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KASHISH DAS SHRESTHA

Maoists have declared they are working on surrounding Kathmandu valley and preparing for guerilla warfare.

Target: Kathmandu

With the government refusing to reciprocate, the Maoists end their extended 4 month unilateral ceasefire and prepare to begin a guerilla campaign in and around the Nation's capital city Kathmandu • An overview of the ceasefire • The death toll since 1996 and 1 Feb. 05 • The ceasefire and the world's reaction. (Page 9)

"The objectives of the policy of the US government and that of His Majesty the King are the same: to protect Nepal's young democracy from terrorism, corruption and bad governance, to see a more stable and developed Nepal."

- Ambassador Madhu Raman Acharya, Permanent Mission to the United Nations.
(Full interview, page 9)

Shabda: Nepali youth publication to launch in Canada (Page 5)

DJ Raju rules the music charts in Kathmandu (Page 12)

एचआईभी एडस: समस्या संगै चेतनामाबृद्धि संक्रातहरूबाट रेडियोबाट एडसबारे चेतना

एचआईभी एडसको प्रकोप नेपालको पूर्वी क्षेत्रमा समेत बढ्दो छ। सो रोगका कारण २००५ को जनवरी यता हाल सम्म २४ जनाको मृत्यु भईसकेको पाईएको छ।

पूर्वाञ्चलमा रहेका एचआईभी संक्रमितहरूको संस्थाहरूको सम्पर्कमा आएकाहरू मध्ये २ दर्जनको मृत्यु भएको हो भने सम्पर्कमा नआई मृत्यु हुनेहरू धेरै हुन सक्ने धरान पोर्जेटिभका अध्यक्ष तथा पूर्वाञ्चल समुहका सदस्य नरेशलाल श्रेष्ठ बताउछन्। चार वर्ष अघि राजधानी बाहिर पूर्वाञ्चलमा पहिलो पटक आफुलाई एचआईभी संक्रमण भएको सार्वजनिक गर्ने नरेशलाल अहिले पूर्वी क्षेत्रमा संक्रमितहरू संगठित बनेर जनचेतनामा सक्रिय भएको बताउछन्। उनका अनुसार पूर्वी क्षेत्रमा हाल १ सय ८५ जना संक्रमितहरू सम्पर्कमा रहेकाछन्।

ति मध्ये पूर्वाञ्चल भरीमा हालसम्म ३२ जना संक्रमित महिलाहरू रहेको तथ्यांकको देखाउँदछ।

धरान सहरमा मात्र सन् १९८८ मा लागु औषध दुर्व्यासनीहरूको रगत परिक्षण गर्दा ५५ प्रतिशतमा एचआईभी पोर्जेटिभ पाईएको थियो। तर पर्याप्त जनचेतनाका कारण लागुऔषध प्रयोगकर्ताहरूमा संक्रमण घट्दै गएको पाईएको छ। धरानमा कार्यारत क्विचु पुनर्जीवन केन्द्रका अनुसार २००३ मा न्यु एरा काठमाण्डौले र २००५ मा पुनर्जीवन केन्द्रले गरेको परिक्षणमा ३५ तथा ३६ प्रतिशतमा मात्र एचआईभी पोर्जेटिभ पाईएको थियो। (Page 6)



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Letters

Hi,

It was a shame that the unilateral ceasefire was not reciprocated by the government. True, the Maoists were using it for their own benefits, but wouldn't agreeing to a bilateral ceasefire have forced the Maoists to either maintain the deal or look like war mongers in front of the world? The ball was in the King's court, but everytime something major is about to happen, the King seems to be getting ready for a trip. He wasn't in Nepal when the Maoists and the parties joined forces and as the ceasefire deadline came to an end, he was on trip outside of Kathmandu. Is everyone just playing games here? I don't mind games, but please, not at the cost of the lives of Nepalis.

Binod KC

Hi,

I really do want to go back to Nepal and live and work there, not even do anything grand as such. But every day this idea seems more foolish. Not everyone has the ability to "do something" for the country. In fact, so many of us barely manage to do something for ourselves. But even when we hope to do whatever we can, even if it is for ourselves, in Nepal, those in the leadership of all parties fail us repeatedly.

A fragment of the Nepali Diaspora

Hello,

I was wondering where I can find the press statement about the end of the ceasefire by Maoist Chairman Prachanda.

Sarina, UK

Dear Sarina,

*Please check our report on page 14. You can also find it online at www.insn.org
NepA*

Namaste,

It's interesting and impressive to know that Nepali musicians are being chosen as goodwill ambassadors by UN related projects. Congratulations to Lochan Rizal.

Gaurav Shrestha, Nepal

Hi,

I would like to wish all my friends in the US a wonderful New Year.

Ramesh Shrestha, Thamel.

Hello,

It was interesting to find out about your paper. I hadn't realized that there would be a Nepali paper like this in New York. Congratulations and good luck to the team.

Ramesh Shrestha, Thamel.

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feedback and suggestions are
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देवराज राई

हडकडमा नेपाली भाषा, साहित्य र संस्कृतिको बलियो आधार स्तम्भ तयार पार्नकामिन्त हडकड कला मन्दिरको आयोजनामा यहाँ 'नेपाली भाषा साहित्य संस्कृति सप्ताह २००५' गत २५ दिसम्बरदेखि शुरु भएको छ । प्रत्येक वर्षको अन्तिम सप्ताह अर्थात दिसम्बर २५-३१ तारिखसम्मको अवधिलाई उत्सवको रूपमा मनाइने भएको छ ।

पहिलो पटक शुभारम्भ भएको यस कार्यक्रममा यस पटक दुई दिनमात्र कार्यक्रम गरिने भएको छ । पहिलो कार्यक्रम दिसम्बर २५ तारिख सम्पन्न भइसकेको छ भने आगामि ३१ दिसम्बरमा दोश्रो कार्यक्रम गरिने आयोजकले जानकारी दिएको छ ।

पहिलो दिन अर्थात गत २५ तारिख आइतावार का दिन हडकडमा रहेका साहित्यकारहरूको एक भेला नेपालीहरूको घनावस्ती रहेको युनलड टाउनहलमा सम्पन्न भएको छ । बिहान १० बजेदेखि दिउसोको ३ बजेसम्म संचालन भएको सो कार्यक्रममा नेपाली साहित्यका अधिइँदा धाराहरू, हडकडेली नेपाली साहित्य विषय संगोष्ठी, विश्व साहित्यका मोडहरू र



प्रकाश राई

अधिइँदा धाराहरू एवं फिल्म, संगीत, कला र साहित्यको पारस्परिक सम्बन्धहरूका बारेमा उपस्थित विद्वानहरूले चर्चा गरेका थिए ।

हडकडकै पृष्ठभूमिमा लेखिएका कथा, कविताहरूका बारेमा समेत टिप्पणी तथा समालोचना गरिएको उक्त कार्यक्रममा कथाकार राई चन्द्र दुमीले 'हडकडेली नेपाली साहित्य अन्तर्गत कथा विषयमा कार्यपत्र प्रस्तुत गर्नु भएको थियो । त्यस्तैगरी कमल प्रसाद पौडेलले 'हडकडेली नेपाली भाषाको वर्तमान स्तर र यसको भविष्य, शिव



प्रधानले 'हडकडेली नेपाली साहित्य अन्तर्गत गीतिकाव्यु चुरावाहादुर थापाले 'हडकडेली नेपाली साहित्यको उत्भव र विकास, किसन राईले 'हडकडेली नेपाली पत्रिकामा नेपाली साहित्य, नन्द राईले 'वर्तमान नेपाली भाषा र वर्णविन्यास, अशोक गहतराजले 'हडकडेली नेपाली जीवन र संस्कृति विषयमा कार्यपत्र प्रस्तुत गरेका थिए ।

विभिन्न सरकारी तथा निजी विद्यालयमा अध्ययनरत नेपाली विद्यार्थीहरूद्वारा कथा तथा कविताहरूको पाठ गरिएको सो कार्यक्रममा सम्पूर्ण नेपाली विद्यार्थीहरू आफ्ना जातिय भेषभुषामा उपस्थित भएका थिए । आकर्षक मञ्च सजावट एवं उल्लेख्यमात्रामा कवि लेखकहरू उपस्थित भएको सो कार्यक्रममा

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सप्ताह अन्तर्गतको दोश्रो तथा अन्तिम कार्यक्रम आगामी ३१ दिसम्बरका दिन युनलड थिएटरहलमा स्थानीय विद्यालयहरूमा अध्ययनरत सृजनशील नेपाली विद्यार्थीलाई समेटेर उनीहरूमा नेपाली भाषाको भाषिक सीप विकासबारे कार्यशिविर प्रस्तुत गरिने आयोजक समितिका अध्यक्ष एकराज राईले बताउनु भएको छ । कार्यक्रममा अमोद राई, देवराज राई, सुप्रिया गुरुड, ज्योति, संदेश, स्मृति, दिपा गुरुड लगायतकाहरूले आफ्नो ज्ञान खर्चिएका थिए ।

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and over the last four years has not only encouraged but also helped many young Nepali web designers to land jobs and learn more about their craft. Those interested can participate for the contest or find out more details about it online at the website "www.com.np". There is one catch though; in order to take part, you must be a 30- years old or younger Nepali living in Nepal.

New Nepali Community paper in Washington DC

Nepalis residing in Washington DC have launched a new community paper called Vishwa Sandesh. "We published our first issue on 31 De. 05. And though it is a monthly publication for now, we hope to make it a fortnightly and then eventually a weekly," said Hemanta Shrestha, one of the publishers. As for the content of the paper, "there is no fixed content as such. We are open to everything as long as it's not something biased," he told Nepali Aawaz. The price of the publication has also not

been decided yet. The first issue was distributed for free but the publishers are planning to sell the paper for \$0.25/ copy and \$20/year or \$40/2 years for subscribers. Much like this publication, Vishwa Sandesh prints articles and news in both Nepali and English. Another paper launched in New York last week, headed by a former Nepali Aawaz staff, has also adapted the same bilingual format.

Three Nepali students in Minnesota die in a car crash; funeral organised



Utsav Basnet, Bedji Kharel and Nishma Timilsina died in a car crash on 2 Jan.06.

4 Jan. 06. Minnesota. A two-car crash in the southern Minnesota state Highway 4 south of St. James has left three Nepali students dead yesterday. They have been identified as Utsav Basnet (19, male) and Bedji Kharel (20, female), both students at the South Minnesota State Uni. The third passenger in the vehicle was 20-year-old Nishma Timilsina. She had attended Marshall school last spring but was not currently enrolled there.

Funeral services for the three students will be held in Lakewood Cemetery, Minn., Minnesota.

All three were passengers in the car being driven by a 17-year-old American girl from Clarks Grove. The 4th passenger in the car at the time of

the accident and the driver have both been taken to the Mankato Hospital but their conditions were not known at the time this paper went to print.

According to the State Patrol of Mankato, the accident occurred when the car tried to make a U-turn from the right shoulder of the road. The 82-year-old man who was driving the other car is reported to be good condition at a Madelia hospital.

This is the second fatal car crash in the last 30 days involving Nepali students. In December 2005, Troy University student Varsha Pradhanand died when the car she was driving skid off the road and injured her head.

धरान उत्सव २०६२ सुरु

-अनुशील श्रेष्ठ, धरानमा

धरान उत्सव ०६२ का लागि अहिले पुरै धरान सहर भक्तिभकाउ भएर श्रृङ्गारिएको छ भने विविध औद्योगिक प्रदर्शनी र खानेकुराका २ सय २० स्टलहरू भानुचौक देखी छाता चौक सम्मको सडकमा रहेको छ ।

बेलायती उच्च पदक भिक्टोरिया क्रस विजेता भुतपुर्व गोर्खा सैनिक राम बहादुर लिम्बुले एक भव्य समारोहका बीच बुधवार देखी सुरु भएको तीन दिने धरान उत्सव २०६२ को समुद्घाटन गर्नुभयो ।

पुस २२ गते सम्म सञ्चालन हुने उत्सवको अवसरमा बुधवार धरानको भानु चौकमा एक करोड रुपैयाको लगानीमा निर्मित धरान घण्टाघर, भुक्तम्प स्मारक तथा ग्रीन पार्कको समेत उद्घाटन गरियो । हडकडमा रहेका धरान, धरान नगरवासी र नगर पालिका द्वारा निर्मित घण्टाघरको उद्घाटनपछी बुधवार देखीनै सर्वसाधारणको लागि प्रवेश खुल्ला गरिएको छ । घण्टाघर संगै जापानमा रहेका धरानेहरूको आर्थिक सहयोगमा २०४५ सालको भुक्तम्पमा परि दिवांगत भएका धरानेको सम्झनामा भुक्तम्प स्मारकको निर्माण गरिएको छ ।

बुधवारको समारोहमा हडकडको धरान घण्टाघर निर्माण तथा आर्थिक संकलन समीतिका संयोजक तेज बहादुर राईले धरान नगर पालिकाका सचिव दिवाकर वास्तोलालाई घण्टाघरको चावी हस्तान्तरण गर्नुभयो । सो अवसरमा बोल्नु हुँदै राईले विदेशमा रहेर पनि आफ्नो देश र ठाउका लागि केही गर्नुपर्छ भन्ने धारणा राखेर हडकडमा रहेका धरानवासीहरूले आफ्नो ठाँउको विकासका लागि घण्टाघर निर्माण गरेको बताउनुभयो । उहाँले आगामी दिनमा पनि हडकडबाट यस्तो सहयोग भईरहने बताउनुभयो ।

समारोहमा धरान उत्सव मुल आयोजक समीतिका संयोजक तथा घण्टाघर निर्माण तथा अनुगमन समीतिका संयोजक, पुर्व नगर प्रमुख मनोज कुमार मेयाङ्बोले जन सहभागीताका लागि देशकै नमुना सहर धरानका वासीन्दाले हडकड र जापानवासी धरानेको सहयोगमा अर्को उदाहरणिय काम गरेको बताउनुभयो । उहाँले धरानको विकासका लागि कुनै पार्टी र समुह नहेरी सामुहिक रुपमा सहकार्य गर्ने

धरानवासीको एकताकै कारणले आज धरान जन सहभागीतामा अग्रणी रहेको बताउनुभयो । समारोहमा बोल्दै धरान हडकड मञ्चका संस्थापक सचिव किसन राईले हडकडमा रहेका धरानवासीले आफ्नो ठाँउमा निर्माण गरेको घण्टाघर संगै अन्य विकासका कार्य समेत आगामी दिनमा गर्ने जानकारी दिनुभएको थियो ।

उद्घाटन समारोह अघि विविध जनजातीय सांस्कृतिक भाँकी सहितको विशाल न्यालीले नगर परिक्रमा गरेको थियो । आन्तरिक पर्यटनको नारासहित सुरु भएको धरान उत्सवको उद्घाटन समारोहमा आयोजकका तर्फबाट घण्टाघर तथा भुक्तम्प स्मारकका लागि सहयोग गर्ने चन्दादाताहरूलाई तथा धरान हडकड मञ्चबाट निर्माण तथा अनुगमन समीतिका पदाधिकारीहरूलाई प्रशंसा पत्र वितरण गरिएको थियो । सो अवसरमा सम्पूर्ण चन्दादाताहरूको नामावलीसहित निर्माण कार्यको आयव्यय र घण्टाघरबारे जानकारी लेखहरू समाहितको स्मारिकाको विमोचन गरिएको थियो ।

तीन दिने धरान उत्सवका क्रममा सडक उत्सव, जातीय पहिरन, गीत, नृत्य तथा खाना प्रदर्शनी, बहुभाषिक कवि गोष्ठी, फोटो तथा चित्रकला प्रदर्शनी, विविध साँस्कृतिक कार्यक्रम सञ्चालन भईरहेकाछन । पोखर का कलाकारहरूले लोक दोहोरी कार्यक्रम प्रस्तुत गरेकाछन भने उत्सवको अन्तिम दिन नाई मलाई केही चाहिँदैन चलचित्रको प्रदर्शन गरिने कार्यक्रम रहेको छ ।

धरान नगर पालिका, घण्टाघर निर्माण तथा अनुगमन समीतिको आयोजना, टुवोर्ग वियरको प्रायोजन तथा हिमालयन बैंकको सह प्रायोजन रहेको धरान उत्सवको प्रवर्द्धक नेपाल पर्यटन बोर्ड रहेको छ । उत्सव अवधिभरमा दुईलाख भन्दा बढी मानीसले अवलोकन गर्ने आयोजकहरूले बताएकाछन ।

Shabda: Nepali youth publication to launch in Canada

Initiated in 2005 by three young Nepali-Canadian women from Toronto, Shabda - which literally translates to "word" in English - is to be the first youth magazine of its kind in Canada. The magazine aims to promote intellectual activism amongst Nepali youth by giving them a platform to explore their creative, critical, and socio-political sides in writing. The magazine will be launched on January 14 th, 2006 at the University of Toronto. During the event, some of the writers will read their articles and discuss their inspiration for writing it. A short video capturing the vision and making of Shabda will also be screened. The final event of the evening will be a dance party. The \$10 entrance fee will give you access to the event as well as a copy of the first issue of Shabda. The magazine will be sold for \$7 in newsstands.



The cover of the first issue of Shabda.

एचआईभी एडस: समस्या संगै चेतनामाबृद्धि संक्रातहरूबाट रेडियोबाट एडसबारे चेतना

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एचआईभी एडसको प्रकोप नेपालको पूर्वी क्षेत्रमा समेत बढ्दो छ। सो रोगका कारण २००५ को जनवरी यता हाल सम्म २४ जनाको मृत्यु भईसकेको पाईएको छ।

पूर्वाञ्चलमा रहेका एचआईभी संक्रमितहरूको संस्थाहरूको सम्पर्कमा आएकाहरू मध्ये २ दर्जनको मृत्यु भएको हो भने सम्पर्कमै नआई मृत्यु हुनेहरू धेरै हुन सक्ने धरान पोर्जेटिभका अध्यक्ष तथा पूर्वाञ्चल समुहका सदस्य नरेशलाल श्रेष्ठ बताउछन्। चार वर्ष अघि राजधानी बाहिर पूर्वाञ्चलमा पहिलो पटक आफुलाई एचआईभी संक्रमण भएको सार्वजनिक गर्ने नरेशलाल अहिले पूर्वी क्षेत्रमा संक्रमितहरू संगठित बनेर जनचेतनामा सक्रिय भएको बताउछन्। उनका अनुसार पूर्वी क्षेत्रमा हाल १ सय ८५ जना संक्रमितहरू सम्पर्कमा रहेका छन्। ति मध्ये पूर्वाञ्चल भरीमा हालसम्म ३२ जना संक्रमित महिलाहरू रहेको तथ्यांकको देखाउँदछ।

धरान सहरमा मात्र सन् १९८८ मा लागु औषध दुर्व्यासनीहरूको रगत परिक्षण गर्दा ५५ प्रतिशतमा एचआईभी पोर्जेटिभ पाईएको थियो। तर पर्याप्त जनचेतनाका कारण लागुऔषध प्रयोगकर्ताहरूमा संक्रमण घट्दै गएको पाईएको छ। धरानमा कार्यान्त क्रियाचु पुनर्जीवन केन्द्रका अनुसार २००३ मा न्यु एरा काठमाण्डौले र २००५ मा पुनर्जीवन केन्द्रले गरेको परिक्षणमा ३५ तथा ३६ प्रतिशतमा मात्र एचआईभी पोर्जेटिभ पाईएको थियो।

पूर्वाञ्चलमा एचआईभी संक्रमितहरू संगठित हुने क्रममा अहिले राष्ट्रिय एचआईभी तथा एडस महासंघ नेपालको क्षेत्रीय सचिवालय पूर्वाञ्चल एचआईभी तथा एडस संघको स्थापना समेत भएको छ। संघको कार्यालयको गत मंसिर १३ गते प्रमुख क्रियाचु पुनर्जीवन केन्द्रमा निर्देशक कमल तिगोले उद्घाटन गर्नुभयो।

धरान पोर्जेटिभ समुह पूर्वाञ्चलमा खुलेको संक्रमितहरूको पहिलो संस्था हो। धरान पोर्जेटिभले संस्था विस्तार गर्ने क्रममा पूर्वाञ्चलभरी स.क्रमीतहरूलाई संगठित गर्ने काम गरेपछि अहिले पूर्वाञ्चल संग बनेको छ। संघका अध्यक्षमा एचआईभी संक्रमित अजित ताम्राकार रहेका छन्। सो संघ अन्तर्गत पूर्वाञ्चल भरिका एचआईभी संक्रमितहरूको सेवा दिने, जनचेतना दिने काम भने धरान

पोर्जेटिभले हेर्ने गरेको र इन्फर्मेसनको कामहरू चाहि पूर्वाञ्चल एचआईभी एडस संघले हेर्ने गरेको कुरा सो पोर्जेटिभ ग्रुपका अध्यक्ष नरेश श्रेष्ठ बताउछन्।



साथै उक्त संघको पूर्वाञ्चलभित्र आठवटा सहयोगी समूहहरू रहैका छन्। जसअन्तर्गत धरान पोर्जेटिभ समूह, नवकिरण प्लस विर टानगर, स्पर्श दमक, भापा प्लस, लाइफ लाइन प्लस, लवकुश आश्रम नवकिरण प्लस विर्तामोड भापा, इटहरी एकल महिला समूह, एमड पिएस मौरङ रहेका छन्।

बढ्दो संक्रमण रोक्नका लागि पूर्वी क्षेत्रमा पनि धेरै कार्यक्रमहरू सञ्चालन भईरहेका छन्। एचआईभी संक्रमित गर्भवती महिलाद्वारा कसरी सुरक्षित बच्चा जन्माउन सकिन्छ भन्ने सम्बन्धमा पी.एम.टी.सिटी.कार्यक्रमको बारेमा केन्द्रित रही धरानको वी.पी.को स्वा.वि. प्रतिष्ठानको डेन्टलको हलमा तीनदिने गोष्ठी हालै सम्पन्न भएको छ।

मंसिर १२ देखि १४ गतेसम्म सञ्चालन गरिएको सो गोष्ठीमा १ सय जना एचआईभी संक्रमित आमाहरूबाट जन्मेका ४० प्रतिशत बालबालिकालाई एचआईभी संक्रमण हुने तथ्यांकमा देखिएकोले उक्त प्रतिशतलाई कम

युनिसेफको संयुक्त आयोजनामा सम्पन्न सो तीनदिने गोष्ठीमा एनसिएससीका प्रतिनिधि रामक्रिपाल सिंह, युनिसेफका प्रतिनिधि बेकी थापा, निर्मला पोखेल, सबी लामा, डा.लोचना, डा. शिवराज समेतका प्रशिक्षकहरूले प्रशिक्षण दिनु भएको थियो।

सो गोष्ठीमा सहभागीहरूले आगामी दिनहरूमा एचआईभी/ एडस तथा पीएमटीसिटीको बारेमा आ-आफ्नो क्षेत्रबाट कटिबद्ध रूपमा काम गर्ने प्रतिबद्धता समेत व्यक्त गरेका थिए। उक्त गोष्ठीमा समुदायमा काम गर्ने संघसंस्थाका प्रतिनिधिहरू, स्वास्थ्यकर्मीहरू तथा सञ्चारकर्मीहरूको सहभागिता रहैको थियो।

पीएमटीसिटी कार्यक्रम अन्तर्गत थापाथली काठमाडौं स्थित मैटानिटी अस्पतालमा, पश्चिमाञ्चलमा नैपालगञ्ज र पूर्वाञ्चलमा वी.पी. प्रतिष्ठानमा संक्रमित गर्भवती महिलाहरूलाई नि:शुल्क स्वास्थ्य जाँच गर्ने कुरा प्रदान गर्दै आएको छ।

नेपालमा वर्षेनी ८० हजार महिलाहरू गर्भवती हुने र ती मध्ये १८ सय जना महिलाहरूमा एचआईभी पाइएको र ती संक्रमित महिलाहरूबाट जन्मिएका ४० प्रतिशत बच्चाहरू समेत एचआईभी संक्रमित पाइएको कुरा हालै युनिसेफले गरेको सर्वेक्षणले देखाएको छ।

अठारौं एडस दिवस (डिसेम्बर १) को अवसरमा 'एडस रोक्ने प्रतिबद्धता गरौं' भन्ने नाराका साथ पूर्वाञ्चल एचआईभी/एडस संघ, उप्का नेपाल, क्रियाचु, पुनर्जीवन केन्द्र, आम्दा नेपाल, एडाग धरान, नेपाल परिवार नियोजन संघ सुनसरी र नेपाल रेडक्रस सोसाइटीले विभिन्न कार्यक्रम सम्पन्न गरेका छन्।

सो अवसरमा उनीहरूले एचआईभी/एडसको जनचेतना फैलाउँदै कण्डम वितरण गरेका थिए। एडाग धरान अन्तर्गत किशौर किशौरी तथा युवायुवती समूहले 'पागल एडस' नामक सडक नाटक मञ्चन गरेका थिए। एचआईभी/ एडस लागेर मृत्यु हुनेहरूको सम्झनामा मैनवती बालैर विशेष कार्यक्रम समेत गरिएको थियो।

गरी २० प्रतिशतमा भन्नु नै सो पीएमटीसिटी प्रोग्रामको लक्ष्य रहेको कुरा प्रतिष्ठानका डा.वसुधा खनालले जानकारी दिनुभयो। साथै वहाँले संक्रमित आमाबाट जन्मेका शिशुलाई दिइनु पर्ने पौष्टिक तत्वका साथ कसरी हेर विचार गर्ने भन्ने सम्बन्धमा समेत बताउनु भएको थियो।

सोही कार्यक्रममा गाइनो विभागका विशेषज्ञ डा.वासुदेवले पीएमटीसिटी सम्बन्धमा धरानमा धेरै जनचेतनाको जरुरी रहेको बताउनु हुँदै संक्रमित आमाले बच्चा जन्माउने, नजन्माउने अधिकार आमामा नै भर पर्ने बताउनु भयो।

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एचआईभी संक्रमितहरू आफै रेडियो एड्कर को रूपमा जनचेतना मुलक कार्यक्रम प्रस्तुत गर्छन र कार्यक्रम उत्पादन गर्छन रेडियोका स्रोताहरूको एचआईभी/एड्स रोग बारेका जिज्ञाशा मेटाउछन ।

सुन्दै अनौठो लाग्न सक्छ तर विगत डेढ वर्ष देखि धरानका संक्रमितहरू मोहन सुनुवार र संगीता सुब्बाले रेडियो कार्यक्रम मार्फत स्थानीय सप्तकोशी एफ एममा आफ्नो आवाजको माध्यमबाट चेतना छरिरहेकाछन । आफ्नै पूर्व लागू औषध प्रयोगकर्ता श्रीमानबाट संगीता र साथीसंग लागू औषध लिदा साभा सुई प्रयोग गरेका कारण एचआईभी संक्रमित हुन पुगेका मोहन रेडियो कार्यक्रम प्रस्तोता भई एचआईभी संक्रमितहरूको अधिकारमा आधारित रेडियो कार्यक्रम नयाँ गोरेटो मार्फत जनचेतना दिने गर्छन् ।

“जिन्दगीको कुनै मोडमा अञ्जानमै म एचआईभी संक्रमित हुन पुगे, कतै तपाई पनि भूलवश साथीहरूको लहैलहैमा लागेर लागू औषध प्रयोगकर्ता र एचआईभी संक्रमित त हुन लागिरहनु भएको छैन?” भनी उनीहरू रेडियो मार्फत यस्तै सुमार्गमा लाग्ने अनि जनचेतनामूलक कार्यक्रम प्रस्तुत गर्ने गर्छन् । एक्सन एडका सवाल प्रमुख प्रवोध देवकोटाका अनुसार एचआईभी संक्रमितहरू यसरी आफै रेडियो एड्करको रूपमा समाजमा प्रस्तुत भएको यो दक्षिण एशीया कै पहिलो हो ।



विजयपुर मीडिया नामक युवा पत्रकारहरूको समुहले संगीता र मोहन लार्थ रेडियो प्रस्तोता र रेडियो पत्रकारिता सम्बन्धि प्रशिक्षण दिएर कार्यक्रम उत्पादन गर्न सहयोग गर्दै आएकाछन ।

किरात याक्थुड चुम्लुङ्ग पुनर्जीवन केन्द्रको आयोजना, एक्शन एड नेपाल, धरान नगर पालिका, दमक नगपालिका तथा जिल्ला विकास समिति सुनसरीको संयुक्त सहयोगमा विजयपुर मीडिया गुपको संयोजनमा विगत डेढ वर्षअघिदेखि सञ्चालन हुँदै आएको यस रेडियो कार्यक्रममा कहिले उनीहरू अञ्जानमै एचआईभी संक्रमित बन्न पुगेकाहरूको आत्म कथा, चेतनामूलक कविता, कहिले

एचआईभी/एड्स सम्बन्धमा काम गर्ने व्यक्तिहरूको अन्तर्वार्ता लिएर हरेक विहीवार बेलुकी साढे सात बजेदेखि साढे आठबजेसम्म सप्तकोशी एफएमको एकसय पाँच दशमलव छ मेगाहर्जबाट सुमार्गमा लाग्ने सल्लाह दिन्छन् ।

एचआईभी संक्रमित महिलाहरूलाई समाजले मात्र नभएर आफ्नै परिवारले समेत भेदभावको दृष्टिले हेरी लान्छना लगाउने गरेको कुरा संगीता र मोहन बताउछन बताउछन् । भन्छन्-“ संक्रमितहरूलाई समाजले अझै पनि सहज रूपमा लिन सकेका छैनन । श्रीमानद्वारा संक्रमित बन्न पुगेका महिलाहरूलाई सासुले आफ्नो बुहारीको चरित्रमाथि औंला उठाई नकरात्मक दृष्टिले हेर्ने गर्दछन् । त्यस्ता

नकरात्मक सोचाई भएकाहरूलाई यस रेडियो कार्यक्रमले चेतना फैल्याउने काम गरेको छ ।”

समाजमा रहेका जति पनि संक्रमितहरू छन् । उनीहरूलाई पनि रोजगारमूलक अवसरहरू प्रदान गर्न सके उनीहरू पनि समाजमा खुलेर आउने हौसला मिल्ने उनीहरू बताउछन । -“एचआईभी संक्रमितहरू पनि यही समाजका नागरिक हुन् तसर्थ उनीहरूलाई पनि अन्य नागरिक सरह यही समाजमा खुलेर बस्न पाउने अधिकार हुनुपर्छ ।” उनिहरूले भने । क्रियाचु पुनर्जीवन केन्द्रको पुनर्स्थापना केन्द्रबाट पुनर्जीवन पाएकाहरूमध्ये एचआईभी संक्रमित पनि भएकाले रेडियो कार्यक्रम मार्फत जनचेतना अभिवृद्धि गर्न संक्रमित तथा प्रभावितहरूको वकालत गर्ने काम संक्रमितहरूद्वारा नै क्रियाचु पुनर्जीवन केन्द्रले परिचालित गर्दै आएको कुरा सौ केन्द्रका निर्देशक कमल तिगैला बताउनु हुन्छ ।

विजयपुर मीडिया गुपका अध्यक्ष यात्रा थुलुङ यस कार्यक्रमले कार्यक्रम प्रस्तोताद्वय संगीता र मोहनको जीवनमा निकै परिवर्तन आएको बताउछन । भन्छन्-“ रेडियो कार्यक्रमले उनीहरूको क्षमता र व्यक्तित्वको विकाससंगै संक्रमितहरूको हक र अधिकारको बारेमा समेत कुराहरू सम्बन्धित निकाय र सरोकार वालाहरू समक्ष पुऱ्याउन महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका खेल्दै आएको छ ।”

Nepalis celebrate Tamu Lochhar in Boston



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On 2 January '06, Nepalis in Boston got together to celebrate the Tamu Lochhar party. Lochhar (Losar) is the New Years celebration for many ethnic groups in Nepal and is celebrated based on the Lunar calendar. For the Gurungs, it falls on the 15th of the Nepali month Poush. This year's celebration in Boston is just a prelude to Tamu Lochhar celebrations all over the world including

New York (7 Jan. 06) in the US, and Sydney (7 Jan.06) and Melbourne (8 Jan.06) in Australia. The Boston event featured several cultural performances by the troupe from New York. Amongst other things, there was a Gurung Nach, a speech from the President of the community, a Dohori, live band and a raffle draw.

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Target: Kathmandu

With the government refusing to reciprocate, the Maoists end their extended 4 month unilateral ceasefire and prepare to begin a guerilla campaign in and around the Nation's capital city Kathmandu.

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Left: Central Kathmandu and the parade ground. Right: Maoists have said they will march into Kathmandu should the King play foul with political parties and civil society.

The ceasefire

As three bombs exploded near simultaneously in the western towns of Pokhara, Butwal and Bhairawa on 2 Jan. 06, hours after the Communist Party of Nepal (Maoist) declared their four month ceasefire over, citizens across the country shuddered fearing of the heightened warfare that now seems inevitable in this new year. Despite repeated calls by bodies like the UN and many rights groups, the Nepali government headed by the King himself since 1 Feb. 05, refused to reciprocate the ceasefire. Instead, a little over a week before the ceasefire was to end, the Royal Nepalese Army launched it's biggest yet operation in the Maoist heartland Rolpa.

A press statement by the UN said it regretted that "appeals from the people of Nepal and the international community have not been heeded". Here is a quick recap of the ceasefire that was.

2 September '05: CPN (Maoist) declare a 3- month- ceasefire as the always do for the Dasain and Tihar festival. Citizens, Rights groups and International community hopes the Government reciprocates but are disappointed.

Mid-November '05: CPN (Maoist) and the agitating 7 Party Alliance sign a 12 point MoU in Delhi; though many things remain vague and unclear in the MoU, it is generally accepted as a

start of something good in the political deadlock in Nepal.

2 December '05: CPN (Maoist) extend the ceasefire for one more month. The government continues to ignore pleas of reciprocating the ceasefire.

Late December '05: RNA launches its' biggest operation yet in the Maoist heartland Rolpa. According to reports, 25 companies of soldiers, one from each battalion in the country, were deployed for the operation coordinated by RNA's mid-western headquarters in Surkhet.

1 January '05: One day before the ceasefire deadline ends, King Gyanendra and Queen Komal leave for a 3 week tour of Eastern Nepal.

2 January '05: The unilateral ceasefire ends with no reciprocation from the King's government. Later that day, bombs explode in Pokhara, Butwal and Bhairawa (Western Nepal). No casualties were reported.

3 January '05: In Taplejung (Eastern Nepal) King Gyanendra assures people about the coming peace and stability in the country. In Pokhara (western Nepal), four bombs, including one at a Deputy Superintendent of Police's residence, explodes. One man was injured and taken to the hospital for treatment.

Death toll during the ceasefire:

2 September - 2 December '05: During the Maoist called Ceasefire, a total of 75 Nepalis were killed in the conflict; 62 by the security forces and 13 by the Maoists. (Informal Sector Service Center (INSEC) report).

The number of people killed in the conflict dropped to four a week from about 30 a week before September." (Nepali Times, #279)

Target Kathmandu

The CPN (Maoist) haven't been shy about declaring their plans to attack the capital city Kathmandu. And in the last several years, the city has lived through it's moments of fear and anxiety about the impending attack. Late 2003 and a good part of 2004 was perhaps Kathmandu's closets brush with the People's Liberation Army (Maoist) when bomb threats became a regular affair and actual explosions a dangerous reality in the city.

After earning some goodwill and mending public relations during the extended 4- month ceasefire, and clearly building their strength during the time, the Maoists have decided not to wait for the government to reciprocate. "The government continued its military operation even during the period of unilateral ceasefire," wrote Maoist supremo Prachanda in the press statement declaring the end of the ceasefire.

Few weeks ago, the Maoists invited a selected group of journalists for a mass gathering in their stronghold district of Rukum. There they declared their plans for 2006; should the political process fail, the Maoists will naturally resort to guerilla warfare. Now that the ceasefire has expired, the Maoists from both Eastern and Western regions of Nepal are already on the move to surround Kathmandu valley. They also made it clear to the journalists that should the King play foul with the parties and the civil society, the People's Liberation Army (Maoist) will march onto the city.

Red February

The Maoists also have a reason to show power and force in the coming month; February marks their People's Movement's 10th Anniversary while 1 Feb. will mark the 1st Anniversary of the King's take over and on 8 Feb. the king's government plans to hold Municipal elections. It is no secret that many of their militiamen have either lost faith in the war or are low on morale. Many have even run away from their companies to become armed robbers. The RNA's PR office and the state media have also repeatedly reported news about Maoists surrendering to the State, some of which are true and others government propaganda. So for the Maoists, a show of their force in Kathmandu could mean a huge morale boost. But a decision to return to war, as well as the decision to not reciprocate a ceasefire, or take the help of a third party of peace negotiations, all means a huge loss of lives and continued bloodshed and instability in the country.

Death toll after King Gyanendra's take over on 1 February 05 - 30 November '05

861: Number of people killed by the State. **482:** Number of people killed by the CPN (Maoist).

Death toll related to the Maoist movement between 13 February '96 - 30 November '05

8,283: Number of people killed by the State. **4,582:** Number of people killed by the CPN (Maoist). **12,865:** Total number of people killed.

(Death toll source: INSEC)

The ceasefire overview

The Maoists: Abducted 8,777 people, forced school closures affecting 30,000 students, looted money and medicine*.

Security Forces: Intensified their activities, arrested citizens many of whom "disappeared", charged 214 people from 35 districts of being a Maoist and re-arrested 36 of them

despite the court's order to release them*.

*Published by rights group Informal Sector Service Center (INSEC) in their report "Three Months of Ceasefire - An Assessment of Human Rights Situation during the Unilateral Ceasefire by CPN (Maoist) in Nepal"

Interview with Ambassador Madhu Raman Acharya

Ambassador Madhu Raman Acharya, Permanent Mission to the United Nations, spoke to Nepali Aawaz about the ceasefire, Nepal's foreign relations and the King and his vision for the country.

A few months ago, Foreign Minister Ramesh Nath Pandey was here on a strong public relations campaign to garner international support for the current government. What has been the outcome of that so far?

The diplomatic exercise of His Majesty's Government, including the trips by the Foreign Minister, has considerably helped the international community to understand the situation in Nepal, especially after February 1, 2005. In a broad sense of the term, there is a general support to the government, because you don't see enemies of Nepal around. A few of our friends may be suggesting a few things differently than we are pursuing regarding the situation in Nepal because they are just anxious to see the fruits of the policies of His Majesty's Government sooner that later. That does not mean that they do not support Nepal. The international community is aware of His Majesty the King's commitment to re-energize the multi-party democratic institutions through municipal and parliamentary elections and efforts to free Nepal's young democracy from threats of terrorism and corruption. The international community is already assisting Nepal in the execution of various development projects. A constructive engagement has begun in the field of human rights, especially after the establishment of a UN human rights office. The policy of support and engagement has been aptly demonstrated by several bilateral visits of high officials between Nepal and the respective countries.

Was your office aware about the meetings that took place in Delhi [mid Nov. 05] when the agitating party leaders and the Maoist leaders met there?

No, not officially. But you cannot remain ignorant of developments relating to your country's situation. Just as you

learned it, I did too, through my informal sources that political activities were taking place outside Nepal.

Why didn't the government reciprocate the unilateral ceasefire declared by the Maoist?

As far as I understand, no proposal was put forward to the government for an agreed ceasefire. The fact that it was "unilateral" suggests that it was meant to outsmart the government and it was not intended for a genuine and lasting peace. If there was a genuine overture for an agreed ceasefire with a view to arriving at the lasting solution of the existing problems in the country, I am confident that His Majesty's Government would have taken the opportunity seriously and positively. You know the unilateral ceasefire was meant to be broken at convenience, demonstrated by the continued armed activities during the ceasefire as well as the escalation of the violence abruptly ending the unilateral ceasefire a few days ago, just when it was required most for the holding of municipal elections, an exercise in the sovereign rights of the people.

India was host of the meetings between the agitating parties and the Maoists and they are also supplying arms to the Nepali military. And 2 weeks ago the Indian government encroached more land in Eastern Kailai of Nepal.

As independent and sovereign countries, neither country has any direct role in the internal politics on either side. But because there is an open border and there are common problems such as that of terrorism, it is in the interest of the both countries to have a solution to problems in Nepal so that it does not harm our traditionally friendly bilateral relations and our long-term interests. Because of an open border situation, India's support and understanding is critical for the success of any proposal to put an end to violence and illegal armed activities in Nepal. The framework of cooperation also includes military to military cooperation between the two countries. I doubt if the Indians were officially hosting the kind of meetings you suggest, though it cannot be ruled out that they did not know about it. Regarding any reported encroachment, the two sides need to work through established mechanisms for resolving such issues like we have frequently in the past.

How important is it to continue supplying more arms to the Nepali military to end this political crisis?

The Royal Nepalese Army has excellent

relations with its counterparts in neighboring countries and beyond. I think the supply of arms to a professional military should be kept out of politics, though there is no denying that you cannot solve a political crisis solely by military means. There has to be a political solution, which His Majesty's Government fully subscribes to. But all sides will have to be ready to make political compromises acceptable to all, something which is not happening at the moment. To end the crisis, you need a political strategy, which the government is pursuing. It is understandable that there will be no solution purely with weapons, but in order to bring those who challenge the state using violence to the negotiating table, you must have a military edge.

The US government had publicly refused to support the King's government deeming it undemocratic. But they have also sought Nepal's support for the changes they want to make in the UN and in the past regularly helped Nepal secure

loans and grants from organisations such as the World Bank and IMF, and given the RNA a lot of military hardware support. What is the US government's stand with the Nepali government right now?

As far as I understand, the objectives of the policy of the US government and that of His Majesty the King are the same: to protect Nepal's young democracy from terrorism, corruption and bad governance, to see a more stable and developed Nepal. There may be some differences on the speed and methods of achieving these objectives. Their policy on arms supply is also based on these perceived differences. Nepal, like the United States, wants reforms in the United Nations, so our interests match there. We can work with the US government for a mutually beneficial framework of relations, including in solving Nepal's problems and supporting each other bilaterally and internationally. I am regularly in touch with US Permanent Representative John Bolton on issues of our mutual interest at the United Nations.

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King Gyanendra, lead, follow or get out of the way

PARMENDRA BHAGAT

The king and his men thought, okay, so the Maoists are in Rolpa. If we can have army folks in the surrounding districts, and then drop a few thousand troops into Rolpa from the air, we got all bases covered.

These people, they are militarists, ideologically speaking, but they are not smart militarists.

The Maoists are not in Rolpa. They are in all 75 districts.

When the experts say there is no military solution to the civil war, they are right. They are not experts for no reason. Even if there were a military solution, a political solution is preferable. But it is not really a choice.

The Maoists have done their homework. They have managed to expose all the chinks in the 1990 constitution. They have managed to show the monarchy's true face. They have brought the RNA to a standstill. No matter how many more troops the RNA hires, how many helicopters it buys, that military stalemate will still hold. Why? Because the Maoists do not fight a traditional war. Theirs is a war of a fundamental asymmetry. You send troops into Rolpa, and you get bomb blasts in Pokhara, Butwal and Bhairahwa. And these are just warning shots.

If Prachanda and Baburam were to feel they are getting personally targeted, maybe they will make an attempt on the king himself, and perhaps on Pyar Jung. So far both sides have refrained from going to that deep end. The Maoists

might opt for suicide bombers if pushed into a corner.

I am not suggesting ideas to the Maoists. I am thinking up possible scenarios based on information that any average news reading person can glean from wars in other parts of the world. My analysis is not particularly sophisticated, it is basic.

Through their warning shots, the Maoists have sent their message that they are not cornered in Rolpa. They are not holed up.

"The party controls the gun," the Maoists like to say. These are primarily political creatures. The gun has always been secondary to them. They ask to be dealt with politically. There is no

“ Seeking a political solution and surrendering are two different things.”

other way to deal with them.

The king and the RNA can realize that now, or they can wait until 5,000 or 10,000 more lives are lost. But I don't believe they even have that option.

If the king were to kickstart the stalled civil war, and 500 more lives are lost to that, the country is going to erupt. And the king is going to bear the brunt of that eruption. This man is playing with fire. He is holding the country hostage to an archaic ideology called monarchism.

He is pushing himself to a corner.

The Maoists blasted bombs in three towns. Do you think they could do it in 30 towns? Do you think they could do it on larger scales? I think the answer to both questions is yes.

I am not suggesting let us surrender. First, there is no "us." The people in power are not part of my "us." Second, my primary point all along has been that I agree with the experts, there is no military solution, so let's not even try.

Seeking a political solution and surrendering are two different things.

I am for a constituent assembly. If the Maoists are also for it, then all the glory to them. I am not for a constituent

assembly because the Maoists are for it. We just happen to have common ground.

The beauty of the idea of seeking a political solution is that most of the details have already been worked out. Where else on earth have you seen that happen?

If the Maoists were going to go on the offensive anyways, I am glad they caused some minor damage to a few buildings. No lives have been lost. They

did not attack some RNA installation.

They proved their point without any loss of lives on either side.

The Nepali people are watching. The Nepali people understand.

The Nepali people are smarter than the king, and the RNA. The Nepali people are smarter than the seven party alliance. The Nepali people are smarter than the Maoists. And they are watching. The Nepali people know exactly what the king is upto. This is cold hearted power play on his part: power for the sake of power, autocratic power, archaic, monarchical power.


The seven party alliance is in the lead. The alliance has a roadmap. The king has the option to try and negotiate some within that framework. But he does not have the option to reject the alliance outright.

The king's time is passe.

The train of people power is on its way.

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Music Dot Com logs in 2 new albums

Sunil Bardewa has released his second album *Mero Guitar* from Music dot com. The album contains eight pop rock ballads, including the single "Bihanima" which has been nominated for the Best Pop Vocal Performance (Male) category in this year's 9th Hits FM Music Awards which will be held later this month.



Similarly Music Dot Com also released new talent Mingma Sherpa's debut album *Feel*. According to Rajesh Banshal of Music Dot Com,

Mingma Sherpa is one of the five "new talents" in his label's roster. Dot Com has already released new artist Rajiv Lohani's album earlier this year.

Nepathya's new album and concert for street children



ANUP PRAKASH

Nepathya's front man Amrit Gurung during a charity event last year.

Nepathya has released their latest album "Ghatana". The title track is a tribute to the violent Maoist insurgency related incident that took place in Mainapokhari. It is 22 minutes long. There are five tracks in this album released by Music Nepal.

The band also recently put up a show for underprivileged children in Kathmandu. More than 600 street children came to watch the free concert held at the premises of Child

Protection Centers and Services. This is the second such show in a series started by the band's management Nepa-Laya on 23 Dec. 05, when they performed in-front of about 500 street children. Norwegian ambassador Tora Toreng also made it to this latest event.

Nepathya has re-emerged as a music giant in Nepal in the last 3 years. They also recently wrapped up a nation wide tour and a their Tour De' Europa in late 2005.

2005's last big bang



KASHISH DAS SHEESTHA

Nirnaya da NSK performing with Mausami at a different show last year.

Ritesh Criss organized the last big concert of 2005 in Tudikhel on 31st of December to mark the occasion of Crown Prince Paras' 31st Birthday. Sabin Rai, Preeti Kaur, Nirnaya da NSK, Sugam Pokharel, Madzone, Nepsydaz', etc. performed in front of an audience of approximately 20,000 people.

New Nep-hop artist from Taal



Taal Music has released Apar Gurung's self-title debut album. The 17-year-old Nep-Hop artist has featured Mausami Gurung, Prashna Shakya and Mary in four of his songs.

You can watch his music videos and listen to samples of his song at www.taalmusic.com.np

Dibya Subba now with a band

Situ Digital's new talent Dibya Subba, who released his debut album Prath three months ago, has found himself a band. The artist's single "Paschatap" has found success in music charts across the country. His new band will be called "Dibya Subba and Nakshyatra". They are scheduled to do their first show next month in Kathmandu. Dibya is also getting ready to shoot his second music video, this time for the song "Yaad Haru."

Shreeking in town

Shreeking was in town for his winter vacation from Pune this month. The singer made time for quite a few interviews and a few small gigs. His debut "Chapter I: Juzz Playing" was released by Samjhana Audio Video. The song "Choko Maya" featuring Naren of "Aastha" is doing pretty good.



NEPAL: The movie that is set to cause a sensation in the Nepali Film Industry

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Look out for an exclusive on Sudamshu Joshi and Nepal in our next issue of Nepali Aawaz!

Kathmandu countdown: A round up of the capital's hottest songs

Hits Countdown, Hits FM 91.2 (30 Dec. 05) 2PM Hitlist, Kantipur FM 96.1 (31 Dec. 05)



ANUP PRAKASH



KASHISH DAS SHRESTHA

Left: DJ Raju in #1 in the Hits Countdown; Right: Chitwan's rockers Shadows are #1 in Kantipur's 2PM Hitlist.

1	Song: Chyangba Hoi Chyangba Artist: DJ Raju feat. Mausami Gurung and Kranti Ale Position last week 1
2	Song: Timro Maan Ko Dailo Artist: Sugam Pokharel Position last week 2
3	Song: Ma Sansar Jitne Artist: Sabin Rai Position last week 3
4	Song: Paschataap Artist: Dibya Subba Position last week 5
5	Song: Aangaloma Artist: Riza Upreti Position last week 5

1	Song: Prakirti Artist: The Shadows Position last week 1
2	Song: Paschataap Artist: Dibya Subba Position last week 3
3	Song: Saya Janma Artist: Sugam Pokharel Position last week 3
4	Song: Ma Sansaar Jitne Artist: Sabin Rai Position last week 4
5	Song: Chyangba Hoi Chyangba Artist: DJ Raju Feat. Kranti Ale and Mausami Gurung Position last week 8



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Pop star Nima Rumba performs at last year's Hits FM Music Awards.
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passport.

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age or general ID. This way, you don't have to carry your passport when you travel domestic in the US.

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The end of the unilateral ceasefire and the world's reaction

Communist Party of Nepal (Maoist) Central Committee



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The period of one month's ceasefire extended after three months, on the behalf of our party, has also been over. Our party would like to express its heartfelt gratitude to the entire pro-democracy and pro-peace forces who have welcomed and supported the ceasefire, in and outside of the country, for it has taken up a responsible initiative for a peaceful and forward-looking political way out for the civil war with the conviction of multiparty democracy. In the meantime, a 12-point understanding between our party and seven parliamentary political parties, for a movement of democracy and peace, has been achieved and the people have ratified this. Amid this, our party has carried

out very positive interaction on our understanding and conviction towards democracy and peace with different international institutions, organizations and forces including the UNO and a number of understandings have been built around it.

As a result of the aforesaid new situation, extensive requests had been made from in and outside of the country to the feudal autocratic royal power to return back to democracy and peace with a positive response to the ceasefire. But, the royal state, exhibiting terrible feudal obstinacy and totalitarianism, remained stuck in persevering with military terror against the country and people. The royal army that had been killing unarmed cadres in its custody in the different places of the country including Palpa and Morang during the first three months killed, at the last phase, up to comrade Kim Bahadur Thapa (Sunil), a popular leader of our party by an air attack. In the later one-month period, the so-called royal army, exhibiting more fascist character, at the last, going through Nagarkot massacre, has been adventuring to maintain a reign of terror against the people in the name of military operation in Rolpa, and barbarous acts like looting of people's shops and blazing houses are being carried on. In the same manner, the royal army has already come forward with a strategy of carrying out land and air attack by encircling the detachments of our People's Liberation Army, which has been in a defensive situation all across the country now.

This ground reality clarifies our obligation that we have to go into offensive, by calling off ceasefire, not only for people's democracy and peace against the feudal autocracy but also for the self-defense of the People's Liberation Army. We deeply understand and honour the appeal made by the institutions including the UNO and EU to extend the ceasefire. Likewise, we also understand and admire the request made by peace-loving institutions within the country and Nepali Congress (Democratic), one of the constituents of agitating seven political parties, in the context of its convention, to extend the ceasefire. But, in the backdrop of aforesaid fascistic new activities of the royal army, we request to take seriously the reality that it has been not only impossible for us to extend, despite our wish, the ceasefire but also is going to become suicidal to do so and appeal to all to raise voice forcefully against this situation. With this appeal, we declare that the ceasefire of our party has been called off.

What we want to clarify here is that our forthcoming military actions will be targeted against the autocratic royal power only. For an immediate sense, our military actions will be targeted upon the royal army and its hired informers that are going to stage a drama of so-called municipality election aimed at covering up their autocracy. Also we want here to repeat our conviction that we will assist as far as possible the peaceful movement of seven political parties and contribute to advancing forward the 12-point understanding

to our capacity. Here we want also to clarify that if the process of making the people sovereign through the election of interim government and constituent assembly by means of a broad national political convention or round table conference is ascertained, our party will remain prepared to contribute for a peaceful political way out by calling off ceasefire at any point. But, if the terrorist acts of the autocratic feudal elements like Gyanendra-Paras and their military gang that had brought the last negotiation to a break by means of the Dorambha massacre and call off of the present ceasefire by Rolpa operation continue we would like to repeat our determination to continue fighting till the end in favor of Nepal and Nepalese people. In the present context when, Nepalese people's emancipation has been seen impossible without raising guns against those of feudal autocracy, there is no other alternative than creating a storm of peaceful and armed movement. Therefore, our party strongly appeals the broad masses to unite with the goal of wiping out forever the feudal autocratic monarchy for the sake of democracy, peace and progress. Right to rebel against the feudal atrocity is the biggest human right of the Nepalese people at present. Hence, we appeal the UNO, international community and the world masses to honour and support this right.

January 02, 2006
Prachanda
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Commission supports restoration of peace and democracy in Nepal

Brussels, 3 January 2006

The European Commission is underlining its support to restore peace and democracy to Nepal by providing €12 million in assistance to address human rights issues and to contribute to a settlement of the conflict. €4 million has been approved for a 'conflict mitigation' project that will strengthen the National Human Rights Commission and the Supreme Court. This will increase the institutional capacity to protect people's rights and to uphold the rule of law in the conflict-affected country. The funding will also help provide legal support to those who need it, through the Nepal Bar Association. An additional €5 million is being allocated to an international human rights monitoring mission. This will raise awareness of, and capacity to implement, national and international humanitarian law, and provide an independent investigation into any abuses of human rights. The monitoring mission, which will rely on over 100 international and local observers, based throughout the country, is supported by the international community and will be managed by the UN Office for the High Commissioner for Human Rights.

Benita Ferrero-Waldner, European Commissioner for External Relations and European Neighbourhood policy, said: "To break the cycle of escalating violence in Nepal, it is essential that we boost human rights – and end impunity for those who commit human rights abuses. Today's announcement shows the EU is committed to help pave the way for a brighter future for the country."

The three-year project on conflict mitigation is part of the overall strategy to support peace, rule of law and human rights in Nepal and is part of the 2004 European Commission (EC) Co-operation Agreement signed with His Majesty's Government of Nepal. The project links concerns about the political and security situation with initiatives to promote improved respect for human rights. Judicial reform and improvement in access to legal representation will also be encouraged. It will be underpinned by a Financing Agreement signed between the EC and the Nepal government. An international technical assistance team will support the National Human Rights

Commission, The Nepal Bar Association, and the Supreme Court in implementing the project.

The human rights monitoring mission is being managed by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) and governed by a Memorandum of Understanding signed between OHCHR and His Majesty's Government of Nepal. The mandate of OHCHR in Nepal is to monitor the observance of the human rights and international humanitarian law, with a view to advising the authorities in Nepal of the formulation and implementation of policies, programmes and measures for the promotion and protection of human rights in Nepal. Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, the Netherlands, Sweden and the UK are also backing the monitoring mission with generous contributions on top of the EC funding. Canada, US, Switzerland and Norway are also contributing.

New Delhi, India

January 2, 2006

In response to a question on the withdrawal of ceasefire by the Maoists in Nepal the Official Spokesperson said:

"This is an unfortunate decision. We have consistently called upon the Maoists to abandon the path of violence and terror, accept the discipline of multi-party democracy, and work for a political settlement that contributes to the political stability and economic prosperity of Nepal."

US Government

January 3, 2006

The United States is deeply concerned by the Maoists' announcement January 2 ending their unilateral cease-fire. We condemn the Maoist bombings of government office buildings outside Kathmandu.

The United States has consistently called upon the Maoists to abandon violence and rejoin the political mainstream. The end of the cease-fire

at this time is unhelpful and contrary to that goal. There can be no excuse for the resumption of violence.

We urge the government to urgently reach out to the political parties and find a way back to democracy in order to restore peace to Nepal. A multi-party democracy with full respect for civil liberties and human rights is necessary to bring lasting peace to Nepal.

UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan.

30 December 2005

The Secretary-General is seriously concerned that fighting could escalate in Nepal after the four-month-old unilateral ceasefire declared by the Communist party of Nepal (Maoist) (CPN-M) expires on 2 January 2006. He deeply regrets that despite the appeal of so many national and international voices, including his own, no progress appears to have been made towards a mutually agreed truce between the Government of Nepal and the CPN-M.

The people of Nepal have benefited from the de-escalation of violence in the last four months and they would bear the brunt of a renewal in fighting. In the interest of peace and the welfare of civilians throughout the country, the Secretary-General therefore reiterates his strong appeal to the Government of Nepal to reciprocate the ceasefire and to the CPN-M to extend its unilateral ceasefire. The United Nations stands ready to assist in the realization of this objective should the parties so desire.

Public service announcement.

In the last 4 weeks we have witnessed the loss of 4 young Nepali students here in the US, twice due to car accidents and once when attacked by criminals.

On behalf of the Nepali diaspora, Nepali Aawaz expresses it's deepest condolences to the friends and families of **Varshana Pradhanand, Shekhar Regmi, Utsav Basnet, Bedji Kharel** and **Nishma Timilsina**. The untimely demise of these young students who travelled far away from home with hopes to one day reach their dreams is indeed most devastating and unfortunate. Our prayers are with you.

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Sports Update

National Wrestling C'ship
Nepal Wrestling Association will be organizing the Sixth National Wrestling Championship from January 18 to 21 in Birgunj's Narayani Stadium. The event will serve as the selection event for the upcoming international wrestling events including the 10th South Asian Games.

Friendly cricket

Cricket Association of Nepal (CAN) defeated Nepal Sports Journalists Forum (NSJF) by 61 runs in a friendly cricket match held at TU Stadium on the occasion of the 35th birthday of Crown Prince Paras. Batting first, CAN XI accumulated 216 runs losing seven wickets in their accumulated 30 overs.

Opener Samson Thapa top-scored with 62 runs, while Kiran Rana scored 50 runs. For NSJF, Nabin Aryal and Shreelochan Rajopadhyay took two wickets each, while Ritesh Rijal and Binod Pandey claimed one apiece. In reply, NSJF had a flying start with Devendra Subedi and Ujjwal Acharya putting on 92 runs for the opening stand, but other batsmen failed to reach the double figure mark and slipped from 92-0 to 155/8 in 30 overs. Subedi was the top-scorer for the NSJF with 59 runs including eight fours, while Acharya hit three fours in his 24. For CAN, Arun Satyal and Srinivas Rana took two wickets each.

Dr Thakur Nath Panta Memorial Inter-college Cricket Tournament

Capital College and Research Center crushed Kathmandu Engineering College by nine wickets in the last quarter-final match at the Dr Thakur Nath Panta Memorial Inter-college Cricket Tournament held at local Tundikhel grounds. KEC made 56 runs in the 15.2 overs and CCRC chased the total in just 6.4 overs losing only one wicket. CCRC's decision to bat first backfired as it was bundled out for a paltry 56 runs with only Amit reaching double figures. Dharendra and Sharadha took three wickets each while paceman Mahaboob Alam claimed two. Ashish and Sanjam also picked one wicket each.

Pawan Das top-scored with unbeaten 27 off 22 balls for CCRC. His innings included six boundaries. Mahaboob Alam hit five boundaries in his quick fire 21 off five deliveries before being bowled by Sanjeev. Alam was adjudged the man of the match. CCRC has thus entered the semifinals.

10th Father Moran Cup

With the help of Sushil Rumba's two goals, hosts St Xavier's School of Godavari defeated Little Angel's School 3-1 in the final of the 10th Father Moran Memorial Inter-school Football Tournament. Majim Nyachhyon scored

the other goal for the winning team while Ravi Mahat netted the consolation goal for LA. Regina Amories came third with a 3-0 win over Young Hearts School. The individual award winners were Andrew Tumbapo (best player), Amond Tumbapo (highest scorer), Sonam Sherpa (best goalkeeper), Bikash Devkota (best defender), Majim Nyachhyon (most promising player) and Santosh Roy of the winning team (best coach).

National League in Review

In the most embarrassing matches, Nabil Three Star Club (NTSC) lost to New Road Team (NRT) by 2-0, the Armed Police Force (APF) lost to Ranipokhari Corner Team (RCT) by 1-0 and Jawalakhel Youth Club (JYC) lost to Boudha Club (BC) by 5-2 in the Martyrs Memorial San Miguel Division League Football Tournament at Dasharath Stadium, Kathmandu. These were some of the most embarrassing matches in this year's league.

In the game held on January 1st between NRT and NTSC, the game was dominated by NRT. Naresh Shrestha and Sunil Subedi scored one goal each. Defending champions Three Star was totally unlike the team that drew against one of the favourites Manang Mars-yangdi Club. Three Star coach Mrigendra Mishra said that his team played worse in every department adding that his players made a grave mistake taking the game too lightly. NRT coach Raju Shakya on the other hand was glad. "My boys played better than was expected in the game," he said and added that his strategy to play counter offensive game worked well.

Note that Nabil Three Star players were seen lurking and barhopping parties on New Year's Eve in Thamel and Durbar Marg streets, not even 12 hours before their match.

In another equally surprising embarrassment, Armed Police Force (APF) went down 1-0 to Ranipokhari Corner Team (RCT) as Rishi Rai scored the deciding 1 goal. It was his individual brilliance that produced the winner in the 24th minute. APF skipper Jibesh Pandey missed a penalty kick, awarded after Samir Nemkul downed Ajay Silwal inside the d-area in the 63rd minute. This very vital game also helped RCT to climb three spots to the sixth position.

In another embarrassing and high-scoring match, Boudha Club (BC) stunned Jawalakhel Youth Club (JYC). Winless Boudha found a sweet prey in JYC earning a thumping 5-2 victory. The match also saw three goals within the first 10 minutes. The match was totally under the control of BC players. However, this win could not give them any standings in the current position as they still hold the last position steadfastly with just six points in 14 matches. JYC's Nigerian recruit Abdul Gani

scored opening goal through his brilliant heading in the 8th minutes off Susan Bhandari corner-kick. But another Nigerian recruits for BFC Isa Obaiase scored within one minute and doubled the tally in another when U-17 National player Swastik Jung Basistha scored in the 10th minutes. Nabin Baniya scored the third for BFC in the 22nd minutes when he utilized the lack-of-coordination between Susan Bhandari and JYC goalie Sanjeev Shrestha. Om Prakash scored in an own post to deficit the margin for JYC in the 52nd minutes. Pokhereli Naresh K.C for JYC scored his league first goal in the 77th minutes. Pradeep Kuwar put the issue beyond the doubt in the 84th minutes scoring fifth goal.

Top Five Goal Scorers:

- 1) Basanta Thapa, Manang Marshyangdi Club, 19
- 2) Ramesh Budhathoki, Mahendra Police Club, 17
- 3) Obagbemiro Junior, Brigade Boys Club, 12
- 4) Janamat Karki, Tribhuvan Army Club, 11
- 5) Rishi Rai, Ranipokhari Corner Team, 11
- 6) Ram Kumar Biswash, Tribhuvan Army Club, 10

Pashupati Campus clinches knock-out college football tournament

Pashupati Campus' Pawan shrestha scored match winning goal in the late hours to clinch the title of 2nd Kwiks Inter College, University, +2 knock-out football tournament. Pashupati Campus beat Bal Mandir College in the finals held at Sano Gaucharan football ground on 31 December.

The winning team clinched Rs 11,000 and a trophy with certificates. Runners-up Bal Mandir College was ill-fated to turn the results and satisfied with the 7,000 Nrs.

Raju shrestha of Pashupati Campus was declared man of the match of the final game and was given a replica at the prize distribution ceremony. Bikarna Shrestha of Bal Mandir College was declared Best Forward while Naresh Gurung of British Gurkha was adjudged Best Defender. Surendra Yadav of Tri-Chandra Campus was honored with Best Midfielder award. Rakesh Thapa of SAAN College grabbed Best Goal Keeper award while NIC College was provided Fair Play team.

RIBS, Rato Bangala claim titles

Amongst the most happening tournament of the past few days, the 6th Men's and 5th Women's Samsung National Basketball Tournament was organized at National Sports Council

covered hall. The event was organized by Nepal Basketball Association (NeBA). Rhododendron International Boarding School (RIBS) lifted the men's and Rato Bangala School won the women's section titles.

In the finals, RIBS sneaked past Himalayan White House International College 73-72. RIBS led the first three quarters with 18-17, 21-14 and 19-18. White House had made late comeback but it was too late. In the last quarter, White House scored 23 points to that of 15 of the RIBS but was short by heart-wrenching one point. Sunil Gurung top-scored for the winners with 24 points, while Karma Gurung netted 20 for the losing team.

In the women's finals, Rato Bangala beat Happy Home 34-21 to capture the women's title. Happy Home followed closely until the half time (10-16) but the third quarter turned out to be fatal for them as they failed to score a single point to that of the nine of their opponents. Happy Home lead the final quarter (11-9) but was not enough to avert their defeat.

Sunil Gurung of the RIBS and Maya Syangtang of Happy Home were declared the most valuable men's and women's players of the tournament respectively. Member secretary of the National Sports Council Kishor Bahadur Singh gave away prizes to the winners.

Karki qualifies for ITF C'ship

Ramesh Karki defeated Sanjaya Lama 6-1, 6-0 in the U-18 section final of the fourth Jayakar Memorial Open Junior Tennis Tournament and qualified for the ITF Junior Tennis Championship to be held in India in January next year. In other boys' matches, Bibek Thapa beat Tanuj Agrawal 7-3 in U-10 final; Vivek Thapa beat Tanuj Agrawal 7-3 to win the U-10 title; Angel Bhattarai beat Diwakar Ojha 9-2 in U-12 final; and Tafarma Amul Regmi beat Parivesh Sharma 9-3 to win the U-14 title. Linda McDougal won the girls' U-16 title after she earned walkover from Salony Pandey. Other winners included Anjay Kumar Yadav and Pravesh Tulachan (Under-14 boys doubles). Kumar Mohan Bahadur Shahi gave away prizes to the winners of the tournament, organised by Man-Jayakar Tennis Academy. Meanwhile, the organisers also felicitated former national champion Dr Singha Bahadur Basnet. The organisers informed that Man-Jayakar Tennis Academy and Kathmandu Sports Club will jointly organise a Junior Tennis Clinic in Kathmandu from January 1-14, 2006.

Horoscope, 4 - 17 Jan. 06

खगेश्वर प्रसाद उपाध्याय, ज्योतिषाचार्य । गौशाला, काठमाडौं



मेपः

प्रयासअनुसार सफलता प्राप्त हुने छ । निर्णय गर्ने क्षमतामा वृद्धिका कारण सही निर्णय र उचित प्रतिफल प्राप्त होला । साथीभाई र आफूले विश्वास गरेको मान्छेबाट पर्याप्त सहयोग पाइने योग छ । महिनौदेखिका विवादहरू साम्य हुन भएकाले मनमा शान्ति हुने छ ।

बृषः

यात्रामा संकटको सम्भावनालाई नकार्न सकिन्न । कार्यक्षेत्रमा सामान्य अवरोध उत्पन्न हुने परिस्थिति छ । राज्यपक्षबाट कष्ट हुनेछ । तर परिवारबाट पाइने साथले मनोबल भन्ने उच्च हुने छ । कामकाजप्रति उदासिनता बढ्ने योग छ । मित्रवर्गबाट शत्रुवत् व्यवहार हुँदा मन खिन्न हुने छ ।

मिथुनः

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

कर्कटः

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

सिंहः

कार्य-व्यवसायमा बढ्दो अस्वस्थ प्रतिस्पर्धाले मानसिक तनावसमेत बढ्ने छ । जति मेहेनत गरपनि वाञ्छित सफलता पाउँन गाह्रो छ । स्वास्थ्यमा केही प्रतिकूलताहरू आउँनेछन् । आत्मीयजनबाट हुने अकल्पनीय व्यवहारले कष्ट नपाइएला भन्न सकिन्न ।

कन्याः

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

तुलाः

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

वृश्चिकः

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

धनुः

मनमा क्रोध एवं अहंकारजन्य विकार बढ्नाले काममा एकाग्रताको कमी होला । स्वास्थ्योपचारमा खर्च हुने र पारिवारिक दायित्व बढ्ने छ ।

मकरः

शारीरिक तथा मानसिक क्षमतामा न्हास आउने योग छ । घरायसी समस्या पनि बढ्न सक्ने छ । प्रेमसंगतबाट मन प्रफूलित एवं रोमाञ्चित हुने छ । आफन्तजनहरुबाट सहयोगको आश्वासन प्राप्त हुने छ । नयाँ कामको प्रस्ताव नआउला भन्न सकिन्न । अप्रत्यासित यात्राको सम्भावना पनि बढ्दो छ । महत्वपूर्ण उपहार या एकमुष्ट रकम प्राप्त हुने योग छ ।

कुम्भः

साहित्य-संगीत-कला आदि क्षेत्रमा सक्रियता बढ्ने तथा सामाजिक प्रतिष्ठा प्राप्त हुने सम्भावना नकार्न सकिन्न । प्रभावशाली व्यक्तित्वको विकास हुने छ । आर्थिक समस्याको समाधान हुने एवं व्यवसायमा उत्पन्न अवरोध समाप्त हुने छ । पद एवं प्रतिष्ठा प्राप्त हुने योग छ ।

मीनः

हरेकखाले व्यवसायमा सफलता र पर्याप्त आम्दानी हुने छ । बन्धुबान्धव तथा इष्टमित्रबाट रचनात्मक सहयोग पाइएला । नयाँ जिम्मेवारीका साथ विदेश भ्रमण गर्न पाइएला । प्रेम प्रसंगले नयाँ मोड लेला । विशिष्ट पाहुनाको आगमनले परिवारमा हर्षोल्लास बढ्ने छ ।

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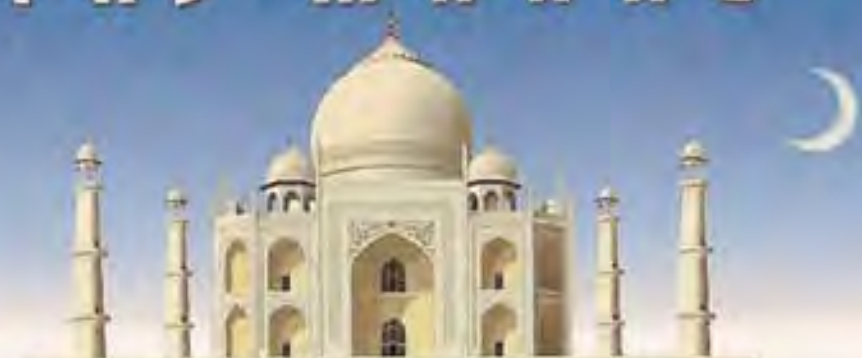
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