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KIRAN PANDEY

Communist Party of Nepal (UML) stages biggest pro-democracy rally since King's take over

Friday: As King Gyanendra returned from his 3 week international tour in Asia and Africa, Communist Party of Nepal (United-Marxist-Leninist) held a rally and mass meeting of size not seen since the Royal takeover on 1

Feb. 05. Party General Secretary Madhav Kumar Nepal indicated the mass meeting as preparation for inevitable changes to come as thousands of people chanted anti-king and pro-democracy slogans

in New Baneshwor. Although there were rumors that the District Administration Office had restricted mass gatherings in New Baneshwor, it was later dismissed by Chief District Officer himself. Page 20

माओवादीको नाममा खाओवादी: नक्कली माओवादीको चलखेल

गएको १ मंसीरमा आफुलाई माओवादी बताउँदै विर ाटनगरका एक लाहुरेसंग दुई लाख रुपैया चन्दा माग गर्ने धनकुटा, चुडवाड निवासी २३ वर्षिय टेक बहादुर बास्कोटालाई सुनसरी तरहराको एक पिसीओ बाट प्रहरीले पक्राउ गरेको छ। उनले आफु माओवादी भएको दावी गर्दै एक साता अघि देखी टेलिफोनबाट रकम माग गर्दै आएका थिए पक्राउ पछी उनी तरकारी तथा चौपाय ब्यापारी भएको खुल्न आएको छ।

नेकपा माओवादीको नाम लिएर यसरी सर्वसाधारणलाई धम्की दिदै चन्दा उठाउने गिरोह सक्रिय हुन थालेपछी माओवादीहरूले नै त्यस्ता गिरोहलाई खोजी-खोजी मार्न थालेका छन। नेकपा माओवादी सुनसरीले माओवादी बनेर चन्दा संकलन गर्ने दुई र भापामा दुई जनाको गत वर्ष हत्या गरेका थिए। Page 6

INGOS and NGO fight against the "Code of Conduct"

The Code of Conduct (CoC) for national and international Non-Governmental Organisations (INGOs) recently introduced by the present government is one of the many recent moves by the government that has drawn wide spread criticism. Although the CoC was introduced in early November; it has been revealed that homework to introduce it was being done since July.

The I/NGOs in Nepal have been protesting against the new CoC regularly, alleging that the government has introduced the new code with a view to turn independent NGOs into pro-Government NGOs. However, government officials are adamant that the new code has been introduced to make the NGO sector "dignified, transparent and responsible." Page 8

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ANUP PRAKASH

Catching Up With Uglyz

They look good and they know it. Talented too. A year after their debut album Rush, The Uglyz lead the 8th Annual Close Up Hits FM Music Awards with 6 nominations largely because of their first single and video Audai Jadai, a pop-rock balad. Reformed in 2004 with Sarun on guitar and vocals, Sudip on guitar and Sandesh on violin, the boys admit they weren't expecting such over whelming prominence but are delighted with the fact. Nepali Aawaz's Sahara Shrestha caught up with the group for chat. Page 11

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Letters

The Ride of His Life:

Last year a few protesters pelted stones at a military general's jeep in Kathmandu. The general, upset by the incident, stopped his motorcade, jumped out of the SUV, and ordered his security detail, the military police and other policemen and army personnel present, to shoot at the crowd without discretion. Luckily, the commanded officers had more sense than the commanding officer.

This week, as the King arrived from his 3 week international tour, Prince Paras headed to the airport to welcome and pick up his father. The route to the airport, passing through Baneshwor, has seen countless royal motorcades. The area has also always been a hotbed for protest, particularly because of the student unions of the colleges there. As mundane as the motorcade was, and despite the fact that there is a growing frustration against the monarchy and the military in Nepal, no one had expected what would happen next (not to say no one had ever planned it before): protesters and members of the general public pelted stones at the royal motorcade! Outrageous! Unheard of! Unpatriotic even. Perhaps, none of the above.

The Prince reacted by questioning the security officials about the incident, demanding an explanation. The security officials? What will they say? That a security lapse caused a playful child to accidentally throw a stone that accidentally hit the motorcade?

Or will the security officers say, "Your majesty, Crown Prince Paras Bir Bikram Shah Dev, the stone was pelted because your citizens are unhappy and frustrated with the monarchy and have been so for a while now

because they have not been treated right because the leaders in the 10 years of democracy didn't live up to their promises but more so because your highness' family through history has not particularly been selfless for the people in the last 250 or so years and also because your highness in particular have a reputation of being a royal drunk gun slinger, and your majesty is still viewed by many as being involved in the massacre of your relatives so that your father may become the king and your highness the crown price, and so that the 'rightful' right of being the unquestioned ruler of Nepal shall forever be in your family's direct bloodline and more recently because your father, His Majesty the King crushed democracy in the country by forcefully trying to silence the media, the citizens and just about any Nepali who questions his authority is being declared unpatriotic and even jailed and also because your majesty publicly lives a life of a luxury and abuse your authority while publicly your citizens die of hunger, diseases for which cures have long been found, and while your citizens are being forced to give the authority of their thoughts and voices to your family..."

Instead of blowing steam and rage at security officials, and spending his time DJing in the palace and at night clubs, the prince should question himself and read a few books. Better yet, if he has the stomach and the mind strong enough for it, as the citizens of the country he is one day supposed to inherit before there is no country left to inherit or before his father is in a position where he doesn't have a country for his son to inherit.

Prince Paras should be glad that he wasn't on his infamous Harley Davidson cruises at the time.

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Devika publishes book, helps children in Nepal

6 Dec. New York. What does it take for a bright 13 year old to write a children's book? "A few cousins and siblings who are crazy and fun," explains Devika Ogden Gurung, the author of *The Flight Before Christmas* (Book for Kids by Kids) published in November.



On 3 Dec. Devika was busy being whisked away by her father Ashok Gurung from one curious reader to another buyer of her book at NYU during the Hope Project Fundraiser. With a smile and a few giggles, she talked about her book, which was on sale at the event to support the cause of education in Nepal. "I was very happy I could help. I have been to Nepal and I have made donations to different projects to help children in Nepal before too," she says. "I know I am very fortunate to have the life and opportunities that I have and I want to share it with others who need it."

The idea of publishing the book came up when Devika's grandfather read the story she had written for a school assignment. "I didn't think it was going to be published, I was writing it for school but my Grandfather liked it a lot and he insisted on sending it to publishers and they liked it too. I was very surprised but also very excited," the young author tells us.



The New York native also hopes that she will be able to translate her book, sold primarily in her school's book store, to Nepali so that children in Nepal who can't read English will be able to read the story. But what does this little girl read when she has time? "Of course I love the Harry Potter series, but I also loved reading books like *Memoirs of a Geisha*, *Life of Pi*, *The Kite Runner*. I love books!"

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Naresh is the youngest of six brothers in his family whose father passed away when he was only two years old. The Nawalparasi, Nepal native grew up to become a Chemistry teacher and hoped that one day he would get a chance to do his Ph.D in the subject. "Now I probably can," he gushes, while talking to Nepali Aawaz about his recent lottery win.

It was just another day for Naresh as he finished his meeting at Rice High School, where he now teaches Chemistry. "But there is a series of events that helped me win this lottery," he explains bursting with excitement even after a week of having won the lottery. "The meeting finished a little early and a friend of mine dropped me home in his car. Since I got home early I decided to go buy grocery. There is a particular shop where I always buy my NY Lotto so that day as I walked past it thinking I would buy it on the way back," he recalls. "While I was coming out of the grocery store I noticed a new shop that sold lottery so i decided to try my luck there." And luck he found.

By the time he had finished scratching the 2nd game in his Holiday Cash scratch card, he figured he had lost his

\$5. But the 3rd game proved lucky; as he realised he had the winning numbers he slowly scratched the winning amount printed below it. "I saw \$25 so i figured that's what I won. Then I scratched and saw a zero, then another and another and by the end of it I realised I had won \$250,000. It was beyond my imagination, I was itching to burst out with excitement but my father in law had also said that if I ever won a big amount I should just quietly fold the winning ticket in my pocket and come home so that's what I did."

Unable to contain himself, he called home on his cellphone and asked his wife to meet him down on the street outside their apartment. "My mother cried with happiness when she found out," he told us.

It seems this holiday season will truly be a joyful one for him. His daughter turned a year old on 30 October and 9 Jan. 06 will mark a year of his arrival in the US after winning the DV Lottery. "I have always wanted to pursue further studies so now I hope to be able to do my Ph.D in Chemistry," he said. "It's like, in terms of finances my life has moved ahead by 10 years. This lottery has given me 10 years worth of hard work and savings in one moment." So will he be making any immediate home improvement? "An opportunity and fortune in life like this does put one in a place where one can think about some home improvements with comfort," he said gleefully.

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Nepalis discuss country's situation



3 Dec. Houston, Texas. A group of Nepalis here have initiated a regular meeting to discuss how to monitor Nepal's current political developments and plan how Nepalis in the area might be able to help make it better. Amongst the various topics discussed, the most prominent was the recent 12 points agreement between the seven parties' alliance, the government's reaction to it and the work left for the alliance to achieve the goal of total democracy.

"We It was almost a general consensus in the meeting that at this point in time, any form of peace process should be welcomed and that regardless of their

past mistakes, the political parties have done a "commendable job" towards bringing the Maoists closer to peace talks. The group of Nepalis also declared that with each move made by the King and his government, it is clear that they are in no mood to establish a democracy in Nepal. The continuing curb on civil and media rights were sighted as some of the biggest anti-democratic moves by the current government. It was also noted that it is important the political alliance of the parties in Nepal don't fall apart should there be a hint that the King might be willing to let a party or some party leaders step back into the government.

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तीन साता लामो पटयार लाग्दो विदेश भ्रमण सकेर देश फर्किएका राजाले संवाद थालेपछि घेरैले नेपाली राजनीतिले कोल्टे फेर्ने अनुमान गर्न थालेका छन्। राजाको तीनसाता लामो विदेश भ्रमणका समयमा दल-माओवादी बीच १२ बुँदामा सहमती भएको छ। यसले राजा

बाहेकका बाँकी सबै शक्तिहरूलाई उत्साहित बनाएको छ। दल-माओवादी सहमतीले शान्ति स्थापना हुने अपेक्षा धेरैको छ। त्यसै गरि दल-माओवादी बीचको सहमतीलाई भारी रूपमा अन्तराष्ट्रिय समर्थन छ। यसले १ फूट ब्रुअरीको कदमको संसारभरि आलोचना मात्रै भएको छैन राजा एक्ला पनि भएका छन्। भर्खरै मात्रै नेकपा माओवादीले थप एक महिनाका लागि युद्धविराम लम्ब्याएका छन्। यसले पनि दरवारलाई असजिलोमा पारिदिएको छ। देश विदेशमा माओवादी आतङ्कदेखाएर हतियार र समर्थन जुटाउने दरवारको योजना बिफल बनाइदिएको छ। युद्धविरामको घोषणाले देश भित्रै पनि माओवादीप्रति

सहानुभूति बढ्दै गएको छ। शान्तिपूर्ण र राजनीतिक बाटोमा आउने हतियार विसाउने जस्ता प्रतिबद्धताका कारण माओवादीको लोकपूयाता मुलधारका राजनीतिक दलकै हारकारीमा आउन थालेको देखिन्छ। हतियार विसाएर पनि उनिहरूले राजनीतिक मोर्चामा युद्ध जित्न सफल भएका छन्। यी सबै मामिलाको नराम्रो असर दरवारलाई परेको छ। तसर्थ यो असजिलोबाट पार पाउन मात्रै पनि हुनसक्छ दरवारले नयाँ प्रयास थालेको छ। यद्यपी राजनीतिक विश्लेषकहरू दल-दरवार-माओवादी बीच सहमती बिना खोजिने कुनै पनि उपायले मुलुकमा शान्ति स्थापना हुन नसक्ने बताउँछन्।

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First Nepali film fest in Toronto

3 Dec. Toronto. University of Toronto's Nepal Group and Namaste Radio co-organised the first ever Nepali film festival at the Innis Town Hall here. The festival was primarily held to raise money for Namaste Radio, the first Nepali radio show in Canada, to stay on air.

Documentaries Andolan Jaari, Bheda Ko Oon Jasto and The Living of Jogimara, and feature film Numafung were shown during the event.

Namaste Radio airs on 101.3 FM every Sunday from 9AM to 10AM.

Secret appointments in Nepali Student Union?

5 Dec. Kathmandu. According to sources in Nepal Student Union, the student wing of Nepali Congress, a new Nepal Student Union Central Committee has been formed under the presidency of Mahendra Bista who is also regarded by many as the "dharma-putra" of Sushil Koirala. Badri Pandey is to be the committee's General Secretary. Sources also revealed that no one close to the charismatic and popular activist Gagan Thapa or Pradeep Poudel will be included in the central Committee. The top panel instead accused Gagan Thapa and his friends of instigating violence at the 10th National Convention, although it was Gagan and Pradeep who were attacked at the event. Party president had accused Gagan Thapa, who was likely going to be elected NSU President, of being a "palace agent," a remark he later denied of having made. It is public knowledge that Girija

is insecure about his control over the party and it's student wings, and that he will favor those who will not question his authority.

Party president Girija Prasad Koirala asked NSU President Keshab Singh to resign last week. Apparently the newly formed committee has not been made public because the party leaders are afraid it might create a negative stir amongst party workers and well-wisher since Nepali Congress has a few more mass meetings to conclude. The committee maybe revealed after the mass meeting in Pokhara on 9 Dec.

Meanwhile, Gagan Thapa is to be presented to Special Court on 8 Dec. for his "Rajdroha" [treason] indictment for having insulted the Monarchy during a protest.

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King Gyanendra reshuffles his cabinet again

6 Dec. Kathmandu. As per the Article 127 of the Kingdom of Nepal 1990, His Majesty the King has reconstituted the cabinet under his Chairmanship with a 35 member cabinet including 14 ministers, 7 state ministers and 14 assistant ministers. The reshuffle even includes some figures close or once affiliated to the currently dissenting political parties.

Portfolio in detail is as follows:
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Narayansing Pun: Minister of Land Reforms
Buddhiraj Bajracharya: Minister (without portfolio, previously Minister of Tourism and development)
Tanka Dhakal: Minister of Local Development (previously Minister of Communication)
Niranjan Thapa: Minister of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs

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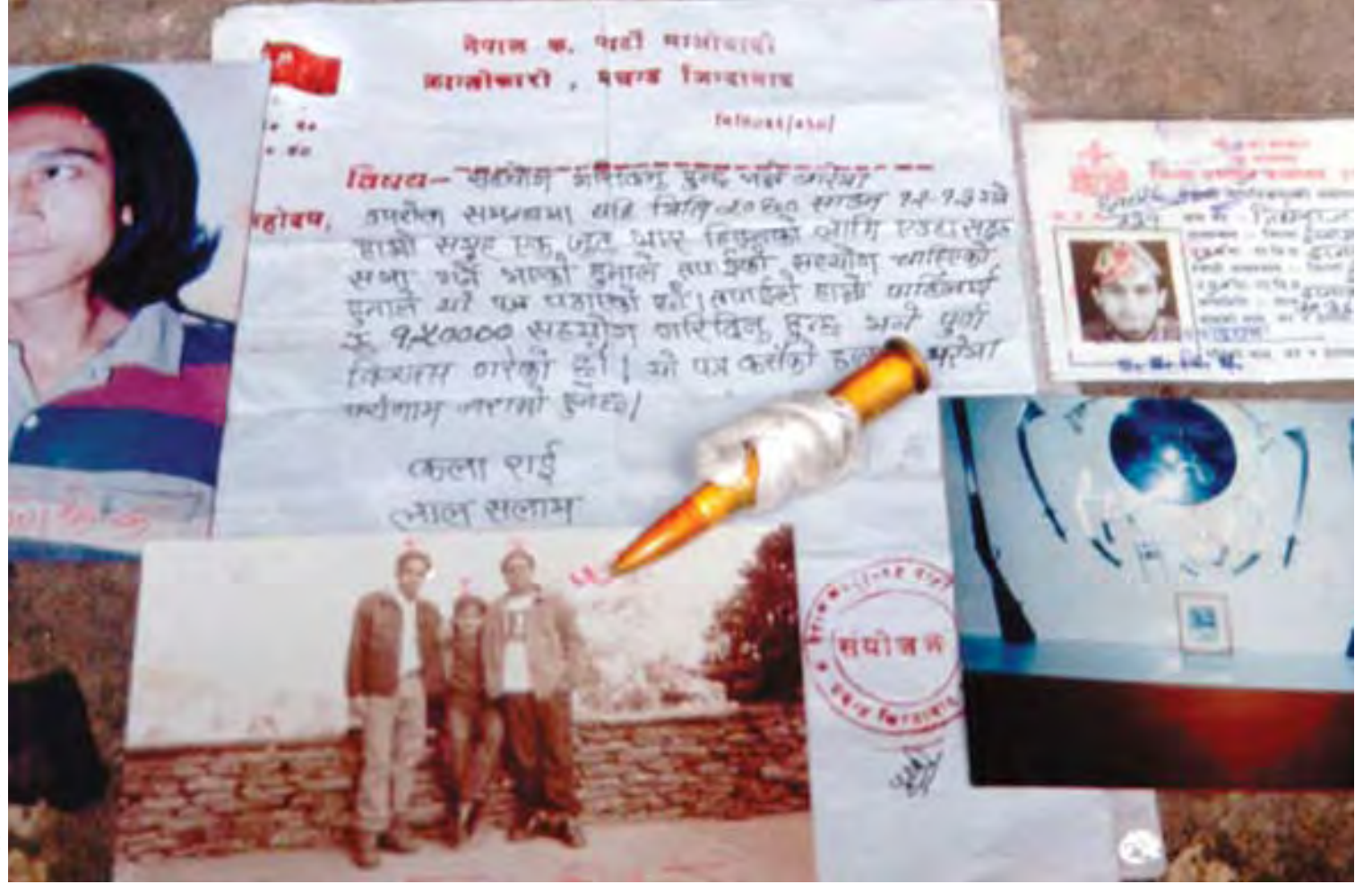
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गएको १ मंसिरमा आफुलाई माओवादी बताउदै बिराटनगरका एक लाहुरेसंग दुई लाख रुपैया चन्दा माग गर्ने धनकुटा, चुडवाड निवासी २३ वर्षिय टेक बहादुर बास्कोटालाई सुनसरी तरहराको एक पिसीओ बाट प्रहरीले पक्राउ गरेको छ। उनले आफु माओवादी भएको दावी गर्दै एक साता अघि देखि टेलिफोनबाट रकम माग गर्दै आएका थिए पक्राउ पछि उनी तरकारी तथा चौपाय ब्यापारी भएको खुल्लु आएको छ।

नेकपा माओवादीको नाम लिएर यसरी सर्वसाधारणलाई धम्की दिदै चन्दा उठाउने गिरोह सक्रिय हुन थालेपछि माओवादीहरूले नै त्यस्ता गिरोहलाई खोजी-खोजी मार्न थालेका छन्। नेकपा माओवादी सुनसरीले माओवादी बनेर चन्दा संकलन गर्ने दुई र भापामा दुई जनाको गत वर्ष हत्या गरेका थिए।

गत कार्तिकको दोस्रो सातामा ताप्लेजुङ, फुडलिङ २, मेदीवुडका गाँउलेहरूले माओवादी हुँ भन्दै चन्दा असुल्ने एक नक्कली माओवादीलाई पक्राउ गरी सुरक्षा फौजलाई बुझाए। २२ वर्षिय विनोद खवास नामका ति युवाले स्थानीय विद्यालयका प्रधानाध्यापक डिल्लीरमण बराल र विष्णु राईलाई २५ हजार नगद माग गरेका थिए। त्यस अघि ६ कार्तिकमा माओवादी बताउने नकाबधारीको एक समुहले धनकुटा ८, पानीपालेका प्रम बहादुर पराजुलीको घर लुटेका थिए। चारजनाको समुहमा आएका उनीहरूले पराजुलीको घरबाट नगद १२ हजार र धनमाल लुटेका थिए। त्यस्तै माओवादीको नाममा चन्दा माग्ने सप्तरी घोघनपुर १ का हरसद मीर्जालाई कञ्चनपुर स्थित एक पसलमा रकम माग गर्दै गर्दा माओवादीले नै फेला पारि भौतिक कारवाही गरेका थिए। ११ कार्तिकमा मोरङको बेलवारी ६ का दिलमाया रायको घरमा दुई नक्कली माओवादी लुटपाट गरि १५ हजार लगेका थिए। पूर्वाञ्चलमा मात्र हैन माओवादी समस्याका कारण अहिले देश ब्यापी रूपमा यसरी लुटपाट गर्ने खाओवादीहरूको संख्या बढेको छ। लुटपाट, चोरी र डकैतीका घटनामा समेत तिव्रता आएको छ।

नक्कली माओवादी सक्कली माओवादीका लागि समेत समस्या बन्दै आईरहेको छ। माओवादी सुनसरीका जिल्ला सेक्रेटरी शिखाले गत वर्षको १० असारमा एक



ANUSHIL SHRESTHA

Conman Kuman Tamang (below) produced a fake letter from the Maoist and a bullet (above) to extort money in Dharan while claiming to be a Maoist.



प्रेस विज्ञप्ती जारी गर्दै सुनसरी छिटाहा-५ निवासी जीवन मेहता र बौवालाल मेहतालाई माओवादी बनेर चन्दा उठाएको पाईएपछि "सफाया" गर्नु परेको जनाएकी थिईन। हत्या गरिएका मेहता द्वय माथि माओवादीले प्रतिकार समितीको नाममा जनता उक्साएको, माओवादीका पूर्व कार्यकर्ता बुद्धिविनोद पोखेल, होम चौहान, लालबहादुर सरदार र उमेश उरावलाई सुरक्षा फौज संग मिलेर हत्या गराएको जस्ता आरोप पनि लगाएको छ। हत्या गर्नु अघि उनीहरूबाट माओवादी भन्दै चन्दा संकलन गर्ने गिरोहका अरु सदस्यको समेत नाम खुलेको र उनीहरूको खोजी पार्टीले गरिरहेको विज्ञप्तीमा उल्लेख छ। माओवादीले सुनसरी औरावनीका रामेश्वर चौधरी, रामगञ्ज बेलगछीयाका सुरेन्द्र मेहता, विनोद

गुरुङ र अमडुवाका धर्मेन्द्र राय माओवादी नरहेको र उनिहरूको खोजी गरेका थिए। माओवादीले बेला बेला नक्कली माओवादी संग होसियार रहन सर्वसाधारणलाई अनुरोध समेत गर्ने गरेको छ।

उता भापाको राजगढ बजारमा ८ असारमा गोली हानी राजगढ-५ का लेगु र जवन्शीको माओवादीले हत्या गरेका थिए। ३८ वर्षिय राजवंशीलाई माओवादीले बीच बजारमा दिउसै तीन गोली हानेका थिए। गोली लागेपछि उपचार हुन नसकी ८ असारमा उनको मृत्यु भएको थियो। नक्कली माओवादी बनेर सर्वसाधारण संग लाखौं रुपैया असुलेको आरोपमा माओवादीले भापामा लेगु राजवंशी र भापा चकचकी-७ का कुमारलाल चौधरीको हत्या गरेको जानकारी दिएको छ। २२ वर्षिय चौधरीलाई ८ असारमा मारेर शरणमती ४ स्थित अदुवा खोलामा फ्याकेका थिए। यस क्षेत्रमा माओवादीले अगा दर्जन भन्दा बढी नक्कली माओवादीको सफाया गरिसकेको सो पार्टीले जनाएको छ। माओवादीको नाममा चन्दा माग्ने र जनतालाई दुःख दिने गिरोहलाई खोजी-खोजी सफाया गर्ने सो पार्टीले बताउदै आपन नक्कली माओवादी भनै बढेर गएको पाईन्छ। धनकुटाको रजाराणीमा धरानबाट गएका मनोज बस्नेत र यम बहादुर कार्कीलाई हतियार देखाई

माओवादी हौ भन्ने समुहले घडी, सात सय नगद र एक तोला सुनको औठी लुटेर लगको थियो।

माओवादीको नाम लिएर चन्दा माग गर्ने गिरोह पूर्वी क्षेत्रमा अहिले निकै बढेको छ। माओवादी भनेपछि चाडै मानिसहरू डराउने र केही मानिस तथा उद्योगी ब्यापारीहरू बाटै ८/१० लाख रुपैया असुलन सकिने भएकाले चाडै पैसा कमाउन लालायित युवाहरू नक्कली माओवादी बन्ने गरेको पाईएको छ। कतिपय यस्ता गिरोह भने माओवादी बाट पलायन भएका र माओवादी छाडेर आएका पूर्व माओवादी हरूले नै समेत सञ्चालन गर्ने गरेका छन्। धरानमा डेढ वर्ष अघि भएको बालक अपहरण गरि एक करोड रुपैया फिरौति काण्डमा समेत माओवादीको नाम मुछिएको थियो। सो अपहरण काण्डमा संलग्न भई पक्राउ परेका राकेश भनिने केवल राई र शेर बहादुर लिम्बू दुवैले आफूहरू माओवादीका पूर्व कार्यकर्ता रहेको बताएका थिए। पक्राउ परेको लिम्बूले आफू पूर्व माओवादीकार्यकर्ता र हाल किरात राष्ट्रिय मोर्चासंग सम्बद्ध रहेको बताएका थिए। उनले यस संवाददाता संग भनेका थिए "मैले पार्टीको लागि भनेर यो काम गरेको हु।" आफ्नो भेट नेकपा माओवादीका केन्द्रिय जन परिषद सदस्य तथा हालका किरात स्वायत्त प्रदेशका प्रमुख गोपाल खम्बु संग समेत कविराज मार्फत

मोरङको शनिश्चरेमा भेट भएको उनी बताउछन्। अपहरणका नाईके कविराज राई आफै पनि माओवादी निकट किरात राष्ट्रिय मोर्चा (किरामो)संग सम्बद्ध थिए। तर माओवादीले अपहरण काण्डमा आफ्नो पार्टीको संलग्नता नरहेको भन्दै पटक पटक विज्ञप्ती प्रकाशित गरेको थियो। पछि अपहरणका नाईके कविराज राईलाई सेनाले पक्राउ गर्दा उनी ब्यारेक बाटै भाग्न खोज्दा फुस्रेमा मारिएका थिए।

धरान, बिराटनगर, ईटहरी, दमक, बीर्तामोड जस्ता सहरमा नक्कली माओवादीको चन्दा आतंक निकै बढेको छ। भापाको दमकमा माओवादीको नाममा चन्दा माग गर्ने गिरोह बढेपछि नगरका उद्योगी व्यापारिहरू आतंकित बनेका छन्। दमकमा माओवादीको नाममा एक दर्जन गिराेह सक्रिय बनेको पाईएपछि सक्कली माओवादीनै अलमल्लमा परेको छ। भापाका ३ नं एरिया सेक्रेटरी नरेशले गत वर्ष एक प्रेस विज्ञप्ती नै जारी गर्दै नक्कली गिरोह सक्रिय भएको पाईएको र माओवादी पार्टीले नै खोजी गरिहेको जनाएका थिए। गिरोहमा संलग्न ब्याक्तिहरू फेला परेमा भौतिक कारवाही गर्ने चेतावनी दिदै माओवादीले नक्कली माओवादीको सुचना दिन सर्व साधारणलाई अनुरोध समेत गरेको छ। यस अघि दमकमा मोरङ पथरीका चन्द्रप्रसाद न्यौपाने नामका ब्याक्तिले व्यापारिहरू संग पचास हजारका दरले चन्दा माग

गरेको पाईएको माओवादीले पत्ता लगाएको छ। माओवादीले नक्कली माओवादीलाई तह लगाउन सहर बजारमा जनमिलीशिया परिचालन गरेको जनाए पनि सफलता भने पाउन सकेको छैन।

त्यसैगरी गत वर्ष असारमा धनकुटाको कुरुलेतेनुपाका तेजबहादुर रुचालको घर मा आएका सात जनाको समुहले आफुहरू माओवादी भएको बताउदै लुटपाट गर्नुका साथै उनका १४ वर्षिय छोरीलाई बलात्कार गरेका थिए। रुचालको घरबाट सो समुहले नगद १५ हजार, दूई तोला चाँदी र घडी लुटनुका साथै बालिकालार्य घरबाट केही पर लगी बलात्कार गरेका थिए। त्यस्तै तेह्रथुमको म्याङलुङबजार बाट फर्कदै गरेका एक पुजा सोपका सेल्सम्यान सुनिल श्रेष्ठ माओवादी बताउने समुहद्वारा लुटिएका थिए। दश जनाको समुहमा रहेका नकाबधारीहरूले आफु माओवादी भएको बताउदै १० हजार लुटेका थिए। माओवादी बनेर चन्दा संकलन गर्ने सर्वसाधारणलाई डर त्रास फैलाउने यस्ता केही गिरोहका सदस्य प्रहरीको फन्दामा समेत परेका छन्। १३ साउन ०६१ मा धरान-१५ यलम्बर चौक निवासी कला सुब्बालाई १ लाख ५० हजार रुपैया चन्दा माग गर्ने मध्येका कुमार तामाङलाई स्थानिय बासिन्दाले नै रकम माग गर्न बोलाई पक्रिएर प्रहरीलाई बुझाएका थिए। काँचो कपडाले बेरेर श्री नट श्री राईफलको गोली सहित नेकपा

माओवादीको नाम भएको नक्कली लेटर प्याडमा रकम नदिए ज्यान मार्ने धम्की सहितको पत्र (हे.तस्वीर) राईलाई पठाईएको थियो। “पृथ्वी” नाम बाट रकम माग गरिएको पत्र बुझाएपछि लगातार ५ दिन सम्म धरान बजारकै विभिन्न सात वटा टेलीफोन बाट कला राईको घरमा फोन गरि रकमको ताकेता गरिएको थियो। र कम्का सम्बन्धमा तीन दिन सम्म “वार्गेनिङ ग” गरेपछि रकम लिन आएका धरान-८, बरगाछीका कुमार तामाङलाई पक्राउ गरेपछि उनीहरू नक्कली माओवादी भएको पोल खुलेको थियो। तामाङले आफुहरूको समुहमा चार जना रहेको बताएका थिए। चार मध्ये धरान बजारमा रहेको बराह ज्वेलरीमा काम गर्ने राजकुमार भन्ने तिर्थ बि.क., अमृत बि.क. र नाम नखुलेका अर्का एक युवक अझै सम्म फरार रहेका छन्। ज्वेलरीका नियमित ग्राहक कला र राई लाई ज्वेलरीका कामदारहरूले नै नक्कली माओवादी बनेर डर देखाई रकम माग गरेका थिए।

त्यसै बेला माओवादीका नाममा चन्दा संकलन गर्दै हिड्ने तेह्रथुम घर भएका नवीन भट्टराईलाई मोरङको रङ्गेली बजार बाट पक्राउ गरिएको थियो भने धनकुटा मारेकटारेका प्रेम बहादुर गुरुङलाई तेह्रथुमको वसन्तपुर नजिकै जंगलमा बसी भरुवा बन्दुक देखाउदै माओवादीको नाममा बाटो हिड्ने संग रकम उठाउदै गरेको अवस्थामा स्थानिय बासिन्दाहरूले नै पक्राउ

गरि सुरक्षा फौजलाई बुझाएका थिए। धरान १५ बाँभोगरामा भने माओवादीको नाम लिएर भुतपुर्व सैनिकका घर लुट्न आउने समुहलाई स्थानिय बासिन्दाहरूले पक्राउ गरि टोलमै कारवाही गरि छाडी दिएका थिए। स्थानिय अशोक लिम्बुको घरमा माओवादी हौ भन्दै लुटपाट गर्न आएका १५/१६ वर्षिय दुई युवकलाई स्थानिय बासिन्दाले तीन सय पटक कान समातेर उठबस गर्न लगाई कुहिनाले टेकेर कालोपत्रे सडकमा हिड्न लगाई छाडी दिएको भुपु सैनिक बौद्धमान लिम्बु बताउछन्।

Minister Durga Shrestha warned by CIAA; fired from Ministry days later

The Commission for Investigation of Abuse of Authority (CIAA) issued a warning to Minister of Women, Children and Social Welfare Durga Shrestha, asking her to stop irregularities and abuse of power. The CIAA accused her of acquiring extra-legal allowances and facilities that she has received from the National Women's Commission and the Social Welfare Council. The investigation team found that she had been unnecessarily holding four meeting per week and taking Rs. 500 per meeting. The probe committee also accused her of nepotism for recruiting people close to her into the SWC. It was further revealed that she received an additional Rs. 1,200 per meeting for two board meetings in six weeks, over ruling the earlier practice of holding a meeting once in six months. The CIAA team has also uncovered details on her misuse of government vehicles. She has provided the SWX's Land Cruiser with registration number BA 3 CHA 2749 to her husband and also for providing two motorcycles to her personal assistants who are not entitled to any government vehicles. She was also taking 280 liters of petrol per week, 100 liters more than what Ministers are entitled. In the recent reshuffle of the Cabinet, Durga Shrestha has been relieved of her duty as a Minister.

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Association of Indigenous and Ethnic Nepalis established



1 Dec. New York. In an event organised by the Nepal Kirant Rai Association of America under the chairmanship of its president Durga Rai, more than one hundred indigenous Nepalis representing different socio-cultural organizations based in New York gathered at Jackson Heights, Queens, to establish the Association of Indigenous and Ethnic Nepalis.

During the event, key note speakers Karma Gyaljen Sherpa (Sherpa

Kyuduk Society), Dr Krishna Kumar Rai, Subash Tamang (president, Tamang Society), Narendra Langhali (secretary, Langhali Association), Narayan Gurung, (president, Gurung Tamu Society), Purna Limbu, (vice president, Kirat Yakthum Chumlung), Pravaker Rai (founder member, Nepal Kirat Rai Association of America) and Anjan Shrestha (Newari Association of America) discussed the need to have a one strong unified organisation for indigenous Nepalis and stressed on

the plight of the many indigenous groups in Nepal. New York based attorney Mr Ramesh Shrestha also volunteered to help the association with all it's legal counsellings.

Nine members have been unanimously chosen for the ad hoc committee of the Association of Indigenous and Ethnic Nepalis with Karma Gyaljen Sherpa as its Chairperson. The other members are Narad Muni Rai (Nepal Kirat Rai Association of America), Pashang Sherpa (Sherpa Kyiduk Society), Anjan Shrestha (Newar Association of America), Subash Tamang (Tamang Society of America), Purna Limbu (Kirat Yakthum Chumlung), Nagendra Rana (Langhali Association), Narayan Gurung, (Gurung Tamu) and Sonam Lama (Mustang Samaj).

All the elected members took the "Oath of the chairs" in front of the general gathering, pledging to move forward as a united fraternity and with a team spirit to meet the goals of the association.

INGOS and NGO fight against the “Code of Conduct”

The government, with the help of the Ministry of Defense, introduces a disturbing Code of Conduct for International and National Non-Governmental Agencies in Nepal and uses supporters of the 1 Feb. Royal ordinance as “consultants” for these agencies. SUBEL BHANDARI

The Code of Conduct (CoC) for national and international Non-Governmental Organisations (INGOs) recently introduced by the present government is one of the many recent moves by the government that has drawn wide spread criticism. Although the CoC was introduced in early November; it has been revealed that homework to introduce it was being done since July.

The I/NGOs in Nepal have been protesting against the new CoC regularly, alleging that the government has introduced the new code with a view to turn independent NGOs into pro-Government NGOs. However, government officials are adamant that the new code has been introduced to make the NGO sector “dignified, transparent and responsible.”

The Code:

Even experts on government panel admit that the recently enforced code of conduct for I/NGOs is not flawless. Their argument, however, was that most of the social organizations have rejected the code outright though constructive criticism is the need of the hour.

The new Code perceives I/NGOs as a social organization that “ought to operate transparently in coordination with government programs and local government agencies to serve society.” This, however, also translates as more control over the independence of the I/NGOs. The code also bars representatives of social organizations from engaging in political activities, which many have declared as being “non-sensical” claiming that it violates Nepal’s international human rights obligations which includes the right to freedom of association.

Sharad Sharma, Member Secretary of the Social Welfare Council (SWC) says, “Critics should not overlook the fact that coordination also prevents duplication of programs.” But when was duplication of development work ever a problem?

The code makes it mandatory for NGOs to audit their transactions annually, which is a continuation of the provisions of the previous code. But this time, it prohibits NGOs from receiving funds from donors that are part of the official foreign aid. That, the code dictates, has to go through the government. “We don’t understand why there is hullabaloo about the funding. We are not stopping donors from funding NGOs. It’s only that they cannot do so as official foreign aid,” SWC officials say.

“A Code of Conduct is normally drawn up by those people or institutions that wish to abide by and are guided by it in a voluntary participatory fashion, Codes

of Conduct are not drawn up by another party and then simply promulgated with or without consultation,” UN Resident Coordinator Mathew Kahane stated in a letter sent to the government on behalf of 13 donor nations. In reaction, SWC officials contest that there is no hard and fast rule that it cannot draw up such a code. “Moreover, we had consulted the stakeholders while drafting the code,” Sharma adds. However, Association of

the Code violates international legal protections for freedom of expression and freedom of association and is an attempt to “curtail” the work of human rights organisations and national and international social organisations that have been documenting abuses in spite of sustained attacks against them.

Chairman of NGO Federation of Nepal Dr. Arjun Karki alleged that the government

“If they refuse to implement the code, we will give them a chance for an explanation. If they still refuse to follow it, their registrations will be scrapped”.

International NGOs (AIN), a network of more than 50 INGOs working in Nepal, claimed that they were asked about it once and the follow up meeting never took place. AIN has lambasted that the new Code of Conduct (CoC) as an introduction by the government to constrain and silence the defenders of human rights in the country. In a communiqué issued, AIN expressed its serious concerns about the new CoC for social organizations saying that it was published despite the serious reservations from international community, donors, UN, civil society, International and Nepali NGOs.

The main issue that they picked was since most of the development work in conflict-affected areas is presently done by national and local NGOs, with the support of the INGOs and other agencies, the CoC will limit their necessary flexibility, independence, responsiveness to implement effective support for Nepal’s poorest and most vulnerable people. AIN said in a statement, “The CoC will curtail INGOs’ and (Nepali) NGOs’ ability to freely and impartially assess and report abuses of human rights.

New York based Human Rights Watch in a statement came down heavily on the government for introducing a ‘repressive’ Code of Conduct for NGOs/INGOs in a bid to ‘restrict’ their activities. Their statement said, “Ostensibly, the Code of Conduct regulates the activities of non-governmental organisations (NGOs) in Nepal. But in reality, it appears to be aimed at silencing critics of King Gyanendra and his government, which came to power after the royal takeover of February 1.” They said

had introduced the new code with a view to exert total control on the independent NGO sector. General Secretary Shanta Lal Mulmi, said the NGO community would continue protests of so-called code that the government wanted to use against them as a weapon. Former president Gauri Pradhan said the Federation had already adopted the Code of Conduct for its members four years ago after wide consultations. He said the new code introduced by the government violated country’s law as well as international human rights and humanitarian laws, which Nepal has ratified. President of Nepal Bar Association, Shambhu Thapa, alleged the present government of being ‘unconstitutional and illegal’ and said it did not have any legal or moral right to enforce code for others. Ian Martin, chief of the UN Office of High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) in Nepal, said almost all NGOs were, in one way or the other, considered as human rights defenders. They have the right to conduct human rights works individually or as an organisation, form associations and meet and assemble peacefully. He said the UN agencies and donor groups in Nepal had already conveyed their concerns and had urged the government to reconsider it. Country director of the Swiss Agency for Development Cooperation (SDC), Jorg Frieden, said development agencies were facing constraints to launch development activities in rural areas due to Maoist insurgency and that the new code was likely to be yet another limitation to “our collective capacity to deliver.” Ichi Sadamasto of the Association of International NGOs in Nepal (AIN) said he believed that the new code was not introduced for making

NGOs transparent or accountable. But he added, “It has been introduced by the government to dominate the development space”. Subodh Pyakurel, chairman of the Informal Sector Service Centre said the NGO sector’s administrative costs are only 15 per cent, while that of the government is a whopping 65 per cent. Expressing dissatisfaction over the code’s requirement for NGOs to make their financial documents public, he said: “We have always presented our financial documents and activities to the CDO and the Social Welfare Council.” Advocate Sapna Pradhan Malla, president of the Forum for Women, Law and Development, said the ‘attack’ on NGOs is part of its systematic attack on all sectors.

However, member secretary of the Social Welfare Council (SWC) Sarad Sharma warned the NGOs that he would revoke their registrations. He said, “If they refuse to implement the code, we will give them a chance for an explanation. If they still refuse to follow it, their registrations will be scrapped”.

A writ petition was filed at the Supreme Court (SC) in the second half of November demanding annulment of the introduced Code of Conduct for I/NGOs. Ten petitioners including Dalit leader Padam Lal BK and advocate Gopal Siwakoti ‘Chintan’ jointly registered the writ petition on behalf of their organizations demanding that the SC order the government to nullify the code of conduct. They argued that the code of conduct is against the fundamental rights ensured by the constitution as well as the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and it restricts non-governmental organisations from carrying out their activities independently.

In the case, the Council of Ministers, Home Ministry, Ministry of Women, Children and Social Welfare, Home Ministry and Social Welfare Council have been made defendants.

The Supreme Court issued show cause notice to the government. Responding to a writ filed by various NGOs at the Supreme Court (SC) against the NGO code of conduct introduced by the government, the SC issued a show cause notice to the government asking it to be present in the court. A single bench of Tapa Bahadur Magar issued the show cause notice ordering the authorities on whether an interim order should be issued as demanded by the petitioners in the case. The petitioners have demanded that the apex court issue an interim order to the government asking it not to implement the code pending final verdict.

After their unsuccessful ploy to govern

I/NGOs, the government meanwhile issued another notice of posting “consultants” to NGOs forcefully. The Social Welfare Council (SWC) has started sending supporters of the February 1 Royal move as “consultants” to Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs). Diwakar Chand was one of the designated “consultants” to one of the popular NGOs. He was member-secretary of the Panchayat era Social Service Coordination Council. Center for Victims of Torture (CEVICT) and even Blue Diamond Society have already received letters from the SWC. Member-secretary of SWC Sharad Sharma, however, said it was a regular exercise and nothing new. “This is done to make organizations accountable,” he told a popular national daily here in Nepal, adding that the SWC has readied the roster for some 100 to 150 consultants on the basis of their expertise to study various NGOs. However, the NGOs have flayed the latest move as another “government intervention.” They also bemoaned that NGOs have to bear the burden of paying these “consultants”.

Later it was also revealed that Ministry for Defence was involved with the new CoC brought forward by Ministry for Women, Children and Social Welfare. The lawyers involved with the controversial CoC demanded clarifications from MoD regarding its stance in the issue. Pleading in the Supreme Court, former Law Minister Subhash Nebwang argued that “The MoD has done this with a mala-fide motive and has clearly directed the Ministry of Women Children and Social Welfare (MWCSW) to control NGOs”. A full bench comprising Justices Sharada Shrestha, Hari Jung Sijapati and Top Bahadur Magar has been testing the constitutionality of the conduct code. Advocates Sapana Pradhan Malla, Bhimarjun Acharya and Bishnu Chapagain claimed that the code of conduct was issued against the spirit of the 1990 Constitution. They sought the SC order to continue the stay order issued last week till a final decision in the case.

The Supreme Court later ordered the government to stay the implementation of the recently introduced code of conduct for non-governmental organisations as well as the ordinance promulgated for an amendment to the Social Welfare Council Act. Deciding on a writ petition filed jointly by various NGOs including the NGO Federation, a single bench of Justice Parmananda Jha ordered the government not to implement the code of conduct and the ordinance which was issued on July 4 this year.

Code of Conduct for Social Organizations and Institutions

(Unofficial Translation)

To make the contribution of social organization in the realm of social development more respectable, institutionalized and effective, this Code of Conduct has been prepared and enforced as per the rights enshrined in the Social Welfare Act, 1992, Article 9 (First Amendment) Ordinance 2005, Clause (l)

1. Short Title and Commencement:

1.1 This Code of Conduct shall be called “Code of Conduct for Social Organizations and Institution, 2005”.

1.2 This Code of Conduct shall come into effect immediately.

1.3 This Code of Conduct shall be applicable to social workers of social organizations and institutions functioning within the Kingdom of Nepal.

2. Definition:

Unless and otherwise stated differently, in this Code of Conduct, the following shall mean:

2.1 “Council” shall mean Social Welfare Council established under Social Welfare Act, 2049.

2.2 “Social Organization and Institution” shall mean all the social organizations and institutions, which are registered in accordance with the prevailing laws of the Kingdom of Nepal or working under agreement.

2.3 “Social Worker of social organization and institution” means patron, executive office bearer, member, staff, worker, advisor, specialist and consultant working in the social organizations and institutions.

3. Values and Norms:

3.1 Carry out in a transparent manner the social services without any discrimination on the basis of religion, colour, sex, caste or region.

3.2 Endorse and comply with all commitments made in the bilateral and multilateral agreements to which Nepal is a signatory.

3.3 Social workers shall not undertake bi-partisan political activities within the social organizations they are associated with.

4. Priority:

4.1 National and international social organizations and institutions shall give priority to local social organizations and institutions while carrying out the social service activities.

4.2 While selecting such local organizations or institutions objective, competitive and transparent procedure shall be followed in coordination with local government agencies.

4.3 Classes/Communities, which need to be protected by the Society shall be given priority for justifiable dignity and service.

4.4 Social organizations and Institutions shall formulate and carry out the programs in consonance with the policy and program as per chalked out by the national and local periodic plan.

4.5 Discourage for not continuing to remain in the Presidency or Chairpersonship in the social organization and institution for more than two consecutive terms and follow the system.

5. Transparency:

5.1 All the programmes, activities, financial information and assistance received from internal/external sources shall be presented in a transparent manner.

5.2 Annual progress report and auditor’s report shall be made public in order to ensure that the available financial and other resources received has been utilized for community and social welfare programmes.

5.3 Details of total annual financial transactions shall be submitted in the form of integrated document to the organization’s management, Council, District Administration Office, District Development Committee and to the donor community as per the necessity.

6. Responsibility and Obligation:

6.1 Social workers of the Social Organization shall be fully responsible individually or collectively for activities carried out by the organization.

6.2 They shall be fully responsible to the targeted group.

7. Spirit of Volunteerism:

7.1 Officials or members of the organization shall be directed by the inherent spirit of volunteerism.

7.2 Except for reimbursement of expenses incurred during social works, officials or members of the organization shall not draw salary or any allowances and make the organization a source of income.

8. Impartiality:

8.1 Social organization and Institutions shall provide services without any discrimination on the basis of religion, colour, sex, caste or region.

8.2 Shall not use financial, material and other resources in activities other than organizational purposes.

8.3 Shall uphold the principle of impartiality as per clause 8.1 in the formation and operation of executive committee of the organization.

9. Ethics:

9.1 All officials of social organizations and institutions shall be discouraged to work as salaried residential representatives of international social organization and institutions.

9.2 Due respect shall be given to the needy class and communities that need social protection and priority will be given to works that need social service.

9.3 Property of the organization shall not be used for personal gains.

9.4 Social worker of the social organization and institution shall refrain from:
§ Provide false information to any agency.

§ Receiving donation, fund and award against organizational or institutional interest.

10. Social Goodwill:

10.1 The social worker shall foster social goodwill, co-existence and act for promoting peace.

10.2 Social workers shall not abuse, defame and insult others and refrain from activities that may lead to contempt of court.

11. Use of Financial Resources:

11.1 Social organizations and institutions working in Nepal shall not acquire foreign aid earmarked for HMG/N as their source of funding.

11.2 Social organizations and institutions shall have to obtain prior approval of the Council for any bilateral, multi-lateral, and other corporate assistance for their programmes.

11.3 Social organizations shall make arrangements to provide prior information to local bodies before the implementation of the programmes.

12. Financial Discipline:

12.1 Staff receiving salary from the organization shall not be become either the executive office bearer or member, likewise the executive office bearer and member of the social organization shall not become the paid employee.

12.2 All the capital, properties and other financial resources of the organization shall only be used for social programs and shall not be used for personal advantage of social workers of the organization.

12.3 Annual budget clearly specifying the proportion of program expenditure and administrative expenditure shall be presented.

12.4 Shall prepare a rational standard of remuneration, services, benefits and allowances and programme expenditure in a realistic manner.

13. Coordination:

13.1 Necessary contact, cooperation and coordination with HMG/N agencies and local bodies shall be maintained while launching the program.

13.2 Program shall be launched in a coordinated manner avoiding the duplication in local and national level programme.

14. Confidentiality:

Confidentiality of all classified information shall be maintained and any such information received by social organizations and institutions must be insured as confidential.

15. Abiding Policy, Program and Code:

Workers of social organizations and institutions shall fully abide by provisions of HMG/N policy, program and code.

Source: Social Welfare Council

साईप्रसमा नेपालीहरुको संसार

-सरीता श्रेष्ठ, साईप्रसमा



Nepali student enjoy a trip the Water World in Cyprus (above) and an International Dinner gather (above, right)

सात लाख मात्र जनसंख्या भएको सुन्दर टापुको देश साईप्रसमा पहिले देखी नै फाट्ट फुट्ट आए पनि एक दशक यता देखी मात्र विद्यार्थीको रूपमा नेपालीहरुले प्रवेश पाउन थालेका हुन। अहिले पढन र काम गर्नका लागि भनेर करिब एक हजार नेपालीहरु साईप्रसमा रहेकाछन।

वरीपरी समुन्द्रले घेरेको एउटा सानो सुन्दर अनी शान्त पर्यटकीय देश साईप्रस केही भाग टर्कीको अधिपत्यमा रहे पनि बाँकी भाग स्वतन्त्र रूपमा रहेको छ। गत १ मे २००४ बाट स्वतन्त्र रहेको साइप्रसले युरोपियन सदस्यता प्राप्त गरेको छ। वर्षेनी फ्रान्स, जर्मन, बेलायत आदी देशबाट ७० लाख जती प्रयटकहरु भित्रीने साईप्रसको प्रमुख आय स्रोत नै पर्यटक हुन।

सन् १९९८ बाट अध्ययनका लागि भनेर पहिलो पटक ७ जना नेपाली विद्यार्थीहरु साईप्रस आएपछी यहाँ नेपाली विद्यार्थी आउने क्रमको सुरुवात भएको हो। अहिले पनि वर्षेनी आधा दर्जन विद्यार्थीहरु उच्च शिक्षा अध्ययनका लागि आउने क्रम जारी नै छ। साईप्रसले युरोपियन देशको सदस्यता पाएपछी नेपाली विद्यार्थीहरु र काम

गर्नका लागि वर्क परमीटमा यहाँ आउने क्रम एककासी बढेको छ। त्यस अघि डेढ सयको हाराहारीमा रहेको संख्या बढेर अहिले भण्डै हजार पुगी सकेको छ। यी मध्ये काम गर्नकै लागि आउनेको संख्या दुई सय जती पुग्यु।

यहाँको साइप्रस कलेज, कलेज अफ टुरिजम, अमेरिकन कलेज, काशा कलेज, इण्टर कलेज आदीमा नेपाली विद्यार्थीहरुले अध्ययन गर्दै आएकाछन। नेपाली विद्यार्थीहरुको बाहुल्यता कलेजमा बढ्न थाले पछी विद्यार्थी राजनीतीमा समेत नेपालीहरुको पकड बढ्न थालेको छ। केही समय अघि मात्र यहाँको अमेरिकन कलेजको विद्यार्थी युनियनको निर्वाचनमा काठमाण्डौका रमेश श्रेष्ठ अध्यक्ष पदमा निर्वाचित भएकाछन। नेपाली विद्यार्थी कलेजको निर्वाचनमा अध्यक्ष चुनिएको यो पहिलो पटक हो।

नेपालबाट काम गर्नकै लागि भनेर वर्क परमीटमा चाही विशेष गरी नेपाली केटीहरु आउने गरेकाछन, काम गर्नकै लागि वर्क परमीट लिएर आउने केटाहरुको संख्या थोरै छ। उनीहरुले साईप्रस आएर घरेलु कामदार र यहाँका होटल रेष्टुरेण्टमा काम

गर्नुपर्छ। यसरी काम गर्न आउनेहरुले मासीक नेपाली रुपैया २२ देखी २५ हजार सम्म कमाउछन। साईप्रसमा पढनका लागि विदेशबाट आएका विद्यार्थीहरुलाई काम गर्ने अनुमती छैन। पर्यटक आउने समर सिजनमा भने ४ महिनाको लागि विद्यार्थीहरुलाई काम गर्न छुट छ। होटल रेष्टुरेण्टमा काम गर्नेहरुले चाही मासीक ३ सय ५० देखी ५ सय पाउण्ड सम्म पाउने गरेकाछन।

साईप्रस काम गर्दै पढने सुरले आउनेहरुले दुःख पनि पाउछन किनकी एक त विद्यार्थीले काम गर्न पाउदैन र ४ महिनाको छुट्टीमा पनि बेरोजगार धेरै हुने भएकाले काम पाउन गाह्रो छ। नेपालमा ४/५ लाख रुपैया खर्च गरेर पढ्दै काम गर्नु भनेर आउनेहरुले यहाँ आएर काम नपाए पछी निराश समेत बन्नु पर्ने हुन्छ।

करिब ८५ प्रतिशत मानीस साक्षर रहेको साईप्रसको राजधानी चाही निकोसीया हो। निकोसीया, पाफोस, लार्नका, लिमासोल र अयानपा यहाँका प्रमुख शहर हुन। पाफोस र अयानपा बाहेक सबै ठाँउमा क्याम्पासहरु रहेकाछन। काम गर्न र काम खोजनका

लागी चाही सबै शहर चाहनु पर्ने हुन्छ। नेपालीहरुको संख्या हरेक वर्ष बढ्दै गएकोले पनि कामका लागि नेपालीहरु बीच नै प्रतिस्पर्धा बढेको छ। युरोपियन सदस्यता प्राप्त देशमा विद्यार्थीले पनि हप्ताको ४० घण्टा काम गर्न पाईने भए पनि साईप्रसमा यो सुविधा उपलब्ध छैन। त्यसमाथी नेपालबाट पढाई संगै काम गर्न पाईने र युरोपियन देशमा प्रवेश गर्न सजिलो हुने भन्दै एजेण्टहरुले प्रचार प्रसार गरेका कारण यहाँ आउन चाहने नेपालीहरु नेपालमा प्रशस्तै छन तर प्रचार गरिए जस्तो यहाँ काम पाउने र सजिलै अन्य युरोपियन देशमा जाने अवसर पाईदैन।

आफुले सोचे र भने जस्तो काम गर्न नपाउनु नै यहाँका नेपालीहरुको लागि ठुलो समस्या हो। काम नपाएको कारणले पढाई खर्च र बसाई खर्च धान्न गाह्रो र धेरैले नेपालबाट परिवारले पठाएको खर्च बाटै गुजारा चलाउदै आएकाछन। तर अरु देशको तुलनामा यहाँ बस्नका लागि कोठा भाडा र खानेकुरा एकदमै सस्तो छ। एकलो ब्याक्तीलाई मात्र सय पाउण्डले यहाँ बस्न खानपुग्छ, साथीहरु संग सामसहीक रूपमा बसेर खर्च अझ बचत गर्न सकिन्छ।

Catching Up With Uglyz

When these three good looking boys released their music video last year, it took the air waves and the Nepali music industry by storm, and swept thousands of girls off their feet.



in at least one. I think it stretches out far more than just simply a matter of winning or losing.

Sarun: Well I'm sure that we will win. I can't exactly guess how many but we will. But as far as winning or losing goes, it doesn't really matter because in the end every one's making music simply because that's what we love to do. It's not going to change us but it will definitely let us know where we

Sarun: 'Best New Artist' because we are new (laughs). And 'Best Foreign Composition' because To An Angel means a lot to me..it took me almost 9 years to compose it...it's a love song and I guess I poured everything that I felt on that song. Well, we still have 4 more categories to go don't we? Gosh.. well I'm not too greedy, so 2 awards will be enough for me (laughs). Although 'Record of the Year' is precious as well!

Sudip: I'm hoping for a win in the 'Best Performance by a group or duo' category.

NPA: What do you think makes the Uglyz different from other nominees?

Sandesh: We are all Newars in the band (laughs).

Sarun: It's kind of tough to judge ourselves and answer but looking back at everything from the release date of 'Rush' I guess we are not as ugly as our band's name suggests! (laughs)

Sudip: Our music is slightly different from others I guess.

NPA: What have you guys been doing lately? Any updates on your next album?

Sarun: Sudip and I have started work on new songs for the second album. It's not going to come out soon though. We want things to be perfect.

Sandesh: Our interactive CD is coming out soon. It's going to have a lot of cool stuff.

Sudip: The next album will probably come out sometime next year.

Sarun: We are thinking about collaborating on a few songs with other leading artists, do more shows in and out of Nepal. Let's see how far we can go.



They look good and they know it. Talented too. A year after their debut album Rush, The Uglyz lead the 8th Annual Close Up Hits FM Music Awards with 6 nominations largely because of their first single and video Audai Jadai, a pop-rock balad. Reformed in 2004 with Sarun on guitar and vocals, Sudip on guitar and Sandesh on violin, the boys admit they weren't expecting such over whelming prominence but are delighted with the fact. Nepali Aawaz's Sahara Shrestha caught up with the group for chat.

NPA: You guys have six nominations in the annual Hits FM music awards. How does it feel?

Sandesh: Jackpot! Couldn't be happier!

Sarun: It feels great but I am very surprised. I feel like Santa is in town (laughs). We did work hard and try our best and I guess it's paying now. In Image Awards, we earned nominations for 3 categories and now we 6 for Hits Awards. But I don't want to take all the credit behind the band's success because it wouldn't have been possible without all the members and their work and the support of our families and fans in and out of Nepal.

NPA: Do you expect to win all or any award? Does winning and losing really matter?

Sandesh: Hmm..having been nominated in 6 categories, it would be great to win

are in the present music scene and what we can hope for in the future. Having said that, I think a fair judgement is also important.

Sudip: Yeah! I am personally expecting a win for the best new artist and the best music video.

NPA: Winning in which category do you think would be most pleasing?

Sandesh: Well, there are 6 members in the band, it would be really nice, actually most pleasing to go home with one each (laughs).

Are You Experienced?

Get ready to chill with a brand new all star group: The Experience



MANI LAMA

Above: Nirakar, Vikku, Robin and Sanjya are the Experience, Nepal's newest all star band.



ANUP PRAKASH

Above: Nirakar and Robin get mobbed by fans after a concert.

To those who have enjoyed Robin and 1974 AD perform live, The Experience will be a treat. With Robin (Robin and The New Revolution) on vocals, Nirakar (1974 AD) on bass, Sanjay (1974 AD) on drums and Yuvraj Chettri, better known as Vikku, (Rusty Nails) on guitar, the band is destined to be one of the best live acts in the scene.

History:

In 1998, Robin had recently returned to Nepal after years of fronting blues rock bands in clubs and bars in Canada. At home, he joined and fronted the budding rock group Looza, forming arguably Nepal's best rock band of all time, Robin and Looza.

After a few years of playing in the local scene, 1974 AD, also a rock group, had established themselves at around the same time. Sanjay, who played the percussion in the short lived experiment/fusion trio Shristi, later joined the group.

And by late 90s, Vikku, with his rock group Rusty Nails, had become a regular headliner in the hotel and bar circuit.

2004:

Last year, to the disappointment of many fans, Robin and Looza parted ways after three highly successful albums. Robin went on to form Robin And The New Revolution with whom he released his solo album Keta Ketu. Last year was a milestone for 1974 AD too, they celebrated their 10th Anniversary with the release of Pinjada Ko Suga, a full length album, and a documentary about the band. And Vikku had become a regular performer at the Moksh, a club started by Nirakar, where "the music never ends."

The Experience:

It was during the one of the countless musician nights hosted at Moksh that

Robin first jammed with Nirakar in front of an audience. Vikku, a versatile musician by nature, would often accompany many of these jam sessions and Sanjay would regularly sit it on the drums. But 2005 saw two major jam sessions that could have helped cement the birth of The Experience; The Bass Quake at Moksh and the All Star Jam Session that closed the WAVE Tour 05: Dharan in August.

So what do they sound like? "It's just a cool laid back sound... we can't quite box it in a genre," Nirakar says. "It's the kind of stuff you could play in a blues fest or a jazz fest.." Robin's deep voice has always fared well with bluesy songs throughout his career and last year Nirakar and Sanjay were involved in the progressive jazz group The McTwisters. And Vikku has always been great at improvisations.

More recently the artists have also expressed their desire to grow as musicians and explore styles and sounds that most don't in the Nepali

music scene and this is clearly a step towards that direction. "We want to push our musicianship to the extreme in this band," Nirakar shared with us.

But 1974 AD, Robin and The New Revolution and Rusty Nails are already constantly busy with live shows and tours on their own. Robin and Nirakar also both run their own live music based clubs and Robin is currently busy working on his upcoming album for 2006. So keeping The Experience together will be a challenge to a certain degree. But then again, because their style is based on improvisation and jam sessions, this is also one of those bands that can never really break up. Put them together after 10 years of being apart and chances are they'll put up a good show. In any case, our suggestion: get it while you can.

The Experience will be performing live at the Patan Museum on 17 Dec. 05. with Kutumba. Contact Moksh (Pulchowk, near Egyptian Embassy), Bamboos Club (Thamel) or Patan Museum for more details.



BALU LAMA

Sanu Sherpa's Purbi Maya

If there was a stage to sing on, Sanu Sherpa would seldom let the opportunity pass him by. After 10 years of on and off stage shows and much persuasion from his friends and audience, he is finally all set to release his first album Purbi Maya. "It was exciting being in the studio," he tells us of his experience. "By the end of it, I couldn't recognise my own voice," he adds, laughing.

"When I was small my mother always sang and danced, forgetting all her sorrows, entering her zone of happiness and that's what made me realise that music plays an important role in a person's life," he says about his inspiration to become a singer, even if it is something he pursues as a hobby.

Sanu also recently finished shooting a music video for his title track here in New York and New Jersey. Parts of the video will also be shot in Kathmandu. He has a concert scheduled in February 2006 to coincide with the release of his album.

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पछिल्लो पटक नेपाली रङ्गमञ्चमा अनुप बरालले लोक नाटक “थाङ्गला” र “सिरुमारानी” को मञ्चन गरेर निकै प्रसंसा पाएका थिए। कतै एकदमै सतही र कतै क्लिष्ट नाटक हेरेर वाक्क भएका दर्शकहरूको लागि यी दुवै नाटक सुरुचीपुर्ण थियो। नाटक “थाङ्गला”ले त पटक पटक मञ्चन गरेर तीन लाख भन्दा बढी नै आमदानी समेत गरेको थियो। यी दुवैका नाटककार थिए - सरुभक्त।

पछिल्ला समयमा नेपाली लोक नाटकप्रतिको आकर्षण निकै बढेको छ। प्रयोगवादी नाटककार सरुभक्त र रङ्गमञ्चको शास्त्रीय ज्ञान भएका रङ्गकर्मी अनुप बराल मात्र होईन, अहिले नेपाली रङ्गमञ्चका वरिष्ठ रङ्गकर्मीहरू प्रचण्ड मल्ल, हरिहर शर्मा, अशेष मल्लदेखि समकालिन रङ्गकर्मी सुनील पोखरेल, वीरेन्द्र हमालले पनि लोक नाटकलाई महत्वका साथ हेर्ने गरेका छन्।

“लोक नाटक गर्दा एकातिर बेग्लै आनन्द र सन्तुष्टि पाइन्छ भने अर्कातिर दर्शकहरूले पनि अचेल मञ्चन भईरहेका एकै किसीमका नाटकहरूभन्दा भिन्नै स्वाद लिन पाउँछन्।” रङ्गकर्मी अनुप बरालको अनुभव हो। त्यसैले पनि उनले आफ्ना विगतका लोक नाटकहरू ‘मलामी’, ‘वरै’ र ‘मलामीहरू’ गरेका हुन्। यही डिसेम्बरमा भारतीय नाटक उत्सवमा मञ्चन गरिन लागेको नाटक “खुमा”मा पनि उनले लोक जीवनका प्रशस्तै कुराहरूलाई समेटेका छन्।

तीस र चालिसको दशकमा लोक शैलीका चर्चित नाटकहरू ‘फर्केर हेर्दा’, ‘जब घाम

लाग्छ’, ‘पहाड चिच्याईरहेछ’ का निर्देशक तथा अभिनेता हरिहर शर्मा पनि लोक जीवनमा आधारित धेरै नाटक गर्ने र रङ्गकर्मीमा पर्छन्। सांस्कृतिक संस्थानमा महाप्रबन्धक भएर आएपछि उनकै पहलमा संस्थानबाट विभिन्न लोक नाटकहरू भएका छन्। आधुनिक र लोक नाटकलाई लामो समयदेखि नजिकबाट बुझ्दै आएका रङ्गकर्मी शर्मा भन्छन्, “लोक नाटकमा विशेषगरी समुदाय वा परिवेशलाई ध्यान दिईन्छ भने आधुनिक रङ्गमञ्चीय पक्षमा बढी जोड दिईएको हुन्छ।”

नेपाली सडक नाटकका सुत्रधार अशेष मल्ल पनि लोक नाटक आफुलाई निकै मन पर्ने बताउँछन्। ‘शेष युद्ध’, ‘गंगारामको न्याय’, ‘कुमारी’ निर्देशक मल्लका प्रमुख लोक नाटकहरू हुन्। उनी भन्छन्, “लोकमा प्रचलित नाटक र मौखिक परम्पराबाट विकसित नाटकलाई नै लोक नाटक हो। लोक नाटकमा अभिनयका साथै लोक नृत्य, लोक गीत र लोक सङ्गीतको पनि प्रधानता रहेको हुन्छ। रङ्गमञ्चको पछिल्लो पुस्तामा समेत लोक नाटकको राम्रो प्रभाव देखिन्छ।”

लोक नाटक पहिले नै चर्चित लोक कथा तथा मौखिक परम्पराबाट विकसित हुने भएकाले लोक नाटकको लेखक नहुने नाट्यविद् प्राज्ञ डा.केशवप्रसाद उपाध्याय बताउँछन्। उनी भन्छन्, “लोक नाटक गर्न रुचाउनेहरू धेरै छन् यहाँ। तर वास्तवमा लोक नाटक सम्बन्धी अध्ययन गर्ने कुराको यहाँ निकै खाँचो छ।”

४० जना नारी कलाकारहरूलाई समेटेर तीन वर्ष अघि लोक नाटक “सोरठी” गरेर निकै चर्चा र प्रसंसा पाएका रङ्गकर्मी वीरेन्द्र हमालले गत महिना मात्र पनि कर्णाली भेगको लोक जीवनमा आधारित लोक नाटक “वरी लै” काठमाडौंका विभिन्न स्थानहरूमा मञ्चन गरेका थिए। उनी भन्छन्, “लोक नाटक कसलाई मन पर्दैन र? तर यो अरु नाटक जस्तो गर्न भने सजिलो छैन। कथासँगै चरित्र, भेषभुष, बोलीचाली आदी धेरै कुराको राम्ररी अध्ययन गर्नु पर्छ। अनि मात्रै लोक नाटक जीवन्त बन्छ।”

पाश्चात्य रङ्गमञ्चमा ‘फोक ड्रामा’ को नामले लोक नाटकलाई चिनिन्छ। त्यतातिर मध्यकालीन ईङ्गल्यान्डमा राविन हुड र जर्ज जुस्टर जस्ता प्रशिद्ध लोक चरित्रलाई लिएर लोक नाटक तयार पारिन्थे। मस्कोमा रङ्गमञ्च सम्बन्धी अध्ययन गरेका

वरिष्ठ नाटक निर्देशक प्रचण्ड मल्ल भन्छन्, “मैले लोक नाटक गर्ने मौका नपाए पनि पाश्चात्य मुलुक र नेपालमै पनि धेरै लोक नाटक हेर्ने अवसर पाएको छु। लोक नाटकले आफ्नो स्थान र समयको राम्रोसंग प्रतिनिधित्व गरेको हुन्छ।”

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महाकवि देवकोटाको वृत्तचित्रको स्क्रिप्टमा महाकविको पुख्यौली मूलथलो अछामको 'देवकोटा गढी' बाट बभाङ, जुम्ला, जुम्ला, गोर्खाहुँदै नेपाल एकिकरणपछि काठमाडौं सरेको प्रसंगदेखि महाकविको बाल्यकाल, युवावस्था, साहित्यिक यात्राका विभिन्न चरण र विशेषताहरुलाई समेत समेटिएको छ। वृत्तचित्रको निर्माणबारे ने.सां.सं. साहित्य विभागका संयोजक श्यामदास वैष्णव भन्छन्, "देश र समाजको उत्थानको लागि आजीवन समर्पित व्यक्तित्वको वृत्तचित्र मार्फत सर्वत्र आदर हुने परम्परा गतिशील हुनु गौरवको विषय हो।"

महाकवि देवकोटाको वृत्तचित्र निर्माणकार्य चार वर्ष अघि नै शुरु भएको हो। निर्देशक यादव खरेल वृत्तचित्रको योजना र अवधारणाबारे भन्छन्, "मैले आदीकवि भानुभक्त आचार्यको चलचित्र बनाएपछि नेपाली वाङ्मयका त्रिवेणी देवकोटा, सम, लेखनाथको बारेमा पनि श्रव्यदृश्यम केही काम गर्नुपर्ला भन्ने लाग्यो। यी मध्ये देवकोटा श्रव्यदृश्यकोहिसाबले अत्यन्तै कम संरक्षित भएका छन् भन्ने लागेर पहिला महाकवि देवकोटाकै गर्ने गर्ने सोच आयो।"

निर्देशक खरेलले यसअघि बालकृष्ण समको अमरकृति प्रेमपिण्डलाई चलचित्रको रूप दिएर राम्रै प्रसंसा पाएका थिए भने आदिकवि भानुभक्तको जीवनीमा आधारित चलचित्र बनाएर बौद्धिक व्यक्तित्वमाभ राम्रै चर्चा पाएका थिए। उनी भन्छन्, "महाकविको वृत्तचित्र बनाउनु अघि महाकविक 'मुनामदन'मा पनि मेरो आँखा लागेको थियो। तर आँटिन किनभने स्रष्टा वितिसक्नुभएको छ र मुनामदनको जुन फेम छ त्यो कथानक अत्यन्तै सानो छ। त्यसमा थप्ने कुरा भएन। त्यत्रो बहुप्रचारित कृतिमा थप्दा विचलन आउला भन्ने डर राखेर काम गर्नु पर्थ्यो। फेरि चालिस प्रतिशत दृश्य लहासा खिचनु पर्ने हुन्छ। यदी कृतिलाई न्याय गर्ने हो भने मुनामदनलाई म्युजिकल बनाउनु पर्छ। सबै कारणले गर्दा खेरी मुनामदन व्यवसायिक हिसाबले गर्न गाह्रो हुन्छ भनेर आँट गर्न सकिन। फिल्ममा लगानी धेरै लाग्ने हुनाले देवकोटाबारे त्यो आँट गर्न अनुकूल नदेखेर नै वृत्तचित्र बनाएको हुँ।"

वृत्तचित्र बनाउँदा प्रायजसो खोजेको सामग्री नपाउनाले धेरै समय लागेको निर्माण पक्ष बताउँछन्। निर्देशक खरेलका अनुसार सामग्री पाउने हो भने १५ दिनको टिडको काम हो। तर भन्नै तीन वर्ष लाग्यो। वृत्तचित्रमा गणेश हिमाल तलको रिमोट एरिया, देवकोटाको जन्म तथा कर्मथलो तथा कृतिले माग गरएका स्थानहरुको लोकेशनमा सुटिङ गरिएको छ। वृत्तचित्रमा महाकविका दुर्लभ तस्वीरहरु पनि देख्न पाईन्छ। वृत्तचित्रको अर्को विशेषता भन्नु महाकविका भाई प्रा. मित्रनाथ देवकोटासँग महाकविका आनीबानीबारे गरिएको रोचक कुराकानी पनि हुन्। मित्रनाथको अहिले देहान्त भईसकेको छ। यसैगरी वृत्तचित्रमा समालोचक ईन्द्रबहादुर राई, महाकविका सहकर्मी वासुदेव लुईटेल, राष्ट्रकवि माधव घिमिरे, महाकविका राजनीतिक सहकर्मी नरेन्द्र रेग्मीसँग महाकविका बारेमा गरिएका कुराकानी समेत राखिएको छ। वृत्तचित्रमा कवि मञ्जुलले महाकविका कविता पाठ गरेका छन् भने डा. अभि सुवेदीले उद्घोषण गरेका छन्। वृत्तचित्रमा प्रयुक्त महाकविका गीहरुमा ज्ञानु राणा, रामकृष्ण ढकाल, लोचन भट्टराई, शर्मिला बर्देवा आदी गायक/गायिकाहरुको स्वर दिएका छन्। वृत्तचित्रमा चन्द्रराज शर्माको सङ्गीत र शम्भुजीत बाँस्कोटाको पार्श्व सङ्गीत रहेको छ। यसैगरी वसन्तजङ्ग रायमाभी, राजु शाह, श्रीहरि श्रेष्ठ र यज्ञमान शाक्यले वृत्तचित्रमा नृत्य संयोजन गरेका छन्।

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Nepal to host AFC final

The final of the maiden AFC Challenge Cup is likely to be held at the Dashrath Stadium of Kathmandu, the meeting of the organizing committee of AFC Challenge Cup held at Malaysian capital Kuala Lumpur decided today. Since Nepal and Bangladesh are jointly organizing the championship, if Bangladesh enters the final, the final will take place in Bangladesh but if both the hosts manage a berth for title clash, Dashrath Stadium will host the event. Likewise, according to Asian Football Confederation, the opening ceremony of the event will be held in Bangladesh.

The football championship for the 'emerging' countries will be held from March 25 to April 9 next year with 16 teams divided into four groups. Nepal is pitted in Group 'B' alongside Sri Lanka, Bhutan and Brunei while Group 'A' comprises of India, Chinese Taipei, the Philippines and Afghanistan. The Group 'A' and 'B' matches will take place in Nepal while the matches of Group 'C' and 'D' are scheduled to be held in Bangladesh. Group 'C' consists of Bangladesh, Palestine, Cambodia and Guam while Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan and Macau are drawn in Group 'D'.

Meanwhile, the meeting chaired by Ganesh Thapa also decided to draw the tiesheet of the AFC President Cup on March 23. The eight-team tournament will be played from 3-13 May, 2006. The AFC is yet to confirm the venue.

Kyrgyzs beat Nepal

Nepal failed to qualify for the AFC U-19 Asia Cup Football finals after succumbing to a 2-0 loss at the hands of Kyrgyzstan in Bishkek today. Kyrgyzstan qualified with a 3-0 aggregate win. Going down by 1-0 in its November 22 home tie, Nepal needed to win by two clear goals or scored two or more than two goals in a one-goal win but the team suffered reverse in Bishkek. Nepali colts never looked comfortable in the cold conditions of Kyrgyz capital Bishkek. Last time, Nepali U-19 team was selected for the finals after holding host Bangladesh for a draw and beating Pakistan in the qualifying round. In the match watched by mere 500 local spectators, Santosh Sahukhala missed an open opportunity as early as in the sixth minute of the match and Nepal could never recover as six of the best chances were spurned throughout. Pavel Sidorenko and Ildar Anurov found the nets for the home team.

Ananta bids adieu to int'l football

Mahendra Police Club (MPC) playmaker Ananta Thapa quit international football after he was "surprisingly" excluded from the national squad for the upcoming South Asian Football Federation (SAFF)

Championship in Karachi, Pakistan. "I am proud of being an international footballer," the 26-year-old player from Biratnagar told. "Last seven years at the international level were pleasant, and now I feel it's the right time to quit." Commenting on his exclusion from the national team, Ananta demanded transparency in selection. "Inclusion and exclusion are the part of the game, but for both, you need to have a good reason," the former Three-Star midfielder said. "There should not be any prejudice if ANFA wants to develop the game to a greater scale." Ananta, however, is determined to pursue his footballing career at the national level. "I will continue playing for MPC until my legs give up," he added. "I want to help MPC win league." "I have no complaint against football," he added. "I spent seven enjoyable years with the national team and now it's the turn of young generation, which now has a duty to make the team strong for the popularity of football."

Ananta began his football from local Saino Sports Club a decade ago and helped current league champion Three Star Club win the national league in 1997. His performance that year earned him a place in the national squad that played in the 1998 Asian Games. Ananta won 15 international caps and didn't score.

SAFF Championship 2005

Nepal will play South Asian giant India in the inaugural match of the Fourth SAFF Championship on 8 Dec., followed by another tough match against Bangladesh on the 10th. Nepal, Bangladesh, Bhutan and India make Group 'A' of the tournament being organized in Karachi, Pakistan. Nepal's last league match will be against minnow Bhutan on the 12th. The two top teams from the group will advance to the knockout round. The Maldives, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and newcomer Afghanistan make Group 'B'.

The return of ace goalkeeper Upendra Man Singh to the national team for the SAFF Championship is a boost for Nepal's prospects in the tournament, but the decision to call back the veteran from retirement however was discouraging for the youngsters. The former Nepali national skipper, who has captained Nepal since 2000, retired from international football after sterling displays for national league champion Three Star Club (TSC) in the AFC President's Cup held in Kathmandu last May. Singh, who was out of form in TSC's title winning league campaign, got back his magical touch in the event and reminded football fans that he was the best bet against international attacks.

Similarly 28 years old Basanta Thapa who was in Japan for his studies was called in from Japan. Meanwhile he also got married to his sweetheart Bindu. It was a bit unfair for Basanta to come Pakistan after his first marriage day.

The national squad has 10 new faces and 10 are from Three Star Club. Those who have been named in the national squad for the first time are Bikash Malla, Janak Singh, Tashi Chhiring, Lok Bandhu Gurung, Anjan KC, Pradip Maharjan, Bisan Gauchan, Bijay Gurung, Raju Tamang and Pralay Rajbhandari. Other members of the squad are Upendra Man Singh, Ritesh Thapa, Rakesh Shrestha, Sagar Thapa, Navin Neupane, Rajesh Shahi, Hari Khadka, Surendra Tamang, Ramesh Budhathoki and Basanta Thapa.

The coach is also impored all the way from Japan. Toshihiko Shiozawa, 58, was sebt by Japan Football Association (JFA) after ANFA requested for the perfect coach to handle Nepal side for few months.

SAFF President Ganesh Thapa also revealed that Pakistan Television (PTV) will be broadcasting all the matches of SAFF Championship football tournament including Nepal's match. Nepal will play its first match against arch rival India in flood-light stadium on 8th December at 6:45 Nepalese standard time.

Volleyball: National Volleyball Tournament

Defending champion Mahendra Police Club (MPC) and Western Region won the men's and women's section titles respectively at the 13th women's and 23rd men's National Volleyball Tournament, which was organised by Nepal Volleyball Association this week in Nepal Sports Council Covered Hall, Kathmandu.

In the men's final, the Policemen beat Tribhuvan Army Club (TAC). MPC lost the first set 18-25, then struggled in the second set before winning 26-24 and sealed the victory by taking the two other sets 25-17 and 25-15. Saroj Shrestha of MPC was declared the best player, while other players to win the individual awards were Ram Chandra Kumal of TAC (best spiker), MPC skipper Bharat Shah (best blocker), and Pashupati Chaudhary of TAC (best setter).

In women's final, Western Region defeated Public Enterprises Sports Development Association of Nepal 25-18, 25-15, 25-17. Manju Gurung of Western Region was adjudged the best player and the best spiker, while her teammate Laxmi Gurung won the best setter's award.

Gyanendra APF Officers' Club came third in men's section beating Far Western Region, while Central Region defeated Far Western Region to win the women's section third place. Crown Prince Paras gave away prizes to the winners.

Golf: Surya Nepal Western Open 2005

Shivaram Shrestha carded four-over 77 for a final total of 155 to win the Surya Nepal Western Open 2005 being played at the Himalayan Golf Course, Pokhara as amateurs ruled the roost. Surya Sharma, the younger brother of Pro Pashupati Sharma, finished four strokes behind with a final round of seven-over 80 as the amateur duo overshadowed the professional peers.

Among the professionals, Ramesh Nagarkoti followed up his first round of 79 with a nine-over 82 to finish with a total of 161 and bagged a cheque of Rs 35,000 as the amateurs are ineligible for cash awards. Defending Champion, Deepak Neupane finished with an almost similar kind of round, an eight-over 81 and collected a cheque for Rs 23,500. Pashupati Sharma got Rs 18,500 for his efforts in finishing with a two-round total of 165. Other noted professionals such as Deepak Thapa Magar, Sachin Bhattarai and Mani Rai had a dismal day and finished well below their level at tied fourth and eighth respectively. Shivaram Shrestha, the young 21-year old, who promises a lot started strongly right from the start when he drove the first green, sitting four feet from the pin for an eagle. However, he pushed his first putt and holed the next for a birdie. His driving prowess was evident all day as he drove almost 50 yards longer than the professionals playing in the same group. His round of four-over 77 was laced with four birdies, six bogies and one double bogey. This win is his first victory in a professional event. Among the amateurs, Rabi Khadka was the only other top finisher with a total of 165, tying for the third place overall.

This year, the event saw increased prize money and changes in the number of rounds. The winner walked away with a cheque of Rs 37,000 which is Rs 12,000 more than that of last year. The event serves as a qualifying and warm-up tournament for the professional golfers of Nepal to have a go at the Rs 1,920,000 Surya Nepal Masters 2005, which is scheduled to start on December 13 at the Gokarna Forest Golf Course in Kathmandu.

The Himalayan Golf Club, a nine-hole layout, was revamped for competitive golf. With the holes situated inside a gorge and around a river, it becomes a tough course with several out-of-bound areas and tricky greens.

Results

Pro (36 holes): 161 Ramesh Nagarkoti; 164 Deepak Neupane; 165 Pashupati Sharma; 167 Deepak Thapa Magar, Sachin Bhattarai.

Amateurs (36 holes): 155 Shivaram Shrestha; 159 Surya Sharma; 165 Rabi Khadka.

Cricket:

2nd SNB Memorial Inter-school Cricket Tournament 2062

The Second SNB Memorial Inter-school Cricket Tournament 2062 will begin on December 8 with sixteen schools vying for the title, the organizing AVM Higher Secondary School announced today. The knock-out tournament will be held at the Institute of Engineering Ground, Pulchowk. The quarterfinals will be held on December 13 and 14 while the semifinals will be played on December 15. The final will be held on December 18. Participating schools include AVM, Annapurna, Bhanubhakta Memorial, Brishaspati Vidya Sadan, Deepjyoti, Galaxy Public, Greenland Children Academy, Gyanodaya Balbatika, Kamal, KU School, LRI, Little Angels', Liceum Model, Nightingale, Rai and Rajan Memorial.

ICC U-19 World Cup

Nepali Under-19 cricket team will play practice matches against Namibia and Scotland in Sri Lanka before beginning the ICC Under-19 Cricket World Cup 2006 campaign.

Nepal plays Namibia at Bloomfield on February 2 and Scotland at Moratuwa the next day, according to Cricket Association of Nepal (CAN). The tournament begins on February 5. Nepal is placed in Group D along with England, Zimbabwe and Ireland for the event and will meet England in the first match at Sinhalese Sports Club Ground on February 6. Match against Zimbabwe is scheduled for February 7 at Colombo Cricket Club while European qualifier Ireland meets Nepal on February 9 at Nondescripts Cricket Club. The top two teams from each group qualify for the Super League quarterfinals while the bottom two go for Plate Championship.

Nepali team will begin training for the event on Sunday while coach Roy Dias, who is currently in his home Sri Lanka, will return on December 14.

Nepal's Matches

Practice Matches

Feb 2 - vs Namibia at Bloomfield

Feb 3 - vs Scotland at Mortuwa

League Matches

Feb 6 - vs England at SSC

Feb 7 - vs Zimbabwe at CCC

Feb 9 - vs Ireland at NCC

Nepal to play Namibia

Nepali national cricket team will travel to Namibia for a three-day match that could decide the future course of the country's cricket. The winner of the match will be the last team to play in the revamped ICC Inter Continental Cup 2006, the International Cricket Council said. Though the venue of the match has been fixed, the date has not been confirmed yet.

The winner of Nepal-Namibia playoff will be placed in Group A with Scotland, Ireland and United Arab Emirates while Group B consists of Kenya, Bermuda, Canada and Netherlands.

The teams to compete in the event were selected according to their combined ranking of one-day and three-day matches. Nepal's overall ranking was ninth while Namibia was seventh with Netherlands eighth. Since the Dutch has qualified for the World Cup 2007, they were preferred over the two.

Nepal got the chance for two reasons. First, Nepal ranks seventh in the multi-day format and secondly, the ICC Development Committee members were impressed with Nepal's standard and number of spectators when they met here immediately after the ACC U-19 Cup. The meeting agreed on the new format.

The event is the only first-class cricket tournament for the non-Test playing countries. The 2006 tournament will see four-day matches with the group winners playing the final. This setup will again change in 2007 and 2008 with all eight teams playing a round-robin league over a period of two years, according to ICC.

The event, conceived two years ago, was played as a regional tournament with top three teams of Asia, Europe, America and Africa playing at regional level and the winner from each region going into the semifinals. Scotland won the title in 2004 defeating Canada while Ireland surprised Kenya to win it in 2005.

Shooting: Regional shooting

Nepal Shooting Association (NSA) has decided to conduct regional shooting tournaments in all five development regions within January 2006. A recent meeting of the association has also decided to organize the national games by the second week of February to select 16 players for the upcoming 10th SA Games. Four players each in four different events of Air Rifle and Air Pistol will be selected for the close camp for the South Asian event scheduled for April 2006 in Sri Lanka, NSA in a press release stated.

Basketball: TIA, Valley Public win titles

Trungram International Academy (TIA) and Valley Public School won the titles of the third Sakalaka Boom TIA Cup held at TIA court today. Valley Public School beat New Shrine girls 18-17. TIA (boys) defeated Sambotta 46-41 in extra time at home. TIA and Sambotta played a highly competitive match with the teams exchanging lead at different instances. TIA led the first and second quarters 11-10, 10-8 while Sambotta led third and fourth 8-7 and 10-8. Though none of the teams scored any three-

pointer throughout the match, TIA's Sajin succeeded to take one in dying seconds of the final quarter.

Both the teams tied in the final quarter 36-36 and took the match to the extra time. TIA did not miss the baskets during the added time and netted 10 points for the team while Sambotta was limited to five.

Had Ugen Singe of Sambotta not missed his free shots during the concluding seconds of the final quarter, Sambotta would have easily taken the title. TIA's Asmin Shahi shouldered the team with 17 while Ugen Singe netted 12 for Sambotta.

Both the teams gave their all in the match to bag the title. New Shrine led the first two quarters 5-4 and 4-2 while the third was tied at 6-6. Valley Public's 6-2 lead in the last quarter helped it win the match by a point. Sony Tamang netted six points for Valley Public whereas New Shrine's Sangita scored 12.

TIA girls defeated Sambotta 27-16 for the third place. On the other hand, Wilson downed Siddhartha Vanasthali Institute 47-37 to stand third in the boys' section.

TIA's Min Dura and Valley Public's Somil Tamang declared the Most Valuable Player of the match. TIA's Asmin Shahi with 117 points and Valley Public's Binita Khadka with 47 received the highest scorer award.

White House clinches title

Himalayan White House College exacted revenge for the loss in the final of Pujan Open Basketball Tournament beating Sridiwa 39-32 in the title match of the First Minbhawan Men's Open Club Level Basketball Running Shield at Nepal Commerce Campus (NCC) court today. The final was competitive as the two undefeated teams wrestled for lead in all the four quarters. White House's new player Mana Moviaty netted a three-pointer in the first quarter but Sridiwa led the first quarter 11-10. Manish Lama netted a three-pointer in the concluding seconds of the second quarter. but White House managed to tie the score in the first half leading the second quarter 8-7. The third quarter of the game went Sridiwa's way as it got the upperhand with 9-8. Sridiwa was restricted to Chetan Gurung's three-pointer and Ajay Manandhar's shot as White House clinched the last quarter 13-5 to win the match by seven points. Rupak Gurung, the high scorer of Sridiwa in the league stage, failed to score any points letting his team down in the final match. White House's captain Bipendra Maharjan shouldered his team netting 16 points alone while Ajay Manandhar contributed 12 points for Sridiwa. Manish Lama from Sridiwa was declared the most valuable player of the tournament and received a cash prize of Rs 1,500. Himalayan White House College got the trophy to go with the cash prize of Rs 7,000 while Sridiwa got the runner-up trophy.

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आठौं बुढासुब्बा टुर्वोग गोल्ड कप फागुनमा, फुटबल खेलको विकासका लागि आधा करोडको बजेट

अनुशील श्रेष्ठ, पुर्वाञ्चलमा

राजधानी बाहिर हुने देशकै ठुलो खेल प्रतियोगिताको रूपमा रहेको अन्तराष्ट्रिय आमन्त्रण बुढासुब्बा टुर्वोग गोल्ड कपको आठौं संस्करण आगामी फागुन पहिलो साता देखी धरान रंगशालामा हुने भएको छ।

धरानमा सो प्रतियोगिता बारे जानकारी दिन आयोजित पत्रकार सम्मेलनमा फागुन ८ गते देखी सञ्चालन हुने प्रतियोगिताको तयारी सुरु भएको आयोजक धरान फुटबल क्लबले जनाएको छ। धरान नगर पालिकाको संयोजन र गोरखा बुअरी टुर्वोग वियरको प्रायोजनमा वर्षेनी हुँदै आएको प्रतियोगिताको आठौं संस्करणको घोषणा संगै धरान फुटबल क्लबले डढ दर्जन अल्पकालीन र दिर्घकालिन योजनाहरू सुरु गर्ने जनाउँदै आर्थिक वर्ष ०६२/०६३ का लागि आधा करोडको बजेट प्रस्तुत गरेको छ। सात वर्षको अवधिमा बुढासुब्बा गोल्ड कप राष्ट्रिय तथा अन्तराष्ट्रिय स्तर को महत्वपूर्ण प्रतियोगिताको रूपमा विकसित भईसकेको जनाउँदै पत्रकार सम्मेलनमा जारी विज्ञप्तीमा यस पटकको प्रतियोगिताको नारा

“आठौं बुढा सुब्बा टुर्वोग गोल्डकपको चाहना, सार्क स्तरिय प्रतियोगिता बनाउने योजना” रहेको उल्लेख छ। प्रतियोगिताको तयारी सम्बन्धमा जानकारी दिँदै पत्रकार सम्मेलनमा धरान फुटबल क्लबका अध्यक्ष तथा एन्फा उपाध्यक्ष किशोर राईले देश विदेशका धरानवासीको सययोग र स्थानीय संघ संस्था तथा पुर्वाञ्चलका खेलकुद प्रेमीहरूको सहयोग, सहयोगले प्रतियोगिताले निरन्तरता पाउँदै आएको बताउनुभयो।

अध्यक्ष राईले फुटबल खेललाई व्यवसायीक दिशा दिन र नवोदित तथा स्थापित खेलाडीहरूमा निरन्तर हौसला प्रदान गर्न प्रतियोगिताको प्रमुख उद्देश्य रहेको बताउनु भयो। यस पटकको प्रतियोगितामा नयाँ टिमको रूपमा हडकड-११ सहित भुटान, बंगलादेश, भारत र नेपालका उत्कृष्ट ए डिभिजनका क्लबहरू समावेश गरिने भएको छ। उक्त प्रतियोगितामा विजयी टिम लाई दिईने पुरस्कार राशीमा बृद्धि गरिनुका साथै आकर्षक व्यक्तिगत पुरस्कारहरू पनि रहेको

क्लबले जनाएको छ।

पत्रकार सम्मेलनमा क्लबका कोषाध्य गोविन्द राईले वार्षिक आय व्यय तथा बजेट प्रस्तुत गर्नु भएको थियो। सातौं बुढा सुब्बा गोल्डकप सम्म आईपुग्दा अधिकांश प्रतियोगिताबाट क्लबले व्यवसायीक रूपमा आर्थिक आय आर्जन गर्न सफल भएपनि क्लब सञ्चालन,खेलाडी प्रशिक्षण र अन्य सामाजिक संघ संस्थालाई पनि आर्थिक सहयोग गर्दा बचत हुन नसकेको कोषाध्य राईले बताउनु भयो। आर्थिक वर्ष ०६२ / ०६३ का लागि क्लबले ५७ लाख ८० हजारको अनुमानित बजेट प्रस्तुत गरि एको थियो। जस मध्ये आठौं प्रतियोगिताका लागि क्लबले १८ लाख २५ हजार रुपैयाको अनुमानित बजेट प्रस्तुत गरेको छ। प्रमुख प्रायोजक टुर्वोग वियरले गत वर्षको भन्दा १ लाख बढि थपेर ६ लाख रुपैया प्रायोजन गर्ने भएको आयोजक क्लबले जनाएको छ। क्लबले बुढा सुब्बा गोल्डकपका अतिरिक्त दन्तकाली महिला फुटबल प्रतियोगिता, धरान एकेडेमी सञ्चालन, धरान रंगशाला

निर्माण, धरान फुटबल क्लब भवन निर्माण, गंगे फुटबल प्रतियोगिता, पुर्वाञ्चल मिडीया कपका लागि पनि तयारी गरिरहेको छ। आठौं बुढा सुब्बा प्रतियोगितालाई गतवर्षका भन्दा अझ मर्यादित र प्रतियोगिताको दायरालाई अझ फराकिलो बनाउँदै सार्क स्तरिय बनाउने आयोजक क्लबको लक्ष्य रहेको पत्रकार सम्मेलनमा बताईएको थियो। सम्मेलनमा क्लबका उपाध्यक्ष सुवास राई, महा सचिव ईन्दु रसाईली, सचिव किरण शर्मा, सदस्य पदम प्रसाद लिम्बु, सल्लाहकार मीन सुब्बा, प्रहरी निरीक्षक राजकुमार वैदावर आदीले बोल्नु भएको थियो।

सो प्रतियोगिताको अन्तराष्ट्रिय मीडिया सहयोगीमा अमेरिका बाट प्रकाशित हुने यस नेपाली आवाज पाक्षीक रहने भएको छ। नेपाली आवाजको अनलाईन संस्करणमा समेत अन्तराष्ट्रिय आमन्त्रण बुढासुब्बा टुर्वोग गोल्ड कपको आठौं संस्करणका तस्वीर र जानकारीहरू समावेश गरिने छ।

विश्वसाइकल यात्री फुर्तेम्बा हडकडमा

-देवराज राई, हडकड

विश्व शान्ती एवं वातवरणको रक्षा गरौं भन्ने नारा लिएर दुई वर्ष अगाडि विश्व साइकल यात्रामा निष्किएका संखुवासभा निवासी २७ वर्षिया फुर्तेम्बा सेर्पा १८ वटा राष्ट्रहरूमा २३ हजार २ सय किलोमिटर भन्दा बढि साइकलयात्रा पूरा गरी हाल हडकड आई पुगेका छन्।

पहिलो चरणमा १८ वटाराष्ट्रहरूको यात्रा पूरा गरी नेपाल फर्कने योजना लिएर यात्रा शुभारम्भ गरेका उनले यात्राको क्रममा योजना परिवर्तन भई लगभग ३० वटा राष्ट्रहरूको भ्रमण पूरा गरी आगामि वर्षको पुष महिनामा नेपाल फर्कने योजना बनाइसकेका छन्। उनले १६ वर्ष भित्रमा ८५ राष्ट्रहरूको भ्रमण गर्ने लक्ष्य लिई अगाडि बढ्ने क्रममा यो संख्यामा समेत बृद्धि भई लगभग १ सय ५० राष्ट्रको भ्रमण गर्ने योजना बनाएका छन्। मे २८ नामक मेमोरी ट्रष्टको प्रायोजनामा काठमण्डौ धरान हुँदै भारत छिरेका सेर्पा ६ वटा साइकल फेरेका छन्। सेर्पाका अनुसार २ वटा साइकल फिलिपिन्स र एकवटा साइकल कम्बोडियामा चोरी भएको थियो। सेर्पाले यात्राको क्रममा १२ वटा देशहरूमा

भुमि मार्फत, ३ वटा देशहरूमा जल मार्फत एवं बाँकी ४ राष्ट्रहरूमा हवाई सेवा प्रयोग गरी हडकड आई पुगेका हुन्। भ्रमणको दौरानमा उनले नेपालको पर्याटन विकासमा सघाउ पुऱ्याउन आफ्नो नारामा समेत थप गरी विदेशी एवं नेपालीहरूलाई नेपाल भ्रमण गर्न आग्रह गर्दै हिडेका छन्।

नोभम्बर महिनाको पहिलो हप्ता जापानबाट हडकड छिरेका उनलाई यति खेर हडकडमा नेपालीहरूको सम्मान एवं सहयोग प्राप्त भई रहेको छ। फुर्तेम्बा भुटान, बंगलादेश, वर्मा, थाईल्याण्ड, कम्बोडिया, भियतनाम, मलेसिया, सिंगापुर, ब्रुनाई, फिलिपिन्स, इन्डोनेसिया, न्युजिल्याण्ड, अष्ट्रेलिया, दक्षिण कोरिया, जापान हुँदै यहाँ आई पुगेका थिए। डिसेम्बर महिनाको दोश्रो सातामा हडकडको यात्रा पूरा गरी मकाउ हुँदै चीन, मंगोलिया, उत्तर कोरिया जाने भिसा समेत मिलाई सकेका छन्।

आफू र आफ्नो राष्ट्र नेपालको नाम उच्च राख्ने उद्देश्य लिई यात्रामा हिडेका उनलाई बाचनका लागि नेपालीहरूले नै सहयोग पुऱ्याई

रहेको सेर्पा पुऱ्याइरहेका छन्। प्राय जसो हरेक राष्ट्रमा भेटिएका नेपालीहरूबाट हौसला एवं साहस पाएका साहासी फुर्तेम्बा आफूले यात्रा गर्दा लगभग २ हजार युएस डलर साथमा लिई यात्रामा निष्किएका थिए। हाल सोही रकम बराबर आफूसंग जगेडा खर्चका रूपमा राखेका छन्। यात्राका क्रममा ठूला ठूला संचार माध्यमहरूमा छाएका सेर्पालाई विश्वका संचार माध्यमहरूले राम्ररी स्थान दिई रहेका छन्। संचार माध्यमहरूले आफ्नै देशमा शान्ती कायम गर्न सकेको छैन के विश्व शान्तीका लागि कुरा गर्ने ? जस्तै प्रश्नहरूबाट बारम्बार प्रहार भई रहेको सेर्पा आफूले यस्ता प्रश्नहरूको सामना समेत गर्नु परी रहेको छ। यद्यपी हौसला प्रदान गर्नेहरूले उनको प्रशंसा गर्न समेत छाडेका छैनन्।

यात्राको शुरूवातमा नेपाली माटो बोकेर हिडेका उनलाई कानुनी समस्या परेका कारण नेपाली माटोलाई बोक्न छाडी दिएका छन्। कम्बोडियामा लुटेराबाट नराम्ररी लुटिएका छन् भने फिलिपिन्समा दुईवटा साइकल एकसाथ होटलबाट चोरी भएका थियो। सोही कार

ण फिलिपिन्सभरी संचार माध्यममा उनको घटनाले चर्चा पाएको थियो।

यात्राका क्रममा असंख्य अविष्मरणिय क्षणहरू संगालिरहेका फुर्तेम्बा भन्छन् -“दक्षिण कोरियाका ३ सय ५० साइकल यात्रीले गरेको सम्मान, न्युजील्याण्डमा एडमण्ड हिलारीले दिएको न्यानो स्वागत, अष्ट्रेलियाको संसद भवनमा पाएको स्वागत अनि वर्माका नेपालीहरूले गरेको सहायोग मेरा लागि सदैव अविष्मरणिय छ।” दुईवटा छोरीहरूका पिता फुर्तेम्बाले यस संवाददातासंग कुराकानी गर्दै हडकडमा भने-“साइकलको एकनास एवं टाढाको यात्रा गर्दा घर एवं आफ्नो देशको यादले असाध्य सताउने गरेको छ।”

सानै देखि केही गरी आफू र आफ्नो देशको नाम उच्च राख्ने सपना बोकी यात्रामा निष्किएका सेर्पा आफूलाई दुई वर्षमा हडकड सहित २० वटा राष्ट्रहरूबाट पाएको अनुभवले यात्रा पूरा गर्ने कुरोमा पूर्णरूपमा विश्वस्त बनेका छन्। हाल उनलाई यहाँ नेपालीहरूले अर्थ संकलन गरी सहयोग प्रदान गरी रहेका छन् भने सम्मान गर्ने संघसंस्थाहरूको पनि ओइरो लागेको छ।

Volunteers help raise \$28,000 for Nepal



3 Dec. New York. A fundraiser was held at NYU's Tischman Auditorium, Vanderbilt Hall, to help support community projects in rural Nepal. Rajeev, who spent some time working with villagers and helped build a drinking water system there, headed the project. A total of \$28,000 was raised that night. When \$40,000 is collected, Rotary Club of Plainsboro will match the amount.

Top left: Rajeev introduces the documentaires Hope For Water and Hope For Education.

Bottom left: Guinness Book Record holder and Everest Summitter Lakpa Gelu Sherpa (right) and Sherpa Mission's Lakpa Gelu Khambache were honored during the event.

Top right: A Nepali girl dances to a pop song as part of the even.

Bottom right: Sherpa Mission's Lakpa Gelu Khambache demonstrates his "Crawl techniques," which helped raise several hundred dollars during the event and thousands of dollars earlier ini the day when he crawled down 100 streets to Ground Zero as part of a fundraiser for the Katrina Relief Fund.

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Communist Party of Nepal (UML) stages biggest pro-democracy rally since King's take over

Royal motorcade attacked; monarchists seek vengeance, police attacks students



Above: A party worker waves the communist flag during the mass meeting.



Above: Policemen cordon the mass meeting

The Mass Meeting:

Friday: As King Gyanendra returned from his 3 week international tour in Asia and Africa, Communist Party of Nepal (United-Marxist-Leninist) held a rally and mass meeting of size not seen since the Royal takeover on 1 Feb. 05. Party General Secretary Madhav Kumar Nepal indicated the mass meeting as preparation for inevitable changes to come as thousands of people chanted anti-king and pro-democracy slogans in New Baneshwor. Although there were rumors that the District Administration Office had restricted mass gatherings in New Baneshwor, it was later dismissed by Chief District Officer himself.

The mass meeting concluded peacefully and on time. But minor scuffle ignited when the pro-king groups, lined along both sides of the road to welcome their Majesties, chanted anti democracy slogans immediately after the UML mass meeting.

Royal Motorcade Attacked

It was around this time that Crown Prince Paras, on his way to the airport to welcome their Majesties the King and Queen, drove through the area when the clash was going on in Min Bhawan. It was then that stones hit the royal motorcade. This is the first time a Royal Family has come under physical

attack in public in the last 14 years. In 1990, when the people's movement for democracy was at it's peak, stones were hurled at late Queen Aishwarya's entourage in the Pashupatinath temple area.

Monarchists seek vengeance:

Saturday. A group of pro-monarchy hoodlums threatened to vandalise the UML office. A group of around 200 supporters of the royal move drove around Ring Road on motorbikes, chanting pro-king slogans and carrying the national flag. The group, reportedly affiliated to the youth wing of the 'Nationalist Front,' held a meeting in Kalanki and warned that they will attack the central office of CPN (UML) in retaliation of the alleged attack on Crown Prince Paras by UML supporters. Had it not been for journalists and other representatives of the media, human rights activists and security forces, the gang would have succeeded in their plans to attack the Red House.

Crown Prince seeks clarification:

The same day, Crown Prince Paras went to the Police Headquarters to seek an explanation on the alleged security lapse from the top security officials. Inspector General of Police Shyam Bhakta Thapa, Chief of the Army Staff

General Pyar Jung Thapa, Chief of the Armed Police Force Sahabir Thapa and Chief of the National Intelligence Department Devi Ram Sharma were present for the meeting. Immediately after the meeting, IGP Thapa constituted a five-member committee to probe into the incident. The committee comprises of Deputy Inspector Generals of Nepal Police Him Gurung and Keshav Baral, Senior Superintendent of Police Krishna Bahadur Thapa and Superintendents of Police Upendra Kanta Aryal and Rana Bahadur Chand.

Student Union protests attempted vandalism

Sunday: Students affiliated with the All Nepal Free Students Union (ANNFSU), the student wing of the CPN (UML), staged protest against the attempted attack on their party's central office. Students staged demonstration in front of Amrit Science Campus and Sarawsoti Campus in Lainchour, chanting slogans against the royal government. They claimed the armed gang who tried to attack the UML central office in Balkhu were sanctioned by the government.

Police arrests students

By Sunday evening, the police was holding 21 people, including minors, in detention on charges of pelting stones at the Royal motorcades. It was reported that there were no warrants issued for

these arrests. All the 21 detainees were reportedly put together in a small room with no food or extra clothes to shield the cold. "Minors have been denied (of their right to) special treatment and students were not allowed to sit for their exams," rights activists said in reaction to the arrests. The detainees also revealed that the police forced them to sign pre-written statements. "We don't know what was written on those papers," they said.

It was later revealed that the police allegedly physically and psychologically abused 18 of the detainees, including school students detained at Tinkune police post. Five of the detainees were charged under the Public Offence Act while the others were finally released. Among those charged for the public offence are Binay Aryal, Suman Bhetwal, Surya Prakash Bhatta, Raj Kumar Shrestha and Nawaraj Thapaliya. They had already been transferred to the District Police Office, Hanumandhoka on Sunday. "The five can be held for up to 25 days for further investigation after which they will be presented to the chief district officer," said police Inspector Birkha Bahadur Rawal. Four students from V S Niketan School were among those released Sunday. The officers on duty tortured the detainees by telling the school students that they would be sentenced for life. They also claimed that they were forced to sign "false testimonies" stating that they had pelted stones at the motorcade.

राशीफल: (7 - 20 Dec. 05)

खगेश्वर प्रसाद उपाध्याय, ज्योतिषाचार्य । गौशाला, काठमाडौं



Policemen maintain a huge "security" gap between Baneshwor's main road and the street outside BICC where tens of thousands of CPN (UML) and democracy supporters gathered for a mass meeting.

Officers Suspended

Monday. The Ministry for Home Affairs suspended SP Indra Prasad Neupane, Chief of Kathmandu District Police Office, who was responsible for security from New Baneshwor to Tinkune. Inspector Surendra Mainali, in-charge of Swayambhu Ward Police Office and Inspector Bhabesh Rimal of Bhaktapur District Police Office, who had been called from their stations to aid security in Minbhawan area, were also handed suspension letters. According to sources, it was miscommunication and mismanagement during the motorcade

that landed the Crown Prince's vehicle in the middle of a scuffle between pro-democracy masses and pro-monarchists.



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मेघ:

कामकाजप्रति उदासिनता बढ्नेछ । मित्रवर्गबाट शत्रुवत् व्यवहार हुँदा मन खिन्न हुने छ । यात्रामा संकटको सम्भावनालाई नकार्न सकिन्न । कार्यक्षेत्रमा सामान्य अवरोध उत्पन्न हुने परिस्थित छ । राज्यपक्षबाट कष्ट हुनेछ । तर परिवार बाट पाइने साथले मनोबल भन्ने उच्च हुने छ ।

वृष:

प्रयासअनुसार सफलता प्राप्त नहुँदा मनमा खिन्नता बढ्ला । निर्णय गर्ने क्षमतामा हास आउँदा विलखबन्दमा परिणत । साथीभाई र आफूले विश्वास गरेको मान्छेबाट धोका पाइने सम्भावना पनि त्यत्तिकै छ । अनावश्यक विवादले गर्दा मानसिक क्लेश बढ्ने र अपयश प्राप्त होला ।

मिथुन:

विरोधीसँगको संघर्षमा विजयश्री प्राप्त हुने छ । सुखद् समाचारसहित सन्देश प्राप्तिको योग छ । राजनीतिक तथा सामाजिक सक्रियता बढ्ने छ । लेनदनसम्बन्धी कारोबारमा अप्रत्याशिसत सफलता मिल्ने छ । स्वास्थ्यमा केही समस्या आए पनि चिन्ता गर्न जरुरी छैन ।

कर्कट:

जोस-जाँगर एवं पराक्रम बढ्ने र नयाँ काम मिल्ने योग छ । विपरीतलिंगीबाट अनपेक्षित सुख तथा सहयोग पाइने छ । विद्यार्थी तथा कर्मचारीवर्गलाई समयले राम्रो साथ दिने छ । घरायसी समस्याको समाधान हुने छ । व्यापारिक लगानीबाटसमेत लाभ प्राप्त हुने छ ।

सिंह:

निरर्थक घुमफिर र मनमा गलत विचार प्रवेश गर्नाले धन तथा समयको नोक्सानी हुने छ । कार्य-व्यवसायमा अवरोध आउँदा मनमा खिन्नता नबढ्ला भन्न सकिन्न । साथीभाइको संगबाट अस्वस्थ चाहना बढ्ने छ । बृद्धिविवेकमा समेत प्रश्नचिन्ह लाग्ने सम्भावना बर्करार छ ।

कन्या:

स्वास्थ्यमा केही प्रतिकूलताहरु आउँछन् । आत्मीयजनबाट हुने अकल्पनीय व्यवहार ले कष्ट नपाइएला भन्न सकिन्न । जति मेहेनत गरपनि वाञ्छित सफलता पाउँन गाह्रो छ । कार्य-व्यवसायमा बढ्दो अस्वस्थ प्रतिस्पर्धाले मानसिक तनावसमेत बढ्ने छ ।

तुला:

भाग्यले साथ दिदा नसोचेको सकारात्मक परिणाम आउने छ । व्यापार तथा स्वतन्त्र व्यवसायबाट पर्याप्त आमदानी हुने छ । शुभकार्यमा केही मात्रामा खर्च हुने योग देखिन्छ । जीवनशैलीमा सकारात्मक परिणाम आउँने छ । सामाजिक प्रतिष्ठा प्राप्त हुने छ ।

वृश्चिक:

आम्दानीको तुलनामा खर्च धेरै भइदिनाले आर्थिक पक्षमा केही सिथिलता देखिने छ । कामकाजप्रति अनपेक्षित उदासिनता पनि बढ्ने छ । आफन्तहरुसँग मनमुटाव उत्पन्न नहोला भन्न सकिन्न । वैचारिक द्वन्द्व बढ्नाले ध्यान-एकाग्रता भंग हुने योग छ ।

धनु:

प्रेमसंगतबाट मन प्रफूलित एवं रोमाञ्चित हुने छ । आफन्तजनहरुबाट सहयोगको आश्वासन प्राप्त हुने छ । नयाँ कामको प्रस्ताव नआउला भन्न सकिन्न । महत्वपूर्ण उपहार या एकमुष्ट रकम प्राप्त हुने योग छ । अप्रत्यासित यात्राको सम्भावना पनि बढ्दो छ ।

मकर:

मनमा क्रोध एवं अहंकारजन्य विकार बढ्नाले काममा एकाग्रताको कमी होला । शारीरिक तथा मानसिक क्षमतामा न्हास आउने योग छ । घरायसी समस्या पनि बढ्न सक्ने छ । स्वास्थ्योपचारमा खर्च हुने र पारिवारिक दायित्व बढ्ने छ ।

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
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