

NEPALESE STUDENT ASSOCIATION
Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA
ANNUAL REPORT - 2011
(Feb 26, 2011 - Jan 28, 2012)

Dear NSA Advisors and Members:

It is my pleasure to present the NSA Annual Report - 2011. We started on Feb 26, 2011 and below are some of the highlights of the activities conducted during our tenure.

- Participated in the International Fusion Night (April 2, 2011)
- Organized Nepali New Year Picnic (April 16, 2011)
- Organized welcome program for new students (August 21, 2011)
- Organized Dashain Party 2068 at ICC (October 2, 2011)
- Participated in the International Heritage Fair (October 23, 2011)
- Organized Deusi Bhailo Program (October 28, 2011)
- Joined NASEA as a partner organization (November 11, 2011)
- Organized welcome program for new students and general assembly (Jan 28, 2011)

Brief explanation of these activities is presented below.

1) *International Fusion Night (April 2, 2011)*

It was one of the most entertaining activities we performed among the international community.

2) *Nepali New year Picnic (April 16, 2011)*

We organized Nepali new-year picnic program on April 16, 2011 in Cypremort Point State Park, LA. It was a very cool place along the sea coast. It was a great success with participation of 92 Nepalese. Different age groups enjoyed the different games (like Football, Kapardi etc), viewing sea shore, along with Nepalese cuisine.

3) *Welcome program for new students (August 21, 2011)*

At the beginning of the fall semester, we organized the welcome program for the new students. Eight new Nepali students joined LSU in the Fall.

4) *Dashain Party 2068 (October 2, 2011)*

We organized Dashain Party for entire Nepalese community in Baton Rouge at ICC hall on Oct 2, 2011. Above 100 people participated the program, which itself is an exciting fact, I think. As per the interest of our young talents, and with the expectation to enlighten the cultural activities, we hired drum sets. We hope, you all enjoyed their energetic and novel performances. Moreover, we enjoyed the Nepalese cuisine, especially fresh farm goat meat. We would like to thank all of those who actively involved into its preparation.

5) *International Heritage Fair (October 23, 2011)*

Despite our hectic schedule of mid semester, we made our presence in the International Heritage Fair along with the Himalayan Restaurant. We would like to thank all of those who actively involved during our participation.

6) *Deusi Bhailo Program (October 28, 2011)*

It was a wonderful deusi bhailo program to enjoy the beauty of Nepalese culture. Although we weren't able to play in all family homes, it was our immense pleasure and privilege to entertain our culture among most of you.

7) *Participated in 'NASeA' as a partner organization (November 11, 2011)*

We joined the 'Nepalese Association for South East America' on Nov 11, 2011 as the partner organization. Since then, we are regularly receiving information about the various activities organized by NASeA. We can learn many things from their organization. Moreover, we can participate on different programs like webinars and conference meetings.

8) *Welcome program for new students and general assembly (Jan 28, 2011)*

Last but not the least; the current program has been also organized by our team.

- In addition to above activities, we helped reserving the ICC Hall for Teej Program (August 28, 2011). It was a great cultural program organized by Nepalese women group.
- We collected membership fees from 49 student members. In spite of our persistent efforts to convince and convey the importance of active membership and having the organization financially strong, we couldn't collect it from 13 active students, though it's completely voluntary contribution.

Anyway, it was a wonderful year to serve NSA as a team member. I really enjoyed being a part of this association, and it's all you who truly served the organization, we were just the mean. All Nepalese here in Baton Rouge, whether they are active members, families or any other, they all deserve a BIG THANKS for making this community a really sweet community. We understand, we all are helpful to each other, caring to each other, living in this foreign land with a mutual bond of integration; this is the greatest thing we have among us, and that's the true difference we have from most of the other communities around. We hope and believe; this depth of relationship among us keeps growing and growing in upcoming days. NSA as an organization, we think, will always stay as a true mediator on this.

I personally wish our upcoming committee all the best for the year 2012. I, as a person, would be always available for anything this organization needs in any future.

Thank you

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