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Editorial

WNO is stepping into its third year of formation. Although it is just a beginning, it has set many goals to achieve within the last three vears. They have been listed in previous issues of Bukhan Pau and in Secretary's report in this issue. So far till now, it is on run with small projects one at a time. From the time of its formation in London UK the WNO has gained its reputation among the Newah community around the world. During this period the main goal was to create a net working atmosphere with people around the world. WNO is registered as a not, for profit organization in the state of Maryland and set headquarter in the USA opened a bank account in the Bank of America. Our next goal is to obtain the tax exempt 501C status from the United State Government Internal Revenue Service.

We have contacted Newah people living in Germany, The Netherlands, France, India, Bangladesh, Russia, Hong Kong, Canada, Saudi Arabia, South Korea, Australia, Portugal, Hong Kong, UK, USA, etc. Our attempt to connect with more people will continue. It is also a matter to inform you that the second term election will be held in Nepal during its second convention that will take place in Nepal during the chilling weather of Nepal Mandala in January 2015. We look forward to sharing your views in protecting our heritage creating master plans preserve them for our next generation to come. See you all there!! Subhaaye!!

WNO at the ANA Convention

World Newah Organization (WNO) is organizing a forum in the upcoming ANA DC convention, July 4-6, 2014. The forum is set for Friday, July 4, 2014 at 2:30 - 4pm in Sheraton Premiere at Tysons Corner, Shenandoah Room. WNO aims at strengthening Nepalese community by promoting

Following speakers have been invited to present their experiences and knowledge so as to facilitate your interests in the mission and philosophy of the organization. At the end of the presentations, there will be a question and answer session with participants.

Speakers:

international platform.

1. Dr. Narayan Rajbhandari, General Secretary, WNO, Moderator

Topic: Welcome note and milestone of WNO

2. Mr. Daya Ratna Shakya, VP, WNO

Topic: Chronology of WNO initiation and WNO Executive formation

3. Mr. Season Shrestha. General Member. WNO

Topic: Vision of upcoming WNO Convention in Nepal and Newah Educational Center in the USA

4 Mr. Prabin Tamrakar and Dr. Shankar Shrestha, DABLI Editors, NPPA

- 4. Mr. Prabin Tamrakar and Dr. Shankar Shrestha, DABU Editors, NPPA Topic: Forethought of NPPA with respect to WNO
- 5. Mr. Ram Lal Shrestha, President, NOA Topic: Forethought of NOA with respect to WNO
- 6. Mr. Ram Malakar, Advisor, WNO *Topic: Role of Senior Citizens in WNO*
- 7. Pof. Manik Lal Shrestha, Patron, WNO Topic: Good wish message and support from Nepal
- 8. Dr. Bal Gopal Shrestha, President, WNO *Topic: Thank you note and closing remarks*

2nd WNO Convention in Kathmandu

The executive committee meeting held on May 31st has unanimously adopted a decision to hold the second convention of WNO in Kathmandu, Nepal in the second week of January 2015.

The official convention will takes place for four days that will be held in Swaniga, Pokhara and Lumbini. WNO request to all the Newah communities around the world to convene in this historical event ever happened in Nepal to share the activities and issues in their region. The first day will be the inauguration, second day workshops and seminars on various topics related to Newah

issues, the third day will be the closed session to conduct the official business and election of new team to lead another three years. The last day will be the closing session and reception with visit of Lumbini the birthplace of Bhagawan Buddha.

Exact dates and venues will be announced soon. When it will be available the details of program will be posted in its official website: www.worldnewah.org

WNO requests support and cooperation from all Newah social institutions and individuals in making this historical event a grand success.

WNO US Regional Conference Report

Attendants:

- 1. Prof Manik Lal Shrestha NEPAL
- 2. Dr. Bal Gopal Shrestha Nertherlands
- 3. Shree Laxmi Shrestha Netherlands
- 4. Dr. Padam Ratna Tuladhar, Nepal
- 5. Daya Shakya Oregon, USA
- 6. Season Shrestha, Balitimore USA
- 7. Rajesh Shrestha, Virginia, USA
- 8. Rajesh Lal Shrestha USA
- 9. Dibya Hada USA
- 10. Ram Lal Shrestha USA
- 11. Sarishma Amatva USA
- 12. Luxman Pradhan USA
- 13. Sanjeep Pradhan USA
- 14. Javambhu Ranjit, USA
- 15. Diwakar Dhaubadel, USA
- 16. Ravi Pradhan, USA
- 17. Sunder Rajbhandari, USA
- 18. Pushkar Prajapati. USA
- 19. Ansuya Onta Shrestha, USA
- 20. Shreejan Tamrakar, USA
- 21. Dhruba Onta, USA
- 22. Heather Shrestha, USA
- 23. Dr. Rajendra Pradhan, USA

Excused:

- 1.Narayan Somname, Northern California, USA
- 2. Narayan Rajbhandari North Carolina, USA
- 3. Pramesh Shrestha, Dallas Texas,
- 4. Subhash Prajapati Seattle WA, USA
- 5. Keshar Man Tamrakar Chicago, USA

The WNO US Chapter regional conference was held on May 26th 2013 at the Kathmandu Kitchen restaurant premises located in Towson, Baltimore with distribution of conference files and the second addition of "BUKHAN PAU" the WNO Newsletter. There was an attendance of Newah personals from various organizations as well as the local individual associated with Newah activities and guests from Nepal and Netherlands. The conference was presided by the WNO president Dr. Bal Gopal Shrestha. The invited chief guest was WNO pa-



tron Prof Manik Lal Shrestha. The presence of another WNO Patron and Human right activist Dr. Padam Ratna Tuladhar was made available through the conference call due to his physical inability to attend.

The US Chapter president Daya Shakya welcomed the participants and thanked them for attending the historical gathering of WNO US Chapter regional gathering. He also presented a short version of Newah activities in Oregon and readout the greeting message sent through various organizations for success of the conference.

In address to gathering, WNO president Dr. Bal Gopal has presented a brief summary of events on how and when WNO came into existence in the Newah world and the necessity of US Chapter. WNO is overwhelmingly appreciated around the world for betterment of Newah heritage and identity. He also said that Newah people are falling behind due to lack of awareness on importance of native language. Even though Newah people are diversified they share a common language as a united force.

Moreover, the Patron of WNO Prof. Manik Lal Shrestah said that the WNO US Chapter is a must to implement plans and projects to promote Newah heritage. Since the inception of WNO was originated from the soil of USA the chapter plays an important role in bringing the Newah people under an umbrella with leadership from Newah personals living in the USA.

In addition, the Patron of WNO Dr. Padam Ratna Tuladhar expressed his best wishes for the success of the future endeavor and encouraged every one not to give up in any circumstances no matter how difficult to move forward an organization like this one.

The gathering was highlighted by adding a few words of peace and harmony through the expression of poetic language by the Nepal Bhasa story writer Shri Luxmi Shrestha to mark the 2057th Buddha Javanti.

The president of Senior Newah Citizens Group Bhaju Dibya Hada has said that the concept of WNO US chapter is highly appreciative; through this the US Newah population will be united under an umbrella. Despite of initiatives taken in Nepal for formation of World conference it did not meet the requirement and has lost the communication with the group, He hoped that the current campaign will be successful and has given words to help out as much as he can to enhance the goals of WNO.

President of Nepa Pasa Pucha Americae Bhaju Laxman Pradhan has noted that he is getting clearer on the

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of the recent questions that the existing World Newah Organization (WNO)

executive members received are what has World Newah Organization done, is it the platform to gossip among friends, and is it moving towards benefitting Newah community in the world? Thinking of the questions, I am writing a brief memo to address the questions by going through the series of WNO's executive meeting minutes from January 2013 to June 2014. The main developments as discussed in the meetings are as follows:

chapter and affiliated organization in United Kingdom, Portugal, Denmark, Sikkim (India), Saudi Arabia, and Hong Kong.

2. Campaign

• Bhaju Krishna Chakhun, VP, attended the WNO Nepal country chapter meeting on December 29, 2012 in Kathmandu, Nepal to discuss the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between WNO Nepal and WNO global. The MOU has been finalized with series of email exchanges.

- On 4 November 2013, Dr. Shrestha participated in the Nepal Samvat New Year 1134 and Mha Puja programme that the WNO-Nederland Chapter organised in Amsterdam as the chief guest.
- Bhaju Daya Ratna Shakya, VP, conducted a workshop Bibidhataa Dune Ekataa, Unity within Diversity- in Satoaki Bhawan, Kathmandu, Nepal on November 2, 2013. A group of 45 participants from various social organizations was present. Nepal Chapter Member Bhaju Shakya Suren initially proposed the workshop due to current situation in Newah society. The WNO patron Dr. Satya Mohan Joshi, Chancellor, Nepal Bhasa Academy, inaugurated the workshop.



What has

World Newah Organization

done?

Dr. Narayan Rajbhandari

General Secretary, WNO

1. Organizational Development

- WNO registered its headquarter successfully in Maryland, USA, on January 27, 2014. The organization is currently preparing its documents to submit application to the U.S. Federal Government for tax exempt status 501 (c) (3). The organization anticipates completing all the legal procedures by the next 6 to 9 months.
- WNO welcomed Bhaju Ram Malakar and Dr. Dhruba Bahadur Pikha Shrestha as the advisors of WNO on April 19 2014. They are recognized respectively as a long-term advocate for promoting and conserving Newah cultures in the USA and as an intellectual and resourceful Newah in Netherlands.
- WNO established its chapter in Nepal, USA, and Germany. Also, the organization recognized Newa Cultural Society of Alberta (NCSA) as an affiliated organization. Recently, the organization is working on to expand its
- Dr. Bal Gopal Shrestha, President, visited the USA from May 24 to June 17, 2013. He had productive interaction with several group leaders. Some of them are BhajuSeason Shrestha, Bhaju Laxman Pradhan, Bhaju Dibya Hada, Bhaju Jayambu Ranjit, Bhaju Rajesh Shrestha, Dr. Roshan Shrestha, Bhaju Ram Malakar, Dr. Maheswor Vaidya, and Bhaju Samir Maharjan.
- On 17 August 2013, Dr. Bal Gopal Shrestha, as the president of WNO participated in the 19th World Indigenous Day 2013 program that the Nepal Federation of Indigenous Nationalities (NEFIN) Germany organised in Hamburg, Germany. He was invited there as the chief guest:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DmM5R-9F8TY

3. Support

- WNO accepted to work with Newa Bidyarthi Daboo to develop a leadership among Newah students and youths. The organization foresees their leading roles in the USA, UK, Sikkim, and Nepal.
- WNO partially funded a book named "Teach Yourself Nepal Bhasa." The book was published by Newa Dey Daboo. The following number of copies has been distributed outside Nepal 100 copies to America, 50 copies to UK, 50 copies to Australia, and 35 copies to interested individuals.
- WNO assisted Nepalbhasa Saphu Sahakari in Kathmandu, Nepal to drive membership. Seven of its members have already pledged \$100.00 for shareholding membership. The organization envisions that the establishment of the institution will encourage Nepal Bhasa writers and authors to engage in research and development of Newah language, culture, and value.
- WNO assured the editors of Nepal Sanskriti newspaper to provide logistic support in part to extend its wings in the different parts of the word.

4. Advocation

• WNO relayed a press release on March 31, 2014 in support of Dil Shobha Shrestha on the wrong allegation against her organization – Amako Ghar. The organization observed that there

was a big skepticism and bias in the allegations of 'Abusive sexual behave' as published first by Nagarik Dainik. Such wrong allegation has certainly put her in a big barrier to continue her welfare mission to empower orphans in Nepal. The organization demanded that she should be given compensation equivalent to the damages done by the newspaper.

5. Communication

- WNO implements its networking through Nepal Mandala Television.
- WNO coordinates with Sandhya Times , the daily newspaper in Nepal, for announcements and ads.
- WNO publishes a semi yearly newsletter and a brochure to update activities and businesses among members and enthusiasts.
- WNO maintains its website http://www.worldnewah.org and facebook page

https://www.facebook.com/worldnewah to access every citizen in the world for their information and interaction.

• WNO conducts a conference yearly to bring its chapter/affiliated organizations to a place for their interaction with leaders/ professionals, and then to develop strategies for benefiting Newah communities in the world. The organization is currently coordinating with the members of its Nepal Chapter to conduct the



convention in mid-January 2015 in Nepal. The convention will be held in Kathmandu, Pokhara, and Lumbini.

While writing the above notes reminded me a quotation by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., which is: "If you can't fly then run, if you can't run then walk, if you can't walk then crawl, but whatever you do you have to keep moving forward." I am sure that WNO is moving forward with its mission and philosophy. Its members are certainly working hard, aiming towards benefitting

Newah community in the word. Recently, they have realized that WNO needs to be financially sound enough to encourage its chapters and affiliated organizations to execute Newah activities all over the world. As of June 2014, the organization has only a total of US\$ 2,788.00. The members are trying to come up with a sound action plan to raise funding. The organization will certainly start flying in coming years with your help, cooperation, and support. \square

WNO US Regional Conference (contd..)

objectives of WNO and they are highly mandatory for promotion of Newah heritage around the world. If the chapter or head quarter meets US IRS registration requirement, the financial resources will be available in course of time. He personally has given words to help out WNO from his capacity as well as through the association he is affiliated with. The NOA president Season Shrestha has said that due to current situation of Newah world, the concept of WNO is very essential to establish the networking among the Newars scattered around the world. If

they come together in common platform the WNO can play a vital role in enhancing the Newah heritage and identity in many ways.

The NOA immediate past President Rajesh Shrestha has assured that the necessary help will be available from his side to make the master design of WNO successful.

Besides, all the participants have expressed their view on the current event of gathering and wished success of the WNO US chapter and have given the words of support to make this genuine concept a very successful.

The conference was concluded with exchange of greetings for well formation of US chapter with following decisions

- To call chapter meeting soon for further plan of action.
- Give full formation of US Chapter executive committee in a very earliest time frame
- Writing the constitution for the US chapter.
- Register the chapter as a legal entity under nonprofit status.
- Create a Networking Google Group for further communication. □

had chances visiting the USA a few occasions in the past. My first visit to the USA in 1998 was to participate in an international conference in Washington DC, including giving papers and showing our ethnographic documentary film "Sacrifice of Serpents: The Festival of Indrayani in Kathmandu" at various Universities such as at Cornell, Princeton and Harvard. During this visit a Newah activist, Bhaju Tribhuvan Tuladhar of Virginia organised a Newah gathering at his residence for us to show our film and discuss with the people on Newah culture and heritage. This was remarkable because it not only gave us the chance to present our views but also could interact with people the event attended. The second occasion I was in the US to participate in the Annual Convention of the Newah Organisation of America (NOA) in 2002. I was invited as a special guest to give my papers on Newar nationalism and Svanti festival at the Convention. This was again another important visit for me as it gave me the rare chances of discussing issues related to Newah nationalism, language, culture and role of Newah people in the diaspora.

In 2013 my wife Srilaxmi and I were in the US at the invitation of Newah Organization of America (NOA) to participate in the 12th Annual Convention held in Washington DC on May 25. From the viewpoint of promoting Newah cause and unity this journey was very rewarding. As the president of the WNO I did my presentation on current activities of the Organization. I elucidated how languages and cultures belonging to diverse ethnic nationalities in Nepal are continuously been neglected and suppressed despite of political changes. I also urged to unite all Newars to achieve equal rights and equal treatments. See the link:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OBk_4FP3V4I It is noteworthy that the two distinguished patrons of the WNO – Prof. Manik Lal Shrestha and Honorable Padma Ratna Tuladhar, graced the program as special guests. I also had the opportunity of meeting people associated with various organizations including Bhaju Dibya Hada, Laxman Pradhan, the then president and other members of the Nepa Pasa Pucha Americaye (NPPA) and many more.

Besides, I also attended the WNO Regional Conference and WNO-US Chapter meeting that was held in Baltimore



A Glimpse of 2013 US Visit

Newah Movement and World Newah Organization

■ Dr. Bal Gopal Shrestha President, WNO

on May 26, 2013. The meeting was very important from the viewpoint of expanding role of WNO in the USA and to unify Newah people around the globe. Many Newah people associated with various organizations attended the meeting. Then joined the dinner hosted by Bhuwan Pikha in the evening. We were also able to join the lunch and dinners hosted by Rajesh Shrestha and Mahendra Pradhan the past president and current secretary of NOA. During our DC stay NOA life member, Jayambu Ranjit and his family took great care of us. He took the responsibility of carrying us everywhere we visited including showing us around places of interest in DC area.

After these programs in DC area, we flew to Michigan to visit Srilaxmi's relatives Tara and Saran Bade Shrestha. And then we went to Chicago to attend a function on an occasion of the 95th anniversary of the late Prem Bahadur Kansakar, organized by Newah American Dabu. WNO patron Professor Manik Lall Shrestha inaugurated the program and paid homage to late Kansakar by offering flowers in his portrait. The guests were also honored with khada, red blessing mark (hyaun sinhan) and khen sagan. The Newa American Dabu also felicitated Professor Shrestha for his lifelong contribution to Newah movement.

Prof. Manik Lall Shrestha unraveled his personal memory of his association with Prem Bahadur Kansakar and described the late Kansakar's contributions to democratic movement in Nepal:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3FIExhToL4c . I highlighted the objectives and activities of the WNO, Mr. Bal Mukunda Prasad Joshi, the President of the Pasa Pucha Guthi, UK spoke on PPGUK's activities, and Srilaxmi recited her poems:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g-C3LsYrY84

In the evening the guests were treated at a local Nepalese restaurant with lavish Nepalese food while in the following day the Chairman of the Newa American Dabu, Kesharman Tamrakar and his family hosted luncheon meeting at their residence. In Chicago, Manoj Shrestha and his family were our hosts whose warm hospitality, still alive in our memory.

On June 2nd, 2013 Srilaxmi and I left for Seattle where Subhash Ram Lachhi, the chairman of the NOA Seattle Chapter as our host, welcomed us. The Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies and South Asian Studies, University of Washington jointly organized a talk program. I spoke on "Cultural Impacts of the Death of Kingship in Nepal: Identity Politics and the current Political Situation



in Nepal". I thank Dr. Linda Iltis of the University of Washington for her initiative in arranging the lecture program. I had an opportunity of discussing on Nepalese political situation with students and scholars (see:

http://www.nepalmandal.com/content/19595.html . In the following day Linda and her husband professor Ter Ellingson invited us for a dinner at their residence. Thanks are due to Kay Norton for a day long excursion in Seattle.

Our next destination was Portland Oregon where WNO vice president Daya Ratna Shakya and family have been residing. He organized two talk programs: one at the Nritya Mandala Mahavihar and next one from Nepaah Chhen Committee, a social entity to build a Nepal House in Portland. At the Nritya Mandala Mahavihar, Prajwol Vajracharya, its founder invited me to speak for his students on Newah movement and about my book on Sankhu. There was enough curiosity about indigenous people's movement in Nepal and Newar activities among the audience. Interesting questions on Newar movement and culture were raised there. In the same evening the program organized by Nepaah Chhen at the Taekwondo School, I focused my talk on WNO and ethnic movement in Nepal. People asked many questions related to federalism in Nepalese context. The attending families brought varieties of food as potluck to serve at the dinner. My thank goes to the Diwakar Maharjan and the Nepaah Chhen' members.

We spent our nights at the Nritya Mandala Mahavihar exclusively built with Newah architectural design. It was astonishing to see the founder priest Prajwal Vajracharya performing daily rituals as it is being done in Bahals in Kathmandu. He has also taught the ritual practices to his American students. The next day, we visited the University of Oregon with Daya ju and met another Newah family Shashindra and Rama Bajracharya in Eugene Oregon. They invited us for dinner at their residence.

From Portland on June 8, 2013 we took a flight to California and attended the NOA Northern California Chapter's Sithi Nakhah festival gathering and interaction program at the Yeti Restaurant whose owner Narayan Somname, the president of the NOA North California Chapter. We were delighted on big crowd of attendants (see:

http://www.nepalmandal.com/content/19615.html

We thank to Somname family and to Buddha Maharjan for their exceptional hospitality. Then on June 9 and 10 we were the guests of Gaju and Shyam Shrestha in San Francisco. Gaju took care of showing us around places of interest in and around San Francisco.

On June 11, we flew back to Baltimore and stayed at Season Shrestha, NOA president. On 12 June Season showed us around in Baltimore and then in the evening Amritman Singh a Newah family in Baltimore invited us for a dinner. On June 13 and 14 we visited New York. We stayed there with Samir Maharjan, the then treasurer and now the president of the Newah Guthi New York. I was pleased seeing him active in promotion of Newah language and culture even though he was a busy man of gems and jewelry business.

On June 15, Season took us in a tour of Washington DC and in the same evening Dr. Roshan Shrestha, one of the WNO initiators living in the US invited us for a dinner at his residence. He had invited a few other friends so that we could discuss about prospects of WNO.

We stayed with Jayambu as he arranged us to attended a Buddhist meditation and father's day program that the Nepal Paramparagat Buddha Dharma Sangh and the Senior Nepalese Citizens jointly organized at the residence of Bhaju Ram Malakar, a WNO advisor in DC area on June 16. There I briefly talked about the objectives of WNO. Attending the American Father's day celebrated according to Newah tradition by lighting sukunda and khen sagan was a wonderful experience.

In the afternoon, NOA Vice President, Ravi Pradhan and his family organized a luncheon meeting and father's day celebration at his residence, including Season's family Dr. Maheswor Vaidya, Babita Pradhan - NOA secretary, Ram Shrestha - NOA treasurer (now the president) were there. Among others, we discussed to establish a Newah culture centre in Washington DC area that Dr. Maheswor Baidya envisaged. He is ready to work for fund raising to fulfill the vision. He sought support of WNO and NOA in this venture. The last program on the same evening was the American style Father's day at Season's residence. Heather's father was the guest of honor. Finally we took our flight back to the Netherlands on June 17, 2014.

We were honored to be treated warmly each and every place we visited in the USA. We found every individual we met and talked very supportive to the objectives of WNO for the future generation of Newah people. We experienced an excellent hospitality throughout our journey in the US. We are grateful to all of them. 🗖

I had an opportunity of visiting Nepal after twenty years during the Swonti festival last year. I was blessed by my lovely sisters on the occasion of brother and sister's day known as Kijaa Poojaa. One can imagine how exciting to get such an opportunity to visit home land after many years. My visit was important to myself as well as to the community in which I am involved with. In addition of seeing my relatives and in laws. I met several important personals, attended several meetings and functions, visited field trip to west Nepal (Baglung) where I have never been before, attended TV and FM interviews, participated in the Nepal Sambat New year rally, as well as I made my time to offer many Bhakals to our linage deities in Phampi, Sako, Bijeswari, Guheswari, Pashupati, Swoyambhu, Khasti, Itum Bahal, and finally I also did offer three workshops on practice of diversity and how to teach Newah language to teachers of Newah related institutions by analyzing features of targeted language.

I was not thinking that I could manage to care many ambitious desires. My well planned schedule pushed me to go ahead and fulfill one at a time within four weeks of my journey. However, due to election fever I did miss to see many people who were very much involved with the CA election 2013. I had to leave on a day before the election. So I had no chance to observe the Election Day. In many ways my visit was fruitful and returned to the US without being unhealthy for the sake of well being plan besides minor pollution related sickness on and off.

During this visit I have noticed many stunning changes. It is certainly not an unexpected but I was not thinking that the country I left 20 years ago could show a drastic change. I felt like I was still not in my home land when I got in my residence from airport, So many unfamiliar crowd, unfamiliar road construction, not easy to hear even a single Newah word in streets it was totally a new place. I stayed in Sukedhara area where my closed relatives were recently settled and I felt like a foreigner in my own home land. That was not the place where I grew up. So there were no playmates around the areas. So, to refresh my memory from 20 years I had to visit the areas within the ring road that I had left but now no greenish land due to unplanned influx of villagers from outside Kathmandu. It used to be simply four hundreds thousands population when I left Nepal now the influx has put the density in 7 digits with same numeral value. No systematic public transportation as syndicated in the past. All are private busses and minivans (Micro Buses) and they can squeeze as many people as they can. No one questions about it, even though it was illegal in many country in terms of safety issues. Fares are no longer single digit any more, and without fix rate and if not smart

eye landed in many Newah activities. People are more aware of preservation of Newah heritage but the language swift has become an epidemic to all Newah families. The outcome of the panchayat period to empower the Khas as dominating language has become more powerful to current Newah moms and dads. So the third generation has completely given up understanding the importance of Newah language. In this regards, my family is very much aware of speaking mother tongue in our family. Appearance of Nepal script in Local Street names and store

Visit to Homeland

□ Daya Shakya

need to pay more when white skin passengers are accompanied. Crowd is everywhere but late evening travel is occupied by private taxis with habit of bargaining.

Turning the other side of coin I did see some positive aspect. People are seen financially well aware and every one's wallet shows three digits currency notes. Two digits have become less value even the pan handling beggars ask for 'Paanch Rupiyaa hajur'. One rupee coin or notes are rarely seen. High rocketing buildings, shopping complex in several location, Baneswar area has become completely new with tall buildings and gigantic glass windows and signs hardly left any symbol of old memory, people walk with iPhone, iPad in hand, although the load shading is not ignorable but run as schedule so people have become aware of doing the duties according to power schedule.

As an activist for Newah heritage my

sign boards that was abandoned during the pancahyat period was loosened after adoption of 1990 constitution. A wing of Newah student's program in TU was conducted in non newah language, all are culturally aware of own heritage and their love towards mother tongue is higher but in practice they are reluctant to speak even within the circle of newah friends either. This is a dangerous move towards extinction. Seeing newah language programs in local TVs and listening to radios or media as a whole is highly commendable for preservative activities but the gap between grand parents and children is wider. I also learned there are 105 schools where Nepal Bhasa is taught. Even the conservative English & Khas language dominating schools such as Rato Bangala has shown interest to introduce Nepal Bhasa as one of the subject by knowing the danger of extinction at the end of tunnel. The goal that was put forth by Newah Basti Newah School is gradually producing the fruits within Nepalmandala that is made known as Kathmandu Valley by in-fluxed population. No wonder why Baneswar was declared as Swayata Rajya in contrary to Newah Swayat Raajya in one of the satirical episode aired from dcnepal.com internet portal in the US .



A synopsis of WNO Fund

For any organization a strong financial base is essential and the same applies for WNO. The key spending of WNO would constitute: WNO expenses for running its day to day activities; provide financial assistance, particularly in Nepal for Newah causes; support WNO conventions to be conducted in different branch countries.

The key sources of the funds would be: seed money from the WNO founder members and; regular nominal fee contributions from WNO members; contribution from the branch countries (nominal portion of the local membership fees etc.); donations and contributions from well wishers, industrialists, business personnel, professional and others; sponsorship from individuals or organizations; funds generated by various activities.

As a charity organization WNO is working towards facilitating

donors from exemption of income taxes for the contributed amount.

For sustainability of WNO's financial assistance to any Newah causes, forming a WNO Trust (or similar) model has been thought of. For all this, WNO must be able to demonstrate a clear picture of its plans, activities and results.

Inclusiveness can be a key to the success of WNO. So it would encourage Newah from all walks of life, and those who do not speak Nepal Bhasha but love Newah identity. WNO is not against any languages or cultures, it respect all ethnicities. At the same time it speaks for equality and respect to all. This is at an initial stage, any ideas and suggestions are welcome. Please contact one of the WNO executive members if you would like to make your contribution as seed money to see a growth of big tree names World Newah Fund (WNF).

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Halimey Jhee TV Show



In collaboration with Nepal Mandala Television Private Limited, Kathmandu Nepal, WNO has successfully lunched Halimey Jhi TV broadcast from Kathmandu starting October 20th 2013. Until now 4 episodes have been already aired. The program high lights activities in foreign land where newah people are residing. For viewing the program in you tube follow the URLs listed below.

- http://halimeeihii.blogspot.com/2013/09/with-logo-halime-jhi.html
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SbfbhFoemiA
- https://www.facebook.com/groups/355796651218976/
- http://halimeejhii.blogspot.com/2014/03/halimey-jhii-4.html

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