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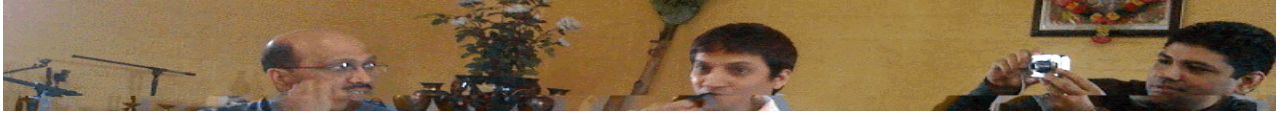
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Welcome to the 2nd Edition of TempleTimes Newsletter

The purpose of this newsletter is to keep you up to date on events and activities in or around the Nepali community. Newsletters can be a great way to market your product or service, and also create credibility and build your organization's identity among peers, members, employees, or vendors.

First, let me begin by wishing you all Happy New Year from the

entire team of TempleTimes. May this New Year bring joy, happiness and prosperity to you and your loved ones.

A big thanks to the readers of our first edition of the TempleTimes newsletter. We want your continued support and encouragement for future editions. Koti Koti Dhanyabaad to all the contributors of this

edition. KEEP THEM COMING. (Future Articles/stories/pictures etc always welcome). Please email them to templetimes@peopleofnepal.com before 20th of the month, to be included in the next edition.

- Editor



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Did you know?

Chicagoland Nepali Friendship Society was successful in organizing and bringing together Chicago area Nepalese in the evening of Monday April 13, 2009 to celebrate the New Year 2066. Delicious food from local Nepali restaurant Taste of Himalaya, entertaining songs and music from local artist as well as famous Nepali singers Deepesh Kishor Bhattarai and Saroj Dutta, rafel, etc. were the highlights of the gathering. Please visit www.neprocks.com/photo/gallery/navabarsa_sanj_hchicago and www.cnfsociety.org/photos/newYearPics.html to see the events photos.

तनमे मनः शिव संकल्प मस्तु ॥

यो वैदिक सुक्तिले हामीहरूको मनमा आउने संकल्प विकल्पहरूलाई कल्याणकारी मार्ग प्रसस्त गरेको छ । मानसिक स्वच्छता भए पछि नै संसार सुखि एवं शान्त हुन सक्छ । बाहिर देखिने भौतिक उत्तार चढाव एवं क्रिया प्रतिक्रियाको जड खोज्दै जाने हो भने मन सम्म पुग्न सकिन्छ । किनकी मन भनेको त्यहि आत्मा हो जो चंचल वा चलाएमान छ । जब मन निश्चल हुन्छ परमात्मा त्यहि भेटिन्छ ।

निश्चल मन त योगिहरूको हुन सक्छ । हामी जस्ता सांसारिकहरूको लागि वेदद्वारा प्रतिपादित “तनमे मनः शिव संकल्प मस्तु” नै निसंदेह अनुसरणिय छ । हाम्रो मनले शिव संकल्प गरौस अर्थात मनमा राम्रा उपकारी र कल्याणकारी भावनाहरू मात्र आउनु । काम् , क्रोध, लोभ मोह, मास्चर्य आदि दुर्गुणहरूले मनको स्वच्छता नबिगारी देउनु । सबैको भलो चिताउदै सांसारिक यात्रा शिवमा

गएर टुङ्गियोस् । जिव शिव बनोस् । शिव संकल्प गर्ने ब्यक्तिहरूनै जिन्दगीको वास्तविकतामा प्रवेश पाउँछन र लक्ष्य प्राप्त गरेर सफल बन्दछन् । हामी सबैमा शिव संकल्पको भावना जागोस्
पं. तुल्सी राम शर्मा

Typed in devanagari by Sangita Subedi



Why We Suffer – Another Angle

Preparations are going on. Birds are singing melodiously than before. Sun never been so bright. Winds seem to carry fragrance like never before. Flowers are blooming. Everyone is very happy. Time stands still. All of sudden, in the night news spread, all over the kingdom and it was a bad news. The reason that every one was so happy is not going to happen. **Ram**, their heart and soul, their **Lord**, eldest son of the King Dasharath, is not going to be a king but he has to go to forest for 14 years. He did not even ask what was his fault or mistake. He just follows his father's command and headed to the forest. *A big tragedy.* He was not even halfway to the forest, news came - your father is no more, he just passed away. *Big shock.* Sad part, he can not go and see his father for the last time. Again a *Big tragedy.*

Let's forget that and move on. He went to jungle and started adjusting his life accordingly. One day, when he comes back to his hut from outside, he found out that his wife is not there. Someone has kidnapped her. He supposed to be in a capital city ruling the country. Yet, here he is in the jungle and someone just kidnapped his dear wife. *Series of tragedies.* Let's cut it short, after going all those, everyone thought He will have a good and peaceful time. Not much. Circumstances force him yet again to be apart from his wife. He heard the news that He became father,

but can not see or touch or feel his newly born baby. Again, a *Big tragedy.*

Yes, we all know He is divine, what is there for Him to suffer. But, let's not devalue the suffering He went through.

Let's not talk about Him but talk about His great devotees. We all know how close pandawas and Dropadi were with Lord himself. But, who suffered more during the Mahabharata- Pandawas and Dropadi. We all know how much Dropadi had to suffer. People tried to kill her husbands and herself; they tried to take away the cloths she was wearing and make a fun of her. Even after the war was over, they killed her all 5 sons. *Big tragedy.* She was the one who was so close to **Lord Krishna**. Yet again, suffering and tragedy seems to be "a never ending friend" of her.

The point here is to put those **Divine figures, Avathars**, and great devotees in our shoes. We take things for granted (especially I do) but **They** do suffer a lot, more than any other human beings. Yet,

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we do not hear or read any complain or whine from **Them**. We can not say that "**They** are GODs, they chose that way, they do not have to suffer." That would be just unfair.

The whole purpose of **Their** life is to show us examples and yet again here we are complaining why this is happening to us, Why I am suffering? I deserve better than this and what not.

Going school, college or university is not an easy task. In fact it is very tough. Exams after exams, assignments, projects, quizzes, and presentations all we have to face and give our best shot to succeed. Lot of time, we or our parents might not have money to pay for tuition. *Very tough.* Similarly, this whole world is **His** university. It is not going to be easy. In fact as we grow older we know it is getting tougher and tougher. We have to go through it and make a very high grade on it. When our ends come we all should be able to say with smile on our lips "I have lived my life well, and now I am ready for another journey - the Journey after death."

Samastha Loka Sukhino Bhavantu!

- Yati Bhattarai

Community Update

Not sure if you had a chance to read our previous edition of newsletter. There are many ways you can help in social community activity and make a difference to someone's life. During the month of April, we made few trips to Aurora, and distributed/fixed some additional computers. Currently, we are collecting computer parts, pc, monitor etc, so if you would like to make a donation or would like to help and don't know how?, please inquire about it in the temple.



Chicago area engineer volunteer clean water project in Mexico

My brother Biswa and I set off for a 10 day volunteering project with Engineering without Borders in a rural mountain village in Mexico. The community lacks sustainable sources for clean water during the dry season, thus the project sought to build a water containment facility with large tanks for daily use. This would provide daily fresh water from a nearby stream that was pumped using solar panels.

Initial design and funding were done here in Chicago, while purchasing of materials and

construction were done in Mexico. There were several volunteers from the Chicago chapter to aid in the construction, but the local people were in charge for most of the labor and the direction of the project. This project provided a sustainable approach to attaining fresh water with low costs, very little maintenance, and community responsibility and initiative.

- Dibya Phuyal



We're on the Web!

<http://www.peopleofnepal.com/startup/Community/temple/newsletter/>

Collection of Bhajans

A record is being created for different categories of Hindu Bhajans to be used during the monthly Puja conducted by the Nepalese Community in Shree Radhey Shyam Temple. Currently there are collections of Bhajans available for the following category:

1. Ram Bhajans
2. Krishna Bhajans

3. Shiva Bhajans
4. Other Devotional Songs
5. Aarati

Every month during the monthly puja, anybody participating in the Puja can use this Bhajan Lyrics Compilation as a reference for Bhajan singing. We hope that this will encourage Nepalese devotees to participate in the Bhajan singing

program.

If you would like to share your Bhajans with us please make a printout and submit to us so that we can save it in the Bhajan Record.

Contact: Komal Dutta



Glimpse of 2nd Anniversary Puja



Mark Your Calendar:

3rd Anniversary Puja
on June 6th 2009 at
Shree Radhey Shyam
Temple, 235 N
Bloomingdale Ave,
Bloomingdale, IL.

Friends and Family are cordially invited. More details later via email distribution.

Tech Column (The Blackberry Storm)

Whoosh! The newest Blackberry off the assembly line and the first blackberry touch screen phone. Just like the catch phrase "Press and be impressed" RIM developed a new application called SureType where you actually have to hold down to type like a real keyboard. The phone has an accelerometer so it is motion sensitive. The brilliant 3.25 inch screen display can play videos as long as your 16 GB can go. The storm's current service provider is Verizon Wireless in the United States. ICQ, Flick, Facebook, AIM, and more are available on this phone. The Blackberry has a state-of-the-art music player, games, GPS, and videos. Unlike the Apple iPhone you don't need 2 hands to web browse, and call. You can even select the color of the handset while iPhone users are stuck with that boring trash-can aluminum casing. After a full year, developers can not create programs for Apple and that's ridiculous. How "smart" is Apple smartphone if it can't run any extra programs??

Press or be Impressed!
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- Niraj Pant (Age 11)

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Non Resident Nepali Recommendations for New Constitution of Nepal

Nepalese Americas Council/NRNA-National Coordination Council of America has made following recommendations to Nepal Government for the new Constitution of Nepal.

1. Nepal Government should allow people of Nepali origin (PNO) to retain their Nepali citizenship when they acquire the citizenship of another country.
2. Expatriate populations should have legal right to inherit their property on par with Nepali citizens to encourage their continued interests in the development in the country.

3. Secure NRNs rights in the new Constitution for non discriminatory treatments towards NRNs and PNOs with dual citizenship.
4. Ensure equal inheritance/property rights to both men and women in the new constitution.
5. Provisions against gender, employment and age discriminations for political, economic, social and property right.

Please read
www.peopleofnepal.com/nrn_update_2009.pdf for complete details of the recommendations.

- Mukesh Singh



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Teach your kids Nepali?

Many of us, Ms. Pratibha Phuyal in particular, would like to gather the children in the basement of Radhey Shyam Temple during the monthly puja every first Saturday of the month and teach them Nepali cultural and language. This will make their time as fruitful and enjoyable as yours. Please support this initiative and bring your children to the temple. Your help and suggestions are always welcomed.