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Dear Readers,

Happy New Year!

We hope this letter finds you at your best! With the impact of coronavirus felt lesser recently, life has been easier to get back to normal and we believe it's the same for you too. Yet, taking precautionary measures to prevent the virus is much needed. On that note, just a gentle reminder to wear mask and maintain social distance.

We have been working on various projects to positively influence the community, therefore, we

took a little while to come back to you with our updates. To recall major programmes from the past few months, some key events included the launch of the Nabil School for Social Entrepreneurs (NSSE) as an encouragement to youths to dive into social enterprises, as well as assisting individuals with vision impairment through a "CG Operation Drishti" eye camps in all provinces. We also signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with several partners to begin new projects in the new year 2022: MOU with Kanti Children's Hospital to improve their emergency ward, MOU with Council for Technical Education and Vocational Training (CTEVT), Gandaki Province to facilitate training for various practitioners as part of our capacity-building program, and MOU between Chaudhary Foundation and VYCCU to form an ally with VYCCU and local artisans of Nawalpur district to upgrade and up-skill handicrafts as a means of sustainable livelihood.

Finally, we would like to express our gratitude to all of our partners, collaborators, and well-wishers for your continued support. We value your interest in the Chaudhary Foundation and its programs, and we look forward to working with you to make them a success. Meanwhile, We will keep you informed about all of our operations.

May this new year fill with enormous energy to drive positive change within and around you.

Warmest greetings!

Chaudhary Foundation Team

The Nawalpur Artist Residency at Unnati Cultural Village



Unnati Cultural Village (UCV), Nawalpur hosted the 10-day 'Nawalpur Artist Residency' program from 21-30 September with an aim to provide platform for Nepali Artist working in any and across all artistic mediums from music, dance, theater, literature and visual arts, organized by the Echoes in The Valley (EITV). The resident artists, Subima Shrestha, Kathak Dancer got

selected for the program. During her residency, she was able to engage with local Tharu communities through music, language, cultural performances and rituals.

UCV has been establishing itself as a common platform that sits well as a symposium of design where urban and rural; national and international artists of various forms can co-work and co-create creativity. Artist, those seeking cultural inspiration and experience can stop by to get opportunity to engage with local artisans and be enticed and soak in the multi-faceted diversity. UCV is also a perfect place to host training and workshop, art and craft courses, exhibitions, and festivals.

Launch of Nabil School of Social Entrepreneurship (NSSE) Program



Nabil School of Social Entrepreneurship was launched on 26 Nov. 2021, in partnership with Tribhuvan University (TU) across all provinces in Nepal with the support and coordination with technical partner, Chaudhary Foundation and School of Social Entrepreneurship (SSE) India . With the aim to address socio-economic issues and create sustainable social impacts, Nabil SSE program is to encourage youth to proactively participate in social businesses where Nabil bank will be facilitating proper incubation and investment. Under Nabil SSE, two programs have been designed to groom young individual who wants to kick start a new business; fellowship program in Social Entrepreneurship and Certificate program in Social Entrepreneurship.

MOU signed to upgrade emergency Department in Kanti Children Hospital



In order to mitigate the gap in child health care and effective services, Chaudhary Foundation is supporting Kanti Children's Hospital in upgrading their emergency department's infrastructure and facilities. Nepalese children under age five face multiple obstacles for survival and development, exposure to infectious diseases, malnutrition, and poor hygiene and sanitation and lack of a healthy environment compromise early childhood development. Chaudhary Foundation, therefore, signed MOU with the Hospital to provide the necessary assistance on 24th Dec. 2022.

A 'CG Operation Drishti' Eye Camp' in Kailali Province



Chaudhary Foundation believes that investing in the health care system is the key to improving the quality of life. 'CG Operation Drishti', an initiative of the Chaudhary Foundation, was started in the year 2011 to deliver quality ophthalmic services to underprivileged families and groups. This year, Chaudhary Foundation re-launched the CG Operation Drishti program to provide eye care facilities in the rural and remote communities of all provinces. Up until the present, Foundation has organized two free eye check-up camps at Motipur Health Post, Bansgadhi,

Bardiya and Aurabani Health Post, Gadhi, Sunsari. 122 out of 578 people from both districts were found to be diagnosed with cataracts and will be given free surgeries at Fatteh Bal Eye Hospital, Nepalgunj, and Dibya Drishti Eye Hospital, Biratnagar.

Maternal Health Camp



In a joint initiative of Nabil Bank and Nepal Health Corps, Chaudhary Foundation organized two days of Maternal Health Camp in Hupsekot and Kawasoti, Nawalpur. The camp aimed to identify reproductive health issues in women and girls and refer them for prompt treatment to reduce child and maternal mortality rates. The camp screened over 200 women and girls - among them, surgical cases referred will be done at a discounted rate in Chitwan Medical Hospital.

International Artist Residency at UCV



Unnati Cultural Village hosted an artist-in-residency program for a month, in which international artists collaborated with Nepali and local artists to create artworks influenced by the local culture. Md. Anisul Haque, a Bangladeshi ceramicist, participated in the residency program alongside visual artists; Gopal Kalapremi Shrestha, Meena Kayastha, and Sushila Singh,

engaging with locals, experiencing life in Terai, and incorporating the experience into their art. The residency's artworks are on display in an art gallery and an open-air museum.

International Women's Day Celebrated at CG as a call for action to women in sustainability



Chaudhary Foundation with more than 50 female staffs of Chaudhary Group (CG) celebrated International Women's Day together at the headquarters in Sanepa. A session on "Women's Role in Sustainability" by Chaudhary Foundation was held to underline women are at the center of taking action to create ecologically balanced world. The event also encouraged all female employees to donate unused cloths as part of a 'call to action' for sustainable consumerism. The clothes donation program was set up from 8 March to 1st April. In partnership with the Avni Centre for Sustainability, the closing session was held on a theme “zero waste to clothes: sustainable lifestyle” delivered by Ms. Shilshila Acharya to reiterate global theme. All the collected clothes will be reused and recycled as a part of waste reduction.

Advance ceramic and natural fiber training in collaboration with VYCCU



To bring together the existing skills of the women in ceramic and natural fibers, Chaudhary Foundation signed an MOU with VYCCU Savings & Credit Cooperative Ltd. in Nawalpur, collaborating with VYCCU and local artisans to upgrade and upskill handicrafts as a means of sustainable livelihood. VYCCU Savings and Credit Cooperative Limited is a primary-level single-purpose cooperative organization (working in the field of saving and credit). VYCCU has been providing natural fibers training whereas UNNATI has been equipping women with ceramics training. Five women from Danda-Kawasoti, Nawalpur, participated in the training to combine ceramics and natural fibers together to explore the designs that have marketable demands. The training was held for five days at Unnati Cultural Village. This is a programme happening intermittently throughout the year to further enhance the art skills of local women.

MOU signing with CTEVT for a collaborative homestay advance training course



On 8 March, Chaudhary Foundation and CTEVT, Pokhara, Gandaki Province signed a MOU to collaborate in providing advance home stay training for 20 participants who have already been engaged in the field. The training was accomplished in 12 days with certification ceremony on 11 April. The course covered major skills like basic communications, advertisement and marketing, cultural program and guest management, hygiene and safety, entrepreneurship development and much more. The program was designed to support and fill the gap between market desirability and homestays. The training is focused on strengthening the capacity of participants for effective operation.

Inauguration of Integrated Model Village and handover to the Namdolling residents



On March 27, 2022, Mr. Binod Chaudhary, Chairman of Chaudhary Group and Chaudhary Foundation, handed over the model village to the community in an official ceremony in Giranchaur-12, Melamchi, Sindhupalchowk. The event was accompanied by Global head for Development of Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Mr. Christopher Elias. The project was an initiative of National Reconstruction Authority, Government of Nepal, Namdolling Integrated Village Committee and Chaudhary Foundation. The model village has been sheltering earthquake affected families where there are more than 300 individuals in 62 permanent houses.

During the implementation of the project, the local community were provided skill development training for house construction as a livelihood program that included mansion and brick making training, plumbing along with women livelihood projects. As a result, 170,000 plus brick were made by the community themselves to shape the houses and 30 plus mansions were trained. Likewise to nourish skill development among school children, a digital classroom has been installed in the local community school, Shree Mahakali Secondary School. The school was provided with digital equipment including laptops, desktops, TV, projector to promote digital learning among the students who had limited access to ICT infrastructures.

Lost and Found: International Art-In Residency at UCV



Unnati Cultural village and Raza Foundation together are hosting Artist-in residency Programme has

been on going from 4 April 2022 to 24 April 2022. The event is being held at Unnati Cultural Village, Gaidakot Harkapur-12, Nawalpur. Five Indian Artists (selected by Raza) has been participating in the program to create, explore, learn, and revitalize art through shared history, culture and art itself. Artist in Residency Program supports emerging and mid-career artists and curators working across all disciplines

The theme for this art residency is 'Handmade History-Knotting and Expanding through lost and found'. This theme attempts to reflect on how art transcends boundaries, bringing societies together through shared culture and ideas, history, and commonalities; lost and found in between transforming and evolving of the society.

An intercultural interactive dialogue between artists-in-residence and local artists was held during the residency. The interaction provided an opportunity for artists to discuss the history of Nepali & Indian art, culture, and share the concerns and issues in their practices.

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