches at Dunbar Middle School, have three children.

## NEWS FROM NEPAL

### Council of Ministers Reshuffled

On October 31, a reshuffle of the Council of Ministers was announced in Nepal. Marich Man Singh Shrestha continued as Prime Minister and Minister of Royal Palace Affairs and Defense. The composition of the new Council and the allocation of portfolios were as follows:

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### Ministers

Shailendra Kumar Upadhyaya (Foreign Affairs), Ravindra Nath Sharma (Industry), Hari Bahadur Basnet (Water Resources), Prakash Chandra Lohani (Housing and Physical Planning), Parashu Narayan Chaudhari (Education and Culture), Sushila Thapa (Health), Bharat Bahadur Pradhan (Finance), Mohammad Mohsin (Tourism), Prakash Bahadur Singh (Panchayat and Local Development), Krishna Charan Shrestha (Agriculture), Dipak Bohra (Works and Transport), Badri Prasad Mandal (Law and Justice), Lila Raj Bista (Labor and Social Welfare).

### Ministers of State

Niranjan Thapa (Home), Jaya Prakash (Land Reform and Management), Jit Singh Khadka (General Administration), Omkar Prasad Gauchan (Forest and Soil Conservation), Nara Bahadur Budhathoki (Supply), Sharad Singh Bhandari (Commerce), Kamal Thapa (Communications).

In addition, the new Council contained twelve Assistant Ministers.

Eleven members of the previous Council of Ministers found no place in the new set-up. Among them included Ministers Dil Bahadur Shrestha, Padam Sundar Lawati, Pashupati Shumshere J.B. Rana, Balaram Gharti Magar, and Yadav Prasad Pant. (Gorkhapatra and Rising Nepal, November 1).

### August 21 Earthquake Relief

On September 23, Prime Minister Marich Man Singh Shrestha gave the following statistics on the cash and relief materials worth Rs. 183.3 million received for the relief and rehabilitation of the victims from various sources.

<u>Source</u>	<u>In million Rs.</u>	
	<u>Cash</u>	<u>Materials</u>
Nepal Govt.	41.10	36.9
Other internal sources	33.45	20.13
External sources	22.72	28.99
Total	97.27	86.20

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## **Season's Greetings**

**And**

**Best Wishes for The New Year**

### **The Dhital Family:**

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The Prime Minister also said that the entire amount had already been spent. (Rising Nepal, September 23 and 24)

Meanwhile, there have been conflicting reports of irregularities and corruption in the relief and rehabilitation operations in Nepal.

#### Another Disaster

In the night of September 20, a total of 106 persons were buried alive by landslides in Myagdi district. Property worth about Rs. 2.5 million was also destroyed. (Gorkhapatra, September 23).

#### New Visa Regulations

On October 17, the Ministry of Home has published an amendment of the visa regulations. Two new categories of visas were introduced in addition to the usual categories of diplomatic visas, official visas, non-tourists visas, and tourist visas. They were interim visas and residential visas. Interim visas for not more than a week were meant for foreigners

entering into Nepal on their way from one country to another, or who are sent back to Nepal after being denied entry into any other country after departure from Nepal. Residential visas, which were renewable every year, were meant for foreigners of the following categories wishing to spend their life in Nepal: (1) persons of international reputation; (2) persons who have rendered special contribution in the economic, social and cultural fields of Nepal; (3) persons who have rendered any distinct contribution to the development of Nepal; (4) persons whom His Majesty's Government deems fit for settlement in Nepal.

The amendments for the tourist visas includes the following: "Any tourist who re-enters into Nepal within less than three months from the date of his last departure from Nepal shall be granted a visa valid for a maximum of one month only. However, tourists shall be allowed to re-enter into Nepal ordinarily only after one month from the date of their departure from Nepal".

The arrangements regarding non-tourists visas have also been amended.

"A foreigner having matrimonial relationship with a Nepali woman shall be granted a non-tourist visa ordinarily valid for a maximum period of four months only during a year."

#### The Nepali Congress (O)

In an interview to the "Saptahik Bimarsha" on October 6, Ganesh Man Singh, leader of the outlawed Nepali Congress, said, "No one need make arrogant threats of launching a revolution or a movement, for every one now realizes the true strength of each group. The outlawed Nepali Congress is nothing more than a bogey. It has been able to claim that it is strong only because it has not had to face anyone. Its condition will become pitiable if it contests elections tomorrow. When the Nepali Congress (O) has been reduced to such a condition, the communist slogan of revolution is a mere day-dream. Panchas are corrupt,

but they have taken roots in every village Panchayat and in every ward."

"Previously, I was under the impression that the people were on our side... But how hollow our position had become became clear during the local Panchayat elections... To our surprise, we found it difficult even to find competent candidates. It was clear that we were deluding ourselves. We were entertaining the illusion of being a strong party only because we had not had to face anyone..."

#### **Royal Audience to Nepali Congress (0) Leader**

According to a Press note published by the Central Office of the Nepali Congress (0), His Majesty King Birendra granted a 2-1/2 hour audience to Ganesh Man Singh in the evening of November 23. The Press note added, "During the audience, Ganesh Man Singh presented his views regarding political change." Singh has described the audience as "very constructive and useful." (Samaj, November 25). This was said to be the first time that Ganesh Man Singh had been granted an audience by His Majesty. Prime Minister Marich Man Singh Shrestha was also present during the audience, according to the Saptahik Bimarsha (November 25).

#### **Govinda Duwal Remanded to Custody**

The Bagmati Special Court remanded sixteen persons to custody in connection with the murder of ex-National-Panchayat-Member (NPM) Karna Prasad Hyoju in Bhaktapur in August, 1988. They included NPM Govinda Duwal and Narayan Man Bijukchhe (Rohit). Five other persons were released on bail. (Gorkhapatra, November 1).

#### **Lama Gets 6-Year Jail Term**

The Central regional special Court has sentenced former Inspector General of Police Dil Bahadur lama to six years imprisonment along with a fine of more than Rs. 34.6 millions on the charge of indulging in corruption. The court found the accused illegally taking money from

contractors in the form of donations for construction of school and the police fund for approving tenders of the Police Headquarters. He was also found misusing funds of the Police Headquarters for personal use. (Rising Nepal, October 5).

#### **Map of the Mt. Everest Region**

A topographical map of the Everest-Khumbu area in the eastern region of Nepal was prepared in Switzerland by the Boston Museum of Science under the auspices of the National Geographic Society of the United States and the Department of Survey, Nepal. A copy of the map was presented to His Majesty King Birendra at the Royal Palace on October 3 by Dr. Bradford Washburn, Director of the project. (Rising Nepal, October 4).

The map has been published in the November, 1988 issue of the National Geographic Magazine along with five articles related to Nepal.

#### **Subhas Ghising's Statements**

Addressing a public meeting at Kalimpong, India, on September 30, Subhas Ghising, leader of the Gorkha National Liberation Front (GNLF), demanded severance of all relations with Nepal on the ground that it had given no support to the GNLF movement. He said, "Now that Gorkhaland has been created for the Gorkhalis living in India, all Nepali migrants, that is, Indians of Nepali origin living in Nepal, should return to Darjeeling and become partners in the task of reconstruction of Gorkhaland under the banners of the Gorkha Hill Development Council, because neither the King of Nepal, nor the Nepal Government, nor the Nepali people have helped us. We will not expect any cooperation from Nepal in the future."

Subhas Ghising announced that Nepali migrants in India would no longer call themselves Nepalis. Instead, they would call themselves Gorkhalis, he said. He informed that there would be no reference to the term "Nepali" in the constitution of the proposed Gorkha Hill Development Council. (Arati Weekly, October 6).

# Nepalese Associations: Where Are We Going?

(Part 7)

More than fifteen months ago, "The Viewpoints" initiated a "debate" on the organization, structure, and activities of Nepalese associations in the United States.

"The Viewpoints" will continue to provide a common forum for free expression of ideas on important topics concerning the Nepalese community in this continent.

We invite you to send your views for publication in the future issues of "The Viewpoints".

Editor

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## Mr. Gehendra D. Pathak's Views:

I would like to endorse the views expressed by Dr. Jagadishwar Devkota under the title "Brain-Drained or Brain-Trained" in the October, 1988 issue of "The Viewpoints".

Besides that, I would like to add my own views. Almost for the last two hundred years, untrained young people from the mountains of Nepal have left their country in search of job and food. If these young people could have got better education at home, they could have lived a better life after returning home. Unfortunately, they have to spend their youth outside their homeland and later, they live at home with a meager pension for retirement. It was only after 1960 that many trained people started leaving home for abroad. In one way or the other, they have contributed a lot for the benefit of the home country. A large number of Nepalese are now studying in the U.S.A. than ever before. The people who have settled here are helping their relatives financially. Some of them even have been fortunate to get health care in the U.S. Some of them including myself received the opportunity to visit the U.S. to broaden their outlook. Those who are living in the U.S. should help for the betterment of education in Nepal. In this way, more people will be brain trained and become capable of serving their land either locally or from abroad.

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