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For Terai Identity, Integration and Empowerment

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PRESS-RELEASE

RE: Invalid ANTA Convention in Virginia on August 21, 2021

It has come to our attention that the expelled members of ANTA namely Messrs Vijay Singh, Indra Dev Sahu & Mohan Yadav are organizing a self-styled Convention of ANTA in Chantilly, Virginia on August 21, 2021.

Kindly note that these individuals have their membership rights and privileges revoked in ANTA and this convention has no legal basis or value.

The above individuals are engaged in fund raising activities and thereby bypassing the financial protocols of a nonprofit. None of these funds has come to ANTA's official bank accounts maintained by the elected Treasurer who is also responsible for filing the tax returns to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). Moreover, their convention also has no engagement of the elected General Secretary who is the custodian of ANTA's administrative records as mandated by the bylaws.

This self-styled convention is also fraught with fraudulent and sham election process where most of the proposed officers are neither current ANTA members nor have they been associated with ANTA for 2 years, which make them ineligible as per the Bylaws.

This is an illegitimate convention from the perspective of existing Bylaws of ANTA and current Central Executive Committee. We would like to request the community members not to participate or endorse this event in any shape or form.

Sincerely,

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About Association of Nepali Teraians in America (ANTA):

ANTA is an autonomous, independent, non-political, non-profit organization. ANTA is registered as a tax-exempt organization under section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code. Since our founding in 2005, we have strived to provide a sense of community and identity for Teraians through humanitarian projects in Nepal and community-building activities in the US.