

# ASSOCIATION OF NEPALI TERAIAN IN AMERICA

For Teraian Identity, Integration and Empowerment

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# ANTA's Achievements-2012/2013

- ANTA Bylaws were revised and passed in November 2012. In February 2013, ANTA's Bylaws was sent to all members. A copy of Bylaws was posted on ANTA's website in February 2013.
- Several positions including the Joint Secretary, Advisory Board, Chief Technology Officer, and Executive Member were finalized and filled in November 2012.
- In December 2012, Dr. Binod Sah (past president) and Mr. Lalit Jha (current president) were elected by the executive committee as ANTA HOD for NRN NC.
- In January 2013, ANTA raised a total of \$1,437.80 through its members to assist Mr. Jay Mandal, one of ANTA's advisory board members. Mr. Mandal was undergoing a surgery at the time
- In January 2013, ANTA's members donated for the "Cold Wave in Terai" relief program. ANTA did a press release on the relief program.
- In January 2013, interim guidelines were developed for the use of ANTA's letterhead and financial transaction between ANTA and its chapters.
- ANTA is now a tax exempt organization in Texas, where ANTA is officially registered.
- For the action plan on various projects noted during the "roundtable discussions" during the ANTA's 2nd General Convention, various subcommittees were formed. Chairs and co-chairs of these committees and subcommittees were selected based on a broader consensus of the executive committee in March 2013



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- Holi event was organized at ANTA immediate past president and Life Member Dr Binod Shah's residence in New York City in coordination with Greater ANTA NY Chapter in March 2013.
- ANTA DC Chapter Celebrated HOLI 2013 with active involvement of members. ANTA DC Chapter remained quite active during the month of May 2013.
- ANTA DC chapter participated in Cultural Programs and 2013 National Asian Heritage Festival organized by Nepalese Embassy, DC. ANTA DC Executives also attended the Republican Day Reception Party organized by Nepalese Ambassador His Excellency Dr. Shankar Prasad Sharma in Washington, DC.
- ANTA and some of its members represented ANTA during the NRN NCC of USA conference held in Los Angeles from May 24 through May 26, 2013. During this period, the residing president, Mr. Lalit Jha also held meetings with various Teraians to revive the ANTA's Californian Chapter. The revival process is ongoing.
- ANTA also participated at the ANA Convention in New York held over the weekend of July 4<sup>th</sup> 2013. The Greater ANTA New York Chapter was in the forefront of this event.
- In September 2013, the Greater New York chapter participated in an event held by the Nepalese Embassy in Washington DC to honor Mr. Khil Raj Regmi, then Chairman of Cabinet of Nepal; and other dignitaries. On behalf of ANTA, Sr. Vice Presidnet Satendra Shah gave speech at the event.
- Over the year, ANTA has been seeking partnership with various entities, i.e. non-for profit organizations in Nepal, working for the betterment of Terai and Terians. ANTA's main objective is to facilitate some programs and projects in Terai through these entities. In July 2013, ANTA successfully collaborated with Sarlahi Social Welfare Foundation (SSWF) in scholarship project. Dr. Vijay Jha, the residing treasurer, submitted Nepalese Rupees (Nrs) 81,000 equivalent of \$850 to SSWF. About 25 poor children of elementary school are benefiting from the donation in form of scholarships for a full-year.
- In November 2013, one of the ANTA's executive committee members, Mr. Satendra Shah got engaged. Many Congratulations to him from ANTA members and wish them soon to be knotted and happy married life with lot of children around them.
- Dr, Binod Shah and Sujata Shah celebrated CHATTA PUJJA event and many members from ANTA New York chapter were present.



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- In November 2013, ANTA was well represented at NRN ICC meeting and election held in Kathmandu, Nepal. Dr Binod Shah, Satendra Shah, Suneel Sah and Ratan Jha among others participated at the NRNA global conference.
- In December 2013, the residing president created memorandum of understanding (MOU) to engage and collaborate ANTA's programs with other non-for profit organizations in Nepal. After the approvals of such MOUs by the executive committee, the MOUs were sent to various entities including Sarahi Social Welfare Foundation (SSWF), Progressive Nepal and Madhesh Initiatives wishing to partner with ANTA.
- In January 2014, MOU with SSWF and Progressive was signed. ANTA is also collaborating with "Madhesh Initiatives" in building library near Lumbini.
- In January 2014, ANTA founding President Ratan Jha was nominated to be Advisor of the Non Resident Nepali Association (NRNA).
- In February 2014, ANTA in coordination with SSWF is starting two projects.
  - 1) Scholarship projects for 5 top students in SLC exam from Madhesh origin. The 5 students will consists of 3 girls and one boy and girl from Dalit community
  - 2) Award and recognition for Male and Female Madheshi Journalist who has played vital role in advancement of Madhesh.