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Dear Readers,

We hope you are staying safe and healthy as we look at the second wave of Covid-19 in Nepal, India, Bangladesh and neighboring countries. It's been more than a year since the Covid-19 outbreak in December 2019, but we are yet to find respite. The government backed inoculation drive has hardly reached 20 percent of the population. If we do not follow the safety protocols, we will be facing a surge in cases. Hence, we would like to remind everyone to wear masks, sanitize and maintain social distance.

On a lighter note, we are looking forward to celebrate Nepali New Year 2078 this Wednesday, April 14, 2021. We hope this year will be inspiring and motivating for every one of us. We at Chaudhary Foundation are committed to reaching out to more people and making impactful contribution towards the upliftment of society. And, we will keep updating you about our adventures through our Newsletter.

Through this edition, we would like to give you a peek into what we have been up to for the past three months. From Unnati Cultural Village Opening to Conducting Pandemic Preparedness Orientation and Digital Classroom Handover, these three months have been quite eventful for us so do read on to know more.

Lastly, thank you for your continued support. Without the support of our partners and well-wishers, we would not have achieved even half of what we have. We hope to keep making you proud.

Sending you good wishes.

Stay Healthy. Stay Safe.

Unnati Cultural Village Opening



We have formally inaugurated 'Unnati Cultural Village (UCV)' at Harkapur, Nawalpur on March 12, 2021. Veteran artist Shyamlal Shrestha, Gaidakot Municipality's Mayor, Chhatraraj Poudel and Vice Chair of Chaudhary Foundation, Nirvana Chaudhary jointly inaugurated UCV amidst an official event.

UCV is our attempt to preserve the disappearing cultures of Nepal. There are restaurants, guesthouses and rooms that reflect Tharu culture. The structures are adorned with paintings of various Tharu festivals and celebrations. The essence of Tharu culture and community is engraved in this Cultural Village. Not just Tharu culture, other cultures too are well represented in the Village.



Located 12 km away from Chitwan's Narayangadh Bazaar and spread across approximately six bighas of land, the Village boasts of a Nepali Arts Museum and an Art Center. Kala Ghar, where artists can stay and create artworks can also be found once inside the Village.

The goal of the Village is to offer a place where Nepali artists and writers can visit and create their art and literature.

The Foundation hopes to open cultural centres across all seven provinces and UCV is a pilot project.

Please do follow our social media pages to learn more about UCV:

<https://www.facebook.com/Unnaticulturalvillage>

<https://www.instagram.com/unnaticulturalvillage/>



Pandemic Preparedness Orientation Program



The Covid-19 pandemic has drawn attention to the health sector across the world. Realizing the need to equip the health workers with the knowledge to tackle pandemics, Chaudhary Foundation conducted “Strengthening Local Health Systems for Preparedness and Response to Pandemics” orientation program to assist the COVID-19 Response across all seven provinces of Nepal between 04 January and 04 February, 2021.

The program was organized in collaboration with various governmental, non-governmental agencies and private sector including Ministry of Health and Population, Government of Nepal; the Asian Preparedness Partnership (APP); the Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC); Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation; National Disaster Risk Reduction Centre Nepal (NDRRC); Chaudhary Foundation/ Nabil Bank; and Nepal Disaster Resilient Network (NDR Net). Each session saw the participation of about twenty-five healthcare workers from government and non-government sectors.

Digital Classroom Handover Phase III



The third phase of our Digital Classroom Project was conducted in March this year. We reached out to a total of seven schools (*Shree Prithivi Secondary School and Shree Shiva Secondary School in Basgadhi, Bardiya, Shree Ganga Secondary School and Shree Bhagwati Secondary School in Chahara, Palpa, Shree Birethanti Secondary School in Birethanti, Kaski, and Shree Navajyoti Secondary School and Shree Jana Netra Secondary School in Modi Rural Municipality, Parbat*) in Gandaki and Lumbini Province.

Our Digital Classroom Project is focused in spreading digital awareness.

LG backed our initiative by donating a range of ICT devices, including desktop computers, televisions, and projectors, to students who will benefit from the "Microsoft Digital Literacy Curriculum" that enables students to learn computer education in a simple and efficient way. Deerwalk Learning Center collaborated with us in this project and made available e-learning materials that were distributed to the schools. This included study materials for grades 4 to 10.

TV Donation to Nepal Police



As part of Bagmati Province CSR activity, Nirvana Chaudhary, Vice-Chair of Chaudhary Foundation handed over 65-inch Smart Television to Metropolitan Police Range, Lalitpur on March 9, 2021 for establishing a Smart Control Room. The TV was made available by CG Electronics.

We look forward to further supporting Nepal Police in setting up a Smart Control Room and Command Center.

Blood Donation at CG



Chaudhary Foundation organized a Blood Donation Program at Chaudhary Group Head Office in Sanepa on February 12, 2021 as part of Bagmati Province CSR activity. The event was organized in collaboration with donation partner, Hamro LifeBank.

93 individuals from CG had registered for blood donation, out of which 76 qualified. Hamro LifeBank collected 76 pints of blood through the campaign.

Kathmandu is facing an acute shortage of blood following increase in demand but drop in collection.

Hamro LifeBank on their part have created a digital blood workflow to motivate donors. And, as part of their vein-to-vein pilot, they send thank you emails to blood donors and SMS to donors whose blood gets dispatched from the blood bank.

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