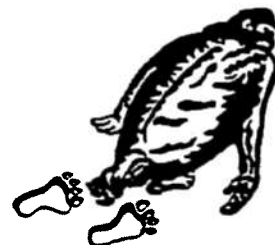




# YETI VIEWS



NEWSLETTER OF THE NEPALESE ASSOCIATION IN SOUTHEASTERN AMERICA (NASA)

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Special Edition

9<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention 1999

## President's Corner

Dear Friends:

Greetings to you all!

The annual convention of NASA is around the corner. It has become our tradition to get together at least once a year during the convention with our families and friends to share our friendship, learn about current events of Nepal and extend our cultural heritage to our children and American friends. It is a time of sharing, making new friends and renewal of friendships. It is a time of past reflection and projection of better future for our association.

Only with your active participation and contribution, can we improve and develop better programs for the future. So I would like to invite you to join with us in Nashville and have a great time.

If you have not booked your hotel room yet, please do so before August 20, 1999 to receive a group discount rate at the Shoney's Inn. The organizing committee has carefully planned a marvelous program for you to enjoy.

You will find all necessary information in this newsletter. Please plan accordingly and do not miss the Saturday night.

Please contact your friends & relatives and let them know that they are invited. We want them to join us and enjoy the celebration. Detailed information can be found at

[www.Nepal-America.org](http://www.Nepal-America.org).

I would like to extend my deep appreciation and thank you to all friends and families, young people and children for your continuous support and contribution in so many different ways. You have provided support not only for the last two years, but also over the years ever since NASA was established in 1990. Please accept my gratitude and

see you in Nashville! ♦

With Best Regards,  
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## Nepalese Association in Southeastern America (NASA)

NASA's 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention in Nashville, TN  
(Sept. 4-6, 1999)

(Tentative Program)

**Saturday, September 4<sup>th</sup> (starts from 5:00 p. m. central time):**

Registration, Reception Dinner, Nepali Movie, Music & Dance

Location: VFW, 73 N. Schackle Island, Hendersonville, TN 37075

Phone: (615) 824 9851

**Sunday, September 5<sup>th</sup>:**

Location: Pleasant Green Clubhouse  
Goodlettsville, TN 37072

**9:00 A. M. - 12:30 P.M.**

- ♦ Registration starts at 9:00 am
- ♦ Welcome by Dr. Samanta Thapa, Organizing committee Chair
- ♦ Address by the NASA President

- ◆ Address by the NASA President
- ◆ Key Note Speaker: Nepalese Ambassador to the U.S.
- ◆ Address by Dr. Robert Jefferson, Dean Gordon Ford College of Business,
- ◆ Western Kentucky University
- ◆ Youth Session: Discussion on youth issues. "Let young express what's on their minds!"
- ◆ Immigration Issues and any other topics about Nepal.
- ◆ Other Presentations

**12:45 p m-1:30 p m: LUNCH**

2:00 P.M.: OPRYLAND HOTEL TOUR  
(a must see place in Nashville)

**Buses for transportation will be provided at the meeting place.**

- 4:00 -5:00 pm: Business Meeting and Election
- 5:30 -6:30 pm: Dinner
- 7:00 -9:00 pm: Cultural Program
- 9:00 -10:00 pm: Award presentation and dance (Free Flow, Young & Old alike)

**Monday, September 6th:**

Location - Moss Wright Park

**9:00 a m - 12: 00 p m: Various Games:**

Soccer, Volleyball, Musical Chairs, Children Games, Ladies' Games, other games & Award presentation

**2: 00 - 1:00 p m: Lunch and Adjournment**

**HOTEL INFORMATION:** (Please note the group rate deadline is **Aug 20, 1999**)

**SHONEY'S INN:**

25 Rooms have been reserved for the 4th & 5th of September at a special group rate of \$50.00 per night. The cut off date for this rate is 8/20/1999. Please call yourself to reserve your room. There is NO group reservation set up. Tel. (615) 851-1067

**OTHER HOTELS IN THE VICINITY:**

**Holiday Inn:** Rate: \$60. per night

Tel: (615) 859-5400

**Comfort Inn:** Rate: \$63. per night

Tel: 615-851-6600

**Econo Lodge:** Rate: \$40. per night

Tel: (615) 859-4988

**DIRECTIONS TO HOTELS: Destination Nashville, I-65 or I-40:**

**I-65 SOUTH BOUND:**

Take exit 97 (Goodlettsville/Long Hollow Pike), Turn Left at the Long Hollow Pike Rd., Drive about half a mile, You will see Shoney's Inn and other hotels in that area.

**I-65 NORTH BOUND:**

Take exit 97 (Goodlettsville/Long Hollow Pike), Turn Right at the Long Hollow Pike Rd., Drive about half a mile, You will see Shoney's Inn and other hotels in that area.

**I-40 EAST OR WEST BOUND:**

Take I-65N, Take exit 97 (Goodlettsville/Long Hollow Pike), Turn Right at the Long Hollow Pike Rd., Drive about half a mile, You will see Shoney's Inn and other hotels in that area.

For More Information, please visit our Web site: at [www.Nepal-America.org](http://www.Nepal-America.org) or contact the following people:

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**It's Election Time ☺**

As the outgoing president, I would like to remind all members of NASA to think of the upcoming election of NASA's executive board for 1999/00. This year you will have an opportunity to be elected yourself or elect your candidates for the executive board members of NASA. Except the president, other officers may be re-elected for the new term. Please send your nomination to:

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**775 North Ericson Rd, Cordova, TN 38018**

**Phone #: (901) 751-2338, E-mail Address:**

[ddhakal@memphis.edu](mailto:ddhakal@memphis.edu) ◆

## A Note from the NASA Treasurer

-Shaubhagya L. Shrestha

It has been my pleasure working with you all in this region since I came here in February 1994. Especially, I am very much grateful working as a Treasurer of NASA for the last four years. I used to question myself as well as other colleagues of the purpose of NASA. Now, it is very clear to me and I am glad to be able to clarify it to others.

The net result of my achievements is that I have a very good networking with the Nepalese community in this region as well as with communities in Nepal. The other result is that I have been able to raise money for NASA either by pledge from the Nepalese friends or as commission for enrolling in AT&T long distance, and as a referral fee on phone cards and airline tickets. Now at least NASA is self-sustaining in some instances.

During Mr. Bala Bahadur K.C.'s visit during 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta, the local Nepalese community and Mr. K.C. had an extensive discussion regarding the establishment of a high school in Kanku, Solukhumbu District. He suggested that if NASA raised some funds, he would support the project in Nepal. We hinted about the misuse of the funds and requested that the funds should be directly deposited to the bank account of the school in the village itself. NASA contributed \$1,200.00 in order to support this school, and a high school was established in Kanku, Solukhumbu.

I was in Nepal with my family from mid-June to mid-July, 1999 in order to perform Bratabandha (initiation) ceremony for my son Sagun. During this time I had a chance to have a social hour with the Hon. Minister for Housing and Labor, Bal Bahadur K.C. Mr. K.C. thanked NASA for the support to the school and reported that 25 students have appeared in the S.L.C. (high school final) examination from the school and 70% of the students passed the final exam.

We also discussed the further support of the school. One way is to provide scholarships to selected students; we could do this by a trust fund to the school and the interest from the trust fund could be channeled into scholarships. Your support and input is highly appreciated.

As I indicated above, I have had the opportunity to contribute a lot to NASA as a member as well as in the capacity of treasurer. I will be leaving the treasurer position in the near future. I hope the future treasurer will also follow the same tradition and contribute more to the Nepalese community and NASA. I have been appointed as Master of Ceremony (MC) for the forthcoming NASA convention in Nashville, TN. Therefore, I would like to request all of you who will be participating in the cultural program, to send your brief introduction/background/hobby along with a brief note on your performance music/song/dance/skit/fashion show either by email: [taremam@bellsouth.net](mailto:taremam@bellsouth.net), or by phone # 770-943-0140 ♦

## High Achieving Students

During the NASA's 1997 annual convention in Oxford, MS, it was announced that any student who graduates from an elementary school, middle school or high school with very high grades (all A's) will be awarded a one time gift of \$50.00 for their excellent achievement. This year during our annual convention in Nashville, TN, we will honor our highest achieving students.

In order for a student to qualify for this award, the following criteria must be met:

1. A student must have a cumulative average of A (or E in elementary school) through the middle school or high school career. In other words, GPA at the time of graduation must be 4.0 (or higher)
2. The graduating date must be between **Sept. 1997 and June 1999**
3. One student is eligible for **ONLY ONE** award
3. A qualifying student must be an immediate family member of NASA member.

If you are a student or you have a student who can meet the listed qualification, please fax your final grade report to Hari Dhungana at Fax # 770-489-3115.

Without your grade report, we can not determine the qualification eligibility.

**The deadline to receive this grade report is August 25, 1999.**

If you have any questions, please contact **Hari Dhungana or Shaubhagya Shrestha** or one of the following committee members:

**Subodh Gautam: 770-439-0389**

**Signor Rana: 770-319-1841**

**Ganesh Kunwar: 770-612-0477**

When the necessary information is received, the award committee will review and let you know whether the student will qualify for the award.

Unfortunately, NASA is unable to recognize our high achieving college students with \$\$\$ award at this time. However, if you are a student or you have a student who deserves to be recognized in our annual convention, please send his/her information to **Hari Dhungana**. **This information MUST be received by August 25, 1999 ♦**

## A Farewell Note From Namita Dhakal

July 22, 1999

As we leave our position as co-editors of *Yeti Views*, we would like to express our appreciation to Mr. Hari

Dhungana for all his help in the past year. It was quite a challenge to coordinate the publication between NASA and Diyalo from here in New Mexico, but because of Hari Uncle, we somehow managed. Our experience informs us that this position is best served by someone with heavy involvement in NASA, ideally someone able to attend the meetings. Because we live so far away, we find it impossible to attend NASA events and, as a result, do not have any contact with most members.

Organizational involvement and regular contact with members are crucial to this job because the main job of the editor(s) is to recruit contributors. Without the regular contact, it became extremely difficult for us to get contributions for the newsletter. It is for these reasons that we are no longer able to stay on as editors. We look forward to being involved in the future in other ways

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(Note: Thank you Namita for your contribution to NASA, -Hari).

**DIRECTIONS TO RECEPTION CENTER,**  
VFW (Veterns of Foreign Wars), Hendersonville  
About 5 miles from SHONEY'S INN

1. From Shoney's/ Comfort/ Holiday Inn, go to Long Hollow Pike Rd. and turn right (Not towards I-65); (Econo Lodge residents should turn left) and pass KROGER, turn right on the 1st traffic light, (CALDWELL DR.) and drive around 2.7 miles, on stop sign, turn right (CENTER POINT RD.) and go under the bridge to the traffic light, turn left on Traffic Light (GALLATIN RD.) and drive approx 2.5 miles and turn left on Traffic light #4(traffic lights are numbered), NEW SHACKLE ISLAND RD, immediately, look for VFW sign on the left side.(Besides THE WINE CELLAR/WINES & LIQUOR SHOP)

**DIRECTIONS TO CONVENTION CENTER**  
(Pleasant Green Club House) Goodlettsville  
About 2.5 miles from SHONEY'S INN

1. From Shoney's/ Comfort/ Holiday Inn, go to Long Hollow Pike Rd. and turn left on long hollow pike towards I-65 ( Econo lodge residence should turn right), take I- 65 south to Nashville, on I-65 south immediately take exit #96 (Two Mile Pike), turn right on Two Mile Pike Rd. Turn left on MOSS

TRAIL Rd. between PHILLIPS & ARTRIP  
PRODUCE MKT.)

Drive approx. 0.7 miles and turn left on PLEASANT GREEN PARK/POOL sign. Sign is small and on your right.

**DIRECTIONS TO MOSS-WRIGHT PARK**  
(Sports activities)

About 1.5 miles from SHONEY'S INN  
From Shoney's/ Comfort/ Holiday Inn, go to Long Hollow Pike Rd. and turn right, (Econo Lodge residents should turn left) and pass KROGER, turn right on the 1st traffic light, (CALDWELL DR.) and drive approx. 1 mile, MOSS-WRIGHT PARK will be on your right.

### **Games:**

A friendly Soccer Match has been arranged between a local ,Goodlettsville Soccer Team and NASA's players at 9:00am on Monday, Sept. 6th. NASA's players please prepare! A variety of games for all ages are also planned.

### **A Kickoff Meeting with ANA**

On July 16, 1999 Dr. Shyam Karki, President of ANA, and his delegation visited Atlanta to hold a preliminary meeting with NASA Executive members to discuss the upcoming joint convention in Y2K in Atlanta. On July 17, both parties visited a convention site, Crown Plaza Hotel, in North Atlanta and held a meeting in the evening at Dr & Mrs. Bishwa Acharya's residence The meeting which was hosted by the Acharyas, was cordial and productive. Future meeting with other participating associations will be arranged in the future. For detailed news about the joint convention in Y2K, please visit NASA's Web site at [www.Nepal-America.org](http://www.Nepal-America.org). or contact Dr. Bishwa Acharya at 770-658-7345.

### **E**ditorial Notes

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In order to provide all necessary information regarding the convention in Nashville and limit the # of pages in this publication, all local news, announcements, articles, etc. are excluded. These items can be published in the next issue of **Yeti Views** in the **Diyalo**.

The deadline to submit all publication items to **Diyalo** is September 15, 1999. Please send your articles, poem, news, etc directly to the **Diyalo** Editor at:  
[bijesh.dhungana@sheridanc.on.ca](mailto:bijesh.dhungana@sheridanc.on.ca) or mail to: 2 Hanover Rd., Apt.#909, Brampton, Ontario L6S 4h9, CANADA

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### Registration Reminder

**Please complete the NASA Convention Registration Form listed below and mail to NASA Treasurer. Make your check payable to NASA. Your early registration will help us to plan and organize the convention better. Your support in this matter is highly appreciated.**

Please mail your registration  
Today

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

# of people attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Children under 5 years \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(See category in this page)

## Invitation to NASA Convention in Nashville,

All artists, comedians, athlete and especially talented people like yourself are invited to participate in the culture show and games. Your talent will be greatly appreciated by the audience. To make sure your name is included in the program, please call the following program Coordinators today.

Everyone is invited. Bring your family, friends and friends of Nepal to enjoy the traditional, modern and many more.....

### Cultural Program Coordinators:

**Please contact one of the listed Cultural program Coordinators for any talent you would like to perform in the NASA's Culture show in Nashville. We have planned well organized stage for you. Your talent is highly appreciated.**

#### Regional Coordinator:

**Dr & Mrs Govinda Lohani: 501-394-3446**

#### Local Coordinators:

**Mrs Renu Acharya: 770-682-7345**

**Mrs Ganga Shrestha: 770-943-0140**

**Mrs Namita Ghimire: 770-801-9146**

**Dr. Sudha Amatya: 615-376-8193**

**Mrs Rose Shrestha: 205-942-0757**

**MC is our famous Mr. Shaubhagya Lal Shrestha**

**For Sports: Contact Dr. Samanta Thapa @ 615-859-3285**

### Convention Registration Category:

1. Individual (older than 5 years of age) \$ 15.00 Each
2. Guest " " " \$ 15.00 Each
3. Student (any age) \$ 10.00 Each
4. Children (UNDER 5 YEARS) Free ☺

A special thanks to NASA executive committee members – those who were readily available when I

needed their help. Their support will always be remembered. –H. Dhungana

Please join Nepalese Association in Southeastern America (NASA) and support its programs. NASA is a nonprofit organization and its membership is open to all Nepalese and friends of Nepal. Please visit the Web site at: [www.Nepal-America.org](http://www.Nepal-America.org) and learn more about the Association.

MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_\_ Children \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (W) E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership Category: Please Check one)**

Student: \$7:00 \_\_\_\_\_ Individual: \_\_\_\_\_ \$15  
Family: \$20: \_\_\_\_\_ Benefactor \_\_\_\_\_ \$100.00 or more  
Life: \$200 \_\_\_\_\_ Newsletter Subscription: \_\_\_\_\_ \$7.00

Please complete the membership form, make a check payable to NASA and mail to the following address. Your contribution may be tax deductible.

Mr. Shaubhagya L. Shrestha  
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Powder Springs, GA 30127  
E-mail: [taremam@bellsouth.net](mailto:taremam@bellsouth.net)

DO NOT FORGET YOUR DIRECTIONS AND HAVE A SAFE JOUNEY.

*If not delivered please return to:*  
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