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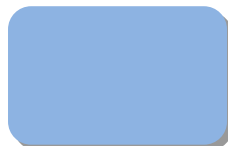
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BEAUTY OF LUMBINI



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NATTA IN INDEPENDENCE DAY OF ISRAEL

(May 14, 2014)



Second from left Israel Ambassador to Nepal HE Mr. Hanan Goder, distinguished guests and extreme right Prof. Dr. Hari Sarmah

NATTA participated in the 66th Independence Day Celebration of the State of Israel and also took part in the Shalom Peace Rally organized to mark the occasion.

NATTA was represented by CEO Prof. Dr. Hari Sarmah. He, on behalf of NATTA, congratulated HE Mr. Hanan Goder, Ambassador of Israel and

expressed his satisfaction on the coincidence of this momentous day with the

Buddha Jayanti Celebration in Nepal.

NATTA APPRISED SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF CITY DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEED OF TOURIST BUS TERMINAL

In a meeting held recently at International Convention Centre, NATTA has apprised Mr. Kishore Thapa, Secretary, Minister of Urban Development about the dire need of Tourist Bus Terminal in the capital city of Kathmandu. Kathmandu, though a gateway to millions of foreign tourists coming into Nepal, is without an appropriate Tourist Bus Terminal. NATTA has also requested the line ministry to incorporate the program of building a Tourist Bus Terminal in GON's Annual Program and Budget likely to be announced later during this month.

NATTA'S OUTLINE PROPOSAL FOR THE USE OF TSF

NATTA has completed a draft proposal for the use of TSF in preservation, conservation and promotion of overall Tourism in the country. The contents of the proposal mainly focus on NATTA's vision, Promotional Strategies, Development Strategies and Research & Training. The proposal will be discussed in NATTA's next Board Meeting and after the approval of the Board, NATTA plans to submit the proposal to all concerned in the Government for the grant of at least 5% of the TSF.

ADDITION IN NATTA AVIATION SUB COMMITTEE

Mr. Rishi Ram Dhamala Executive Director of Rupakot Tours & Travels is now on NATTA Aviation Sub Committee. Coordinaton for Aviation Sub Committee is led by Secretary General Mrs. Mihika Dhakhwa.



WTI ADVISORS CALL ON NATTA SECRETARIAT

(May 9, 2014)

South Asia Watch on Trade Economics & Environment (SAWTEE) is conducting a consultation with service providers, policy makers and other stake holders on barriers to service exports from Nepal imposed by third countries. It is in regard to this that Ms. Hadil Hijazi, Director of WTI Advisors and Ms. Neelu from SAWTEE visited NATTA Secretariat last Friday and raised queries regarding the hurdles faced by Nepalese travel trade entrepreneurs in their outbound business.



President Mr. D.B. Limbu, Secretary Mr. Ramesh Thapa, Jt. Treasurer Ms. Jishwan Tuladhar and CEO Hari Sarmah answered the queries made.

JOINT TOURISM COORDINATION COMMITTEE (JTCC) GOES FOR HUNGER STRIKE

(May 15, 2014)

JTCC Committee has gone on a one-week relay hunger strike on Thursday saying the Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Civil Aviation had not addressed their four-point demands. Representatives of different travel and trade associations under the Joint Tourism Coordination Committee (JTCC) started the relay hunger strike on Thursday evening and will be taking 12-hour turns to go on a hunger strike until Tuesday. As per the JTCC if the demands are not addressed by then, publishing of posters and pamphlets, with announcement of strong protest programs on Wednesday.

JTCC has been protesting against NTB for two weeks with demands that include removal of Subash Nirola from the post of acting CEO of NTB to pave the way for the appointment of new CEO, a probe into financial irregularities in NTB, disclosure of financial details of expenses made over the past five years, and ensuring institutional representation of the private sector in the board of NTB. JTCC has also announced that it will not cooperate with NTB unless the demands are met. Protest programs which started with representatives from 19 travel and trade associations, now has 35 different tourism-related organizations under it.

RECEIVE CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS ONLINE - IMANA PAY

ImanaPay



ImanaPay Team held an presentation at NATTA Secretariat with the description on its product 'ImanaPay' which is for the credit payments online.

With ImanaPay, for the first time in Nepal, you can start receiving online credit card payments directly into your bank account, all you need is an email address. Receiving payments from foreign tourists has always been a challenge for travel and trekking agents and hotel booking in Nepal, to solve this problem Imanapay is determined to offer a user friendly solution which will redefine and reorient the market for good.

With options of receiving payments from emails, websites and blogs, it offers its customers optimal use of technology to create a brand which would have a lasting impact on customers.

For further information and to get details on it, you may contact Mr. Sudeep Bista, 4674355 or mail at marketing@imanapay.com



unity against irregularity



■ Tourism entrepreneurs on a relay hunger strike at the Nepal Tourism Board premises on Thursday. Thirty-five associations working in the tourism sector are demanding the government to investigate irregularities in the board.

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काठमाडौं (कास)- श्रीलंकाबाट नेपाल ल्याइएको बुद्धको अस्थि धातु हेर्न बुधवार बौद्ध स्तूपामा घुइँचो लागे। बौद्धनाथ क्षेत्र विकास समितिले तीन वर्षको पहलपछि यसपटक श्रीलंकाको सगान्डीस्थित टेम्पल अफ टुपवाट अस्थि धातु ल्याएको हो। बुद्ध जयन्ती २५५८ का अवसरमा बुधवार उपराष्ट्रपति परमानन्द भट्टाले यसको प्रदर्शनी उदघाटन गरे। एउटा तीर्थस्थल र अर्को तीर्थस्थलबीचको बस्ती सहकार्य र सम्बन्ध प्रशंसायोग्य छ। उपराष्ट्रपति भट्टाले भने, 'यो प्रदर्शनीले श्रीलंका र नेपालबीचको मैत्री सम्बन्धको नयाँ आयामसमेत निर्माण गर्नेछ।' नागरिकमा शान्ति र सद्भावको विकास गराउनुका साथै मुलुकको शान्ति प्रवर्द्धनमा समेत प्रदर्शनीले सघाउने उनले बताए। बौद्ध धर्मावलम्बीको पाँच

तीर्थस्थलका रूपमा बौद्ध स्तूपालाई मानिए पनि अहिलेसम्म बुद्धको अस्थि धातु पािएन। अब हरेक वर्षको बुद्ध जयन्तीको दिन यसलाई सर्वसाधारणको दर्शनार्थ नियमित प्रदर्शनीमा राखिने क्षेत्र विकास समितिका अध्यक्ष सम्पूर्ण कुमार सामाले जनाए। श्रीलंकाबाट ल्याइएको बौद्धस्थित गरू ल्हाखाड गुम्बामा प्रतिस्थापन गरिएको अस्थि धातु बुधवार स्पष्टी प्रदर्शनी गरिएको हो। शाक्यमुनि बुद्धभन्दा पनि पहिले निर्माण भएको मानिएको स्तूपामा बुद्धको अस्थि धातु आइपुगेकामा बौद्ध धर्मावलम्बी खुसी छन्। विहानदेखि साँझसम्म धातु हेर्नेको भीड थियो। 'महायानी बौद्ध सम्प्रदायका लागि त भन्नु यसले निकै अर्थ राख्छ,' समितिका सचिवकारी निर्देशक फुबु यादजी खामाले भनिन्। प्रदर्शनी उदघाटनपछि बौद्धमा अनुयायीहरूले बुद्धको शोभायामा समेत निकालेका थिए। ललितपुरमा चैत्य प्रदर्शन बुद्ध जयन्तीको अवसरमा बुधवार तयहालटोनास्थित पद्मञ्जोटी महाविहारमा चैत्यको प्रदर्शन गरिएको छ। उक्त चैत्य निर्माणाधीन लुम्बिनीस्थित नेपाल बज्रयान महाविहारको मध्यभागमा राखिने पद्मञ्जोटी महाविहारका खोम शाक्यले जानकारी दिए। यसको 'डिजाइन' नेपाल हस्तकला महासंघले गरेको हो। पद्मञ्जोटी महाविहारकै आयोजनामा भक्तजनहरूले भजन र बाजागाजासहित तयहालदेखि शान्ति न्याली निकालेका थिए। न्याली गाबहाल, नखवी, न्क,

बंगलामुखी, भगलवजार, सुन्धारा, अकुबहाल, तगल, टिछुगल्ली हुँदै इच्छलखु, चूर्णचन्डी पुनः नवहालस्थित विहारमा पुगेको थियो। बुद्ध जयन्ती ट्रस्ट समितिले विहारलाई ५५ हजार रुपैयाँ र उपमहाानगरपालिकाले ५० हजार रुपैयाँ सहयोग गरेको शाक्यले बताए। **सुनाकोठीमा बुद्धको मूर्ति राखियो** बुद्ध जयन्तीका अवसरमा बुधवार सुनाकोठीमा साडे सात फिट अग्लो बुद्धको मूर्ति राखिएको छ। स्थानीय २० कलाकारले चार महिना लगाएर बनाएको मूर्ति सुनाकोठीको बुद्ध विहार टोलमा राखिएको हो। मूर्ति बनाउन ४० लाख रुपैयाँ लागेको सुनाकोठी बुद्ध निर्माण समितिका अध्यक्ष सुरेश महर्जनले बताए। **शान्तिको काममा न्याली** मुलुकमा शान्तिको कामना गर्दै बुधवार तीन सय वृत्ताले राजधानीमा शान्ति न्याली निकालेका छन्। बुद्धमती बौद्ध विकास समितिले बुद्ध जयन्तीका अवसरमा मोटरसाइकल न्याली निकालेको हो। बुद्धमतीबाट सुर न्याली खोकना, नगरगाउँ, चोभार, कीर्तिपुर हुँदै पुनः बुद्धमतीमा पुगी टुँगिएको थियो। प्रत्येक वर्ष बुद्ध जयन्तीका दिन बुद्धमती, खोकना, धापाखेल, ठँचो, सुनाकोठी, चापागाउँ, हरिसिद्धि, ठँच, लुभु र सानोगाउँमा बुद्ध मूर्तिसहित शान्ति न्याली उद्घाटनकाले चलन छ। बुधवार भारदेव गाविसस्थित गुल्मीचर महादेवमा मेला हेर्न आउनेको ठूलो घुइँचो लाग्ने गर्छ।

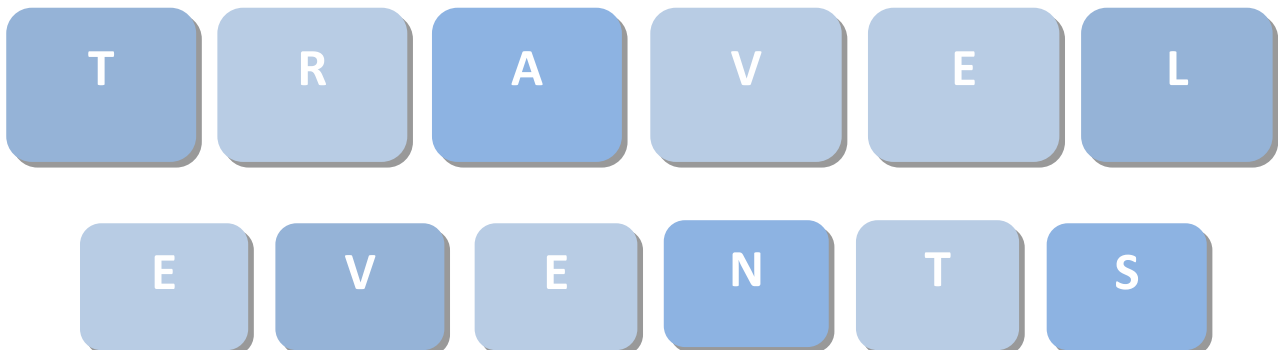
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EVENTS

TRAVEL EVENTS FOR JANUARY

- Jan 9th-11th TTF Chennai 2015
- Jan 16th-18th The Telegraph Cruise Show London 2015
- Jan 16th-18th TTF Bangalore 2015
- Jan 18th-22nd Travel Exchange 2015
- Jan 21st Eleventh International Conference on Environmental, Cultural, Economic and Social Sustainability ,Copenhagen, Denmark





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- Air France, SriLankan Airlines

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