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बडा दशैं २०७९ को  
शुभकामना ।

Wishing you laughter and fun to cheer your  
days, in this Festive Season and always.



बिसेर हर पीडा, शरदको न्यानो घामसंगै,  
उमंगका लहरामा हराउनु  
परिवार इष्टमित्र साथीभाई सँगको मिलापमा,  
संसार भुलेर माग्र हुनु तिमी  
आकाशमा उडेका ति रङ्गीचंगी चङ्गा झै,  
माया र सद्भावको डोरीमा कस्सिएर उड्नु  
सुख दुःख जीवनका फगत भुलभुलैया,  
दशैं आयो! भन्दै बालपनमा झै रमाउनु तिमी

- स्वती उपाध्याय

**Dear Readers,**

As Dashain is around corner; it comes not just a festival but as a feeling too, enticing excitement and covering up the atmosphere with spiritual and holiday vibes. Dashain; that time of the year again when we await for a good reserve of grand celebrations and get together, *tikas* and blessings. As the festival reminds us of victory of good over evil, it binds us to moral social values, to keep peace and harmony in the society and within us.

Since COVID-19 kept us in grey air for past two years, we are filled with greater enthusiasm to celebrate this year.

On behalf of the Chaudhary Foundation, we wish you a splendid Dashain and Tihar and hope that this holiday season allows you to spend quality time with your loved ones and elevate you and those around you with positive energy.

On this note, the Foundation has updated our newsletter column in order to share with you on the work we have been doing. During the interlude we took to come back to you, Chaudhary Foundation has engaged in various social activities. Some of the major activities, we conducted were organizing Unnati Mela to mark Unnati Cultural Village's anniversary, upgradation of Kanti Bal Hospital with modern medical appliances, disaster

response activity in various part of Nepal and India those were affected by erratic monsoon, artist in residency is another vigorous event we have been involved in, with partners from India and Nepal to promote art, culture and history beyond boundaries.

We invite you all to be informed about and inquire with us regarding the activities we are doing here at Chaudhary Foundation. We would love to hear your feedback and suggestion on the activities we are doing, to leave better impacts. We also want to thank each of you for your continued support and wish you all a happy holiday season.

With Warm regards,  
Chaudhary Foundation family

## Unnati Cultural Village Celebrates its 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary



### March 12

Unnati Cultural Village marked its 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary with Unnati Mela. The mela brought together all art lovers, artists, and enthusiasts to commemorate the occasion with a soul

objective of being a central hub for art, craft, culture, cuisine and literature. The Mela featured a variety of arts and crafts activities, to promote local art, culture and cuisine in all forms. The event was inaugurated in presence of Mr. Devendra Lamichhane, Secretary for Ministry of Social Development, Gandaki Pradesh. The event also facilitated in signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Vyccu Savings & Credit Cooperative Ltd. to form a collaboration between Chaudhary Foundation and Vyccu to upskill and upgrade local artisans in handicrafts sector. The newly set up art museum, *Kalaghriha* showcased collective exhibition of 12 Nepalese artists. A career development workshop for young women interested in career skills, leadership, and motivation training, as well as one-on-one mentoring, was organized to meet the current market demand. Simultaneously, children's art competition gave children a chance to express their creativity. The Mela included tharu and magar dances, local music and local cuisine performed at amphitheater of Unnati cultural village.

## Presence in Absence- Discourse on Art



**May-11**

In support with Chaudhary Foundation and Unnati Cultural village, a panel discussion 'PRESENCE IN ABSENCE' was held in Vivanta, Sanepa. The panel discussion was a

closure to 'Revisiting the Roots in a Modern Nuance' a month long exhibition organized of Bikalpa Art Centre. The panel focused on the historical practice of patronization of Nepali Art, and sought the role of the private sector, art institutions, donors, sponsors, artists, and writers in the present context. Interdisciplinary artists of Nepal showed their participation for an interactive session. The session reflected on the roots, origin and diversity as well as bridging modern contemporary aspirations from the early 60's to the current neo-national ultra-modern context. To sum up the event, bicycle tour was held with His Excellency Dr. Thomas Prinz, German Ambassador to Nepal on 11<sup>th</sup> May, 022. This tour was open to the public which offered opportunities to visit the exhibitions, promote art, save the environment, and be a part of the community.

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## **Handover of Upgraded Emergency Ward of Kanti Children's Hospital**



### **May 18**

“It is through action that change takes place”

Chaudhary Foundation handed over an upgraded 'Sarika Devi Chaudhary Emergency Ward' to Kanti Children's Hospital in Kathmandu, in presence of State Minister Umesh Shrestha, Secretary of Health and Population Ministry Dr. Roshan Pokhrel, accompanied by Chairman Binod Chaudhary and General Secretary, Sarika Devi Chaudhary. Chaudhary Foundation upgraded the entire ward and equipped the ward with electronic beds, monitors, infusion pump, syringe pump, radian warmer, bubble CPAP, phototherapy unit, liquid warmer, ECG machine, portable color developer, hydraulic surgical table, transport incubator and other resources for efficient functioning and operations of the ward. Foundation has created a free wifi zone in the ward with the support from CG NET to ensure good internet connectivity for patient's families. The ward has elevated and expedited the emergency care service, so that timely diagnosis and treatment can be done

for the emergency cases.

## DGI 2022 Research Published with Insight on Equitable Asia



### Assessing the Health and Well-being of Asia's Social Sector

#### June-2

The Chaudhary Foundation has been partnering with Centre for Asian Philanthropy and Society (CAPS) on the Doing Good Index (DGI) since 2019 and this year too. 2022 DGI research report focused on the impact of COVID-19. Chaudhary Foundation supported the collection of data from various social development organizations and experts in Nepal. Collected data has helped in identifying the social sector's needs in moving forward to make a stronger and equitable Asia. The report analysis has proposed actions for the public and private sectors to help meet those needs.

The Doing Good Index is a comparative study that examines the enabling environment for

private social investment in 18 economies in Asia. Ultimately, the DGI hopes to facilitate positive outcomes such as improved regulations, increased trust, and greater philanthropic giving and support for the social sector. Soft copy of the report can be found at [https://www.caps.org/work/our-research\\_doing-good-index-2022](https://www.caps.org/work/our-research_doing-good-index-2022)

## Introducing Unnati's Artworks to The World Bank Team



### **June-20**

The World Bank and Chaudhary Foundation held a meeting to share Unnati's projects that has been supporting women's livelihood, preserving local art and culture to promote women participation in sustainable economy. Foundation team presented the concept and vision of Unnati and way forward. Unnati has already trained and capacitated women from various districts by providing advance training in ceramics and natural fiber, some of those products were showcased at the event. Mari Elka Pangestu, Managing Director for

Development Policy and Partnerships, the World Bank, was present at the event to have an interactive session. The event focused on stimulating activities to promote cultural and artistic heritages of local and indigenous communities.

## International Yoga Day Celebration in All CG offices



### June 21

To celebrate this year's Yoga Day, staffs of Chaudhary Group participated in physical and online yoga session. Considering the fact that the last few years, impacted by COVID-19 crisis, have caused a looming toll over mental, emotional, and physical health of people all over the world, we seek to promote a holistic approach to health by “also” practicing spiritual and ascetic discipline, while Shashwatdham and Unnati Cultural Village has been established as also a hub for yoga practitioner. Not only on this marked day, but Shashwatdham offers the Sri Sri Centre for Meditation and Yogic Sciences, open to all who seek a peaceful and happy life year round. Similarly, Hari Adhikari, a Patanjali-certified yoga teacher, conducts nurturing and enriching yoga sessions at Unnati Cultural Village. The regularly held program inspires children with fun, love, and joy while also emphasizing the importance of living a healthy lifestyle.

## Open Studio for Handmade History-II, Artists in Residency



### July 17

Unnati Cultural Village in collaboration with Raza Foundation, India, hosted an artist in residency 'Handmade History- II', a second residency program with Nepalese and Indian artists. The program was curated by Manish Pushkale, modern and contemporary artist from India. The focus of the program remained to emphasize connections beyond borders by engaging artists in the Nepali and Indian art community by sharing ideas and experiences; and, thereby, building strong networks. The event gathered artists, students, educators, and art lovers to visit open art studio set up at Mountain View Residency, CG guest house together with resident artists. The program facilitated in dialogue exchange of experience and skills across not only geographical or ethnic boundaries but also transgressing boundaries of various disciplines of art and culture through exploration of local and indigenous community. The Raza Foundation is a non-profit organization devoted to arts, culture, and ideas. It was established in 2001 by the widely acknowledged master of modern Indian art, the Late Sayed Haider Raza.

## Fundamental of Arts Management



### August 1-5

A 3-day course on “Fundamentals of Arts Management” in collaboration with ARThink South Asia was conducted by Unnati. The event dedicated to founding and supporting a cadre of arts manager and creative personnel, committed in the capacity building and networking for multidisciplinary artists in the South Asian Region. The workshop called 33 participants to engage in the course designed as an introduction to Arts Management for creative professionals. With a combined experience of over 40 years as arts managers, Pooja Sood and Ruchira Das, from ARThink South Asia and Khoj studios delivered the course, touching upon the elements of the key aspects of arts management; strategic planning, marketing, financing, fundraising & HR for organizational management and development of art community. The course module was designed to enhance the

presentations skills, engaging discussions, practical exercises done individually and in groups for art professionals.

## Business Continuity Management Training for Disaster Preparedness



### August 4-7

Chaudhary Foundation and CG Corp Global conducted Business Continuity Management Training for Disaster Preparedness at Unnati Cultural Village from 4- 7 Aug 2022 in association with USAID Tayar Nepal USAID Nepal , NDRC, Asian Disaster Preparedness Center – ADPC. In order to identify, assess and reduce, the risks in times of disaster, 18 participants from all different units and verticals of Chaudhary Group were able to learn from business continuity management workshop under disaster risk reduction. The training was led by USAID Tayar Nepal. The workshop explored on disaster's impact on organizations, risk management and its terminology, and ideas for establishing business continuity strategies. Mr. Nirvana Chaudhary, Vice Chairperson of the Chaudhary Foundation, and Ms. Deepa Shakya, Director of USAID Tayar Nepal, Private Sector & Integration, signed a Letter of Exchange in an event to collaborate and promote Private

Sector Engagement (PSE) in disaster risk reduction and management by implementing a business continuity management plan in the Chaudhary Group's various business operations.

## Chaudhary Foundation Reaches to Koshi Flood Affected People



### August 20

In an event organized on 20th August, 2022 in Sunsari and Udaypur, Chaudhary Foundation amplified the relief support program with Sankalpa CBR, Karuna Foundation Nepal, People of Japan and Asia Pacific Reliance. Chaudhary Foundation supported to 167 houses with items like rice, dal, oil, salt, sugar, soap etc. to fulfil the need of prerequisites. More than 2,500 families have been displaced and many homes have been inundated by the flood in Koshi due to incessant rainfall. Foundation believes that no one should starve in times of natural calamities, therefore has a dedicated team to support in the times of crisis to respond to disaster and minimize the loss of human lives and resources. The post disaster relief team has also reached in Assam Floods and helped the community to cope with the crisis.

## Creating Opportunities for Safe and Nutritious Food with Baliyo Mahila



### August 21

Baliyo Mahila Programme is a joint initiative between Chaudhary Foundation and Baliyo Nepal Nutrition Initiative for the women of the Madhyabindu Municipality in Nawalpur District from ward 1, 2 and 3. The 6 days program focused in Food Entrepreneur training for women. The programme aims at providing participants with the technical and entrepreneurial skills they need to produce safe, nutrition rich and affordable food. Foundation will be facilitating in creating markets for the produce prepared by the trainees, once they are market ready. Treasurer of Chaudhary Foundation, Sarika Devi Chaudhary, and Honorable Omkala Gautam, a member of the Gandaki State Assembly, inaugurated the programme. Chaudhary Foundation and Baliyo Nepal Initiative has been partnering for nutrition and good health awareness program with an objective to reduce stunting among children by 2030.

## Teej Celebration to Rejoice Womanhood and Sisterhood



### August 29

Chaudhary Group has been organizing a grand Teej celebration each year to relish the festival among all female staffs. This year too, Chaudhary Foundation and Chaudhary Group jointly hosted a lively program with a grand celebration. Treasurer of Chaudhary Foundation, Ms. Sarika Devi Chaudhary shared her fun filled experience as a young girl, recalling her childhood memories. Similarly, Ms. Merina Ranjit, General Manager of Foundation, highlighted on women capacity to manage both home and workplace in the same event. Women are the agents of social change, therefore women leadership roles can help to transform society, she added.

Teej festival has a significance among unmarried girls and women, both wishing to live a happy married life and praying for good health of husband and family. The events would last for three days, including enjoying a grand feast, observing a rigid fasting, praying to Lord Shiva, bathing in the holy river, presenting traditional performances, as Hindu rituals.

**Chaudhary Foundation and LG Works in Tandem Soical Cause**



### **Sept. 22**

LG Singapore Managing Director, Mr. Gerald Chu along with his team visited Digital Classroom School at Devchuli, Nawalpur. LG has been collaborating with Chaudhary Foundation since 2017 on establishment of Digital Class Room and facilitating to set up e-library in rural schools of Nepal. So far, LG together with Foundation has supported in 24 schools in various provinces. The joint initiative is focused on upgrading schools' existing ICT facilities, to bridge the digital gap with installation of the equipment like desktop computers, laptops, TVs, projectors, wireless internet. Previously, Foundation and LG had partnered to address disaster response and rebuilding during 2015 post-earthquake by building hundreds of shelter for affected people.

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