



# NATTA WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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**Stay Strong Nepal**

**We will bounce back**

# NATTA in distribution of Relief Materials

## NATTA at Patlekheth



NATTA team visited to Patlekheth VDC of Kavre District on 2nd May 2015 (19th Baisakh 2072) and distributed the relief material 'tarpaulin' to the victims of disastrous Earthquake. The team distributed 150 tarpaulins to the victims.

Visiting different wards of Patlekheth, the NATTA team distributed tarpaulin to villagers rendered homeless by the April 25th calamity.



## NATTA at Nuwakot, Raising



Giving continuation to NATTA's Relief Program, a team of NATTA led by President D.B Limbu distributed relief materials including ration to Earthquake victims in Raising of Nuwakot on 5th May 2015 (22nd Baishakh 2072). The relief materials included 84 sacks of rice, 200 kg lentils, 200 litre oil, 200 kg of salt, 12 cartoon Biscuits, 3 sacks of *Shakhar*.



## NATTA at Sindhupalchowk

Continuing the Relief Program, NATTA Team visited Ghumthang, Sindhupalchowk to donate 100 pieces of tarpaulins to the victims of Earthquake on 7th May 2015 (24th Baisakh 2072).



NATTA also handed over 14 pieces of tarpaulin to Namadhi, Ramechhap VDC in coordination with Mr. Anil Nepali of Tourism Express.

NATTA still has more in its pipeline to provide relief to earthquake victims.

## NATTA requests to Airlines

NATTA wrote letters to all National and International airlines' requesting to refund/amend all tickets without any charges for tickets that have been issued having travel date till 15<sup>th</sup> May 2015. Since IATA had already postponed the BSP payment date by a week and looking at the situation a further postponement of a week has been considered by IATA. Similarly NATTA has also requested the low cost carriers to give grace period of 15 days for the first payment date and another 10 days for the second payment date.

NATTA has also requested all airlines to assist in transporting cargo of relief goods free that are being collected and ready to be picked up from various destinations around the world. NATTA is also coordinating with International Volunteer groups and will also work with concerned government authorities of Nepal to get the customs and duties waived.

## Participation in Airport Cleaning Campaign



On April 28, 2015 NATTA joined hands together for Clean Up Campaign at TIA. Chairman of NTB and Secretary at Ministry of Culture, Tourism and CA, Mr. Suresh Man Shrestha, NTB team, other Tourism Associations and Security Agencies participated in the campaign.

NATTA Team in the campaign comprised of President D.B Limbu, Secretary General Mihika Dhakhwa, Treasurer Narayan Gurung Koney, Executive Member Kamla Gurung.

## NOTICE FOR IATA Accredited Agents

IATA has agreed to defer the 1-15 April payment date to 15<sup>th</sup> May 2015. This is the second deferment approved by IATA on N A T T A request.

Therefore, all IATA accredited members are now requested to settle IATA payment for 1-15 April by 15<sup>th</sup> May 2015.

**NATTA'S efforts to bring in Smooth Revival**



Together We Can Achieve  
नेपाल एशोसिएशन अफ टूर एण्ड ट्राभल एजेन्ट्स

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**RE: Humble Request**

Your Excellency,

With great dismay, we would like to inform you that Nepal is passing through a very painful situation that has outpoured in the aftermath of the disastrous earthquake of 25<sup>th</sup> April, annihilating the historic sites, innumerable buildings and taking a heavy toll on the lives and the properties of the people in the country.

We, the tourism fraternity of the nation would like to thank your esteemed airlines for support, considerations and thoughtfulness to bring back the normalcy without disrupting your international flight operations to Nepal. This is a great humanitarian service and we reassure you that your cooperation to Nepal in sustaining the tourism sector and our economy as a whole will be ever remembered with appreciation.

The Nepalese economy has its foundations based on your contributions and efforts to keep it thriving all through. No words would suffice to express our gratitude to your prestigious airlines for your invaluable support to help Nepal stand erect.

Now in the aftermath of the unfortunate earthquake, it is but impossible on our part alone to carry on without the meaningful contributions of international airlines'.

We therefore would like to humbly request your globally renowned carrier to continue your flight operations to Nepal without reducing the existing frequencies. Nepal is now in crisis but we are quite optimistic to rise back with a smooth revival of our economic activity soon and your continued support will be much valued during this time of need.

Thanking you.

With kindest regards,

D.B. Limbu  
President



Similar mails are being dispatched to various other Int'l Airlines.



Support and  
Pray for  
Nepal

**NATTA has set up a Relief Fund to support the victims of recent Earthquake disaster. Request you to kindly contribute generously by sending cash/cheque to NATTA Secretariat.**

**Below are the lists of Contributors who have so far supported in the Relief Fund for the Earthquake Victims:**

1. Hogg Robinson Group (HRG)		2,50,000/-
2. Hongkong Judiciary Registered Interpreters		1,35,000/-
3. Mr. Ram Shrestha	(Harvest Moon Travel)	51,000/-
4. Sahara Samuha Nepal (SSN)		50,000/-
5. Mr. Parasar Prasai	(Universal Tours)	25,000/-
6. Mr. Peter Ko	(Arniko International)	20,000/-
7. Mr. Mahendra R. Paudel'Henny'	(Global Asia)	16,000/-
8. Mr. B.K Shrestha	(Himalayan Travels)	15,575/-
9. Mr. C.N. Pandey	(Samrat Tours)	15,555/-
10. Mr. M.P. Rai	(Broadway Travel)	15,101/-
11. Mr. Bhola Bikram Thapa	(President Travel)	15,000/-
12. Mr. D.B. Limbu	(Fast Int'l Travel)	15,000/-
13. Ms. Mihika Dhakhwa	(Zenith Experience)	15,000/-
14. Mr. Navaraj Ghimire	(Annapurna Travel)	15,000/-
15. Mr. Srawan Rana	(Jaya Travel )	15,000/-
16. Mr. Gopal Man Singh Rajbanshi	(Altruism Travels)	15,000/-
17. Mr. Sarbottam Lal Shrestha	(Peace Int'l Travel)	15,000/-
18. Mr. Shyam Raj Thapaliya	(Osho World Travel)	11,000/-
19. Mr. Laxman Chhetri & His Family		10,600/-
20. Mr. Joy Dewan	(Zenith Travel)	10,000/-
21. Mr. Shambhu Pokhrel	(SunShine Lhasa Kathmandu)	10,000/-
22. Mr. Krishna Regmi	(Typical Nepal Travel)	10,000/-
23. Mr. Roshan Babu Thulung	(Air Corridor Travels)	10,000/-
24. Mr. Bal Bahadur Limbu	(Sky Highway Travel)	10,000/-
25. Mr. Ramesh Luintel	(Euro Asia Travel )	10,000/-
26. Mr. Bijay Rai	(Axis Holidays Nepal )	10,000/-
27. Mr. Bikram Pandey	(Himalayan Expedition)	10,000/-
28. Mr. Megh Giri	(Jayanti Travels)	10,000/-
29. Mr. Shikher Prasai	(Natraj Tours)	10,000/-
30. Mr. Sachin Khagdi	(Specialize Travel)	10,000/-
31. Mr. Suraj Lamichhane	(Sita World Travel Nepal)	10,000/-
32. Mr. Ram K. Barakoti	(Nepal Social Tours)	10,000/-
33. Mr. Punya Paudel	(Losar Tours)	10,000/-
34. Mr. Ujjwal Aryal	(Fewa Tours)	10,000/-
35. Mr. Gunja Bahadur Ranjit	(Rainbow Travel)	10,000/-
36. Mr. Narayan Neupane	(Appointment Travel)	10,000/-
37. Mr. Bharat Malla	(Seven Peaks)	10,000/-
38. Mr. Ramesh Rajbhandari	(Zen Travels)	10,000/-
39. Mr. Prakash K.C	(Prayas Travels)	10,000/-
40. Mr. Shambhu Raj Pathak	(Blue Bird Travel)	7,000/-
41. Mr. Raghu Raj Rawal	(Exotic Adventure)	7,000/-
42. Mr. Pom Narayan Shrestha	(Open Heart Travel)	6,000/-
43. Mr. Megh Bahadur Khatri	(Sumegh Travels)	5,555/-
44. Mr. Sanjay Bajimaya	(Nepa Travel)	5,555/-
45. Mr. Lok Prasad Silwal	(Travel Link Service)	5,100/-
46. Mr. Sangay Gurung	(Explore Nepal Richa Tours)	5,100/-
47. Mr. Bharat Jung Pandey	(Everest Miracle)	5,100/-
48. Mr. Bhupal Magar	(Tamakhani Travel)	5,050/-
49. Ms. Phudoma Sherpa	(Debonair Travel)	5,003/-
50. Mr. Min Bdr. Khatri	(Pigeon Travel)	5,000/-
51. Mr. Chitra Bdr. Gurung	(Evergreen Travel)	5,000/-
52. Mr. Gautam Manandhar	(Sunrise Int'l)	5,000/-
53. Mr. Sushil Panta	(Gorkha Int'l )	5,000/-
54. Mr. Suresh Amgain	(Trail Blazer Travels)	5,000/-
55. Ms. Rashmi Tamot	(Ajanta Voyage)	5,000/-



56. Mr. Sumed Shakya	(Jatak Travel)	5,000/-
57. Mr. Rabi Nath Paudel	(Saiyu Travel)	5,000/-
58. Mr. Ram Kaji Gurung Koney	(Gandaki Travels)	5,000/-
59. Mr. Arjun Sharma	(Shiva Travels )	5,000/-
60. Mr. Bharat Kumar Basnet	(The Explore Nepal)	5,000/-
61. ABACUS Nepal		5,000/-
62. Mr. Rabindra Bajracharya	(Global Holidays)	5,000/-
63. Mr. Narayan Gurung Koney	(Cheerful Holiday)	5,000/-
64. Mr. Ramesh Thapa	(Moon Sun Travel)	5,000/-
65. Mr. Hari Man Lama	(Incentive Tours)	5,000/-
66. Mr. Bikash Gauchan	(Leisure World)	5,000/-
67. Mr. Bhim Panta	(Magnificent Travel)	5,000/-
68. Mr. Binay Basnet	(Koshi Tours)	5,000/-
69. Ms. Kamla Gurung	(Travel Light)	5,000/-
70. Mr. Yadu Lamichhane	(Asiatic Travel )	5,000/-
71. Mr. Shantosh Pyakurel	(Budget Travel)	5,000/-
72. Mr. Mahendra Man Shrestha	(Namaste Travel)	5,000/-
73. Ms. Gayatri Kansakar	(Nepal Kamaz)	5,000/-
74. Mr. Nilendra Mali	(Mali Travel)	5,000/-
75. Mr. Gautam Lal Shrestha	(Peace Travel)	5,000/-
76. Mr. Prithivi Shrestha	(Nepal Kaze Travel)	5,000/-
77. Mr. Keshav Shrestha	(Solution Travel)	5000/-
78. Mr. Golman Gurung	(Deurali Travel)	5000/-
79. Mr. Krishna Gyawali	(Union International Travel)	5000/-
80. Mr. Prakash Karki	(Paragon Travel)	5,000/-
81. Mr. Bhupendra Pradhan	(Vista Travel)	5000/-
82. Mr. Jay Ram	(Flight Connection)	5000/-
83. Mrs. Laxmi Gurung	(Swastik Travel)	5,000/-
84. Mr. Sonam Tapke Gurung	(Experience Nepal)	5,000/-
85. Mr. Raj Kumar Shrestha	(Adventure Specialist Travel)	5,000/-
86. Mr. Zimba Zangbu Sherpa	(Khumbi-ila Voyage)	5,000/-
87. Mr. Khem Pangeni	(Sky Bridge Tours)	5,000/-
88. Mr. Ang Tshering Sherpa	(Asian Trekking)	5,000/-
89. Mr. Shibesh Shrestha	(C & K Travel)	5,000/-
90. Mr. Prabin K.C.	(Seagull Travel)	5,000/-
91. Mr. Hari Bol Thapa	(Travel Net)	5,000/-
92. Mr. Bhakta Bahadur Malla	(Alpine Travel Service)	5,000/-
93. Mr. Thakur Prasad Bhatta	(Jumbo Adventure)	5,000/-
94. Mr. Raju Shahi	(Nature Express)	3,000/-
95. Mr. Madan Acharya	(Loyal Travel)	3,000/-
96. Mr. Ram Shrestha	(Indra Travel)	3,000/-
97. Mr. Ram Ghale	(Liberty Holiday)	3,000/-
98. Mr. Narayan Prasad Pokhrel	(Fishtail Travel)	3000/-
99. Mr. Pawan Tuladhar	(Rising Travels)	2,000/-
100. Mr. Raja Shakya	(Confidence Travels)	2,000/-
101. Mr. Mukunda Pd. Sharma	(Synergy Travels)	2,000/-
102. Dr. Hari Sarmah	CEO, NATTA	2,000/-
103. Mr. P.P. Rauniyar	(Him-Hans Travels)	1,500/-
104. Mrs. Dibya Prabha Shahi	(Diana Travels)	1,500/-
105. Mr. Laxman Tiwari	(Muskan Travel)	1,500/-
106. Mr. Binod Raj Poudyal	(Bon Travel)	1,500/-
107. Mr. Raju Dhakal	(Sea Links Travels)	1,500/-
108. Ms. Shradha Chhetri	NATTA	1,500/-
109. Ms. Sanjita Neupane	NATTA	1,500/-
110. Ms. Urmila Maharjan	NATTA	1,100/-
111. Ms. Saraswoti Paudel	NATTA	1,100/-
112. Mr. Lekha Nath Bhandari	(Ample Travel)	1,000/-

*Total Fund Collected as of 25th Baisakh 2072: Rs. 12, 32,995/-*

Let's unite in this  
humanitarian  
cause.

MEDIA PICK OF THE WEEK



महाभूकम्प गएको १३ औं दिन बिहीबार ललितपुरको सानेपामा घरहराको प्रतीक बनाई त्यसको बरिपरि मैनबली बालेर दिवांगतहरूका आत्माको चिरशान्तिको कामना गरिँदै । राजधानीलगायत मुलुकका विभिन्न भागमा भूकम्पमा परी ज्यान गुमाउनेहरूप्रति श्रद्धाञ्जलि व्यक्त गरिएको छ ।  
*संस्कार : लक्ष्मीप्रसाद डोमुरी, काठमाडौं*



## VARIETY

**Rumours that had us all the more jittery**

The earthquake of April 25 not only shook the very ground beneath our feet, it also set the rumour mills rolling like crazy. An already panicked and jittery people listened to all the 'gossip news' doing the rounds and everyone poured on to the streets.

**Tiger on the loose**

This was one rumour that not only fuelled the fears but also made people question whether to hide inside homes, which no one knew was safe or unsafe, or just take a chance outside in the open spaces and brave the tiger(s). Jawalakhel residents received calls from loved ones telling them to be scareful of the tiger on the prowl apart from the aftershocks that kept rocking the nation.

**Be ready for the 9 Richter big one**

This one started right after the 6.9 magnitude tremblor of 1:00 pm on April 26. To make the rumour authentic, the rumour mongers quoted that it was the BBC and NASA that had predicted it. The rumour mills were on overdrive on this one. The two agencies had to declare that they had not. Everyone it seems was just waiting for the big one, some even giving the exact time: 1:58 pm the next day. So, it was no wonder to see people starting to collect in chowks and any open space in their toles, when the said predicted time drew near.

**... and then the volcano**

Well, almost everyone claimed that someone they knew or someone who was their friend's friend or relative or neighbour or ... had seen a volcano erupt in Kirtipur. Then the rumour spread like wildfire. Soon the entire nation was sprouting volcanos while at the same time weathering the aftershocks and expecting the big one — 11 on the Richter scale. We were all ready to be vapourised if that happened.

**Not just Dharahara, even Ghantaghar is gone**

The most believable of the rumours but Ghantaghar weathered this tremblor. Even the all-seeing Swoyambhunath was not spared. People talked about the razing of this temple as if they had seen it with their own eyes.

**The moon is upside down**

Many of us looked up to the moon, many tried to show us how the moon is upside down tonight. On the many nights that we stayed outdoors, many of us looked up to the moon wondering whether it had really turned ulto. Perhaps many of us have not gazed at the moon for so long and with such intensity ever.

**10 crores, 2 helicopters and Salman**

Some wise guy decided s/he will just post on the world wide web that the Bollywood superstar known for his big heart has decided to give INRs 10 crores and two of his private helicopters to aid the earthquake victims of Nepal. That set the Internet abuzz. Fans started reposting the said 'rumour news' and thanks and 'Bhai you are the greatest' and 'I 'heart' you Salman Khan' started doing the rounds. When the star's NGO Being Human released a statement refuting the rumours a day after, there was a round of discontent maligning the actor.

Another Bollywood star who faced a similar rumour but earlier was Akshay Kumar. He was said to have said that he would donate the first day collections of his recent release Gabbar is Back to Nepal quake victims. He refuted the rumour saying it was not his call.

**Bhimsenthans locals died after drinking water that spouted from the ground**

This had many of us doubting the very water we were drinking though we had bought it. "What if this sip kills me?" And boiling, re-boiling, filtering, everything happened in many homes.