



Nepal Education and Cultural Center (NECC) (Pashupati-Buddha Mandir)

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Nepal Education and Cultural Center (NECC) has organized the 'Yagya' (rituals of herbal offering on the sacred fire) in its facility, Beallsville, MD on March 22, 2015 coinciding the 2nd day of 'Navaratri' of Chaite Dashain according to the Nepali tradition. In the event, *Chandi* recital was performed by eight 'Pundits' led by Pundit Raghu Nath Aryal. The motto of this event is: a) Peace and prosperity of the human being and living creatures across the world and b) fundraising for the NECC's ongoing development. At the end of *Chandi* recital, team led by Pundit Murari Naral performed the chanting of Bhajan (melodious spiritual song). NECC facility is located 32 miles North-west of the White House in the greater Washington metro area.

Approximately 500 people participated in the event including NRN delegates from across the US and as far as Canada. US \$50,100.00 was raised from the event and details will be outlined in the Treasurer's report. During the event, five families became the *Trustee* of the NECC. The minimum requirement to become the trustee is \$5,000.00 donation. Similarly, 22 families enrolled to donate 'dollar a day' to the NECC, six families became the life member of NECC. Requirement to be the life member is \$2,000.00 donation and 13 families contributed the money for gravelling project in the NECC premise. NECC management team expresses the gratitude to those generous donors, community members and their families.

Charge de'affaires Rishi Ram Ghimire, Nepal Embassy, Washington DC was the chief guest of the event. During the concluding ceremony of the 'Yagya', while NECC Board of Trustee Dr. Shyam karki welcomed the participants, NECC President Khilendra Neupane thanked all participants, donors, volunteers with highlight of such event and NECC VP Prem Sangraula elaborated the financial aspects and expectation of this event. *Charge de'affaires* Mr. Ghimire released the book 'The best of both World' written by Neeva Mathema Pradhan during the event. Mrs Pradhan donated 20 books to the NECC and her family is one of the five families to become the trustee donating \$5,000.00. Similarly, Poet Ambika Gurung donated 300 books of poem collection which was released recently in Nepal.

At the end of the concluding ceremony, a library was inaugurated by Honorary Consular Rishi Dhakal, NRN ICC Patron Dr. Ambika Adhikari and NRN USA President Khagendra GC jointly. The major contribution for this library was received from Bal Ram Thapa of the Boudhik Sansar Pratisthan, Los Angeles, CA. NECC team is grateful to Mr. Dhakal, Dr. Adhikari, Mr GC and Mr. Thapa for their devotion toward the NECC.

Sincerely,
Netra Ghising
General Secretary
NECC Executive Committee