

Young Talents: Pawan Adhikari

By Geeta

2012 has been an extraordinary year for students from Bhutanese community in respect to their learning and year 12 achievements. All students achieved their SACE certificate which means they successfully passed their year 12 subjects. Congratulations to those students who successfully passed their year 12. Students were also recognised for their outstanding achievements and presented Merit and Excellence awards. Those students are looking forward to continuing their studies either at University or TAFE and we wish them every success for their bright future.

A big congratulation to Pawan Adhikari who won the award for being the top student in year 11 at Roma Mitchell Secondary School. It's contentment moment to win the award being as second language student. It is also important to recognise that for these students English is our second language and have been able to be competitive in our studies with other students whose first language is English. The secret to their success is working and studying hard. That is exactly what these amazing groups of students did - work hard. Their story is of triumph over adversity. We spend our childhood life in Nepal as refugee before coming to Australia.

The journey to learn English was different for all of us. Education you will agree is important; graduating tonight, along with the other students is an honour and something that our parents can be proud of us. Thank to our parents for their patience and guidance to help us to be success.

You may not know what you want to do in the future but if you are passionate and work hard to overcome the challenges and blocks you will make it to year 12. When it is tough and there will be moments when things don't go

your way that you must never, never give up. We look forward to hearing about your wonderful achievements post high school.



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Yuba Sansar receives awards

Yuba Sansar, weekly Nepali language radio programme run by young Bhutanese in Adelaide, Australia, was awarded the 'Multicultural Youth Program of the Year 2012' on 24 November 2012.

This is the highest national award conferred in Australia on multicultural broadcasters. National Ethnic and Multicultural Broadcasters' Council (NEMBC) gives the award in five categories every year.

Yuba Sansar was awarded for its clarity, focus and appeal to the Bhutanese youth community, and showing creativity in presenting their topics combined with their natural and comfortable rapport and confident broadcasting skills.

Yuba Sansar is dedicated to engaging with the Bhutanese youth community on everyday issues. It consists of diverse content such as Nepali music, Bhutanese youth news, tips on how young people can watch out for fraudulent emails and phone calls and inspirational stories.

Other contents of the program include news related to young people from around the world, inspirational story of world famous people, featuring young talents, stories of old people from Bhutanese community when they were young, multicultural events information in and around Adelaide aiming to help young people make friendship with other communi-

ties and learn other cultures and career advice.

Bhutanese Australian Association of South Australia (BAASA) said it takes this opportunity to congratulate our young team at Yuba Sansar for their wonderful achievements in such a short period of time.

On this occasion, BAASA also expresses gratitude to Multicultural Youth SA for financial assistance to run the program and Radio Adelaide for mentoring these young people in radio.

Yuba Sansar also received an award from MYSA in recognition of the program's commitments, innovation and excellence in participation and development of multicultural youth in South Australia.

The radio program has become the most effective media for flow of information in Bhutanese community in Adelaide and the only agent to connect Bhutanese from across the globe.



More deusi teams

By Seeta Dulal,
Unisa Samal

Bhutanese in Adelaide celebrated tihar with festivities including deusi-vailo. This year saw increasing number of community members forming groups to play deusi than in past.

One group dedicated their play to Dil Shova Shrestha who runs a philanthropic home for old age people Kathmandu Nepal. The team mobilised NRs. 1,60,117.50 and handed over to Shrestha through Mon Maya Niroula, a senior member of the Bhutanese community in Adelaide who visited Kathmandu in November. The old age home currently has 93 people, comprising of very frail and

aged women and conflict-affected children.

A youth group, who raised over \$1200 through deusi has decided to utilise the fund for community cause. The group is planning for youth awareness programmes in the community in coming months. The group has 18 young people from Bhutanese community, who are now working in collaboration with Bhutanese Australian Association of South Australia (BASSA).

There were several other groups, who played deusi-vailo for fun, entertainment and as part or celebrating the greatest Hindu festival.

Deusi-Vaili program is a kind of carol singing during Tihar, the 'Festival of

Lights'. The culture is particularly famous among the Nepali speaking community across the globe.

BES visit by ESB official

Executive Office of the Office of Non-Government schools and services, Ministerial Advisory Committee: Ethnic School Board Jeannette Barrachina visited Bhutanese Ethnic School (BES) on December 17.

The visit was scheduled for inspect the teaching-learning environment of the school required for registering as an entity.

The BES has applied for registration with the Ethnic School Board.

There are over 60 students currently enrolled into the school. The school is purely operated by the volunteers from the community.

The school is hopeful of getting a provisional registration at the earliest possible.

Photo:
Jogen Gazmere



Cairns Bhutanese celebrate settlement day

By Krishna Bhattarai

Cairns Bhutanese Community Inc. had successfully celebrated Cairns Bhutanese Day 2012 in Cairns on 8 December 2012 in the significance of the first Bhutanese arrival in Cairns on 4 of December 2008 at Emmanuel Uniting Church Hall.

The cultural performances, maruni dance, music, honouring the first arrival of Bhutanese in Cairns and the eldest person in our community as well as show case of traditional food were the crucial show case on this event.

There were more than 600 audiences on the celebration. The program was hosted by the Cairns Bhutanese Community with the

aims to open our arms to build the friendship and awareness of the Cultural diversity in wider communities as well as to promote Bhutanese culture, tradition, and to up lift Bhutanese artist Diaspora.

In the event, we had honoured Mr. Laxmi Narayan Mishra's family, Mr. Dhan Thapa's family, Mr. Prem Rai's family and Yadhu Rijal's family who arrived on the 4th December 2008. Meanwhile we honoured Mr. Sur Bir Biswa, Mrs. Jamuna maya Biswa, Mr. Shyam Singh Mongar as eldest person in our community.

It was really a great opportunities to arise new

Bhutanese artist where we released New CD album "Timro Maya" (Your love) of Netra Bhattarai from the hand of Hala Kattab Multi-cultural Planning & Development Officer of Cairns regional Council and Kiran Raisaly.

The modern songs sung by National singers of Nepal (Shiva Pariyar , Sharup Raj Acharya and Kamal Rasily) and Bhutanese artist (Prakash Dhungel and Yamuna Rai) presently from Bhutanese refugee camp.

If you are interested and would like to purchase newly released CD album "Timro Maya"

Please Contact

Krishna Bhattarai on: 0413005664.



New metro cards in town

By Laxmi Adhikari

South Australian government has announced it will start new metro cards in all metro services through out South Australia from January 2013.

Metro cards were first trialed on 5 November last year and was planned to be fully operational from January 2013. It also had planned to install free Wi-Fi on trams and 20 buses across Adelaide as part of 12 months trail.

There are four types of metro card available to purchase; Regular, concession, students and seniors. Regular cards are for those who are over 15 years and are not eligible for concession while concession is for tertiary students and unemployed. Students cards is for primary and secondary students and seniors card for people aged 60 years or older who are permanent SA residents



and not working more than 20 hours per week in a paid employment.

Metro cards are available in info centres, metro card agents and tickets vending machine. Metro card cost \$5 for regular cards and \$3.5 for concession card. People can add up to maximum value of \$200 and minimum value of \$5 at once.

There are two types of adding value at cards; direct recharge where the card is in direct contact with the recharge machine and balance is immediately available for use. The other ways is remote recharge where the amount is updated by metro card central computer system, which could take up to 24 hours. State government has a plan to gradually terminate old ticketing

Sangitik Sanjh with Acharya duo

Adelaide Bhutanese Youths in cooperation with Namaste Cultural Group (NCG) held a evening concert on 12 January at Irish club in Adelaide city.

It was second live concert organised by Bhutanese in Adelaide hiring Nepalese artists. First concert was organised in October featuring Kandara Band.

The second concert featured popular contemporary Nepalese singers Satya Raj Acharya and Swaroop Raj Acharya. The other attraction of the concert was Mangne Budo, an actor of most famous Nepalese comedian tele-

serial Meri Bassai.

The concert also included performances by local Bhutanese artists associated with NCG. According to organisers, more than 300 people turn up for the show.

तासमानिया बाट अग्नी पीडितलाई सहयोग

Tasmania को Hobart बासीले गत बेलडागी अग्नी पीडितलाई सहयोग पठाएका छन् । Hobart बाट खर्च थापाले दिएको जानकारी अनुसार भुटानी समुदाय र स्थानीय २ स्कुलले गरी १ हजार ६२ डलर अथवा नेपाली रुपया ९३ हजार १ सय सात गत साता Caritas का Field Director Amal Raj को नाममा पठाएका हुन् ।

स्थानीय Moonah Primary School ले २ सय २२ डलर संकलन गरेको थियो भने Cosgrove high school २०० डलर संकलन गरेको थियो । अरु रकम भुटानी समुदायका सदस्यले स्वतस्फूर्त रुपमा दिएका हुन् । अष्ट्रेलियाका अन्य राज्यमा पनि अग्निपीडितका लागि रकम संकलन भैरहेको समाचार छ ।

भिकटोरिया सरकारबाट सम्मानित

भिकटोरिया सरकार अन्तर्गतको भिकटोरिया मल्टिकल्चरल कमिसनले समाजसेवाका लागि भुटानी समाजसेवी परशुराम शर्मा लुइटेलालाई सम्मान गरेको छ । दश वर्ष भन्दा बढी समाजसेवामा लगातार लागि रहने व्यक्तिहरूलाई यो सम्मान दिइन्छ । शर्माको यो सम्मान

दोस्रो पटक पाएका हुन् । २०१० मा पनि उनलाई सो विधामा सम्मान गरिएको थियो ।

विशेष कार्यक्रमका विच भिकटोरियाका प्रिमियर टेड बेइलीले मंगलबार शर्मासहित अरु समाजसेविलाई सम्मान गरेका हुन् ।

सो अवसरमा बोल्दै बेइलीले आफ्नो समुदायमा सकारात्मक अवसरहरू सृजना गर्न र समग्र भिकटोरियन समाजका लागि दिएको योगदानको कदर स्वरुप यो सम्मान दिइएको बताए ।

हाल भिकटोरिया प्रहरिको नयाँ समुदायका लागि लायजन अफिसरको रुपमा कार्यरत शर्माले फण्डे दर्जन जति सामाजिक संघ सस्था मार्फत सामाजिक उत्थानका लागि काम गरेका छन् ।

तेस्रो मुलुक पुनर्वास अन्तर्गत अष्ट्रेलिया आएका भुटानी समुदायलाई मेल्बोर्न, हुदुंगा र अब्रुइ क्षेत्रमा बसोबास गराउन शर्माले महत्वपूर्ण भुमिका निभाएका थिए ।



Some short form poems

Dom Kafley
Adelaide

1. Half burnt autumn moon
World's only richest pauper
Luring a pilgrim
2. Sleeping with the stars
In the heart of Kathmandu
A street urchin dreams
3. Under the winter sky
Swollen clouds chasing each other
Scents of awaited rain
4. Chilling wintry night
Carping moon gazes me dream
Through the window pane
5. The first evening star
Was the ever brightest star
Which I did not see
6. Singing heavenly
The cardinal in a branch
Beside her tombstone
7. The evening star
Boils the love in flicker flames
I'm silently drunk
8. Older or younger,
What'll not change are memories
We piled, you and me.
9. A freezing stillness
Moon vomiting her ego
Who's more beautiful?
10. Grandmother stories
Cinderella and Cleopatra
Afraid of yatis
11. The first frost of fear
It's here how the day begins
Early morn phone rings

**Namaste Cultural Group formed**

Hosts first concert with Kandara

Namaste Cultural Group hosted one of the most sought after Nepalese musical band 'Kandara' in Adelaide. The musical concert hosted by Bhutanese for the first time drew more than 100 people from the community.

Besides Bibek Shrestha of the band presenting musical performances, local Bhutanese artists associated with the Namaste Cultural Group presented their show.

Held in last week of October, the event also marked the celebration of Dashain, one of the biggest Hindu festivals.

Namaste Cultural Group was formed in October 2012 with the objectives to protect, promote and preserve Nepali culture in Australia by like-minded people having immense knowledge, potentiality and enthusiasm in culture.

The group said it will promote Nepali songs (of all genres), dance, traditional instruments and costumes in all occasions and opportunities aiming to add more flavours to already diversified and multicultural Australia. It further said, it is determined to show that young bloods of the Nepali culture loving people have interests, enthusiasm emotions and love for our culture and traditions.

The group led by Prakash Niroula is auspiced by Bhutanese Australian Association of South Australia Inc (BAASA).

**Bhutan Updates**

अपहरण गरेको आरोप लागेका पाँच जना लाई थिम्पु कोर्टमा मुद्दा चलाइने भएको छ । सर्भाइ जिल्लाका २ भूटानी र उल्टापानी आसामका तीन भारतीय अपहरण आरोपमा पक्राउ परेका छन् ।

केही महिना अघि उनहरूले भूटानका एक ट्याक्सी ड्राइभर र अर्का ज्यातिषीको अपहरण गरेको आरोप लागेको छ ।

उनीहरू क्रमशः ५ लाख र २ लाख १० हजार तिरर मुक्त भएका थिए ।

सुरुमा भूटान सरकारले अपहरण नेपालमा रहेका भूटानी शरणार्थीका संगठनले गरेको आरोप लागेको थियो ।

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यसै वर्ष हुने दोस्रो संसदीय चुनावका लागि भूटानमा दुई वटा नयाँ राजनीतिक दल दर्ता भएका छन् । पहिले निर्वाचनमा २ वटा दलले मात्र बाग लिएका थिए भने आगामि निर्वाचनका लागि थप तीन दलले दर्ताका लागि निवेदन दिएका थिए ।

नयाँ राजनीतिक दलको मान्यता पाउने दलहरू हुन भूटान क्युननाम पार्टी र ड्रुक चिर्वाङ छोक्या । निवेदन दिने अर्को दल ड्रुक न्याम्पु छोक्या बारे चुनाव आयोगले निर्णय गरि सकेको छैन ।

चुनाव आयोगले ती दललाई आफ्नो राजनीतिक दस्तावेज, आयव्याय विवरण र दर्ता भएका सदस्यहरूको विवरण तुरुन्त बुझाउन भनेको छ ।

भूटानको संविधान अनुसार संसदमा केवल २ दलको मात्र



सहभागिता हुनेछ । राजनीतिक दलको संख्या त्यो भन्दा बढी भएका कारण अब भूटानमा दुई चरणको चुनाव हुनेछ । चुनावको मिति यकिन नभए पनि यो सालको मध्य तिर चुनाव हुने संभावना छ । चुनावको अनौपचारिक तयारी सुरु भैसकेको छ ।

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भूटानको नया नियम अनुसार अब ६ वर्ष नपुगी नानीहरूले pre-primary स्कुलमा भर्ना गर्न पाउने छैनन् ।

केही बाबु आमाले आफ्ना नानीहरूको उमेर बढाएर स्कुल भर्ना गर्ने गरेको देखिए पछि भर्ना गर्नका लागि दिइएको

फारममा उल्लेख गरिएको जन्ममिति स्थानीय निकायले राखेको जन्म दर्ता संग दाजेर हेरिने छ ।

यसभन्दा पहिले सिट भएको खण्डमा साढे पाँच वर्षका नानीहरूलाई पनि भर्ना गरिन्थ्यो । वर्षमा एक पटक मात्र भर्ना गर्ने गरिएकोमा भने अब वर्षमा दुई पटक नयाँ भर्ना लिइनेछ ।

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भूटानमा जन संख्या बढे पनि, रोगहरू बढे पनि डाक्टरहरूको संख्या भने बढेको छैन । सन् १९८७ देखि २०११ विचमा डाक्टरको संख्या ४० ले मात्र बढेको

भूटान अध्यायन केन्द्रको नया रिपोर्टले देखाएको छ ।

तर यस अवधिमा नर्स र हेल्थ असिस्टेन्टको संख्या भने निकै बृद्धि भएको छ । त्यतिबेला ८५ जना मात्र हेल्थ असिस्टेन्टको संख्या २०११ मा ४०८ पुगेको छ भने नर्सको संख्या २७३ बाट बढेर ७२३ पुगेको छ ।

केन्द्रले डाक्टरहरूको अभावमा स्वास्थ्य सेवामा कस्तो असर परेको छ भनेर भने केही उल्लेख गरेको छैन ।

सन् १९८७ मा २७ वटा रहेको स्वास्थ्य सेवा संस्थाको संख्या २०११ ३० मात्र पुगेको छ ।