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दशैं

वर्षाको भेल संगै दुख हरु लिएर जाऊ दशैं
बाढीको वेगसंगै रिस अनि इर्ष्याहरुलाई बगाई लैजाऊ दशैं
सयपत्रीमा फुलेका फुल मै उत्सव लिएर आऊ दशैं
शीत र तुषाराले वृक्ष र बुट्यानलाई माया गरे झैं माया लिएर आऊ दशैं

हिमालका शृंखलाहरु स्वच्छ र सुन्दर भए जस्तै
दाजुभाई छरछिमेक अनि देश भरि नै सहिष्णुता लिएर आऊ दशैं
बादलका ती स्यालहरु आकाशमा छरिए जस्तै
सदभाव र शालीनता लाई हरेक प्राणि को ढुकढुकी मा साँचेर आऊ दशैं

समाज, प्रकृति अनि यो पृथ्वीलाई सुन्दर बनाउने पथमा हिंडेका हामीलाई आशिर्वाद
लिएर आऊ दशैं
जोश, जाँगर अनि प्रतिमाहरु नै दक्षिणा बनि आऊ दशैं
हिमाल पहाड अनि तराईले सुसज्जित नेपालीको मनमा छाऊ दशैं
मानिस अनि सम्पूर्ण जीव अनि अजीव सिर्जनाहरुमा करुणा र मायाका पालुवा पलाउने
सन्देश लिएर आऊ दशैं ।

-अमीर राज थापा

From Foundation's Desk

Dear Readers,

A festive season has bloomed at our doorsteps with themes of celebration, family unity and the welcoming of autumn, illustrated by colorful flowers blooming across the country. Festivals like Dashain and Tihar do not just uplift us with joy, but they also uplift us spiritually, as this festive energy reminds us of the rich culture and traditions that have been with us for generations.

On behalf of the Chaudhary Foundation, we wish you a joyful Dashain and Tihar and hope that this holiday season allows you to spend quality time with your loved ones. Because we all are occupied throughout the year with our work, projects, timelines, and various challenges, these festivals allow us the time to be uplifted spiritually with blessings from our elders – hopefully rejuvenating and reminding us to be mindful of our health, humanity, and humility.

On this note, the Foundation has updated our newsletter column in order to update you on the work we have been doing. These past few months have been challenging yet exciting and have led to innovation regarding the numerous projects with which we are involved. Our team members traveled to Dolpo, Jumla, Sindupalchowk, Gorkha and a few other districts for project execution, monitoring and assessment visits. Further, last month, we were able to integrate several Kathmandu University students into our projects in the field of social business and livelihoods. These students fulfilled their required hours of coursework at the field site where their skills were put to the test, as they were faced with real challenges and opportunities. We are grateful towards the work these students have done and are glad we could provide them with this opportunity and mentorship.

The team is also finishing up its work at its Model Village site in Sindupalchowk despite the untimely rainfall of this past month. Nevertheless, the Foundation team is forging a positive and long-lasting partnership with hopes to complete this project before the next monsoon. And in other news, the most anticipated Unnati Cultural Village construction work has recently been completed, and now various fixtures and interior works are in rapid progress. In anticipation of its opening by early 2020, numerous partners, artists, and entrepreneurs continuously visit the site and hope to align its opening with the support of Visit Nepal 2020 – a national initiative – and bring the Unnati Cultural Village as a major tourist destination aimed towards showcasing the beauty of the Nepali culture and traditions.

We invite you all to be informed about and inquire with us regarding the great work we are going here at Chaudhary Foundation. We also want to thank each of you for your continued support and wish you all a happy holiday season.

Thank you from the team at Chaudhary Foundation!



A New Initiative

Chaudhary Group, in coordination with its Foundation, has initiated recycling measures for all of the waste generated at the Chaudhary Group headquarters in Sanepa, Lalitpur. With this new initiative, organic waste, dry waste (including paper and plastic) and sanitary pad waste is segregated at the source level itself.

For recycling these segregated wastes properly, CG has partnered with Blue Waste to Value -- a recycling organization that is pioneering such environmental awareness and services in the field of recycling and upcycling.

As part of its CSR efforts, CG is hoping that this initiative will reduce the amount of waste that will be dumped at the landfill sites. "Segregation of waste and identifying and transferring the value of waste into an asset through recycling and upscaling is outstanding work," says Merina Ranjit, the COO of Chaudhary Foundation. One full day of full orientation training was conducted for GSD members, who are directly responsible for the success of this program.

This program is intended to support the Foundation in addressing SDG goals and its commitment towards promoting corporate social responsibility. We are hoping to scale this initiative to address other CG branches across the country as well as others within the private sectors in order to mitigate the massive waste problem within the Kathmandu Valley.



Doing Good Index (DGI) 2020 Survey

"Unfolding Philanthropy" is a great engagement with national NGOs, INGOs, educational institutes, private sector players, bilateral and multilateral agencies along with the founder of CAPS (Dr. Ruth Shapiro), the country representative of WWF (Dr. Ghanashyam Gurung) and the vice chairman of Chaudhary Foundation (Mr. Nirvana Chaudhary) participated in the Doing Good Index survey panel discussion event. The Doing Good Index (DGI) 2020 is a groundbreaking study geared towards helping the social sector in Asia grow and thrive. Chaudhary Foundation has partnered with the Centre for Asian Philanthropy and Society (CAPS) to run the survey in Nepal. Doing Good focuses on 17 economies throughout Asia and recognizes that each has a unique set of strengths, challenges and needs. Composed of four areas – tax and fiscal policy, regulatory regimes, socio-cultural ecosystem and government procurement – the Index reveals how Asian economies are catalyzing philanthropic giving.



The CG Chairman, Mr. Binod Chaudhary, alongside Chaudhary Foundation team took immense pleasure in welcoming the Founder and Chairperson of the Save the Himalayas



The objective of this conference will be to create a platform for interested parties to brainstorm and discuss action on climate change. Stakeholders can range anywhere from governmental or

Foundation – Venerable Bhikkhu Sanghasena – to Nepal on September 9th. This visit was in regards to the planning of an international conference to be held in Kathmandu in 2020 alongside various key stakeholders like ICIMOD and WWF.

non-governmental organizations, corporations, scientific institutions, community members, and spiritual establishments to figure the way forward regarding securing the future of the Himalayas and its valuable legacy.



"Mountain issues need more global attention. The process of engaging with the private sector for mountain agenda and closely communicating this to business community needs to be enhanced"

- Mr. Binod Chaudhary
Chairperson, Chaudhary Foundation



National Consultation at ADPC

Chaudhary Foundation participated in the national consultation program on disaster management and risk reduction. The national consultation is jointly organized by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MoHA) and the Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC), with support from the World Bank Group. The national consultation on DRM governance, policy, legal and fiscal frameworks will be conducted with public and non-public sectors with the objective of validating the results of the literature review, stakeholder mapping, and governance challenges in addition to identifying key priority sectors for advancing the objective of disaster resilience in Nepal. The consultation meeting was conducted to help better understand the general mechanisms of the country's disaster risk governance such as stakeholder participation, collaboration, flexibility, learning and accountability and transparency -- all of which are indicative of good governance and conducive to long-term DRM.



Chaudhary Foundation participating in the event by NDI. Chaudhary Foundation members sharing their experience to women leaders from various political bodies on entrepreneurship and women economic empowerment.



KUSOM student visit to Karnali Miteri Udhyog

Karnali Miteri Udhyog Pvt. Ltd., Jumla has started re-producing lito pitho (Enriched Flour) from its factory. The factory had been facing electricity related problems for the past few months, but now the issue has been sorted and the factory will be receiving power to start production.

Two weeks back, four MBA students from Kathmandu University School of Management (KUSOM) travelled to Rawatbada, Jumla as part of their Rural Enterprise Service (RES) program. The students were tasked to assess the situation of the factory there and come up with a way forward for the factory.

During the program, the students, along with representatives from CG NSB,



held a meeting with various stakeholders including the Chairperson of Tila Ward office, Tila Rural Municipality representatives, representatives from the local power house, Karnali Miteri Udhyog board members and other local representatives. The meeting was fruitful as all parties came to a consensus regarding the importance of the factory and the impact that it can create. The meeting also decided upon the solution to solve the electricity problem of the factory along with finding a market for the factory.

KUSOM students, CG NSB and factory board members also had another meeting regarding the factory operation and way forward. The students then helped the factory members to run the machine and help produce lito (fortified flour) as a start.



From September 26 to 28, Chaudhary Foundation hosted the ICIMOD and WWF-Nepal team at their Unnati Cultural Village and Shashwat Dham sites to showcase each location as a potential venue for an upcoming international conference.

Site Visit to ShashwatDham and Unnati Cultural Village by Chaudhary Foundation, ICIMOD & WWF-Nepal Team

During this time, the teams also took the opportunity to visit WWF's sustainable homestay in Amaltari and crane sanctuary in Lumbini.

Hear from Our Beneficiaries:



"I have a nuclear family -- in my house it is me, my husband and my two daughters. After the earthquake, our water source was buried and our water taps went dry. I had to walk every day up to 30 minutes to fetch water. Usually I had to go twice or thrice every day just to get water. Now after the completion of this pipeline, we get water directly at our house. I don't have to travel long to fetch water, I can now give time to other household chores as well as to my daughters."

*-Meera Gurung
Ghairung, Gorkha*



When i heard about the Artificial Limb Fitment Camp organized by Chaudhary Foundation, I made my way to Nawalpur. Beforehand, I tried to receive an artificial limb in Pokhara and Kathmandu, though was unsuccessful in both attempts due to my poor financial situation in the face of the high fees being demanded. I am glad that i am one of the beneficiary from this camp. Before receiving my limb, i used to carry a large stick to support myself to move around. It was so difficult for me to reach school due to my disability, which is why i dropped out after reaching grade 10.

Before I left the camp in Nawalpur, I had conversation with one of the member of Chaudhary Foundation regarding in search for job opportunities . One day, after returning home to Lamjung, I received a call from the Community Hospital. It was a follow-up call from the permanent center concerning the effectiveness of the provided artificial limb. When I once again expressed interest in aiding the very center that changed my life, the Hospital informed me that the Hospital needed help to run the permanent

center. I took this opportunity to aid other amputees without hesitation and traveled back to Nawalpur immediately. Now, I am receiving training on how to assist the technical experts at the permanent center team on preparing such artificial limbs.

-Bikash Tamang

Our BOOK Club

Welcome to the book club of Chaudhary Foundation. In this section we share with you what we all are reading. This is our initiative to expand the reading culture if our office and beyond. Our book club could give you reading ideas, and we would love to hear your book choices via email.

- 1. Aashna Karmacharya- *Becoming* - Michelle Obama**
- 2. Amir R Thapa- *SuperBoss* - Sydney Finkelstein**
- 3. Ashesh Baral - Autobiography of a Yogi**
- 4. Merina Ranjit- *While the gods were sleeping* – Elizabeth Enslin**
- 5. Prasanna Bajracharya: *Key Issues in Development* – Damien Kingsbury, Joseph Remenyi, John McKay, Janet Hunt**
- 6. Sophie - *Into the Wild* - John Krakauer**
- 7. Susan Kathayat: *The monk who sold his Ferrari*- Robin Sharma**





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